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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 12 October 2010.

Chair: James Flynn

2010 23 Date

#### Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee 3.00pm, 12 October 2010, The Loggia, Manning House MINUTES



Committee Members	James Flynn (Chair), Ben Tang (Deputy Chair), Melissa Brooks (Vice President),	
	Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Marina Lauer, Ross Leedham, Justin Simon, Joss Engebresten, Jehan Kanga, Winey Suen	
USU Staff	Angela Vogiatsoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager), Michael Teoh (Committee Secretary)	
Visitors	Fine Arts Society: Chelsea Tabart (Vice President) Sydney University I.T Society: James Alexander (President), Karmen Chong (Vice President) Sydney University Masters of Management Club: Sarah Dengate (Secretary), Karina Pike (Former Secretary) Jarrah Sastrawan.	
No#	Details	
	The Chair opened the meeting at 3.09pm.	
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	1. Apologies And Leaves Of Absence	
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# Ross Leedham / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

- 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



The Clubs and Societies Manager spoke to the report.

The Clubs and Societies Manager noted the poor attendance at the Clubs and Societies Awards Night. She said that the date of the event was perhaps too early and asked the Committee their opinions regarding a timetabled 14 October 2011 Clubs and Societies Awards Night, with the theme being a Hawaiian luau.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne thought that timetabling a date for next year's event was a good idea, but questioned the need to determine a theme.

The Clubs and Societies Manager somewhat agreed, but highlighted the benefits of being able to forward plan and publicise the event earlier in the year.

4.2 Status of the Clubs and Societies Fund

The Chair noted that Clubs and Societies funding was being utilised in a more prudent manner.

Ross Leedham said that whilst there was a substantial reduction in total funding, he lamented that the largest decreases were seen in joint major and joint non major events.

# C&S Resolved that the Clubs & Societies Manager's Report be accepted.

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# Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Jehan Kanga

4.3 New Club Applications

There were no new club applications to report.

# C&S Resolved that standing orders be suspended and that discussion 130/10 move to agenda item 6. Other Business.

# Marina Lauer / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

6. Other Business

The Chair introduced all visitors to the Committee and invited them to present their individual proposals.

Sydney University Masters of Management Club Ms Sarah Dengate and Ms Karina Pike introduced themselves as the Secretary and former Secretary, respectively, of the Sydney University Masters of Management (MMGMT) Club.

Ms Dengate explained that the club only catered for Masters of Management (MoM) students, of which there were relatively few in 2010. She informed the Committee that the MMGMT Club had twenty members, from a MoM pool of approximately sixty people.

# [Melissa Brooks and Ben Tang entered the meeting at 3.21pm]

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Ms Dengate informed the Committee that a MMGMT end of year ball would miching the student experience take place at Carriage Works.

#### *Fine Arts Society Funding Appeal* Ms Chelsea Tabart spoke to the appeal letter.

The Chair asked Ms Tabart what measures had been taken to ensure a late submission would not occur again.

Ms Tabart said that the Executive of the Fine Arts Society have had a meeting and reiterated the roles of each member to ensures that each person understands their roles and responsibilities.

# [Winey Suen entered the meeting at 3:28pm]

The Clubs and Societies Manager made note that the Clubs and Societies Database could be accessed by all members of the Executive, and as such any member who noticed that the funding application had not been submitted, could have submitted it themselves.

Ms Tabart accepted this, and stated that the Society was embarrassed by the situation.

Sydney University I.T Society (SUITS) Application for Increased Funding Mr James Alexander and Ms Karmen Chong spoke to increased funding application.

Mr Alexander explained that SUITS was a recent amalgamation of several IT societies and as a result, they had reached their funding cap on 9 September 2010.

Ms Chong explained that the funding would go towards providing a weekly BBQ to the Engineering side of campus, which lacked any weekly event.

The Chair asked why the funding increase application had been received so late.

Mr Alexander explained that the previous President and Vice President of SUITS had not informed the current him or Ms Chong of the funding situation.

Jehan Kanga asked if SUITS had approached the School of IT regarding further funding.

Mr Alexander explained that the School of IT assisted SUITS in different aspects, and they did not wish to approach them for funding.

# C&S Resolved that standing orders be resumed and that discussion move to agenda item 4.4 Constitutional Amendments.

# Marina Lauer / Ben Tang

Karina Pike, Sarah Dengate, Chelsea Tabart, Karmen Chong and James Alexander departed the meeting at 3.30pm.



4.4 Constitutional Amendments

The Chair briefly explained the constitutional amendments proposed by various Clubs and Societies.

