

UNION CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

3rd Extraordinary Meeting of the 112th C&S Committee

3:30pm, Thursday 30 November 2023

UQU Boardroom

UQ Union Complex, St Lucia Campus

1. Credentials

Meeting commenced at 3:34pm

In attendance: Tapenaga Reupena Jr, Michael Walker, Utkrist Paudyal, Natasha Brettell, Josephine Christensen, Barclay McGain

Apologies: Amrita (proxy to TJ),

Observers: Jack Barton, Brad Plant, Alex Smock

2. Acceptance of previous minutes

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 10th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 2023 CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

C&S 112/157	REUPENA/WALKER	CARRIED
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3. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Nil.

4. Report of the Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs & Societies) C&S Update

TJ has been working on handover documentation for future C&S VP

Discussion around appeal of C&S committee voting – TJ is not privy to information re this

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES VP BE ACCEPTED

C&S 112/158	PAUDYAL/WALKER	CARRIED
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5. Matters arising from the reports of elected officers

Nil.

6. Business which has been proposed

I. Ratifications

i. Taylors Version

The Committee felt that the club's outlined aims were vague and that the club could run informally. No representatives were present from the club.

It was moved THAT TAYLOR'S VERSION BE RATIFIED

C&S 112/159	REUPENA/WALKER	NOT CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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ii. Culture UQ

The Committee felt that the club did not seem very different to existing club Street Groove. No representatives were present from the club.

It was moved THAT CULTURE UQ BE RATIFIED

C&S 112/160	REUPENA/WALKER	NOT CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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iii. Country Pub Appreciation Society

The Committee discussed this application and then returned to it when Ryan McDonald was in attendance to represent the club.

It was moved THAT COUNTRY PUB APPRECIATION SOCIETY BE RATIFIED

Voting in favour: Michael, Utty, Natasha, Josie, Barclay

C&S 112/161	REUPENA/WALKER	CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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iv. Counselling Students Association

The Committee reiterated its previous advice given to change the name to clarify that it is a club for postgrads studying counselling, not offering counselling services. Additionally, the committee noted that the application is invalid as signatures on the EOI form are not actual signatures.

It was moved THAT COUNSELLING STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BE RATIFIED

C&S 112/162	REUPENA/WALKER	NOT CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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v. UQ Liberal National Association

Concern was expressed around the name being similar to the preexisting liberal club. Ryan expressed that he has permission to use the liberal branding and LNC does not. There was discussion around the clashes of the UQLNC and the Australian LNP.

Utty left the room 4:49pm.

Discussion continued around LNP trademarks and legal repercussions to UQU.

Utty returned 4:50pm.

Further discussion focused on whether UQLNC should change their name to avoid copyright laws. It was agreed that Ryan McDonald (representing the club) should obtain a letter from whoever has the official ability to allow the use of the LNP name and branding. Ryan requested that votes for the UQLNA and UQCPA are recorded in the minutes.

It was moved THAT THE LIBERAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BE RATIFIED

Voting in favour: Michael, Natasha, Josie

Voting against: Barclay

Abstain: Utty

C&S 112/163	REUPENA/WALKER	CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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II. Affiliations

i. Cosy Gamers Association

Michael was in attendance at the IGM and reported that it was very well run.

It was moved THAT COSY GAMERS ASSOCIATION BE AFFILIATED

C&S 112/164	REUPENA/WALKER	CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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ii. Telugu Society

It was moved THAT TELUGU SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED

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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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iii. Papua New Guinea

Their IGM was well attended, with 38 people reported to be in attendance.

It was moved THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION BE AFFILIATED

C&S 112/166	REUPENA/WALKER	CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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General discussion followed around club non-compliance, and not replying to communications from C&S/UQU. There was also some discussion around establishing a cap on the total numbers of clubs and societies. It was agreed to be transparent with clubs and club hopefuls around the newly introduced cap to the total number of UQU clubs and societies.

Further discussion focused on two clubs which were disaffiliated at the previous meeting due to ABN non-compliance but had since both obtained an ABN and requested to reaffiliate. The Committee resolved to hold firm over its previous decision, given that the clubs had been non-compliant, and that several other clubs were disaffiliated at that time. It was noted that clubs still have the option to reapply.

iv. Sikh Society

It was moved THAT SIKH SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED

C&S 112/167	REUPENA/CHRISTENSEN	NOT CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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v. Effective Altruism

It was moved THAT EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM BE AFFILIATED

C&S 112/168	REUPENA/CHRISTENSEN	NOT CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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III. Disaffiliations

i. Health and Safety Student Society

The HSSS requested voluntary disaffiliation due to a decreasing intake into the H&S program at UQ and a lack of volunteers to run the club.

It was moved THAT HEALTH AND SAFETY STUDENT SOCIETY BE DISAFFILIATED

C&S 112/169	REUPENA/PAUDYAL	CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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7. General Business

Women in Economics Society – name change

The club feels that their name is too niche, thus changing to “Women in BEL” would make the outreach of the club better. The Committee asked whether the aims and objectives have been changed in the club's constitution. Some concern was expressed regarding possible overlap with engineering and other faculties.

It was moved THAT WOMEN IN ECONOMICS SOCIETY CHANGE ITS NAME TO WOMEN IN BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND LAW

C&S 112/170	REUPENA/PAUDYAL	CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the association of the committee's decision.
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Audit non-submissions

Four clubs have failed to submit an audit: *UQ Law society, Robogals, Banking and Beer And Rum Society*. It was reported that BARS had not yet submitted theirs as they were still awaiting a response from their external auditor. TJ agreed that he would contact the other clubs directly, and if no response they could be up for disaffiliation.

AGM documents non-submissions

The Committee directed the C&S department to communicate with all clubs which have not yet submitted their AGM documents and advise that they are in breach of R158 Disciplinary Action 158.1 section (f) for noncompliance with the committee's request for documentation and providing a final deadline for submission of 15 December.

These clubs being: *Advanced Humanities, Banking Club, Beer & Rum Society, Chinese Association Postgrads & Scholars, Chinese Medical Association, Classics & Ancient History, Comedy & Improv Club, Finance & Investments Network, Greens, Hope Brisbane, Justice & the Law, K-Nation, Karaoke, Korean Medical Society, Law Society, League of Legends, Nursing and Midwifery, Opera Society, Oxfam UQ, Persian Society, QAAFI, Saudi Students Association, Social Lawn Bowls, University Investment & Trading, Wine & Cheese Club.*

It was moved THAT NON-COMPLIANT CLUBS WOULD BE NOTIFIED WITH THE FINAL DEADLINE OF 15 DECEMBER FOR SUBMISSION OF AGM DOCUMENTS

C&S 112/171	REUPENA/WALKER	CARRIED
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ACTION	C&S to notify the listed clubs of the committee's decision.
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Meeting closed at 5:47pm

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