

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

22 – 24 January 2021

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.

The Society Committee met on 14 November with nine societies in attendance. Once again this was a 'remote meeting' but these are now functioning very well. Among the topics covered were GDPR, dealing with distressed students and how societies could best operate during lockdown. Societies were again reminded of the resources that the Association can provide in terms of funding, postage, support for on-line sessions, platform training and promotion of activities.

In attendance at the Society Committee were representatives from the Space Science Club as they are looking to make the step up from Club status to becoming a Society.

It was reported at this committee that a decision had been made to dis-affiliate the Opera and Ballet Society due to a prolonged period of inactivity and lack of response.

Societies were keen to be involved in plans for the Jan/Feb Freshers activities and many were keen on running sessions as part of Freshers Fortnight.

There has been an increase in the number of Clubs registered and active with the addition of Climate network, Womens' Rights and Equality, Horror Fan Club, Anime and Manga, Inbetweeners, Action For Change, Pen Pals, TV, Study WithMe and Marine Conservation Clubs signing up since October. We currently have 68 registered clubs with a membership of 10,317 students.

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