

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



Confirmed Meeting Minutes 3

12:30 pm Tuesday February 17, 2026

Meeting 3/26

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

Meeting opened at 12:41pm

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.

1.3. Attendance

OBs: Alex Gwynn, Seamus Donnellan

Committee: Tarish Kadam, Joshua Solomon, Meiqi Liu, Yifan (Roger) Cao, Yunyi Chan

Staff: Fiona Sanders, Melanie Gunton

Clubs: Alishba Tauseef (Pakistani Society)

Others: Isabella McRae McLeod (proxy)

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

Procedural Motion 1: To grant speaking rights to the C&S Coordinator Melanie Gunton.

Mover: Alex Gwynn

CWD

1.5. Apologies

Maximilian Mckenzie Fitzpatrick, Lucia Flynn.

1.6. Proxies

Motion 2: To accept Isabella McRae McLeod as a proxy for Maximilian Mckenzie Fitzpatrick.

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Joshua Solomon

For: 5 Abst: 1

Carried

1.7. Membership

No changes.

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as amended.

Mover: Joshua Solomon

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (January 27)

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 27 January meeting.

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Seconder: Joshua Solomon

For: 5

Abst: 1

Carried

3. Conflicts of interest

Name	Conflicts of Interest declared
Tarish Kadam	Language Exchange Club
Joshua Solomon	Society for Astronomy at Melbourne University, Jewish Students Society, Society for Transportation Enthusiasts at Melbourne
Maximilian Mckenzie Fitzpatrick	Film Society
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
Isabella McRae McLeod	Greens Club

4. Matters deferred and arising

4.1. Discipline

Procedural Motion 3: To go to 4.1.3 Pakistani Society.

Mover: Alex Gwynn

CWD

4.1.3 Pakistani Society

Petition made last meeting: Petition to suspend the Pakistani Society's grants for 6 months or until Activity Reporting is compliant for not holding two members' events in S2 2025 (R6.3.q).

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Lucia Flynn

The club's activity reportings is now compliant and they have submitted a statutory declaration.

Motion 4: To uphold the petition to suspend the Pakistani Society's grants for 6 months or until Activity Reporting is compliant for not holding two members' events in S2 2025 (R6.3.q).

Mover: Roger Cao

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

Lost

Tarish summarises what happened at the AGM the RO interfered in the election. Alishba requests a lighter discipline – probation. Committee discusses. Committee considers sending an OB to their upcoming SGM.

Petition made last meeting: Petition to suspend Pakistani Student Society's grants for 6 months for breaching Constitution (R6.3.e)

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Lucia Flynn

Motion 5: To uphold and amend the petition to suspend Pakistani Student Society's grants for 6 months for breaching Constitution (R6.3.e) to probation for 12 months.

Mover: Joshua Solomon

Seconder: Tarish Kadam

CWD

Alishba left at 1:01pm

Alex wants to have a brief discussion about committee meeting efficiency.

Committee meetings are running too long. Our goal is to get to a motion quicker instead of having round about discussions, noting discussion is very important but often unproductive.

Alex gives tips to refer to the previous minutes for context rather than having to explain every item again. The committee does not need to reach consensus in every meeting as they are a voting body. C&S staff were discussing the possibility of having motions on notice in the agenda. We might start using formal debate/speaking list and limiting speaking time to one minute.

Alex also requests committee to please submit items for the meeting on time. Alex made a rough draft of a how to attend a committee meeting for clubs who attend the meeting to streamline club visits. It would be best for OBs to address the clubs as they represent the committee. OBs also want to make a how to for the committee members.

Tarish left at 1:09pm

4.1.1. Pacific Islands Students Association

Tarish arrived at 1:11pm

The club requested instructions on how to access Clubs Online but have not submitted any additional AGM documents.

Petition made last meeting: Petition to suspend Pacific Islands Students Society grants for 12 months or until the AGM submission is compliant (R6.3.i (R5.2.h.vi.A)

Petitioners Tarish Kadam, Maximillian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

Motion 6: To uphold the petition suspend Pacific Islands Students Society grants for 12 months or until the AGM submission is compliant (R6.3.i (R5.2.h.vi.A)).

Mover: Joshua Solomon Seconder: Tarish Kadam

CWD

4.1.2. Data Science Students Society

Committee made this petition last meeting due to the club responding late to the petition to disaffiliate.

Petition made last meeting: Petition to put Data Science Students Society on probation for 6 months for failing to comply with requests from the C&S Committee to produce documents (R6.3.j)

Petitioners: Joshua Solomon, Maximillian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

Motion 7: To uphold the petition to put Data Science Students Society on probation for 6 months for failing to comply with requests from the C&S Committee to produce documents (R6.3.j).

