

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



Meeting 06/19

**CONFIRMED**

10:30 AM, 08/04/2019

Location: Clubs Office, Level 1, Union House

Meeting opened at 10:49am by Chris Melenhorst

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1. Election of Chair

**Motion 1: To elect Chris Melenhorst as chair.**

Mover: Chris Melenhorst

Seconder: Ezra Bangun

Carried Without Dissent

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3. Attendance

Committee: Nancy Ciara Griffiths, Catriona Smith, Michael Hester, Ezra Bangun, Simran Monga, Lachlan Hinds (Proxy from Harry Black)

Office Bearers: Christopher Melenhorst, Jordan Tochner

Staff: Fiona Sanders

Representatives: Ambrose Berlin (Liberal Club), Chris Kounelis (Liberal Club), Xavier Boffa (Liberal Club), Charlotte Choi (Liberal Club), Heidi Horner (German Club), Josh Munroe (German Club), Tim Lilley, Matthew Simkiss

1.4. Apologies

Harry Black, Simran Monga (Late at 11:15), Emma Johnson

1.5. Proxies

Harry Black to Lachlan Hinds

1.6. Membership

nil

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 2: To adopt the agenda with amendments 9.2.4 Planning Students Society, 9.2.5 Music Students Society**

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

## 2. Confirmation of previous minutes

2.1. March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Motion 3: To add Engineering Music Society to Catriona Smith's and Australia China Youth Association to Michael Hester's conflicts of interest and confirm the previous minutes as a true and accurate record.**

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

## 3. Conflict of interests

No Changes

Name	Conflicts of interests declared
Christopher Melenhorst	Transit Riders Alliance for Melbourne Students
Michael Hester	Arts Students Society, Australia-China Youth Association
Emma Johnson	Science Students Society
Jordan Tochner	None
Ezra Bangun	YouTube Association Society, Indonesian Students Association
Nancy Ciara Griffiths	Fantasy and Science Fiction Appreciation Society, Tabletop Gaming Society
Catriona Smith	Arts Students Society, Survivor Club, Engineering Music Society
Simran Monga	Language Exchange Club, Australian South Asian Healthcare Society
Harry Black	Labor Club, Financial Management Association of Australia, Design and Environments Student Society

## 4. Motions on Notice

**Procedural 1: To move in-camera with Fiona Sanders, Chris Kounelis, Ambrose Berlin, Charlotte Choi and Xavier Boffa**

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

- Committee does not have the power under the regulations to invalidate an AGM on code of conduct grounds, only specifically on grounds relating to the returning officer.
- As a procedural and administrative task, the AGM still must be accepted by C&S.
- Question of regulation interpretation, it is the job of the committee and not the staff or OBs..
- Note that a new motion pertaining to the AGM can be brought.

**Procedural 2: To vote on the motions on notice to rescind the previous meeting's motions regarding the Liberal Club AGM.**

Mover: Michael Hester

Carried Without Dissent

**Motion 4: To rescind Motion 5 of the previous meeting invalidating the Liberal Club AGM on grounds of invalid membership and breaches of the code of conduct.**

Mover: Chair

FOR: 2      ABSTENTIONS: 3

Carried

**Motion 5: To rescind Motion 6 of the previous meeting requiring the Liberal club to submit an executive confirmed membership list before holding another AGM.**

Mover: Chair

FOR: 3      ABSTENTIONS: 2

Carried

- Discussion continues about the acceptance of the AGM
- Can the submitted documentation be accepted with the testimony against the conduct of the AGM? Was it all carried out properly?

