

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 18 October 2011, The Loggia,
Manning House, Manning Road, University of Sydney.**



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Committee Members	Sibella Matthews (President, <i>ex-officio</i>), Zac Thompson (Vice President, <i>ex-officio</i>), Brigid Dixon (Acting Chair), Jacqui Munro (Chair, <i>ex-officio</i>), Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Cameron Creigh, Timothy Matthews.
USU Staff	Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager), Bryce Williams (Committee Secretary).
Visitors	Alexandra Brown, Alex Hanbury-Brown.

No#	Details
	The Acting Chair opened the meeting at 3.04pm.
	1. Apologies and Leaves of Absence
C&S 181/11	Resolved that apologies be accepted from James Sin, Sarah Nguyen, Alistair Cowie, Mina Nada and Rhys Pogonoski, and that late arrival be accepted from Sibella Matthews.
	<i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh</i>
	2. Minutes of the Meeting Held 19 September 2011
C&S 182/11	Resolved that the regular and confidential minutes of the previous meeting held 21 September 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
	<i>Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</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
	Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager), spoke to her report. She said that the C&S Awards Night was well-executed and noted that the selection criteria would be revised for 2012, with the input of the Committee and Board.
	<i>Jacqui Munro entered the meeting at 3.08pm</i>
	Ms. Vogiatoglou noted the suggestions made by Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Cameron Creigh and Alex Hanbury-Brown. She congratulated Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne and Mr. Creigh on their receipt of Union Blue awards.
	Ms. Vogiatoglou said that the C&S Office would provide information on O-Week 2012 and the C&S Media Policy at the Christmas Drinks function. She suggested that members of the Committee put the scheduled dates for next year's events into their diaries. She noted that next year's Awards Night

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would be themed 'Carnival Masquerade'.

Ms. Vogiatoglou suggested that the Committee's meetings be moved to the Faculty Presidents' Meeting Rooms due to their proximity to the C&S Office and computing resources.

Cameron Creigh noted that the room was smaller and had no extra chairs.

Ms. Vogiatoglou responded that it would provide an opportunity for staff to vet entrants/visitors to the meeting and keep an eye on them.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne said that the main criteria in deciding a location should be space. He noted that everyone who wished to attend should be permitted to attend.

Ms. Vogiatoglou noted that there were a number of matters which could not be resolved in one meeting, but that simple matters such as attendance at Committee meetings could be addressed in one meeting.

Ms. Vogiatoglou said that funding was currently on-track for the year, but noted that the funding at stake amount needed to be taken into consideration. She predicted that the amount expended would exceed last year's total, but remain within budget.

Jacqui Munro said that the Committee should be aware of budgetary restrictions throughout the year.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne responded that applications should be dealt with on their merit, and that budgetary issues should be dealt with by amending the regulations.

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Resolved to accept the Clubs and Societies Manager's Report.

Timothy Matthews / Cameron Creigh

4.2 New Club Applications
SU Jewish Revue Society (SUJRS)

Timothy Matthews noted a conflict of interest, as he is the Secretary of the SUJRS.

Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager) noted that the issue of the AGM month had been resolved.

Anshu de Silva expressed his reservations about accepting the Society. He said that the substantive majority of revues were faculty-based and accepting such a Society could instigate a process of fragmentation.

Mr. Matthews noted the existence of the Women's and Queer Revues. He said that the revue already existed at UNSW, but sought recognition as it moved across to the University of Sydney.

Zac Thompson, Vice-President, said that whether the revues were exclusive to faculties or catered more broadly to sub-communities within the University,

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the issue remained whether the group was substantial enough to hold a revue.

Ms. Vogiatoglou noted that the group had the full support of the Director of Student Programs.

Jacqui Munro noted that the revue was culturally and not necessarily religiously based. She said that acceptance of the revue would not necessarily indicate a directional change or dramatically increase the number of revue applications as a result of the logistical challenges of running a revue.

Mr. Matthews said that the revue was distinct from any other club. He suggested that the revue club process be reviewed.

Ms. Vogiatoglou noted that revues are not funded by C&S grants, but are managed separately by the Student Programs department. She said that the revue clubs still needed to be registered and adhere to the C&S Regulations.

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Resolved to accept the New Club Application of The Sydney Jewish Revue Society.

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.3 Constitutional Amendments

Jacqui Munro noted that amendments to the SASS Constitution had not been submitted prior to the meeting.

Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager) suggested that the changes be brought to the November committee meeting and that roles be appointed pending the acceptance of those changes.

SU Liberal Club

Timothy Matthews asked about the status of the proxy voting provisions.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne noted that the model constitution was a guide and not binding. He said that the Committee should not attempt to influence and engage in the Club's politics.

Ms. Munro said that the Club had agreed to surrender its administration to the C&S Office.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked about the purview of the agreement. He said that proxy voting was very important and could fundamentally affect voting dynamics within the Club.