Mover: Joshua Solomon Seconder: Tarish Kadam

CWD

The club wanted to change their name, did not submit in proper format but Melanie added to papers as the information was there. The committee would like the club to submit the name change formally and change their aims.

4.1.3. Pakistani Society

Already discussed.

4.1.4. Drone Aviation Racing and Engineering

Club wrote email responding to the petition.

Petition made last meeting: Petition to give Drone Aviation Racing and Engineering a formal warning for giving short notice of the SGM (R6.3.a (5.2.b))

Petitioned by: Tarish Kadam, Maximillian McKenzie Fitzpatrick

Motion 8: To uphold the petition to give Drone Aviation Racing and Engineering a formal warning for giving short notice of the SGM (R6.3.a (5.2.b)).

Mover: Joshua Solomon Seconder: Meiqi Liu

CWD

4.1.5. Tea Table

No correspondence from the club.

Petition made last meeting: Petition to give a formal warning to Tea Table for giving short notice of the SGM (R6.3.a (5.2.b)).

Petitioners: Tarish Kadam, Yunyi Chan

Motion 9: To uphold the petition to give a formal warning to Tea Table for giving short notice of the SGM (R6.3.a (5.2.b)).

Mover: Joshua Solomon Seconder: Tarish Kadam

4.2. Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Tarish summarises what happened when an ex-committee member attended their AGM.

Melanie explained what questions she asked the club.

- There are quite a few bank transfers that say 'AGM Refund' and 'SGM Refund'. Can you please explain what each of these transactions are?
- The bank statements from September 2 until September 10 are missing. Please provide a bank statement and receipts for all of these transactions.
- The entries on the spreadsheet provided end at September 10, but the bank statement provided is until September 25. Please provide a report for the rest of the transactions from September 10 until September 25 including receipts for every transaction.
- Where did the \$20,000 transaction on September 11 2025 go? What was it used for? Please provide receipts. Where was \$30,621.08 transferred from on 19 September 2025?

Seamus reads out the clubs' response.

Fiona arrived at 1:33pm.

Procedural Motion 4: To grant speaking rights to Fiona Sanders under Standing Order 21.2.

Mover: Joshua Solomon

CWD

Tarish brings up R5.5.b.iii in response to the club transferring 20k out from their account. Josh thinks that it might be okay if the club can provide receipts for all of this showing there was no spending on anything outside of club expenditure. The committee discusses another reg in R7.1.c about providing all receipts.

Fiona recommends making a range of petitions today to prepare for next meeting. Tarish is considering a petition to disaffiliate the club unless they provide sufficient evidence of what occurred with the \$20,000.

Motion 10: To direct Chinese Students and Scholars Association to provide full documentation of the time that the funds left the club bank account on 11 September 2025 until it was deposited back in on 19 September 2025, including personal bank statements.

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Secunder: Meiqi Liu

CWD

Petition to disaffiliate Chinese Students and Scholars Association for failure to provide documents and misappropriating funds (R7.1.c, 6.3.b, 6.3.c., 6.3.j).

Petitioned by Meiqi Liu, Tarish Kadam

Petition to suspend Chinese Students and Scholars Association grants for 12 months for failure to provide documents and misappropriating funds (R7.1.c, 6.3.b, 6.3.c., 6.3.j).

Petitioned by Meiqi Liu, Roger Cao

Petition to put Chinese Students and Scholars Association on probation for 12 months for failure to provide documents and misappropriating funds (R7.1.c, 6.3.b, 6.3.c., 6.3.j).

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Roger Cao

4.3. Beer and Cider Society

Fiona made an audit report and sent everything to the club and has not received anything back.

There were a couple of concerns, nothing provided that shows proof of authorisation of expenditure from the committee. There was a big gap in the reporting from 2024-2025. There weren't receipts to substantiate the expenditure and they did not match due to poor record keeping. The discrepancy was around \$300 that has not been reported.

Josh asks Fiona if this is a record keeping issue or if there's something shady. Fiona thinks what is happening is a combination of poor record keeping and possibly a poor handover. Committee could ask the club why they haven't submitted the requested documents. There was possibly bad record keeping for minor transactions such as parking receipts. There is a big gap for the \$1200 transaction. Fiona doesn't think there is embezzlement but rather an accountability issue.

Josh asks Seamus what happened to the clubs account between 13 November 2024 and January 1 2025. Seamus says he just did not go back far enough on the banking interface when downloading a statement and started from 1 Jan 2025.

