

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Clubs & Societies Committee

***CONFIRMED* Minutes**

12:15 pm, Wednesday April 29th 2015

Meeting 9/15

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



Meeting opened at 12:17pm by Claire Pollock.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Claire Pollock be elected Chair.

Mover: Claire Pollock

Seconder: Lauren Taylor

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Committee: Eilish Hunt, Philip Mallis, Lauren Taylor, Steven Connolly, Gulsara Kaplun

OBs: Claire Pollock (C&S), Stephen Smith (C&S)

Staff: Fiona Sanders (C&S Coordinator)

Observers: Ezgi Bridger,

1.4. Apologies

Ryan Davey, Yasmine Luu, Gulsara Kaplun (late)

1.5. Proxies

Ryan Davey to Yasmine Luu (proxy lapses)

1.6. Membership

No change to membership.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda with the addition of UMASIN, IGMs, Clubs Council, and Payments to other business.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. 17/4/2015

2.2. 22/4/2015

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes from 17/4/15 and 22/4/15 as true and accurate records of the meetings.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1. Petitions to Discipline

Motion 4: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Trade Union Club.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Lauren Taylor

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: 1 (Steven Connolly)

Ezgi Bridger arrived at 12:20pm.

Ezgi attended on behalf of Scouting@Unimelb. Discussion about Scouting@Unimelb's situation, and what it would mean to the club to be on probation.

Ezgi Bridger left at 12:24pm.

Motion 5: To uphold the petition to put Scouting@Unimelb on probation for 6 months.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Jae Myeong Lee, Dan Tran, Tian Gan, & Michael Tran arrived at 12:25pm.

Jae, Dan, Tian, and Michael attended on behalf of Breakdance Club.

Discussion about the forms that were submitted – outlined to club that they breached our insurance obligation. Stephen explained to the club what probation would mean for them.

Jae Myeong Lee, Dan Tran, Tian Gan & Michael Tran left at 12:30pm.

Motion 6: To uphold the petition to put Breakdance Club on probation for 12 months.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Philip Mallis

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Second petition against Trade Union Club lapses.

Motion 7: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the VCA Play Club.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 8: To uphold the petition to put African Club on probation for 6 months.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 9: To uphold the petition to put Australasian Association, Chinese Debating Group, Political Interest Society, and Tzu Chi Collegiate Association on probation for 6 months.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 10: To uphold the petition to put Wildlife Conservation Society on probation for 6 months.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3.2. Joint Events Guidelines/Policy

Stephen presented the Joint Events form to the Committee. General support for the form, discussion about how it works within the current frameworks.

Motion 11: To direct Claire Pollock revise the Joint Events Guidelines.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 12: To adopt the "Grant Application – Joint Event" form with the proposed amendments.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconded: Steven Connolly

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3.3. Camps & Excursions Checklist revision

The form has been revised.

Motion 13: To congratulate Fiona Sanders for doing what she gets paid to do.

Mover: Chair

Seconded: Eilish Hunt

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4. Reports

4.1. Officers

Stephen presented a verbal report. For our Stress Less Week event - De-Stress with C&S – we have booked to Grand Buffet Hall and organised \$950 worth of food. Only 40 have RSVP to the event so far. We will send out a reminder later today.

4.2. Committee

No report.

4.3. SAG

No report.

4.4. Safety in Clubs

Working Group met last week and have approved a grievance procedure, this needs to be tidied up and will be presented to Committee in due course.

Motion 14: To accept the Office Bearer's report.

Mover: Steven Connolly

Seconded: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5. Correspondence

5.1. German Club Grant

Motion 15: To rescind Motion 14 from Meeting 8 and approve German Club's grant application and reimburse at full rate.

Mover: Steven Connolly

Seconded: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.2. VCA Documentary Society name change

Motion 16: To approve VCA Documentary Society's requested name change to VCA Dococentric.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6. Grants

6.1. Standard

Motion 17: To approve all Standard Grants *en bloc*.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconded: Lauren Taylor

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Claire Pollock cedes the Chair to Stephen Smith

6.2. Grants For Discussion

Motion 18: To approve Scouting@Unimelb's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 19: To approve International Relation Society's grant application conditional upon updated Certificate of Currency.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: 1 (Philip Mallis)

Motion 20: To approve Science Student Society's grant application conditional upon providing written confirmation of grounds booking and update Safe Food Handling confirmation.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 21: To approve Malaysians of Melbourne University's grant application conditional upon confirming insurance.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 22: To approve German Club's grant application

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 23: To reject Commerce Student Society's grant application.

