

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



Confirmed Minutes 1

10 am Tuesday December 3

Meeting 1/25

Location:  
Room 301, Building 168 and Zoom (details available on request)

Esther Luk opened the meeting at 10:05 am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

**Motion 1: To elect myself as chair.**

Mover: Esther Luk      Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

C&S Committee: Doris Wang, Oliver Nassau, Tarish Kadam, Krithi Babu, Alex Gwynn, Darcy Williams

C&S Office Bearers: Esther Luk, Ewan Bezzobs

Staff: Fiona Sanders

Clubs: Louis Martin (Cider Appreciation Society), Amaya Castro Williams (Socialist Alternative), Lam Nhi Nguyen (Nursing Students Society)

Absent: Lenah Ankliss

1.4. Grant speaking rights to Coordinator (Standing Order 21.2)

**Motion 2: To grant speaking rights to C&S Coordinator, Fiona Sanders, under Standing Order 21.2.**

Mover: Chair

**CWD**

1.5. Apologies

Nil

1.6. Proxies

Nil

1.7. Membership

This is the first meeting of the 2025 C&S committee.

**Amaya Castro Williams arrived 10:07 am**

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 3: To adopt the agenda as distributed in the notice.**

Mover: Chair

**CWD**

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Nil

## 3. Conflicts of interest

Name	Conflicts of Interest declared
Oliver Nassau	Arts Students Society
Darcy Williams	Birdwatching Society
Tarish Kadam	Language Exchange Club
Doris Wang	Women in Commerce and Politics, Environmental Engineers Society, Photography Club
Lenah Ankliss	Emerging Markets Network
Krithi Babu	Postgraduate Environment Network
Alex Gwynn	Swifties Society
Ewan Bezzobs	Nil
Esther Luk	Ring of Choir, Apollo Music Society

## 4. Matters carried forward

### 4.1. Discipline

Ewan addressed the Committee regarding their powers to discipline.

**Procedural Motion 1: To discuss 4.1.5 Cider Appreciation Society.**

Mover: Chair

**CWD**

### 4.1.5. Cider Appreciation Society

Petition made last meeting: To give a formal warning to the Cider Appreciation Society for the Returning Officer nominating a candidate in the election at the AGM (R 6.3.i (R5.2.e.ii))

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs and Esther Luk

Louis addressed the meeting, acknowledged he made an error.

**Motion 4: To uphold the petition to give a formal warning to the Cider Appreciation Society for the Returning Officer nominating a candidate in the election at the AGM (R6.3.i (5.2.e.ii)).**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

Secunder: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

**Procedural Motion 2: To move to 4.1.12.1 Training Compliance: Compliant**

Mover: Chair

**CWD**

4.1.12.1 Training Compliant

**Louis Martin left at 10:23 am**

Petition made last meeting: To suspend grants of the listed clubs until training is complete as directed by the C&S Committee, or for a maximum of 12 months (R6.3.r).

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

For financial trainings (grants & treasurers) the general approach is to suspend grants until the club is compliant, and the suspension goes away when the club is compliant.

Training compliance: The following were not compliant with Exec Grants and/or Treasurer's obligations: Arts Students Society, Cambodian Student Society, German Club, Socialist Alternative, Labor Club, Friends of Unnatural Llamas (F.O.U.L.), Card Crew, Macedonian Student Society, Healthy Eating and Nutrition Society, Youth Charity Society

All are compliant now except the Labor Club

**Motion 5: To uphold the petition to suspend the grants of the listed clubs excluding the Labor Club until training is complete as directed by the C&S Committee, or for a maximum of 12 months (R6.3.r).**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Krithi Babu

**For: 0**

**Against: 5**

**Abstain: 1**

**LOST**

**Amaya Castro Williams left at 10:32 am**

4.1.1. Spot Light

Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate Spot Light on the grounds of not holding an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.a)).

Petition by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

Club did not hold an AGM.

**Motion 6: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate Spot Light on the grounds of not holding an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.a)).**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

4.1.2. Mauritian Students Society

Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate Mauritian Students Society on the grounds of not holding an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.a)).

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

Club did not hold an AGM.

**Motion 7: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Mauritian Students Society on the grounds of not holding an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.a)).**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

4.1.3. ASEAN Students of Melbourne University

Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate ASEAN Students of Melbourne University on the grounds of not holding an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.a)).

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

Club did not hold an AGM.

**Motion 8: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the ASEAN Students of Melbourne University on the grounds of not holding an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.a)).**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Seconded: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

4.1.4. Women in Technology

Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate Women in Technology on the grounds of not submitting an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.h)).

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

Club has submitted and is now compliant.

**Motion 9: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate Women in Technology on the grounds of not submitting an Annual General Meeting in 2024 (R6.3.i (5.2.h)).**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Seconded: Alex Gwynn

**Against: 6**

**LOST**

**Petition to put Women in Technology on probation for 6 months for failing to submit AGM documents on time (R6.3.i (5.2.h)).**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam**

No second petitioner, lapsed

4.1.6. Slavic Languages Club

Petition made last meeting: To give a formal warning to the Slavic Languages Club for failing to give full Notice of the AGM (R 6.3.i (R5.2.b))

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

Correspondence: first AGM was inquorate, rescheduled with short Notice.

**Motion 10: To uphold the petition to give a formal warning to the Slavic Languages Club for failing to give full Notice of the AGM (R6.3.i (R5.2.b)).**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconded: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

4.1.7. Nursing Students Society

Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate the Nursing Students Society on the grounds of not holding a valid AGM, without a quorum and failing to conduct all required business (R6.3.i (g, h.iii)).

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

Review of issues: AGM documents have been corrected and are compliant, except the quorum. Attendance list looks falsified.

**Lam Nhi Nguyen arrived at 10:58 am**

Lam Nhi Nguyen is part of the incoming Committee, says there were many AGM attendees online and a small number in-person.

Discussion of actions to take.

**Motion 11: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Nursing Students Society on the grounds of not holding a valid AGM, without a quorum and failing to conduct all require business (R6.3.i (g, h.iii)).**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Krithi Babu

**Against: 6**

**LOST**

**Motion 12: To accept the AGM of the Nursing Students Society.**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

**Motion 13: To direct the Nursing Students Society to hold a quorate SGM to ratify the decisions of the 2024 AGM by the end of Week 4 Semester 1 2025.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

**Petition to suspend the grants of the Nursing Students Society for 6 months or until they have held and submitted documents for the directed SGM, on the grounds that the 2024 AGM was not documented properly to evidence a quorum (6.3.i (5.2.h.iii)).**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Krithi Babu**

4.1.11. CISSA

Petition made last meeting: To put Computing and Information Systems Students Association on probation for 6 months for not submitting documents (closing bank statement) as required (R6.3.i (5.2.h.vi.A)).

Have now submitted.

**Motion 14: To uphold the petition to put Computing and Information Systems Students Association on probation for 6 months for not submitting documents (closing bank statement) as required (R6.3.i (5.2.h.vi.A)).**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**Against: 6**

**LOST**

4.1.12. Training Compliance

4.1.12.2. Labor Club

Petition made last meeting: To suspend the grants of the listed clubs until training is complete as directed by the C&S Committee, or for a maximum of 12 months (R6.3.r).

Petitioned by Ewan Bezzobs & Esther Luk

Labor Club is now compliant.

