

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



Confirmed Minutes

11 am Tuesday June 2, 2026

Meeting 10/26

Location:
Room 201, Building 168 and Zoom (details available on request)

Meeting started at 11:07am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Seamus Donnellan as chair.

Mover: Seamus Donnellan Second: Joshua Solomon

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Seamus acknowledged the Traditional Owners

1.3. Attendance

OBs: Seamus Donnellan, Alex Gwynn

Staff: Melanie Gunton, Fiona Sanders

C&S Committee: Joshua Solomon, Max McKenzie Fitzpatrick, Meiqi Liu, Yifan (Roger) Cao, Yunyi Chan, Tarish Kadam

Clubs: Haley Hocken (Physiotherapy Students Society), Rory Finbar Yarr (Adventist Students on Campus), Marigold Parker, Jessica Chipperfield, Isealt Corcoran, James Demarter, Emily Hastewell (Classics and Archaeology Society), Achmad Ali Reza, Tristan Gonendhra Indrayanto, Orchid Amelia Princesa (Design Students Society) Yuching Leung, Lufei Wan, Jingqi Sun (Chinese Students and Scholars Association), Wayne Tay, Joanna John, Javier Lew, Alicia Yong, Melissa Xarier (Singapore Students Society)

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

Procedural Motion 1: To grant to Fiona and Melanie speaking rights under Standing Order 21.2

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

1.5. Apologies

None, Lucia gave Committee notice that she had woken up sick

1.6. Proxies

None

1.7. Membership

Unchanged

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion 2: To adopt agenda as presented

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. May 19

Max left and was on the Chinese Students and Scholars Association petition and minor issues with names spelt incorrectly.

Motion 2: To confirm minutes of May 19 meeting with aforementioned changes

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

3. Conflicts of interest

Name	Conflicts of Interest declared
Tarish Kadam	Language Exchange Club
Joshua Solomon	Society for Transportation Enthusiasts at Melbourne, Furry Society
Maximilian Mckenzie Fitzpatrick	Film Society, Pirates
Lucia Flynn	Arts Students Society
Meiqi Liu	Drawing and Painting Club
Yifan (Roger) Cao	Student Institution of Mihoyo Players
Yunyi Chan	Hispanic Culture and Language Society, Language Exchange, Habitat for Humanity, Chocolate Lovers Society
Alex Gwynn	Swifties Society
Seamus Donnellan	Beer and Cider Society

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

4.1. Discipline

Tarish Kadam arrives at 11:11am

Procedural Motion 3: To move to 4.1.7

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

4.1.7 Classics and Archaeology SGM

The club had two issues, they didn't include explicit date and didn't attach the constitution. But it was shown on the agenda and link. The constitution was shown at the meeting.

Petition to put Classics and Archaeology Society for probation for 12 months for giving improper SGM notice 6.3.i. (5.2.b.ii).

Petitioned by Lucia Flynn, Roger Cao.

Motion 3: To uphold petition to put Classics and Archaeology Society for probation for 12 months for giving improper SGM notice 6.3.i. (5.2.b.ii).

Mover: Roger Cao Second: Tarish Kadam

Lost

Petition for formal warning for giving improper SGM notice 6.3.i. (5.2.b.ii).

Petitioned by Roger Cao, Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

Motion 4: To uphold the petition to give Classics and Archaeology a formal warning for giving improper SGM notice 6.3.i. (5.2.b.ii).

Mover: Roger Cao Second: Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

CWD

Marigold Parker, Jessica Chipperfield, Isealt Corcoran, James Demarter, Emily Hastewell (Classics and Archaeology) left at 11:16am

Procedural Motion 4: To move to 4.1.4 Design Students Society

Mover: Joshua Solomon

CWD

4.1.4. Design Students Society SGM

The club has since held an SGM. To rectify the AGM, stat dec is required. Club ratified constitution at the SGM.

The club was not properly informed by the previous committee of the issues.

To defer until the next meeting.

Petition to disaffiliate Design Student Society (DES) for not holding an AGM (6.3.i).

Petitioned by: Joshua Solomon, Roger Cao

Motion 5: To set a deadline for Design Students Society to submit statutory declaration on Thursday 11/06/2026.

Mover: Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick Second: Yunyi Chan

CWD

Achmad Ali Reza, Tristan Gonendhra Indrayanto, Orchid Amelia Princesa (Design Students Society) left at 11:23am

Procedural Motion 5: To go to 4.1.2

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

Adventist Students on Campus held a netball event without insurance. The club advised they were negligent on the process of acquiring that.

