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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY UNION SECRETARIAT

The attached minutes have been accepted by the Clubs & Societies Committee by resolution as a true and accurate record of the events of the meeting held on the 10 August 2010.



Chair: James Flynn

14/9/2010

Date

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 10 August 2010, The Loggia, Manning House
MINUTES**



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Committee Members	James Flynn (Chair), Ben Tang (Deputy Chair), Melissa Brooks (Vice President) Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Jehan Kanga, Marina Lauer, Ross Leedham, Winey Suen
USU Staff	Alistair Cowie (Director of Student Programmes), Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager), Zinah Tam (Committee Secretary)
Visitors	Vegetarian Society: Peter Seith (President), Melanie Lim, Andrew Wallace; Association of Malaysian Students: Tze Xian Young (Treasurer), Ee Wing Ng (Secretary), Kuan Lin Tan (Social Director); Atheist Society: Ben Joseph Daroczy (President-Elect); Law Society: Darko Vranesevic (Treasurer); Symphony Orchestra: Daniel Ward (President), Isabelle Guyot (Treasurer); Youth Connected: Andrew Unsworth (President-Elect), Brendan O'Keeffe; Ian Ferrington.

No#	Details
	The Chair opened the meeting at 3.07pm.
	The Chair welcomed all members and visitors to the meeting and introduced himself, the Deputy Chair as well as the new Committee Member, Melanie Nasser.
	1. Apologies And Leaves Of Absence
C&S 087/10	Resolved that apologies be accepted from Joss Engebretsen, and that requests be accepted for late arrival from Jehan Kanga and Alistair Cowie, as well as for early departure from Alistair Cowie. <i>Ben Tang / Winey Suen</i>
	2. Minutes Of The Meeting Held 8 June 2010
C&S 088/10	Resolved that the amended minutes of the previous meeting held 8 June 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. <i>Jehan Kanga / Winey Suen</i>
	3. Business Arising from the Minutes
	There was no business arising from the minutes.
	4. General Business
	4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report
	Mrs Angela Vogiatoglou spoke to the report.

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The Chair informed the Committee that the online system for Clubs and Societies, ORION, has been released and is constantly updated by Hidden Spark.

The Chair spoke to the feedback in the report. He added that some executives commented that the conference was too short but it was not a large number. There also appeared to be many executives whom were not aware that new information was communicated at the conference.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested that slides be provided in advance to executives.

The Committee discussed this further and it was considered that providing slides in advance may discourage executives to attend conferences. It was also noted that executives are given the responsibility of a budget of \$4,000 and it is reasonable to expect executives to attend two conferences a year.

**C&S
089/10**

Resolved that the report of the C&S Manager be accepted.

Ben Tang / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.3 New Club Applications

Atheist Society

Mr Ben Joseph Daroczy spoke to the application of the Atheist Society to become a new club. He emphasised that atheists are not against religions, and that atheism can still exist without the existence of other religions. This is because atheists emphasise rational perspective as outlined in the constitution of the proposed society.

Mr Daroczy informed that the Atheist Society is differentiated from the Russellian Society in that the latter has a philosophical focus, as opposed to an atheist focus. He added that there existed a Secular Humanist Society at Sydney University but the society did not hold many events and the term "secular humanist" was not well recognised by students as being related to atheism.

Mr Daroczy added that there are different schools of thought within atheism and that the society will hold talks to discuss and share these thoughts.

The Committee enquired about the proposed society's relationship with Steve Maxwell. Mr Daroczy assured that Steve Maxwell owns the Rationalist Bookshop and that members of the proposed society have been offered discounts and related sponsorship from the bookstore. The Committee concluded that the affiliation is a basic sponsorship arrangement.

Youth Connected USYD

Mr Andrew Unsworth spoke to the application of Youth Connected USYD to become a new club. He added that the intention of the club is to raise awareness of the charity and AIDS.

Mr Brendan O'Keeffe added that awareness is the primary reason that the affiliation with the USU is desired because funding from the USU for this

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society is not necessary.

Mr Unsworth differentiated the proposed society from Oaktree Sydney University in that Youth Connected USYD would “take control” of engaging communities and develop skills of the students involved in the charities.

The proposed trip to South Africa was of particular interest to the Committee. Mr Unsworth and Mr O’Keeffe informed the Committee that the trip has not been considered in great detail but they have the assistance of an executive who has planned a similar trip before.

Mr Unsworth confirmed that Youth Connected USYD does not focus on a religious ideology and appears to be heavily focused in South Africa because the Director of Youth Connected recently saw the need to address matters in South Africa. Mr Unsworth emphasised that it is only one issue out of the many interests that the society stands for.

