

**Minutes of the 11th Ordinary Meeting
of the 2021 Clubs & Societies Committee
Tuesday 23rd November 2021 at 1:00 PM
Chair: Matthew Pereira**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.02 PM

1. Attendance

i. Members Present:

- Benjamin Kozij
- Matthew Pereira (Chair)
- Bradley Plant
- Bradley Stone
- Kurt Tucker
- Raphael Wixted

ii. Apologies and Leave

- Annie Bartley
- Jaafar Jabur

iii. Proxies

- Annie Bartley to Ben Kozij
- Jaafar Jabur to Brad Plant

Others Present

- James Hohl
- Rhianna Norris
- Emily Ryan (minutes)
- Hughston Parle

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Amendment

The committee requested that the discussion regarding Thongs Society which was in camera be recorded as such in the 10th minutes.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 10TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE
ACCEPTED

C&S 110/82

PLANT/STONE

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

The C&S manager confirmed that Responsibility to protect – R2P Coalition had increased their membership numbers.

The committee revised their previous concerns about Newman Catholic College and asked the manager to instruct them to ensure they were charging a minimum of \$2, depositing that into a bank account, ensuring they have no less than thirty members, adhering to their constitution, collecting appropriate details from members (name, email and student number at a minimum) and providing an audit with full receipts. The club should take this as warning to remain affiliated as the committee will review them again in twelve months.

The C&S manager confirmed that U Cue Pool Club had supplied their AGM documents with an updated and more appropriate constitution.

4. Reports of Elected Officers

Kozij reported that anecdotally had been several complaints internally between clubs, however otherwise the year was coming to a close and quietening down.

It was moved

THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE)'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/83

STONE/PLANT

CARRIED

5. Business which has been proposed

Nil

i. Affiliations

CRYPTO

Sam from Crypto attended the meeting. The committee advised that while they had supplied the IGM documents indicating the minimum had been reached, committee members who had been present at the meeting advising that no thirty persons were in the meeting at the same time and therefore quorum had not been reached.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ CRYPTO CURRENCY SOCIETY REHOLD THEIR IGM WITHIN SIXTY CALENDAR DAYS

110/84

PLANT/TUCKER

CARRIED

UQ Radiologist Group

The committee reviewed the documents provided and noted student numbers were missing from the document..

It was moved

THAT UQ RADIOLOGIST GROUP BE AFFILIATED ON THE PROVISIO THEY SEND THROUGH THE ATTENDANCE LIST WITH STUDENT NUMBERS WITHIN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS.

110/85

TUCKER/PLANT

CARRIED

Cooking and Food Culture Exchange Club

The committee reviewed the additional information that had been requested at the previous meeting regarding liability and operations. There was a brief discussion about who would be required to complete food safety certificates, each member or just the coordinator. It was noted that is wanting to work directly with another department of the university, which was not previously stipulated in the application, that this club could function informal and without Union affiliation. The committee would like to review this application when applicants are present.

It was moved

THAT THE COOKING AND FOOD CULTURE EXCHANGE CLUB BE TABLED AS A UQ UNION CLUB UNTIL APPLICANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING

110/86

PEREIRA/TUCKER

CARRIED

Minorities in Media

Kozij confirmed that he attended the IGM and all was in order.

It was moved

THAT THE MINORITIES IN MEDIA BE AFFILIATED AS A UQ UNION CLUB

110/87

KOZIJ/PLANT

CARRIED

ii. Disaffiliations

The C&S manager advised that she was expecting two requests for voluntary disaffiliation from Drone Society and Sociology Society having failed to meet quorum and lack of executive interest at their AGMs. She has asked for a letter signed by the T3 as protocol of official close the club.

Ratifications

Techno

There was no reply to the email to request to attend the meeting and was assumed they were unable to attend. The committee raised concerns that there was too much overlap between other performance clubs such as Street Groove. The committee welcome them to come and speak to their application at the next meeting if they would like to.

THAT THE TECHNO BE TABLED AS A UQ UNION CLUB

110/88

TUCKER/ KOZIJ

CARRIED

AIESEC in UQ

The committee reviewed the application for a second time noting that the previous application was from a QUT student and had been resubmitted by a UQ student. The committee also noted that the club had been disaffiliated previously for non-compliance and/or being unable to fill executive positions at their AGM. Further, Tucker reminded the committee, that the committee had not been affiliating club with external companies and charities and should remain consistent in doing so.

The committee were reluctant to reaffiliate a club that appeared to be operating heavily from another campus, had been disaffiliated previously as they were unable to find executives, were probably able to operate informally without Union affiliation and were believed to be a part of an external company/charity.

THAT THE AIESEC BE AFFILIATED AS A UQ UNION CLUB

110/89

WIXTED/STONE

NOT CARRIED

iv. Clubs AGMs

Ben updated that he had emailed Thongs Society and they were reholding their AGM

v. **Clubs Review**

Nil

Wixted advising of his leaving and James Hohl at 2pm.

Parle left the meeting at 2pm.

8. General Business

It was moved

THAT KOZIJ TAKE OVER AS CHAIR DURING THE HONG KONG STUDENT ASSOCIATION DURING THE COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS DUE TO A THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

110/89

TUCKER/PLANT

CARRIED

UQHKSA – Hong Kong Society

Miranda (outgoing president) Returning officer, William and intended incoming President, Catherine entered.

The committee recapped the HKSA AGM and reviewed the original complaint that had been submitted by a member and the list of queries from the previous minutes. Tucker suggested that many of the items listed such as disorganised AGM or insufficient ballots papers were learning curves opposed to contributors of an invalid AGM.

Miranda explained that the terms Management committee and Executive committee are used interchangeably however the General committee is appointed by the Management committee by interview. Tucker and Plant agreed that while it may not technically be against the 'rules' (specifically referencing how the General committee are nominated) their constitution is not best practice and needs review. Stone and Kozij suggested that some constitutions require the president have experience before being elected, or that they must be elected by a current executive, which they may like to consider implementing as an alternative option.

Tucker identified that double voting was listed as a complaint item however there is no proof that it occurred. William, the RO advised that they used two proxy votes to be in line with Union standards. Ben confirmed that the RO was appointed at the meeting not before it as previously indicated.

The constitutional amendment was conducted by a show of hands but failed to pass. Tucker asked about Appendix 1, Nomination 1, Miranda advising that this was a clerical error.

Pereira was asked to account his experience at the AGM. Matt recalled that memberships were not verified at the AGM on arrival and that none of the proxy votes were given out until the elections of the management committee. Tucker affirmed with that effectively proxy weren't able to vote for any of the motion prior to the officer bearer nominations. William confirmed that he distributed the proxies only once he was appointed RO prior to the executive elections, affirming Matt's statement.

The committee asked for Emily Scott to be contacted via phone at 2.38pm to also provide an account and any issues of the AGM. Emily accounted that she believed they did not have a membership list on them and was therefore unable to verify them. She advised that the proxies were verified after the meeting and that the RO had called her to confirm that there were not any problems with the proxy forms. Theoretically, if they had, had a form handed in from someone who was not a member, they may have been accepted. Emily noted that most of the issues may have been prior to the AGM rather than the AGM, however if anything was too problematic at the AGM, it would most likely be the proxies. Call ended 2.43pm.

Miranda confirmed that the names of members were verified during the break in the meeting.

Tucker queried the anonymity of the process highlighting that their constitution and processes appear contradictory particularly regarding the nominating process and its anonymity. The committee requested again that the constitution be reviewed.

Tucker argued that fundamentally there may have been some issues, however allegations were not able to be proved. For example, double voting could have occurred, but could not prove it did not or some non-members might have been able to vote but again, this was not proven. Matt argued that the proxies were not verified. Tucker agreed that that should have occurred, however asked if that would have materially changed anything.