[Justin Simon and Jarrah Sastrawan entered the meeting at 3.38pm]

C&S Resolved that the applications for Constitutional Amendments 132/10 requests be accepted *en bloc*, from the following Clubs and Societies:

> Sydney University Medical Society Sydney University Wildlife Society Sydney University Commerce Society Sydney University Politics Society Sydney University Electrical Engineering (SUSPECTS) University of Sydney Network for Investing and Trading Sydney University Recreational Circus Arts Society

# Jehan Kanga / Winey Suen

4.5 Capital Expenditure Requests

The Chair gave an overview of capital expenditure requests proposed by various Clubs and Societies.

The Clubs and Societies Manager noted that, regarding the proposed increase of \$1374.52 to Sydney University Bushwalkers, the capital expenditure limit was \$500 per annum.

The Chair said that as the requested capital expenditure was for purchase safety equipment and that the Sydney University Bushwalkers had not applied for capital expenditure in the recent past, leniency may be given.

[Joss Engebresten entered the meeting at 3:48pm]

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

Sydney University OM: Hindu Society Sydney University Bushwalkers Sydney University Radio Group Sydney University WASABI Sydney University Unibodhi

#### Jehan Kanga / Marina Lauer

4.6 Miscellaneous

There was no miscellaneous discussion to attend to.

5. Charitable Giving Review

Jarrah Sastrawan spoke to his report and invited all Committee members to voice their opinions regarding the report and any possible additions that may be included.



Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne asked what the grounds were for supporting or not supporting a specific charity. He worried that there was no substantial outline as to how a charity should be selected.

Jarrah Sastrawan stressed that the purpose of the report was not for the Clubs & Societies Office to adopt a policing role. He explained that basic criteria such as holding an 'Authority to Fundraise' from the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing could be used. He added that the list provided in Appendix A could be altered at any time.

The Chair thanked Jarrah Sastrawan for his tireless efforts in producing the Charitable Giving Review. *Acclamation* 

The Chair explained that the Charitable Giving Review was a crucial document in guiding clubs and societies on how to effectively conduct fundraising activities.

The Chair asked Committee members their views on how the Charitable Giving Review should be applied. He said that implementing it into the Handbook as well as other clubs and societies processes were options.

Marina Lauer said that many clubs and societies were funded exclusively by the Union so the Review might not be considered an over arching document.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne said that the basic principles of the document should be determined and agreed upon, before implementing it into the regulations.

C&S Resolved that the "Clubs and Societies Charitable Giving Report" be accepted and forwarded to the Clubs and Societies Department for implementation at their discretion.

Ross Leedham / Ben Tang

C&S Resolved that thanks be conferred to Jarrah Sastrawan for his 135/10 substantial effort in producing the "Clubs and Societies Charitable Giving Report".

> Acclamation Marina Lauer / Ben Tang

> > 6. Other Business

The Chair returned discussion to the requests for capital expenditure extensions and the status of the Masters of Management Society.

# C&SResolved that the application for Capital Extension request be<br/>accepted from the Sydney University SUTEKH.

Melissa Brooks / Winny Suen

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C&S 137/10	Resolved that the letter of appeal from the Sydney University Fine Arts Society and the subsequent application for funding be accepted.
	Justin Simon / Jehan Kanga
C&S 138/10	Resolved that the application for Capital Extension request be accepted from the Sydney University Civil Engineers.
	Melissa Brooks / Joss Engebresten
	Regarding the funding appeal received from AIESEC
	The Clubs and Societies Manager stated the application for funding from AIESEC was received two hours late. She was of the opinion that laziness with their administration operations should not go unpunished.
	Melissa Brooks agreed, but explained there was no negative impact or effect on the Clubs and Societies Office.
	The Chair explained that this was AIESEC's first offence and perhaps the Committee should offer leniency in this instance whilst giving AIESEC a warning regarding their actions.
C&S 139/10	Resolved that the letter of appeal from Sydney University AIESEC and the subsequent application for funding be accepted.
	Justin Simon / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne
C&S 140/10	Resolved that the application for Capital Extension request be accepted from the Sydney University Information Technologies Society.
	Melissa Brooks / Ben Tang
C&S 141/10	Resolved that the Masters of Management Society be approved as an official society.
	Melissa Brooks / Ben Tang
	The Chair concluded business by informing the Committee that they had three weeks to submit any recommendations to changes in regulations.
	7. Date of the Next Meeting
	<ul> <li>– 23 November 2010, 3pm at the Loggia, Manning House</li> </ul>
	8. Close of Meeting
	The Chair closed the meeting at 4.21pm.