

POLICY PROPOSAL

Policy Title:	Up your Grants	Date Policy Proposed:	24/11/2015
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Union Notes:

1. That Clubs and Societies grant requests are over 200% of what is available in the current pot
2. With the closure of the Bryant Dance Studio and lack of appropriate space in Chelmsford, grant requests now need to cover facility hire and transport to facilities as well as the regular requests from previous years.
3. That with a push by the Experience Officers for course/departmental societies this year, there will be an even higher increase of new societies that would require financial support.
4. That many clubs and societies purchases are often cheaper options than what is required and often puts members at a disadvantage, whilst also equipment is prone to damage or in need of early replacement.

Union Believes:

1. That adequate financial support of clubs and societies leads to them being more sustainable and able to increase membership and satisfaction with the club/society.
2. That students getting involved in any student activities either in societies or clubs is a great thing and improves the student experience for that student.
3. That we need more space or access to more space for clubs/ societies which will come at a financial cost.
4. With a greater expectation of The Union and The University on societies to become more active, it is unfair for us to ask for greater output with less resource.

Union Resolves:

1. To increase the grant pots by 20% each per year for both Cambridgeshire & Chelmsford campuses.
2. That this increase becomes part of the newly reform Clubs and Societies Bye-Law (currently Bye-Law 5)
3. For this money to be sought from Union budgets that do not relate to Clubs and Societies activities and Extra-curricular student experience.
4. To lobby the University to continue to fund off campus facility hire.