

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



Confirmed Minutes 7

10 am Tuesday April 21, 2026

Meeting 7/26

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

Meeting Opened at 10:09 am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Alex Gwynn as chair.

Mover: Alex Gwynn Seconder: Tarish Kadam

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Alex acknowledged.

Zichen Yu & Yuqian Cheng arrived at 10:10 am

1.3. Attendance

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

OBS: Alex Gwynn, Seamus Donnellan

Staff: Fiona Sanders

Other: Junyi Mei (Multi Art and Culture), Shaojun Lu (ACSPA), Hassan Bin Abdul Aziz (Car Club), Ellina Giesh (Slavic Lang), Lachlan Blair (Debating), Zichen Yu, Qifan Wang (Environmental Engineers Society), Yuqian Cheng (ASCPA)

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

Procedural motion 1: To grant speaking rights to Fiona Sanders.

Mover: Alex Gwynn

CWD

1.5. Apologies

Nil

1.6. Proxies

Nil

1.7. Membership

Nil

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Add Game Makers Aims to Other Business.

Procedural Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as amended.

Mover: Alex Gwynn

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (March 24)

Deferred to Next meeting due to missing circulation

3. Conflicts of interest

Name	Conflicts of Interest declared
Tarish Kadam	Language Exchange Club
Joshua Solomon	Society for Transportation Enthusiasts at Melbourne
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

Joshua Solomon is not on the Jewish Students Society committee anymore.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Seamus Donnellan arrived at 10:16 am

Procedural Motion 3: To move to item 4.1.2.

Mover: Alex Gwynn

CWD

Petition made last meeting: to suspend the grants of the following clubs for 12 months or until they are compliant (R6.3.r)

Petitioned by Joshua Solomon, Meiqi Liu

Asia-Australia Youth Association UniMelb, Australia Chinese Student Psychological Association, AWS Cloud Club, Bangladeshi Student Society, Beer and Cider Society, Blockchain Association, Bollywood Club, Buddhist Society, Business Analytics Student Society, Car Club, Ceramics Club VCA, Character-Creator and Worldbuilders' Guild, Chinese Calligraphy Club, Data Science Students Society (DS Cubed), Debating Society, Environmental Engineers Society, Filmmakers Collaborative, Global Affairs Society, Indian Club, Indian Graduate Students Society, International Youth and Students for Social Equality, Jewellery and Culture Society, Labor Club, Liberal Club, Matcha Lovers Club, Melbourne Sports Business Society, Television & Streaming Society, Multi Art and Culture Association, Next Generation Trading Club, Pacific Islands Student Association, Pakistani Society, Pokemon Observation, Knowledge and Evolution Nation, Real Estate Investment Student

Association, Saudi Students Association at Melbourne University, Slavic Languages Club, Turkish Society, Afghan Club, Vegan Club, Venture Capital and Innovation Laboratories, Women in Commerce and Politics

Lucia Flynn arrived at 10:20 am

Zichen Yu and Qifan Wang left at 10:20 am

Junyi Mei left at 10:23 am

Australia Chinese Student Psychological Association

One exec has done online module, not sure if they have completed. To be reviewed.

Car Club

Max McKenzie Fitzpatrick at arrived 10:26

Assert that have completed training, our records don't reflect that.

Defer petition to next meeting.

Slavic Languages Club

Whole executive quit over the holidays and had lied to remaining committee and said they had attended. Committee have not been able to attend yet, need an executive to attend, and several general committee members have attended.

Ellina Giesh left at 10:31 am

Debating Society

Apologised, are attending tomorrow.

Lachlan Blair left at 10:35 am

Compliant Clubs: Character-Creator and Worldbuilders' Guild, Data Science Students Society (DS Cubed), Filmmakers Collaborative, Labor Club, Matcha Lovers Club, Pakistani Society, Pokemon Observation, Knowledge and Evolution Nation, Saudi Students Association at Melbourne University, Turkish Society, Women in Commerce and Politics.

