

Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 17 August 2016, Gladys Marks Room, Ground Floor,
Manning House, Manning Road, University of Sydney.
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Committee Members	Grace Franki (Acting Chair), Chathurika Ravindra, Alexander Blackwell
USU Staff	Rebecca Matheson (Clubs and Societies Manager) Nicole Maisey (Clubs and Societies Coordinator), Jo Morrison (Programs Director), Sharleen Menezes (Committee Secretary)
Visitors	Xinting Fu, Yikang Zhang, Sally Di Yang, Peixuan Wang, Penycheny Wong, Xilin Li, Yuxizi Dong, Jacob Masina, Richard Wu

Resolution No#	Details
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The acting Chair, Grace Franki opened the meeting at 3.07 pm.

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.

1. Apologies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies from Kieran Seed and Dimitry Palmer

Late arrival Chathurika Ravindra- 4pm

**C&S
305/16**

Resolved

To accept apologies and leave of absences

Alex Blackwell

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held 20 July 2016

**C&S
306/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the regular minutes from 20 July 2016 as a true and accurate record of proceedings, pending amendments to Res 290/16.

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3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Board Matters for Decision

Pastafarian Society: faith-based declaration

Action: SP to discuss Pastafarian's faith-based declaration directly to Board.

-AhlulBayt: Clauses 4.4 (and all subclauses) and 9.10 be referred to USU Board

Action: SP to discuss AhlulBayt's faith-based clauses 4.4 (and all subclauses) and 9.10 directly to Board.

LifeChoice: arising from July's Board- pending further investigation following the AGM (changes of 4.3 and 4.4 from July mins)

Action: SP to discuss changes to clauses 4.3 and 4.4 directly to Board.

Additional Board Matter for Decision not discussed at C&S Committee, but referred directly from the C&S Office to the Board.

Catholic Society of St Peter: faith-based declaration

Action: SP to discuss the Catholic Society's faith-based declaration directly to Board.

C&S
307/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to suspend standing orders and move to Items Laid on the Table- 5.1 Platform

Alex Blackwell

5. Items Laid on the Table

5.1 Platform

Representatives from Platform enter at 3.18pm.

RM enquires about their new club application in 2014, noting that their aims have changed and reasons for this.

The member from Platform explains that the club's new aims focus on teaching and providing guidance on how to plan events and manage student activities. AB asks what type of events and how they describe their club. They answer

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saying that the society will hold soccer games and reality tv show events, also workshops on how to write resumes and proposals. They hope to take on the ideas of everyone in both a social and academic way. They will also teach processes of holding events in general terms.

AB also asks about any outside affiliations with companies or sponsorship. They reply stating that companies have approached them, but they will not have one company support them the entire year, rather ones that are relevant to the specific event.

Representatives from Platform leave the C&S Meeting at 3.26pm.

Discussion amongst committee members:

Both AB and GF agree that their aims still appear quite vague. There needs to be a primary focus and it would be a good idea for the club to narrow their aims. All are in agreeance that they are looking at doing useful activities, but their aims appear broad and may work by focusing on event planning.

C&S
308/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors that Platform submit events they have run or are in the process of managing to demonstrate that they meet the main aims of their club. Pending this evidence, a decision by the C&S committee will be made after 2 months (October committee meeting).

Alex Blackwell

C&S
309/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to suspend standing orders and move to Other Business- 4.4.1 Chinese Student Association

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4.4 Other Business

4.4.1 Chinese Students Association

RM explains that the club has expressed apologies regarding their on-going breaches of C&S regulations, as they are currently suspended for 6 months. The incident was due to some previous executives who have now left the society.

Representatives from the Chinese Student Association enter at 3.40pm.

RM asks the members to elaborate on what they spoke about in their meeting

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with the C&S Office. The representatives respond by reassuring that they will make sure all their members are aware of the guidelines, and that this is a good opportunity for them to improve and learn from their mistakes.

RM also asks about their previous issues with election and running of the society. They reply stating that all present don't harbor any thoughts carried by their past members. They have now reduced their executive members from 100 to 20.

GF stresses that if the club breaches regulations again, it will be taken very seriously.

Representatives from the Chinese Student Association leave the C&S meeting at 3.45pm.

The committee is in agreeance that there is genuine good will amongst the society's members. It is also good that they have a manageable number of executives.

C&S
310/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the appeal of the Chinese Student Association, and the suspension be lifted effective of the next Board meeting (26th August 2016), pending the following conditions:

- **The society attends a specialised training session customized to address ongoing issues with SUCSA.**
- **The C&S Office facilitates the club's future AGMs until the USU is satisfied the club is complying with C&S Regulations**
- **The executives disclose all sponsorship agreements and declares any personal affiliation with club sponsors to the C&S Office in writing**
- **Any breaches of C&S Regulations within the next 6/12 months will result in the club's 6 month suspension being reinstated.**

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C&S
311/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to suspend standing orders and move to Other Busniess- 4.4.2 Sydney Arts Students Society.