**Motion 15: To uphold the petition to suspend the grants of the Labor Club until training is complete as directed by the C&S Committee, or for a maximum of 12 months (R6.3.r).**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Alex Gwynn

**Against: 6**

**LOST**

#### 4.2. New Clubs

##### 4.2.12. Affiliation recommendations

4.2.12.2. Pharmacology United with Biochemistry Students Graduate Group

4.2.12.3. Pacific Islands Student Association

**Motion 16: To affiliate the Pharmacology United with Biochemistry Students Graduate Group.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

Second: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

**Motion 17: To affiliate the Pacific Islands Student Association.**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Second: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

##### 4.2.13. Bank submissions

Defer

#### 4.3. Regulations

**Lam Nhi Nguyen left at 11:29 am**

New grant category for camp medics going to next Students Council.

Discussion of Warnings – it is a waste of time to petition and reconsider – warnings should be for a proven administrative breach and not require club attendance.

More discussion of the Camp Medics grant category. Oliver disagrees with this regulation change as it places more of a financial burden on clubs with big camps.

**Motion 18: To withdraw the Regulation change until the next meeting after which budgets will have been proposed.**

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Second: Tarish Kadam

**For: 1    Against: 4    Abstain: 1**

**LOST**

#### 4.4. Policies

Defer

#### 4.5. Income Tax Update

ATO obligations (no ABN clubs) being explored further. Most clubs should be able to register with the ACNC, except for political clubs.

**Standing Orders break for 10 minutes at 12:04 pm**

**Darcy Williams left during the break**

**Resumed at 12:19 pm**

#### 5. OB Reports

Nil

#### 6. Correspondence

## 6.1. Gleam Up Asset Write Off

**Darcy Williams arrived at 12:21 pm**

Broken asset, some negligence.

**Petition to suspend asset grants for Gleam Up Beauty, Business and Science for 12 months under R 6.3.s (asset broken due to lack of proper care).**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn**

**Motion 19: To write off Gleam Up Beauty, Business and Science's broken asset.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

## 6.2. Grants

6.2.1. Character Creators & World Builders appeal CSF23810

P&H category, should have been an Asset.

**Motion 20: To amend grant CSF23810 to the category: Assets and approve.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

6.2.2. Arts Students Society CSF23871

No UMSU logo on printing.

**Motion 21: To approve CSF23871 at 50% of entitlement.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**For: 4 Abstain: 2**

**Carried**

6.2.3. Biomedicine Students Society CSF23699

No UMSU logo on printing.

**Motion 22: To approve CSF23699 at 50% of entitlement.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Krithi Babu

**For: 5 Abst: 1**

**Carried**

6.2.4. Australian Wall Street appeal CSF23674 (note category)

No appetite to amend the decision.

6.2.5. Greens Club CSF23839

No appetite to amend the decision.

## 7. General Meetings

7.2. Complete

AGMs: Creative Literature and Writing Society 19-Aug, Queer Commerce Club 5-Sep, Hanfu Association 20-Sep, Pre-Law Society 2-Oct, Lebanese Students Society 9-Oct, Egyptian Club 10-Oct, International Youth and Students for Social Equality 11-Oct, Design Student Society (DES) 20-Sep, Women in Technology 17-Sep, Choral Society 28-Aug

SGMs: Australia-China Youth Association 15-Oct, Macedonian Students Society 16-Oct, Global Affairs Society 17-Oct, Labor Club 17-Oct, Korean Students Society 18-Oct

**Motion 23: To accept all the complete AGMs and SGMs.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

7.3. Referred

AGMs

Computing and Information Systems Students Association – closing bank statement missing, now provided.

**Motion 24: To accept the Computing and Information Systems Students Association AGM.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

University Network for Investment and Trading – elected separate Secretary & Treasurer, but only have one positioned called Secretary/Treasurer in constitution.

**Motion 25: To accept the University Network for Investment and Trading AGM and direct the club to hold an SGM by Week 4 Semester 1 2025 to update the constitution or hold a fresh election to resolve the conflict.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

Women\* in Science and Engineering - Late notice (4 days); no constitution and agenda attached.

