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## UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY UNION SECRETARIAT

The attached regular and confidential 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 17 April 2012

  
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Acting Chair:

  
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Date



**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee  
3.00pm, 17 April, The Faculty Presidents' Meeting Rm  
Manning House, Manning Road, University of Sydney.  
MINUTES**

Committee Members     Jacqui Munro (Chair), Brigid Dixon (co-Chair)  
  
Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Alexander Hanbury-Brown, Cameron Creigh,  
Karen Chau, Peta Blundell, Ganesh Vaheisvaran, Victoria Grimshaw,  
Alexandra Brown.

USU Staff     Kristy Samal (Committee Secretary), Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager)

Visitors	Jacob Lao, Sarah Wang, Shivaun Sarkis, Mitch Edwards, Brooke Simmons, Charmaine Han, Duncan Raden, Caitlin Naidoo, James McLean, Sy Woon, Thomas Melhuish, Kit Rowe, Melissa Wadkin, Alex O'Neill, Tamasin Young, Tim Weeks, An Tran, Huong Vu, Eleni Xydas, Felicity O'Neill
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**Resolution     Details  
No#**

The Chair opened the meeting at 3:08pm.

1. Apologies and Leaves of Absence

**C&S42/12     Resolved to accept apologies from Alistair Cowie, Sibella Matthews and Zac Thompson and to accept an early leave request from Brigid Dixon**

*Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Cameron Creigh*

**C&S 43/12     Resolved that standing orders be suspended and that discussion move to item 4.2 New Clubs**

*Peta Blundell/Victoria Grimshaw*

4.2 New Clubs

Sydney Consulting Club

Ms. Jacqui Munro called for representatives of the **Sydney Consulting Club** to speak to their New Club Application.

Mr. Mitch Edwards explained that there are currently no clubs on campus for students interested in ongoing consulting activities throughout the year. Mr. Edwards stated that the club would act as a forum for any student wishing to get more involved and develop skills associated with consulting. These forums would take place in the form of weekly meetings and allow students to develop networking relationships with several employers.

Mr. Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned Mr. Edwards regarding the



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Professional Membership category. He asked Mr. Edwards what proportion of students and members would have the ability to become Professional Members. He added that including an additional membership category could be considered disingenuous to the values of the Clubs and Societies program.

Mr. Edwards replied that students interested in Professional Membership would be put through an additional consulting induction. He added that the process would develop alongside the club and therefore clearer definitions would become more available. He argued that the purpose of Professional Membership was not to block students but to provide an opportunity for further consulting experiences for students expressing greater interest.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne highlighted that the current constitution of the **Sydney Consulting Club** still permits the possible opportunity of excluding members. He asked how the Club could adequately prove that purposeful exclusion would not occur in the future.

Mr. Edwards replied that Professional Members would be invited to participate in more intimate events exclusive to Professional Members and consultants. He reiterated that these events were intended to provide activities for students more passionate about consulting and would not necessarily exclude anyone as they would attract more involved students.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne stated two further concerns. Firstly, he pointed out that the additional membership category contradicts the universal membership advocated through the C&S program. Secondly, Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked Mr. Edwards how the **Sydney Consulting Club** was different to the other consulting club on campus, **180 Degrees**.

Mr. Edwards replied that **180 Degrees** acted more like a company whose main goal was not to find students jobs. He argued that the **180 Degrees** club is already a consultancy rather than a careers orientated society. Thus, whereas the **Sydney Consulting Club** aims to prepare students with skills enabling them to acquire consulting jobs with a number of different employers, **180 Degrees** is only partnered with one firm and is not related to providing job options for students. Mr. Edwards stated that the **Sydney Consulting Club** aims to provide extra opportunities for students to get jobs.

Ms. Munro thanked the club representatives and explained that due to the large amount of visitors for the meeting, the members would have to see other guests first and would then proceed to discuss the club's application.

