

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

17 - 29 April 2020

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.

Sadly we are reporting the winding up of the Shakespeare Society, they have been affiliated to the Association for many years but have simply run out of steam. We have offered them the option to continue as a Club and hope to retain contact with them in the future.

The Societies Committee met on 7 March 2020, there were conversations regarding society allocation and funds for Conference 2020 and a long discussion regarding societies who are overdue with their reporting to the Association. It was mooted that societies who are more than 12 months overdue could be made 'dormant' rather than dis-affiliated and therefore prevented from receiving funds from the Association, from attending Conference and also from attending Society Committee meetings. The Association would discuss this proposal with VP Administration before proceeding.

A briefing was sent to all societies and clubs as advice was updated on the Coronavirus situation. We are now in the process of working with societies in

involving them in student activities as the lockdown progresses. So far we have worked with the Reading Nook in promoting a student Book Club and with OU Poets and Write Club in promoting a student writing competition.

There was a successful drop-in with Societies and Clubs in Freshers Jan 2020.

We now have a total of 18 Societies and 46 Clubs.

Peter Turner
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