Motion 2: To uphold the petition to suspend grants of all compliant clubs (R6.3.r).

Mover: Tarish Kadam Seconder: Lucia Flynn

Against: 7

LOST

Not yet compliant clubs: Afghan Club, Asia-Australia Youth Association UniMelb, Australia Chinese Student Psychological Association, AWS Cloud Club, Bangladeshi Student Society, Beer and Cider Society, Blockchain Association, Bollywood Club, Buddhist Society, Business Analytics Student Society, Ceramics Club VCA, Chinese Calligraphy Club, Debating Society, Environmental Engineers Society, Global Affairs Society, Indian Club, Indian Graduate Students Society, International Youth and Students for Social Equality, Jewellery and Culture Society, Liberal Club, Melbourne Sports Business Society, Television & Streaming Society, Multi Art and Culture Association, Next Generation Trading Club, Pacific Islands Student Association, Real Estate Investment Student Association, Slavic Languages Club, Vegan Club, Venture Capital and Innovation Laboratories.

Motion 3: To uphold the petition to suspend grants of all non-compliant clubs, excluding the Car Club, for 12 months or until they are compliant (R6.3.r).

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Roger Cao

CWD

4.1. Discipline

4.1.1. Melbourne Sports Business Society

Petition made last meeting: Petition to put Sports Business Society on probation for 6 months 6.3.a. and 7.3.a.ii

Petitioned by Joshua Solomon, Roger Cao

No correspondence, they were advised in advance on what they need to do and did not do it.

Motion 4: To uphold the petition to put Sports Business Society on probation for 6 months (6.3.a. and 7.3.a.ii).

Mover: Joshua Solomon

Seconder: Lucia Flynn

CWD

4.2. Calendar Grant Regulation

This grant needs reworking as we don't want to introduce anything that makes things harder for clubs. There is a need to incentivise it. The calendar should be a place where clubs information is available to enquiring members.

We have to take into consideration the SSAF funding and making events accessible to the entire student population.

Tarish disagrees that it is onerous to list on the website.

There is discussion about who clubs are responsible to serve – all members or all students. "Secretary" training is discussed in regards to effective communication.

It is discussed whether clubs email members regularly and it is wondered how we can check that they are. What events should be available to all students in the spirit of SSAF funding.

It is discussed whether a better solution is increasing grant amounts if events are on the calendar.

FYI: Alex is developing a "How to generate income" training

Expand it to be more how to do events organising.

Defer to a subcommittee.

ACTION: Alex to set and hold a meeting.

4.3. New Club Progress:

4.3.1. Constitutions

Modelcraft Society did not have a constitution.

4.3.2. Memberships

Modelcraft no submission until after the deadline, it was received Sunday 19th.

Metaphysics had 28 members at the deadline.

State Schools relief had 8 members at deadline.

All clubs who failed to meet the requirements have been removed from the UMSU website.

IGM information session will be held at 3 pm today in the Willaim MacMahon Ball theatre in Old Arts.

ACTION: Fiona to send handy dandy guide and info session details

Max McKenzie Fitzpatrick left at 11:16 am

4.4. Policy & Regulation

4.4.1. Activities

4.4.1.1. Post GM

4.4.1.2. Joint event

Defer.

Add General Meetings Standing Orders.

4.5. CSSA Appeal

For committee advice on the OB response and how to handle it in Students' Council. This is discussed to determine what information is important to share at Council.

Max McKenzie Fitzpatrick came back at 11:23 am

4.6. Tiers Working Group timeline

Have had many incomplete responses and sign-ups.

Seamus will discuss with Comms to figure out the survey.

A meeting will be called in the next 2 weeks.

5. Officer Reports

Seamus' report was not received by the committee, was submitted to a staff member.

Seamus has been working on the website presentation of the events, and better user experience.

Constitution amendments are pretty up-to-date.

Alex has been writing to rejected new clubs which has been time consuming.

Motion 5: To accept Alex's Office Bearer report.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Seconder: Joshua Solomon

CWD

ACTION: Fiona to find what happened to Seamus's report after it was submitted.