Cameron Creigh explained that to vote by proxy, one had to be eligible to vote, but that the person acting as proxy did not need to be eligible.

Mr. Matthews expressed his concern about permitting proxy voting within the Club.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne expressed his disapproval of amendments made an

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in ad-hoc fashion.

Ms. Munro said that while the aim of increasing voter participation may appear to increase democracy within the Club, it may have a perverse effect.

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Resolved to accept Recommendation 1 of the Constitutional Amendments Report:

SU Liberal Club: That the constitutional amendments be approved, pending C&S recommendations.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh

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Resolved to further consider the issue of proxy voting as a general rule.

Timothy Matthews / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

SU Medical Society

Brigid Dixon, Acting Chair, noted that medical students have different semesters and as such, had their AGM scheduled for November.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne said that if there was no administrative impact on the C&S Office, then there was no issue with the scheduling of the AGM.

Mr. Creigh noted the slight possibility that holding the AGM in November may limit the ability of non-faculty access members from being elected to positions on the faculty society.

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Resolved to accept the constitutional amendments of the SU Medical Society.

Cameron Creigh / Timothy Matthews

SU Science Society

Ms. Dixon noted the confusion about the Society's General Committee/Executive arrangements.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne explained that the General Committee reported to the Executive and could request that a (sub) committee be created with the approval of the executive. The requesting member would then act as Chair of the (sub) committee. He stressed that members of the General Committee, and Chairs of (sub) committees were not executive members.

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Resolved to accept Recommendation 3 of the Constitutional Amendments Report:

SU Science Society: That the constitutional amendments be approved, pending C&S recommendations.

Timothy Matthews / Cameron Creigh

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189/11** SU Veterinary Society
**Resolved to accept Recommendation 4 of the Constitutional
Amendments Report:**

**SU Veterinary Society: That the constitutional amendments be
approved.**

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh

SU Vietnamese Students Association

Mr. Creigh noted the additional recommendation included in the report, but
not in the summary.

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190/11** **Resolved to amend and accept Recommendation 5 of the
Constitutional Amendments Report:**

**SU Vietnamese Students Association: That the constitutional
amendments be approved, pending C&S recommendations.**

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

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191/11** SU Women in Engineering
**Resolved to accept Recommendation 6 of the Constitutional
Amendments Report:**

**SU Women in Engineering: That the constitutional amendments be
approved.**

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh

4.4 Capital Expenditure Requests

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192/11** **Resolved that the following recommendations contained in the Capital
Expenditure Report be accepted *en bloc*:**

**SU Australian Chinese International Students Club: That the
Capital Expenditure request for \$190.00 be accepted.**

**SU Health & Lifestyle Society: That the Capital Expenditure
request for \$192.00 be accepted.**

**SURCAS That the Capital Expenditure request for \$453.00 be
accepted.**

Timothy Matthews / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

5. Other Business

Chinese Students Association

Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager) noted that the
Association had previous funding rejections as the result of the inadequacy
of a previous Treasurer. She said that the Association now has a new
Treasurer and is in strong need of the funding.

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Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested that the large request be approved in order to recognise the pre-emptive course of action taken, while the second, smaller request be rejected such that the system not be undermined.

Zac Thompson noted the purchase of a jacket in the report.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne expressed his concern about the date discrepancy for the barbeque posters, as noted on the summary.

Ms. Vogiatoglou said that there was not actually a discrepancy.

Timothy Matthews expressed his concern about the discrepancy between the pre- and post-event amounts claimed, and the items purchased.

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Resolved to let the funding appeals of SU Chinese Student Association, for events held on the 13th and 24th of August, lie on the table, pending further communication with the Association.

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

SU Mechatronics Organisation

Cameron Creigh noted a conflict of interest.

Mr. Creigh explained that the first-year Vice-President of the Organisation missed the required submission dates as the result of a motorcycle accident. He noted that he had sent a letter to the C&S Office on the same day.

Ms. Vogiatoglou noted the seriousness of the matter and the need to be realistic in the circumstances. She recognised the concerted effort made to meet the requirements.

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Resolved to accept the appeal of SU Mechatronics Organisation for their rejected late Pre- Event for event held 6th Oct 2011.

Timothy Matthews / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

Abstentions: Cameron Creigh

Faculty Clubs Submission

Mr. Creigh explained that Capital Expenditure needs of Faculty Clubs were largely overlooked by the regulations and that an overhaul of the funding model was required. He noted that funding for large capital items often relied on members and the faculties.

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Resolved that the meeting move in camera.

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

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Resolved that the meeting move out of camera.

Cameron Creigh / Timothy Matthews

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6. Date of the Next Meeting

3pm, Tuesday 22 November.

Sibella Matthews, President, entered the meeting at 4.03pm.

7. Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.04pm.
