

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



**Unconfirmed Minutes 11**

**11 am Tuesday July 14, 2026**

**Meeting 11/26**

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

**Meeting opened at 11:05am**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1. Election of Chair

**Motion 1: To elect Alex Gwynn as chair.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn      Seconder: Seamus Donnellan

**CWD**

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Alex acknowledged.

**Yunyi Chan arrived at 11:06am**

1.3. Attendance

Committee: Josh Solomon, Meiqi Liu, Tarish Kadam, Roger Cao, Yunyi Chan, Max Mckenzie Fitzpatrick

Staff: Melanie Gunton, Fiona Sanders

OBs: Alex Gwynn, Seamus Donnellan

Youth Charity Society: Kim Sung Kyu, Rakshitha Dasa

Actuarial Students Society: Sue Liu, Roy Zhang

Arts Students Society: Charlotte Fraser

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

**Procedural Motion 1: To grant speaking rights to the Melanie Gunton and Fiona Sanders under Standing Order 21.2.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

1.5. Apologies

None

1.6. Proxies

None

1.7. Membership

No changes

### 1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Josh requests that 7.4 is discussed before the grants. Josh asks that start up grants are moved to grants as well.

**Procedural Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as amended.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 2.1. June 2

Josh found that affiliated club list included clubs that were affiliated in the meeting prior – they need to be removed. There were also few issues with petitions not including the length of time for the discipline.

**Motion 2: To confirm the minutes of meeting 10 as a true and accurate record with amendments.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Meiqi Liu

**CWD**

### 2.2. Amendments to Meeting 9 Minutes

No changes

## 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 (Taylor's Version)                                                                     |
| Seamus Donnellan                | Beer and Cider Society                                                                                   |

Josh declares a conflict of interest with item 9.2 Start Up Grants.

## 4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

**Procedural Motion 3: To move to item 4.1.3.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

### 4.1.3. Arts Students Society

Petition lapses as they are now compliant.

*Petition from last meeting: Petition to put Arts Students Society on probation for 12 months or until they are compliant under 6.3.a (7.6.b)*

*Petitioned by Roger Cao, Yunyi Chan*

**Charlotte Fraser leaves at 11:12 am.**

**Procedural Motion 4: To move to item 4.1.5.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

**4.1.5 Youth Charity Society**

Melanie explains the situation of YCS elections being non-compliant due to resignations on the day of which the positions were re-elected in the same meeting without proper notice. The committee members explained that they were not aware that people wanted to resign prior to the meeting. They asked about the proper process and the domino effect that is created from people resigning on the spot.

The club asked if holding an AGM to re-elect the entire committee instead of an SGM would be sufficient.

Tarish notes that the club now understands and acknowledges the issue ,but the last meeting was still not democratic.

*Petition made last 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 Cao*

**Max McKenzie Fitzpatrick arrived at 11:21am**

**Motion 3: To uphold the petition to put Youth Charity Society on probation for 6 months for 6.3.i (5.2.b.iv).**

Mover: Roger Cao                      Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**For: 5      Abstain: 1**

**Carried**

**Kim Sung Kyu and Rakshitha Dasa left at 11:24am**

**Procedural Motion 5: To move to item 4.1.6.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

**4.1.6. Actuarial Students Society**

Melanie explains that sport related events require extended insurance coverage. The club asked if there is anything they can do now to rectify it. Melanie explains that the event has now passed so no changes can be made.

*Petition made last meeting: 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*

**Motion 4: To uphold the petition to put Actuarial Students Society on probation for 6 months for 6.3.a (7.3.a.ii)**

Mover: Joshua Solomon                      Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

## Sue Liu and Roy Zhang left at 11:29am

### 4.1. Discipline

#### 4.1.1. CSSA Appeal

Alex explains that the club's second appeal was upheld by Students Council. She acknowledges that what was said about the C&S department was shocking. Alex hopes committee knows their decisions were made in line with the regulations. It is discussed that the council may have failed to consider the situation based on the regulations and may have rather alienated the C&S department for political reasons. The characterisations made about were cruel and untrue. Tarish apologises on his behalf as he breached the workplace policy of UMSU. He will no longer engage in that behaviour and has no intention of hindering the operations of the C&S committee. The council moved a procedural to move to a vote which did not allow adequate time for the C&S committee members or for the office bearers to speak. Josh does not think this is worth fighting anymore.