6. Correspondence

6.1. Australia Chinese Student Psychological Association Orientation fine appeal

Committee rejects the request to amend the penalty.

Ronglin Hou arrived at 11:50 am

6.2. Bangladeshi Society SGM extension

Motion 6: To give the Bangladeshi Students Society an extension to the end of week 9 to hold SGM.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Seconder: Yunyi Chan

CWD

6.3. Unimelb Opportunity

Deadline already passed.

ACTION: Alex to apologise.

6.4. Singapore Students Society camp paperwork

Requested printed PIFs far too late for us to provide them, and did not do them.

Staff could have emailed it, but club requested far too late.

Petition to place the Singapore Students Society on probation for 12 months for breaching camp paperwork regulations (R6.3.a (R7.6)) by not completing any Participant Information Forms.

Petitioned by Max Fitzpatrick, Josh Solomon, Tarish Kadam

Petition to suspend Singapore Students Society's grants for 6 months for breaching camp paperwork regulations (R6.3.a (R7.6)) by not completing any Participant Information Forms.

Petitioned by Lucia Flynn & Tarish Kadam

ACTION: Fiona to ask the club to submit what they do have.

10-minute break at 12:08 pm

All except Meiqi Liu returned and the meeting resumed at 12:19 pm

7. Grants

7.1. Standard Grants

Motion 7: To approve all standard grants en bloc.

Mover: Joshua Solomon

Secunder: Tarish Kadam

CWD

7.2. For Discussion

Alex amends all "Risk Assessments" to include before event.

HackMelbourne

Motion 8: To approve CSF27382 as one Function Grant.

Mover: Lucia Flynn

Secunder: Tarish Kadam

CWD

Meiqi Liu and Ronglin Hou returned at 12:30 pm

Motion 9: To approve CSF27325 as SFH plan was not completed by the certificate holder.

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Lucia Flynn

For: 5 Against: 1 Abst: 1

Motion 10: To approve CSF27398.

Mover: Roger Cao

Secunder: Tarish Kadam

For: 5 Abst: 2

Carried

Motion 11: To accept the OB recommendations.

Mover: Roger Cao

Seconder: Yunyi Chan

CWD

7.3. CSF27261 no SFH certificate

Petition to put the Sri Lankan Graduate Society on probation for 6 months for not having a SFH cert for event on 28 March 2026.

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam & Lucia Flynn.

8. General Meetings

8.1. Complete

8.2. Referred

C&S Committee advised regarding delays in General Meeting processing.

Yunyi Chan attended Youth Charity Society SGM. Held multiple non-notified elections.

ACTION: Fiona to tell Kay to look out for that and report in processing.

9. Other Business

9.1. Operations Update

Casual hours for apps for payment have been approved and will begin shortly.

Less appeals will go to the Committee.

General Meetings will be processed.

ACTION: Alex to write an email to all clubs regarding delays.

9.2. Circula

OBs met with Circula, seeking collaboration and endorsement.

Summary of discussion:

- Broader opportunities than just C&S (University, UMSU)
- On a map that people can access info about events going on around them
- Apologised for side-stepping department
- Very open to collaboration

Need to make a proper partnership with UMSU, rather than C&S. Need to take care with Uni stepping into UMSU space to support clubs. Concerns were raised whether this dilutes club advertising.

ACTION: Alex to advise to contact Comms team.

9.3. Clubs Council

May 12, 12 pm or 1:30pm.

ACTION: Alex to acquire room booking.

Agenda Items:

- Tiered Affiliation Working Group
- Operations update (grants, obligations)
- Communication with members - Event calendar, Circula, Email members

- Merging / Cap

9.4. Game Makers Aims

Alex ceded chair to Seamus and left at 1:15 pm

Motion 12: To accept the proposed Game Makers aim amendment.

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Roger Cao

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10. Next Meeting

May 5, 10 am.

11. Close

Meeting Closed at 1:17 pm