

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 23 March 2017, Gladys Marks Room,
Manning House, University of Sydney.
MINUTES**

Committee Members	Shannen Potter (Chair), Cian Galea, Vanessa MacPherson, Alexander Shu, Anthony Makragelidis
USU Staff	Nicole Maisey (Clubs and Societies Coordinator), Louise Anthony (Director of Student Programs and Community), Sharleen Menezes (Committee Secretary)
Visitors	Stephanie Gascon (Pen Society)

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The Chair opened the meeting at 3 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 Rebecca Matheson and no Leaves of Absence.

**C&S
018/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the apologies from Alexander Blackwell, Nethangie Ranhotty and Louise Anthony.

Cian Galea/ Vanessa MacPherson

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held 16 February 2017

**C&S
019/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the regular minutes from 16 February 2017 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Vanessa MacPherson/ Cian Galea

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

RM says that Economics Society have been emailed their resolution from the previous C&S Meeting and been told to inform all executive members by email.

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4. General Business

4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

RM welcomes Anthony to the C&S Committee!

RM then speaks to C&S Manager's report and says that recruitment for the committee has paused at this point, and notes there are 6 active committee members.

To update on OWeek: it was very harmonious with barely any complaints, due to respectful behavior demonstrated by clubs and careful allocation of stalls.

RM says from an office point of view, with lots of AGMS, funding and room bookings coming through, March is generally our busiest period. While previously, new clubs could only hold their AGMs in Semester 1, this has now been changed after reviewing where most AGMs fall. New clubs can now set their AGM month in April, May, August or September giving them an option of Semester 1 or 2.

**C&S
020/17**

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
021/17**

Resolved

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

Vanessa Macpherson/ Cian Galea

4.4 Other Business

4.4.4 Pen Society

The committee have discussion beforehand and are aware that the society allowed an external body to run the stall. The executives have said they were unaware that Pen Society had a stall at O-week.

Representative, Stephanie Gascon from Pen Society enters the C&S meeting at 3.17pm.

SP welcomes the Pen Society member to the meeting, and asks for the

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member to explain the situation. She explains that she has tried to get in contact with the president, and was unaware who gave the external organization permission to be at O-week.

RM asks if the President is still on the executive. Stephanie replies that he has graduated, and assumed he had resigned from the committee. The Pen Society has not met altogether formally since their last AGM in April 2016. She explained that the other executives were under the impression that the society would end and are not sure who applied for the stall at OWeek. She said that no executives have the desire to continue the society.

NM explains that during OWeek she had spoken to people at the Pen Society stall, who were from a local art studio. They said that they had spoken to the president, and that Pen Society would practice at this art studio. Stephanie said this was not true.

SP thanks the Pen Society member for attending, and she leaves the C&S meeting at 3.24pm.

There is discussion after the Pen Society member has left. Committee members agree that it sounds as though the president initiated the stall as it was his name on the application. AM says that there is a possibility that he received an incentive from the art studio to allow them to run the stall.

C&S
022/17

Resolved

To recommend the Board of Directors to take disciplinary action for the Pen Society on the grounds of a breach of O-week conditions, and evidence of misconduct that occurred. As a result, the Pen Society will not be allowed to have a stall at O-day, and if the current president is re-elected to an executive position of the Pen Society in the next 12 months, it must be approved by the C&S Office.

Cian Galea/ Vanessa Macpherson

Alexander Shu enters the C&S Meeting at 3.29pm.

C&S
023/16

Resolved

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

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4.2 Constitutional Amendments

4.2.1 Sydney University Wine Society

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**C&S
024/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the constitutional amendment of the Sydney University Wine Society to change the name of their society to Sydney University Food and Wine Society.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Cian Galea

4.2.3 Women in Science

**C&S
025/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the constitutional amendment of Women in Science to change their AGM month to October, but pre-approve having their AGM moved to September.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Anthony Makragelidis

SP speaks to Women in Science's constitutional amendment of electronic voting. She expresses her concerns with this as firstly the C&S program doesn't currently have this system, that this concept is something that Board should discuss, and that potentially this could create issues of stacking.

