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REPORT CONCERNING SUS FUNDING MODEL

Following feedback on the proposal that was presented at meeting 6, the SUS officers duly revisited and reconsidered the proposed model of funding contributions to SUS. The revised model was sent out and no counter-proposals have been received.

Having taken all views expressed to date into account, the following points represent the preferred formula and method of calculation:

- **Population Index:** It is felt that the population stat is robust and the figures from the Higher Education Statistics Agency give an accurate picture of student numbers in Scottish Institutions. Therefore Population will still be allocated 50% of the total required.
- **Club Numbers Index:** It is also considered that Club numbers give an accurate account of sporting activity within the sports/athletic unions. As SUS can help all clubs and not just those competing at BUSA level this would remain as the second index. Clubs will be allocated 30% of the total, with figures coming from the SUS audit.
- **Gym Members Index:** It is felt that gym membership figures provide a means (perhaps the only measurable means) of gauging physical activity within each institution. Gym membership numbers will therefore count for 20% of the total contribution (less than clubs, on the premise that physical activity is still a developing side of SUS). Exact figures will be extracted from the SUS audit.
- **Summary:** The proposed formula is 50% population, 30% clubs, 20% gym member numbers.

It is felt that what is being proposed is equitable, transparent and reflective of the aims and activities of SUS. The support of the executive is now sought, with a view to implementing the suggested timeline below.

Suggested timeline:

- Sign off / agree formula 03/11/06
- Invite comments from members by 20/11/06
- Issue invoices for 0607 contributions 30/11/06

SUS Executive is asked to consider the following:

Item
Formula to be approved
Timeline to be approved