Fiona notes that Tarish's actions did impact the situation to an extent. Fiona notes that committee members should declare conflicts at all times. Tarish has a concern with the secretary acting against his role, not the club. Max does not think it matters what C&S says, the current student council would find a way to go against the C&S committee.

Fiona notes that the club's appeal had some genuine criticisms on the grounds they were affiliated. It would be more helpful to be specific and clear about a few grounds in future complicated disaffiliations.

#### 4.1.2. Arts Students Society Camp

Already discussed.

#### 4.1.3. Chinese Students and Scholars Association Membership Audit (not sent)

This was not sent to the club yet. Josh has no appetite to do anything further with this club due to the issue of student council not trusting the C&S committee. Tarish notes that he is aware of the outcome but the issue still stands. The memberships being recorded differently to what is required in the regulations is still a large concern. Fiona notes that the options are to continue with this matter or the committee could extend the current disciplines further. The SGM is currently undisciplined. There is also evidence the club has another membership sign up page. Another option is to bring the club to compliance through reform and training. The Committee can consider auditing them for the last 12 months at the end of their term (especially the 30k transfer and AGM to AGM).

**ACTION: For staff to reach out to Chinese Students and Scholars Association to discuss their membership platform with staff to become compliant.**

Josh and Tarish agree with Fiona's ideas. Josh notes the club's AGM was held at a reasonable standard.

The Committee discuss withdrawing the disaffiliation petition. They agree to ask for an Audit for the last 12 months. They also want to make petitions to discipline the club for the SGM as there are no existing disciplines. Direct the club to meet with staff to discuss membership structure to bring it in line with the regulations.

**Motion 5: To direct Chinese Students and Scholars Association to meet with staff to discuss their membership processes by Friday of Week 1 Semester 2.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon      Second: Roger Cao

**CWD**

*Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate Chinese Students and Scholars Association on the grounds of 6.3.a. (5.3.b), 5.3.d.v.*

*Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Maximilian McKenzie Fitzpatrick*

**Procedural Motion 6: To withdraw the petition to disaffiliate Chinese Students and Scholars Association on the grounds of 6.3.a. (5.3.b), 5.3.d.v.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

**Motion 6: To direct Chinese Students and Scholars Association to provide all financial records from 2025 AGM to 2026 AGM by Friday week 1 sem 2.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon      Second: Roger Cao

**For: 5      Abstain: 1**

**Carried**

**Petition to put Chinese Students and Scholars Association on probation for 12 months on the grounds of 6.3.a.(10 ), 6.3.e.**

**Petitioned by Roger Cao, Meiqi Liu**

4.1.4. Design Students Society Statutory Declaration

Defer until after the break.

4.1.5. Youth Charity Society elections

Already discussed.

4.1.6. Actuarial Students Society high risk event

Already discussed.

**Yunyi Chan left at 12:22pm**

4.2. Myanmar Students Association Sport Insurance

The club played paintball without an extension of insurance. Concerns were raised by the Committee of whether insurance may not have even approved such a high-risk event.

**Petition to put Myanmar Students Association on grants suspension for 6 months on the grounds of 6.3.a, 7.3.a.ii.**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Roger Cao.**

4.3. Bangladeshi Student Society High Risk Event

The club held a major event on campus on South Lawn. Concerns have been raised about the event not being compliant for OHS procedures. The concerns raised

included use of South Lawn, rubbish bins being left overflowing with waste, pegs in south lawn over sprinklers, faulty exposed wires (potentially lethal).

This has sparked concerns with the events team who have suggested that changes need to be made in processes to ensure safe events are held on campus.

It is discussed that the club has broken safety rules. The club also did not comply with the conditions events had requested from the club. A complaint was received from university staff and UMSU staff regarding the matter.

**Petition to withdraw Bangladeshi Student Society's permission for approval for high risk events for 12 months under the grounds of 6.3.p, 6.3.t.**

**Petitioned by Joshua Solomon, Roger Cao.**

**Petition to put Bangladeshi Student Society on probation for 12 months under the grounds of 6.3.p, 6.3.t.**

**Petitioned by Joshua Solomon, Roger Cao, Meiqi Liu, Tarish Kadam.**

#### 4.4. Islamic Society High Risk Event

The club held a major event on campus. Club was not compliant for OHS procedures. The club had cars driving through live event, marquees not weighted, vendor not following safe food processes, electrical and trip hazards. Complaint received from uni and UMSU staff.

