

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 17 November 2016, Gladys Marks Room,
Manning House, University of Sydney.
MINUTES**

Committee Members	Shannen Potter (Chair), Alexander Blackwell, Chathurika Ravindra, Kieran Seed, Brendan O'Shea
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)
Visitors	Amol Verma, Jack Dillon, Sam Kwon, Jack Whitney, Tyrone Feldman, Jack Perry, Max Loomes

Resolution No#	Details
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The Chair opened the meeting at 3.08 pm. The C&S committee reached quorum.

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.

1. Apologies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies from Dimitry Palmer and no Leaves of Absence.

**C&S
368/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the apologies from Dimitry Palmer.

Chathurika Ravindra/ Brendan O'Shea

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held 20 October 2016

**C&S
369/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the regular minutes from 20 November 2016 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Brendan O'Shea/ Kieran Seed

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

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Board Matters for Decision

-Muslim Students association: faith-based declaration

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

- Proposed amendments to regulations regarding funding, inactivity and faculty membership

Action: SP to take proposed amendments to regulations directly to Board.

4. General Business

4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

RM thanks the C&S committee members for their attendance and dedication in 2016, and notes that Alex will be joining the committee again next year.

She notes that funding has closed off for the year. O-week registrations go on line next week. There are also a few changes to regulations which will be discussed later in the meeting. RM says there has been a large number of clubs, with approximately 30 clubs on probation- overall it has been a successful year.

**C&S
370/16**

Resolved

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

Kieran Seed/ Chathurika Ravindra

**C&S
371/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to suspend standing orders and move to 4.3.2.i Business One

Brendan O'Shea/ Chathurika Ravindra

4.3 Other Business

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4.3.2.i Business One

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Representatives from Business One enter the C&S meeting at 3.13pm.

SP welcomes Business One members to the meeting. She begins by explaining to them that the committee has looked at their appeal and has a few questions.

KS asks for them to explain how they differentiate from the 2 other clubs. Jack (from Business One) responds that they are more focused on real experience through projects. He also explains that 180 focus on consulting charitable and non-for-profit organisations, and deal exclusively with them. We focus on enabling students with a full range of businesses and skills.

BO then asks about Sydney Consulting Club's activities compared to Business One. The representative goes on to explain that Sydney Consulting doesn't run projects, it is more about getting a job. BO also suggests the possibility of forming a sub-committee within the club. They respond by saying that they have already run a few pilots, and explain they are much more in depth and tailored.

KS further queries about 180 degrees and the over-lap. The Business One reps say that the club is very exclusive, and competitive in general to join. He does say that they have spoken to them and that they are positive with their ideas, but have very different focuses.

SP asks them to explain how they will enrich the C&S program, to which they respond by stating they already have high expressions of interest, and have run 3 successful projects. We want to have workshops that are industry run and teach specific skills, and are fun especially when taking ownership of projects.

SP thanks the Business One members for attending, and they *leave the C&S meeting at 3.26pm.*

There is discussion after the members have left. SP notes that 180 is not happy with the distinction between themselves and Business One. KS agrees, but notes that in terms of Consulting there are a lot of differences and overall Business One is having a positive impact.

CR notes that there are limited spaces in 180, and this should be considered.

NM says that Consulting club do workshops about CV skills etc, whereas Business One is more projects with consulting.

BO and AB agree that there is a fair difference between consulting with non-for-profit vs profit organisations. The approach would be quite different.

LA also adds that they have trialed it for a whole Semester, and have had huge

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interest.

**C&S
372/16**

Resolved

To recommend the Board of Directors to accept the New Club appeal of Business One and approve their New Club application, pending the amendment to their constitution: “11.4- Financial Year End of the Society in the month of March each year”, as stipulated in the recommendation.

Kieran Seed/ Chathurika Ravindra

4.3.2.ii Young Workers Club

**C&S
373/16**

Resolved

To recommend the Board of Directors to move the chair to Michael Rees.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

MR notes that there were concerns that the club was similar to the Labor Club, but have since stated the purpose of their society- to have involvement and interest in the union. AB also voices his concern regarding external affiliations if they would formalize their relationships with union.

Representatives from Young Workers Club enter at 3.45pm.

Sam (member from Young Workers) begins by clarifying that while there are members on this club that are involved in the Labor club, it was not intended to be an overlap. He believes that this club would attract a broad range of students, with current membership including non factional people, even liberals.

AB asks if the club is approved, will there be partnerships with unions outside the university. They answer by saying we are one of the only union clubs at a university across NSW and yes we would, especially working with humanitarian groups who encourage fostering student clubs.

KS asks about any affiliations with NUS. Sam answers that we don't affiliate with them, but would like to engage with them in terms of their events eg. NUS conference.

MR thanks the Young Workers Club members, and *they leave the C&S meeting at 3.54pm.*

MR asks if all our satisfied with their explanation of overlap, and overall purpose of club. KS said they are only comparable in terms of unionism, but everything else is different. CR believes they are distinct, and AB thinks they

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did not show a substantial plan or direction for the future of the club.

**C&S
374/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the New Club Appeal of the Young Workers Club and to approve their New Club application pending the following changes to their constitution:

- 11.4: "Financial Year End of the Society in the month of January each year"

- 11.6: shall run from the 1st February to the 31st January following"

***Kieran Seed/ Chathurika Ravindra
Alexander Blackwell Abstained.***

**C&S
375/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to move the chair back to Shannen Potter.

Brendan O'Shea/ Kieran Seed

4.3.2.iii Stigma

Representative from Stigma enters the C&S meeting at 4.03pm.

The member explains that their focus on mental health appears to be what held them back from getting their application approved. He says we want to take on board what the C&S Office has recommended.

KS asks what alternatives will be put in place to deal with the mental aspects, and how they will deal once the doctor as an executive has left down the track. He answers that information would need to be relayed to the new executives.

SP notes that the aims have changed due to our concerns with giving counselling in a formal way. He responds that we will be similar to the other existing society, but notes that they haven't had many events and their Facebook page is not active.

NM asks what the main goal of the society is, and what they would like to achieve. He responds that we want to be able to talk about stigmas in general, and reach out to people of different backgrounds. Also the club would be beneficial as there are many misconceptions about stigmas.

Representative from Stigma leaves the C&S meeting at 4.11pm.

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RM notes the infrequency of events by another club is not enough to start a new club. KS also says that he is not convinced that the club will last, and it would dissipate after the current executive. He does acknowledge that the idea for the club is great to be having these discussions, but their aims appear vague.

**C&S
376/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Appeal of Stigma on the basis that it is not unique enough, and that the club will not enrich the USU program.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3.2 Eye Gazing

Representative from Eye Gazing enters the C&S Meeting at 4.19pm.

KS speaks about the reason for rejection, and asks what safe guards would be put in place. The rep answers that in reality it is extremely unlikely that hallucinations would result from eye gazing, unless forced. He would be happy to include a safeguard of a time limit eg. 3 minutes.

BO talks about their use of open spaces, and funding for food/drink. He asks what they would get out of being in the C&S program and funding. He answers that they would avail of booking rooms, and food/drink to entice participation, and for social events.

LA asks about much interest had been gauged, to which he responds it is hard to determine without holding an event.

Representative from Eye Gazing leaves the C&S Meeting at 4.26pm.

AB notes that they don't seem to have a thorough understanding of the USU program, and how the society could make use of resources.

CR also says that they haven't held any events, and could do so outside the program. BO also adds that there doesn't seem to be a large interest in the club, and that it is not evident what their plan is for use of funds. He doesn't believe eye-gazing as an activity is enough to sustain a society.

**C&S
377/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Appeal of Eye Gazing Society as the club does not provide enrichment to the C&S program, and due to concerns about the longevity of the society.

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4.3.2.iv Chinese Culture Society

BO states that his concerns have been eased, and believes the society is offering something unique to the program as they are more focused on traditional Chinese culture and experience.

**C&S
378/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the New Club Appeal of the Chinese Culture Society and approve their New Club application pending that they amend their aims to reflect the uniqueness of the traditional aspects of the society, and make the necessary changes to their constitution as stipulated in the recommendation.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

**C&S
379/16**

Resolved

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

Kieran Seed/ Brendan O'Shea

4.2 Constitutional Amendments

4.2.1 Amnesty International Society

In reference to section 6.1, the C&S committee agree that the clause should revert to what is stated in the Model constitution.

**C&S
380/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject section 6.1 of Amnesty International Society's constitution as they should revert to the number for Ordinary Meetings as stated in the Model constitution.

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the amendment to the executive positions and responsibilities.

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There is discussion amongst the committee regarding Section 4.3 and the addition of 4.4.

**C&S
382/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the clause 4.3 and addition of 4.4 on the basis that it does not follow the model constitution and is undemocratic.

Brendan O'Shea/ Kieran Seed

**C&S
383/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to suspend standing orders and move to 4.3.2.v Pavlov's Dogs

Kieran Seed/ Brendan O'Shea

4.3 Other Business

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Representative from Pavlov's Dogs enters the C&S meeting at 4.44pm.

BO asks how the club would enforce ethical standards. The rep answers that there was a misunderstanding with terminology. We are less about experimenting, and more about applying ideas from science to a more demonstration based society. He says that we would never directly test on anyone.

