

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the UQU**

**Clubs and Societies Committee 2021**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 12:00pm**

Chair: Matthew Pereira

The 1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the 110<sup>th</sup> Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 12:00pm

**1. Attendance**

**I. Members Present**

- Bradley Stone
- Heisen Xu
- Jaafar Jabur
- Matthew Pereira (Chair)
- Raphael Wixted

**II. Apologies and Leave**

- Annie Bartley
- Bradley Plant

**III. Proxies:**

- Annie Bartley to Ben Kozij
- Bradley Plant to Paris Welch
- Raphael Wixted to Bradley Stone (1.28pm onwards)

**IV. Others Present:**

- Anna Heale (Minutes)
- Benjamin Kozij
- Emily Ryan
- Paris Welch

*It was moved*

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THE MEETING BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/01

WIXTED/XU

CARRIED

**2. Election of Chair**

Matthew Pereira was nominated as Chair and was elected by show of hands.

*It was moved*

THAT MATTHEW PEREIRA BE NOMINATED AS CHAIR OF THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE

C&S 110/02

KOZIJ/JABUR

CARRIED

### **3. Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting**

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UQU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2020 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

C&S 110/03

WIXTED/RYAN

CARRIED

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

*Nil*

### **5. Reports of Elected officers**

The Clubs and Societies Manager reported:

- The Union is planning Market Day around the 17<sup>th</sup> February however we are waiting for written approval from the university as they still want to hold it in week one. The Union and UQ are yet to hear from public health, Qld regarding the COVID-safe plan, so are proceeding as planned. Clubs will need to have a maximum of 4 exec per stall with entry and exit points kept to a minimum.
- There are currently more clubs than there are available spots and we will rely on clubs opting-out. Currently 15 clubs in total have not submitted their AGM documents, so will also not receive a spot on Market Day.
- As discussed, there will be no executive camp in 2021. The clubs and societies team are working on various team-building activities as an alternative.

It was queried whether the set number of 4 members per stall could be increased. The C&S Manager advised that marketing and events are responsible for this and they are awaiting a response from public health in order to give accurate information. This will be discussed again prior to Market Day.

The committee were advised that a draft map showing the locations of the stalls would be available at the next committee meeting.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES MANAGER BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/04

PEREIRA/WIXTED

CARRIED

### **6. Matters Arising from the Reports**

*Nil*

### **7. Business which has been proposed**

#### **i. Clubs for ratification**

#### **Fashion and Beauty Society**

Sheeha Mishra entered the meeting at 12.42pm.

The representative explained that the intention of the club is to facilitate conversations surrounding the evolving world of the fashion and beauty industries, and to bond and make friendships with likeminded individuals of all identities.

The committee queried the types of events the club intends to host. In response, it was explained that the events would be similar to those hosted by fashion and beauty clubs at other universities, such as Monash and UNSW. For example, partnering with companies such as MAC to host makeup masterclasses, themed dress up events, and more casual social events such as picnics and brunches.

The committee queried the benefits members would receive by joining. The representative advised that the club would assist members in finding their fashion or beauty niche, making connections in the industry and bonding with others over a shared interest. Connections include a student working for Teen Vogue and the representatives own family own a fashion line.

The committee queried whether the representative had considered getting in touch with other arts clubs. They confirmed that they have researched the other clubs available at UQ and they would be happy to collaborate.

The representative left the meeting at 12.47pm.

Members raised that reference to the representatives own family business could be a potential conflict of interest. It was noted that executives cannot be beneficiaries of a clubs commercial relationship.

It was raised that the club has demonstrated, both in the meeting and in their application, that they are expressly welcoming of the LGBTQIA+ community, and more of these kinds of clubs are needed at UQ. Furthermore, UQ is lacking in arts-focused clubs.

It was noted that similar clubs have been successful at other universities and fashion and beauty is a broad area that many students would have an interest in. However, members noted that the scope of the club seemed undefined.

It was noted that the application and presentation were lacking in specifics when it came to event planning. Members reiterated their concerns over the commercial interests of the club. It was suggested that the application be tabled pending further information from the representative.

*It was moved*

THAT THE FASHION AND BEAUTY SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/05

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

TABLED

### **The Financial Engineering Club**

A member raised that they had contacted other engineering clubs who were not happy with the reference to engineering in the proposed clubs name. It was noted that this could have the potential to confuse students. It was suggested that the name be changed to 'decentralised finance', as this appears to be the central focus.

Annabelle Long joined the meeting via phone at 1.02pm.

The representative explained that, after working part-time in the decentralised finance sphere, they have developed a passion for it and identified that there is a large scope for careers in this space, including coding and trading etc. They noted that they currently work as part of the venture

capitalist arm of Mycelium Ventures, and that this connection would be useful for recruiting sponsors for the club.

Members queried whether the representative had been in touch with other finance clubs at UQ. The representative confirmed that FMAA are keen to co-host a panel event.

It was noted that, along with the letter of recommendation from Stephen Gray, Professor of Finance from the Business School, a number of heads of schools and academics have expressed an interest in the club. This interest in decentralised finance will begin to be reflected in the course offerings.

The committee queried the 'engineering' part of the club name. It was explained that, while the platforms are financial, engineering refers to things like coding block chain and game theory.

The committee questioned whether the benefits the club would offer are already accessible through clubs such as UQ FinTech or FMAA. In response, it was explained that the club is very different, with different infrastructure outside of big banks, and a completely different application.