Committee considers reducing the length of the petition to 6 months.

Petition to put Adventist Students on Campus on probation for 12 months for failing to have adequate insurance for an event (6.3.a., 7.3.a.ii.)

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Roger Cao

Motion 6: To uphold the Petition to put Adventist Students on Campus on probation for 6 months for failing to have adequate insurance for an event (6.3.a., 7.3.a.ii.)

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Meiqi Liu

CWD

Rory Finbar Yarr (Adventist Students on Campus) left at 11:26am

Procedural Motion 6: To move to 4.1.6.1, Physiotherapy Students Society

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

Physiotherapy Students Society provided a statutory declaration about their lost asset. They replaced it without submitting a grant.

The club advised it was very poor planning and have created a procedure so that doesn't occur again.

Tarish Kadam notes the asset grant suspension feels unjustified and a formal warning may be more suitable.

Petition to suspend asset grants of Arts Students Society, CAINZ, Cambodian Students Society, Greens Club, Indian Graduate Researchers Society, Korean Students Society, Labor Club, Physiotherapy Students' Society for 12 months or until compliant under R6.3.a (R7.2.b).

Petitioned by: Tarish Kadam, Yunyi Chan

Motion 7: To uphold petition to suspend the asset grants for Physiotherapy Students Society R6.3.a (R7.2.b).

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Yunyi Chan

5 against 1 ABST

Lost

Petition to give a formal warning to Physiotherapy Students Society under 6.3.s

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Roger

Motion 8: To uphold the petition to give a formal warning to Physiotherapy Students Society under 6.3.s

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Roger

4 for 2 ABST

Carried

Haley Hocken left at 11:33pm

Procedural Motion 7: To move to Singapore Students' Society 6.2.

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

Melanie summarises the events leading up to this meeting. The club suspension was already reduced from 6 months to 3 months as the club did not provide participant information forms to the attendees. The failure to complete the forms was an administrative oversight.

Josh notes this is a serious breach regardless of how it happened and the reduction to 3 months is generous.

The committee have no appetite to change their decision. The liability risk is very high.

Wayne Tay, Joanna John, Javier Lew, Alicia Yong, Melissa Xarier (Singapore Students Society) left at 11:41am.

Procedural Motion 8: To move to 4.1.3. Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

4.1.3. Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Roger joined CSSA in 2024. He received a card and the only email he has received from the club up until now is the recent AGM.

He tried to log in to their WeChat mini program and their online website; he is a member on the mini-program and has access to membership benefits. However, he is not a member on the UMSU website. They sent correspondence of an extended community of members. Roger is still listed as a member in their internal systems. Josh asks the club if all the benefits are still valid for Roger. The club has an app but advised previous members should be removed. The club doesn't remove people from the internal system; official benefits only apply to members on the website.

Roger says all they have to do is show them the program and that they have registered to receive the benefits. Roger can use these benefits still for the last two years. These benefits include discounts on restaurants and services.

Fiona says the issue is the members have access and still believe they are members. At council, there were assertions made of the club having 180 members. When C&S looked it up, the club did not have that number of members. There is a very large committee and subcommittee which exceeds the number of members. It is clear people are being treated as members when they are not. The issue was flagged when the discussion about the finance was occurring as they count people as members but know they aren't members as people sign up and are refunded the money. A bunch of people joined the club before the SGM. This is where the discrepancy has occurred. The other thing that is a concern is Roger, who believes is a member, has not been invited to the meeting. Who are the people who have been invited? It is clear that only a subset of people being invited. There is a disconnect with how they are treating certain members. Between 1 May and 20 May, 89 student members joined. Yunyi raises the concern about the 6-week rule and all these new members at the SGM.

Josh asked how they managed this process at the AGM. They used the UMSU website and proof of AGM ticket. Yunyi verifies this.

Seamus notes the club only sold 17 tickets. The club had an attendance list due to technical errors. The club noted around 30 people were at the AGM. If everyone was not listed on the paper, we don't know the total people in the room and have a record of the voting people. Yunyi noted they do have a list of the voting members.

student believes the people on the website aren't counted as members. They have some WeChat groups with members from previous years. Max asks why only particular people in these group chats are being invited.

Student says they have multiple departments and they said messages to those departments. The people purchasing should be the people they announced it to in

the department. They announced it to their bigger groups. Roger says they have subcommittee group chats on WeChat and only they can vote. But the broader members don't receive notification and should be notified and included as well. The club said it is a big failure on them.

Josh asks if the club has plans to fix this. The club wants to organise a system through the UniMelb website.

Fiona clarifies the club said people become committee and then become members of the club. He said these are the non-voting committee members that are part of a larger group. They announce they do need to join as members but not upon appointment as committee members.

Josh wants to know what effort they are taking to address all members. The club was not managing this well and want to fix that and remove all extended members from the system.

The reg that was broken is 5.3.b. Which allows students of the university to vote at the meeting. Tarish Kadam asks what the club's understanding of the purpose of a general meeting is.

Melanie clarifies the membership price change process.

Motion 9: Seamus moves to go in camera and to admit Melanie and Fiona

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

Seconder: Roger Cao

CWD

Tarish Kadam left at 12:16pm

Tarish Kadam came back at 12:18

Yuching Leung, Lufei Wan, Jingqi Sun (Chinese Students and Scholars Association) left at 12:18pm

Roger did not stay in camera to manage a potential conflict of interest due to his previous membership of CSSA

Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick left at 12:41pm

Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick came back at 12:45pm

Procedural Motion 9: To admit strangers

Mover: Joshua Solomon

CWD

Fiona notes that Max was not present during the original petition

The club asks if they can provide additional evidence. The club has shown an email that they asked all members to renew their membership. Max confirms that the issue is former members were allowed to buy a membership and are refunded.

Tarish Kadam says with regards to the concerns on all the previous issues with regards to financial mismanagement, AGM refunds, poor faith.

On the issue of the membership discrepancy being outside the official UMSU list.

Petition to disaffiliate CSSA on the grounds of 6.3.a. (5.3.b), 5.3.d.v.

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Max

Seamus summarises the petition to disaffiliate the club.

The club responds to the petition. They note the specific individual Changhao Li's behaviour was inappropriate. They think this does not qualify as coercion. The club expelled Changhao Li.

Concerns with meeting procedures, they misunderstood the chair's second point in the training. Club notes AGM was compliant.

The club nomination process was done correctly. Committee noted some members did not receive voting links, which was the members' fault as they gave incorrect emails. The club clarified the chair did provide a membership list. They note there was no deliberate attempt to undermine the process.

The club addresses 6-week membership issue. The former executive says no concerns were raised about the eligibility.

The bad faith is the truthfulness of the interactions with the club. Josh notes the committee have heard a lot of different things. Max notes that overall, the committee have heard multiple different narratives. Fiona understands there is a history and real concerns. Fiona suggests that because this petition pertains to this SGM specifically, it does not apply to this specific circumstance.

The club asked if the matter is affected by the current probation. The committee confirms that the issue occurred prior to the discipline.

Meiqi Lui left at 1:09pm

Melanie clarifies that the club allowed the barred executive to influence the meeting.

Meiqi Lui arrived at 1:14pm

Procedural Motion 10: To move to a vote on the petition to disaffiliate CSSA

Mover: Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

1 for 3 against 2 ABST

Lost

Seamus concurs with Max, but to strike a middle ground, institutes time limits and gives the club 2 more minutes.

Petition to disaffiliate the Chinese Student and Scholars Association for non-compliance at their Special General Meeting under regulations R6.3.y, 6.3 (a), 6.3 (i), 5.2 (c), 6.3 (e), 6.3 (p), 6.1 (b).

Petitioned by Yunyi Chan, Joshua Solomon, Meiqi Lui, Tarish Kadam, Max McKenzie Fitzpatrick, Roger Cao, Lucia Flynn

Motion 10: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Chinese Student and Scholars Association for non compliance at their Special General Meeting under regulations R6.3.y, 6.3 (a), 6.3 (i), 5.2 (c), 6.3 (e), 6.3 (p), 6.1 (b)

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Max

5 for 1 ABST

CWD

Seamus tells the CSSA representatives that the club has been disaffiliated for a second time.

Yuching Leung, Lufei Wan, Jingqi Sun (Chinese Students and Scholars Association) left at 1:25pm

Procedural Motion 11: To break for 15 minutes

Mover: Joshua Solomon

CWD

Break at 1:29pm

Meeting resumed at 1:50pm

4.1.1. Arts Students Society Camp

The club has not provided the physical Participant Information Forms by the deadline.

Petition to put Arts Students Society on probation for 12 months or until they are compliant under 7.6.b

Petitioned by Roger Cao, Yunyi Chan

4.1.5 Sri Lankan Students Association SGM

Petition to put Sri Lankan Students Association on probation for 12 months or until they hold the directed SGM (6.3.i).