**C&S
026/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to reject the constitutional amendment of Women in Science to introduce electronic voting as it does not conform with C&S regulations.

Vanessa Macpherson/ Anthony Makragelidis

4.3 New Club Applications

4.3.1 Combined Dentistry Association

CG is unsure about this society as he believes there would be overlap, and that they would not get enough numbers to form their society.

VM does see the need for this club, as there is a desire to create a niche society for a close-knit cohort studying Dentistry. RM agrees that it would be good to have Dentistry represented in the C&S program.

**C&S
027/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the new club application of the Combined Dentistry Association on the condition that

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the following amendments are made to their constitution:

- 11.6 The financial year of the Society shall run from the 1st April to the 31st March following

*Vanessa Macpherson/ Anthony Makragelidis
Cian Galea Abstained.*

4.3.2 Sydney Filipino Society

RM declares a conflict of interest.

The club was part of the C&S program in 2015, but could not get quorum for their AGM so did not continue. The society now contains a different group of people, and is more academic based.

**C&S
028/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to accept the new club application of Sydney Filipino Society.

Cian Galea/ Vanessa Macpherson

4.4 Other Business

4.4.1 Arabic Language and Culture Society

The club has held many events with an active Facebook page, but do not register their events.

**C&S
029/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of Arabic Language and Culture Society, on the condition that they register future events and open a club bank account, and should also contact the C&S Office if they need help.

Alexander Shu/ Vanessa Macpherson

4.4.2 Arts and Crafts

It is brought up that the society had not reimbursed members for club events.

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Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the full club status of Arts and Crafts pending the society provides evidence that they are reimbursing members. Failure to do so will result in probationary status.

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4.4.3 Motorsports

SP says that the club emailed on 8th February saying they no longer wish to be apart of the C&S program, but then changed their minds. She notes the importance of them needing to register their events.

**C&S
031/17**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to extend the probationary club status of Motorsports for a further 6 months, and be reminded to register all their future events, and inform the C&S Office if they are receiving outside funding.

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4.4.4 Model Constitution Proposed Amendments

RM speaks to the proposed amendments to the model constitution. She explains that the concept of 'clear days' have been causing a lot of trouble. She says that there should also be an option of the President and Secretary to co-sign amendments to their constitution, or have the option to take it to the general meeting. This is to avoid back and forth with the C&S committee which was ongoing for over 18 months the last time the model was changed. She indicates that a survey was sent last year to executives to see if they'd be open to having it updated outside of a GM and there was a positive response for small changes such as this. She further explains that this Model will supercede current constitutions and this will be clearly communicated.

VM agrees that clear days can be a waste of time, and that the idea of co-signing would be good.

SP suggests that a set-time frame be made for the end of 2017, and that if clubs have not amended these changes, or taken them to an AGM by this time it will be assumed that the society agrees with the changes.

**C&S
032/16**

Resolved

To recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the proposed changes to the Model Constitution including –

- 1. Removing 'clear days'**
 - 2. Updates to General Meeting agenda section so that elections held to fill vacant positions are decided by majority, rather than a 2/3 majority**
 - 3. Update the inactivity clause to reflect the C&S regulations**
 - 4. Add further clarification that constitutional amendments require**
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14 days notice in clause 7.3

Given these changes Club executives are given a choice as to how the amendments are made. The following processes may be followed:

- **Vote at a General Meeting or,**
- **At the discretion of the Secretary and President, amend and initial the existing constitution, or sign an updated version and submit it to the C&S Office**

Either of the above processes must be completed by October 31st 2017. After this date from November 1st 2017, it will be assumed that this new Model Constitution supercedes all previous constitution in regards to these matters, and this will be enforced by the C&S Office.

Alexander Shu /Vanessa MacPherson

Close of Meeting 3.53pm.