**Motion 26: To accept the Women\* in Science and Engineering AGM.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

**Petition to put Women\* in Science and Engineering on probation for 12 months on the grounds of not giving full Notice of the AGM (R6.3.i (5.2.b))**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn**

Iranian Society & International Vietnamese Students at the University of Melbourne – opened late

**Motion 27: To accept the Iranian Society & International Vietnamese Students at the University of Melbourne AGMs *en bloc*.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

Petition to put the Iranian Society & International Vietnamese Students at the University of Melbourne on probation for 12 months on the grounds of not conducting the AGM in accordance with UMSU rules (*no grounds established*).

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn

Melbourne Alternative Protein Project - 1/3 execs completed sponsorship declaration; GST form incomplete; missing cash flow statement; constitution was not presented or ratified; reports weren't accepted and treasurer's report was not presented

**Petition to disaffiliate Melbourne Alternative Protein Project on the grounds of not completing the business required for an AGM (R6.3.i (R.5.2.g,h))**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn**

Graphic Design Club – tax forms missing

**Motion 28: To accept the Graphic Design Club AGM.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

Secunder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

**Petition to give a Formal Warning to the Graphic Design Club for failing to submit full documentation for their AGM (R6.3.i (R5.2.h.vi.D, E))**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn**

Embrace Education – No constitution & agenda in notice, did not elect general committee

**Motion 29: To accept the Embrace Education AGM.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

Secunder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

Jewish Students Society – 4 days' notice

**Motion 30: To accept the Jewish Students Society AGM.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

**Petition to give a Formal Warning to the Jewish Students Society for late notice of their AGM (R6.3.i (R5.2.b))**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn**

Students for Sensible Drug Policy – No AGM submission

**Petition to disaffiliate Students for Sensible Drug Policy for not completing a valid AGM in 2024 (R6.3.i (R5.2.h))**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Krithi Babu**

planetUNI– No Agenda on Notice, no notice of election.

**Motion 31: To accept the planetUNI AGM.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

**Petition to give a formal warning to planetUNI for not submitting an agenda or notice of election in their AGM notice (R6.3.i (R.5.2.b))**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Krithi Babu**

Journalism Club – RO seconded every nomination, meeting was inquorate.

**Motion 32: To reject the SGM and direct Journalism Club to hold a new SGM to fill the vacant positions by Week 4 Semester 1 2025.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

7.4. Training Compliance

Grants & Treasurers compliance not reported to C&S: Aerospace and Rocket Engineering Society (ARES), Arknights Enthusiasts Club , Australia Chinese Student Psychological Association, Australian Wall Street, Banking on Women, Birdwatching Society, Blockchain Association, Bollywood Club, Bubble Tea Society, Character-Creator and Worldbuilders' Guild, Chinese Music Group, Coffee Appreciation For Enthusiasts, Computing and Information Systems Students Association, Consistently Amazing Kitchen Endeavours, Debating Society, Drawing and Painting Club, Drone Aviation and Racing Engineering Society, Earth Sciences Students Society, Economics Student Society of Australia, Enactus, Engineering Music Society, F1 Club, Film Society, Global Affairs Society, Hanfu Association, Hispanic Culture and Language Society, Indian Graduate Researchers Society, Indonesian Students Association, Islamic Society, Journalism Club, Korean Students Society, Mechanical Engineering Student Society, Multi Art and Culture Association, Next Generation Trading Club, Optometry Students Society, Pakistani Society, Philosophy Society, Pirates, planetUNI, Platypus Affiliated Society, Pokemon Observation, Knowledge and Evolution Nation, Puzzles of Melbourne University, Quantitative Trading Society, Quantum Club, Robotics, Engineering & Competition Society, Sexpression, Singapore Students Society, SMART Consumers, Sri Lankan Graduates' Society, Students Association of Management and Marketing, TEDxUniMelb, Turkish Society, VCA Music Theatre Society, Vegan Club, Women in Economics Students' Society, World of Mahjong Club

All clubs listed are not compliant in their Grants & Treasurers training.