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*Karen Chau, C&S Committee Member, entered the meeting at 3:15pm*

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The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC)

Ms. Munro invited the representatives from **FIMRC** to speak to their New Club Application.

Ms. Sarah Wang introduced herself and fellow representative Mr. Jacob Lao, explaining that they wished to set up an Australian chapter of the **Foundation for International Medical Relief for Children (FIMRC)**, which is headquartered in Philadelphia, USA. Ms. Wang explained that the aim of FIMRC was the improvement of healthcare access for children in underserved regions and that chapters had already been established across the USA, China and India. Funding for projects is primarily from fundraising activities, however direct relief is also provided through contribution to projects such as the Ronald McDonald House Charity. Ms. Wang stated that the aim of the **FIMRC** club would be to establish a Sydney chapter that would eventually allow students to volunteer globally through the organisation.

Ms. Munro opened up the floor to questions from the Committee members.

Mr. Cameron Creigh asked the representatives about the extent to which FIMRC headquarters would have control over the club if it were to be established. He outlined the C&S regulation prohibiting clubs or societies to be primarily controlled by external actors.

Mr. Lao responded that the affiliation between the club and the foundation would go as far as submitting an annual report and updates on club progress. Whilst the Foundation also provides a monetary fundraising goal, Mr. Lao explained that they control past this.

Mr. Creigh asked Mr. Lao what USU funding would be used for and in particular, whether USU funding would be used in order to make sure the club reached their assigned fundraising goals. Mr. Lao replied that only money raised through fundraising activities would be donated to FIMRC and that USU funds would be used to fund lunches and speaker fees.

Mr. Creigh highlighted the fact that the club's Volunteer Coordinators currently possessed invalid ACCESS cards. He asked Mr. Lao whether he understood that these executives needed to renew their cards to which Mr. Lao agreed and claimed he would solve.

Ms. Peta Blundell asked the representatives to elaborate on their plans for global health volunteering and how they expected to organise these programs. Ms. Wang explained that FIMRC headquarters already have existing structures such as accommodation and equipment for these programs. Transport is self-funded by volunteers. Ms. Wang stated that the chapter would have to apply to participate and volunteers would undergo an application process allowing them to become involved in programs. Ms. Wang highlighted an example where volunteers could travel to locations like Costa Rica, Uruguay and India to assist in outpatient clinics.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned why a separate club was needed



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instead of incorporating FIMRC programs into existing clubs such as **MEDSOC**.

Mr. Lao replied that affiliation with FIMRC is a complicated process and therefore it would take a long time to establish a relationship between **MEDSOC** and FIMRC headquarters. Ms. Wang added that members of medical societies on campus are also required to be undertaking a medical related degree. She argued that the FIMRC club would not discriminate against students based on faculty or possession of a healthcare background as international FIMRC programs require a range of skills and disciplines.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne brought up the topic of donation money and asked the representatives to clarify whether all funding would be mandatorily allocated to FIMRC or whether there was scope for other programs to receive funding.

Mr. Lao answered that funds would be going to headquarters but the Adopt-a-Project FIMRC program allows chapters to select and apply for different programs within the FIMRC organisation.

Mr. Ganesh Vaheisvaran queried what would happen if the monetary target was not fulfilled. Mr. Lao explained that it was more of a motivational target and that whilst they were usually achievable, programs in which he had been involved in the past had not always reached their goals and there had been no consequences. He pointed out that in humanitarian work any money is good money.

Ms. Brigid Dixon asked whether there was scope for the club and its proposed activities to continue. Ms. Wang replied that the large amount of interest amongst members and first years in the program demonstrated the potential to develop the society past themselves and their involvement.

Ms. Munro thanked the representatives and informed them that the Committee would discuss their application further.

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## 5. Other Business

### Work and Organisational Studies Society

Ms. Munro thanked the representative for attending and asked her to speak to her club's appeal of their rejected O-Week funding.

