



## EXECUTIVE REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**MEETING DATE: 1 April 2020**

Item:	Report from CGB on Club Ratifications
Presenter:	Declan Hodgins, USC Secretary-Treasurer
Purpose of Report:	For Information

### **Clubs Governance Board**

The Clubs Governance Board (CGB) is a body established by Council to manage the USC Clubs system on their behalf. CGB is comprised of seven (7) voting members, elected by Council in September. There are also several non-voting resource members, including the three Clubs Coordinators, AVP Clubs, AVP Governance, VP Governance and Finance, and USC Clubs staff. CGB is chaired by the Clubs Policy Coordinator. CGB has three main tasks: overseeing clubs policies, handling clubs discipline and sanctions, and conducting the ratification and deratification process. Decisions of the CGB are appealable at the USC Appeals Board.

### **Club Deratifications**

Each ratified club represents a significant investment made by the USC. Our Clubs system has a limited capacity of approximately 200 clubs, due to physical space constraints in spaces controlled by the USC. There remains a very high demand for new clubs to join our system and as such, we set minimum standards for clubs to remain a part of our system. Currently, clubs must have at least 25 paid members by January 31st to remain a ratified club for the next academic year. Currently, the only way we are able to ratify new clubs is to first deratify clubs in order to free up space in our clubs system. Only 10 clubs were deratified this year, compared to over 30 last year which is a clear indicator of the vibrancy of our system.

The following clubs were deratified for failing to meet the minimum membership requirements:

- Bicycle Safety Awareness Club
- Clash Royale Western
- Feminist Justice Coalition
- Somali Students' Association
- South East Asian Association
- Western Billiards Society
- Western Darts Club
- Western Graphics Club
- Western Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Club
- Western Transport Advocacy Association

## **Club Ratifications**

The annual USC Clubs ratification process requires prospective clubs to submit an application package, which is reviewed by CGB. Applications this year were due on December 1st, and we had over 50 prospective clubs apply. The process is highly competitive and in the average year we only approve approximately one third of prospective clubs. Our ratifications are done in accordance with specific criteria that are set out in the Clubs Ratification Procedure. Most notably, we ensure that new clubs have a unique mandate that does not duplicate the mandate of other student organizations. We also screen for feasibility, and as a general rule we do not ratify fundraising clubs. The USC is excited to welcome the following organizations into the USC Clubs Community:

- 3D Printing UWO
- Association of Learning and Preserving the History of WWII in Asia (ALPHA)
- Brawl Stars Western
- Learning Disabilities Awareness Club
- MotionballU Western
- Student Energy at Western
- UWO Serbian Society
- Western Christian Orthodox Campus Association
- Western Future Black Physicians
- Western Iranian Students' Association
- Western Magic Club
- Western New Democratic Party (NDP) Club
- Western One Health Club
- Western Refuge Adventist Christian Fellowship