

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 22 September 2016, Chancellor's Room, Ground Floor,
Holme Building, Science Road, University of Sydney.
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Committee Members	Shannen Potter (Chair), Alexander Blackwell, Chathurika Ravindra, Dimitry Palmer, 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) Isabella Suriwong (Committee Secretary)
Visitors	

Resolution No#	Details
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The Chair opened the meeting at 3.05 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

No Apologies or Leaves of Absence.

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held 17 August 2016

**C&S
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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the regular minutes from 17 August 2016 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

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3. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business Arising from the Minutes.

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 is the same amount as clubs as last month, 207 registered. There is still a number of unregistered clubs, therefore the number of affiliated clubs in total is high at the moment. Of those, 32 are on probation status and an additional 19 coming to committee.

Clubs and Societies Awards nominations close today. The Ball will be held on the 13th of October in the Refectory. Free for ACCESS members.

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Resolved

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

Brendan O'Shea/ Alexander Blackwell

4.2 Constitutional Amendments

4.2.1 180 Degrees

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve that they may change the name if they move the word 'Incorporated' to after '180 Degrees Consulting'.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

4.2.2 Physics Society

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the amendments that the Physics Society has completed, in addition to amendments to 3.1 ii), 8.3, 9.4, 10.1 i), 9.8, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6 and further mandatory amendments required to align the society with the model Constitution.

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4.3 New Club Applications

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4.3.1 Heath Science, 4.3.2 Slavic, 4.3.4 Sustainable Action, 4.3.5 Virtual Reality

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve en bloc the New Club Application of the following clubs: Health Science, Slavic, Sustainable Action and Virtual Reality, pending mandatory changes to the Constitution.

Chathurika Ravindra/ Kieran Seed

4.3.3 Sydney University Global Exchange Society

NM states that since this is an Exchange society, we do not want Executives leaving after six months. The society has proposed another clause to the Constitution to address this concern: "If any point in their term, a member of the Executive partakes in Exchange or an International Studies Program and as result is unable to personally attend the Sydney University Campus for a period of one month or more, their position will be deemed vacant and a General Meeting must be held within one month.

RM suggests that an executive should resign rather than be removed. Also inform future Executives of this expectation of resignation.

SP suggests that the clause read: "If an Executive Member is going on Exchange or International Program, that exceeds more than one month, they should resign their position and the vacancy will be filled as per the General Meeting requirements.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the New Club Application of the Sydney University Global Exchange Society, pending changes to the proposed clause and the recommended changes of 3 and 4.

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Michael Rees enters the C&S Meeting at 3.15pm

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to suspend standing orders and move to Item 4.3.19 Young Workers Club.

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

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RM states a potential overlap in membership with the Labor Club and aims with the Labor Club and ALP Club.

AB agrees with RM and suggests giving the club and opportunity to prove that their aims are different and attract different members from the Labor Club.

RM flags an aim of the club: "To provide Union advice and workplace opportunities to students" and states that this not usually the role of a club

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of the Young Workers Club and with the advice to the club that they revisit 7.a.iii.b regarding distinction of their membership base and 7.a.iii.c regarding that they also differentiate their aim from existing clubs.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to move the Chair to Shannen Potter.

Brendan Blackwell/ Kieran Seed

Michael Rees leaves the C&S Meeting at 3.20pm

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to resume standing orders back to Item 4.3.6 Women in Science.

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SP states that there is nothing wrong with the club itself except for something in their Constitution that states: "Members of the executive are to be female-identifying students, studying a degree sand/ or a subject within the faculty of science". This goes against the C&S Regulations.

Action: SP to refer the issue of club autonomy of Executives to the Board of

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Directors.

Resolved

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the New Club Application of Women in Science as a club, pending the removal of clause 4.1.1 from their Constitution. The committee also refers the issue of club autonomy of Executives to the Board of Directors.

Chathurika Ravindra/ Brendan Alexander

4.3.7 Business One

BO states that the club is affiliated with the Business One Group which is an external organisation which is against C&S Regulations of the C&S Program.

RM notes that clubs may be affiliated just not controlled by external organisations outside of the University of Sydney Union.

Resolved

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of Business One on the grounds that it is not sufficiently unique from existing clubs and lack of contribution to the C&S Program.

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3.8 North American Veterinary Student Association

SP states that there needs to be discussion regarding an issue with their IGM.

NM states that their membership attracts a narrow amount of ACCESS users.

SP notes that the C&S has received correspondence from the club itself and the faculty that claims that they have a relatively sizeable group of students with ACCESS cards who meet regularly.

SP also notes that they have not held an IGM, however C&S has received a letter from the Dean of Faculty of Veterinary Science asking whether there was anything the committee could do.

Resolved

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the New Club Application of the North American Veterinary Student Association pending the holding of a successful IGM and the receipt of the documents to the C&S office as soon as practically possible. In addition, there are a few changes they need to make to their proposed Constitution

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in order to be accepted: remove 3.1.iii "I.E. any veterinary professional who would like to partake in the NAVSA and be updated"; AGM month needs to be changed to September; the End of Financial Year needs to be changed to July.

