

Clubs and Societies Governance Policy

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Purpose

1. Clubs and Societies (clubs) are an essential part of LUSA's core business. This policy exists to ensure that effective governance support and guidance is provided to Lincoln University Clubs and Societies. This policy sets out these expectations and boundaries of both LUSA and the clubs.

Outcomes

2. Lincoln University Clubs and Societies are informed and enabled to effectively support their members.
3. Clubs and societies are a key contributor to the Lincoln University community and student experience.

Principles

4. To achieve the outcomes described above, the following principles should be abided to at all times:
 - 4.1. Act in accordance with LUSA's constitution specifically part IV Clubs and Societies.
 - 4.2. Support clubs and provide them use of LUSA's services.
 - 4.3. Have accurate and sufficient reporting on:
 - 4.3.1. Membership.
 - 4.3.1.1. The details of members are confidential and will not be provided to external parties.
 - 4.3.2. Activities and events.
 - 4.3.3. Financial information including expenses.
 - 4.3.4. Health and Safety.
5. Clause 19.8 of the LUSA constitution states: "Exemption from Requirements: The Executive may, at their discretion, grant exemptions from one or more of the requirements in sub-clause 19.7 of the LUSA constitution".
 - 5.1. Clubs which wish to be exempt from one or more of the requirements of affiliation should contact the Student Communities Coordinator who will pass the request onto the Executive for decision.
6. LUSA remain inclusive of all students and remain non-discriminatory, as well as ensure LU remains a safe space where all students feel they belong. Clubs and Societies cannot promote or undertake any action that could discriminate against, or isolate any students of Lincoln University.
7. Clause 19.4 of the LUSA constitution states: "Termination of Affiliation: The Executive may, at its discretion, terminate the affiliation of any Affiliated Club with the Association or vary the terms and conditions of such affiliation".
 - 7.1 The Student Executive has the final decision over Club Affiliations (in line with clause 19.4 of LUSA's Constitution)
8. LUSA will:
 - 8.1 Provide criteria for grant funding to be allocated. The criteria are set out in schedule one.
 - 8.2 Ensure clubs are aware of and abide by the Code of Conduct, so that LUSA is not brought into disrepute.

8.3 Provide an affiliation process.

8.4 Provide training and necessary information to allow clubs to operate effectively.

Responsibilities

9. The General Manager is responsible for executing this policy and ensuring adherence.
10. The LUSA Accounts Manager is responsible for determining the allocation of grant applications under \$301 in accordance with the criteria stated in schedule one.
11. The LUSA President and Vice-President are responsible for determining the allocation of grant applications over \$301.
12. Applications which the President and Vice-President support granting over \$1000 must be approved by a majority of the full LUSA executive.
13. If a club does not reaffiliate, all assets, property, and club funds possessed by the club will revert to the control of LUSA after a period of 2 years. Inactive clubs are reviewed by the LUSA Executive and staff.
14. LUSA is not responsible for funds in external bank accounts associated with clubs.

Review

15. This policy shall be reviewed biennially.
16. The LUSA Executive may change the policy in the interim.

Schedule One: Criteria for Club Grants

The following criteria will be used as the basis for granting funding to clubs:

- The project(s) for which the money will be used;
- An itemised budget for the specified project(s) which includes evidence of costs;
- A description of how the project(s) will benefit club members;
- Details of the financial position of the club including current club funds;
- The number of club members;
- Membership fees per year per person (if applicable);
- The number of paid-up members (if applicable);
- Number of members the grant will benefit.;
- Grants for alcohol will only be given for academic purposes;
- Clubs who receive a grant are expected to contribute content to the RAM. Non-compliance may affect future grant application outcomes.
- Clubs cannot use grants received from LUSA to donate to or campaign for Political Organisations and other external organisations with the exception of thank you gifts for club collaborations and events. Unless given prior approval by LUSA.