

Title:	Up Your Grants	Date of Student Council:	05/12/2017
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Union Notes:

1. Clubs and societies are consistently requesting more than what we can provide, which often means we cannot provide societies with the funds they may need to reach their full potential.
2. With the lack of on campus facilities available to some clubs and societies, grant requests have to cover facility hire and transport to various facilities as well as the regular requests from previous years.
3. Many clubs and societies purchases are cheaper options than what is ideal, or second hand, which often puts members at a disadvantage. Equipment is also prone to damage through length of use and in need of replacement.
4. In line with our new strategic plan we will be working to increase the number of course based societies to have one on each course, which will impose a strain on the activities budget if not increased.

Union Believes:

1. The 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 to be encouraged, as it improves the overall student experience.
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 pot by 15% each year for both Cambridgeshire and Chelmsford campuses.
2. For this money to be sought from Union budgets that do not relate to Clubs and Societies activities and Extra-curricular student experience.
3. To lobby the University to continue to fund off campus facility hire.
4. We will still actively encourage clubs and societies to fundraise to increase the resources being put into their societies to reach their aims and objectives.