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4.3.9 Chinese Chess and Cards

RM notes the lack of uniqueness as these aims are already in the constitution of the Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciation Society.

CR agrees with RM.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of Chinese Chess and Cards.

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4.3.10 Mahjong Society

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of Mahjong Society and recommend to discuss a merger with the Chopsticks (Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciation Society).

Kieran Seed/ Alexander Blackwell

4.3.11 Chinese Culture Society

BO suggests that the club re-develop their aims.

AB agrees with BO and that the club comes back to us with revised aims.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of the Chinese Culture Society with reference to the Regulations that they are not substantially different with the recommendation to review those aims and apply as a new club.

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4.3.12 Chinese Students and Scholars Association

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SP notes issues regarding legal action and SUCSA (Chinese Students Association).

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association due to lack of uniqueness to existing clubs and that the C&S do not believe that they will enrich the student experience.

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4.3.13 Eye Gazing

BO states that the desire to be part of the C&S Program is on the basis that this will be a long-running club that will require funding. Notes whether this club has requested any C&S funding.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of Eye Gazing due the inherit risk of the activity and that the aims do not meet the object of C&S Program.

Brendan O'Shea/ Kieran Seed

4.3.14 Humanist Society

BO states that due to the Atheist Society being dissolved in the C&S Program, there is room a non-religious society to be formed.

AB agrees with BO.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of the Humanist Society due to its membership overlapping existing clubs, their aims breach 4.g.i of the C&S Regulations and their aims do not meet the object of the C&S Program.

Kieran Seed/ Brendan O'Shea

4.3.15 MuzzSoc

AB notes a potential conflict of interest.

BO notes what the long-term life of the club for one type of dancing due to the trend potentially losing traction and they will have to be folded into MADSOC.

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KS notes that this club made no attempt to contact MADSOC.

SP notes that there is a significant overlap with MADSOC and suggests that it is not sufficiently unique from existing clubs and societies.

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Resolved.

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of the MuzzSoc due to lack of uniqueness to existing clubs and societies. Also, that they contact MADSOC to discuss the possibility of incorporating events like these in their program.

Chathurika Ravindra/ Kieran Seed

4.3.16 Stigma

RM notes that their activities would normally have to be considered by the university's ethics committee if they were for academic purposes.

SP states that the C&S committee and the USU supports the removal of stigma around mental health and people receiving the health care that they need, however the committee feels as though this club is not in line with the aims of the C&S Program and poses a potential risk to our members.

CR notes that their aims were too vague and general.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of Stigma due to the fact that it does not fit the aims of the C&S Program and the concern of potential risk of members.

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4.3.17 Sydney Medical Outreachers

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the New Club Application of the Sydney Medical Outreachers due to the lack of uniqueness to existing clubs, it is unclear as to what their external links are and how they meet the requirements to foster a sense of campus community and further the aims of the C&S Program.

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Louise Anthony leaves the C&S meeting at 3.55pm

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4.3.18 Variety Children's Society

CR states that it does meet the object of the C&S Program and it seems that there are unique enough as well. However, is concerned of the question of longevity (re: the letter that was attached).

SP notes the degree of control from Variety as a charity.

AB states its similarity to World Vision and potential overlap in membership and questions whether they are either affiliated or controlled by the charity. However, states that they are unique enough.

KS suggests holding it over until more information is received.

Louise Anthony returns to the C&S meeting at 3.57pm

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the New Club Application of Variety Children's Society on the condition that they make the changes required to their Constitution: 11.4, 11.6 and remove 4.i.vii and 5.7. Also suggest that the C&S Office monitor the club's relationship with Variety for six months and to bring any concerns to the C&S committee.

Brendan O'Shea/ Chathurika Ravindra

4.4 Other Business

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To recommend to the Board of Directors to move into camera.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to move out of camera.

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4.4.4 Pavlov Dogs

SP notes that their aims breach legal and ethical C&S Guidelines.

NM notes that the society came to them as stated that their 'experiments' are

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not actual experiments, rather, they are more 'social activities'.

BO suggests that this society goes to the Psychology Society regarding these activities proposed in Pavlov Dogs.

KS suggests that the society should re-propose their ideas.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the appeal of the Pavlov Dogs due to lack of uniqueness; will not enrich the C&S Program; advise that they speak to the Psychology society and any other relevant clubs or societies (if any) interested in undertaking any events proposed by Pavlov Dogs; rewrite their aims and Constitution to align with the C&S Regulations.

4.4.5 Sydney University Engineering Undergraduate Association

SP notes that the society meets the criteria.

Action: The Board of Directors discuss funding caps and whether or not to reset them at the beginning of each year.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the funding cap of the Sydney University Engineering Undergraduate Association to \$8000.00.

Chathurika Ravindra/ Kieran Seed

6. Date of the Next Meeting
20th October 2016

7. Close of Meeting 4.41pm
