

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 18 May 2017, Gladys Marks Room,
Manning House, University of Sydney.
MINUTES**

Committee Members	Shannen Potter (Chair), Cian Galea, Vanessa MacPherson, Alexander Shu, Anthony Makragelidis, Alexander Blackwell
USU Staff	Rebecca Matheson (Clubs and Societies Manager), Nicole Maisey (Clubs and Societies Coordinator), Louise Anthony (Director of Student Programs and Community), Sharleen Menezes (Committee Secretary)

Resolution No#	Details
	<p><i>The Chair opened the meeting at 3.07 pm. The C&S committee reached quorum.</i></p> <p>Shannen Potter (SP) begins by acknowledging and paying respect to the traditional owners of the land on which we meet – the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation.</p>
	<p>1. <u>Apologies and Leaves of Absence</u></p> <p>Late arrivals from Alexander Blackwell and Louise Anthony.</p>
C&S 062/17	<p>Resolved</p> <p>To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept late arrivals from Alexander Blackwell and Louise Anthony.</p> <p><i>Cian Galea/ Anthony Makragelidis</i></p>
	<p>2. Minutes</p> <p>2.1 <u>Minutes of the Meeting Held 20 April 2017</u></p>
C&S 063/17	<p>Resolved</p> <p>To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the regular minutes from 20 April 2017 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p> <p><i>Cian Galea/ Shannen Potter</i></p>
	<p>3. Business Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>None.</p>

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4. General Business

4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

RM speaks to the C&S Manger's Report. She says that the number of registered clubs is a little lower compared to the start of the year but this is to be expected as there were many new clubs last year. The C&S Office are also tracking down any clubs that have not registered properly.

She also informs the Committee that the Model Constitution updates have been passed along to all clubs, giving them more freedom with decisions.

Funding grants are also below budget which is good news, but might increase next semester. RM also adds that she will be attending the next CCE meeting to speak to Board members about the new club criteria and how it's working.

**C&S
064/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept item 4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Alexander Shu

4.2 Constitutional Amendments

4.2.1 Australia-China Youth Association

SP states that according to the model constitution they must specify a month for their AGM. It is confusing that they want to remove the election of an executive at an AGM in October.

CG says that this may be an error that has come through.

RM also notes that for financial records and book-keeping they should keep the same month every year.

**C&S
065/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept all changes to Australia-China Youth Association's constitutional amendments, except 9.1 as it is against the model constitution. A particular month for their AGM needs to be specified, and will now revert to what is originally listed.

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4.2.2 Starcraft and Other Competitive Online Games

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The society wish to change their name, and introduce new executive roles. All agree that sounds fine.

C&S
066/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of Starcraft and Other Competitive Online Games including changing their name to Competitive Online Gaming Society and the introduction of four new executive positions.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Cian Galea

4.2.3 Constitutional Amendments approved by the C&S Office

C&S
067/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept all the constitutional amendments approved by the Clubs and Societies Office.

Alexander Shu/ Anthony Makragelidis

Louise Anthony enters the C&S meeting at 3.18pm.

4.3 New Club Applications

4.3.1 Craft Beer Appreciation Society

CG declares a conflict of interest.

SP notes that a similar society was rejected in 2013 due to the similarity with Brewsical, however Brewsical are now currently unregistered (since April 1st 2017). There could then be an overlap if Brewsical decides to register again.

NM says that she and Craft Beer Appreciation Society have both attempted to contact Brewsical, but have not heard back. SP responds saying that this shows their disinterest in engaging with the C&S Program.

Alexander Blackwell enters the meeting at 3.22pm.

RM says that we need to be wary about alcohol-themed clubs, especially if alcohol is part of their main aims. I.e. Events need to be in licensed areas.

LA also adds that the club needs to be aware that the C&S program will not fund events such as pubcrawls or a brewery tour.

SP then concludes that based on the issues the committee has discussed, and the merits of their application the club should be accepted.

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of the Craft Beer Appreciation Society, and to communicate with the club to ensure they abide by the C&S Alcohol policy and regulations regarding funding.

***Anthony Makragelidis/ Alexander Blackwell
Cian Galea Abstained.***

4.3.2 Iranian Society

AB says that apart from the membership issues, the application seems fine.

It is noted that the C&S staff have spoken to the society and confirmed that their membership is open to everybody from Iranian and Persian background.

**C&S
069/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of the Iranian Society.

Alexander Shu/ Vanessa Macpherson

4.3.3 LikeLion

AB notes his concern about the involvement of an external company, particularly the presence of a LikeLion representative at their IGM. There is also potential overlap with USU's IT society which includes programming.

SP also shares her concern about the external organisation, and notes that the membership lists for KOSTA and LikeLion are very similar.

**C&S
070/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the new club application of LikeLion Society on the basis that they have too close ties with an outside organisation, and there is overlap with the Sydney University Information Technology Society that also organises programming competitions and sessions.

Cian Galea/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3.4 USyd Book Club

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the new club application of USyd Book Club on the condition that they change their name to “Sydney University” or “University of Sydney” Book Club so as to avoid using an acronym.

Anthony Makragelidis/ Alexander Shu

4.4 Other Business

4.4.1 Global Exchange Society

**C&S
072/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of Global Exchange Society.

Cian Galea/ Vanessa Macpherson

4.4.2 HealthSoc

**C&S
073/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of HealthSoc.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Alexander Shu

4.4.3 North American Veterinary Society

NM notes that the club’s President and Treasurer have attended training.

CG says that the main issue seems that they didn’t understand all the regulations, and may need a little longer to settle in. He thinks their probation should be extended.

VM is wary that they have only held one event, but also thinks it’s fair to extend their probation.

SP adds that the club is still unregistered, however may need more help and that all executives should attend training.

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074/17**

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the probation of North American Veterinary Society for 6 months, to which the club must register themselves, and all executives attend training during that time. The C&S Office will also contact the club regarding holding their AGM.

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4.4.4 Slavic Society

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075/15**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of Slavic Society.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Cian Galea

4.4.5 Women in Science

**C&S
076/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of Women in Science.

Anthony Makragelidis/ Cian Galea

SP opens discussion with the committee regarding the existing criteria for new clubs entering the USU program.

AS asks about external organisations and how it works. SP responds by saying that groups are allowed to have a connection with external organisations, but should not be controlled too heavily by them.

VM adds that it may be a good idea to define the extent of affiliation that is allowed with an organization.

LA agrees and said the C&S program could discuss perhaps designing more 'hard and fast' rules.

CG then raises the issue of certain clubs in the program straying from their original aims over time, which then disallows potential new clubs joining who may share those original aims.

SP agrees, and reminds all committee members that if they have any further ideas and comments to get in touch with herself or the C&S staff present.

Close of Meeting 3.46pm.
