Committee Name: Activities Committee
Date & Time: 09/09/2021, 10-1pm
Present: (see below)

In attendance	Apologies	Absent without apologies
- Josephine Conway (Activities and Employability Officer) - George Christian (Sports Officer) - Jules Singh (Education Officer) - Nabin Burlakoti - Jacob Wilson - Gemma Allport (Senior Student Groups Coordinator) -Sam Macbeth (Student Groups Manager)	- Sophie Cooknell - Adam Sheridan (Director of Engagement) - Rhiannon Moss - Caitlin Apps - Yareem Ali	

No.	Item for discussion	Questions/Comments/Voting Decision From Discussion	Action
1	New Group Proposals	**Pharmacy Society** **-** academic society proposal - group were previously de-recognised but are prepared to put the work in to be fine in the future **Emirati Society** **-** deferred decision until next meeting as the group has not provided a constitution in time	**Pharmacy Society decision:** to approve the group **Emirati society decision:** decision deferred until next meeting so long as a constitution is received

		Drama Society - academic group rather than performance group - group would need to make this clear to members and that there isn't crossover with performance groups - putting on performances is not highlighted in constitution so this is clear - name of group could be quite confusing for students - name might need to be changed to be course related - Conditional approval provided: based on the name being clear that it is an academic group/not like drama societies. For name to be approved on Chair's Action	**Drama society decision:** conditional approval provided based on name change being made to make nature of group clear. For new name to be approved on Chair's Action
		Tit4Tat Swap Shop - deferred decision until next meeting as the group has not provided a constitution in time	**Tit4Tat Swap Shop decision:** decision deferred until next meeting so long as a constitution is received
		Underground Society - group were previously de-recognised as part of audit due to not operating fully - are there any concerns about crossover with other groups - point made that there isn't a crossover - question asked about bedroom DJ's and what this means - point raised about how terminology is made within constitution about bedroom DJ's - conditional approval: ask group to clarify/re-phrase for professionalism 2.1.3	**Underground society decision:** conditional approval based on group rephrasing 2.1.3 to read more professionally. Final approval to be given on Chair's Action

		SolidariTee	**SolidariTee decision:** group approved without any conditions
		- question raised about potential crossover with STAR - STAR were contacted and have said that they don't have any concerns about crossover - activity itself is deemed to be distinct enough from STAR for it not to be an issue - question asked about objectives in constitution - question raised about charity law issues - fundraising needs to be clear about giving money to another charity and then that is fine - affiliation to SolidariTee discussion - group operating as a branch of national charity	
		North African Society - minimum membership has to be £3 - needs changing from £2 to £3 - Sudan is a functioning group and they are based in North Africa - point raised that there are lots of other countries that would be represented by North Africa - might not be enough people at Birmingham to make up separate societies for individual country groups - point raised that it might be quite broad and this could be an issue - counter point raised that this might be a good thing for generating further interest - conditional approval: based on increasing fee to £3	**North African Society decision:** conditional approval provided based on increasing fee to £3
		Pub Games Society - deferred decision until next meeting as the group has not provided a constitution in time	**Pub Games society decision:** decision deferred until next meeting so long as a

			constitution is received
		Shooting Society - clay pigeon shooting sits under BUCS - in their objectives they relate to taking part in University competitions - BUCS is not directly referenced in their constitution though - if committee thinks they are a sport group then suggestion made to signpost the group to UB Sport instead - point raised that the group might need more specialist support - would need to go through UB Sport to take part in BUCS - question raised about doing shooting in an Indoor venue and risks attached to this - handful of UB Sport clubs that don't take part in BUCS - decision: reach out to UB Sport before bringing back to next committee meeting	**Shooting society decision:** unable to approve until a discussion has taken place with UB Sport about appropriate support required/potential crossover of services
		Always Sunny Society - There is a sitcom society already at the guild. Concerns raised about crossover with this group - concerns raised around how niche the concept is and having consistent level of engagement - Objections listed above agreed with - sitcom society are fine audit wise - Rejected: due to issues around scale and sustainability of the group	**Always Sunny Society decision:** group rejected due to crossover with Sitcom society and sustainability of the aims of the group
		Reclaim Campus UOB - point raised that it may operate better as a campaign rather than a group - group seeking affiliation to help get extra support and access to finances	**Reclaim Campus UOB decision:** to reject the group and have a meeting with the group to

