

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

22 – 24 April 2022

REPORT OF THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

The C E C is asked to:-

- i) **note** the information provided in this report and appendix

The purpose of this paper is to give an overview of the members and the financial position of each Affiliated Society.

The appendix provides information on the state of OU Students Association's Affiliated Societies, showing the number of societies affiliated, the position of their members and financial information regarding their accounts and grant payments.

The data included on this report is taken from information held on the OU Students Association Office database and financial information provided by the Resources team within the Association office.

In the event of any inaccuracies, omissions or errors being noted, you are asked to advise the OU Students Association Office of these as soon as possible following the CEC Meeting.

Since the last report societies have had involvement in both Conference 2022 and Freshers in January. The conference session was presented by Nigel Patterson (Chair of the Society Committee) in conjunction with representatives from the Space Society who ran a session on setting up a new society which went down extremely well.

During Freshers there were a number of presentations from individual societies (including History, Arts and Humanities and Commercial Awareness Societies and the Inbetweeners and Grandparents Clubs) as well as the regular Meet Your Clubs and Societies session.

The Society Committee met on 12 March 2022 with five societies represented. There was a full agenda which explored society links with school/faculties, funding for society events to assist students struggling financially and also some in-depth information regarding bith elections and the Association's 50th celebrations.

Sadly two societies are disaffiliating – these are Commercial Awareness and People and Planet – it is hoped that both will become Clubs so as to not lose contact with members. On a more positive note there was attendance from the Women Engineers Club who are hoping to become a society and they asked a number of really interesting questions which were answered by committee members.

Currently there is a hiatus in the affiliation of new clubs and societies as the Clubs review is ongoing, a paper is being presented on the review at April CEC and we hope to have recruitment of new clubs and societies back up and running very soon.

Club membership continues to grow with a total of 88 Clubs and a combined membership of 14,264.

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