New Club Committee Standing Orders and Funding

A note by the Deputy President (Clubs and Societies) and the Deputy President (Finance and Services)

Background

The New Clubs Committee fund forms part of the Student Activities pot which is transferred to Executive Reserve if it is not spent within the academic year it is allocated (unless accrued).

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A problem identified earlier this year highlighted an issue with funding of new clubs established after the clubs budgeting process in January. In particular, four new clubs set up in Summer Term 2007 did not have any level of funding allocated for the 2007-08 academic year. Fortunately none of the new clubs formed required any funding for 2007-08, as such NCC was not required to hand out any grants.

However, any clubs formed after the club budgeting round will have not completed a budget application form for review by their CSC; as such it is highly likely they will not be granted any funding. This money is therefore allocated by the NCC for the 2007-08 academic year, and should form part of the grant transfers made across clubs and societies at the start of the new financial year.

Additionally, it is suggested that a new club set up after January must submit two budgets to the NCC for funding, one for this academic year, and the next academic year.

Decision

1. To amend clause 5.6 of the New Club Committee Standing Orders from: "A new club may receive a start-up grant from the committee commensurate to its needs as perceived by the committee."

To read:

"A new club may receive a start-up grant for the current financial year from the committee commensurate to its needs as perceived by the committee. Should the club have been created after the clubs and societies budgeting round, the club may receive a grant for the next financial year appropriate to their needs."

- 2. To add point 4.4.5 to the New Club Committee Standing Orders which shall read: "In the case of proposals submitted after the budgeting process in January, a budget for the next academic year."
- 3. To mandate the DP(C&S) and DP(F&S) to inform and work with the Head of Finance to ensure that NCC grants are accrued and delivered to clubs in August.