Mover: Chair

MOTION LAPSES

Steven Connolly moved a foreshadowed motion to approve the grant at 50 per cent.

Motion 24: To approve Commerce Student Society's grant application at 50 per cent of eligible funding conditional upon confirmation of grounds booking.

Mover: Steven Connolly

Seconder: Philip Mallis

CARRIED

FOR: 3

Motion 25: To approve Malaysian of Melbourne University's grant application at 50 per cent of eligible funding conditional upon confirming insurance.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 26: To approve Mathematics & Statistics Society's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 27: To approve French Club's grant application conditional upon providing alcohol scans.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 28: To approve Pakistani Society's grant application conditional upon providing Certificate of Currency.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 29: To reject China Rural Education Initiative's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Gulsara Kaplun arrived at 1:05pm

Motion 30: To reject Melbourne Microfinance Initiative and Pool Club's grant applications *en bloc*.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 31: To approve Fotoholics grant application conditional upon providing details about what the funding is for.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 32: To approve Bangladeshi Students Association, German Club, Oaktree Club, and planetUni's grant applications *en bloc* conditional upon providing written approval or proof that a timely ground booking application was made.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 33: To reject Wu Cultural Society's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 34: To reject Banking on Women and Media and Communications Student Society's grant applications *en bloc*.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 35: To approve Amnesty International's grant application conditional on providing Safe Food Handling compliance.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 36: To approve Card Crew's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 37: To approve Fotoholics' grant application condition on providing Safe Food Handling compliance.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 38: To reject Scouting@Unimelb's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 39: To reject Potter Head's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

FOR: 3

AGAINST: 1

ABSTENTION: 1 (Lauren Taylor)

Motion 40: To reject Youth Charity Society's grant application.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconded: Steven Connolly

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 41: To approve Music Interest Club, German Club, Planning Students Society, and Lawn Bowls off-campus exemptions *en bloc*.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 42: To reject Italian Social Club's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 43: To reject Pool Club's grant application.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

Discussed establishing a Certificate of Currency register, particularly for pubs near to campus.

Motion 44: To approve Taiwanese Students Association and Chinese Culture Society, Film Society and Riddles & Enigmas joint events *en bloc*.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Other Business

7.1. Asset Checking

7.1.1. Write-offs

Motion 45: To write off Baha'i Society and Funk Dance Club's assets.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 46: To write off Labor Club's banner.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 47: To write off Animal Protection Society's banner.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 48: To direct Classics and Archaeology Society to send a photo of their banner with a date stamp.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.1.2. Non-presentation

Motion 49: To defer discussion of non-presented assets.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.2. Mid Year Orientation

7.2.1. Date/Details

Clubs Expo will be on the Friday of Mid-Year Orientation in North Court from 11am-2pm. The space allows for 64 stalls (one of which will be occupied by C&S department). We will require marquees for stalls along the northern side of North Court. Selection is based on order of application.

7.2.2. Hire of Marquees

Motion 50: To approve up to \$4500 from budget line Orientation for marquee hire and equipment hire for Mid-Year Orientation.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.3. Open Day

The University wants a C&S presence at O-Week, as per last year. The University has requested to have sign-off on which clubs can participate. Committee was uncomfortable with this, and determined that they can view the list of applicants, but final decision should and would remain with Committee. The University will give each participating club a \$300 voucher.

7.4. Commonwealth bank changes

Commonwealth Bank has advised that clubs should only have one bank signatory, which the Committee felt was problematic.

Fiona will check the regulations to see if this is contradictory to what clubs need to do. We would prefer that clubs had more than one bank signatory – risky to do internal transfers etc.

This was deferred until next meeting pending more information.

Procedural motion: To move IYSSE to end of the meeting.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.6. Problem Applications for Payment

Motion 51: To reject Computing and Information System Students Association and Korean Christian Group's Applications for Payment *en bloc*.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 52: To approve Melbourne School of Land and Environment's Application for Payment.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 53: To approve Biomedical Engineering Society's Application for Payment.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.7. NUS Education Conference (Stephen Smith)

Stephen will be attending the National Union of Students' Education Conference in July. It is being held at the University of New South Wales.

He intends to visit the clubs and societies departments at the University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney to look at how their departments run with Clubs Online.