Ms. Caitlin Naidoo, President of the **Work and Organisational Studies Society** thanked the Committee and explained that their society's O-Week funding had been rejected as it was not submitted by the deadline. She explained that this was due to the Secretary's unfamiliarity with the online system and the fact that their Treasurer was one of the O-Week Directors and therefore very busy. Consequently, there had been a lack of communication amongst executives regarding the submission of O-Week forms. Ms. Naidoo stated that the issue had been resolved within the club and relevant executives had been warned. She pleaded for the Committee's leniency as she claimed that without the funding the club would be out of



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pocket.

Mr. Creigh asked why the forms had been submitted so late. Ms. Naidoo replied that the Treasurer had not communicated the due date of the forms to the Secretary. In addition, the rain during O-week had meant that membership details were written in hardcopy and the Secretary had not realised how long it would take her to input all the data onto the computer.

Mr. Creigh questioned whether the Secretary had attended training. Ms. Naidoo responded that only she and the Treasurer had attended training but that in future, a better handover was intended.

Ms. Angela Vogiatoglou pointed out that the C&S Office had sent out emails to the core executive with reminders regarding submission of O-Week funding forms. She asked why the Secretary had failed to take these into account.

Ms. Naidoo explained that the Secretary had been aware of the due date but had also experienced difficulty actually submitting the documents online. Ms. Naidoo further elaborated that because the Secretary had left the submission till the last minute, when Ms. Naidoo herself was finally contacted the deadline had passed. Ms. Naidoo stated that as a result of the incidence, specific role descriptions had been written out to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Mr. Vaheisvaran asked Ms. Naidoo to clarify what she meant by 'out of pocket' and whether this meant executives had not yet been reimbursed or whether the club itself was actually out of pocket. Ms. Naidoo explained that one or two executives still had to be reimbursed but the club also had money owing.

Ms. Alexandra Brown asked Ms. Naidoo what the club had spent money on to place it in this position. Ms. Naidoo responded that since the club does not make a profit it only applies for what it spends. The club requested sponsorship from the School of Business but was refused sponsorship for funding. Thus, the club had to use club money to fund the club's business cards.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked why the club needed business cards. Ms. Naidoo replied that they were a means to spread their contact details in an effort to attract further sponsorship.

Ms. Munro thanked Ms. Naidoo for her attendance and informed her that the Committee would discuss the issue further.

Ms. Naidoo asked the Committee whether the decision would be emailed and whether this would be received by the entire executive, to which Ms. Vogiatoglou stated that all core executives would receive an email regarding the Committee's decision.



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C&S  
044/12 Resolved to have Jacqui Munro vacate the position of Chair and  
instate Brigid Dixon as Chair

*Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Peta Blundell*

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C&S  
045/12 Resolved that the meeting move in camera

*Alexandra Brown/ Cameron Creigh*

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C&S  
047/12 Resolved that the meeting move out of camera

*Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Peta Blundell*

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C&S  
048/12 Resolved that Jacqui Munro be reinstated as Chair

*Victoria Grimshaw/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown*

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5. Other Business

SU Writers Society

Ms. Munro called for the representative from the **SU Writers Society** to speak to their appeal of a pre-emptive rejection of their Pre-Event Form.

Ms. Tamasin Young explained that miscommunication amongst executives meant the Pre-Event form for their event had been submitted a day later than the deadline. Ms. Young highlighted the fact that she had sent an email to the C&S Office as soon as she realised that the form had not been submitted, yet her inexperience with online Pre-Event forms prevented her from submitting it on time herself.

Ms. Vogiatoglou spoke to Ms. Young's case, telling the Committee that Ms. Young had continued to work closely with the C&S Office regarding the matter and that she believes it was a genuine mistake.

Ms. Brown questioned whether Ms. Young had attended C&S training concerning the Orion portal.

Ms. Young stated that she had attended training, explaining that her secretary generally manages online processes and that she herself was inexperienced with the Orion portal.