**C&S
090/10**

**Resolved to suspend standing orders and move to item 4.6
Miscellaneous.**

Marina Lauer / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.6 Miscellaneous

Association of Malaysian Students

Ms Ee Wing Ng spoke to the application of the Association of Malaysian Students for a funding cap extension.

Ms Ng added that the use of funding was affected by the change in the funding cap as opposed to an increase in spending.

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee of the increasingly high number of attendees to the association’s annual Mamak Night.

Law Society

Mr Darko Vranesevic spoke to the appeal for funding of the “Welcome Back BBQ” held on 14 April 2010. He emphasised that if the current executive were aware that the Law Society was not registered and its consequences, then they would have acted to avoid this. However, the executives were aware that an audit had not been submitted.

Mrs Vogiatoglou clarified that the Law Society was not deregistered, but that their funding was disabled, as per the recommendation from the C&S Auditor. She added that the Law Society was notified of this, but she could not guarantee that new executives of the Law Society were notified of this.

Mr Vranesevic commented that the current executive were notified, but there was no warning received that this would occur.

The Chair requested Mr Vranesevic to comment on the fact that he met regularly with the Clubs and Societies Office throughout the relevant period but did not appear to be aware of the situation at hand.

Mr Vranesevic replied that he did not meet with the Clubs and Societies

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Office as often as it appeared and that he did not know of the progress of the audit.

The Chair commented that it is not the obligation of the Clubs and Societies Office to warn Clubs and Societies when audits are overdue.

Mr Vranesevic commented that the executives were not certain as to who was responsible for re-registration of the society.

Symphony Orchestra

Mr Daniel Ward spoke to the application of the Symphony Orchestra for a funding cap extension. He summarised that events involve regular rehearsals and concerts which are both extensive and time consuming. Attempts to find free music have proved to be difficult. The society is also unable to charge for their concerts at the Great Hall due to their agreement with the University. In previous years, the entire funding cap amount was utilised.

Mr Ward added that all three concerts for second semester have been 'locked in' and that if a funding cap extension is not granted, then the society would be forced to compromise by holding fewer rehearsals.

Mr Ward informed the Committee that the society receives sponsorship from the local classical music radio station, but the assistance the society receives is not in cash form.

[Jehan Kanga departed from the meeting at 3.59pm]

**C&S
091/10 Resolved to suspend standing orders and move to item 4.4
Constitutional Amendments.**

Ben Tang / Melissa Brooks

**C&S
092/10 Resolved that apologies be accepted from Vivienne Moxham-Hall and
that a request for late arrival be accepted from Justin Simon.**

Ben Tang / Melissa Brooks

4.4 Constitutional Amendments

It was noted by the Committee that there are inconsistencies in the attached paperwork for Constitutional Amendments.

Oxfam

The Committee discussed the proposed constitutional amendments of Oxfam, and in particular whether the proposed amendments would be effective against 'stacking' at elections. It was concluded that it was not appropriate for the Committee to be discussing this in great detail.

**C&S
093/10 Resolved that the applications for Constitutional amendments be
accepted *en bloc*, from the following Clubs and Societies:
Education and Social Work Revue Society;
Finance and Banking Society;
Fred Hollows Society;
Pharmacy Association;**

**Red Cross Society;
Unimates; and
Vision Generation.**

Ben Tang / Marina Lauer

**C&S
094/10**

Resolved that Oxfam be requested to meet with the Clubs and Societies Office for advice in regards to constitutional measures against 'stacking' at elections.

Marina Lauer / Ross Leedham

4.5 Capital Expenditure Requests

Stucco Society

There was general concern that the items requested were not capital expenditure items and may be for personal use. The application was subsequently considered in greater detail.

Medical Society

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne expressed concern over the licensee of the software to be purchased.

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee that the software will be licensed to the Medical Society Office.

**C&S
095/10**

Resolved that the applications for Capital Expenditure requests be accepted *en bloc*, from the following Clubs and Societies:

**Electrical Engineering Society;
French Society;
Medical Society;
Muslim Students Association;
Network for Investing and Trading;
Stucco Society; and
Students in Free Enterprise.**

Marina Lauer / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.6 Miscellaneous Items

Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciation Society

It was considered that the Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciation Society consistently submitted paperwork in a timely matter, only a small amount was involved and the paperwork was only one day late.

Evangelical Union

The Chair declared a conflict of interest.

**C&S
096/10**

Resolved that the Chair be conferred to Ben Tang.

Melissa Brooks / Marina Lauer

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James Flynn spoke to the application of the Evangelical Union for storage space.

