

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



Unconfirmed Minutes

12 pm Friday 24 January, 2025

Meeting 2/25

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

Ewan Bezzobs opened the meeting at 12:04 pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Ewan Bezzobs as chair.

Mover: Ewan Bezzobs

Seconder: Esther Luk

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

C&S Committee: Doris Wang, Krithi Babu, Dhiya Shahbodin, Oliver Nassau, Azalea Rohaizam, Lenah Ankliss

C&S Office Bearers: Ewan Bezzobs, Esther Luk

Staff: Fiona Sanders

Clubs: Hugo Webster (Film Society), May Ding (Graphic Design Club), Senan Withanawasam (Vegan Club), Shiva Talari (Iranian Society), Borhan Alhosseinihamedani (Iranian Society), Dharani Baskaran (Google Developer Student Club), Jimmy Huang (Nursing Students' Society), Bessie Sun (Google Developer Student Club)

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

Motion 2: To grant speaking rights to C&S Coordinator, Fiona Sanders, under Standing Order 21.2.

Mover: Chair

CWD

1.5. Apologies

Alex Gwynn, Tarish Kadam

1.6. Proxies

Azalea Rohaizam, Dhiya Shahbodin

1.7. Membership

No changes.

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Add 9.5 Promotional Period

Motion 3: To adopt the agenda as distributed in the notice with the above addition.

Mover: Chair

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 20 was seconded by Alex Gwynn.

Motion 4: To confirm the previous minutes as amended as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

Mover: Chair

CWD

3. Conflicts of interest

Name	Conflicts of Interest declared
Oliver Nassau	Arts Students Society
Darcy Williams	Birdwatching Society
Tarish Kadam	Language Exchange Club
Doris Wang	Women in Commerce and Politics, Environmental Engineers Society, Photography Club
Lenah Ankliss	Emerging Markets Network
Krithi Babu	Postgraduate Environment Network
Alex Gwynn	Swifties Society
Ewan Bezzobs	Nil
Esther Luk	Ring of Choir, Apollo Music Society

Azalea Rohaizam declares Swifties' Society as a conflict of interest.

Dhiya Shahbodin declares Coffee Appreciation for Enthusiasts as a conflict of interest.

4. Matters arising from previous Minutes

4.1. Discipline

4.1.1. Nursing Students Society

Petition made last meeting: To suspend the grants of the Nursing Students Society for 6 months or until they have held and submitted documents for the directed SGM, on the grounds that the 2024 AGM was not documented properly to evidence a quorum (6.3.i (5.2.h.iii)).

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Krithi Babu

New president acknowledged that the attendance list was taken in person, but all attendees were on Zoom. No proper ticket list on the UMSU website was taken.

Motion 5: To uphold the petition to suspend the grants of the Nursing Students Society for 6 months or until they have held and submitted documents for the directed SGM, on the grounds that the 2024 AGM was not documented properly to evidence a quorum (6.3.i (5.2.h.iii)).

Mover: Doris Wang

Secunder: Azalea Rohaizam

CWD

Confirmed that Nursing Students' Society have submitted compliant activity reporting.

Procedural Motion 1: To discuss 4.1.6 Graphic Design Club.

Mover: Chair

CWD

4.1.6 Graphic Design Club

Petition made last meeting: To give a Formal Warning to the Graphic Design Club for failing to submit full documentation for their AGM (R6.3.i (R5.2.h.vi.D, E))

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn

Motion 6: To uphold the petition to give a Formal Warning to the Graphic Design Club for failing to submit full documentation for their AGM (R6.3.i (R5.2.h.vi.D, E)).

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Azalea Rohaizam

CWD

Procedural Motion 2: To discuss 4.1.4.1 Iranian Society.

Mover: Chair

CWD

4.1.4.1 Iranian Society

Petition to put the Iranian Society & International Vietnamese Students at the University of Melbourne on probation for 12 months on the grounds of not conducting the AGM in accordance with UMSU rules (*no grounds established*).

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn

Note that both petitions lapse.

Shiva Talari, Borhan Alhosseinihamedani, and Senan Withanawasam left at 12:29pm

Procedural Motion 3: To discuss 4.1.10 Grants & Treasurer's Training.

Mover: Chair

CWD

4.1.10 Grants & Treasurer's Training

Hugo Webster advised that the Film Society is compliant.