Ms. Victoria Grimshaw defended Ms. Young, commenting that Ms. Young normally deals with very different events and event administration within the society.

Mr. Vaheisvaran pointed out to Ms. Young that submission after 5pm did not count as two working days to which Ms. Young clarified that because the event was to be held on Thursday evening, she had thought it would be acceptable. Ms. Young also stated that she had now filled out the paperwork and submitted administration for events up to three weeks in



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advance.

Ms. Munro thanked Ms. Young for her attendance and informed her that the Committee would discuss the issue further.

SU Commerce Society

Ms. Munro called for the representatives from the **SU Commerce Society** to speak to their appeal concerning their rejected Accommodation Pre-Event form.

Ms. Melissa Wadkin thanked the Committee and asked for the members to reconsider the rejection of their event. Ms. Wadkin provided a description of the event, stressing the large amount of costs accrued from accommodation. She explained that a miscommunication amongst executives had resulted in late submission of the Pre-Event form. Ms. Wadkin pleaded leniency from the Committee, explaining that costs would be a significant burden upon their society. She also stated that since the problem, a meeting had been organised with all executive members to clarify roles and responsibilities in an effort to avoid similar future mistakes.

Ms. Grimshaw asked Ms. Wadkin to clarify why the ticketing price was different for some executive members. Ms. Wadkin explained that some executive members were unable to attend the entire camp and were subsequently charged a discounted rate of \$100.00 instead of \$160.00.

Mr. Creigh enquired as to how miscommunication occurred during such a big event that had obviously required significant amounts of planning and organisation. Ms. Wadkin consented that it was a large oversight on behalf of the society's executive team. She explained that the event had been organised early in the year, with several reservations made before semester began. However, because these were undertaken by their Social Director who was overseas just prior to and during the event, they did not realise that she had failed to submit the Pre-Event form.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked the representatives how long the Social Director had been gone before the form's deadline to which Ms. Wadkin answered that the Social Director had been gone a total of three weeks. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned whether absolutely no correspondence had taken place during this time and whether the Social Director had been working on the event whilst overseas. He also asked whether there had been any communication regarding the Pre-Event form before she had left. Ms. Wadkin replied that there had been no communication with the Social Director regarding whether she had submitted the form.

Ms. Brown enquired as to whether the society would be able to cover costs if the committee refused the appeal. Ms. Wadkin replied that the society would have to rely on fundraising to do this.

Ms. Grimshaw asked whether any action had been taken to ensure that this would not occur again. Ms. Wadkin explained that the system had been





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changed and that the Vice President of the society was now in charge of social events and required to submit Pre-Event forms at least a week beforehand.

Ms. Blundell asked Ms. Wadkin to clarify whether this strategy was clearly documented within the society to which Ms. Wadkin replied yes.

Ms. Munro thanked the representatives for their attendance and informed them that the Committee would discuss the issue further amongst themselves.

### SU Resistance

Ms. Munro called for the representatives from **SU Resistance** to speak to their application of removing their probationary registration.

Ms. Charmaine Han introduced herself and her fellow representative Mr. Duncan Raden. She explained that the club had been carrying out regular activities including weekly stalls. Ms. Han stated that she understood the problem to be a result of the previous executive leaving without telling the USU about current membership and that the club was told that if they submitted all required documents, everything would be sorted.

Mr. Vahiesvaran asked how the club currently uses their funding. Mr. Raden replied that the funds were used to produce leaflets for forums but other than that, not much funding was used.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked the representatives to clarify what the club believed the value of the C&S program was to their club and activities. He asked what normal event attendance numbers were.

Ms. Han responded that around 20 people would attend events although it depended on the type of event. She stated that the club believed it was good to maintain a presence on campus so as to expose students to different political opinions. Mr. Raden added that the club contributed to the political opportunities on campus and that the C&S program allowed them to connect with other clubs and societies.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned how specifically SU Resistance engages with other clubs. Mr. Raden explained that the range of political issues covered by the club meant that they have a lot of collaboration opportunities. He added that an event had already been held with the Envirocollective.