Petitioned by Roger Cao, Yunyi Chan.

Motion 11: To uphold the petition to put Sri Lankan Students Association on probation for 12 months or until they hold the directed SGM (6.3.i).

Mover: Yunyi Chan Second: Roger Cao

Lost

The C&S committee also formally accept the general meeting

Motion 12: To accept the Sri Lankan Students Association's SGM

Mover: Yunyi Chan Second: Joshua Solomon

CWD

4.1.6 Asset Grants Suspension

4.1.6.1 Arts Students Arts Students Society, CAINZ, Cambodian Students Society, Greens Club, Indian Graduate Researchers Society, Korean Students Society, Labor Club, Physiotherapy Students' Society

Petition to suspend asset grants of Arts Students Society, CAINZ (Compliant), Cambodian Students Society (compliant), Greens Club, Indian Graduate Researchers Society, Korean Students Society, Labor Club, Physiotherapy Students' Society for 12 months or until compliant under R6.3.a (R7.2.b).

Petitioned by: Tarish Kadam, Yunyi Chan

Motion 13: To uphold the petition to suspend the grants of CAINZ, Cambodian Students Society and Indian Graduate Researchers Society for 12 months or until compliant under R6.3.a (R7.2.b).

Mover: Yunyi Chan Second: Roger Cao

Lost

Petition to suspend asset grants of Arts Students Society, CAINZ (Compliant), Cambodian Students Society (compliant), Greens Club, Indian Graduate Researchers Society, Korean Students Society, Labor

Club, Physiotherapy Students' Society for 12 months or until compliant under R6.3.a (R7.2.b).

Motion 14: To uphold the petition to suspend asset grants of Arts Students Society, Greens Club, Korean Students Society, Labor Club for 12 months or until compliant under R6.3.a (R7.2.b)

Mover: Yunyi Chan Second: Roger Cao

CWD

4.2. Youth Charity Society GM

The club has general meeting and did not have proper notice of elections for positions that resigned at the meeting.

Petition to put Youth Charity Society on probation for 6 months for 6.3.i, 5.2.b.iv

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Roger

Motion 15: To direct Youth Charity Society to hold a general meeting by Week 4 Semester 2 to properly elect the positions that weren't advertised to members.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Roger Cao

CWD

4.3. Directed SGMs

4.3.1. Beer and Cider Society

Motion 16: To grant an extension of the original direction to hold a General Meeting to accept 2025 financial reporting for Week 4 Semester 2 (this may be a SGM or AGM)

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Yunyi

CWD

4.4. New Club Progress:

4.4.1. IGMs

Motion 17: To grant affiliation approval to AI Prototyping Studio, Anthropology Society, Doughnation, Fanworks and Media Analysis Society (FAMAS), Fashion Society, Furry Society, Lao Student Society, North American Student Society, Students of Royal Melbourne, What You(th)ink, Women's Outdoor Adventure Club: Backcountry Squatters

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Yunyi Chan

CWD

4.5. Policy & Regulation Defer

4.5.1. Activities

4.5.1.1. Post GM

4.5.1.2. Joint event

4.5.2. GM Standing Orders

4.6. Working Groups

4.6.1. Tiers Working Group

Defer

5. Officer Reports

Alex submitted a report. Josh says Seamus shouldn't hold the Tiered Funding group this month. Seamus notes he will meet with Fiona to discuss this.

Alex and Seamus met with CFO on how to promote IDA bar. Seamus presented an idea to Alex and Lachlan to create a new grant category or something of the like to fund events at the IDA Bar at a higher rate, potentially even full reimbursement of 100%.

Motion 18: To accept the OB reports

Mover: Meiqi Liu Second: Roger Cao

CWD

Procedural Motion 12: To move to 9.1

Mover: Seamus Donnellan

CWD

Motion 19: That the Clubs and Societies Committee approve the expenditure of \$2,500 from the Events 03-60-605-3840 Budget Line within the tag 'Orientation' for any expenses associated with Semester Two 2026 Orientation

Mover: Seamus Donnellan Second: Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

CWD

6. Correspondence

6.1. Myanmar Students Association Sport Insurance

Defer

6.2. Singapore Students Society Appeal

6.3. Bangladeshi Student Society High Risk Event

Defer

6.4. Islamic Society High Risk Event

Defer

6.5. Fashion Society IGM

No appetite, club member provided statement saying that they were not forced to withdraw from nominating, only that he had misheard the position that was being elected.