Lenah Ankliss arrived at 12:31 pm

Grants and Treasurer's training compliance not reported to C&S: Australia Chinese Student Psychological Association, Australian Wall Street, Birdwatching Society, Blockchain Association, Bubble Tea Society, Chinese Music Group, Computing and Information Systems Students Association, Debating Society, Film Society, Journalism Club, Mechanical Engineering Student Society, Multi Art and Culture Association, Next Generation Trading Club, Platypus Affiliated Society, Puzzles of Melbourne University, Quantum Club, Robotics, Engineering & Competition Society

Petition made last meeting: To suspend grants of all listed clubs for a maximum of 12 months or until training is completed (R6.3.r)

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam and Krithi Babu

Motion 7: To uphold the petition to suspend grants of all listed clubs for a maximum of 12 months or until training is completed (R6.3.r).

Mover: Azalea Rohaizam

Secunder: Oliver Nassau

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Grants and Treasurer's training compliance reported to C&S: Aerospace and Rocket Engineering Society (ARES), Arknights Enthusiasts Club, Banking on Women, Bollywood Club, Character-Creator and Worldbuilders' Guild, Coffee Appreciation For Enthusiasts, Consistently Amazing Kitchen Endeavours, Drawing and Painting Club, Drone Aviation and Racing Engineering Society, Earth Sciences Students Society, Economics Student Society of Australia, Enactus, Engineering Music Society, F1 Club, Global Affairs Society, Hanfu Association, Hispanic Culture and Language Society, Indian Graduate Researchers Society, Indonesian Students Association, Islamic Society, Korean Students Society, Optometry Students Society, Pakistani Society, Philosophy Society, Pirates, planetUNI, Pokemon Observation, Knowledge and Evolution Nation, Quantitative Trading Society, Sexpression, Singapore Students Society, SMART Consumers, Sri Lankan Graduates' Society, Students Association of Management and Marketing, TEDxUniMelb, Turkish Society, VCA Music Theatre Society, Vegan Club, Women in Economics Students' Society, World of Mahjong Club

Motion 8: To uphold the petition to suspend grants of all listed clubs for a maximum of 12 months or until training is completed (R6.3.r).

Mover: Krithi Babu

Secunder: Doris Wang

Against: 5 Abstain: 1

LOST

4.1.11. Activity Reporting

Google Developer Student Club

Dharani Baskaran advised that GDSC did not know how to take attendance with a timestamp. They could not do a statutory declaration as the executives were all not in Melbourne.

Petition to suspend grants of GDSC for a maximum of 6 months or until sufficient activity reporting for S2 2024 is received (R6.3.q).

Petitioned by Oliver Nassau, Azalea Rohaizam

Motion 9: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Google Developer Student Club for insufficient activity reporting in Semester 2 2024 (R6.3.q).

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Doris Wang

Against: 5 Abstain: 1

LOST

Dharani Baskaran left at 12:44 pm

Slavic Languages Club

The Slavic Languages Club had only submitted one event in S2 2024 activity reporting, but sent correspondence of a plan for events in S1 2025.

Motion 10: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Slavic Languages Club for insufficient activity reporting in Semester 2 2024 (R6.3.q).

Mover: Azalea Rohaizam

Secunder: Oliver Nassau

For: 5 Abstain: 1

Carried

Insufficient activity reporting: Electrical Engineering Club, Enactus, Melbourne Alternative Protein Project, Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Motion 11: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the listed clubs for insufficient activity reporting in Semester 2 2024 (R6.3.q).

Mover: Azalea Rohaizam

Second: Oliver Nassau

CWD

Sufficient activity reporting: Chinese Music Group, Construction Students Association, Effective Altruism, Italian Social Club, Labor Club, Mathematics & Statistics Society, MUR Motorsports, Pakistani Society, Postgraduate Environment Network, Vegan Club, Women in Technology, Agricultural and Food Sciences Society, Design Student Society (DES), Hispanic Culture and Language Society, Nursing Students' Society, Mechanical Engineering Student Society, Graphic Design Club, University Network for Investing and Trading (UNIT), Debating Society

Motion 12: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the listed clubs for insufficient activity reporting in Semester 2 2024 (R6.3.q).

Mover: Krithi Babu

Second: Oliver Nassau

Against: 6

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Multi Art and Culture Association – new club S1 2024

Motion 13: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Multi Art and Culture Association for insufficient activity reporting in Semester 2 2024 (R6.3.q).

Mover: Krithi Babu

Second: Azalea Rohaizam

Against: 6

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4.1.2. Gleam Up Beauty, Business and Science

Petition made last meeting: To suspend asset grants for Gleam Up Beauty, Business and Science for 12 months under R 6.3.s (asset broken due to lack of proper care).

