

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 16 February 2017, Gladys Marks Room,
Manning House, University of Sydney.
MINUTES**

Committee Members	Grace Franki (Chair), Alexander Blackwell, Cian Galea, Vanessa MacPherson, Ruindu Ranhotty, Alexander Shu
USU Staff	Rebecca Matheson (Clubs and Societies Manager), Sharleen Menezes (Committee Secretary)
Visitors	Patrick Hendy, David Martin

Resolution No#	Details
	<p><i>The Chair opened the meeting at 3.05pm. The C&S committee reached quorum.</i></p> <p>Grace Franki (GF) 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><u>1. Apologies and Leaves of Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies from Nicole Maisey and Louise Anthony and no Leaves of Absence.</p> <p>C&S 001/17 Resolved</p> <p>To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the apologies from Nicole Maisey and Louise Anthony.</p> <p><i>Alexander Blackwell/ Alexander Shu</i></p>
	<p><u>2. Minutes</u></p> <p>2.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held 17 November 2016</p> <p>C&S 002/17 Resolved</p> <p>To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the regular minutes from 20 November 2016 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.</p> <p><i>Alexander Blackwell/ Grace Franki</i></p>
	<p>3. Business Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>No Business arising from Minutes.</p>

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4. General Business

4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

RM speaks to C&S Manager's report and says that preparations for O-week are well underway with 187 clubs and stalls.

Since last year there have been several funding regulation changes passed, with event funding being more streamlined now. She says that funding opens on 27th February 2017, and that everything has now been moved online. This was communicated to executives in January.

RM welcomes the new members to the C&S committee, 5 of the 8 positions have now been filled. She thanks those who have completed the induction.

RM also says that there are currently 210 registered clubs which is a strong start to the year.

**C&S
003/17**

Resolved

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

Vanessa Macpherson/ Cian Galea

**C&S
004/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to suspend standing orders and move to Other Business- Economics Society.

Alexander Shu/ Vanessa Macpherson

4.3 Other Business

RM explains that this society's AGM was rejected. The C&S Office received complaints from active members of the society regarding the secrecy of the AGM. After further investigation, it was found the club's Orion membership grew from 39 to 339 just before the AGM, 2 elected executives were not registered as members and one didn't hold a valid ACCESS card. Also, not all executives were informed of the AGM, it wasn't mentioned on the club's otherwise active Facebook page, and after conducting spot checks on the membership list, multiple members on the list stated they had never joined the club. The C&S Office felt due to these circumstances, the AGM should be reheld to ensure democratic processes are followed. Economics Society (EcoSoc) would like this decision to rehold the AGM to be overturned.

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Representatives from Economics Society enter the C&S meeting at 3.15pm.

GF welcomes members to the meeting. Member from EcoSoc clarifies whether their AGM was deemed invalid. RM explains that there has been enough suspicion and circumstantial evidence around the AGM, that it needs to be addressed and held again. EcoSoc member said he was unsure why their list of members grew drastically in a short period of time as they had 80 electronic sign ups. He is unsure how those who were spot checked didn't have membership. He explains that it is reasonable for students signing up at O-week to forget they joined the club and stresses that it is obvious that they haven't broken any regulations.

GF then explains that it is the job of the C&S committee to be discretionary, looking at the evidence before them and making an informed decision. She mentions the Facebook page activity of the society, that failed to advertise the AGM. RM explains that it is best to air on the side of caution, and to re-hold the AGM. The EcoSoc member says that often many societies don't have contested elections, and explains that the Facebook page is not the forum they use to advertise their AGM. The member is questioned as to why the outcome of the AGM was then posted, he responds that he doesn't know as he doesn't manage the Facebook page. He says by delaying the AGM, it will delay our proposed events causing a disservice to members.

VM says that it seems wrong not to have core executive members present at an AGM, to which the EcoSoc member responds that it is the responsibility of executive members to check the USU website to see when an AGM is held.