[Alistair Cowie arrived at the meeting at 4.14pm]

**C&S
097/10**

Resolved that the Chair be deferred to James Flynn

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Ross Leedham

Musical Society

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne commented that the Musical Society serve a relatively small number of members but are resource intensive.

Symphony Orchestra

Ross Leedham expressed his belief that C&S Regulations and funding should be reviewed to consider performance focused Clubs and Societies.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested that the Clubs and Societies Office assist Symphony Orchestra to obtain external sponsorship.

**C&S
098/10**

Resolved that the miscellaneous applications received from the following Clubs and Societies, be accepted, *en bloc*:

**Association of Malaysian Students;
Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciation Society;
Evangelical Union;
Jazz Society;
Musical Society;
Russellian Society; and
Symphony Orchestra.**

Melissa Brooks / Marina Lauer

Law Society

The Committee considered the issues that the responsibility lay with the immediate past treasurer of the society, but that the current treasurer was also notified of the financial matters at hand.

It was considered that the Law Society may have an elaborate accounts system and that event organisers did not necessarily consult the treasurer prior to arranging events.

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee that the Clubs and Societies Office were currently working with the current treasurer to address these matters.

The Committee noted that decisions regarding new appeals of the Law Society will be made with consideration of past appeals.

**C&S
099/10**

Resolved that the funding appeal received from the Law Society be accepted with the condition that the current President and Treasurer of the Society speak with the Clubs and Societies Manager, Chair of the Clubs and Societies Committee and the Chair of the Faculty and Affiliated Sites Societies Committee on related matters.

Ben Tang / Ross Leedham

5. Vegetarian Society and Health & Lifestyle Club

C&S
100/10

Resolved that the meeting move *in camera* and that Peter Seith be invited to remain.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Melissa Brooks

C&S
101/10

Resolved that the meeting be extended by half an hour.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Ross Leedham

C&S
102/10

Resolved that Peter Seith be requested to depart from the meeting.

Melissa Brooks / Ross Leedham

C&S
104/10

Resolved that the amended recommendations from the Clubs and Societies Managers' Other Business Report be accepted:
Recommendation 1: That Peter Seith resigns as President of the Vegetarian Society;
Recommendation 2: That Peter Seith provide the Clubs and Societies Office with the final audit material for the Health and Lifestyle Society;
Recommendation 3: That all Executives of the Vegetarian Society attend all Clubs and Societies Executive training sessions;
Recommendation 4: That the Vegetarian Society be placed on six months' probationary status;
Recommendation 5: That no two Clubs and Societies are permitted to have the same constitution of executives regardless of the positions held, at any given time;
Recommendation 6: That Peter Seith be prohibited from becoming an executive of any Club or Society for a period of twelve months;
Recommendation 7: That the Vegetarian Society be subject to a review every six months into all operations of the Society; and
Recommendation 8: That the Clubs and Societies Office become a signatory for the Vegetarian Society bank account.

Ross Leedham / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

C&S
105/10

Resolved that the meeting move out of camera.

Ross Leedham / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

[Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Marina Lauer, Winey Suen and Alistair Cowie departed the meeting at 5.02pm]

[Ben Joseph Daroczy returned to the meeting at 5.02pm]

4.3 New Club Applications

Atheist Society

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105/10

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Ross Leedham / Marina Lauer

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The Chair informed Mr Daroczy that he needs to be diligent on paperwork and will be required to report to the Committee in six month's time following the conclusion of the Atheist Society's probationary period.

[Ben Joseph Daroczy departed from the meeting at 5.03pm]

Australian Youth Climate Coalition

The Chair spoke to the application of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition. He observed that there may be interference of control of the club by external organisations.

The Vice President communicated her belief that there is a substantial overlap between the proposed club and existing groups on campus such as the Environment Collective. She added that those involved in the proposed club are already involved in related events and activities on campus.

**C&S
106/10**

Resolved that the application of Australian Youth Climate Action to become a new club be rejected and that the club be recommended to work with the Clubs and Societies Office to revise their constitution and remove external influences from the proposed club.

Winey Suen / Ross Leedham

Youth Connected USYD

**C&S
107/10**

Resolved that the application of Youth Connected to become a new club be rejected due to its significant similarities with other existing Clubs and Societies.

Winey Suen / Ross Leedham

Vietnamese Dynamic Students

**C&S
108/10**

Resolved that a motion be placed on notice in regards to the discussion of the application of Vietnamese Dynamic Students.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Winey Suen

5. Other Business

Kimchi and Overarching Korean Club

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee that the decision regarding the club status of Kimchi will be dependent upon the outcome regarding existing Korean Clubs and Societies.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

– 14 September 2010, 3pm at the Loggia, Manning House

7. Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.20pm.

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