Ms. Blundell asked whether this included any official joint events to which Mr. Raden replied that none had been held. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne added that the Envirocollective is part of the SRC and not the C&S program, clarifying that as a result, no events had actually been held with other clubs and societies.

Mr. Creigh asked the representatives to clarify how they were running the club differently and whether they possessed any experience.

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Ms. Han explained that she was a first year on international exchange and had been head of the debate group at her school. She added that she was familiar with club administration. Mr. Raden replied that he was not a student of the University but a member of the national Resistance club.

Mr. Raden clarified that regular club meetings were held off-campus in order to promote a democratic process with a more leaderless system.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked what the relationship was between the University club and the national council, and specifically, whether independence existed between the two. Mr. Raden answered that members automatically become part of the national body by joining the club. He added that the national body only provides guiding principles for the club.

Ms. Brown asked the representatives whether the previous issues with administration and adherence to C&S Regulations had been addressed. Mr. Raden replied that he was unfamiliar with past breaches by the club. Ms. Han also asked the committee to elaborate on the regulations that were breached.

Ms. Munro elaborated that the breaches were stated in the meeting papers and correspondence between the C&S Office and club. She summarised the issues as being problems of compliance with C&S regulations.

Ms. Blundell questioned whether the executives had attended training to which Ms. Han replied that they had not but would do if necessary. Ms. Munro pointed out that the training was indeed necessary considering the AGM had been held inappropriately. She asked Ms. Han why regulations had not been followed.

Ms. Han responded that the sudden change in executive had led to miscommunication with past executive and incoming executive members.

Ms. Munro highlighted the C&S Office as a resource for clubs to use and asked why the club had not yet contacted the office if it had been overwhelmed or needed assistance. Ms. Han stated that she would get back to the committee on that point. She argued that the club were trying to do their best.

Ms. Munro asked whether the club had contacted the C&S Office since problems with the AGM to which Ms. Han replied yes, and explained that the new executives were awaiting access to the Orion portal.

Ms. Munro thanked the representatives and reminded them that they were unable to have a member without an Access card. She explained that the committee would discuss the issue later in the meeting.

#### White Ribbon at The University of Sydney

Ms. Munro called for the representatives from **White Ribbon at The University of Sydney** to speak to their application of removing their probationary registration.



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Mr. Thomas Melhuish stated that the society had experienced a really successful year with good member involvement and really successful membership number of 150 plus. He added that the society's AGM was coming up within the next few weeks.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked Mr. Melhuish what activities the society had held other than White Ribbon Day.

Mr. Melhuish replied that the society was not campaigning only for White Ribbon Day and that this actual campaign was yet to start. He explained that Speaker events had been held outside the main campaign as well as interfaculty events such as the Women In Medicine Dinner. Members are encouraged to attend White Ribbon campaigning elsewhere since it is an active campaign.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne enquired what value the club presented to the C&S program.

Mr. Melhuish replied that the overall role of the club was to promote the message of prevention of violence against women. He added that this correlates to the National Union of Students' current push of the same message.

Mr. Kit Rowe added that the club provided communication among likeminded people. Mr. Melhuish agreed that it provided a networking forum for people concerned about the same issue.

Mr. Creigh asked what the value of the C&S program was to the club. Mr. Melhuish explained that the program allowed for a broader membership base and greater ability to spread the message further. Most of the work had been pioneered by the NUS. Furthermore, the C&S society had led to a rise in males involved in the program.

Ms. Brown questioned how C&S assets were used by the club. Mr. Melhuish stated that they used C&S funding for the interfaculty event Women in Medicine dinner. It was the first time men were allowed to participate. He explained that funding was important for on-campus campaigns where the provision of food and beverages is important to attendance.