CG adds that the opportunity to contest elections is very important for its members, and that people from EcoSoc have contacted C&S with complaints about this.

GF thanks the Economics Society members for attending, and they leave the C&S meeting at 3.33pm.

There is discussion after the EcoSoc members have left. Committee members all agree that considering no email was sent out to executives or members about the AGM, how their events are advertised with no mailing list is unknown.

AB says that we can give them the benefit of the doubt that the elections were not contested, but considering all the discussed issues there is a problem.

The committee also agrees that the faculty events mentioned are held for Economics students, so students will still have the opportunity to participate in events.

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005/17**

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To recommend the Board of Directors to reject the AGM appeal of the Economics Society as there has been significant suspicion regarding the AGM that they held in line with Regulation 4.c.i Clubs and Societies shall operate according to democratic principles.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Alexander Shu

**C&S
006/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to resume standing orders and move to 4.2 Constitutional Amendments.

Alexander Blackwell/ Vanessa Macpherson

4.2 Constitutional Amendments

4.2.1 Sydney University Law Society

The committee discuss the proposed amendments to the constitution. AS states that it is quite long, and time consuming for law students.

**C&S
007/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of the Sydney University Law Society.

***Vanessa Macpherson/ Cian Galea
Alexander Shu Abstained.***

4.2.2 Quidditch Society

**C&S
008/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of the Quidditch Society.

Alexander Shu/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3 Other Business

4.3.1 Armenian Society, 4.3.2 Effective Altruism, 4.3.3 Marching Band, 4.3.4 Ruhi

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**C&S
009/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of Armenian Society, Effective Altruism, Marching Band and Ruhi en bloc.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Alexander Shu

4.3.5 Australia Republic Society, 4.3.7 Falan Dafa, 4.3.8 Food Wastage Society, 4.3.9 Handball, 4.3.10 Hokkien

**C&S
010/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the probationary club status for a further 6 months of the Australian Republic Society, Falan Dafa, Food Wastage Society, Handball and Hokkien en bloc.

Cian Galea/ Alexander Shu

4.3.6 DogeSoc

**C&S
011/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the probationary club status of DogeSoc for a further 6 months.

*Vanessa Macpherson/ Alexander Shu
Cian Galea Abstained.*

4.3.11 Vietnamese International Student Association

**C&S
0127/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of the Vietnamese International Student Association pending they reimburse their members and meet with the C&S Office to improve their on-going financial management.

Alexander Blackwell/ Vanessa Macpherson

4.3.12 Wine Society

**C&S
013/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the Wine Society's probation period for a further 6 months.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Alexander Shu
Cian Galea Abstained.*

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4.3.13 Women in Political Economy

The club has not been registering their events properly.

**C&S
014/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of the Women in Political Economy Society pending they meet with the C&S Office to discuss how to properly register events.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3.14 Pastafarian Society

The committee members discuss their concerns about the society. RM notes that the club began in 2014 and has had many probationary club appeals since. She said that when the society was approved, it only had 9 registered members, and was then out of action for several months. The society has also had one event since mid 2015 and struggles to maintain the minimum 20 members or core executives. AB adds that considering regulations, the society is not adding value to the C&S program by not holding events and low membership.

**C&S
015/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the full club status of the Pastafarian Society and deregister the club owing to a significant lack of activity, an on-going low membership and failure to add value to the C&S program.

Alexander Blackwell/ Alexander Shu

4.3.15 Agricultural Society

**C&S
016/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the funding appeal of the Agricultural Society to come from the club's 2017 funding cap.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Ruindu Ranhotty

4.3.16 Platform USYD Express

The club was asked to submit a list of their events to demonstrate they are meeting the main aims of their society. The C&S Office was informed that they wish to abandon the idea of Platform at the end of last year.

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the new club application of Platform USYD Express as they wish to abandon the idea of Platform.

Alexander Shu/ Alexander Blackwell

5. Close of Meeting 4.20pm.