SP further asks about ethical conduct within the society. The rep explains that all members are well versed with ethics. SP then brings up the Psychology society and the potential similarities. He acknowledges this society, but stresses that they have become a purely social group whereas they would like to be more academic and a multi-disciplinary society. LA asks whether Pavlov's Dogs could conduct their activities within the Psychology society, to which he explains that the culture within students is very different. They wouldn't be open to our activities.

Representative from Pavlov's Dogs leaves the C&S meeting at 4.58pm.

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The committee agree that they are fine with the previous issues with experiments. KS believes they will provide sufficient enrichment, and have good aims.

**C&S
384/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the New Club appeal of Pavlov's Dog and approves their New Club Application pending the following changes to the club's constitution:

- 11.4: "Financial Year End of the Society in the month of January each year"
- 11.6: shall run from the 1st February to the 31st January following"

Alexander Blackwell/ Brendan O'Shea

**C&S
385/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept that the proposed changes to regulations will not be discussed here at the C&S meeting, but be taken straight to Board.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

Lousie Anthony leaves 5.02pm.

4.2 Constitutional Amendments

**C&S
386/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the constitutional amendments 4.2.2 Australian Chinese International Student Club, 4.2.3 Ekansh, 4.2.4 Sydney University Engineering Undergraduates Society, 4.2.6 Linguistics, 4.2.8 Network of Women, 4.2.9 SparkSoc and 4.2.10 Vet Society all en bloc, except 4.2.5 Law Revue–

Brendan O'Shea/ Chathurika Ravindra

4.2.5 Law Revue

BO raises his concern regarding their means to dismiss committee members.

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387/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional

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amendments of Law Revue to introduce a dismissal clause for the Committee.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Kieran Seed
Brendan O'Shea Abstained.*

4.3 Other Business

4.3.1 Funding Applications

4.3.1.i Tea Society

BO says that judging on their appeal, the capital expenditure request appears normal and covers all bases. He did have concerns about the dates of invoices. RM and NM also raised their doubts about the application, as the items may be kept by members.

**C&S
388/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the capital expenditure funding request by the Tea Society.

Brendan O'Shea/ Chathurika Ravindra

4.3.1.ii Pen Society

The committee discuss the pricing of the pen- while the price is not so exorbitant for its type, it is still not a reasonable use of funds.

**C&S
389/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the capital expenditure request of the Pen Society, on the basis that it is not a reasonable use of funds and would not benefit all members.

*Kieran Seed/ Chathurika Ravindra
Alexander Blackwell Abstained.*

4.3.1.iii Sydney University Chemical Engineering Society

There is still the issue that a pre-event form should have been submitted, especially considering the scale of the event. It is on the onus of the club to check their receipt.

**C&S
390/15**

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the funding appeal of the Chemical Engineering Society on the basis that a pre-event form should have been submitted.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3.1.iv STUCCO

BO asks about their correspondence with the C&S Office. NM explains that that the handbook and regulations were sent to new executives clearly stating the deadline. Poor handover is not a good enough excuse for missing the deadline.

**C&S
391/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the funding appeal by STUCCO as they were given sufficient information and notice about the funding deadline.

Kieran Seed/ Chathurika Ravindra

4.3.3 Probationary Club Reviews

4.3.3.i Brotherhood Recreation and Outreach Society

BO notes that BROSoc had not filed for any funding, and on those grounds should be kept on probation. SP asks why they are not claiming funding, but based on the fact that they are still registering their events they should be accepted. The club has had no other issues.

**C&S
392/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the full club status of Brotherhood Recreation and Outreach Society.

***Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell
Brendan O'Shea Abstained.***

4.3.3.ii Singapore Medical Society

SP notes that the club is active and registers their events, but don't seem to meet their own aims and activities.

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the probation of the Singapore Medical Society for 6 months, and ask the Honorary Secretary to explain to them that it is important for them to meet their aims, and that they should provide evidence for this when they apply for full club status in 2017.

Kieran Seed/ Brendan O'Shea

4.3.3.iii Chinese Student Union of Health Science

KS notes his concerns that the Facebook group has 16 members and is a closed group. SP stated that the club has since followed the recommendation and held their AGM and a BBQ event.

C&S
394/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the full club status of the Chinese Student Union of Health Science.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3.4 Other

4.3.4.i Korean Student Association

The C&S committee reviewed the previous resolution from September, as KSA only received it in the week of their AGM. Revisions were discussed and are stipulated in the recommendation below.

C&S
395/16

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to keep Korean Student Association on probationary status until their 2017 AGM, and for a C&S Officer to monitor their stall and their AGM. Written communication from the C&S manager will also be given to the club to remind them of the importance of following C&S regulations, and that further wrong-doing would be taken very seriously.

Chathurika Ravindra/ Brendan O'Shea

SP thanks the C&S Committee for their commitment and good work this year.

5. Close of Meeting 5.34pm.
