

# UNION CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

9<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the 112th C&S Committee

4:00pm

Friday 5/09/2023

UQU Boardroom

UQ Union Complex, St Lucia Campus

## I. Credentials

The following were present:

### Members

Tapenaga Reupena Jr  
Michael Walker  
Natasha Brettell  
Utkrist Paudyal  
Josie Christensen  
Barclay McGain

### Observers

Jacinto Hedus, Minute Taker  
Matthew Pereira, LNS Representative  
Ryan McDonald, LNS Representative  
Jack Barton, LNC Representative

4:12pm The Chair opened the meeting and gave Acknowledgement of Country. This was followed by noting members present as well as observers.

## II. Reports of the Elected Officer

4:14pm The Chair noted various events upcoming for the union as well as the recent QPay issue that had impacted most, if not all, clubs at UQ.

*It was moved,*

THAT THE CAMPUS CULTURE (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES) VP'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED

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## III. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, Part I

4:16pm A Committee Member raised that the C&S Manager had not yet read the minutes and asked it to be tabled until a Committee Member had checked the minutes.

*It was moved,*

TO TABLE THE CONFIRMATION THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING UNTIL A COMMITTEE MEMBER HAS FINISHED READING THE REPORT

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#### **IV. Business from the previous meeting**

Matthew Pereria and Ryan McDonald represented LNS. The Chair provided an overview of the issues referring to the LNC-LNS issues up to that point, noting that 'Academic Days' had been interpreted in spirit as it was intended to mean Business Days due to the precedent set by previous ratifications and affiliations. The relevant clauses in the Regulations were then read out in regard to their complaints.

Ryan McDonald argued that the Committee's aforementioned interpretation was in defiance of the Constitution, stating it was to be strictly interpreted only during the undergraduate Semesters 1 and 2. They also read out the Acts of Interpretation, again arguing that the Committee had to strictly follow the Constitution or bring the integrity of the Constitution into question. Under this argument, they held that the LNC IGM should have been considered invalid.

A Committee Member then inquired whether, if the above was to be strictly held, it would be fair to then unaffiliate the various clubs that had not been ratified or affiliated due to a strict interpretation of 'Academic Days'. The Committee Member also restated that the spirit of the relevant clause in the Regulation was to mean Business Days. Ryan McDonald countered that as the word was already defined in the Constitution, then the clause needed to be held in accordance with the Constitution as its interpretation overruled any interpretation used for the Regulations. It was also clarified that the LNS representatives' desire was for the LNC to re-hold their IGM. It was confirmed as well that LNS had applied for reaffiliation.

4:34pm Matthew Pereria, Ryan McDonald and Jack Barton left the meeting.

4:35pm Amrita entered the meeting via Zoom.

4:36pm The meeting moved in camera.

5:05pm The meeting moved out of camera.

5:06pm Matthew Pereria, Ryan McDonald and Jack Barton entered the meeting.

5:07pm The Chair informed the LNC and LNS Representatives of the decision.

5:08pm Josephine Christensen proxied their vote to Michael Walker and left the meeting.

#### **V. Ratification**

5:09pm **Country Club St Lucia Society**

Ryan McDonald representing the Country Club St Lucia Society. They stated they felt there was a lack of cross-campus societies and that they aimed to rectify that by having a dedicated club to hold monthly and bi-monthly inter-campus events between St. Lucia and other campuses, especially Gatton. They additionally argued it would be good for new students and it would support regional pubs. Furthermore, they stated that colleges would be interested, especially considering a considerable amount were regional, and that international students would also be interested. Committee Members also raised the potential of brewery or winery tours and pub reviews which Ryan supported.

Ryan also confirmed that the club would be separate from the BARS sub-arrangement with different aims.

Significant discussion was had on various welfare issues. This included poor planning by participants resulting in being stranded and the rowdiness of alcoholic events. In response, Ryan stated they would comply with UQ welfare standards, sign consent forms, have mitigating processes, and be in close communication with UQU and venues to ensure student welfare is maintained. Additionally, discussion was held on liability such as accidents made whilst carpooling to and from events, the potential of coaches and whether they intended to incorporate the club, which Ryan confirmed was their intention.

Finally, when enquired why they sought affiliation to the UQ Union, Ryan McDonald highlighted the ability to have a Market Day Stall which provided both visibility and legitimacy as a club.

5:28pm Ryan McDonald and Matthew Pereria left the meeting.

5:28pm A Committee Member raised again concerns of liability. An Observer raised the concern of funding the club's events to which a Committee Member felt the Union would not be bankrolling it, another expected if the events were popular enough then the event would fund itself with tickets, and another raised the issue of the cost of insurance. The C&S Manager also stated they felt there was a difference between Travellers and the prospective Country Club and also felt they would prefer to see the club to operate informally for a period. The Committee also agreed that if a Market Day stall was key, then the Country Club could afford to wait as there was significant time until Semester 1 2024. There were also concerns towards the clubs' prospective longevity, potential issues of liability, and whether the prospective club would be able to ensure the safe conduct of an event. A Committee Member suggested an informal event held by them at the Gatton Union outlet as a test.

*It was moved,*

THAT THE COUNTRY CLUB ST LUCIA SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED

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5:39pm Ryan McDonald and Matthew Pereria entered the meeting.

5:39pm The Chair informed Ryan McDonald and Matthew Pereria the motion's result and that the Committee would like to see an actual event, potentially at the Gatton Lawes Club, in practice to demonstrate the club's actual potential.

5:40pm Ryan McDonald and Matthew Pereria left the meeting.

5:40pm Recess was held, Mikaela George and Rosie Gilanne entered the meeting.

