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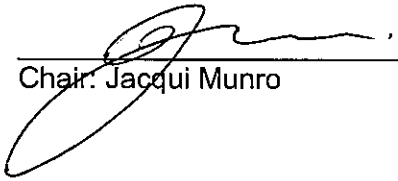
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The attached minutes have been accepted by the Clubs & Societies Committee by resolution as a true and accurate record of the events of the meeting held on the 16 August 2011.


Chair: Jacqui Munro

Date



Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 16 August 2011, The Loggia,
Manning House, Manning Road, University of Sydney.
MINUTES



Committee Members	Sibella Matthews (President), Zac Thompson (Deputy Chair), Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, James Sin, Cameron Creigh.
USU Staff	Alistair Cowie (Director of Student Programs), Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager), Fiona Adams (Clubs and Societies Auditor), Pamela Wade (Clubs and Societies Officer), Bryce Williams (Committee Secretary)
Visitors	Rhys Pogonoski (Student Director), Hunter Smith, Chris Nobbs, Marina Currie, Thomas Melhuish, Meghan Bateholder, Oliver Wyvill, Andrew Tan, Esha Anura, Alisha King.

No#	Details
	The Chair opened the meeting at 3.07pm.
	1. Apologies And Leaves Of Absence
C&S 127/11	Resolved that apologies be accepted from Jacqui Munro, Sarah Nguyen and Timothy Matthews, that requests for early departure be accepted from Alistair Cowie, Fiona Adams and Angela Vogiatoglou and that a request for late arrival be accepted from Alfred Lee. <i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh</i>
C&S 128/11	Resolved that standing orders be suspended and that discussion move to agenda item 5.1. Clubs and Societies Audit Report. <i>Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i>
C&S 129/11	Resolved that the meeting move <i>in camera</i>. <i>Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i>
C&S 130/11	Resolved to approve the Clubs and Societies Audit Report and the attached documents, noting that the attached documents are working documents to be finalised and incorporated into the Clubs and Societies process from 2012. <i>Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i>
C&S 131/11	Resolved to establish a working party, composed of Fiona Adams, the Chair of the Clubs and Societies Committee, a representative of the C&S Office and a representative of the C&S Committee, to discuss the implementation of the Audit Report's recommendations. <i>Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i>
C&S 132/11	Resolved that the meeting move <i>out of camera</i>. <i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / James Sin</i>

**C&S
133/11** **Resolved that standing orders be suspended and that discussion move to agenda item 4.2. New Club Applications.**

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh

4.2 New Club Applications

SU A Billion Little Stones Society

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne asked how the Society differentiates itself from other humanitarian societies.

Esha Anura, President of SU A Billion Little Stones Society (SU ABLSS), explained that the Society was focused on specific issues, like genocide, atrocities and mass conflict that deserved attention and were not covered by other groups. She said that she had spoken with the President of SU Amnesty International Society.

Zac Thompson, Deputy Chair, asked about the Society's aim of a conflict free campus.

Alisha King, Vice-President of SU ABLSS, replied that the 'conflict free campus' project was akin to the 'Enough Project' at Stanford University, where the University had committed to using only conflict-free minerals in its procurement policy.

Sibella Matthews, the Chair, asked about the Society's relationship to the 'A Billion Little Stones' organisation.

Ms. Anura replied that the parent organisation conducted high-level lobbying, while the Society was to conduct grassroots awareness-building activities on campus.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked about the Society's degree of external control, and whether Ms. Anura had spoken to SU Amnesty about incorporating their planned activities.

Ms. Anura responded that the Society was not controlled by an external organisation. She said that the two organisations were completely separate and were led by different people.

Ms. Matthews noted the breadth of the Society's aims.

Ms. Anura replied that SU ABLSS sought to achieve different goals to SU Amnesty. She noted that SU Amnesty had general awareness-building as a goal, but that SU ABLSS wanted more substantive change on that specific issue.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked what experience the executives had with the C&S Program.

Ms. Anura replied that the executive had helped out with the activities of other clubs, but were fairly new to the program.

SU White Ribbon of The University of Sydney

Thomas Melhuish, President of SU White Ribbon of The University of Sydney (SU White Ribbon), explained that White Ribbon was a primary prevention organisation that raised awareness and challenged misinformed and entrenched views in a public way.

Mr. Melhuish said that he had no formal affiliation with the White Ribbon organisation, but noted that some club members volunteer with the organisation and the club shares broad-set aims with the organisation. He said that the organisation also provides guidance about the operation of clubs, but exerts no actual control.

Cameron Creigh asked about clause 11.2, which stipulated: "The Society shall maintain a Swiss bank account".

Mr. Melhuish acknowledged that the clause was an error and was amenable to the removal of the term 'Swiss' from the clause.

Ms. Matthews asked about the absence of a support letter from the White Ribbon organisation.

Mr. Melhuish replied that he had been advised that a letter of support was not necessary as no established clubs were affiliated with the organisation. He noted that he had a letter of support which he could forward to the C&S Office.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked about the proposal's reference to the SRC Women's Collective.

Meghan Bateholder, Secretary of SU White Ribbon, responded that she was one of the SRC's Women's Officers. She explained that the SRC had sought an affiliation with the club in response to the recommendations of an NLS survey of violence against women.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked why it was preferable to conduct the club's activities through the C&S Program, as opposed to the Women's Collective.

Ms. Bateholder replied that the SRC had a number of other objectives and that the club's aims did not necessarily fit within the Women's Collective duty statement.

Mr. Melhuish noted that the autonomous nature of the Women's Collective precluded men's involvement.

James Sin asked whether the club was considering the impact of violence against women in the context of same-sex relationships.

Ms. Bateholder replied affirmatively.

SU Surgical Society

Andrew Tan, Treasurer of SU Surgical Society, explained that the Society was distinct from the Medical Society, in that it didn't represent students and focused on surgical procedures, such as suturing.

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Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager) noted some issues with the application, including member restrictions, the unsigned Constitution, absence of the Vice-President's Access Card information and other missing documents.

Mr. Tan responded that the Society could not have open membership, as its members dealt with tools that could injure others and had limited resources.

Ms. Matthews suggested that Mr. Tan could conduct the Society's activities under the faculty.

Mr. Tan said that he had approached the C&S Program for legitimacy purposes. He noted that the Program's status could assist in procuring speakers from the profession. He noted that the Society was transparent and self-funded.

Alistair Cowie (Director of Student Programs) said that the open membership requirement would probably not be problematic. He suggested that prerequisites could be established for participation in surgical activities.

Rhys Pogonoski, Director, asked if most of the Society's events were held at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Mr. Tan replied affirmatively and noted that most events needed to be conducted in a clinical environment.

Cameron Creigh asked about the cost involved in the training sessions.

Mr. Tan responded that the sessions were internally funded through donations and fundraising. He said that the only other expenditure was on wine and cheese. He noted that the training would be conducted on pork bellies.

SU Roller Derby Society

Mr. Sin noted that the affirmative action requirement may appear discriminatory.

Ms. Bateholder, President of SU Roller Derby, said that the Society had been formed out of number of women's groups, and that Roller Derby was a womens-only sport. She noted that men can perform other roles within the Society.

Mr. Cowie asked about references to 'cis' in the Society's constitution.

Ms. Bateholder replied that 'cis' referred to people that identify as the same sex as they were born.

Mr. Thompson asked whether the Society overlapped with Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness (SUSF).

Ms. Bateholder responded that the Society was not at the competitive level required for SUSF. She explained that members would attend bouts in Sydney and around Australia, and training sessions.

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Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked about the Society's focus on female students.

Ms. Bateholder noted that some executive and ordinary members of the Society did not identify with a particular gender.

Mr. Sin asked whether the Society had contacted SUSF with regard to their interest in the sport.

