

Minutes of the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the UQU

Clubs and Societies Committee 2020

Friday 22 May 2020 at 9 am via Zoom

Chair: Annabel Genest

The 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the 109th Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 9:06am.

a). Attendance

I. Members Present

- Annabel Bartley
- Annabel Genest (Chair)
- Bradley Plant
- Coen Harnischfeger
- Georgina Pashley
- Raphael Wixted

II. Apologies and Leave

- Thomas Choo

III. Proxies:

Nil

IV. Others Present:

- Karen Da Silva (Minutes)

It was moved

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING BE ACCEPTED.

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BARTLEY/PASHLEY

CARRIED

c.) Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 2nd ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 109th CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

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WIXTED/BARTLEY

CARRIED

d.) Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

e.) Reports of Elected officers

Annabel Genest informed the meeting of the following:

- Mario Kart tournament run by Annabel Genest and C&S team has proven successful for engagement, boosting morale and networking with small club groups.
- The Societies Recognition Scheme (SRS) – proposal developed. See separate agenda item.
- A personal development workshop to be hosted in collaboration with the HASS Faculty.
- Georgia from UQJACS is going to host a “how to build a digital community”.
- Workshops being planned in response student suggestions.
- Semester 2 Market Day: Presently looking at options for Market Day. Bradley Plant suggested to have Market Day online instead of on-campus. Raphael Wixted advised of the BEL Faculty requesting information from societies to include on their website; recreating the Union Club page to replace Market Day.

It was moved

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

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PASHLEY/BARTLEY

CARRIED

f). Matters Arising from the Reports

Nil.

g). Business which has been proposed

i. Affiliation

University of Queensland Liberal National Students

9:14 am Darcy Creighton joined the meeting.

Darcy informed the meeting that the intention of forming the club and the application (32 signatures and aims) was put together a while ago and that given there was no club on campus with the same objectives it would be in the best interest of the Union to approve affiliation.

The club would:

- Address the void at UQ for a centre right/liberal/conservative club run by students wanting to fight for freedom, lower taxes on campus, policies relevant to student.
- Grow a membership that previously had deteriorated; restoring faith and trust in people that club standing would be improved in the future.
- Take into account previous membership - Previous club had 80 members. Constitutional changes would see new members allowed in or not, based on prior affiliation and an increased transparency on issues of membership and eligibility to vote.

9:27 Darcy Creighton left the meeting.

The Chair reminded the group of the decision at the last meeting to table all applications. Due to the fact that an IGM would not be permitted due to restrictions in place to address the COVID-19 situation, it was decided to table the application.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO AFFILIATE THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND LIBERAL NATIONAL STUDENTS CLUB BE TABLED.

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WIXTED/PASHLEY

CARRIED

h). Other Business

Societies Recognition Scheme (SRS)

The Chair introduced an initial draft paper (to be circulated for feedback) on the SRS aimed at enhancing the overall student experience through delivery of quality events and activities. The scheme would allow for:

- Upskilling the club executive and members
- Event management
- Team building
- Collaboration
- Growth

The scheme would enable the UQ Union to quantify and recognise a club's achievements through a tier system of bronze, silver and gold awards with implementation at the start of 2021.

In discussion, the following points were raised:

- Medals group clubs, disadvantaging the clubs that do not have the capacity to deliver criteria.
- Draft paper to be circulated to clubs for feedback.
- Resource/financial benefit linked to achievement:
 - tangible rewards still being developed.
 - preferential opportunities for additional grants.
 - Applications could be used as a supporting factor for additional pools of funding.
 - Clubbies awards category on a case by case basis.
- One of the main aims was to incentivise high quality, however, based on criteria it was seen as promoting the opposite – to tick boxes that would result in an increase in low-quality events. A suggestion was made for the SRS to incentivise high quality events. A limitation of the SRS could see the promotion of quantity of events, not quality.
- The SRS aims at encouraging collaboration, recognising achievement and is not all about events.
- There should be separate medal criteria for faculty and non-faculty clubs

It was moved

THAT FEEDBACK BE INVITED FROM CLUBS ON THE INITIAL PROPOSAL OF THE UQU C&S *SOCIETIES RECOGNITION SCHEME (SRS)* AND THE FEEDBACK BE PRESENTED TO THIS MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

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GENEST/WIXSTED

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:59 am.

Confirmed