


<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Minutes of the Clubs & Societies Committee</p> <p>Special Meeting 1/15</p> <p><i>CONFIRMED</i></p> <p>4:15 PM Wednesday April 22nd 2015</p> <p>Location: Clubs & Societies Office Union House</p>	
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**Meeting to be held at 4:15 pm on Wednesday April 22 to discuss the IYSSE open letter.
Petitioned by Yasmine Luu, Philip Mallis, Ryan Davey, Gulsara Kaplun**

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1. Election of Chair
- 1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3. Attendance
- 1.4. Apologies
- 1.5. Proxies
- 1.6. Membership
- 1.7. Adoption of Agenda

2. Correspondence

- 2.1. Letter from International Youth and Students for Social Equality (IYSSE)
- 2.2. Letter from Stephen Smith

3. Other Documents (to be tabled at the meeting)

- 3.1. IYSSE Application 2014
- 3.2. IYSSE Application 2015
- 3.3. Aims of Socialist Alternative
- 3.4. Aims of Solidarity

4. Motions on Notice

- 4.1. Motion to rescind

5. Next Meeting (Wednesday 29th April, 12:15pm)

6. Close

Meeting opened at 4:15 pm by Stephen Smith

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Daniel Hanna as chair.

Moved: Stephen Smith

Seconded: Gulsara Kaplan

CWD

Motion 2: To waive notice requirements for the petitioned meeting.

Moved: Chair

CWD

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

C&S Committee: Ryan Davey, Gulsara Kaplan, Eilish Hunt, Lauren Taylor, Philip Mallis,

Yasmine Luu, Steven Connolly

Office Bearer: Stephen Smith

C&S Coordinator: Fiona Sanders

Other: Daniel Hanna

1.4 Apologies

Claire Pollock, Ryan Davey (late)

1.5 Proxies

Nil

1.6 Membership

No change

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CWD

Stephen Smith recused himself due to the conflict of interest and left at 4:17 pm.

Agenda Item 2: Correspondence

2.1.1 Letter from International Youth and Students for Social Equality (IYSSE)

Ryan Davey arrived at 4:20 pm.

Long discussion around various responses to the assertions of the letter.

The committee was clear that rejection from affiliating does not mean the group cannot organise on campus. A group can exist without being UMSU-affiliated.

Steven Connolly arrived at 4:22 pm

Discussion of other examples of overlap. The committee acknowledges that there are past examples of overlap, but that these groups were affiliated under old regulations or previous committees and the 2015 C&S Committee is not bound by the precedent of previous committees.

The committee asserted their right to make decisions regarding affiliations, citing Regulation 2.2.3.a.

They noted that the decision is consistent with the 2014 decision, and also that they had not singled out IYSSE, and that there were in fact several rejections on the same grounds in the same meeting.

The committee felt that the Application should give the C&S Committee sufficient information to accept or reject initial approval. The practice of inviting applicant groups is not stipulated in Regulation and only those where the C&S Committee wished to discuss a specific element of the application were invited.

2.1.2 Letter from Stephen Smith

Noted

Agenda Item 3: Other Documents (to be tabled at the meeting)

- 3.1 IYSSE Application 2014
- 3.2 IYSSE Application 2015

The Applications are confirmed as having exactly the same aims.

Motion 4: To write an open letter in response to be published in Farrago.

Moved: Steven Connolly

Some discussion as the members of the committee did not want to start a war of words, and did not want to respond publically.

Gulsara proposed an amendment, amenable to the Mover

Motion 4: To draft an open letter in response to be published in Farrago.

Members of the committee felt that as the letter from IYSSE was published publicly a public response is warranted. Others felt that the impact on the general student population was negligible and responding could legitimise IYSSEs claims.

It was noted that the committee must assume that whatever was written could be published in socialist media.

Regulation 4.1.3.n was noted, that we cannot affiliate a group that we cannot transact with in good faith. Publishing the letter openly without allowing the C&S Committee to discuss it could be viewed as bad faith and manipulative.

Issues to include in response are that the invitation to attend is not automatic, and the committee only invited groups for which there was a lack of clarity in an aspect of the application. Also, they can try affiliating next semester with revised aims.

Motion deferred to discuss after the motion on notice.

- 3.3. Aims of Socialist Alternative
- 3.4. Aims of Solidarity

The aims if IYSSE, Socialist Alternative and Solidarity were read and briefly discussed.

Agenda Item 4: Motion on Notice

- 4.1 Motion to rescind

Motion 5: That the C&S Committee rescinds Motion 59 from the meeting on Wednesday 25th March to reject the IYSSE's application for affiliation, and proposes to reconsider their application at our next meeting.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Chair

For: 0

Against: 7

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Discussion of Motion 4 resumed. The response should outline the C&S procedure.

Motion 4: To draft an open letter in response to be published in Farrago.

Moved: Steven Connolly

Seconder: Ryan Davey

For: 4

Against: 3

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Chair proposed that Steven Connolly draft the response and send it around. Proposal accepted by Steven.

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Agenda item 5: Next meeting on Wednesday April 29, at 12:15 pm

Agenda Item 6: Close

Meeting closed at 4:57 pm

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: