

To be decided by email by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012

**CSB Control of Naughty Clubs' Allocations**  
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Background:

Historically, the Union has struggled to ensure that clubs who are not conforming to the Union's rules fall into line.

Specifically, Clubs and societies that do not follow rules regarding the hosting their website on the Union server have not been penalised; this includes some societies who have remained off the server for many years.

This should be deemed a worry by the Union, as these websites are then outside of the Union's control. As SysAdmin, I occasionally receive 'take-down' requests from the Union when clubs and societies post libellous or offensive content. The Union is required, by College, to be in full control of all activities that the Union undertakes. As such, if clubs do host their websites offline, I, or the Union, have no control, or ability to do anything – other than 'contact' the clubs and request it is taken down.

There are many other reasons why a club may be deemed to be 'out of line' – to which I invite suggestions to be added in addendum to this paper.

'Freezing' a club is normally deemed a last resort, and is genuinely rarely done by the Union. Upon 'un-freezing' the money in the clubs' accounts (grant and SGI) is then again readily available. There is no 'shock-factor' and therefore no sense of urgency for these committees to conform (until they *need* to make a financial transaction, which in some societies' cases may not be for months).

Resolves:

1. 'Breaking rules' should be defined as:
  1. Hosting their websites off the Union Servers
  2. Any additional suggestions?
2. For the budgets allocated to clubs that are 'breaking rules' (as above) to have their grant held by CSB, and not directly allocated to them until their issues have been resolved.