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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 22 November 2012.

Chair: Zachary Thompson

Date



Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee  
3.00pm, 22 November 2012, The Faculty Presidents' Meeting Rm  
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Committee Members Zachary Thompson (Chair)  
Alexander Hanbury-Brown, Cameron Creigh, Peta Blundell, Ganesh Vaheisvaran

USU Staff Pamela Wade (Clubs and Societies Officer), Kristy Samal (Committee Secretary)

Visitors	Joshua Sprake, Angus Knoblanche, Ian Chan, Patrick Langosch, Patrick Harrison, Paco Leung, Peter Zacharatos, Justin Gill, Madeline Russell, Edwin Montoya Zorilla, Angus Reoch, Rebecca Elias, Jade McLaughlin, Tina Hii, Chris Choi, Jun Young Jung
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Resolution No#	Details
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The Chair opened the meeting at 3:05pm

**C&S 177/12**

1. Apologies and Leaves of Absence

**Resolved to accept apologies from Alistair Cowie, Karen Chau and Angela Vogiatoglou and a late arrival request from Astha Rajvanshi.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown***

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes Of The Meeting Held 16 October 2012

Mr. Ganesh Vaheisvaran expressed his concern that the instructions pertaining to the dispute between the Sydney University Liberal Club and Mr. Cameron Caccamo had not been followed. He explained that in the previous month's discussion the C&S Committee had decided that the C&S Office would draft a letter to the parties involved in the dispute and would forward this response to the Committee for review before sending it. He stated that he wished to point out that this had not occurred and that the Committee had seen no such letter. He asked that his concerns be noted.

**C&S 178/12**

**Resolved to accept the Regular Minutes from 16 October 2012 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.**

***Peta Blundell/ Ganesh Vaheisvaran***

*Mr. Ian Chan and Mr. Joshua Sprake exited the room at 3:10pm.*



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C&S 179/12 Resolved to accept the *In-Camera Minutes* from 16 October 2012 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

*Peta Blundell/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown*

*Mr. Ian Chan and Mr. Joshua Sprake re-entered the room at 3:12pm*

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4. General Business

4.1 Clubs and Societies' Manager's Report

Ms. Pamela Wade spoke to the report. She explained that following on from discussions during the October Committee meeting, Mr. Alistair Cowie and the C&S Office had contacted the Madrigal Society and sat down to discuss alternatives to the requested funding increase. It was decided that the society would be provided with free access to Studio B in order to help reduce the society's expenses. They had explained that whilst there was currently no extra funding available for clubs the USU was more than happy to help support the society and others like it, with other means.

Ms. Wade added that Ms. Angela Vogiatoglou had asked the Committee to consider amending the C&S regulations so that no Board Director be permitted to hold an executive position within a club. Currently the regulation exists that prohibits Board Directors from sitting on the executive of new clubs, however the C&S Office believes that it would reduce a significant amount of contention and conflict if it became a blanket regulation across all executive positions. Ms. Wade stated that Ms. Vogiatoglou had asked the Committee to discuss the idea and come the C&S Office with any suggestions or feedback.

Ms. Wade then spoke to issues regarding Oweek 2013 registration. She explained that as so many clubs had held AGMs late in the year many were still considered unregistered as their paperwork was still being sorted. As a significant amount of club AGMs had been declared invalid it was likely that there would be a large amount of clubs requesting special consideration to have a stall at Oweek anyway.

Mr. Alexander Hanbury-Brown enquired why so many club AGMs had been rejected. Ms. Wade replied that the most common reasons were because they had been inquorate or had failed to meet advertising and notice requirements and as they were held so close to the end of the semester the clubs had not had the time to re-hold the AGM.

Mr. Cameron Creigh questioned whether any concessions could be made. Mr. Hanbury-Brown suggested that unregistered clubs could be allocated to shared stalls. Ms. Wade stated that there had been shared stalls in the past so it was possible if a little difficult. Mr. Hanbury-Brown added that the shared stalls could be placed on the edge so that they could have extra room. Ms. Wade said that the decision was ultimately up to the Committee and Oweek directors.

Mr. Zachary Thompson asked for closing comments. Mr. Vaheisvaran

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expressed his desire to comment on the idea of excluding Board Directors from being executives but said that he would email through his suggestions to the C&S Office.

**C&S  
180/12**

**Resolved to accept Item 4.1 Clubs and Societies' Manager's Report.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell***

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**C&S  
181/12**

**Resolved to suspend standing orders and move to Item 5. Other Business.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell***

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5. Other Business

**SU Disney Society**

Mr. Thompson invited the representatives to discuss their club registration status.

Mr. Paco Leung, *President* and Ms. Tina Hii, *Vice President*, thanked the Committee for hearing their proposal. They explained that over the past semester they had successfully held a number of events including tea parties and movie marathons which had all enjoyed a regular attendance of about 25 people. Mr. Leung stated that 155 people had become members of the society at Re-O-Day and a further 20 people had joined over the course of the semester. He added that whilst the club had not been able to hold their Disney ball due to funding, they were endeavouring to hold one in 2013. They were also looking further into fundraising for the Starlight Foundation as per their constitutional promise.

Mr. Creigh asked what the club's total membership was. Mr. Leung replied that the club had 175 members. Mr. Creigh enquired why they only received 25 people to their events. He questioned how the club was attempting to engage its members. Mr. Leung responded that they gave notice through a club newsletter, but that smaller attendance was understandable due to exams. He added that they had been under-resourced at Re-O-Day and were considering OWeek as the club's real starting point.

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for attending and informed them that the outcome of the decision made would be relayed to the club in a few weeks time.

**C&S  
182/12**

**Resolved that full club registration status of SU Disney society *be approved.***

***Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Cameron Creigh***

**KICKS**

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Ms. Wade pointed out that the club had only held 2 events to date. Ms. Peta



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Blundell added that the club had only released 2 publications and as a result she suggested continuing the probationary status of the club until the publication became monthly.

C&S  
183/12

**Resolved to extend the Probationary status of the SU KICKS Club for a further six months from February 2013.**

*Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Peta Blundell*

**Catholic Society of St. Peter**

Mr. Thompson invited the representatives to talk to their club registration status.

Mr. Justin Gill introduced himself and fellow executive Ms. Madeline Russell. He explained that the club currently remained unregistered due to an administration hiccup. The club had mistakenly advertised their AGM date as the 11 September rather than the real date of the 11 October. As a result, whilst both had known and understood the regulations pertaining to giving notice of a club AGM, it was not until after the AGM when the C&S Office contacted them that they realised their mistake. As they had uploaded their material on the 26 September, which was enough time for their actual meeting but not enough notice for their accidental meeting date, their AGM had been rejected.

Ms. Russell added that they had submitted everything on time and that they had provided sufficient notice to all members via email.

Mr. Creigh enquired why the C&S Office noted that the club had allowed a non-ACCESS card holder to vote at the AGM.

Mr. Gill explained that it had been another administrative mistake as they had not realised he did not have an ACCESS card. He added that the AGM still met quorum.

Ms. Russell added that once they found out they had asked the executive in question to resign from their position.

Mr. Creigh argued that it could still have influenced the results of the election. Mr. Gill disagreed stating that it was an uncontested position.

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for attending and informed them that the outcome of any decision made would be relayed to the club in a few weeks time.

Ms. Blundell confessed that it did sound like an administrative mistake. Ms. Wade agreed, stating that the C&S Office could see that the club's material had been submitted on the 26<sup>th</sup> September like they claimed.

Mr. Hanbury-Brown stated that not many people checked the USU online calendar of events anyway.

Mr. Joshua Sprake enquired whether the club should be made to re-hold



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their AGM.

Ms. Wade explained that it was up the Committee to decide whether to uphold the AGM or not and subsequently whether the club was entitled to a stall at OWeek.

**C&S**  
**184/12**

**Resolved that the club registration appeal of SU Catholic Society of St.Peter's be approved and the society's AGM declared to be valid.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell***

**SU Life Choices**

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for coming and invited them to discuss their club registration status.

Ms. Rebecca Elias and Ms. Jade McLaughlin introduced themselves as the President and Vice-President respectively. Ms. Elias stated that she was really happy with the society's progress so far. She explained that they now had 79 ACCESS card holders, had held two larger public lectures and a number of smaller meetings including a drinks night and lunch for ACCESS members. They also held regular executive meetings where every fortnight they would hold member discussions and every other week they would hold executive meetings. She added that the society was also producing a blog and Facebook page which had been written by and for members and had generated a significant amount of interest.

Ms. Blundell enquired as to the executives' training. Ms. Elias replied that all executives had attended their required training in the mid-semester break. She explained that the Secretary had already attended training for a previous club role.

Mr. Vaheisvaran asked whether the club had engaged with any non-ACCESS members. Ms. Elias stated that since the people who subscribed to the blog and came along to public events were not all ACCESS card holders or club members they did engage outside of USU members.

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for attending and informed them that the outcome of any decision made would be relayed to the club in a few weeks time.

Mr. Creigh stated that the club was ticking all the necessary boxes.

Mr. Thompson agreed, saying that whilst the club had started under controversial circumstances they had ended up as a well behaved and model society.

**C&S**  
**184/12**

**Resolved that full club registration status of SU Life Choices be approved.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell***



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**SU Longboarding Society**

All members were in agreement that the club should remain on probationary status due to a lack of events and visible member engagement.

C&S  
184/12

**Resolved to extend the Probationary status of SU Longboarding Society for a further six months from December 2012.**

***Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Cameron Creigh***

**SU Queer Revue Society**

Ms. Wade spoke to the application saying that she had emailed the society to come and discuss their application and provide further details about their request.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the society could use the queer space for storage. Mr. Sprake argued that the space may not be large enough.

C&S  
185/12

**Resolved to let the SU Queer Revue Society application for extra storage lie on the table until the next Committee meeting whereby further details regarding the amount of space needed shall be provided. Until then the Committee recommends that the SU Queer Revue Society utilise the storage space within the Queer Student's Resource Room.**

***Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Cameron Creigh***

**SU Socialist Alternative Club**

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for coming and invited them to discuss their application for re-registration.

Mr. Patrick Langosch introduced himself and Mr. Peter Zacharatos. He explained that there was a desire to kick start the club again and he believed that there was a number of people interested in joining the society and that holding an IGM would not be an issue.

Mr. Creigh highlighted that the reason the club had been deregistered was a result of their activities at the 2011 OWeek. Mr. Zacharatos asked for further clarification on this. He explained that he had been one of the previous executives in the club and was under the impression that their deregistration had occurred because engagement had lapsed. He added that he and Mr. Langosch were present today to demonstrate their commitment to re-establishing the club. Mr. Creigh suggested the club could simply re-hold an AGM in early Semester 1 2013 if this was the case.

Ms. Blundell enquired as to whether the representatives had a core group of executives in mind. Mr. Zacharatos replied that they did not.

Mr. Creigh asked whether either representative or possible future executives had experience dealing in other clubs. Mr. Zacharatos stated that he was not aware of any experience among these possible executives but that he was happy to help and support any new executives in their positions.



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Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for attending and informed them that the outcome of any decision made would be relayed to the club in a few weeks time.

*Mr. Peter Zacharatos and Mr. Patrick Langosch exited the meeting.*

Mr. Vaheisvaran pointed out that it had been a year since the club's activities. Mr. Thompson asked for further information regarding what had happened. Ms. Blundell explained that during Oweek 2011 the club had continuously spruiked and postered after having been warned numerous times.

Ms. Wade conceded that it had been a year and that the executive would have changed by now. Mr. Hanbury-Brown agreed that the activities were the result of an old executive.

Ms. Wade added that someone had come into the C&S office to enquire about how they could get the club up and running again and at that point it had been too late to hold an AGM. A few weeks later Mr. Langosch had come into the office to further discuss possible alternatives.

Mr. Vaheisvaran argued that if the club were given a stall at O-Week before holding an AGM again, they would be missing out on a key component of the re-activation process. He added that if the Committee conceded to give this club a stall at Oweek after one and a half years of being inactive it would be difficult to reject any other clubs who requested a stall.

Mr. Vaheisvaran moved to reject the club's application. Mr. Creigh argued that they could wait and see how the club acted at Oweek and then determine whether they should be re-registered again.

Mr. Sprake enquired as to the cost of a stall at Oweek. Ms. Wade replied that it cost the USU around \$100.00 per stall.

Mr. Thompson argued that it would be inconsistent if the Committee rejected the club but that there was also no urgency given the club was already inactive. He added that the new executive might also be being pressured by the old executives.

Ms. Blundell suggested that the club could be provided with a stall for one day only. Ms. Wade stated that this was not really a feasible option. Mr. Sprake revisited the idea of a shared stall for partially registered clubs. Ms. Wade stated that it was still unlikely to work.

Mr. Thompson called for the Committee to move a motion. He suggested that the club could be given a stall as a vote of confidence.

Mr. Ian Chan argued that the executives next year would not have enough time to get a stall.

Mr. Hanbury-Brown disagreed, stating that the club had already had ages to get their act together and that it seemed like the old executive might be





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pushing for re-registration.

Mr. Creigh defended the club's late proposal stating that clubs often left things to the last minute.

Mr. Angus Knoblanche highlighted that there had been no additional documentation to support their re-registration like other clubs had submitted.

Mr. Thompson suggested that either they could grant the club a stall and place high expectations on the club to perform or they could reject the application and see how the club responds in the new year to prove that they are worthy of re-registration.

**C&S**  
**186/12**

**Resolved to reject the SU Socialist Alternative Club request for an O-Week Stall in 2013 and recommend the club hold an AGM early in 2013.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown***

**SU Student Ideas Forum.**

Ms. Wade introduced the application, stating that the Committee had previously rejected the club but that the Office had since met with the club. The representatives had stated that the Committee had misinterpreted their aims and activities and after amending part of their constitution they wished to re-apply.

Mr. Edwin Montoya Zorrilla and Mr. Angus Reoch thanked the Committee for hearing their second application. Mr. Montoya Zorrilla enquired whether the members had read the appeal document. He summarised that the club wished to highlight that they were not a soapbox and had solid anchors. They wished to draw upon a lot of different discussion formats and push the boundaries of thinking all the while promoting cross discipline discussion.

Mr. Reoch added that whilst a lot of people do talk at drinks or lunchtime the club was interested in providing a forum where students could choose what to focus on themselves. He stressed that students were to be the vehicle for the society and that the club wanted to promote engagement in topics that students actually wanted to discuss.

Ms. Blundell expressed her opinion that it still looked a bit like a discussion group that could be had at lunch or a cafe. She asked how the club hoped to formalise their discussions.

Mr. Montoya Zorrilla explained that the club would be forwarding inspiration for discussion to their members and subsequently give them the opportunity to present on the topic. Most activities would have an event-like structure. He stressed the club's desire to expand and steadily develop a collective consciousness amongst members in the first few weeks.

Ms. Blundell questioned what members who were unable to attend for the first few weeks would do in that situation. Mr. Montoya Zorrilla stated that there would be the opportunity for students to write their thoughts down and



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send them in. Mr. Reoch added that there would also be a blog for members to participate.

Mr. Vaheisvaran enquired about RUSSOC's opinion of the society given their similarity. Mr. Montoya Zorrilla stated that they did have a letter of support from RUSSOC. Mr. Vaheisvaran stressed that it still sounded like the society wanted to host philosophical debates which were already conducted through RUSSOC. Mr. Montoya Zorrilla disagreed, arguing that philosophy could be conceived off in several different ways. He stated that whilst RUSSOC was quite progressive, they still did not look at things like economics or politics. He added that RUSSOC got members to submit a question and discuss it over drinks whereas their club would involve targeted short talk forums with scope for lots of topics to be covered in a session.

Mr. Reoch highlighted the club's wish to promote and uphold the radical democratic aims stipulated in their constitution.

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for attending and informed them that the outcome of any decision made would be relayed to the club in a few weeks time.

*Mr. Edwin Montoya Zorrilla and Mr. Angus Reoch exited the meeting.*

Mr. Thompson expressed his opinion that the club still sounded too similar to RUSSOC but that their initiative in forming an appeal was considerable.

Mr. Hanbury-Brown enquired as to how RUSSOC was progressing. Ms. Blundell replied that the society had about 200 members. Ms. Wade agreed that RUSSOC was still pretty active.

Ms. Blundell stated that she believed they were a different and unique society but she questioned their longevity.

**C&S**  
**187/12**

**Resolved to approve probationary club status for the SU Student Ideas Forum.**

*Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh*

**SU Sydney Consulting Club**

All Committee members unanimously supported the recommendation made by the C&S Office.

**C&S**  
**188/12**

**Resolved to extend the probationary status of SU Sydney Consulting Club for a further 6 months at which time the registration shall be reviewed.**

*Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh*

**SU The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children**

Mr. Thompson advocated that the club remain probationary. Mr.



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Vaheisvaran disagreed, stating that the club had already lost funding from Re-O-Day and should not be punished twice.

Mr. Creigh argued that the club was still quite small. Ms. Blundell pointed out that the club had not yet participated in OWeek which could increase its membership numbers.

**C&S  
189/12**

**Resolved to extend the probationary status of SU The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children for a further 6 months at which time the registration shall be reviewed.**

*Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Peta Blundell*

**SU Roller Derby**

All members were in agreement that the club be given full registration status due to a successful year of events and engaging members.

**C&S  
190/12**

**Resolved that full club registration status SU Roller Derby be approved.**

*Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh*

**SU Ukulele Society**

Mr. Sprake pointed out that the only funding the club had received had been their \$250.00 start up cheque, indicating a lack of activity.

Ms. Wade added that the club was still using the USU logo incorrectly as well.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that the society had been involved in Verge. Mr. Creigh argued that they had not held any other events or performances.

**C&S  
191/12**

**Resolved to extend the probationary status of SU Ukulele Society for a further 6 months at which time the registration shall be reviewed.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown*

**SU Vietnamese Dynamic Students**

All Committee members unanimously agreed that the club should be removed from the program on the grounds of a lack of activity and positive engagement with members.

**C&S  
192/12**

**Resolved to remove SU Vietnamese Dynamic Students from the C&S Program.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Ganesh Vaheisvaran*

**SU Young Australian Lebanese Association**

Mr. Thompson stated that he was content to accept the recommendation of

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the C&S Office. Ms. Wade explained that the society had been invited to attend but that all members had exams at the time. She added that the executives had made an effort to contact the C&S Office to inform them of their apologies and to ask for special consideration.

Ms. Blundell agreed that it would be best to wait until April to decide whether to approve full club registration status.

**C&S  
193/12**

**Resolved to extend the Probationary status of SU Young Australian Lebanese Association for a further 6 months at which time the registration shall be reviewed.**

***Ganesh Vaheisvaran Alexander Hanbury-Brown***

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**C&S  
196/12**

**Resolved to resume standing orders and move to Item 4.2 Capital Expenditure Requests.**

***Peta Blundell/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown***

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4.2 Capital Expenditure

Resolved to accept the following capital expenditure requests *en bloc*:

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**SU Association of Biomedical Engineers:**

**Recommendation 1:** that the Capital Expenditure Request for **\$500.60** be accepted.

**SU Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciation Society:**

**Recommendation 2:** that the Capital Expenditure Request for **\$370** be accepted.

**SU Bushwalkers:**

**Recommendation 3:** that the Capital Expenditure Request for **\$439.97** be accepted and processed as **\$182.08**

**SU Unimates:**

**Recommendation 4:** that the Capital Expenditure Request for **\$497.07** be accepted.

**SU Wind Orchestra:**

**Recommendation 5:** that the Capital Expenditure Request for **\$500.00** be accepted, pending purchase of items and receipts.

***Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Ganesh Vaheisvaran***

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Resolved to suspend standing orders and move to Item 5. Other Business.

*Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell*

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5. Other Business

**SU Resistance Club**

Mr. Thompson thanked the representative for coming and invited him to discuss the application for re-registration.

Mr. Patrick Harrison, *President* explained that the club had held provisional registration status until the 31<sup>st</sup> October. As a result they had held their AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October and submitted the administration by the deadline. However, they had mistakenly noted the administration under a General Meeting heading rather than the appropriate AGM heading and as a result their AGM had been rejected by the C&S Office. He added that they had since talked to Ms. Angela Vogiatoglou who had said she would make a note of the issue and take it to the Committee.

Mr. Creigh enquired whether the club had noted the election of executives during the meeting.

Mr. Harrison replied that they had done so as well as having had a General Meeting earlier in the year where they had elected a lot of executives too.

Mr. Vaheisvaran asked whether the club's AGM had reached quorum.

Mr. Harrison answered affirmatively, stating that they had had 8 members attend.

Mr. Vaheisvaran clarified that this meant the club had a maximum of 24 members. Mr. Harrison answered that the club had 20 members.

Ms. Blundell enquired whether the executives had attended the appropriate training. Mr. Harrison replied that they had not yet.

Ms. Wade enquired whether Mr. Harrison recalled the club having been invited to the Committee for previous issues. Mr. Harrison stated that he had not as he was relatively new to the club. Ms. Wade clarified that the club had experienced previous issues with registering for an Oweek stall. Mr. Harrison stated that the Committee did not need to worry about previous offences as whilst he was still in contact with some of the old members, there were a lot of new members interested in joining.

Mr. Thompson thanked the representative for coming and informed him that he would hear of a decision from the C&S Office within the coming weeks.

Ms. Blundell expressed her belief that this group really was genuinely interested in engaging its members and revolved around a new group of people. Mr. Creigh agreed that it seemed like a new group of people had



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taken charge of the club.

Mr. Vaheisvaran added that the club's mistake only involved leaving off one word from their administration and was something that could be forgiven as an oversight.

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**199/12**

**Resolved to extend the Probationary status of SU Resistance Club for a further 6 months and declare the AGM to be valid.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Ganesh Vaheisvaran***

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**C&S**  
**200/12**

**Resolved to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes.**

***Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Cameron Creigh***

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**Korean Student Association**

Mr. Thompson invited the representatives to discuss their application for re-registration.

Mr. Chris Choi, *Vice President* thanked the Committee for hearing the society's appeal. He explained that the previous executive had failed to advertise the AGM with sufficient notice as well as the fact that some of the executives had not possessed ACCESS cards at the time of election and were therefore not considered officially elected.

Mr. Jun Young Jung, *Treasurer* added that the AGM had not been advertised in time because the previous Secretary had been away on exchange.

Mr. Creigh enquired how many people had attended the meeting. Mr. Choi answered that approximately 40 – 50 people had turned up.

Ms. Blundell questioned whether the executive was comprised of completely new members. Mr. Choi explained that he was the only executive who had also held a position the previous year.

Mr. Vaheisvaran asked for further clarification on the ACCESS card issue. Mr. Choi answered that all the executives had since bought ACCESS cards. Mr. Vaheisvaran enquired about the club's members. Mr. Choi replied that members could only join the association if they had an ACCESS card. Mr. Vaheisvaran expressed his curiosity as to why the executives had then been voted in before they were ACCESS card holders.

Mr. Sprake enquired whether the executives had been active members previously. Mr. Choi explained that they had not really been active as many had transferred from different Universities this semester.

Mr. Sprake asked whether any of the positions had been hotly contested. Mr. Choi replied that maybe one or two positions had been contested out of 8 in total.

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Mr. Sprake asked how many non-ACCESS card holders had been elected. Mr. Choi replied around three or four members.

Mr. Choi asked whether it would still be possible for the club to have a stall at Oweek. Ms. Wade explained that once the club had received news regarding their appeal they would have to apply for a stall before the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Mr. Thompson thanked the representatives for coming and informed them that the Committee's decision would be taken to Board after which the C&S Office would inform the society of the final decision.

Mr. Thompson suggested that the application could be left to lie on the table.

Ms. Wade emphasised that the club had only really forgotten to give notice. Mr. Sprake enquired about the ACCESS card issue. Ms. Wade explained that by the time the C&S Office received administration for most AGMs, there was the opportunity for all executives to have purchased ACCESS cards.

Mr. Creigh stated that leaving the application to lie on the table was a concern given the fact that the club was quite large.

Mr. Thompson disagreed, stating that he felt the Committee did not currently have enough information to make a decision.

Ms. Blundell outlined the possible options. She suggested that the club could either have their AGM validated or they could be permitted to have a stall at Oweek but be asked to rehold their AGM.

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**Resolved to permit the Korean Student Association to have a stall at Oweek 2013 on the proviso that they re-hold the club's AGM within Semester 1 2013.**

*Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown*

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202/12

**Resolved to resume standing orders and move to Item 4.3 Constitutional Amendments**

*Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown*

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**4.3 Constitutional Amendments**

**SU German Klub**

Mr. Creigh pointed out that the constitutional amendments would restrict access. Mr. Thompson agreed that this was out of line with the C&S Model Constitution.

Ms. Blundell added that the Committee had previously decided that Twitter and Facebook alone were not sufficient means for a mail-out to members

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and must include email, newsletters or postal mail.

**SU Pharmacy Association**

Ms. Blundell expressed her concern that in clause 5.11 the alleged offender be given the right of reply.

**SU Speleological Society**

Ms. Blundell noted the inconsistency with the club's constitution and that of the C&S constitution. She highlighted that whilst the club's constitution only called for executives to be made up of 50% the C&S Model Constitution required that the executive consist of 100% University of Sydney students. Ms. Wade explained that the club were allowing the executive to be made up of associate membership as well as ordinary membership as opposed to what is recommended in the C&S Model Constitution.

Mr. Sprake enquired whether this was technically allowed. Ms. Wade replied that it was not encouraged.

Mr. Vaheisvaran disagreed, stating that the Model Constitution was only a model and if the club had met on the matter and agreed that this was permissible it should be the final word of the club.

Ms. Wade explained that associate members did not have voting rights. Mr. Sprake added that one was not allowed to vote in associate members as executives anyway so it made the discussion redundant. In support, Mr. Creigh referred to the C&S Regulations Item 4.a.iii whereby 'All Executives of Clubs and Societies must be Ordinary Members of the Club or Society'.

Mr. Sprake enquired about the permissibility of clause 27.1 in the club's constitution. Ms. Wade explained that it was fair for the club to determine its association with the USU and University of Sydney and any subsequent funding.

**SU Vietnamese Students Association**

Ms. Blundell outlined the problem as the club changing the price of membership and that the cost of membership should remain as stipulated in the club's constitution.

**SU Politics Society**

Ms. Blundell noted that the club had a similar issue to that of the SU Vietnamese Students Association in that they wanted to be able to change their membership fee.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Committee could reject the change and ask the club to request a constitutional change for any time they wished to change their fee.

Mr. Vaheisvaran disagreed, stating that if a club decided to change the fee and also decided to have a clause in their constitution permitting such changes that it was unfair for the Committee to apply the C&S Model Constitution.

Mr. Creigh argued that the regulations required the club to be equally





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accessible to all students.

Mr. Thompson concluded that the club would be permitted to change their membership fee but that they would be required to specify such a change in a constitutional amendment.

Ms. Blundell also highlighted the issue of the club wanting to move their AGM to earlier in the year.

Mr. Vaheisvaran expressed his discontent with the issue, stating that it was unfair for clubs if they had not been told they would not be allowed to move their AGM to specific months. Ms. Wade explained that these regulations would be written by the following year. Mr. Vaheisvaran argued that that was next year and it was still unfair for clubs if it was not specifically written down for them to know and consult.

Ms. Blundell asked whether the C&S Office had sent out something to clubs to notify them about the change. Mr. Vaheisvaran stated that it had but that the message had been a request and not an obligation.

Mr. Creigh argued that it was ultimately up the Committee to decide anyway.

**SU Gaius Gracchus**

Mr. Thompson suggested that clubs be informed that they would be required to specify a membership fee in their constitution and that if they wished to change it they would have to amend their constitution and follow the necessary processes to do so.

Ms. Blundell enquired whether the Committee could make a special allowance so that the club could amend their current constitution without having to hold another AGM.

*Ms. Astha Rajvanshi entered the room at 4:50pm*

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**Resolved to approve the following C&S recommendations *en bloc* pending the recommendations of Committee contained therein:**

**SU Amnesty International**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

**SU Commerce Society**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

**SU Education and Social Work Revue**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

**SU Food Co-Op**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

**SU French Society**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

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**SU German Klub**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved pending the following Committee recommendations:

- i) **The removal of Proposed Constitutional Amendments 3.5.1(iv), 3.5.2(ii) and 3.5.4(vii) on the basis of restricted accessibility outlined in Item 4.b.i of the C&S Regulations**

*Cameron Creigh/ Alexander Hanbury-Brown*

- ii) **The rejection of Proposed Constitutional Amendment 2**

*Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh*

**SU Gaius Gracchus**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved, pending the Membership issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed.

**SU History Society**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved

**SU International and Global Studies Society**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved

**SU Writers Society**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved

**SU Mechatronics Organisation**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved

**SU Period Drama Society**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved, pending the Membership issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed

**SU Pharmacy Association**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved, pending the Membership issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed and pending the following Committee recommendation:

- i) **The addition of the following to Item 5.11 of the Club's constitution:**  
*That the alleged offender be provided with the sufficient opportunity for a right of reply.*

*Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh*

**SU Politics Society**

**Recommendation:** That the constitutional amendments be approved

**SU Shades**



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**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

**SU Speleological society**

**Recommendation: That that the Speleological Society's amendments be approved, pending the Membership issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed.**

**SU Vietnamese Students Association**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved, pending the Membership issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed**

**SU Wind Orchestra**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

**SU Young Vinnies Society**

**Recommendation: That the constitutional amendments be approved**

*Cameron Creigh/Peta Blundell*

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**5. Other Business**

**Student Outreach to the World**

Mr. Thompson referred to a letter from the SU Evangelical Union whereby the executives felt that the club Student Outreach to the World did indeed overlap with the activities of the SU EU club. As a result the Committee felt it was required to reject the new club application of Student Outreach to the World.

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**Resolved to reject the New Club Application of Student Outreach to the World on the grounds of item 6.a.ii.c of the C&S Regulations:**

*Committee shall approve, subject to ratification by Board, the registration of such proposed Clubs and Societies that prove sufficient evidence in their application that they are substantially different from existing Clubs and Societies in the Program.*

*Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh*

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**Resolved to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes.**

*Alexander Hanbury-Brown/ Peta Blundell*

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**SU Arts Revue Society**

Ms. Rajvanshi spoke to the situation she had encountered with the club. She had been informed of suspicions that the AGM might be stacked out and had subsequently requested that she be made Returning Officer to oversee the meeting. She stated that she had been taking down

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membership and access card numbers but since the club did not have a clause in their constitution requiring a minimum length of membership the meeting began to get unruly and Ms. Rajvanshi explained that she had declared the AGM invalid for reasons of branch stacking. She then asked the club to contact the C&S Office and she herself along with another Board Director would oversee a second meeting with a closed membership list.

Ms. Rajvanshi requested that the second AGM be declared valid especially since it had to be held in STUVAC and the current executive could not continue their responsibilities for any longer.

Ms. Blundell enquired how the closed membership list might affect the club in the future. Ms. Rajvanshi explained that it did not stop any others from joining the society.

Ms. Blundell asked whether the entire cast had been included in the closed membership list. Ms. Rajvanshi replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Creigh explained that a subgroup of the Committee had been working on creating a standardised definition of branch stacking. He added that it could be a concern if the stacking occurred in good conscience whereby another group felt the society was being run inappropriately and wanted to change it for the better.

Ms. Rajvanshi stated that she understood his concern but that it had been apparent that many of those who had attended the first meeting had arrived intending to vote in a particular way already without considering those nominated.

Ms. Blundell expressed her hope that the Committee were not setting a precedent. Mr. Thompson stated that he did not think it would as these issues were always addressed on a case by case basis by the Committee in order to make a thorough and informed decision.

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**Resolved that the second AGM of Sydney University Arts Revue Society held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November be declared valid and the society be provided with special dispensation to have a stall at O-Week 2013.**

***Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell***

**Performing Arts Workstream**

Ms. Blundell explained that she was going to meet with the Revue societies and talk to Seymour centre about creating an agreement between the space and the societies.

**Minutes**

Ms. Wade enquired whether all the members were aware the full minutes were posted online. All the members said that they were aware of this.

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The Chair thanked the Committee for a productive year and for all the members' hard work and commitment.

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The Chair closed the meeting at 5:05pm

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