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn

Motion 14: To uphold the petition to suspend asset grants for Gleam Up Beauty, Business and Science for 12 months under R 6.3.s (asset broken due to lack of proper care).

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Second: Krithi Babu

CWD

4.1.3. Women* in Science and Engineering

Petition made last meeting: To put Women* in Science and Engineering on probation for 12 months on the grounds of not giving full Notice of the AGM (R6.3.i (5.2.b))

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn

Azalea Rohaizam left at 1:05 pm

Motion 15: To uphold the petition to put Women* in Science and Engineering on probation for 12 months on the grounds of not giving full Notice of the AGM (R6.3.i (5.2.b)).

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Krithi Babu

CWD

4.1.5. Melbourne Alternative Protein Project

Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate Melbourne Alternative Protein Project on the grounds of not completing the business required for an AGM (R6.3.i (R.5.2.g,h))

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn

Motion 16: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate Melbourne Alternative Protein Project on the grounds of not completing the business required for an AGM (R6.3.i (R.5.2.g,h)).

Mover: Krithi Babu

Secunder: Oliver Nassau

CWD

Azalea Rohaizam came back at 1:07 pm

4.1.7. Jewish Students Society

Petition made last meeting: To give a Formal Warning to the Jewish Students Society for late notice of their AGM (R6.3.i (R5.2.b))

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Alex Gwynn

Motion 17: To uphold the petition to give a Formal Warning to the Jewish Students Society for late notice of their AGM (R6.3.i (R5.2.b)).

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Azalea Rohaizam

CWD

4.1.8. Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Petition made last meeting: To disaffiliate Students for Sensible Drug Policy for not completing a valid AGM in 2024 (R6.3.i (R5.2.a))

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Krithi Babu

Motion 18: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate Students for Sensible Drug Policy for not completing a valid AGM in 2024 (R6.3.i (R5.2.a)).

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Krithi Babu

CWD

4.1.9. planetUNI

Petition made last meeting: To give a formal warning to planetUNI for not submitting an agenda or notice of election in their AGM notice (R6.3.i (R.5.2.b))

Petitioned by Tarish Kadam, Krithi Babu

Motion 19: To uphold the petition to give a formal warning to planetUNI for not submitting an agenda or notice of election in their AGM notice (R6.3.i (R.5.2.b)).

Mover: Krithi Babu

Secunder: Oliver Nassau

CWD

4.2. New Clubs (Bank Submissions)

Petition to place F1 Club & Platypus Affiliated Society on probation for 9 months for not submitting bank details (6.3.a (4.6.c.i (Appendix 3)))

Petitioned by Oliver Nassau, Azalea Rohaizam

Motion 20: To direct Pacific Islands Student Association & Model United Nations Society to submit bank account details by Friday March 7 2025.

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Krithi Babu

CWD

Pharmacology United with Biochemistry Students Graduate Group have submitted their bank details.

4.3. Regulations

The proposed regulation to fund medics as part of clubs' grant caps was passed at the 19 December 2024 students' council meeting.

4.4. Policies

None.

4.5. Income Tax Update

Final version of reporting forms has been received from the lawyer. Most clubs will classify as ACNC charities, and clubs can be reported in bulk.

4.6. Passing on costs of MSL to clubs

If we have to pass costs on, pass on to the end user.

4.7. Directed General Meetings

4.7.1. Cider Appreciation Society (Fill vacancies (VP) w4 S1 2025)

4.7.2. Friends of Vets Beyond Boarders (Fill vacancies (VP) w4 S1 2025)

4.7.3. Nursing Students Society (Ratify AGM (w4 S1 2025))

4.7.4. University Network for Investment and Trading (Sec/Treas (update const or spill & fill) w4 S1 2025)

4.7.5. Journalism Club (Fill vacancies (editor in chief, sec, treas) w4 S1 2025)

4.7.6. Chinese Debating Group (2024 AGM, w3 S1 2025)

Defer until semester begins.

5. OB Reports

Noted that the Choral Society appeal was not upheld by council, and that they are now formally disaffiliated.

Motion 21: To accept the OB reports as circulated.

Mover: Azalea Rohaizam

Secunder: Doris Wang

CWD

6. Correspondence

Nil

7. Grants

7.6. EWB camp form compliance

4/23 forms are missing or incomplete.

Motion 22: To approve the Engineers Without Borders camp grant at 80% of the original entitlement.

