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## UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY UNION SECRETARIAT

The attached minutes have been accepted by The Debates Committee by resolution as a true and accurate record of the events of the meeting held on 17 April 2008.

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Chair - Alice Dixon

8.5.08.

Date



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DEBATES COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2008  
IN THE LOGGIA, MANNING HOUSE**

**PRESENT**

- MEMBERS:** Alice Dixon, Chair  
Vyvyan Nickels, Deputy Chair  
Daniel Wodak, Director of Debates  
Ellen Ferrington Michaelis  
Misa Han  
Kishan Jasani  
Giselle Kenny  
Tim Mooney  
Stephanie Paton  
Patrick Wall
- VISITORS:** Ruchir Punjabi, Director  
Melissa Brooks
- UNION STAFF:** Khym Scott, Committee Secretary  
Alan Hui, Committee Secretary

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The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:12pm.

**1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Committee received apologies from Ms. Rose Khalilizadeh, Ms. Naomi Hart, Ms. Katherine Connolly, Mr. Andrew Garrett, Mr. James Johnston and Ms. Sophie Stone, a request for late arrival from Ms. Melissa Brooks and a request for early departure from Ms. Vyvyan Nickels.

- DC 031/08 RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Ms. Rose Khalilizadeh, Ms. Naomi Hart, Ms. Katherine Connolly, Mr. Andrew Garrett, Mr. James Johnston and Ms. Sophie Stone, to grant late arrival to Ms. Melissa Brooks and to grant early departure to Ms. Vyvyan Nickels.

*Daniel Wodak / Patrick Wall*

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 March 2008 were considered. Ms. Ellen Ferrington Michaelis observed that her arrival at 6:10pm was not present.

**DC 032/08 RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2008 as a true and accurate record of proceedings, pending the addition of the arrival of Ms. Ellen Ferrington Michaelis at 6:10pm.

*Giselle Kenny / Ellen Ferrington Michaelis*

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

**DC 033/08 RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders and move to item **5.1.1 – Director of Debates**

*Misa Han / Kishan Jasani*

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.1 Reports**

**5.1.1 Director of Debates**

The Director of Debates discussed a Special Meeting of the Debates Committee to be held 8 May 2008 to discuss the requirements of women and novices participation in tournaments. The Chair advised that due to a Special Board Meeting, the next meeting of the Debates Committee would also be held on 8 May 2008 and the two should be amalgamated. The Director of Debates stated that the purpose of the meeting is to clarify the procedures for guests. The Chair agreed that the meeting should be widely publicised, but reminded the Committee that the issues are contentious.

**DC 034/08 RESOLVED** to encourage as many Members of the Debates Committee to attend the Debates Committee to be held on 8 May 2008.

*Daniel Wodak / Giselle Kenny*

**[Ms. Stephanie Paton arrived at the meeting at 5:18pm.]**

**DC 035/08 RESOLVED** to resume Standing Orders and return to item **4.1 – Changes to Debates Committee Guidelines and Procedures**

*Kishan Jasani / Patrick Wall*

**4.1 Changes to Debates Committee Guidelines and Procedures**

## 5.2 Selection Panels

- 5.2.1 For Easter Intervarsity the selection panel shall include the Women's Officer. If the Women's Officer is unable to attend, the Committee shall appoint another female selector on the advice of the Women's Officer.
- 5.2.2 Currently enrolled students at the University of Sydney may not select debaters for Australasians or Worlds.
- 5.2.3 The Committee must ratify each selector before s/he may be invited to join the selection panel.
- 5.2.4 The following criteria should be used to assess the suitability of a proposed selector:
- i. Impartiality – it is desirable for the proposed selector to have and to be perceived to have no personal relationships with the people they will be selecting.
  - ii. Experience – as a minimum, no selector should be appointed to select for a tournament that they have not attended.
  - iii. Goodwill – selectors who have a record of experience with and goodwill towards Union debating should be preferred.
- 5.2.5 When a panel of 3 or more selectors is formed, at least 1 of the selectors shall be female.

Ms. Stephanie Paton explained to the Committee that the motion was fairly simple. She informed the Committee that the Debates Committee Guidelines and Procedures do not currently stipulate that at least one female must be on a panel of three or more selectors, however selection panels have always had at least one woman and it wastes time in Committee meetings discussing the issue. She also added that she disagrees with the message it sends to women. She suggested that the Committee move past the issue and instate it as a matter of procedure.

The Chair opened the floor to comments. Ms. Ferrington Michaelis queried as to whether there were enough women with experience for each selection panel. The Director of Debates asked whether it should contain a subject to availability clause. Ms. Paton said that every year the Committee sends women to both Australs and Worlds, and the Chair confirmed that such a clause would not be necessary.

Ms. Giselle Kenny also noted that in item 5.2.1 that it was difficult to be on Easters selection, and requested that a notice be given for a motion to amend the Guidelines in the next meeting of the Committee.

**DC 036/08 RESOLVED** to amend the Debates Committee Guidelines and Procedures to insert section 5.2.5 and re-number any subsequent points as necessary.

*Stephanie Paton / Sophie Stone*  
**[Carried unanimously]**

### 5.1.1 Director of Debates

The Director of Debates circulated his written report.

The Director of Debates presented the need to have a functional Honorary Treasurer, advising the Committee that Mr. Sam Greenland was away or quite busy at times. He outlined the procedures which he follows at present, which is calling the Director, Student Programmes for permission for budget to be allocated, and stated that the procedure was not functional. He stated that it was a big enough role to need someone on top of it, and suggested that the Committee consider a reappointment or speak to Mr. Greenland.

The Director of Debates outlined his ideas on the Verge Debate and corporate sponsorship (attached). On the issue of corporate sponsorship, he asked the Committee whether they would be comfortable for a contingent to be marketed, or whether scholarships should be looked into, and opened the floor for qualms or related issues.

Mr. Patrick Wall stated that he would have an issue with naming rights over a contingent, but was happy otherwise. The Director of Debates put forward a preference in obtaining offerings of scholarships in exchange for internal publicity via the Debaterbase. Ms. Paton reminded the Committee that naming rights were not allowable under AIDA, but was happy to go to Australs wearing sponsor merchandise if it lessened her cost in travelling to the Phillipines. The Chair said that the idea was good, and advised that Monash University receives much money in sponsorship each year, so there was a precedent. Mr. Ruchir Punjabi asked whether NGOs could be approached for donations. The Director of Debates informed him that consultancy firms target those students just out of university, and so it made sense to approach them. Mr. Punjabi stated that he already has potential contacts, and would pass on the information.

The Director of Debates put forward his proposals for changing the Easters debating format in AIDA, suggesting that as only three teams were sent to Easters that it exacerbated the internal competition, and it would be good to amend the team cap. He stated that other institutions have started with fifteen or more teams, and that it should be proportional to the size of the largest contingent at the tournament. He suggested one-third of the contingent, but advised that it was more likely for one quarter to be resolved.

Ms. Paton agreed that it was a great idea, and suggested that the Committee speak to other universities before AIDA, and to get other universities such as Monash to propose the motion as it would be better if not from the University of Sydney. Mr. Wall suggested an amendment to the proposal of a team cap of three per institution or one-third, whichever was the larger number. He stated that if the cap was based on the largest team and that if twenty teams were sent, the same cap would apply for all institutions. The Director of Debates said that the proposal favoured larger teams as more likely to break, and that the proposal was more likely to be received if a cap was equal over all institutions.

Mr. Tim Mooney asked whether the Intervarsity Director or AIDA representative were responsible, and asked whether it was necessary to pass a

motion. The Director of Debates advised that both options should be considered and proposed as a recommendation to AIDA.

**DC 037/08** **RESOLVED** to amend the AIDA proposal of the Director of Debates to consider a team cap of the larger of three teams or one-third of each contingent.

*Patrick Wall / Daniel Wodak*

The Director of Debates circulated a motion on notice for the next meeting of the Debates Committee. He stated that the aim of the amendment of the Debates Committee Guidelines and Procedures was to emphasise the importance of rewarding coaches and seminar speakers retroactively, though it was not stipulated at the time.

Mr. Wall pointed out that the amendment in item 8.3.4 *Debate at Regionals as a 'pro' in a team with an 'amateur', or in the team in which you have been selected for one of the Unions four major Intervarsity tournament* left the possibility of two pros competing with one amateur in a three on three debate. Mr. Mooney suggested that it be amended to say *Debate at Regionals as the only 'pro' in a team with an 'amateur'*.

The Director of Debates advised that it had been omitted by mistake, but that a proposal should be presented for the definitions of 'pro' and 'amateur', that in Semester One it would be the definitions accepted for Easters novices, and that in Semester Two it would be the definitions accepted for the Sydney Pro/Am tournament. Ms. Kenny asked for a clearer definition of the two. The Director of Debates further defined the term of 'pro' as a person in Semester One who has competed no more than twice at Easters and not at Australs or Worlds, and in Semester Two who has competed at both Easters and Australs but not at Worlds.

Ms. Kenny expressed concern for the limitations for good people to be defined as 'amateur'. The Director of Debates clarified that the definitions applied to the points system. The Chair advised the Committee that this was an issue which raged during 2007, and that the definitions should not be contested.

The Director of Debates asked that this proposal be put forward as a motion on notice for the amendment of item 8.3.5. The Deputy Chair asked what the definition was of someone who had debated three times at Easters but not at Worlds. The Director of Debates said that that person would be defined as a 'pro' in Semester One but an 'amateur' in Semester Two. He also noted that coaching points were capped but not points for providing seminars.

**DC 038/08** **RESOLVED** to accept in principle and adopt the proposals of the Director of Debates pending its re-numbering.

*Daniel Wodak / Giselle Kenny*

The Director of Debates recommended to the Committee that reports be submitted written and in advance of the meetings of the Committee. The Chair added that each report should be submitted seven days in advance so that it may be emailed to the Committee by the Committee Secretary. She also reminded the Committee that any proposed motions on notice need a seconder. Ms. Ferrington Michaelis asked how much notice must be given for a motion on notice. The Chair confirmed that it was five working days.

The Director closed by recognising that the Committee has created a lot more work this year, and proposing that Mr. Tim Mooney, Mr. Ivan Ah Sam, Mr. Patrick Wall, Ms. Giselle Kenny and the twenty one individuals currently coaching Easters teams by thanked for their commitment.

**DC 039/08** **RESOLVED** to thank Mr. Tim Mooney, Mr. Ivan Ah Sam, Mr. Patrick Wall, Ms. Giselle Kenny and the twenty one individuals currently coaching Easters teams.

*Acclamation*

**DC 040/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the Report of the Director of Debates.

*Misa Han / Ellen Ferrington Michaelis*

#### 5.1.2 Union Competitions Directors

The Director of Debates spoke in the absence of the Union Competitions Directors. He stated that the competitions were proceeding well with a higher attendance than was generally expected at this time of year, but that due to this more money was needed.

**[Ms. Vyvyan Nickels left the meeting at 5:41pm.]**

He further explained that due to an average of 150% attendance to a budget catering for 100% that attendees were currently being provided with two pieces of food between 5:15pm and 9:00pm. He also stated that it should not be necessary for Ms. Katherine Connolly to pay for food upfront and be reimbursed at a later date, especially with the order being the same amount each time, and suggested that a way be found for the USU to pay for catering directly. Mr. Alan Hui advised that a monthly invoicing system could be instated with payment requests sent to the Accounts Department.

**DC 041/08** **RESOLVED** to establish a system of monthly invoicing for catering for Regionals.

*Daniel Wodak / Kishan Jasani*

Mr. Mooney added that a new system may increase the potential for a discount. The Chair asked the Director of Debates if he wished to discuss the issue of additional funding. The Director of Debates advised that he was hoping to speak to the Director, Student Programmes about the situation and

inform the Committee. The Chair expressed hope that it not come out of the training and development fund, and stated that it was out of the control of the Committee. The Director of Debates reported that the drinks budget of \$50.00 per week was fine, but an increase for the food budget should be looked into.

**[Ms. Vyvyan Nickels returned to the meeting at 5:44pm.]**

Mr. Mooney asked whether this increase was on the assumption that people would stay throughout the year. The Director of Debates replied that it was an action to be taken for food to be more plentiful. The Chair advised the Director of Debates to set up a meeting with the Director, Student Programmes for further action.

The Director of Debates reported that Grand Slam had a total of twenty six teams and a number of adjudicators, and that Ms. Naomi Hart and Mr. James Simonian were the coaches and Ms. Katherine Connolly and Ms. Naomi Oreb were the Convenors.

**DC 042/08 RESOLVED** to thank Ms. Naomi Hart, Mr. James Simonian, Ms. Katherine Connolly and Ms. Naomi Oreb.

*Daniel Wodak / Ellen Ferrington Michaelis*

The Director of Debates advised on the dates set of 17 and 18 May 2008 as the dates of the Sydney Open, which is a week after the Women's Tournament as a good way to promote women's attendance, and that Australs selections should be no more than a week later. He however expressed concern that asking debaters to give up two to three weekends in a row could be a potential problem.

The Chair added that there was not much flexibility in moving these dates. The Director of Debates suggested that if these dates were set, that advertising begin immediately of all dates, including informing people at Easters. The Chair asked whether the dates for Australs had been set. Ms. Kenny advised that **DC 017/08** resolved that the dates would be either 17 and 18 May 2008 or 24 and 25 May 2008. Ms. Paton added that the Women's Tournament would only be running for one day of the weekend.

**[Ms. Vyvyan Nickels left the meeting at 5:47pm.]**

Mr. Wall said that higher numbers for Easters were possibly offset by the length of time. Ms. Kenny asked whether Australs dates could be pushed back another week. The Director of Debates said that he was anxious not to, as people would have assessments due in Week 13 and believed that people either wouldn't attend or trial well with little time for practise. Mr. Mooney added that flights at that time would be more expensive and harder to obtain. The Director of Debates also added that it would be difficult to get selectors on a weekday.



Ms. Kenny suggested Ms. Naomi Oreb and Mr. Chris Croke as the chief adjudicators. The Chair advised that new names should be selected at a later date.

**DC 043/08 RESOLVED** to accept the dates 17 and 18 May 2008 as the dates of the Sydney Open.

*Tim Mooney / Ellen Ferrington Michaelis*

**DC 044/08 RESOLVED** to accept the Report of the Union Competitions Directors.

*Patrick Wall / Kishan Jasani*

#### 5.1.3 Development Officer

Mr. Mooney reported that mentoring was going well, with a total of twenty one mentors for twenty teams, stating that it was at present a better ratio than the best private school could provide.

Ms. Kenny reminded Mr. Mooney of talk about sending list of mentors and topics of seminars. Mr. Mooney stated that he would circulate the list soon.

**DC 045/08 RESOLVED** to accept the Report of the Development Officer.

*Kishan Jasani / Stephanie Paton*

#### 5.1.4 Women's Officer

Ms. Paton reported that the Women's Drinks went well, with lots of new attendees all of whom signed up to trial for Easters. She announced that Affirmative Action had now been met for Easters, which is a rare occurrence having not been met in 2007 or 2005. She also expressed thanks for Ms. Julia Bowes for speaking at the event.

Ms. Paton advised that the Women's Comp was coming, but that rooms were not yet booked. She added that the competition would run only for one day, with three rounds followed by a final, potentially on 11 May 2008. She explained that the date had been chosen after discussion resulting in a decision that Saturdays were generally busier than Sundays.

**[Mr. Alan Hui left the meeting at 5:53pm.]**

She also informed the Committee of and thanked the Sexual Harassment Officers Mr. Tom Caldor, Ms. Sriram Srikumar, Ms. Naomi Hart and Ms. Sara Haghdoosti. The Director of Debates interjected with an issue raised in the absence of Ms. Hart that there were currently no guidelines on the selection of the Sexual Harassment Officers. Ms. Paton advised that the regulations state that they are chosen by a Women's Officer, but agreed that criteria could be set. The Director of Debates asked whether in future they could be chosen on their experience in debating. Mr. Mooney said that the Officers were chosen

on the impression given and a number of other factors. Mr. Hui suggested obtaining references from both a male and female person for each. The Director of Debates clarified that he did not want to politicise the selection. Ms. Paton advised the Committee that she would never want the selection to come to a meeting of the Committee, and that there were already five selectors because of the Co-Officers. Mr. Mooney added that the Committee should not be looking for the best, but the most appropriate people for the roles. The Director of Debates withdrew his initial remark.

**DC 046/08** **RESOLVED** to thank Mr. Tom Caldor, Ms. Sriram Srikumar, Ms. Naomi Hart and Ms. Sara Haghdoosti.

*Acclamation*

**DC 047/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the date of the Women's Competition as 11 May 2008 so that casual drinks may follow.

*Stephanie Paton / Ellen Ferrington Michaelis*

**DC 048/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the Report of the Women's Officer.

*Giselle Kenny / Misa Han*

#### 5.1.5 Schools Liaison Officer

Ms. Misa Han reported that the dates of 30 and 31 May 2008 were being looked at for the next Schools Day, but expressed concern about the dates. The Director of Debates asked whether she had followed the Facebook discussion, which discussed the potential date of 25 July 2008, as it was the resumption of Term 3 for schools, the end of holidays, and the return from Australs. He added that it would however conflict with the Schools Days held at Macquarie University on 24 July and UTS on 25 July, but as both were 9/10 he suggested making Sydney's 7/8.

Ms. Ferrington Michaelis advised that there were problems with grouping, and that one-third had been lost on these grounds. The Chair asked which conflicting day was held by the University with most prestige. The Director of Debates advised that it was Macquarie, and a conflict with UTS would be better. Ms. Paton also reminded the Committee that UTS bailed on the last Schools Day, and that twenty adjudicators should not be sent. Ms. Melissa Brooks added due to the geographic that Sydney would attract different schools to Macquarie. Mr. Mooney and the Chair confirmed that Sydney attracts many more state schools. The Director of Debates advised that there were not better dates, as any date before the Wednesday contained the possibility that some schools may not have resumed, and any date after would clash with a week during Semester Two which is not ideal. Ms. Brooks added that she believed more people would want to coach.

**DC 049/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the date of 25 July 2008 as the second Schools Day.

*Misa Han / Ellen Ferrington Michaelis*

The Director of Debates asked who was convening the next Schools Day. Ms. Ferrington Michaelis suggested Ms. Han. The Director of Debates suggested co-convening, but it was pointed out that Mr. Johnston convened the last Schools Day by himself. Ms. Han advised that she would be in New Zealand in the weeks leading up to the Day.

**DC 050/08** **RESOLVED** to accept Ms. Ellen Ferrington Michaelis as the Convenor of the second Schools Day.

*Daniel Wodak / Patrick Wall*

The Director of Debates advised Ms. Ferrington Michaelis and Ms. Han to begin advertising very soon.

Ms. Paton suggested September as the month to hold the third Schools Day in, during mid-Semester break. She advised that the week 29 September – 3 October 2008 would be just before the Women's competition at UNSW on 4 and 5 October 2008, and asked that someone check compatibility with school holidays. The Chair in the interest of time suggested that the choosing of the date in the week be deferred.

**DC 051/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the week of 29 September – 3 October 2008 as the week in which the third Schools Day will be held.

*Stephanie Paton / Giselle Kenny*

**DC 052/08** **RESOLVED** to accept Ms. Misa Han as the Convenor of the third Schools Day.

*Kishan Jasani / Patrick Wall*

The Director of Debates reported on the disaster of the Schools handbook, stating that it was so due to it being the responsibility of Mr. Greenland, Mr. Ah Sam and Mr. Croke. He added that he was waiting until the setting of the dates of all Schools Days before publication, but should now be able to get it out soon. He suggested that other people be approached to write for the handbook, and advised that he would discuss the issue later.

**DC 053/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the Report of the Schools Liaison Officer.

*Giselle Kenny / Patrick Wall*

#### 5.1.6 Social Directors

The Director of Debates spoke in the absence of the Social Directors, reporting that Camperdown Bowls had been contacted and a quote had been received of \$15.00 per head at an increase of \$5.00 per head with no possibility of a discount. He added that as the Member Services Department

had held their Christmas function there that he would speak with and get USU staff to contact them on his behalf, as \$15.00 per head is prohibitive.

Mr. Mooney suggested looking at other venues. The Director of Debates explained the difficulty of doing so, as Camperdown Bowls is within walking distance, easy to find, and that there was a potential to lose attendance if another venue was chosen. He added that it was planned instead of first Regionals back after Easters. Mr. Mooney asked how much time was between the event and trials. The Director of Debates advised that the event would be held 30 April 2008 with trials commencing 24 May 2008. Ms. Paton explained that there would be three Regionals including the event. The Chair asked the Committee to consider moving the event from Wednesday to Saturday. Mr. Wall said that if attendance was high, it would be easier to cater for on a Wednesday. Ms. Paton added that thirty people would be out from Easters.

The Chair took a poll:  
Wednesday 30 April: 5  
Saturday 4 May: 2 (*Tim Mooney*)

**DC 054/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the date of 30 April 2008 as the Post-Easters event.

*Daniel Wodak / Patrick Wall*

**DC 055/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the Report of the Social Directors.

*Kishan Jasani / Misa Han*

#### 5.1.7 Communications Director

The Director of Debates asked about the progress on the Debates website. The Chair said that she had been advised by the Director, Student Programmes that the USU would look into the matter, but as there was not enough file space to upload the website, that Board should prioritise a scoping study for the USU.

Mr. Kishan Jasani reported that all Debaterbase emails were also being uploaded onto the Facebook group, as Gmail was having issues receiving USU emails. He informed the Committee that the website was at present running on his laptop after being told to make it and it was in waiting. He said that he was still compiling important information, but that he would send to Mr. Matthew Fernandez soon.

Mr. Hui advised that the USU was currently undergoing a scoping study and revamp, with no plans or scope at the moment to upload a new website. Mr. Punjabi added that if it fails to recommend it after seven months, and that if the USU was unhelpful that \$50.00 for server space was not difficult to rent.

The Director of Debates enquired about a logon facility for students and an ability to upload files. Mr. Jasani advised that he could put permissions on the website if requested, but at present it was similar to a wiki. The Director of Debates indicated that he would like Sydney students to have the possibility to

upload files, but not to share amongst different contingents. Mr. Jasani suggested a system with people wishing to download files requiring a University of Sydney email address. Ms. Paton advised that this would be better than Monash.

The Director of Debates also reported that the Debates Handbook was going online tomorrow, and explained that the delay was caused by an edit to his name, the deletion of Mr. Patrick Bateman as a Public Issues Convenor and the insertion of Kirby Cup information.

**DC 056/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the Report of the Communications Director.

*Ellen Ferrington Michaelis / Giselle Kenny*

#### 5.1.8 Intersarsity Director

Ms. Kenny advised the Committee that selectors for Australs were required now that dates had been set, and asked for payment for a Convenor of trials to be considered.

Ms. Paton suggested the nomination of the Director of Debates. The Chair asked the Committee to first delegate trialing. The Director of Debates suggested finding someone outside the Committee such as a first-year student. The Chair stated a preference for the Director of Debates to maintain his own portfolio. Ms. Ferrington Michaelis suggested that the Director of Debates could be used in a role of supervision. The Director of Debates and the Chair suggested Mr. Tom Robertson and Mr. Hamish Nairn respectively, and both were met with dissent from the Committee.

Ms. Brooks advised that she would need to decide upon learning if there were scholarship opportunities available for trialing. The Director of Debates confirmed that there would not be, and that there had only been for Easters due to a successful Schools Day. Ms. Brooks confirmed that if she was able to recruit a first-year student as a minion or assistant that she would be happy to mentor.

**DC 057/08** **RESOLVED** to accept Ms. Melissa Brooks as the Convenor of the Australs Trials.

*Giselle Kenny / Patrick Wall*

The Chair asked for confirmation of the dates. Ms. Kenny reminded the Committee that two weekends had been selected and discussed, however the later was determined as difficult due to assessments and flight availability.

**DC 058/08** **RESOLVED** to accept the dates of 24 and 25 May 2008 as the Australs Selections.

*Patrick Wall / Giselle Kenny*

Ms. Kenny asked the Committee to consider compiling selectors lists in ideal panels, rather than by gender. Mr. Wall asked whether there was a set number of selectors. Ms. Paton advised that there were only two in 2007 as they could not get three. The Chair asked why the change in approach was necessary. Ms. Kenny explained that it was harder to get selectors and it would be more advisable to fit in those the Committee wants.

Ms. Brooks asked whether selectors would be paid or not, due to being prepared in Worlds 2007 to pay, but not being able to confirm this for selectors. The Chair confirmed that the selectors were not paid. Ms. Paton advised that Australs and Worlds selectors are normally paid, and if they are coming from interstate flights are paid for. The Chair asked how much selectors were paid in 2007. The Director of Debates informed the Committee that selectors were paid at a rate of \$200.00 per day.

**DC 059/08** **RESOLVED** to pay Australs Selectors at last year's rate of \$200.00 per day, plus payment conditions.

*Misa Han / Ellen Ferrington Michaelis*

**[Mr. Ruchir Punjabi left the meeting at 6:24pm.]**

**DC 060/08** **RESOLVED** to move the discussion *in camera*.

*Daniel Wodak / Patrick Wall*

**DC 064/08** **RESOLVED** to move the discussion *ex camera*.

*Giselle Kenny / Kishan Jasani*

Mr. Wall reported that twenty four adjudicators had been sent on behalf of the USU, and one on behalf of UTS.

**DC 065/08** **RESOLVED** to thank Mr. Kishan Jasani for his role as UTS representative.

*Acclamation*

## **5.2 POIs at Australs**

The Director of Debates advised the Committee that the proposal of the introduction of POIs had been debated on Facebook. Mr. Mooney put forward the opinion that reply speeches were a fantastic part of Australs. The Director of Debates advised that the proposal would be amended so that replies would be kept, but the main item of the proposal was the introduction of POIs. Mr. Jasani asked about the timeframe of POIs. The Director of Debates said that they were fifteen second questions.

The Chair took a poll on the proposal:

For: 8

Against: 1 (*Stephanie Paton*)

**DC 066/08**    **RESOLVED** to introduce POIs at Australs.

*Patrick Wall / Giselle Kenny*

**6.**            **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jasani asked the Committee to inform him whether he should contact Air Asia if taking a large number of people to Australs in Manila for cheap flights. Ms. Brooks advised that he wait until the contingent is selected.

**7.**            **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 5:00pm on Thursday 8 May in The Common Room, Holme Building.

**8.**            **CLOSE OF MEETING**

With no other business to be attended to the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:00pm.