

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Clubs & Societies Committee

***CONFIRMED* Minutes**

3:00 pm, Tuesday July 28th 2015

Meeting 14/15

**Location:
C&S Office, 1st floor Union House**

Meeting opened at 3:03pm by Stephen Smith

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Stephen Smith be elected Chair.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Lauren Taylor

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Committee: Yasmine Luu, Ryan Davey, Eilish Hunt, Lauren Taylor, Gulsara Kaplun, Steven Connolly

OBs: Stephen Smith (Clubs & Societies), James Baker (Activities)

Staff: Fiona Sanders (C&S Coordinator)

Observers: Timmy Dunn

1.4. Apologies

Committee: Philip Mallis

OBs: Claire Pollock (Clubs & Societies)

1.5. Proxies

No proxies received.

1.6. Membership

No changes to membership.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Lauren suggested that we add an additional item to Other Business to discuss the merger between 1701 Star Trek Club and Fantasy and Science Fiction Appreciation Society.

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition of 6.4 Club Mergers.

Mover: Chair

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. 20/7/2015

Motion 3: To accept the minutes from the meeting on 20/07/15 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Mover: Chair

CWD

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1. New Club Bank Account/Email Address

Steven Connolly arrived at 3:05pm.

Petition: To put Steer North on probation for six months for a breach of Regulation 6.1.a.

Petitioners: Ryan Davey, Gulsara Kaplun

Petition: To disaffiliate Steer North for a breach of Regulation 6.1.a.

Petitioners: Yasmine Luu

PETITION LAPSES

Motion 3: To extend the deadline for Monarchist Society of Victoria and VCA Dococentric to provide relevant information until our next meeting.

Mover: Chair

CWD

3.2. Progress of Regulations

3.2.1. New Clubs / Bank Details

3.2.2. Safety In Clubs

Stephen advised Committee that all proposed regulation changes and the Safety in Clubs changes had been communicated to the General Secretary, and would be circulated to Students' Council for consideration at their meeting in Week 3.

3.3. Meeting with Jewish Students Society

Stephen met with Ethan Kravietz (President, Jewish Students' Society) to discuss their request to not publish their events on WordPress. Ethan's rationale for not posting on WordPress, despite publishing events on Facebook, was that the time published differs significantly, and the lengthy publication WordPress presented some challenges to the Society. C&S Committee agreed with this and will accept future exemptions.

4. Reports

4.1. Officers

Stephen tabled a written report which updated the Committee on the progression of Regulation changes, the updated timeline to the Executive Handbook, and an update on the Mid-Year Orientation.

Motion 4: To accept the Office Bearers' report as tabled.

Mover: Steven Connolly

Seconder: Gulsara Kaplun

CWD

4.2. Committee

Steven and Ryan spoke about Mid-Year Orientation. They said it was well attended and Gunter was well received.

4.3. SAG

The Communications and Marketing Advisory Group meeting has been called and Steven and the OBs will be advised of this.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Crystal Shen Training Non-Attendance

Motion 5: That Committee waives the cost of Crystal's training and passes on our sympathy to her and her family.

Mover: Chair

CWD

5.2. Grants Appeals

5.2.1. COSDU

5.2.2. WISE

Motion 6: To rescind the motions to reject COSDU and WISE's grant applications and to approve them.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconder: Lauren Taylor

CWD

5.2.3. Indonesian Studies and Language Association

Motion 7: To accept Indonesian Studies and Language Association's grant application change of date from 28/7 to 4/8.

Mover: Chair

CWD

6. Other Business

6.1. MYO Wrap Up

There was great concern around external groups and sponsors attending the Expo either independently or in association with an affiliated club or society.

Student VIP caused great concern by asking clubs to fill out personal information on forms. Many clubs were confused and thought that Student VIP were collecting information on behalf of C&S.

There were an excessive presence of sponsors handing out fliers in Chinese. Some of the sponsors admitted to being there on behalf of certain clubs (Chinese Debating Group, Chinese Philosophy in Business, Cantonese Students Association, Chinese Music Group, and Chinese Students and Scholars Association). We will need to review the Expo Policy to make it easier for us to remove clubs who act in breach of the policy to prevent this behaviour.

The aim of O-Week is to connect with student groups, not with sponsors.

