The CEC is asked to:-

i) **approve** the proposal to establish a new OU Student Community Facebook Group

“This group should be about the OU students community, how to build it, be part of it, be supported by it and get involved” Anca Seaton

The Community Team have been investigating the possibility of establishing a new Facebook group with a focus on Student Community. It is felt that there is a need for a space for volunteers and interested students to meet, network and build student community. Details of the proposal are outlined below, and we ask the CEC to approve the proposal at this meeting.

**Purpose:** A social area, with a community focus, in which student representatives and volunteers can meet, share best practice and discuss ideas. A place for students to chat with their community representatives. A place for students to gain support and encouragement through community based discussion.

**Audience:** Students who volunteer with the Association. Students who are keen to become part of the student community. Students who are interested getting more involved with the Association.

**Publicity:** The group would be publicised through the following channels: Association social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and forums where appropriate. Association website. Magazine. Radio.

**Admin:** Vice President Community
Vice President Communications
Area Association Representatives (optional)
Faculty Association Representatives (optional)
*It is acknowledged that handover needs to be considered and it may be the case that a “silent” staff profile is set up as an additional admin in the group.

**Status:** It is suggested that the group should be “closed”. This will enable students to feel more comfortable for a range of reasons.

**Scope:** The group is not intended to be a space for detailed discussion of Association business, but rather a social networking space, and a space to promote meet-ups and similar events. Students raising issues beyond the ‘community’ remit would be signposted to the appropriate alternative spaces.

**Timing:** We would ask the CEC to approve the proposal for a pilot of this new Facebook group at this meeting, allowing the team to launch the new group in early February. An update on progress will be provided to the CEC via the appropriate channel (either within the forum, or at the next CEC meeting).

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