The committee discussed the Motion of No Confidence that was conducted at the AGM, however had been "apparently withdrawn" since then according to Miranda. Stone suggested that a person has the right to do so, however it was perhaps not an appropriate time to do so. Tucker suggested that the person who submitted the motion of no confidence should be dealt with in-house and was no at the jurisdiction of the C&S committee.

Tucker agreed that there were several allegations and appeared that many things within HKSA needed to improve, however no breaches or corruption could be proven apart from proxies being given out late and nominations being taken from the floor. Matt explained that the RO didn't indicate the total votes were casted and queried why the votes weren't counted on the night, and the RO replied because it was 10pm at night. The RO confirmed the Secretary verified the votes with him.

Kozij interjected to ask for a motion to be made.

It was moved

THAT THE HKSA AGM BE ACCEPTED ON THE PROVISIO THAT HKSA WORK WITH THE C&S DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE THEIR CONSTITUTION AND GENERAL GOVERNANCE.

110/90

KOZIJ/TUCKER

CARRIED

Pereira left the meeting at 3.09pm.

Hohl left the meeting at 310pm.

The committee reviewed a complaint about the conduct of a C&S committee member at their AGM. It was agreed that C&S committee members should be more mindful about their verbal conduct at clubs AGMs.

Libertarian Society

Following an anonymous complaint regarding the Libertarian Society AGM, Brendan joined the meeting to respond to the complaint. Brendan raised that the quorum stipulated in the constitution was listed at 50%. This had been previously flagged by the C&S manager who believed this was an old constitution as the standard requirement in the current model was 15%. Brendan argued that he felt he should not be penalised for an administrative error as getting 50% membership would be incredibly difficult, however the committee felt that it was the responsibly of the club to go over it with a fine-tooth comb on affiliation to ensure it was as that desired.

It was noted that the previous SGM was invalid due to insufficient notice. The committee discussed the necessary means to change the constitution would be to have an SGM (15% quorum) to amend the constitution to its desired quorum, then re-hold the AGM two weeks later to ensure consistency. Ben advised Tucker that this has been motioned as clubs were making changes to their constitution after a notice for their SGM had been sent out and this. Brendan asked whether the SGM could be held online as many members had returned interstate or were unavailable post semester. The committee encouraged then to hold an in person SGM as a nine-person quorum seemed achievable however if they were struggling, it let the committee know.

It was confirmed that the previous SGM was invalid and by default, as was the AGM. The club were granted to sixty days to re-hold an SGM and then and AGM.

It was moved.

110/91

TUCKER/PLANT

CARRIED

The committee and Brendan discussed the possibility of terminating a member. Brendan identified part 17.0 – ‘violates the club or societies code of conduct’ referring to the rebuttal complaint that listed the deleting of significant emails from the club’s account. Tucker advised that the member had denied doing so, and Brendan confirmed that they did not have proof that such occurred.

Tucker advised that if that is something the club wanted to do, it was at their prerogative to do so however the lack of evidence regarding the email suggested a termination was not warranted. If the club did issue a termination, the member would be able to appeal the decision with the committee for them to agree or overturn. Tucker also advised that any other complaint regarding disagreement of beliefs, political or otherwise and removal for having such, were entering discrimination territory.

The committee decided to take a five-minute recess at 2.02pm.

Matt Pereira left the meeting.

As Chair, Kozij determined the meeting was quorate.

Barclay McGain and the committee reconvened.

Barclay provided spoke to the committee regarding the complaints against him, all of which had been deemed unsubstantiated prior with the exception of the deleting of emails. Barclay told the committee that, that accusation was untrue.

The committee updated McGain that the committee had moved that the Libertarian SGM and AGM be re-held and that if a termination of membership should be received, he would be able to appeal that decision with the committee.

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.33 PM.

X 
Matthew George Pereira
Chairperson