**Simran Monga arrived at 11:08am**

- Discussion of membership
  - o Testimony that non-members voted
  - o Proxies, empty ballots given to other people in room
- Deadline for AGM papers is 2 weeks, but that is waived given the circumstances

**Procedural 3: To limit speaking time to 2 minutes**

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

- Ambrose Berlin: Proxies require somebody outside the room asking somebody to vote for them, which was not what happened.
- Chris Kounelis: People who weren't on the list of the president/secretary were in the room, identities of people within the room weren't checked, and people were given proxy votes (ballot papers that weren't theirs)
- Ambrose Berlin: Minutes and Attendance list were taken
- Xavier Boffa: Testimony that people were unknowingly signing up to the "Library Club". The ongoing membership dispute was not resolved before or in the AGM.
- Who conducted the sign in? was it checked against a complete member list? Ambrose asserts it was a merged list from those submitted to President/Secretary, and his collected memberships that he attempted to upload into clubs online
- This was not the approved list, the club constitution not adhered to.
- There was a separate list by the president and secretary
- Reiterated that non-members were in the room
- Discussion regarding the MULC constitution
- Xavier Boffa: The Solicitors opinion is only an opinion, one person's reading.
- Committee meeting where members were accepted prior to the AGM not valid, as it was inquorate, so membership could not be accepted
- Ambrose Berlin: Meeting was quorate as they had phone-ins
- Club convention does not accept phone-ins
- Membership sign ups are automatic unless there are objections

**Procedural 4: To exclude Chris Kounelis, Ambrose Berlin, Charlotte Choi and Xavier Boffa**

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

**Michael Hester left at 11:56am and returned**

- 6.1.d of the C&S Regulations refers to a club breaking its own constitution.
- Discussion continues about the validity of Liberal Club committee meeting.

**Procedural 5: To include strangers**

Mover: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Carried Without Dissent

- Chair (Chris Melenhorst) described the discussion in camera
- Quorum of committee meeting was not sufficient as the committee weren't members of the club.

**Motion 6: To not accept the MULC AGM on the 18/3/2019 due to lack of adherence to the MULC constitution with regards to acceptance of the membership list.**

**Under 10B(ii) and 10B(iii), memberships must be accepted prior to notice of the AGM except when accepted by committee or at an AGM. As a result of the membership of committee members having lapsed, under 13c the committee meeting was inquorate, and the members accepted in this meeting are not valid.**

**Therefore, all voting in the AGM cannot be accepted as non-members were allowed to vote.**

Mover: Lachlan Hinds

Secunder: Catriona Smith

Carried without dissent

**Motion 7: That a new AGM for the Melbourne University Liberal Club must be held within 20 academic days.**

Mover: Lachlan Hinds

Secunder: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Carried without dissent

- Liberal Club representatives advised that the matter is concluded

**Committee breaks from 12:36pm, resumed at 12:46pm**

**Josh Munroe and Heidi Horner returned with committee. All other club representatives had left in the break.**

**Procedural 6: To move to item 9.2.2**

Mover: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Seconded: Lachlan Hinds

Carried Without Dissent

9.2.2. German Club

- Issues raised of intimidation and disputed memberships
- Testimony to malice and threats from individuals
- Catriona Smith, Ezra Bangun and Lachlan Hinds attended the AGM
- Matthew Simkins resigned as chair after 30 minutes past advertised time
- Appointment of Ambrose Berlin as chair and Returning Officer
- Non-students and non-members in the meeting
- Treasurer had one list (Submitted 30 minutes before meeting), Secretary had another (confirmed and paid), constitution of club says secretary must deal with memberships.
- Reports Accepted without any discussion, not circulated
- Votes to close the meeting and to elect Ambrose Berlin included non-members
- Breached constitution

**Heidi Horner left 1:01pm**

- No candidates weren't allowed to give statements
- Non-member was nominated, and this person was voting

**Lachlan Hinds left at 1:14pm**

- Advice given to close membership list when AGM notice is given

**Motion 8: To not accept the German Club AGM due to lack of adherence to the Melbourne University German Club constitution with regard to AGM conduct 9.A (reports) and 14.A (democratic voting).**

**The AGM cannot be accepted as the executive were not permitted to present reports, so members were not able to view them. Furthermore, voting right were infringed, and as such voting was not democratic.**

