

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Clubs & Societies Committee

CONFIRMED Minutes

11am, Monday June 5th, 2019

Meeting 10/19

Location:
C&S Office, 1st floor Union House

Opened at 11:00am by Christopher Melenhorst

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

<p>Motion 1: To elect Christopher Melenhorst as chair Mover: Christopher Melenhorst Second: Catriona Smith Carried Without Dissent</p>
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1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3. Attendance

Committee: Ezra Bangun, Michael Hester, Harry Black, Emma Johnson, Nancy Ciara Griffiths, Catriona Smith

Office Bearers: Christopher Melenhorst, Jordan Tochner, Reece Moir

Staff: Fiona Sanders, Patrick Clearwater

Others: Chris Kounelis, Ambrose Berlin (Liberal Club), Benedict Kusay (German Club), Tarra Co (Vietnamese Students Association)

1.4. Apologies

Simran Monga

1.5. Proxies

Nil

1.6. Membership

Nil

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

<p>Motion 2: To adopt the agenda with the following amendments: 4.14 Thai Student Association Camp, 9.3 Camps (Ring of Choir and Engineering Students Club), 9.2.2.8 to 9.2.2.13 (Moda9, Dutch Club, One for the World, Mauritian, CODEC, Sexpressions)</p>
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Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

May 27, 2019

“CM left at 11:37am and came straight back”

Discussion of 8.1 to be fixed and brought back next meeting

Confirmation deferred

3. Conflict of Interests

Name	Conflicts of interests declared
Christopher Melenhorst	Transit Riders Alliance for Melbourne Students
Michael Hester	Arts Students Society, Australia-China Youth Association
Emma Johnson	Science Students Society
Jordan Tochner	None
Ezra Bangun	YouTube Association Society, Indonesian Students Association
Nancy Ciara Griffiths	Fantasy and Science Fiction Appreciation Society, Tabletop Gaming Society
Catriona Smith	Arts Students Society, Survivor Club, Engineering Music Society
Simran Monga	Australian South Asian Healthcare Society, CastOn Charity Group
Harry Black	Labor Club, Financial Management Association of Australia, Design and Environments Student Society

4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1. Vietnamese Students Association grants suspension

- Club testified that they presented all assets, a notetaking error from Chris resulted in petition

Motion 3: To uphold the petition to suspend Vietnamese Students Association's asset grant suspension for 12 months.

Mover: Chair

FOR: 0 AGAINST: 6

Lost

Tarra Co left

4.2. Liberal Club AGM

Procedural 1: To go in camera with Reece Moir and Fiona Sanders

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

Strangers excluded

Procedural 2: To go include strangers

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

Chris Kounelis, Ambrose Berlin and Benedict Kusay returned.

Summary of in-camera discussion:

- Chris Melenhorst explained that the committee cannot reconsider issues regarding the Returning Officer (5.2.3). The Grievance Tribunal already heard and ruled on the issue in its entirety.
- Grievance Tribunal cannot rehear matters and is the peak decision-making body within the Union, decisions are binding.
- Chris Kounelis did not present documents to the tribunal although given the opportunity.
- Procedural fairness was given and it is no longer a matter for C&S to deliberate on.
- Further discussions regarding the issue should be limited to code of conduct.

Code of Conduct discussion:

- No doubt to breach, the Committee has previously received numerous testimonials.
- Probation for 12 months considered to cover next AGM period

Chris Kounelis spoke to why fresh arguments should be heard about the RO and asked whether committee had considered his submission

Chris Melenhorst reiterated why issues on 5.2.3 can't be ruled on

Nancy Ciara Griffiths supported Chris Melenhorst's note as a committee member

Procedural 3: That any further discussion of the Grievance Tribunal outcome no longer be heard and to move discussions to Code of Conduct breaches.

Mover: Catriona Smith

Carried without dissent

ACTION: Code of Conduct breach testimonials to be sent to Ambrose Berlin

Petition 1: To place the Liberal Club on probation for 12 months under Regulation 6.1.a (Reg 10 Code of Conduct: Respect (wellbeing and safety)).

Petitioners: Michael Hester, Catriona Smith, Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Procedural 4: That this matter (Liberal Club AGM) no longer be heard

Mover: Catriona Smith

Carried without dissent

4.3. German Club AGM

Procedural 5: To go in camera with Fiona Sanders

Mover: Jordan Tochner

Carried without dissent

Reece Moir left at 11:40am

All reps left the room

Procedural 6: To include strangers

Mover: Emma Johnson

Carried without dissent

Chris Kounelis, Ambrose Berlin and Benedict Kusay returned.