5:44pm Recess completed.

## **VI. Other Business Which has been proposed, Part I**

### **i. 5:44pm AIBN (Australian Institute of Biomedical Something)**

The Chair introduced everyone in the room before stating that affiliated clubs had to charge a minimum membership. Rosie explained that there had been a misunderstanding between her and the C&S Manager during their handover period and that the club does in fact charge a \$3 membership fee, stating they used an eftpos. Mikaela raised there was an email registered with their QPay they were unaware of. TJ clarified that correct process had been conducted when doing membership and Walker clarified that the payment of the membership was important due to voting rights in AGMs. Mikaela also clarified that they had not had and did not want a Market Day Stall as their target audience did not usually attend. The Committee finally established that all was well and understood.

5:50pm Mikaela George and Rosie Gilanne left the meeting.

*It was moved,*

TO CEASE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST THE AIBN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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5:52pm Amrita left the meeting.

## **VII. Affiliation**

### **Social Science Postgraduate Association**

The Chair confirmed the club had conducted their IGM correctly with 15 members in-person and 15 online with cameras on. A Committee Member noted that the Standing Orders still held there was a minimum of 30 needed, but given the 15 online had their cameras on it was held to be legitimate and that a message would need to be sent out in the future on the issue.

*It was moved,*

TO AFFILIATE THE SOCIAL SCIENCE POSTGRADUATE ASSOCIATION

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## VIII. Disaffiliation

### Public Speaking Society

It was noted that the disaffiliation was voluntary and brief, but appropriate discussion was had.

*It was moved,*

TO DISAFFILIATE THE PUBLIC SPEAKING SOCIETY

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## IX. Other Business which has been proposed, Part II

### i. Clubbies

The Committee began with confirming the theme of “Under the Stars”, followed by the brief raising of drink packages and the formatting of forms by Committee Members. Significant discussion was had on the awards being presented due to interests of time, proceeding to review each award by noting the amount of applicants per award in 2022 or potential popularity:

- **Social Media/Events of the Year:** The Committee agreed to remove the Social Media/Events award for the sake of not having favouritism towards a specific general executive without needing to add awards for all general executive positions, which would take up considerable time. Instead, it was proposed to have the **General Executive of the Year**;
- **Series Event of the Year:** It was first agreed upon that the award required more than two events to qualify, before discussion on whether to retain it. The C&S Manager suggested that more context be provided for the event to draw more applicants, which the Committee agreed to;
- **Launch Party, Pub Crawl and Social Event of the Year Awards:** These were all considered important by the Committee, with the concern that the Launch Party Award had fallen victim to a lack of clarity as well;
- **The Postgraduate Award:** The Committee agreed this was considered important to properly acknowledge postgraduate clubs with hopes this would help an increase in postgraduate clubs;
- **Industry Focus:** The Committee was impressed by the 29 applicants and agreed to keep it;
- **Culture:** It was agreed that the award needed more support with one Committee Member suggesting renaming to International/Cultural or providing more context to reduce the award’s ambiguity;

- **Merchandise Award:** Several Committee Members felt it should be removed but it was raised that it was a highly desired award amongst the President's Council;
- **Satellite Club of the Year\*:** The C&S Manager suggested speaking to Amrita, who was based in Gatton, to suggest a name for the Satellite Club of the Year;
- **Club of the Year and General Club of the Year:** It was agreed these should be added.
- **Small Club of the Year:** Discussion was had on the definition of a 'small club' which settled to be less than 150 members, aiming for the bottom 15% of clubs by membership;

It was agreed that joke awards would be good for the end and that Utkrist Paudyal organise the video at the end. When queried by a Committee Member, it was also noted that President's Council occurred at 3pm on every 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of the month.

6:06pm Alex Smock entered the meeting, and exited and re-entered several times during the meeting.

ii. 6:55pm **C&S Room Improvements**

Discussion began noting that nothing significant had yet managed to happen or was likely to happen, although it was agreed some small improvements could help. It was acknowledged that it would be better to improve the tidiness and quality of life in the room, as well as to prepare suggestions for when the UQU Complex reconstruction occurs. It was also raised that there was an issue with some clubs exploiting one storage room when other clubs don't have the same access. This included frustrations with the lack of space for clubs to actually use their right to store their stuff.

7:04pm Alex Smock left for the final time

iii. 7:04pm **Issues with clubs having issues with or failing to affiliate**

After raising the example of one club that had required the support of Committee Members to ensure the successful running of an IGM, and that if instead had been allowed to run its course the club would not have successfully run an IGM and affiliated. It was noted that the current committee had affiliated 80% of clubs as opposed to 50% of clubs.

7:08pm Ryley Calvert entered the room.

iv. 7:08pm **C&S Honour Board**

The Committee discussed the potential idea of adding a C&S Honour Board to the C&S Room, including several categories, to spice things up since the current UQ Union Honour Board was going to soon be filled and another would be ordered. The idea of pictures being put up was also put forward.

v. 7:11pm **Election of members to ATFB (Academic Teams Funding Board)**

It was raised that a discussion would be needed with Club T3 members on who to elect. It was also clarified how the ATFB functioned and its purpose for debating and other award-based societies.

7:22pm The meeting moved into camera, TJ moved, Walker seconded, carried.

7:30pm Utkrist Paudyal left the meeting and later re-entered the meeting.

8:09pm The meeting moved out of camera.

**X. Confirmation of Previous Minutes, Part II**

*It was moved,*

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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**XI. Affiliations, Part II**

**i. 8:15pm LNC**

*It was moved,*

TO AFFILIATE THE UQ LNC

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8:16pm Meeting closed.