		- group are already quite active out in the community and have good aims - really keen to support the group as best we can - support can be accessed from other departments such as Voice with the campaigns pot - concerns raised about one of aims related to support people who are victims of sexual violence - concerns raised about the training/expertise required for them to be able to do this effectively - point raised about whether core staff have the resources to support this group to support victims - concern raised about how the group would serve its members in light of objectives outlined - unable to create associations and so would need to be a different group if approved - suggestion made for Josephine and George to meet with the group to talk through their options - concerns raised about listing of additional committee members - suggestion made to cross reference communications with Guild president - Decision: to reject the group and have a meeting with the group to discuss why we think it would be best as a campaign rather than a society If however the group still want to be a society then any changes to constitution and final approval to be given on Chair's Action and circulated on email to committee members **Black Women's Society** - deferred decision until next meeting as the group has not provided a constitution in time	discuss why we think it would be best as a campaign rather than a society If however the group still want to be a society then any changes to constitution and final approval to be given on Chair's Action and circulated on email to committee members **Black Women's Society decision**: defer to next meeting as long as an appropriate

			constitution is received
		Global Buddies - used to be a departmental project/imitative within JSV - used to be its own service - Cultural Officer has proposed it functions as a society as it has value for students - concern raised about proposed committee structure in regards to Chair positions and having multiple leadership roles and the manageability of this - idea raised about people being Vice-Chair Treasurer and that being more appealing to students which is why the structure has been laid out in this way - a lot of roles suggested for the committee and concerns raised about the sustainability of this - could make a suggestion that they scale back their constitution to make this more sustainable to start with - over 15 committee roles listed - point raised that they would have the support of Cultural Officer to overcome recruitment challenges - duplicate roles (outside of core positions) are permitted - concerns raised about level of interest in the group and whether that is in place to support functionality - there are 15 people in the Whatsapp group for interest levels - point raised that this doesn't cover committee - point raised that the 15 people might be the people who want to take on the 15 committee roles - is this sustainable in the future - want to be a community volunteering group as they don't want to charge membership	**Global Buddies decision:** meeting to take place to discuss committee positions with Chair. Email resolution to be provided off the back of that constitution once Chair is happy with changes made

		- members to be volunteers that help run the group	
		- question raised about section having been added in for removals	
		- section needs removing about insufficient capacity to do the role properly	
		- Conditional approval: meeting to take place to discuss committee positions with Chair. Email resolution to be provided off the back of that constitution once Chair is happy with changes made.	
		Nabin leaves meeting due to prior engagement	
		Sustainable Finance Society	**Sustainable Finance decision:** Conditional approval based on investment society and women in finance coming back without any issues.
		- supporting information discussed	
		- business came back with a response on the concerns about crossover and didn't have any particular concerns	
		- talked through the feedback they gave	
		- investment and women in finance haven't got back about potential crossover issues	
		- groups weren't given a massive amount of time to get back to us with feedback	
		- questions raised about abbreviation and the necessity of this	If crossover issues are cited then this to be discussed and agreed over email resolution
		- Investment are a very big group and are widely operating. Not too sure how far spread the groups' remit is	
		- Conditional approval based on investment society and women in finance coming back without any issues.	
		If crossover issues are cited then this to be discussed and agreed over email resolution	
		Fitness and Wellbeing Society	**Fitness and Wellbeing Society decision:** Conditional approval
		- deferred decision from previous committee meeting	

		- concerns raised about wellbeing and how they would manage this - concerns around branding of the group and what demographics they are trying to reach - suggestion made about running specific classes for different demographics - UB Sport does provide demographic specific classes as part of their service- this is relatively new - point made that there is a need identified - clarity on objective 2.1.2 - concerns raised about buying a membership here and over at UB Sport - Conditional approval: based on clarity of 2.1.2 and what they mean by tackling wellbeing issues and focusing this more on issues related to fitness and changing category to campaigning and fundraising rather than recreational and competitive Decision made for meeting to be had with the group and Invite someone from women and non-binary self-defence to attend this meeting.	provided based on clarity of 2.1.2 and what they mean by tackling wellbeing issues and focusing this more on issues related to fitness. Group also needs to change category to campaigning and fundraising rather than recreational and competitive Decision also made for meeting to be had with the group and Invite someone from women and non-binary self-defence to attend this meeting to see if they can work together moving forward
		Self Defence for Women and Non-Binary - a lot of combat sports already offer self-defence classes - concerns raised that this may be too specific as a proposal - have a significant amount of interest - suggestion made that they collaborate with other societies such as kickboxing to have	**Self Defence for Women and Non-Binary decision:** rejected due to crossover with Fitness and Wellbeing society