Reviewed the two issues of the AGM: failure to present reports and testimony of membership exclusion

Petition 2: To place the German Club on probation for 12 months under 6.1.a (5.3.1.e)

Petitioners: Michael Hester, Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Motion 4: To direct the club to hold an SGM to present the reports.

Mover: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Seconder: Emma Johnson

FOR: 3 ABSTENTIONS: 3

Carried

SGM to be held by the 16th of August

4.4. Wiki Hosting

Deferred

4.5. Wellbeing Training

Investigations ongoing to potentially get a consultant, Jordan Tochner to look into the issue

ACTION: Jordan Tochner to investigate consultants

4.6. New Club Procedure

Deferred

4.7. Attendance App

Deferred

4.8. Affirmative action

Deferred

4.9. Historical Tours

Matter for future regulation changes

Remove from future agendas

4.10. Audits

Deferred

4.11. Awards Night

Venue issues escalated to vice chancellor

4.12. Mid-Year Promo period

Motion 5: To ratify motions 38-42 from meeting 9 on May the 27th

Mover: Michael Hester

Seconder: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Carried without dissent

Winterfest is July 25th, we will need volunteers

4.13. Open Day

Events asked C&S to facilitate Expressions of Interest, and will take care of selections, etc. from now on.

4.14. Thai Student Association Camp U18 issues

Signed green sheet at the time of sign up for camp. How do we know who is on a camp?

ACTION: Check the green sheet and request a statutory declaration

5. Reports

5.1. Officers

Motion 6: To accept the Office Bearer's report

Mover: Catriona Smith

Seconded: Harry Black

Carried without dissent

5.2. SAG

Nil

6. Correspondence

6.1. K-pop asset grant

Evidence of asset was presented

Motion 7: To rescind the suspension of K-pop's asset grants.

Mover: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Seconded: Emma Johnson

Carried without dissent

7. Grants

7.1. Standard Grants

Motion 8: To approve all standard grants en bloc

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

7.2. Grants for Discussion

Motion 9: To approve Brewing and Fermenting (11277) and History Society (11287) at 50% for late submission

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

Motion 10: To approve Vexillologists of Melbourne University (11285) with off campus exemption

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

Motion 11: To approve Overseas Christian Fellowship (11283) at 50% for late submission

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

Motion 12: To reject Finance Student Association (11276) for incorrect category
Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

Motion 13: To approve Mathematics & Statistics Society (11284) at 50% for late submission as joint grant conditional on venue confirmation
Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

Motion 14: To reject Optometry Students Society (11176) for no food plan
Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

Petition 3: To put Optometry Students Society on probation for 6 months under 6.1.a, 7.3.4.d

Petitioners: Harry Black, Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Motion 15: To approve Mathematics & Statistics Society (11250) at 50% for late submission conditional on venue confirmation.
Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

Motion 16: To reject Coffee Appreciation for Enthusiasts (11272) for no UMSU logo at event
Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

Motion 17: To reject Society for Electronic Entertainment (11273) for Safe food handling non-compliance
Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

Motion 18: To approve Melbourne United Nations Society (11289, 11288) conditional on venue confirmation.
Mover: Chair
Carried Without Dissent

8. General Meetings

8.1 Compliant

AGMS: Consulting Club (10 May), Macedonian Students Society (14 May), Robogals Melbourne (14 May), Political Interest Society (15 May)

SGMs: Chinese Literati (10 May), Melbourne Microfinance Initiative (14 May), Students Association of Management and Marketing (7 May), FAS2 Fantasy & Science Fiction

Appreciation Society (7 May), Fotoholics (14 May), Effective Altruism (15 May), Students of Royal Melbourne (17 May), Women in Commerce and Politics (14 May)

Motion 19: To accept all compliant AGMs and SGMs

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

Procedural 7: To move to 8.2.5.

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

Patrick Clearwater enters the room at 12:25pm

8.2.5. Liberal Club AGM

- Document submission, almost complete, some remaining issues
- Attendance list (non-compliant), membership list signed next to name
- Minutes originally not compliant, now ok
- Treasurer's report, opening closing balance and list of withdrawals, no purposes, no income, can't confirm there were no sponsors
- "purpose unknown" often written, error of the AGM to accept
- Statements fine
- Sponsorship declaration not signed by whole exec
- Presidents Report, none submitted, unanswered correspondence
- Membership list, has been supplied, not yet uploaded
- Chris Melenhorst asked if there was a president's report
 - o Apparently on a device that was stolen from Chris Kounelis

Procedural 8: To limit speaking time to 1 minute

Mover: Catriona Smith

Carried Without Dissent

Long discussion continued, noting the treasurer's report was accepted by the AGM.