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4.4 Other Business

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4.4.2 Sydney Arts Students Society

Representatives from Sydney Arts Students Society enter at 3.53pm.

GF asks about their case for additional money, now that the capital expenditure has been spent. The SASS member speaks about how a previous executive did not handle funds properly, with poor communication amongst executives. The accounts have been run very poorly, and a few current members need to be reimbursed.

GF then also suggests that by running more events, could they not make that money and a profit. They respond saying that it would not be enough to make the capital expenditure, and if their Art Ball tickets are increased it will deter current members from attending. GF stresses that they would not want to set a precedent or reward mishandled finances by approving their appeal.

Chat Ravindra enters the meeting at 4.00pm.

The SAS representative asks if they could utilise previously untouched capital expenditure funds to help with the money they need ie. \$1000 for projector and approx. \$400 for O-week spending.

Representatives from Sydney Arts Students Society leave the C&S meeting at 4.04pm.

JM says that she does not want to start a system that allows an extension of the cap as it would set a very bad precedent. She explains that the money can be loaned to the club via Programs.

C&S
312/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the capital expenditure funding appeal by the Sydney Arts Students Society, with a decision still to be made regarding the remaining \$972 and any other outstanding amounts owed to members.

Chat Ravindra/ Alex Blackwell

C&S
313/16

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To resume standing orders and move to General Business- 4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report.

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4. General Business

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4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

RM speaks to the Clubs and Societies Manager's Report:

She provides club registration statistics- there are currently 207 registered clubs, which is the highest she's ever seen. There is a low number of unregistered clubs, and while September usually has a high influx of New Club applications this may not be the case with a steady number of new clubs throughout the year.

O-day was successful. Since the start of the semester, lots of clubs have been involved in university and USU festivals.

Clubs and Societies award nominations are now open, want to try and encourage newer clubs to be apart of them.

**C&S
314/16**

Resolved

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

Chat Ravindra/ Alex Blackwell

4.2 Constitutional Amendments

4.2.1 AhlulBayt

**C&S
315/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve amendments of all clauses (except 4.4 and 9.10), pending a change to clause 11.4 to state Financial Year End as February, not May. Further, that all clauses 4.4 (and all subclauses) and 9.10 be referred to the USU Board.

Alex Blackwell/ Chat Ravindra

4.2.2 Veterinary Society

VetSoc has updated its constitution to include 2 new subcommittees that were previously independent societies. The primary reason is these clubs were struggling with attendance at their events, and would like to become VetSoc subcommittees. The C&S committee believes that SVECCS and Surgoc are still acting independently.

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the changes to

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Veterinary Society's Constitution on the grounds that the subcommittees appear to be independent, as they manage their own funds and are called societies.

Alex Blackwell/ Chat Ravindra

4.2.3 United States Studies Society

**C&S
317/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the amendments by the United States Studies Society.

Chat Ravindra/ Alex Blackwell

4.2.4 Constitutional Amendments Approved by C&S Office

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318/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the Constitutional amendments approved by the C&S Office i.e. Bangladeshi Students Association.

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4.3 New Club Applications

4.3.1 Arts and Crafts Society

**C&S
319/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the New Club Application of the Arts and Crafts Society.

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4.4 Other Business

4.4.3 Ghost Hunters Society

The society was put on probation last year after misrepresenting about their attendance lists on event funding forms. They have since been asked to show hand-signed attendance lists for their events, which has been quite effective. It should be noted that numbers have decreased.

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320/16

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve full club status Ghost Hunters Society, noting that there may be investigation by the C&S Office should there be any paranormal activity.

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4.4.4 Pastafarian

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321/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to still reject the Pastafarian's constitutional amendments on the basis that the society have to follow the C&S Model Constitution. It is recommended that the society should make their membership fees free until they gain popularity.

Chat Ravindra/ Alex Blackwell

4.4.5 Chinese Student Union of Health Science

The society is from Cumberland campus which has its own Student Guild. The University of Sydney Union jurisdiction does not extend to Cumberland. Aside from that, the society has held very few events and has not held an AGM as they were too busy.

C&S
322/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the registration appeal of the club, but extend their probation period to 31st October 2016 with the condition of holding a valid AGM in that time, and to both hold one of their mentioned events and remove non-access members.

Chat Ravindra/ Alex Blackwell

21st September 2016 is the last day to submit New Club Applications. Last year there was a very large number of applications, so there may need to be a separate meeting organised solely for this purpose.

6. Date of the Next Meeting
21 September 2016

7. Close of Meeting 4.42pm