Stephen asked Committee for some money to help cover the costs of his flights – he would prepare a report to the Committee about his discussions with the clubs and societies departments, and prepare a document on Education Conference to be sent to clubs.

Motion 54: To approve up to \$400 from budget line Special Projects for Stephen Smith to attend NUS Education Conference, conditional upon reporting back to C&S Committee.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconder: Lauren Taylor

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.8. Students' Council Report

A two-thirds majority was achieved in Students' Council so they were able to discuss and deliberate on our proposed changes to the C&S Regulations. They were adopted.

These changes reduce the approved overlap for new clubs from 66% to 40%, require clubs to submit full membership lists, as well as introducing additional OH&S and alcohol compliance clauses. Further, the proposed changes mean that joint events do not count towards Activity Reporting.

Activist Support and Information Network's appeal against C&S Committee's decision to disaffiliate them was upheld (FOR: 6, AGAINST: 5, ABSTENTIONS: 2). Activist Support and Information Network has since submitted a membership list – however, this is very late.

Petition: To put Activist Support Network on probation for 12 months under Regulation 5.3a for failure to submit a membership list in a timely manner.

Petitioners: Gulsara Kaplun, Lauren Taylor

7.9. Inaugural General Meetings (IGMs)

Toastmaster's application to affiliate has lapsed as we could not come to an arrangement for a Constitution following consultation between Stephen and the applicants.

Fiona has prepared a spreadsheet where the information about when/where IGMs are being held is, if each Committee member could facilitate at least one IGM.

Stephen would organise a fact sheet on what is required as an RO at the IGM.

7.10. Clubs Council

The Clubs Council has been called for Wednesday 20 May at 12pm in the Baldwin Spencer Lecture Theatre.

We are in the process of putting together the Agenda, so if Committee could email Stephen or Claire any items they think should be discussed.

7.11. Payments

Motion 55: To approve up to \$30 from budget line Special Projects to cover additional costs incurred at Clubs Carnival.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: 1 (Eilish Hunt)

Motion 56: To approve up to \$1980 from budget line Special Projects to pay for BBQ subsidy for -March.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: 1 (Eilish Hunt)

7.5. IYSSE Response

Stephen Smith cedes the Chair to Lauren Taylor and recuses himself from the meeting owing to a conflict of interest.

Stephen left at 1:49pm.

The response prepared by Steven was well written – Committee discussed the letter.

Steven read the letter out; a couple of corrections were made. The letter needs to be sent to Farrago for publication.

The Clubs and Societies committee would like to respond to an open letter from students identifying as the International Youth & Students for Social Equality (IYSSE) which was recently distributed on campus and online.

Their letter regarded our decision to reject their application for affiliation on March 29.

In response to the letter, we agree that all students should be free to establish whatever clubs they choose. However, this doesn't mean that C&S must grant affiliation or associated monetary grants to any group. The committee is required to adhere to regulations which exist to ensure that students' SSAF is spent equitably. These regulations give C&S committee the right to reject affiliation. We have limited resources and have a responsibility to all students to use them wisely.

IYSSE was not the only club to be rejected on these grounds in this round of affiliations. Several other applications were also rejected because their aims overlap with existing clubs. We were proud instead to approve a number of clubs whose applications demonstrated that they are wholly original and provide unique opportunities to students.

Though some clubs currently exist with seemingly overlapping aims, it is important to note that these were affiliated under previous committees and prior to regulation changes that aim to prevent duplicate clubs from affiliating. These instead encourage like-minded people to work together to achieve similar goals. The C&S committee is made up of club representatives who are voted in annual elections, and are not bound by precedent set by previous committees.

Furthermore, IYSSE's 2014 and 2015 applications are practically identical, despite being advised to change the club aims in 2014. IYSSE's open letter aimed to demonstrate how it is fundamentally different to the Socialist Alternative, however regulation 4.1.3 indicates that any differences must be made clear in the application form. As in 2014, several aims in the application overlap with the Socialist Alternative club.

The committee is always happy to discuss with clubs any questions regarding affiliation or grant applications, and believe that IYSSE members acted in poor faith by distributing flyers instead of taking advantage of communication channels. These include engaging with the department through methods such as emailing or visiting the C&S Officers and attending Clubs Collective.

Signed,
The C&S Committee

Motion 57: That C&S Committee endorses the letter and moves forward with publishing it in Farrago and to be sent to the IYSSE contacts.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8. Next Meeting (Wednesday 13th May, 4:15pm)

Meeting closed at 2:00pm.