Motion 20: To accept the AGM conditional on submission of membership list into Clubs Online

Mover: Catriona Smith

Seconded: Emma Johnson

FOR: 5 ABSTENTION: 1

Carried Without Dissent

Liberal club representatives left at 12:42pm

8.2.1. Banking on Women

Procedural 9: To have a 5-minute break

Mover: Catriona Smith

Carried Without Dissent

Meeting resumed at 12:51pm

The Returning officer nominated people

Motion 21: To declare the election invalid under 5.2.3.a and direct Banking on Women to hold an SGM or AGM to rectify this with correct Returning Officer procedure by the 23rd of August

Mover: Catriona Smith

Seconded: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Carried Without Dissent

It is recommended that a C&S returning officer is appointed

Administratively we must leave the exec on Clubs Online and process the SGM

8.2.2. Bhakti Yoga AGM

Did not attend AGM training, accepted email nominations without advising members of due process.

Motion 22: To accept the Annual General Meeting

Mover: Nancy Ciara Smith

Seconded: Catriona Smith

Carried Without Dissent

Petition 4: To put Bhakti Yoga on probation for 12 months under 6.1.p and 6.1.a (5.3.1.e)

Petitioners: Catriona Smith, Michael Hester

8.1.2.7 Students of Royal Melbourne

Skipped discussion above, No action

8.2.3. Chinese Debating Group

- XP/MoUni issue referred to Justin Bare

Motion 23: To direct the club to provide a cancellation of contract with XP/MoUni by Wednesday the 12th of June

Mover: Michael Hester

Seconded: Emma Johnson

Carried Without Dissent

8.2.4. Commerce Students Society

Accept the procedure undertaken

ACTION: Email club regarding proper vacancy procedures ; review SGM procedures

8.2.6. Marketing Intelligence

Inquorate AGM, election does not match constitution.

Motion 24: Direct the club to hold an SGM early semester 2 to change the constitution to match the structure and to ratify the AGM.

Mover: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Seconded: Harry Black

Carried Without Dissent

8.2.7. International Commerce Students Society

ACTION: They are to be sent a stern email regarding notice and returning officer issues

8.2.8. Postgraduate Environment Network

The general committee is not in the constitution

ACTION: Direct them to hold an SGM early in Sem 2 to amend the constitution and accept the AGM election result

8.2.9. Hong Kong Students Association

ACTION: Direct them to hold an SGM early in semester 2 to either change the constitution or elect vacant exec positions

Also noting that their constitution requires Nominations opening 1 month before the AGM and closing 2 weeks before the meeting.

ACTION: Also instruct them to amend this unnecessary clause or start following their constitution.

9. Other Business

9.1 Applications for Payment

9.1.1 Engineering Students Club

<p>Motion 25: To reject the grant payment as late Mover: Nancy Ciara Griffiths Second: Jordan Tochner FOR: 5 ABSTENTIONS: 1 Carried Without Dissent</p>
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Petition 5: To place Engineering Students Club on probation for 12 months under 6.1.a (7.6.b).

Petitioners: Nancy Ciara Griffiths, Catriona Smith

9.1.2. Folding our Futures excursions

Ask to see advertising / describe how members are involved in these events / equal access

9.1.3. Chinese Literati Society (10932)

<p>Motion 26: To approve 10932 for bus hire Mover: Harry Black Second: Nancy Ciara Griffiths Carried Without Dissent</p>
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9.2.2. Affiliations

9.2.1. Inquire IGMs

MEMEs, Saudi Students Society - invite them to re-hold an IGM early in semester 2

9.2.2. New Clubs

Australian Haematology Students Society, Data Science Postgraduate Society, Materials Society, Pokémon Observation, Knowledge & Evolution Nation, Entrepreneurship & Growth Investment Society, Drawing & Painting Club, Blockchain Club, Moda9, Dutch Club, One for the World, Mauritian Student Society, Community for Digital Entertainment Creation, Sexpressions

Catriona Smith left at 1:52pm (returned at 1:56pm)

IGMs presented to Committee

Small issues with Blockchain, Dutch Club and One for the World discussed

Community for Digital Entertainment Creation (CODEC) and Sexpressions – Coordinator has not reviewed documents)

<p>Motion 27: To affiliate all listed clubs except CODEC and Sexpressions en bloc. Mover: Chair Carried Without Dissent</p>
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<p>Motion 28: To defer CODEC and Sexpressions Mover: Chair Carried Without Dissent</p>

10. Next Meeting (Wednesday June 26th 11 am)

11. Closed at 1:59pm