**Petition to withdraw Islamic Society's permission for approval for high risk events for 12 months under the grounds of 6.3.p, 6.3.t.**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Joshua Solomon.**

**Petition to put Islamic Society on probation for 12 months under the grounds of 6.3.p, 6.3.t.**

**Petitioned by Joshua Solomon, Roger Cao, Meiqi Liu, Tarish Kadam.**

#### 4.5. Overseas Christian Fellowship grants CSF27563 & CSF27564

Club held event without permission to use the venue. There have been complaints from uni staff.

**Motion 7: To reject CSF27563 & CSF27564.**

Mover: Roger Cao    Seconder: Joshua Solomon

**For: 4          Abstain: 1**

**Carried**

**Max McKenzie Fitzpatrick left at 12:46pm**

#### 4.6. Social Impact Investment Fund 27949

Defer.

#### 4.7. Application for payments

4.7.1. 26751

**Alex Gwynn left at 12:50pm.**

Proceed with payment.

#### 4.8. New Club Progress:

4.8.1. IGMs

**Motion 8: To grant affiliation to Card & Mind Magic Society and Central Asian Society.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon      Second: Roger Cao

**CWD**

**Defer 4.9 and 4.10 until after break.**

**Seamus Donnellan cedes chair back to Alex Gwynn who returned at 12:54pm**

## **5. Officer Reports**

Alex notes her OB report is quite lengthy. Alex has been working on O-Week and Activity reporting. Activity reporting will be presented to the Committee in a future meeting. Alex asks the committee to send in their availability for helping with O-Week. There are cool opportunities for clubs to be part of the UMSU carnival which will run after dark during O-Week. C&S social media is going really well. Alex recommends reading the part about Students' Council.

Seamus notes he has had some disruption over the break but is back to normal schedule. He has done allocations for the O-Week tables and constitution amendments were closed on July 6. Tiered funding will continue to be discussed. He has filmed an unreleased reel. Seamus has started planning Ida bar Mondays. Obs will have a talk with Comms about social media strategy. They really want to increase social media use and invites committee to join in creating content.

**Motion 9: To accept the Office Bearer reports.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon      Second: Roger Cao

**CWD**

**Standing Orders break at 1:07pm**

**Meeting resumed at 1:31pm**

**Procedural Motion 7: To move to item 9.2.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

## **9.2 Start Up Grants & 9.3 UHT Press Play Event**

Josh declares a conflict of interest with 9.2 due to involvement in a new club.

Alex explains considerations for new club start up grants.

Union House Theatre have organised Press Play festival, a collaboration with clubs. They reached out to clubs and given them opportunities to use theatre spaces at discounted rates. UHT Staff have proposed a collaboration with C&S department to close the festival.

**Fiona Sanders left at 1:37pm**

UHT have proposed for C&S to contribute \$900 and they will contribute around \$3000 to cover majority of the event.

**Fiona Sanders came back at 1:40pm**

**Motion 10: To grant each new club a \$150 start up grants from budget line Grants (Committee) 03-60-605-3531 for the purpose of the UHT Clubs and Societies collaboration.**

Mover: Meiqi Liu      Second: Roger Cao

**For: 3 Abstain: 1**

**Carried**

**Motion 11: To move \$750 from the Grants (Committee) budget line to the Events (General) line for the purpose of the UHT Clubs and Societies collaboration.**

Mover: Meiqi Liu      Second: Roger Cao

**For: 3 Abstain: 1**

**Carried**

**Motion 12: To move \$150 from the Events (Orientation) budget line to Events (General).**

Mover: Meiqi Liu      Second: Roger Cao

**For: 3 Abstain: 1**

**Carried**

Committee express that they are happy with the event collaboration

**Procedural Motion 8: To move to item 9.5.1.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

9.5.1. MyMor

A student designed a program that is designed to be similar to the UMSU website/Facebook/Instagram.

