

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee  
3.00pm, 20 April 2017, Gladys Marks Room,  
Manning House, University of Sydney.  
MINUTES**

Committee Members	Shannen Potter (Chair), Cian Galea, Alexander Blackwell
USU Staff	Nicole Maisey (Clubs and Societies Coordinator), Louise Anthony (Director of Student Programs and Community), Sharleen Menezes (Committee Secretary)
Visitors	

Resolution No#	Details
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*The Chair opened the meeting at 3.16 pm. The C&S committee did not reach 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 Rebecca Matheson, Vanessa MacPherson, Alexander Shu and Anthony Makragelidis and no Leaves of Absence.

**C&S  
033/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the apologies from Rebecca Matheson, Vanessa MacPherson, Alexander Shu and Anthony Makragelidis.**

***Cian Galea/ Alexander Blackwell***

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held 23 March 2017

**C&S  
034/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the regular minutes from 23 March 2017 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.**

***Cian Galea/ Alexander Blackwell***

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

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No business arising from the minutes.

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4. General Business

4.2 Constitutional Amendments

4.2.1 Sydney University AIESEC

**C&S  
035/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the Sydney University AIESEC's AGM month change from September to March, pending the following amendments to their constitution:**

- **11.4: "Financial Year End of the Society in the month of January each year"**
- **11.6: "The financial year of the Society shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February to the 31<sup>st</sup> January following"**

***Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea***

4.2.2 Banter and Meme Society

**C&S  
036/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendment of Banter and Meme Society to introduce two new positions of Vice-President and Junior Vice-President.**

***Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea***

4.2.3 Educational and Social Work Society

**C&S  
037/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of Educational and Social Work Society.**

***Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea***

4.2.4 Sydney University Association of Malaysian Students

**C&S  
038/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of Sydney University Association of Malaysian Students.**

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4.2.5 Sydney University Motorcycle Society

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039/17**

**Resolved**

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendment of Sydney University Motorcycle Society changing their name to Sydney University Motorcycle Club.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.6 Sydney University Psychology Society

**C&S  
040/17**

**Resolved**

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

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.7 Sydney University Ruhi Society

**C&S  
041/17**

**Resolved**

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendment of Sydney University Ruhi Society to change their name to the Bahá'í Society, on the condition that they do not use the acronym 'SUBS' in order to avoid confusion with the Sydney University Business Society.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.8 SlamDunkSoc- Social Basketball

**C&S  
042/17**

**Resolved**

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of SlamDunkSoc.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.9 Sydney University Symphony Orchestra Society

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**Resolved**

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

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*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.10 Tea Society

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044/17**

**Resolved**

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of Tea Society, pending the following amendments to their constitution:

- 11.4: “Financial Year End of the Society in the month of July each year”
- 11.6: “The financial year of the Society shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> of August to the 31<sup>st</sup> July following”

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.11 Variety Children’s Society

AB states that their requested changes seem to be in line with that of other clubs and should be approved.

**C&S  
045/17**

**Resolved**

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendments of Variety Children’s Society.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.12 Sydney University Veterinary Society

**C&S  
046/17**

**Resolved**

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

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.2.13 Work and Organisational Studies Society

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047/17**

**Resolved**

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendment of Work and Organisational Studies Society.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

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4.3 New Club Applications

4.3.1 Sydney University Car Club

CG states there doesn't seem to be overlap with the Motorcycle club, or the Motorsport Team which builds and races go-karts.

AB says that overlap of memberships between clubs is normal, and that their aims differ.

LA raises the concern of one of their proposed events of 'driving together around Sydney', and that this would just need monitoring in terms of making sure drivers are licensed, have registered cars etc.

**C&S  
048/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of Sydney University Car Club on the condition that the following amendments are made to their constitution:**

- 11.4 "The finances of the Society shall be maintained in accordance with the C&S Handbook for Treasurers produced by the Clubs & Societies Office of The University of the Sydney Union, and submitted for audit by the Clubs & Societies Auditor immediately following the Financial Year End of the Society in the month of January each year"
- 11.6 "The financial year of the Society shall run from the 1st February to the 31st of January following."

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.3.2 Cube Society

AB says that they seem like quite a niche club, but 23 members is decent support for the society.

**C&S  
049/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the new club application of Cube Society on the condition that the following amendments are made to their constitution:**

- 9.1 The Executive shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting in the month of April each year
  - 11.4 The finances of the Society shall be maintained in accordance with the C&S Handbook for Treasurers produced by the Clubs &
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**Societies Office of The University of the Sydney Union, and submitted for audit by the Clubs & Societies Auditor immediately following the Financial Year End of the Society in the month of February each year.”**

- 11.6 “The financial year of the Society shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> March to the 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> February following.”