Mover: Jordan Tochner

Second: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

For: 3

Abstentions: 2

**Daniel Beratis entered the room at 1:24pm**

**Josh Munroe left at 1:30pm**

**Procedural 7: To move to item 5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Mover: Chair

Carried Without Dissent

**5. Matters Arising from the minutes**

**5.1. No Membership Lists**

**Motion 9: To uphold the petitions to disaffiliate Mandarin Christian Fellowship, Reason Uni Melb, Shakuhachi Ensemble, Yunnan Student Society**

Mover: Chair

FOR: 4

ABSTENTIONS: 1

Carried

- Some non-compliant reporting:

**Motion 10: To withhold funding until membership reporting is compliant from Pakistani Society, Economics Student Society of Australia, Population Health Student Association, Australian Red Cross Club and Myanmar Students Association**

Mover: Chair

FOR: 4      ABSTENTIONS: 1

Carried

- All other disaffiliations lapse (compliant reporting)

**Petition 1: To disaffiliate Myanmar Students Association for not having 66% Unimelb student members ((5.3.1.h) 6.1.a)**

Mover: Michael Hester

Seconder: Catriona Smith

**Simran Monga left at 1:37pm**

Two disputed lists, incomplete submission.

**Motion 11: Melbourne University Liberal Club and Chinese Food Hunter Club have their funding withheld until a complete & compliant members list is submitted**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

5.1.3. Freedom Society

- Petitions Lapse

5.2. Wiki hosting

- Deferred

5.3. Wellbeing Training/Officers

- Working Group in the process of redrafting regulations
- Safer communities have only scheduled May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Not disciplining clubs for not going to training
- Should have wellbeing officers
- Run May trainings

5.4. STCC Attendance List Training

- OBs have contacted the club have ignored direction
- Lapsed

5.5. New Club Procedure Review

- Not done, defer

5.6. Attendance App

- Bug testing has continued

5.7. Affirmative Action

- 130 responses, 3<sup>rd</sup> reminder to be sent out with deadline

**Motion: Direct all clubs to complete the affirmative action google form**

Mover: Jordan Tochner

Withdrawn

5.8. Australian Red Cross Club Appeal

- Australian Red Cross Club deferred in council, response in OB report

5.9. Historical Tours

- UMSU does not have liability, pub-responsibility, Reputational risk to UMSU, Ban or harm reduction strategies.

5.10. Audits

5.10.1. Chinese History & Garment Society

- CHGS, done with recommendations and reply to their response pending. Chris to continue work

5.10.2. Liberal Club

5.10.3. Chinese Food Hunter Club

- Document submission requested by April 24.

5.11. Awards Night

- Venue issues, level 6 Arts west is being looked in to (Research Lounge).

5.12. New Clubs

5.12.1. IPADS name change

**Motion 12: To approve the name change of the Drawing and Painting Club**

Mover: Jordan Tochner

Seconded: Catriona Smith

Carried without dissent

5.12.2. Entrepreneurship and Growth Investment Society

**Motion 13: To grant initial approval to the Entrepreneurship and Growth Investment Society**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**6. Reports**

6.1. Officers

**Motion 14: To accept the office bearers' report**

Mover: Nancy Ciara Griffiths

Seconded: Catriona Smith

Carried without dissent

6.2. SAG

- Nil

**7. Correspondence**

7.1. Archicle Aims Change

**Motion 15: To ask the club to clarify how the new aims differ from the Design and Environments Student Society's aims.**

Mover: Michael Hester

Seconded: Jordan Tochner

Carried Without Dissent

**8. Grants**

8.1. Standard

**Motion 16: To approve all standard grant *en bloc*.**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Simran Monga removed Language Exchange Club from conflicts of interests**

8.2. Grants For Discussion

**Motion 17: To approve Chinese history and garment society (10647), Language Exchange Club (10683), Oxfam Group (10667), Transit Riders Alliance for Melbourne Students (10650)**

