

## **Amendment to New Clubs Committee Standing Orders**

### **Background**

The NCC SOs provide the basic outline for what clubs can and cannot be set up. There are some issues which have come to light in the year and a half since it was created which are either not covered by the SOs or need clarification.

- 1) The NCC has had quite a few proposals for clubs that have a lot of commonality, but no technical complete overlap, with existing clubs (SCC Cascade to SCC Student Pugwash, SCC Interact to CAG, are the recent examples). It seems reasonable to at least investigate whether the existing clubs would be willing to expand to take in a new facet of activity before going through all the work and risk involved in setting up a new club.
- 2) A lot of applications are received for clubs which have their roots in departmental projects. This is particularly the case in Engineering. While some proposals go beyond merely providing for an academic project, many have a large and unmanageable overlap.
- 3) It is not the Union's place to fund or directly support students' academic work. This is backed up by examples of club set up in the recent past which have been 'project-based' clubs, which have failed to attract members, failed to abide by Union financial regulations and failed to provide activities which would be accessible for all students members of the Union. Therefore, there needs to be specific provision for the NCC to refuse to set up clubs which it believes would mainly serve to directly benefit people's academic work.

### **Decisions Required**

To insert the following points into the New Clubs Committee Standing Orders:

*5.2.6 If there already exists a club or society that could reasonably widen its mandate to cover the aims and objectives of the proposed club or society and there are no sound reasons why this approach could not be taken.*

*5.2.7 If in the committee's opinion, there is a substantial part of the proposed club or society which is based on provision for an academic project.*