There was a discussion about ways that we can protect students information.

The Food Coop set up at the event and left when asked to, Fossil Free MU caused some fuss but eventually left. We said that we would be willing to include other UMSU departments but that it would need to be pre-arranged.

Robust discussion on penguin stickers / badges to identify club personnel.

Motion 8: To defer any decision on stickers/badges to the 2016 C&S Committee.

Mover: Chair

CWD

6.2. AGM & SGM outstanding papers

Motion 9: To accept Christian Union's 2014 Annual General Meeting papers.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Motion 10: To accept Cantonese Christian Fellowship's 2014 Annual General Meeting papers, but acknowledge that the club has twice breached notice requirements.

Mover: Chair

CWD

ACTION: Fiona to check Cantonese Students Association, Solidary Club, and Students of Marketing and Management's 2015 AGM submissions and to write to these clubs again.

Motion 11: To direct T-Society to hold an AGM before the Friday of Week 5.

Mover: Chair

CWD

ACTION: To note Coffee Appreciation For Enthusiast's 2015 SGM (financial reporting) for their AGM.

Motion 12: To not accept Bioinformatics Graduate Student Association's AGM and to direct them to redo it by September 25th.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Secunder: Lauren Taylor

CWD

Motion 13: To rescind motion to reject Bioinformatics Graduate Student Association's grant application and to pay it.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Lauren Taylor left at 3:47pm

Motion 14: To accept Construction Students Association's AGM papers.

Mover: Steven Connolly

Secunder: Gulsara Kaplun

CWD

Motion 15: To extend the deadline for Greek Association to submit their papers until the end of Week 3, including an update on their Income Tax advice.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Secunder: Chair

CWD

Lauren Taylor returned at 3:53pm

James Baker arrived at 3:54pm

Motion 16: To reject the Hong Kong Student Association's SGM held on 10/07/15, and to direct them to hold an SGM by the Friday of Week 5.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Stephen Smith cedes Chair to Steven Connolly

Stephen Smith left at 3:57pm

Motion 17: To extend the deadline for Korean Students Society to submit the relevant paperwork before our next meeting.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconder: Eilish Hunt

CWD

Stephen Smith returned at 4:01pm

Steven Connolly cedes Chair to Stephen Smith

Motion 18: To direct Postgraduate Environment Network to hold an SGM to hold a full election with a representative from the C&S Department to serve as Returning Officer by the Friday of Week 5.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

FOR: 5

AGAINST: 1

Motion 19: To accept Russian Society's AGM papers and issue them a warning about membership collection.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: 1 (Gulsara Kaplun)

6.3. Payments

6.3.1. ITFE Training Invoices

Motion 20: To approve \$1305.60 from budget line Training for SFH and RSA training.

Mover: Eilish Hunt

Seconder: Gulsara Kaplun

CWD

Procedural motion: To add item 6.5 Comedy Festival to the Agenda.

Mover: Chair

CWD

James Baker left at 4:08pm

6.4. Club Mergers

Discussion about the merger between FAS^2 and 1701 Star Trek Club. Lauren Taylor outlined to procedure advised to the clubs by the C&S Department.

There were questions from the clubs that had been raised:

What would happen to their lockers? Stephen outlined that we would maintain status quo for the remainder of 2015 and that they would transition to a single locker for 2016.

What happens to room bookings made under the club winding up? Stephen said that these bookings would remain relevant if they were booked prior to the merger.

How would members from the club winding up join the new club? Stephen suggested an email to the members outlining what has happened with a Google Form for them to fill out a new membership without cost.

Stephen offered to attend an information session between the two clubs to answer any questions or concerns that members had.

ACTION: Stephen and Lauren to organise an information session between the members of FAS^2 and 1701 Star Trek Club.

Timmy Dunn arrived at 4:14pm

6.5. Comedy Festival

Stephen and Fiona met with Sarina Murray and Ben Volchok (Comedy Festival Directors) to discuss engaging clubs and societies.

They will set up a Google Form with expressions of interest for us to include in our bulletin.

Motion 21: To approve the C&S Officers making a Facebook post promoting UMSU Comedy Festival.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: 1 (Steven Connolly)

7. Next Meeting (Tuesday August 4, 3 pm)

Meeting closed at 4:20pm.