The committee has no appetite to pursue this as a C&S matter.

Direction: For the OBs to refer the MyMor proposal to the UMSU Communications team.

The C&S committee consider having a meeting next week to finish this meeting's agenda as the OBS and staff must leave shortly for another meeting.

**Petition for special meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm to consider deferred matters in the current agenda.**

**Petitioned by Joshua Solomon, Roger Cao.**

**Procedural Motion 9: To move to item 8.2.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

8.2. French Club

The French club had an invalid meeting as the returning officer participated in a large part of the election.

**Motion 13: To direct the French club to have an SGM to hold an election for the entire committee by the end of week 4 semester 2.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon      Second: Roger Cao

CWD

**Motion 14: To appoint one of the OBs or committee as a RO at the French Club's SGM.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon      Second: Roger Cao

CWD

**Petition to put the French club on probation for 3 months under the grounds of 6.3.i, 5.2.e.ii.**

**Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Roger Cao.**

**Procedural Motion 10: To go back to item 4.1.4. Design Students Society.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon

CWD

**Motion 15: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Design Students Society.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon      Second: Tarish Kadam

**Against: 4**

**Lost**

## 8. General Meetings

### 8.1 Completed General Meetings

**List of complete AGMs:** Liberal Club, Technology Consulting Club (Mtech), Greens Club, Chinese Culture Society, Statistics and Mathematics Postgraduate Society, Labor Club, Society for Transportation Enthusiasts At Melbourne (STEAM), Science Students Society, StartUp Link Unimelb, Catholics of One Spirit Down Under (COSDU), Rock and Metal Society (RAMS), Psychology Association, Power to Change, Finance Student Association, Arts Students Society, Oxfam Group, Card Crew, Buddhist Society, Biomedicine Students' Orchestra, Chinese Students and Scholars Association

**List of complete SGMs:** Global Affairs Society, Australia China Youth Association, SMART Consumers, Nursing Students Society, Swifties Society, Psychology Association, Hispanic Lang Culture and Language Society, Music Students Society, Youth Charity Society, Jewish Student Society, Engineering Music Society, Islamic Students Society, Piano society, Eurovision Social Club, Women in Technology, Engineers Without Borders, Rotaract Club, Women in Economics Students' Society, Queer Commerce Club, CAINZ, Agricultural and Food Sciences Student Society, Geomatics Society, VCA Music Theatre Society, Bangladeshi Student Society, Game Makers Club, Lebanese Students Society, Banking on Women, Beta Alpha Psi - Unimelb Chapter, Enactus, Students Association of Management & Marketing, Soil and Plant Society, Tea Table, Model United Nations Society, Financial Management Association of Australia, MUR Motorsports, BusinessOne Consulting University of Melbourne, Networking for Ecological and Marine Opportunities, Effective Altruism, Student Institution of Mihoyo Players

**Motion 16: To accept all completed AGMs and SGM.**

Mover: Meiqi Liu      Second: Tarish Kadam

CWD

## 8.2 Referred GMs

University Network for Investing and Trading SGM

The returning officer interfered.

**Motion 17: To reject the University Network for Investing and Trading SGM held on 21 May 2026.**

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Roger Cao

**CWD**

**Procedural Motion 11: To go to item 7.4.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

## 7.4 Grants Precedents

Josh thinks it is worth discussing, the UMSU logo current precedent is that if the logo is missing but if it is wrong it is 50%. He thinks the committee should treat the wrong logo as more severe than a logo that is missing. He doesn't think not having the logo is worth a full rejection.

**Seamus Donnellan left at 2:25pm**

Defer to the next meeting.

## 7.1 Standard Grants

**Motion 18: To accept all standard grants en bloc.**

Mover: Joshua Solomon

Seconder: Roger Cao

**CWD**

## 7.2 For discussion

| GRANT ID | CLUB NAME                     | DATE FROM  | STATUS                                                     | OB Recommendations                                                          |
|----------|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CSF28063 | Sri Lankan Graduates' Society | 11/06/2026 | Grant for Discussion: Duplicate submission                 | Reject                                                                      |
| CSF28066 | Cast On Charity Group         | 19/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion: Late (after event)                   | Reject                                                                      |
| CSF28065 | Cast On Charity Group         | 26/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion: Late (after event)                   | Reject                                                                      |
| CSF28085 | Rock and Metal Society        | 25/06/2026 | Grant for Discussion: No Certificate of Currency submitted | Approve conditional on submission of valid Certificate of Currency          |
| CSF28100 | Egyptian Club                 | 04/07/2026 | Grant for Discussion: No Risk Assessment attached          | Approve conditional on submission of Risk Assessment completed before event |

