

Social Clubs Committee Budgeting requirements for years 2007/8
A note by the SCC Chair – Lily Topham

Figures:

Total budget requested 2007/8:	£15 141.48
Total budget awarded 2007/8 (excluding Exec contingency):	£3000
Total budget spent in 2007/8 as of 26/02/08:	£857
Projected expenditure by end of academic year 2008 (approx):	£2100
Current efficiency:	29%
Total SGI spent by all clubs (approx) (as of 26/02/08):	£60 000
Total budget requested 2008/9:	£17 262
Total grant requested for 2008/9:	£4021

Budgeting round for 2008/9

Last year, the SCC received a (voluntary) cut of £2100. This was due to a promise the previous SCC Chair made to increase the SCC's spending efficiency. This year, while efficiency is not great, club activity has increased.

One of the reasons for the current poor spending efficiency is due to the fact that some clubs (such as Alt Music and Model UN) have considerably changed the focus of their club activities. Therefore, their budget allocations for 07-08 misrepresent this year's club activities. These changes have been taken into account for the 08-09 budgets. Of course, general incompetence also plays an important role. Some clubs also have either recently had events or will have them soon for which claims from their grants have not yet gone through (e.g. Fairtrade, Model UN, Environmental).

Other clubs such as SciFi, Anime, Christian Union, Debating, Ahlul Bayt and Islamic Soc have received increases in grant as they have performed very well this year already, with wide-ranging activities and good spending efficiency.

The SCC has received a large number of new clubs; including Women in SET, Save The Children, Book, Tea and Libertarian Society, all of whom are making requests for grant.

The SCC Exec would also like an extra £100 in contingency as we have already awarded over 50% of this year's contingency, and are expecting more contingency claims this term.

Overall, the SCC would like the small, but reasonable increase of £1021 please.

Events:

The SCC clubs have been very active this year, with some excellent and well publicised events. We have been particularly impressed by the activities of some of the newer SCC clubs which have managed to run events despite the difficulties of being a new club, such as Women in SET who are running college-wide open days for girls, Save the Children who ran an excellent fund-raising event, and Political Philosophy who even managed to make the front pages of Felix. Some of the biggest events SCC clubs have been involved in are: Mega Maali and Twist (Int. Tamil), East Meets West (Punjabi and Sikh), Picocon (Sci-fi), Green Week (E-soc), Ujaali (Hindu), Short Film Festival (Film Soc), Christian Union's Truth Week, Islamic Awareness Week and Fairtrade Fortnight (Fairtrade).

I am particularly pleased with the success of Christian Union, Debating Soc, Political Philosophy, Save the Children and Women In SET.

Budget request breakdown:

Copyright Materials (£785): This is pretty much entirely covered by Sci-Fi, and Anime, though Book Club and Christian Union are also in there.

Speakers (£475): Many clubs require people to come and speak to their members, with speaker events being some of the core activities of some clubs, such as Political Philosophy and Islamic Soc.

Consumables (£425): Spread out through a wide range of clubs – generally to help with day-to-day running of various clubs.

Competitions (£400): Just Debating Soc really. This is for entry to intervarsity competitions which is central to the club's aims and objectives and at which they've had considerable successes in the past few years.

Publicity (£360): Not surprisingly, lots of clubs asked for help with publicity as many of them run regular weekly events and talks. My standard rate was £20 for publicity. Some clubs received less.

The rest: Notable categories include Travel, Conferences (mostly Model UN and Christian Union) and Affiliations (Tea, Sikh, Hindu Soc, Ahlul Bayt, Amnesty).

Many thanks to my Treasurer Matty for his invaluable help.

Please see the Appendix for a detailed breakdown of the SCC subsidy request.

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