

Minutes of the 1st Ordinary Meeting of the 111th UQU

Clubs and Societies Committee

Thursday 13 January 2022 at 11:00 am

Chair: Rheanna Norris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.07 PM and made acknowledgement of the traditional owners and custodians of the land and wished to pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

a). Attendance

I. Members Present

- Rheanna Norris (Chair)
- James Hohl
- Josephine Zhang
- Jessica Mills
- Bradley Plant
- Ajay Chungath
- Finn Larson

II. Apologies and Leave

Nil

III. Proxies:

Nil

IV. Others Present:

- Cara Rowe (Minutes)
- Emily Ryan
- Natasha Brettel
- Ben Myatt
- Utkrist Paudyal
- Barclay McGain
- Emma Goodwin

It was moved

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING BE ACCEPTED.

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NORRIS/MILLS

CARRIED

c.) Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 1st EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE 111TH CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

C&S 111/13

NORRIS/MILLS

CARRIED

Finn Larson entered the meeting at 11:10am

d.) Business Arising from the Minutes

n/a.

e.) Reports of Elected Officers

Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs and Societies) reported on Clubs Conference, noting that it would be similar to previous years, with a breakfast and additional socialisation opportunities provided. Additionally, panel discussions will be extended from just a treasurer panel to one for all T3 positions.

A committee member noted that in the past, platters have been offered to incentivise executives to come to the conference early and network.

The Chair replied that this would indeed increase networking opportunities, which is a focus for the conference this year.

Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs and Societies) announced that Executive Camp has been cancelled for the February dates after considering the new COVID climate.

A committee member suggested that lawn bowls be run at Clubs Conference again as it was successful last year. The chair and Emily Ryan confirmed it would run again.

On market day, 15 clubs have opted out so just under 200 clubs are attending. At this stage, the event is going ahead with limitations to be announced closer to the date.

A committee member suggested that the set up be reorganised and the chair and the clubs and societies administration officer agreed that these concerns would be addressed and managed.

Vice President Campus Culture(Clubs and Societies) noted three upcoming projects – a Market Day promotional video to represent all clubs, bringing back C&S as a Facebook co-host, and increasing social media engagement

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE ELECTED OFFICER, VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS CULTURE (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES) BE ACCEPTED.

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NORRIS/PLANT

CARRIED

f). Matters Arising from the Reports

Nil.

g). Business which has been proposed

i. Clubs for ratification

UQ Political Science and International Relations Society

The representatives entered the meeting at 11:31am

It was noted that the aims of the new club were ruled too similar to PPES and UNSA in the last meeting.

Ben noted that PPE is a very separate degree to a Political Science major within an Arts degree, and therefore this club falls outside of the scope of PPES. UNSA is focused on a niche political hobby, and is not comparable to a faculty club. Event ideas that have already been discussed are tours of Parliament, panels, and networking nights, which are not currently done for just political science by either of these clubs.

A committee member asked whether the club had contacted their school for support. The schools have communicated their support for the club but are unwilling to provide funding until the club is affiliated with UQU.

Natasha and Ben left the meeting at 11:39am

A committee member suggested that the club reach out to PPES and UNSA to see if the gap in events could be filled by either of the clubs.

A committee member said that it is not always the case that clubs want to take on more events, especially if they maintain their membership numbers regardless.

A student explained that PPES and UNSA's complaints are not substantive. To the extent that there is a philosophy and an economics society one cannot say a politics society is too similar to PPES. Additionally, PPE is a cohort based degree and does not mingle with political science or international relations majors, and therefore most of their events are to encourage connections within their cohorts. UNSA is a hobby club, and while model United Nations could be vaguely associated with international relations, they do not have the same relationship with the school that a faculty club would and do not hold faculty style events. The student likened this complaint to the debating society trying to stop an English literature society. The speaker said there was thus no reason to not ratify the club.

The committee generally agreed with this sentiment.

It was moved

THAT THE (RECONSIDERED) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY INVESTIGATE COLLABORATIONS WITH PPES AND UNSA.

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

UQ Monarchist League

The Chair noted that the EOI for this club was received the night before the meeting, and it seems that all club requirements seem to be met.

The representative entered the meeting at 11:49am

UQML distinguishes itself from other clubs on campus by advocating particularly for the love of the monarchy and is nonpartisan.

The representative left the meeting at 12:06am

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND MONARCHIST LEAGUE BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CONSTITUTION BE REVIEWED PRIOR TO THE IGM.

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NORRIS/MILLS

CARRIED

“Real Choices” Club

Concerns were raised about the club potentially providing mental health services or referral with no training.

The representative entered the meeting at 12:25pm

The representative addressed the three concerns outlined in Emily Ryan’s email: lack of formality, niche interest, and concerns about providing support, advice, referrals etc.

The Chair ruled that ratification is out of order as student numbers were not provided in the proper form.

UQ Food and Cooking Club

The club was reassessed taking the new email into consideration.

It was moved

THAT THE (RECONSIDERED) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND COOKING CLUB BE RATIFIED.

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NOT CARRIED

ii. Affiliations

It was moved

THAT THE FOLLOWING CLUBS BE AFFILIATED EN BLOC:

- Comedy & Improv Club
- Petroleum Engineers
- Health and Safety Club

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NORRIS/PLANT

CARRIED

h). Other Business

Josephine Zhang left the meeting at 1:10pm.

The Chair explained that meetings of the C&S committee will be increased from monthly to two in every second month, in order to decrease the average meeting time and ensure that the committee can deal with the high volume and frequency of issues that arise.

A committee member clarified that this structure would not change the substance of the meetings themselves and just the frequency. The Chair confirmed that this was the case.

The whole committee recognised this new proposal and were informed.

The Union Secretary prefaced that changes to the model constitution will be formally presented to the committee for feedback at the next meeting for endorsement before moving to the Union Council, and asked committee members for their thoughts.

Committee members urged that the document be more readable and consistent with current C&S policy, which was acknowledged by the Union Secretary.

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.37 PM.



Rheanna Norris
Chairperson