7. Grants

7.1. Standard Grants

Motion 20: To move to accept all standard except for CSF27938

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Second: Joshua Solomon

CWD

7.2. For Discussion

CSF27949

Motion 21: To approve CSF27949

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Tarish Kadam

CWD

Action: Staff to investigate the fund and if it is appropriate or legal

CSF27974

Motion 22: To approve CSF27974

Mover: Roger Cao Second: Yunyi Chan

CWD

CSF27995

The club did not have a room booking as they left the donuts on the table.

Motion 23: To approve CSF27995

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Joshua Solomon

3 for 1 against 2 ABST

Carried

CSF27749, CSF27964, CSF27880, CSF27951

Motion 24: To partially approve the above grants CSF27749, CSF27964, CSF27880, CSF27951 function purchases only (food and drink)

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Yunyi Chan

CWD

CSF27493

Tarish Kadam left at 2:44pm

Melanie explains this grant. They didn't get a high risk event risk assessment approved by the C+S office in time, however, their submitted risk assessment was more than adequate.

Tarish Kadam arrives at 4:46pm

Motion 25: To approve CSF27493

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Tarish Kadam

CWD

CSF27751

Motion 26: To approve CSF27751

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Yunyi Chan

5 for 1 against

Carried

CSF27984

A grant for Engineering Music Society. Josh initially moved for it to be rejected due to unfamiliarity with this grant precedent. Grants that are missing an UMSU logo are typically rejected, but Seamus brought up the precedent document and confirmed that an incorrect UMSU logo is to be approved at 75%, not rejected.

Motion 27: To reject CSF27984

Mover: Joshua Solomon

Lapsed

Motion 28: To approve CSF27984 at 50%

Mover: Meiqi Liu Second: Tarish Kadam

2 for 2 against 2 ABST

Lost

Motion 29: To approve CSF27984 at 75%

Mover: Meiqi Liu Second: Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

5 for 1 against

Carried

CSF27853

Motion 30: To approve CSF27853

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Yunyi Chan

CWD

CSF27954

Motion 31: To approve CSF27954 conditional on acceptable alcohol forms

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Joshua Solomon

5 for 1 ABST

Carried

CSF27996

Motion 32: Approve CSF27996 at 100% conditional on submission of cert of currency

Mover: Yunyi Chan Second: Joshua Solomon

CWD

CSF27494

The club did not apply for insurance for their ice skating event.

Motion 33: To reject CSF27494

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Joshua Solomon

CWD

Petition to put Actuarial Students Society on probation for 6 months for 6.3.a (7.3.a.ii).

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Roger Cao

CSF27867

Yunyi Chan left at 3:03pm

Motion 34: To approve CSF27867 at 100%

Mover: Meiqi Liu Second: Roger Cao

CWD

CSF27868

Motion 35: To approve CSF27868 at 100%

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Roger Cao

CWD

CSF27913

There was no UMSU logo on the club's publication.

Motion 36: To reject CSF27913

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

CWD

Yunyi Chan came back at 3:06pm

CSF27885

Motion 37: To partially approve CSF27885 function purchases

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Tarish Kadam

CWD

CSF27730

Motion 38: To partially approve CSF27730 function purchases

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Roger Cao

CWD

CSF27822

Alex Gwynn arrived at 3:07pm

Motion 39: To approve CSF27822 conditional on evidence that the event was not a bar crawl

Mover: Yunyi Chan Second: Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

CWD

CSF27716

Motion 40: To approve CSF27716s

Mover: Roger Cao Second: Yunyi Chan

CWD

CSF27858

Grant was submitted after the event began.

Motion 41: To reject CSF27858

Mover: Roger Cao Second: Yunyi Chan

CWD

Motion 42: To approve all remaining OB recs

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Roger Cao

4 for 2 ABST

Carried

7.2.1. Oxfam Group CSF27868

Defer

7.2.2. Overseas Christian Fellowship CSF27563 & CSF27564

Defer

7.3. Grants Procedure

Defer

7.4. Grant Category Proposal

Defer

7.5. Application for Payments

7.5.1. Attendance Lists

Motion 43: To accept attendance lists with no course

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Meiqi Liu

CWD

7.5.2. CSF26751

Defer

7.5.3. CSF27017

Defer

8. General Meetings

8.1. Complete

Defer

8.2. Referred

Defer

9. Other Business

9.1. O-Week Expenditure

Already discussed

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting on the 25th June

11. Close

Meeting closed at 3:20pm