Mover: Chair

FOR: 3                      ABSTENTIONS: 1

Carried

**Motion 18: To approve Amnesty International (10707), Australia-China Youth Association (10700), Civil and Structural Society (10730), Coffee Appreciation for Enthusiasts (10732), Friends of Unnatural Llamas (10701), German Club (10710), Macedonian Students Society (10779), Melbourne Microfinance Initiative (10719), Society for Electronic Entertainment (1074), Society for Electronic Entertainment (10687) at 50% for late submission**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 19: To reject Construction Student Association's grant (10731) for being late (after event)**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 20: To approve Chocolate Lovers Society (10747), Fotoholics – Photography Club (10709), Vietnamese Students Association (10558), Political Interest Society (10671, 10778), Anime and Manga Club (10720) with Off campus exemptions**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 21: To approve Anime and Manga Club (10728) for pocky and drinks**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 22: To reject Australian South Asian Healthcare Society (10759, 10734) for insufficient details and food handling details**

Mover: Chair

FOR: 4                      ABSTENTIONS: 1

Carried

**Motion 23: to reject Archicle (10648) for no purchase details**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent



**Motion 24: to reject ALP club (10764), ASEAN Students of Melbourne University (10788), Civil and Structural Society (10733), Vegan Club (10655) for duplicate submissions**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 25: to approve Amnesty International (10724) with off campus exemption conditional on certificate of currency submission**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 26: to approve Fiesta Club (10745) with off campus exemption**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 27: to approve French Club (10699) conditional on Safe food handling certificate, acceptable food plan and sports insurance before event, and venue conformation**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 28: to approve ALP club (10676), Archicle (10741), Let's Talk Conversation Group (10711), Mathematics & Statistics Student Society (10645) at 50% conditional on venue conformation**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 29: to reject Animal Protection Society (10690) for no off-campus exemption**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 30: to reject Habitat for Humanity (10727) for no off-campus exemption**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 31: to approve Mechanical Engineering Students Society (10746) conditional on venue conformation, completion of alcohol forms before event**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 32: to approve Coffee Appreciation for Enthusiasts (10783) conditional on Public Liability certificate of currency submission**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

#### 8.2.1. 10414 Tea Appreciation Society

**Motion 33: to approve Tea Appreciation Society for non-perishables**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 34: to approve ASEAN Students of Melbourne University (10744), Interfaith Exchanges (10780) conditional on Safe food handling details before the event**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 35: to approve ALP club (10763), Business Association for Veterinary Students (9824) conditional on safe food handling certificate that was valid at the time of the event**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 36: to approve Engineers without Borders (10756) conditional on food plan submission before event**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 37: to approve Chinese History and Garment Society (10646), Let's Talk Conversation Group (10715, 10712, 10716, 10713, 10717, 10718, 10714), Marketing Intelligence (10682), Physics Students Society (10751), Reformed Evangelical Campus Fellowship (10703) conditional on venue confirmation submission.**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

**Motion 38: to reject Melbourne United Nations Society (10547), Philosophy Society (10529), Engineering Students' Club (10338) for insufficient details**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

## 9. General Meetings

### 9.1. Compliant meetings

**Motion 39: To accept the presented AGM and SGMs**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

9.2. Meetings for review

9.2.2. Chinese Music Group

**Motion 40: To only accept changes as approved by Clubs & Societies prior to the meeting**

Mover: Catriona Smith

Seconded: Jordan Tochner

Carried without dissent

9.2.3. 2018 Directed SGMs

- Deferred

9.2.4. Planning Students Society

**Motion 41: To accept the constitutional change process**

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

9.2.5. Music Students Society

**Motion 42: To direct the Music Students Society to have an SGM to fill unoccupied executive positions and submit papers within 20 academic days.**

Mover: Catriona Smith

Seconder: Michael Hester

Carried without dissent

**10. Other Business**

10.1. IGMs

- IGM training to take place, distribution of responsibilities among committee

10.2. Membership Reporting (new issues)

- done

10.3. Joint affiliation policy

- Presented for consideration next meeting

**11. Next Meeting (Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am)**

**Meeting Closed at 2:30pm**