Mover: Doris Wang

Secunder: Krithi Babu

For: 4 Against: 2

Carried

8. General Meetings

8.1. AGMs

8.1.1. Melbourne Alternative Protein Project

8.1.2. Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Both clubs have now been disaffiliated.

8.2. SGMs

8.2.1. Pokemon Observation, Knowledge and Evolution Nation 13-Aug

Motion 23: To accept the POKEN SGM.

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Krithi Babu

CWD

9. Other Business

9.1. 2025 Budget

03-60-605-3531	Grants (Club Grants)	\$255,000
03-60-605-3531	Club Start-Up Grants	\$5,000
03-60-605-3840	Events General (Exec Mixers + Awards Night)	\$9,000
03-60-605-3840	Events Food & Beverage (C&S Trivia)	\$6,000
03-60-605-3840	Events Orientation	\$5,000
03-60-605-3839	Programs General (RSA and SFH Training)	\$8,000
03-60-605-3231	Printing – Publications (Printing)	\$1,000
03-80-605-3713	Promotions – All Org (Advertising)	\$1,000
	Total:	\$290,000

Oliver passionately advocated for a camp medic budget line, especially as this change is happening partway through the budgeting for the Arts Students' Society camp.

The University has imposed the requirement to have a medic at camps in the past and expected UMSU to pay. The medics funding is disproportionate to a small number of affiliated clubs.

Oliver expressed that camps are an important first impression for new students.

Motion 24: To add a new budget line (03-60-605-3531) under grants for \$7,500 and reduce Club Grants to \$247,500, and to fund clubs with a camp medic up to an additional \$1,500 to cover the cost of the medic.

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Krithi Babu

CWD

Break for 10 minutes, starting at 2:09 pm

Azalea Rohaizam, Hugo Webster, and May Ding left at 2:09 pm

Meeting reopened at 2:19 pm

Motion 25: To adopt the C&S Committee budget allocation as discussed in the meeting.

Mover: Ewan Bezzobs

Secunder: Esther Luk

CWD

Motion 26: 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 One 2025 Orientation.

Mover: Ewan Bezzobs

Secunder: Esther Luk

CWD

Motion 27: That the Clubs and Societies Committee approve the expenditure of \$2,000 from the Events 03-60-605-3840 Budget Line within the tag 'General' for the Semester One 2025 Executive Mixer.

Mover: Ewan Bezzobs

Secunder: Esther Luk

CWD

Motion 28: That the Clubs and Societies Committee approve the expenditure of \$3,000 from the Events 03-60-605-3840 Budget Line within the tag 'Food & Beverages' for the purpose of Semester One 2025 C&S Trivia.

Mover: Ewan Bezzobs

Secunder: Esther Luk

CWD

9.2. Grant Caps

Motion 29: To set the 2025 Club Grants Allocation Cap at \$2,500.

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Doris Wang

CWD

Motion 30: To open grants on Monday 3 February, 2025.

Mover: Krithi Babu

Secunder: Oliver Nassau

CWD

Motion 31: To set the Functions per student reimbursement at \$7, capped at \$600, the Purchases & Hiring (events) cap at \$1000, and the Camp (Medics) cap at \$2,500 (R8.4).

Mover: Doris Wang

Secunder: Oliver Nassau

CWD

9.3. Lockers

Motion 32: To relegate the clubs that did not return their lock or left their club locker in an unsatisfactory condition to the bottom of the Clubs Locker list for 2025.

Mover: Oliver Nassau

Secunder: Krithi Babu

CWD

Clear, lock on locker: Student Exchange Society, Soil and Plant Society, Soccer Appreciation Society, Quantitative Trading Society, Overseas Christian Fellowship, Kpop Club, Hispanic Society, Hanfu Association, Coffee Appreciation for Enthusiasts, Chinese Debating Group, Bubble Tea Society, Card Crew, Women in Tech,

Lock not returned: Tamil Sangam, Pirates, Cider Appreciation Society, Chess Club.

Locker not clear: Pre-Law Society, Philosophy Society, Mechanical Engineering Students Society, Turkish Society, Habitat for Humanity.

9.4. SummerFest

ACTION: Office Bearers to send out a when2meet in order to organise a roster.

9.5. Promotional Period

Motion 33: To set the promotional requirement for Weeks 0, 1 & 2 as listing all events on the UMSU Clubs Events Calendar on the website one week in advance.

Mover: Doris Wang

Secunder: Krithi Babu

CWD

No other business.

Next meeting tentatively set for the week of the 17th of February.

10. Close

Meeting closed at 2:50 pm