

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC) 21 – 23 April 2023

REPORT OF THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

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 CEC Meeting.

The Society Committee met on 11 March 2023 with 9 societies represented. Reports were received from all societies in attendance and there is a great deal of excitement about the prospect of an in-person Society Event /Freshers Fair as part of September Freshers – date TBC.

Sadly the Mountaineering Society has now been disaffiliated due to lack of response and non-compliance in reporting. There is a piece of work on-going to look at the disaffiliation process and amendments to the bye-laws as it is seen as a quite lengthy and drawn out procedure.

There has been an increase in societies informing the Association of upcoming events that are then promoted on the Association website and social media channels.

The society grant budget (£2000) has nearly been completely allocated this year and this is the first time that the whole budget will have been spent.

The Clubs Review implementation is being undertaken with the loss of 12 clubs, which is a shame but was inevitable as the review was implemented. This process will continue and we aim to have a completed list of fully compliant clubs established before Freshers in September.

As of April 2023 there are 16 societies currently listed as affiliated on the Association website. In addition there are 50 current clubs listed with a combined total membership of 12,161 students.

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