



## OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Student Leadership Team (SLT)

#### REPORT OF THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

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The SLT 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 SLT Meeting.

The Society Committee met on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023 on-line with representatives of 6 societies in attendance. At the meeting the Chair, Nigel Patterson spoke about the great attendance at the online Society and Clubs Freshers Fair held in September where there were 141 students in attendance – interest in membership always increases during this time and it's a great way for the Association to help promote Societies and Clubs. In addition there was an in-person Freshers Fair held on campus with 80 attendees, which was seen as a great success.

There are plans being developed as part of the SLT Priorities Project for a celebration of our Societies, their longevity and achievements and also a celebration that the Society Committee on March will be the 150<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Another on-line Society and Clubs Fair is planned for Freshers on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Work is currently underway in re-drafting sections of the Association bye-laws in order to update how societies report on finance and also on how the Association manages the disaffiliation of societies.

Support for societies is on-going and at the moment the Association is particularly focussed on supporting the Space Society, Law Society and Environment and Sustainability Society who are currently facing a variety of challenges.

As of January 2024 there are 15 societies currently listed as affiliated on the Association website. In addition there are 27 current clubs listed with a combined total membership of 4805 students.

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