Annabelle Long left the meeting.

The committee noted that UQ does not currently have enough opportunities for students to engage with non-traditional finance. However, there is a potential vested interest with the representative working for Mycelium.

It was raised that the events described could be run through existing clubs, such as FMAA and FinTech, and Mycelium would have the opportunity to sponsor and support the existing clubs at UQ.

The committee agreed that further discussions should be had with the representative on the concerns noted by the committee. The committee agreed they would welcome a further application after these concerns have been addressed.

*It was moved*

THAT THE FINANCIAL ENGINEERING CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/06

KOZIJ/JABUR

NOT CARRIED

### **Stargazing and Astronomy Club**

Billy Jeremijenko entered the meeting at 1.19pm.

The representative explained that many people have an interest in astronomy, but don't know where to start or how to use a telescope. There has been a lot of interest online in the clubs creation.

The committee queried the logistics of supplying club members with telescopes. The representative explained that they have been in touch with a telescope wholesaler who is willing to lend telescopes to the club on a bi-monthly basis, with members also receiving a discount if they wish to purchase a telescope. They hope to arrange other deals with similar businesses. The club will hold viewing nights at both Mt. Cootha and dark sky locations, arrange observatory tours and invite astrophysics to host talks on interesting topics. In terms of educating members on the use of telescopes, it was noted that they would require experts to attend these sessions.

Raphael Wixted left the meeting at 1.28pm.

*It was moved*

THAT THE STARGAZING AND ASTRONOMY CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/07

KOZIJ/JABUR

CARRIED

**ii. Affiliations**

**a) Libertarian Society**

Committee members asked that the C&S manager investigate the number of attendees at the IGM to ensure that they reached the required 30 members.

A committee member raised that the aims and values of the Libertarian Society significantly overlap with those of the Menzies Society, and the club should therefore not be affiliated.

The committee agreed to postpone the club's affiliation in order to ascertain whether this is the case.

Raphael Wixted abstained from the vote.

*It was moved*

THAT THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/08

KOZIJ/WELCH

NOT CARRIED

b) It was raised that section 21.3 of the International Student Society constitution, regarding the advisory board, states that 'The Founder would be a permanent member of [the] board'. Members queried whether is appropriate. In response, Matthew Pereira reiterated the advisory nature of the board. While the board will advise the C&S committee on when to conduct an investigation into a club, the board has no voting power, and the position is therefore a relatively benign one.

The committee raised that there could be issues with the BTS Purple Lounge name, as it is niche and may restrict the clubs membership base. It was suggested that the name be changed to 'UQ K-pop'.

The committee raised that the SLSC name could present issues with surf-life saving.

Members agreed that the relevant clubs should receive a recommendation to change their club name. However, the changes will not be mandated as part of the affiliation process.

*It was moved*

c) THAT THE FOLLOWING CLUBS BE AFFILIATED EN BLOC:

- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SOCIETY
- BIOLOGY SOCIETY
- SLSC
- QLD ALLIANCE OF ENVIRONMENT
- SPORTS WITH INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
- BTS PURPLE LOUNGE

C&S 110/09

KOZIJ/JABUR

CARRIED

**iii. Disaffiliations**

*It was moved*

THAT THE FOLLOWING CLUB BE VOLUNTARILY DISAFFILIATED:

- SOCIAL LAWN BOWLS  
C&S 110/10 KOZIJ/STONE CARRIED

**iv. Re-affiliation**

The C&S Manager noted that the re-affiliation is on the grounds that they have now submitted their financial audit.

*It was moved*

THAT THE FOLLOWING CLUB BE RE-AFFILIATED:

- CHINESE DEBATING SOCIETY  
C&S 110/11 PEREIRA/STONE CARRIED

**8. Any other business**

**a. SASS / ABS**

It was raised that there a number of constitutional issues that need to be reviewed.

It was noted that, while SASS attending and voting at the meeting was not specifically prohibited, it is against the spirit of the agreement.

Hugo Eriksson entered the meeting at 12.35pm.

Hugo Eriksson noted that he was not an executive at the time in question. Damian He has confirmed that he did not feel threatened and appendix 2, as seen in the original complaint, should be retracted.

Hugo Eriksson left the meeting at 12.38pm.

The committee found that there was no wrong doing on Hugo's part.

The committee agreed that complaint should be dismissed, however, the C&S Manager was asked to talk to the SASS executive about their actions and dealing with their associated clubs.

The committee highlighted that there appeared to be ambiguities with the SASS constitution and association agreement and suggested they reflect on them.

**b. Grant funding/Incentive Program**

The C&S Manager noted that the grant funding changes would need to be discussed with the Union Treasurer.

It was decided that the tiered funding system would be shelved for the time being, and would revert to allocation based on membership size. While this is not always equitable, the tiered system has proven itself difficult to justify, and there is currently no way to monitor the information required to properly implement the change. However, in the case of another lockdown, clubs will need to

provide evidence that events are held off-campus before they are provided with their grant funding. Funding will therefore be by application during lockdown.

It was queried when clubs would receive their market day funding. The C&S Manager explained that UQ issues the funding to UQU at the end of January. Therefore, it is likely to be early to mid-February.

The C&S Manager advised that they would be distributing the incentive program proposal to committee members. This year will be a pilot, with clubs able to opt-in to the new system. They will then review the program in July.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.06pm.

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Matthew George Pereira  
Chairperson