		specific classes in place for certain demographics - suggestion made about whether they could operate as a campaign - point raised that there is enough interest for them to successfully operate - likely that they would get their instructors from elsewhere - question raised about inclusivity due to demographics - people can still join the group even if they don't identify as women and non-binary - suggestion to recommend that this group works with fitness and wellbeing society - this group has a lot less interest than fitness and wellbeing group who are also highly operating - Rejection: rejecting due to crossover with fitness and wellbeing society **Make A Smile Society** - deferred from past committee as they are not a registered charity - not being a registered charity means they don't have to refer to the charity commission - Guild unable to support groups that have direct responsibility for safeguarding of children - Decision made to reject due to not being affiliated to a registered charity and due to the risks associated with the activities proposed **Swiftie Society** - rejected due to not having enough registered interest in the group	
			Make a Smile Society decision: rejected due to not being affiliated to a registered charity and due to risks associated with activities proposed
			Swiftie society decision: rejected due to not having enough registered interest. Group to reapply when they have a minimum of 15 people

			interested in joining
		BreatheUni - deferred from last meeting - are a very active group and having been operating separately to the Guild - Mental Health and Wellbeing Society have been contacted to give feedback on potential crossover concerns - constitution is very specific to certain companies and charities that they want to work with - suggestion made to collaborate with Mental Health and Wellbeing society - group are interested in running workshops in schools - group appear to be more active than mental health and wellbeing society - concerns raised about whether we are giving the right advice/have the ability to support this group with some of the work they want to deliver - constitution aims are very detailed and specific - Decision: reject but facilitate a meeting between Mental Health and Wellbeing Society and Breathe Uni to see if they would be happy to work together	**Breathe Uni decision:** reject but facilitate a meeting between Mental Health and Wellbeing Society and Breathe Uni to see if they would be happy to work together. Reason for rejection is due to crossover between the two groups
2	Constitutional changes	**UNICEF constitution** - Changes not tracked - Defer decision to next activities committee **Environmental Society** - needs to go onto new template - work with Coordinator to develop their aims to be more in line with other academic groups - everything else approved without issue	**UNICEF:** deferred to next committee **Environmental society:** for constitution to go onto a new template, aims to be

		- once changes made take to next committee meeting	developed in line with other academic groups and for changes to go to next activities meeting. All other changes approved
		Nightline - becoming Friends of Nightline rather than Nightline offering main service - this group to fundraise for national charity - no issues raised with constitution - all approved	**Nightline:** constitution approved
		Table Top Gaming - seeking affiliation to three separate venues - most affiliations relate to industry bodies or charities - suggest to the group that they do a sponsorship contract Instead - Decision: reject and also remove 3.1.1. For them to instead have sponsorship agreements All other changes can be approved without objection	**Table Top Gaming:** reject and also remove 3.1.1. For them to instead have sponsorship agreements All other changes can be approved without objection
		SATNAV - objective point fine with Scope - suggestion made to change 2.4 to a proofing process - all roles approved - template to be updated	**Satnav:** template to be updated to new one. Roles approved but for point 2.4 to be changed to reflect a new

			proofing process
		Devil's Advocate Society - concerns raised about section 2.4 in objectives - not accepting the change - for exact wording of change to be agreed by Chair and Issued on Chair's Action	Devil's Advocate Society: concerns raised about 2.4 within objectives and for changes not to be accepted. Exact wording of change to be agreed by Chair and issued on Chairs Action
	AOB	**External Memberships** - concerns raised about costs attached to external memberships and this is preventing people from applying - Your Ideas idea has been submitted and Officer team are considering new approach for this - update to be provided at a later date **Additional Audit Actions** **Student Exchange** - committee members have resigned - decision to move group onto Save a Society	

The Chair closed the meeting at: 1pm
Date of next meeting: