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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 21st August 2012.

Chair: Zachary Thompson

Date

Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 21 August 2012, Faculty Presidents' Meeting Room,
Manning House, Manning Road, University of Sydney.



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Committee Members Zachary Thompson (Chair), Karen Chau (Deputy Chair)

 Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Alexander Hanbury-Brown, Cameron Creigh, Peta Blundell, Ganesh Vaheisvaran

USU Staff Kristy Samal (Committee Secretary), Pamela Wade (Clubs and Societies Officer), and Alistair Cowie (Director of Student Programs).

Visitors	Sebastian Pauka, Alan Su, Feina You, Luke Zhao, Jehan Kanga
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Resolution No#	Details
	The Chair opened the meeting at 3:00pm
	There were no formal apologies.
C&S 133/12	<p>2. Minutes</p> <p><u>2.1 Regular Minutes Of The Meeting Held 17 July 2012</u></p> <p>Resolved that the regular minutes of 17 July 2012 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings pending amendments outlined by the Committee.</p> <p><i>Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh</i></p>
C&S 134/12	<p>Resolved to suspend standing orders and move discussion to item 4.2 New Clubs.</p> <p><i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Cameron Creigh</i></p>
	<p>4.2 New Club Applications</p> <p><u>The Latter Day Saints Students Association (LDSSA)</u></p> <p>Mr. Zachary Thompson called for the society representative to speak to their application.</p> <p>Ms. Feina You thanked the Chair and the Committee and introduced herself as a member of LDSSA. She explained that the society wanted to introduce some variety into the type of Christian club provided on campus. She argued that whilst several Christian clubs already existed on campus the LDSSA believed that many of these were very similar, whereas the LDSSA represented a very distinct group. Ms. You added that the LDSSA wanted to educate people on campus about what the Mormon faith and Church really represented rather than simply preaching to students.</p> <p><i>Mr. Alistair Cowie and Ms. Pamela Wade entered the meeting at 3:10pm</i></p> <p>Mr. Thompson thanked Ms. You and opened the floor to questions from the Committee.</p>

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	<p>Ms. Peta Blundell enquired as to the extent of the relationship between the Church and society.</p> <p><i>Ms. Karen Chau entered the meeting at 3:15pm</i></p> <p>Ms. You replied that missionaries from the Church would be invited to attend and speak at various events hosted by the society. She added that the club would also be able to receive funds from the Church but that they were aiming to minimize costs and avoid relying too heavily on the Church. Ms. You emphasized the society's main priority as allowing students to get to know the Church.</p> <p>Mr. Cameron Creigh asked Ms. You whether any of the society's executives had previous experience in the C&S Program.</p> <p>Ms. You responded that none of the executive had a lot of experience but that they all had friends involved in clubs and societies and were planning to attend their meetings to try and learn more about how to run a club.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson thanked Ms. You for her time and explained that the Committee would discuss the LDSSA application further before notifying the society of the decision with a few weeks time.</p>
<p>C&S 135/12</p>	<p>Resolved to resume standing orders and move discussion to item 4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report</p> <p><i>Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh</i></p>
	<p><u>4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report</u></p> <p>Ms. Pamela Wade spoke to the C&S Manager's report.</p> <p>Ms. Wade explained that the C&S Office was currently experiencing a backlog due to the restructuring of the roster in the process of finding a new C&S office assistant. She stated that the office had received a huge response from club executives interested in the role for which interviews for the position would begin the following week.</p> <p>Ms. Wade made brief reference to the ongoing issues regarding EcoSoc. Mr. Thompson stated that he would discuss the issue further under item. 5 Other Business.</p> <p>Ms. Wade added that the C&S office was currently managing a complaint involving the Korean Law Society. She explained that a student who had registered at O-Week had lodged a complaint stating they had received no correspondence from the society since they originally joined. Ms. Wade stated that the C&S Office had organised to discuss the issue in a meeting next week.</p> <p>Mr. Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne asked whether the club had deliberately failed to contact the student in question.</p> <p>Ms. Wade replied that it had been accidental and was most likely a case of incorrect database entry. She added that Korean Law Society members were warned upon registering that most correspondence occurred via Facebook rather than email. She concluded that this might exclude a significant portion of the society's membership from events.</p> <p>Ms. Wade further mentioned that the C&S Office was currently dealing with a club that</p>

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<p>C&S 136/12</p>	<p>continuously breached poster regulations by continuing to poster on trees around campus. She suggested that the Committee should consider creating a regulation or process that could be implemented to reduce consistent breaches.</p> <p>Resolved to accept the Clubs and Societies Manager's Report.</p> <p><i>Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Cameron Creigh</i></p>
	<p>4.2 New Clubs</p> <p><u>The Latter Day Saints Student Association</u></p> <p>Mr. Ganesh Vaheisvaran questioned why the Committee continued to approve niche religious clubs when, in essence, they all worshipped the same God.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that this particular society represented a major and very distinct denomination. He added that given the fact the Committee had previously approved a number of religious clubs it may be regarded as only fair for the Committee to acknowledge this difference. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne stated that he believed the application was not contentious.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson enquired as to Mr. Alistair Cowie's thoughts on the matter. Mr. Cowie responded that he did not think there was any reason not to approve the club.</p> <p>Ms. Karen Chau asked whether this kind of club would have a strong affiliation with the Evangelical Union society on campus. There was resounding disagreement from the Committee.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne added that the society seemed genuinely interested in developing the skills of students and contributing to a vibrant campus community.</p> <p>Mr. Creigh stated that it would indeed be interesting to see what the society managed to end up doing given their suggested activities. He argued that as a result of the society's ambition, the Committee was obligated to provide the society with at least the opportunity to try to succeed.</p> <p>Ms. Blundell suggested that the Committee stipulate the need for all society executives to attend training given the inexperience of the members. Mr. Alexander Hanbury-Brown agreed.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson enquired whether a 'start up' pack was provided to clubs upon their initiation. Ms. Wade replied that a \$250.00 start up cheque was supplied to each society upon the successful attendance of the President, Treasurer and Secretary at the obligatory C&S trainings. She added that clubs were sent an email notifying them of upcoming re-registration and the necessary requirements as well as suggesting the types of evidence clubs provide to Committee to ensure their full approval.</p> <p>Mr. Cowie asked to clarify whether the cheque was given before or after a club's probation. Ms. Wade responded that cheques were given out after training. Ms. Wade added that clubs were usually told to use the cheque in a way that enhanced their ability to provide proof of activity and therefore increase their chance of full approval as a society.</p> <p>Ms. Wade also stated that the C&S Office would prefer the LDSSA AGM to be moved to Semester one. Mr. Cowie disagreed, arguing that a new process should be considered whereby club AGMs were scheduled to be held a year after the IGM.</p> <p>Ms. Blundell questioned whether moving the AGM to Semester one would provide LDSSA with enough time to give notice to their members. Mr. Creigh replied in the affirmative.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne added that clubs might have strategic reasons for holding AGMs at</p>

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C&S 137/12	<p>different points in the year.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson asked the Committee to propose a motion. A motion was proposed calling for the Committee to approve LDSSA pending the C&S Office recommendation to move the AGM to semester one.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne interjected to add that he was uncomfortable with the C&S Committee and Office nudging clubs to hold AGMs in Semester one. Ms. Wade argued that the auditors were experiencing a severe backlog and had subsequently requested that the C&S Office suggest clubs spread out their AGMs.</p> <p>Resolved that the New Club Application of The Latter Day Saints Students Association be accepted pending further correspondence with the C&S Office regarding the date of the club's Annual General Meeting.</p> <p><i>Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Cameron Creigh</i> <i>4 in favour and 3 against</i></p> <p><i>Abstention: Ganesh Vaheisvaran</i></p>
C&S 138/12	<p>4.3 Capital Expenditure Requests</p> <p><u>SU AIESEC Sydney</u></p> <p>Mr. Thompson outlined the recommendation made by the C&S Office.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked for clarification on the exact issue at hand. Ms. Blundell explained that the club were not able to claim funding for a staple gun as it was considered a part of the normal administration of a club. She added that if the funding request was approved, the club would have very few funds left to rely on for the rest of the year.</p> <p>Mr. Cowie asked to clarify whether stapler guns were hired out at the ACCESS desk. Ms. Wade replied affirmatively.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson called for a motion to be proposed. Ms. Blundell proposed the rejection of the funding request.</p> <p>Resolved that the Capital Expenditure request of SU AIESEC Sydney for \$40.52 be rejected.</p> <p><i>Peta Blundell/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i></p> <p><i>Against: Ganesh Vaheisvaran</i></p> <p><u>SU Food Co-Op</u></p> <p>Mr. Thompson outlined the recommendation made by the C&S Office.</p> <p>Mr. Cowie asked Ms. Wade whether the office had contacted USU Operations about any old fridges the co-op might be able to purchase for a lower price. He suggested that the funding be approved pending an investigation into cheaper alternatives.</p>

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C&S 139/12	<p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned whether the monetary figure was a quote. Ms. Wade replied in the affirmative, explaining that the C&S Office recommended all clubs provide a quote for larger ticket items before purchase to ensure funding would be approved.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson asked for further clarification on the exact role of the SU Food Co-Op. Ms. Blundell and Mr. Hanbury-Brown explained that it provided a range of items bought in bulk that could then be portioned by students and thus allow them to buy more exact quantities of food items needed.</p> <p>Resolved that the Capital Expenditure request of the SU Food Co-Op for \$946.00 and processed at \$500.00 cap be approved pending further investigation by the C&S Office.</p> <p><i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown</i></p>
C&S 140/12	<p>4.4 Constitutional Amendments</p> <p><u>Education and Social Work Revue</u></p> <p>Ms. Blundell enquired what exact amendments had been proposed. Ms. Wade explained that the amendments were only referred to in the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne pointed out that proposed amendments should be provided on a separate document. Ms. Wade agreed, stating that this was the regulation.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne added that the Committee remained unaware of what the role entailed due to a lack of position description. Ms. Wade stated that such details had not been submitted either.</p> <p>Resolved that the proposed Constitutional Amendments of Education and Social Work Revue <i>lie on the table</i> for further discussion at the next scheduled C&S Committee meeting pending the submission of all relevant documentation to the C&S Office.</p> <p><i>Peta Blundell/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i></p>
C&S 141/12	<p><u>Fine Arts Society (FARTS)</u></p> <p>Mr. Vaheisvaran highlighted the discrepancy between the fees for associate and ordinary members. Ms. Wade suggested that the society was confused regarding the membership categories.</p> <p><i>Mr. Alistair Cowie exited the meeting at 3:30pm</i></p> <p>Resolved that the proposed Constitutional Amendments of the Fine Arts Society be approved pending clarification of the costs and categories of club membership.</p> <p><i>Ganesh Vaheisvaran/Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i></p>

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Foundation for Medical Relief of Children

Ms. Wade explained the reasoning behind the C&S Office's recommendations related to the fact that the proposed move of the AGM from August to October would add to the current strain on auditors.

Mr. Vaheisvaran argued that unless it was officially specified as a regulation clubs should not be punished for attempting to move their AGM.

Mr. Hanbury-Brown added that the incoming executive would be burdened with a lot of work.

Ms. Blundell asked for clarification on whether rejecting the proposed amendments would oblige the club to return to Committee to approve new changes. She stated that if this were the case it was a bit extreme given the only amendment proposed was changing the month of the AGM.

Mr. Alistair Cowie re-entered the meeting at 3:32pm

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne explained that he did not think it was unreasonable for the C&S Office to redirect AGMs. He then asked whether it might be possible for clubs to have the management of clubs resting with the club until the actual AGM.

Mr. Cowie argued that he agreed in principle with the Committee's comments but that it was necessary to consider the added dimension for this particular club in that a significant proportion of their membership consisted of Medicine students whose timetables are different to the rest of the student body.

Mr. Vaheisvaran emphasised that it would be unfair to make the club hold an additional general meeting solely for the purpose of changing the month of the AGM again.

Mr. Cowie suggested that it would be a good idea for the C&S Office to sight proposed constitutional amendments before general meetings in order to evaluate the probability of their approval. Mr. Hanbury-Brown agreed that this would be a productive idea and could even apply to IGMs.

Ms. Blundell enquired whether it would be possible for the C&S Office to send out an email suggesting a certain time of year for the club to move their AGM.

Mr. Thompson called for the Committee to come to a conclusion regarding the club's amendments.

Resolved that the proposed Constitutional Amendments of the Foundation for Medical Relief of Children be approved.

Ganesh Vaheisvaran/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

Sydney University Law Society

Mr. Cowie enquired why it had taken so long for the Committee to receive the proposed amendments. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne explained that it was related to the society's

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executive elections. Mr. Cowie asked what would happen if he was a member and wanted to read the constitution given the copy presented at the Committee was out of date.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne responded that the copy presented to the Committee, although old, represented the functioning constitution for the society at present.

Ms. Chau pointed out that the constitution referred to the society's previous executive. Mr. Thompson highlighted that the constitution had been submitted by the current executive. Mr. Hanbury-Brown concluded that the current executive had been brought in on an uncertain constitution.

Ms. Blundell reiterated the suggestion that the C&S Committee should be privy to proposed constitutions and amendments before being voted upon in society meetings. She added that it be noted the C&S Committee were unimpressed with the fact they were only seeing the constitution now.

Ms. Wade outlined the regulations pertaining to the submission of proposed constitutional amendments to the C&S Office. Specifically, she highlighted the regulation that obliged societies to submit such amendments within 14 days of holding the meeting at which the amendments were put forward.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the proposal lie on the table until the following meeting and for the C&S Office to invite a representative to come and speak to the changes.

Mr. Cowie and Ms. Blundell disagreed, arguing that this would mean another month for the constitution to remain out of date.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne added that postponing a decision could potentially harm the campus community as it would restrict the activities of law students and the society.

Mr. Cowie highlighted the lack of the USU logo on page 10 part 6b of both copies of the constitution.

Mr. Thompson put the decision to the Committee.

Ms. Blundell suggested that the proposed amendments lie on the table until the next meeting where a full marked up constitution needed to be provided and an executive obliged to attend in order to speak to the amendments.

Resolved that the proposed Constitutional Amendments of the Sydney University Law Society *lie on the table* pending the submission of a complete marked up constitution to the C&S Office and the attendance of at least one executive member to speak to the amendments.

Peta Blundell/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown

Sydney Arts Students Society (SASS)

Ms. Karen Chau declared a conflict of interest.

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<p>C&S 144/12</p>	<p>Ms. Wade asked to provide some context to the issue. She explained that as a faculty society, SASS involved automatic membership. SASS now wishes to remove the membership fee in totality however the C&S Office recommends that the society issue a card to members so that members can provide proof of membership.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson enquired as to the difference between the associate and ordinary categories of SASS membership. Ms. Blundell elaborated, explaining that the society wanted to introduce four different types of membership, those with and without ACCESS cards studying through the Arts faculty, those with ACCESS cards not studying through the Arts faculty, those with ACCESS cards not studying at the University and Honorary members who could also be considered for ordinary membership.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned who elections would be limited to. Mr. Cowie replied that only Ordinary members would be able to run for club executive elections.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne clarified that students were unable to run for election. He added that he was not a fan of item 6.2 of the SASS minutes referring to Restrictions on Membership but consented that he could understand the society's reasoning.</p> <p>Resolved that the proposed Constitutional Amendments of the Sydney Arts Students Society be approved.</p> <p><i>Peta Blundell/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown</i></p> <p><u>Sydney University Veterinary Society</u></p> <p>Mr. Thompson pointed out the notes made to the front page of the proposal and enquired what it represented. Ms. Wade explained that it meant a component of the required documentation had been requested but had not yet been received.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne outlined the issue briefly, clarifying that the election of the Camden Campus representative involved choosing from amongst the existing executive and proceeding down through a hierarchy until an executive member accepted the representative role.</p> <p>Ms. Blundell argued that this would require significant discussion amongst members in the club. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne agreed but highlighted that it made sense given the nature of the club. Mr. Cowie supported Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne, stating that it was difficult for clubs out at Camden or for clubs with students regularly in Camden.</p>
<p>C&S 145/12</p>	<p>Resolved that the proposed Constitutional Amendments of the Sydney University Veterinary Society be approved.</p> <p><i>Cameron Creigh/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i></p>
	<p>5. Other Business</p> <p><u>Sydney University I.T. Society (SUITS)</u></p> <p>Mr. Thompson invited the club representatives to speak to their capital expenditure extension request.</p>

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Mr. Alan Su introduced himself as the Treasurer for SUITS. Mr. Su explained that SUITS currently receives \$6000p.a. from the USU in funding, however, based on current event expenditure and average receipt of cash this amount is predicted to run out by Week 5 of Semester 2. He stated that the club was still entitled to \$1191.82 in funding from the USU after which the events would have to be self sponsored from the SUITS bank account.

Mr. Sebastian Pauka, President of SUITS, added that whilst the club would be able to support itself until the end of the semester, they would have to cut back significantly on events which the executive felt would further isolate the School of I.T. from the rest of the campus and student community.

Mr. Cowie enquired as to how many people generally attended SUITS events.

Mr. Su replied that around 76 people a week would attend BBQs and around 20 would attend Tech Talks.

Mr. Pauka stated that around 35 to 40 people would attend special events such as rock climbing excursions.

Mr. Thompson asked how many members were registered with SUITS.

Both Mr. Pauka and Mr. Su responded that approximately 320 members were currently registered with the society.

Ms. Wade pointed out that the society needed to update their Orion Online membership records.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned whether there was a membership fee involved in registering with SUITS.

Mr. Su answered that there was not. He explained that this related to a belief amongst the executive that as an I.T. club they needed to remain attractive to a demographic that may not usually be involved heavily within the C&S program. He stressed the opinion that the society needed to attract as many people as possible, especially after the transfer of S.I.T. to a different location on campus and therefore wanted to refrain from instigating a membership fee.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that in the same token, the club needed to consider that they were asking for money from the USU and that the regulations specifically state the requirement for clubs looking to increase their funding to have made an income of at least \$750 in membership in the last 12 months. Mr. de Silva further queried whether concerns outlined by the club's executive were necessary given SUITS' relation to the faculty and therefore almost guaranteed membership base.

Mr. Cowie exited the meeting at 4:03pm

Mr. Pauka explained that SUITS did organise a lot of events that made them a lot more like a faculty society but that any decrease in membership that could result from implementing a membership fee might make the society less attractive to sponsors who played a significant role in funding the society.

Mr. Thompson stated that it would be a lot easier for the Committee to boost the cap if a membership fee was introduced.

Mr. Pauka expressed that he understood the Committee's concern but asked that the Committee consider the fact that SUITS forms an integral component to student life for the I.T. campus and holds three to four events a week that require additional USU funding.

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Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for their time and explained that the Committee would discuss their application further before notifying the society of the decision with a few weeks time.

Ms. Peta Blundell left the meeting at 4:07pm

SU Madrigal Society

Mr. Thompson invited the society representatives to speak to their application for a capital expenditure increase.

Mr. Jehan Kanga, President of the Madrigal Society, explained that the society wished to increase their capital expenditure. He stated that whilst the society had never exceeded the cap before, they had been involved in several collaborations with other groups this year and wanted the society to continue to evolve. He highlighted the extra costs associated involved in being a performing arts society.

Mr. Luke Zhao, Treasurer to the Madrigal Society, added that the society's main source of income came from concerts.

Mr. Kanga reiterated that their society had not reached their cap due to streamlining in the past but that that their new desire to develop the society now required extra funds.

Mr. Thompson asked how many members were currently registered in the Madrigal Society. Mr. Kanga answered that the society had about 30 to 40 active members. Mr. Zhao added that the society had signed up a decent amount this year with roughly 100 new members registering at O-Week.

Mr. Creigh referred to the society's application, pointing out that the club claimed to have held activities with a cumulative attendance of at least 500 attendees. Mr. Kanga added that these activities comprised of concerts and rehearsals where attendance numbers were estimated at roughly 80 members per week. Mr. Kanga explained that the society also used performances off-campus at locations such as hospices as opportunities to rehearse as well as give back to the community.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne enquired whether the society set a limit for how many members could join or participate in the society. Mr. Kanga explained that there were no restrictions on whom or how many could join but that people naturally dropped out if they felt the choir was too advanced for their ability. Mr. Kanga added that the society offered training and provided contacts for singing instructors to those who wished to improve their skills or if they felt a member would find the level too difficult, they would redirect them to the Sydney University Musical Society.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne questioned what primary costs were involved in running the society. Mr. Kanga replied that printing music and room hire constituted the main expenses.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne made reference to the high costs involved in renting rooms such as The Refectory.

Mr. Cowie enquired why the society had spent \$400 making CDs but had only made back \$100.

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Mr. Kanga responded that the CDs had been made specifically to sell at the concert and the society was intending to continue trying to sell them at future concerts. He explained that they had tried to sell CDs at O-Week as well, however a lot of them had become damaged in the rain. He concluded that the society had not succeeded in using the CDs as an asset.

Mr. Cowie asked Ms. Wade how much the society had been funded to date. Ms. Wade stated that the society had been funded \$3643.00.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked Mr. Kanga to clarify what he meant by costs associated with printing music. Mr. Kanga replied that photocopying constituted a significant expense.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne enquired whether these expenses exceeded the photocopying allowance designated by the C&S Office. Mr. Kanga replied in the affirmative, explaining that the society tried to save the C&S Office allowance for colour printing. He added that the society did keep all the music.

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for their time and explained that the Committee would discuss their application further before notifying the society of the decision with a few weeks time.

Sydney University I.T. Society (SUITS)

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked for further clarification on how much funding the society was entitled to and whether they had been given a cap increase previously.

Ms. Wade explained that a society continued to possess an extended cap until it is specifically removed.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne highlighted that the society failed to meet the criteria necessary to approve a cap increase and should therefore be rejected. Mr. Vaheisvaran disagreed that this should ultimately decide the society's fate. He argued that the point of the discussion was that the Committee knew SUITS had not fulfilled criteria but that their claim was still worth discussing. Mr. Creigh agreed with Mr. Vaheisvaran, adding that the society should also be judged on the work they do and the events they hold.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that the success of the society was exactly what made it feasible for them to introduce a membership fee.

Mr. Cowie enquired how many clubs and societies currently do not charge for membership. Ms. Wade stated that she was unable to say off the top of her head. Mr. Cowie suggested that a report on the matter should be conducted. Ms. Wade agreed.

Mr. Thompson pointed out the large variety involved in the SUITS events calendar.

Mr. Hanbury-Brown added that since the three events were all quite different they attracted different types of people.

Mr. Creigh explained the process of recording event attendance, stating that people

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<p>C&S 146/12</p>	<p>would only have to swipe their ACCESS cards to participate and thus not all members were I.T. students.</p> <p>Mr. Cowie argued that even if the society implemented a membership fee, the USU would still continue to fund them.</p> <p>Mr. Vaheisvaran stated that the society would still have to charge differential pricing for its events. Mr. Creigh highlighted the fact that the society already charged differential pricing.</p> <p>Recommended that the funding cap increase of the SU IT Society be rejected due to the society's failure to meet all requirements for the increase.</p> <p><i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Ganesh Vaheisvaran/ Zac Thompson</i></p> <p><i>Abstentions: Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown</i></p> <p><u>SU Madrigal Society</u></p> <p>Ms. Chau highlighted the fact that the situation was reminiscent of when the Sydney University Drama Society had wished to change their structure due to all the overheads associated with being a performing arts society.</p> <p>Mr. Cowie argued that permitting a cap increase on this basis was unrealistic for the performing arts. He explained that in reality, especially in performing arts, not everything is subsidised and that such societies should take greater consideration of funds when deciding to hold concerts and other expensive performances.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson pointed out that the criteria for a cap increase was particularly strict and possibly too restrictive. He referred to the need for societies to have at least 150 Ordinary Members.</p> <p>Mr. Cowie suggested that this was something for the Committee to discuss further outside of the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne maintained that the situation was similar to the SUDS scenario given that it was not so much a case of whether the club fit within the regulations but they were overspending whilst working within the regulations. He recommended that it would be more worthwhile for the society to sit down with a member of staff and go through their budgets to find a way to cut down on spending.</p>
<p>C&S 147/12</p>	<p>Mr. Cowie agreed with this suggestion and added that something as simple as renegotiating the society's photocopying allowance could make a significant difference to the society's expenses.</p> <p>Recommended that the proposed funding cap increase of the SU Madrigal Society be rejected but that alternative funding concessions are provided at the discretion of the C&S Office upon further discussion with society executives.</p> <p><i>Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown</i></p>

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	<p><u>EcoSoc</u></p> <p>Mr. Thompson provided the Committee with an update on the situation regarding EcoSoc. He explained that himself, Mr. Cowie and Ms. Brigid Dixon had scheduled a meeting to discuss how best to move forward. Mr. Thompson elaborated, stating that the outgoing club executives were exasperated with the stagnant state of the club and were no longer interested in maintaining the executive or the club. As a result, the club is currently facing the problem of a disinterested executive with a disintegrating membership.</p> <p><u>ACCESS</u></p> <p>Mr. Cowie provided a brief update on USU funding, explaining that the USU would be moving ahead as though there would be no universal ACCESS for everybody next year. He stated that the USU was currently in negotiations regarding affiliated sites for next year.</p> <p><u>Performing Arts Clubs</u></p> <p>Mr. Cowie proposed the establishment of a working party to discuss performing arts groups and how they function within the C&S program. He suggested the idea of an Arts Council, similar to that of the Humanitarian and Interfaith Councils.</p>
	<p>6. Date of the Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 18th September 3:00pm in The Faculty Presidents' Room, Level 1 Manning.</p>
	<p>7. Close of Meeting</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting at 4:30pm.</p>