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.3.3 DJ Society

**C&S  
050/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of Sydney University DJ Society, noting that any joining fees made are in line with their constitution, and should not deviate from this. Also that they remove the online website listing that stated a “\$5 one off joining fee”.**

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.3.4 Engineers without Borders

The committee discuss their concerns about having co-presidents and a junior vice-president, but agree this is at the digression of the society’s executive. It was also noted that the society has an affiliation with the national group Engineers without Boarders Australia.

**C&S  
051/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of Engineers without Boarders, but advise that may want to re-visit the structure of their executive before the next AGM. It should also be noted that any joining fees made should be in line with their constitution, and should not deviate from this.**

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.3.5 Food Adventure Society

Alex points out that all cultural clubs in USU have a social aspect, so there does not seem to be any novelty in this new club.

**C&S  
052/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the new club application of Food Adventure Society as there are many clubs that are**

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similar and therefore will not expand or add to the student experience in the USU.

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.3.6 People of Colour Revue

SP states that this club was previously rejected when they were known as ACAR revue. They are now wishing to revive a similar revue, but will delete their autonomous clauses and are happy to work within the confines of the constitution.

**C&S  
053/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of People of Colour Revue on the condition that the following amendments are made to their constitution:**

- **11.4 “The finances of the Society shall be maintained in accordance with the C&S Handbook for Treasurers produced by the Clubs & Societies Office of The University of the Sydney Union, and submitted for audit by the Clubs & Societies Auditor immediately following the Financial Year End of the Society in the month of February each year”**
- **11.6 “The financial year of the Society shall run from the 1st of March to the 28th/29th February following.”**

*Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea*

4.3.7 ReCreate Arts Group

AB notes that their activities still seem to overlap with other clubs, and that they are vague and too broad in their aims.

SP agrees and says that their aims also overlap with several other societies.

**C&S  
054/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the new club application of ReCreate Arts Group as the society’s activities and aims appear to overlap with many other clubs. The C&S committee recommends that the club should re-evaluate their aims by finding more specific and targeted aims which they could then re-consider.**

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4.3.8 Tzu Chi College Association

AB notes that there is already a Buddhist society that satisfies some of their aims, and that in general the club's aims appear too broad.

NM also says that the activities listed in their constitution seem very similar to the external group, Tzu Chi Compassion Relief Buddhist Foundation that they are affiliated with and this is of concern.

**C&S  
055/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the new club application of Tzu Chi College Association on the basis that the society significantly overlaps with other clubs' aims and activities, and wouldn't enrich the student experience.**

***Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea***

4.3.9 Jamming Society- UniJam

All are in agreement that the club has potential, with NM noting that the on-going gigs seem promising.

AB is uncertain about the meaning of impromptu gigs, with LA noting that it would be important to keep an eye on their funding and expenditure.

**C&S  
056/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of Sydney University Jamming Society on the condition that the following amendments are made to their constitution:**

- **11.4 "The finances of the Society shall be maintained in accordance with the C&S Handbook for Treasurers produced by the Clubs & Societies Office of The University of the Sydney Union, and submitted for audit by the Clubs & Societies Auditor immediately following the Financial Year End of the Society in the month of January each year"**

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4.4 Other Business

4.4.1 Society of Dextrous Arts

The club is on probationary status and has failed to meet the requirements of the C&S Program. They have also struggled to hold AGMs properly.

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058/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject Society of Dextrous Arts from the C&S Program as they have failed to meet the requirements of USU and due to their lack of inactivity.**

***Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea***

**4.4.2 Students for Sustainable Action**

NM notes that this club had an Oweek stall, but did not submit a membership list. The current president has also been unresponsive about their inactivity.

SP raises her concerns about their inactivity, with the club openly admitting they haven't had events or asked for funding, nor have they opened a bank account.

CG also states that we could give them another 6 months' probation, but may not see much change. AB adds to this saying that we could de-register the club and a new executive could put forth a new club application.

**C&S  
059/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to revoke probationary club status of Students for Sustainable Action and de-register the club from the C&S Program as they have failed to hold an AGM, haven't run any events or applied for funding, and therefore have failed to engage with the Program.**

***Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea***

**4.4.3 Variety Children's Society**

AB says that their probation should be extended to ensure they are following regulations.

SP notes that although the bank account issue has been solved, they have not been registering events.

CG believes that keeping them on probationary status won't harm the club.

**C&S  
060/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the probationary status of Variety Children's Society for a further 6 months, and to be reminded to register all their events and follow procedures carefully in terms of their bank account and finances.**

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4.4.4 Holme Storage Area

NM speaks to the changes to the terms and conditions of the Holme Storage Area.

**C&S  
061/17**

**Resolved**

**To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the changes to the terms and conditions of the Holme Storage Area as outlined in the document.**

***Alexander Blackwell/ Cian Galea***

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Close of Meeting 4.37pm.

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