

Proposed changes to the Clubs and Societies Policy
A note by the Deputy President (Clubs and Societies)

Background

There are a number of points in the policy specifically regarding dead clubs and dormancy which are not completely clear. According to the current policy, *'Once a club or society has been classed as dormant for twelve months it may be dissolved by its CSC, Faculty Union or the Deputy President (Clubs and Societies).'* [Section D, Point 60]

However, there is currently no provision within the policy to ensure that dormant clubs are reviewed on a regular basis, meaning that it has been principally left up to the individual CSC/FUs or DPCSs to motivate themselves to carry out any review of dormant clubs.

This has resulted in numerous clubs being classed as officially 'dormant' for many years but not being officially dissolved. This is a drain on Union resources, as these effectively dead clubs sit in the finance pages and frequently hold either a deficit or a positive balance, as well as causing considerable administrative difficulties for staff and CSC/FU officers. Therefore, it is proposed to add points into the Clubs and Societies Policy which would ensure that CSC/FUs are required to review their dormant clubs every academic year, and for provision should that not happen.

A secondary, but rather important point, is that by ensuring that there is provision in the policy for a regular, annual review of clubs and societies, this should hopefully encourage dormant clubs to become 'undormant' in order to avoid being dissolved by their CSC/FU.

There are also points added to the Clubs and Societies Policy which cover the funding of new clubs set up after the budgeting round, which was raised last academic year. This is to ensure that such clubs have a standard practice to follow and are not left with no means of applying for a grant for the next academic year due to their not being set up before budgeting.

There has also been a fair bit of correction of incorrect numbering in the document.

Decision Required

To approve the proposed changes.