



OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

18 July 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.

The Society Committee AGM was re-scheduled from its regular slot in Conference to 25th July 2020. The decision was taken as Conference went fully on-line and it was thought that there might be unnecessary confusion caused by including it in the programme. The AGM will also be held on-line due to the on-going Covid situation.

Societies were encouraged to apply for grant funding prior to Conference in order to help support their activities and marketing. A grant was approved for the Commercial Awareness Society to pay for the setting up of a website. Applications are currently being considered for projects from History Society, Poetry Society, Psychological Society and Change Ringers.

There were attendees present at conference from History, London Region Arts Club, Business Associates, Mountaineering, Psychological, Poetry, Write Club, Commercial Awareness and Fusion. There was a really well attended Societies Session run by Society Committee Chair Cin McGuigan who also conducted a

Pledge Drive in the closing session encouraging students to sign up to a society. Data will be gathered on the success of this in the Conference evaluation.

Since the Corvid lockdown there has been a great deal of activity in Clubs, with 10 new Clubs being approved in the last 3 months. We now have 56 Clubs a couple of whom are taking the initial steps in looking to become Societies.

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