Seamus found a statement that shows that the reason the opening balance looks lower is because the club transferred money out. Seamus confirmed there were committee meetings held.

Petition made last meeting: Petition to suspend Beer and Cider Society's grants for 12 months or until compliant for not submitting documents on request (R6.3.j)

Petitioners: Joshua Solomon, Lucia Flynn

Motion 11: To uphold the petition to suspend Beer and Cider Society's grants and amend to 6 months or until compliant for not submitting documents on request (R6.3.j).

Mover: Joshua Solomon Seconder: Tarish Kadam

5 for 1 against

Carried

4.4. Multi Art and Culture Society

Defer.

4.5. Model United Nations Society

Club wants to change their name to Melbourne International Relations and Economics Society

Josh looked at their aims and they do not reflect the name. He would be comfortable to approve the name change if the aims were also changed.

ACTION: C&S staff to email the club regarding their aims and name not matching in the name change proposal.

Defer.

4.6. Regulations

OBs went to council and moved to amend all the proposed regulation changes and everything passed except for 3 which were changes to the minimum membership requirements. Fiona created a summary of the changes which have passed to

distribute to clubs. The 250 cap passed through council, and activity reporting was amended. Fiona recommends discussing activity reporting again and maybe consider joint events counting towards the requirement to make the transition to the new requirements smoother. The new club affiliation period is not discreet and does not explicitly close each semester, so Fiona made a proposal. SFH changes went through. As we are a week and a half from start of semester, we will need to soft launch this. Fiona mentioned that the census date could be changed for membership audit to make the transition smoother.

Fiona left at 2:33pm.

Procedural Motion 5: To suspend standing orders for 10-min break.

Mover: Tarish Kadam

Lost

Procedural Motion 6: To go on 10-min break.

Mover: Joshua Solomon

CWD

Meeting reopened at 2:51pm

5. OB Reports

Meiqi arrived at 2:52pm

Both OBs submitted a report. Alex summed up her key activities. Alex would like to confirm who can attend clubs expo from the committee.

Seamus said they have started with the social media and are familiar with Canva. Completed the table placements mostly. Seamus started work on a document for Clubs Tiers.

Motion 12: To accept OB reports as presented

Mover: Tarish Kadam Seconder: Roger Cao

For: 5 Abst: 1

Carried

6. Correspondence

7. Grants

7.1. Standard Grants

Motion 13: To approve all Standard Grants en bloc.

Mover: Joshua Solomon Seconder: Tarish Kadam

CWD

7.2. For Discussion

Motion 14: To approve CSF26803 on the condition of acceptable keychain graphics submission.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Seconder: Joshua Solomon

CWD

The committee discusses whether or not items that are too small should be required for the UMSU logo, such as keychains.

Motion 15: To approve CSF26794.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Joshua Solomon

For: 4 Against: 1 Abst: 1

Carried

CSF26803 is discussed again as committee have changed their precedent about logos.

Motion 16: To approve CSF26803.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Roger Cao

CWD

Motion 17: To change the category of CSF26752 from asset to Purchases (other) and approve conditional on submission of an acceptable logo.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Meiqi Liu

CWD

Motion 18: To accept all other OB recommendations for remaining grants for approval.

Mover: Tarish Kadam Second: Joshua Solomon

CWD

8. General Meetings

8.1. Complete

8.2. Referred

9. Other Business

9.1. Asset Reporting

Defer.

9.2. New Club Application Period

New wording for the regulation to say each semester as Fiona explained earlier. This creates distinct opening and closing periods for new club applications each semester.

Motion 19: To recommend the changes to R4.1.b, R4.1.c and appendix 3 to Students' Council.

Mover: Joshua Solomon Second: Meiqi Liu

CWD

9.3. IGM Procedure

This regulation change is to ensure the IGM is quorate within 30 minutes which is a standing order.

Motion 20: To recommend the changes to R4.5.d to Students' Council.

Mover: Meiqi Liu Second: Tarish Kadam

CWD

Alex wants to bring something up – promo regulation changes. Alex has done further research and has concerns that this motion will not pass through council. Our job is to ensure the clubs are within the regs and consistent with the purpose of UMSU and using their resources to the best of their abilities. Alex thinks this makes things a lot harder for clubs and opens up a huge area of discipline. Alex understands why this is so contentious. Alex doesn't think it will be upheld which has prompted her to think about their concerns. She says there is a way to incentivise using the UMSU promo calendar without adding another avenue to discipline clubs.

ACTION: To defer the calendar reg from March period.

10. Next Meeting in Week 2 on the 10th of March.

11. Close

Meeting closed at 3:31pm