

Clubs & Societies Review

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Introduction

Clubs and societies are not all in the most appropriate CSCs. It isn't my place to unilaterally review the entire CSC structure, but I do think it needs to be done.

The current set up

- The SCC has 60 clubs. Their remits can be broadly categorised as: Art Appreciation; Religious; Political; Careers; Charitable and Other.
- The RCC have round 50 clubs. Their remits can be broadly categorised as: Outdoor, Games and Other
- The ACC have round 50 clubs. Their remits break down into Martial Arts and Sports, with a RCC-like few oddities because they are BUCS sports.
- Media Group have Felix, Stoic, IC Radio and Photographic.
- The AEB have 17 clubs, all about performing or creating art (Cinema and maybe Jazz & Rock are exceptions to this).
- The OSC have 33 clubs, all directed at the culture of some country or cultural group.
- The Faculty Unions all have dep socs, faculty sports teams and a handful of random clubs.
 - The Medics in addition have a massive variety of clubs from all CSC remits.

Problems with the current system

This is my view on the matter, which is a bit skewed by my personal experiences, but:

- 60 clubs in the SCC, doing so many disparate things, is too many. It is impossible to keep on top of that many clubs, let alone actively aid clubs before they become obviously dysfunctional. I would really like to see some reduction in the number of the number of clubs in the SCC.
- There are food clubs scattered across 3 CSCs. They should all be placed in one (either the RCC or the SCC) so that they all get equal treatment, and so that only one person has to learn the ins and outs of food clubs. Notwithstanding the above statement, I believe that the food clubs are more social than recreation in their nature, and should be in the SCC.
- All cultural clubs should be in one CSC. This is why I think that ABACUS, Int. Tamil, Punjabi and Russian Speaking should move to the OSC, where dozens of clubs with similar aims and activities already exist. If the definition of the remit of OSC refers to countries alone (and not to cultural groups) I think it should change.

- Web Design and Software and Internet and Gadget are, from what I can see, identical. They should be merged into one club, in the RCC.
- SCC Debating are actually much more of a recreational than a social club. While I hate to lose one of the 3 best clubs in my CSC, I think they should possibly move to the RCC.
- Some ACC Clubs and RCC clubs might be better served swapping CSCs.
- Some Medic clubs are not mirrors of ACC clubs (e.g. Lacrosse). It would seem to make sense that such clubs be in the ACC, since they are the opportunity for any members of IC to play that sport.
- Certain medic clubs don't seem to deserve to exist (Mountaineering, for example) since their activities are completely off campus. I might be wrong about that, but from the arguments at CSB, I think it should be discussed.

Proposed solution

It is within the power of CSB to unilaterally merge and move clubs. I would propose that (after consultation with the clubs in question) we exercise that power.

I suggest that CSB discuss the points above, and work out which (if any) CSCs/FUs have clubs that should be moved or merged, and mandate the appropriate Chairs and Presidents to talk to the clubs identified, and return to the next CSB with an informed opinion on whether or not the suggested changes should be made.