**Petition to suspend grants of all listed clubs for a maximum of 12 months or until training is completed (R6.3.r)**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam and Krithi Babu**

Discussion of provision and take up of induction and bystander training. Discussion of online and after-hours provision.

Run make ups in early 2025 as a last opportunity.

7.5. X-crew City Walking Association constitution amendment

Amendment was to add committee positions, and members accepted it, and elections held for those positions.

**Motion 33: To retroactively accept the X-Crew City Walking Association's constitutional amendment.**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

7.6. Chinese Debating Group

The C&S Officers and Fiona addressed the committee about the Chinese Debating Group appeal process that has been going through Students Council. Context was provided to the new committee on the initial C&S Committee decision to reject the AGM of CDG, an appeal against the C&S Committee decision that was upheld by Students Council, and finally Students Council repealed their own decision.

The status of the second AGM was also discussed. At the time of the October AGM the Students' Council decision to uphold the appeal was in force. The club was bound by that decision. The C&S Committee was also bound by that decision.

Parties, particularly the appellant, relied on the decision of Students' Council and were not present at the October AGM and accepting the October AGM would be unfair on those parties.

Advice given to CDG by an individual member of the C&S Committee to go ahead with the October AGM, contrary to C&S departmental advice, was improper. Members of the C&S Committee have no authority to act independently.

**Motion 34: To reject the 2024 October 16<sup>th</sup> Chinese Debating Group AGM.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Krithi Babu

**CWD**

The result is that CDG has not held a valid AGM in 2024.

The C&S Officers and Fiona discussed with the committee that it would be unfair to discipline the Chinese Debating Group given that this is an issue of the administrative processes of UMSU and not the club's own fault.

The 2023-24 Committee is available to care-take the club.

**Motion 35: To direct the Chinese Debating Group to hold their 2024 AGM by Week 3 Semester 1 2025.**

Mover: Krithi Babu

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

## 8. Other Business

### 8.2. Activity Reporting

Pakistani Society, Effective Altruism, Design Student Society (DES), Melbourne Alternative Protein Project, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Construction Students Association, Google Developer Student Club, Electrical Engineering Club, Slavic Languages Club, Mechanical Engineering Student Society, Vegan Club, Mauritian Students Society, Labor Club, Agricultural and Food Sciences Society, ASEAN Students of Melbourne University, Chinese Music Group, Debating Society, Enactus, Graphic Design Club, Hispanic Culture and Language Society, Italian Social Club, Mathematics & Statistics Society, MUR Motorsports, Nursing Students' Society, Postgraduate Environment Network, Spot Light, University Network for Investing and Trading (UNIT), Women in Technology.

Some clubs partially compliant. Some were directed to hold 3 events after S1 non-compliance, and have not reported such.

Also, noting the Construction Students Association held 2 events instead of 3, Students for Sensible Drug Policy held 2 events with one of them only having 4 people present.

Policy says clubs that have not held 2 events should be disaffiliated, except those that were new affiliates, who should be put on probation.

### **Petition to disaffiliate the listed clubs for insufficient activity reporting in Semester 2 2024 (R6.3.q)**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam and Alex Gwynn**

Multi Art and Culture Association – new club S1, no events reported.

### **To put the Multi Art and Culture Association on probation for 12 months for insufficient activity reporting in Semester 2 2024 (R6.3.q)**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam and Krithi Babu**

### 8.3. Passing on costs of MSL to clubs

**Darcy Williams left at 2:09 pm**

Every ticket service passes on fees. Discussion of how students would perceive a transaction fee. Discussion of how the use of UMSU website ticketing may change if fees are introduced.

**ACTION: Fiona Sanders to find out if clubs can individually select to pass on or absorb fees.**

Can consider a 2025 or 2026 implementation.

No other business.

Next meeting in January.

**9. Close**

**Closed at 2:18 pm**