Ms. Grimshaw enquired as to the nature of the affiliation between the club and the National body organisation. Mr. Melhuish responded that the club operated autonomously but did work with the White Ribbon foundation. Ms. Grimshaw further questioned whether comparable clubs existed at other universities to which Mr. Melhuish stated that the University of Melbourne currently has a White Ribbon club which is structured similarly and funded by the University of Melbourne Union.

Ms. Munro thanked Mr. Melhuish and Mr. Rowe for their attendance and explained that the Committee would discuss their appeal further during the meeting.

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*Ms. Brigid Dixon, Co-Chair, exited the meeting at 4:08pm*

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5. Other Business

SU Vietnamese Dynamic Students

Ms. Munro thanked the representatives of the **SU Vietnamese Dynamic Students Club** and asked them to speak to their appeal for a lift of their probationary status.

Ms. An Tran introduced herself and fellow representative Ms. Huong Vu. She gave details on the club's activities for the year so far. Ms. Tran outlined the Orientation event that was held to attract new members as well as the regular meetings and BBQs the club has established. In the last two weeks the club had also held a free welcome lunch event for members and has participated in sporting events with other clubs and with other University clubs. Ms. Vu added that the club was interested in these other events in order to gain ideas for future events.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked about the club's engagement with the **SU Vietnamese Students Association** and why there appeared to be a lack of interaction with the other Vietnamese club on campus. Ms. Tran explained that because the **SU VSA** consisted of local Vietnamese students, they did not interact a lot with this other club in comparison to clubs at UTS. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne enquired further about the apparent clash between the **SU VDS** and **SU VSA**. Ms. Tran clarified that the **SU VSA** participates in activities which would be considered potentially treasonous by the Vietnamese government and would therefore jeopardise the return of member students within the **SU VDS**.

Ms. Blundell asked whether the club had a large membership base to which Ms. Tran replied that the club currently has about 20 members consisting of volunteers and executives. She added that since most Vietnamese students study Commerce, the club tended to focus on Manning and BBQs to attract new members.

Ms. Munro thanked Ms. Tran and Ms. Vu for attending the meeting. She explained that the Committee would discuss the appeal later within the meeting.

SU Animal Welfare Society

Ms. Munro welcomed the representative from the **SU Animal Welfare Society** and asked her to speak to both appeals put forward by the club.

Ms. Sy Woon began with an explanation of the first appeal request. She stated that her secretary had only uploaded part of the membership list. Ms. Woon herself had experienced difficulty locating where to upload the executive membership list. The following day she saw the message on the portal with directions on where and how to upload this list but the deadline had passed by this time. Ms. Woon then proceeded to explain the second



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appeal request. In this instance, her treasurer had failed to write the income of Non-Access members whilst taking the money. Ms. Woon pleaded for leniency from the Committee, defending both instances as genuine mistakes and that she endeavoured to improve the club's administration in the future. She apologised for both cases and asked the Committee to consider reimbursing the society.

Ms. Brown asked Ms. Woon whether the society had banked the money pertaining to their second claim. Ms. Woon replied that they possessed the money but they had yet to bank it.

Mr. Hanbury-Brown enquired as to whether Ms. Woon and her fellow executives had attended any C&S training. Ms. Woon responded that both the treasurer and secretary had participated in training.

Ms. Blundell enquired as to the financial position of the club if the Committee were to reject their appeals. Ms. Woon answered that the society did possess money but stated that they really needed their O-week funding in order to continue supporting charities.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked whether these two issues demonstrated a more systemic problem within the society, given their appeal last year (**C&S 96/11**). Ms. Woon argued that the club had managed a successful appeal last year because they had submitted the forms online and that since no date was apparent on the forms, the argument of a deadline was rendered obsolete.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne enquired as to the division of labour existing within the society and which executives were responsible for the recent mistakes. Ms. Woon stated that the mistakes were the fault of the treasurer. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked what steps had been taken to ensure that the Treasurer was aware of their responsibilities. Ms. Woon explained that the Treasurer had been told of his mistake and been asked to read the handbook again. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked whether the Treasurer had subsequently taken on more responsibility. Ms. Woon was hesitant, citing the fact that the Treasurer had still not deposited the money from the event.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne also pointed out that the pricing categories on the Pre-Event form for Non-Access and Access were incorrect. Ms. Brown argued that it was an easy mistake to make. Ms. Munro disagreed, informing Ms. Woon that her society's executives needed training.