|          |                                            |            |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CSF28028 | Macau Students' Association                | 29/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: Club applied for separate function grant - any food purchases should be included in the payment application for 28029                            | Discuss                                                            |
| CSF28048 | Urban Collective                           | 19/06/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: Complete Food Plan & Risk Assessment submitted after grant                                                                                       | Discuss                                                            |
| CSF28021 | Greens Club                                | 19/06/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: Incomplete SFH certificate submission                                                                                                            | Approve conditional on complete SFH certificate submission         |
| CSF27835 | Fashion In Commerce Association            | 18/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: Joint grant; gifts do not fall under function category(approve function purchases; grant originally rejected due to no SFH but SFH was provided) | Approve function component, Change category and approve            |
| CSF28046 | Thai Student Association                   | 30/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: Late (after event); Did not submit HR event to C&S; Confirm if the club is serving alcohol; Confirm if food was provided                         | Reject as submitted after                                          |
| CSF28026 | Matcha Lovers Club                         | 05/06/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: No UMSU logo on promo material                                                                                                                   | Reject                                                             |
| CSF27848 | Asia-Australia Youth Association UniMelb   | 07/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: non-function category purchases in description                                                                                                   | Approve food and drink and reject gifts                            |
| CSF27978 | Character-Creator and Worldbuilders' Guild | 22/07/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Other: Submit merchandise details                                                                                                                       | Approve conditional on compliant merch details submission          |
| CSF28032 | Postgraduate Physics Students' Society     | 29/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Submit valid Certificate of Currency                                                                                                                    | Approve conditional on submission of valid Certificate of Currency |
| CSF28000 | Creative Literature and Writing Society    | 28/05/2026 | Grant for Discussion:<br>Submit valid Certificate of Currency                                                                                                                    | Approve conditional on submission of valid Certificate of Currency |

CSF28028

**Seamus Donnellan arrived at 2:29pm**

The club applied for two separate grants, however part of the grant should be merged.

**Motion 19: To approve CSF28028 for purchases and hiring purchases without food.**

Mover: Roger Cao                      Seconder: Joshua Solomon

**CWD**

CSF28048

**Motion 20: To approve CSF28048.**

Mover: Roger Cao                      Seconder: Tarish Kadam

**CWD**

CSF27835

**Motion 21: To approve function purchases for CSF27835 only for food.**

Mover: Roger Cao                      Seconder: Joshua Solomon

**CWD**

**Motion 22: To accept OB recommendations for funding.**

Mover: Roger Cao                      Seconder: Joshua Solomon

**CWD**

7.2.1.

CSF27866

No appetite to change the decision.

7.2.2.

CSF27464 & CSF27514

No appetite to change the decision.

**Procedural Motion 12: To go to item 9.5.**

Mover: Alex Gwynn

**CWD**

9.5.1. Already discussed.

9.5.2. Alex is organising a campaign with the president to spotlight cultural clubs and show how much diversity we have in our clubs. This will involve UMSUs impact strategy to cultural clubs for feedback on how to better support them.

The vision for the campaign to be a page on the clubs webpage. UMSU international is also going to be consulted.

The Committee are happy with this proposal.

9.5.3.

No appetite

9.5.4.

No appetite

9.5.5.

No appetite

9.5.6.

No appetite

## **6. Correspondence**

6.1. Thai Students Society Late High-Risk Event Submission

No appetite to accept late event.

6.2. Appeals

6.2.1. 27770

deferred

6.2.2. 27968

deferred

6.2.3. 27966

deferred

6.3. VCA Music Theatre Society

deferred

6.4. Rock and Metal Society Event

deferred

6.5. French Club Election

Already discussed

## **10. Next Meeting**

A special meeting to complete this agenda will be held next week on Thursday.

**11. Close – Meeting closed at 2:46pm**