Ms. Grimshaw asked Ms. Woon whether any formal steps had been taken to address the problems. Ms. Woon replied that the problems had only been communicated to relevant executives. Ms. Blundell clarified that nothing had been written down, to which Ms. Woon stated that nothing had been documented but if the Committee recommended it, appropriate actions would be taken.

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**C&S**  
**049/12**

Resolved to extend the meeting by a further 30 minutes.

*Karen Chau/ Cameron Creigh*



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5. Other Business

SU Women in Engineering

*Mr. Hanbury Brown and Mr. Creigh declared a conflict of interest.*

Ms. Munro called for the representative from the **SU Women in Engineering** club to speak to their appeal regarding the rejection of their Pre-Event Form.

Mr. Creigh spoke to the club's appeal stating that the entire executive were new and that the representative of the club, Ms. Brooke Simmons had not been involved in the C&S program before. The issue related to a Breakfast held on Sunday morning. Since the Pre-Event form had been submitted on a Thursday, this had not been two full business days before the event and was therefore considered a late submission.

Ms. Grimshaw enquired into the club's financial position and Ms. Simmons explained that whilst the club would be able to make up the funds in the next few events it would put them at a significant disadvantage. Ms. Grimshaw pointed out that the club still had \$215.00 in the bank. Ms. Simmons agreed but expressed her worry that funds were only just adequate to keep the club running.

<b>C&amp;S 050/12</b>	Resolved that the meeting move in camera.  <i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Karen Chau</i>
<b>C&amp;S 053/12</b>	Resolved to move the meeting out of camera.  <i>Peta Blundell/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i>

4.4 Capital Expenditure

**C&S  
054/12**

**Resolved that the following recommendations contained in item 4.4 Capital Expenditure Report be accepted *en bloc*:**

**SU 180 Degrees Consulting: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$316,50 be accepted.**

**SU Australian Chinese International Students Club: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$89.00 be accepted.**

**SU Chemical Engineering Society: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$102.95 be accepted.**

**SU Chinese Christian Fellowship: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$69.00 be accepted.**

**SU Russellian Society: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$49.65**



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be accepted.

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4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

**C&S  
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**Resolved to accept the Clubs and Societies Manager's Report.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne*

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4.3 Constitutional Amendments

**C&S  
056/12**

**Resolved to that the following recommendations contained in item 4.3 Constitutional Amendments be accepted *en bloc*:**

**SU Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciation Society (Chopsticks): That the constitutional amendments be approved pending the issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed.**

**SU Education and Social Work Society: That the constitutional amendments be approved pending the issues outlined by the C&S office be addressed.**

**SU Sancta Sophia College: That the constitutional amendments be approved pending the issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed.**

**SU Software Programming Electrical Computer & Telecommunications (Engineering) Society: That the constitutional amendments be approved pending the issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Victoria Grimshaw*

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4.2 New Clubs

Sydney Consulting Club

Mr. Creigh expressed his satisfaction with the club's proposal as did Ms. Chau.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne stated that he was happy with the club's purpose but expressed his desire that the club remove their Professional Membership selection criteria. Ms. Munro agreed with Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne's statement.

Ms. Brown argued that the club should train people more extensively but that this training should be available to all.

Mr. Vaheisvaran added that the C&S Regulations require anyone to be able to attend events. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that this applied to only club membership and not to events. Mr. Hanbury-Brown argued that this



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could still lead to discrimination.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne highlighted that the club would be unable to receive C&S funding for certain events if they incorporated differential membership. He recommended the club be made aware of this particular clause.

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**Resolved that the New Club Application of Sydney Consulting Club be *accepted pending* the removal of the selection process regarding professional membership and that the club are made aware that through excluding non-professional members from events, they will not be entitled to Clubs and Societies funding for those events.**

***Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Victoria Grimshaw***

The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children

Ms. Brown expressed her uncertainty regarding the club's ground for being different to other existing clubs on campus.

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*Ms. Alexandra Brown, Committee member, exited the meeting at 5:15pm*

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Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that he was against approving the club due to the extent of external control over the club.

Ms. Grimshaw stated that she believed the club did present merit for being different to existing medical societies. Ms. Munro agreed, commenting that the club could be categorised more as a humanitarian society rather than compared to those in the medicine sector.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne disagreed, stating that the decision to approve the club should also be made on the basis of potential. He argued that external control may limit the club's ability to develop and act for its members.

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*Ms. Alexandra Brown, Committee member, returned to the meeting at 5:20pm*

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Ms. Grimshaw commented that the club's relationship to its founding body did appear different to that of White Ribbon where the central campaign had not constrained the club's activities.

Mr. Hanbury-Brown highlighted that Union dollars could be spent on Union funded items.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that a club's membership should have autonomy over how it wishes to spend the club's funds.

Mr. Vaheisvaran pointed out the club's desire to become a part of a larger community and provide opportunities for those not studying medicine to get involved in a medically related society.

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**Resolved that probationary status be approved for The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children.**





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*Victoria Grimshaw/ Peta Blundell*

*Abstentions: Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Alexandra Brown*

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5. Other Business

White Ribbon at The University of Sydney

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**Resolved that probationary registration be lifted for White Ribbon at The University of Sydney.**

*Karen Chau/ Alexandra Brown*

SU Resistance

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**Resolved that probationary registration of SU Resistance be extended for a further six months.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Karen Chau*

SU Vietnamese Dynamic Students

**C&S  
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**Resolved that probationary registration of SU Vietnamese Dynamic Students be extended for six months.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown*

SU Animal Welfare Society

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062/12**

**Resolved to reject the appeal of SU Animal Welfare Society regarding their rejected O-Week funding.**

*Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Cameron Creigh*

SU Animal Welfare Society

**C&S  
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**Resolved to accept the appeal of SU Animal Welfare Society regarding their rejected Meet and Greet event funding.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Karen Chau*

SU Commerce Society

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**Resolved to accept the appeal of SU Commerce Society for the rejection of their Accommodation Pre-Event Form**

*Cameron Creigh/ Karen Chau*

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SU German Kultur Klub

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Resolved to allow the appeal of the SU German Kultur Klub for the rejection of their Major Event Pre-Event form to lie on the table for one month.

*Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Karen Chau*

SU Women in Engineering

**C&S  
066/12**

Resolved to accept the appeal of SU Women in Engineering for the rejection of their Pre-Event form.

*Karen Chau/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne*

SU Work and Organisational Studies

**C&S  
067/12**

Resolved to reject the appeal of the SU Work and Organisational Studies Society regarding their O-Week funding.

*Peta Blundell/ Victoria Grimshaw*

SU Writers Society

**C&S  
068/12**

Resolved to approve the appeal of the SU Writers Society for their pre-emptive rejection of their Pre-Event form.

*Peta Blundell/Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne*

<b>C&amp;S 069/12</b>	Resolved that the meeting move in camera. <i>Victoria Grimshaw/ Peta Blundell</i>
<b>C&amp;S 071/12</b>	Resolved that the meeting move out of camera. <i>Karen Chau/ Peta Blundell</i>

6. Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 3:00pm in The Faculty Presidents' Room, Level 1 Manning.

7. Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 5:30pm.



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