Ms. Bateholder replied that the Society was focused on women's empowerment through sport, as opposed to athlete-level competition.

SU Target Shooting and Marksmanship Society

Chris Nobbs, President of SU Target Shooting and Marksmanship Society (MarkSoc), explained that the Society was a way for interested students to engage with target shooting, and in doing so, introduce novice shooters and address misconceptions about the sport.

Ms. Matthews expressed her concern about the Society's AGM month.

Mr. Nobbs replied that he was amenable to changing the AGM month.

Ms. Matthews asked about the Society's overlap with SUSF.

Mr. Nobbs referred to the Society's cover letter. He said that the Society was focused on social/entry-level shooters, while SUSF was focused on competitive individuals. He noted the additional regulatory and licensing challenges that accompanied SUSF association.

Mr. Cowie asked about where and how the Society proposed to conduct its activities.

Mr. Nobbs responded that firearms regulations (P560) provide for use under the supervision of licensed shooters and at open days at rifle clubs.

Mr. Cowie asked whether the Society had affiliations with rifle clubs.

Hunter Smith, Safety Officer of MarkSoc replied that he was a member of a few rifle clubs.

Mr. Pogonoski requested confirmation that the Society would not hold firearms.

Mr. Smith replied that no firearms would be kept on campus.

Mr. Nobbs noted that a number of the Society's members owned firearms.

Mr. Sin asked if the Society was involved in hunting.

Mr. Nobbs replied that hunting would be outside the state aims of the Society.

Mr. Smith said that he was amenable to inserting a 'no hunting' clause in the Society's Constitution.

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Mr. Creigh asked about the accessibility of the Society's activities, if events were held off-campus at places like Hornsby.

Mr. Nobbs noted that safety and training events could be held on campus, and that the closest public range was in Hornsby. He said that this would not present a significant obstacle for the Society.

**C&S
134/11** **Resolved that standing orders be suspended and that discussion move to agenda item 5. Other Business.**

Cameron Creigh / James Sin

5. Other Business

MUSE

Marina Currie, President of SU Musical Theatre Ensemble (MUSE) explained that the club had conducted a number of significant events in the first semester, including a cabaret, camp, open-mic night, show choir and singing for seniors activities. She said that the club had requested a funding cap extension so that they could continue to hold similar events in second semester.

Chris Nobbs, Vice-President of MUSE, noted that the club had made a valuable contribution to campus culture.

**C&S
135/11** **Resolved to accept Recommendation 1 of the Other Business Report:**

SU Musical Theatre Ensemble: That the annual funding cap be increased to \$6000.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh

**C&S
136/11** **Resolved that standing orders be suspended and that discussion move to agenda item 2. Minutes Of The Meeting Held 19 July 2011.**

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Cameron Creigh

2. Minutes Of The Meeting Held 19 July 2011

Sibella Matthews, the Chair, suggested that the minutes of the meeting held 19 July 2011 be brought to the next meeting of the Committee for approval.

3. Business Arising From The Minutes

Angela Vogiatzoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager) explained that she had received invoices regarding the cost of venue hire for the SU Musical Society. She said that the venue had decided not to charge the Society for venue hire. She noted that of the three events claimed, one made a significant profit, and the other two incurred costs of \$128 and \$78 respectively. She suggested that the funding rejection be upheld. She noted that the forms were submitted one day late.

Cameron Creigh noted that clubs are generally given one warning before rejecting funding requests.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne asked whether there were any mitigating circumstances.

Ms. Vogiatoglou read from the letter of appeal.

Mr. Creigh asked whether the Society had offended previously.

Ms. Vogiatoglou replied that all of the three breaches had occurred this year.

**C&S
137/11** **Resolved to reject the appeal of SU Musical Society, against a funding rejection for two late Pre-Event forms and a late Post Event form.**

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager) spoke to her report.

Ms. Vogiatoglou explained that the resources of the C&S Office had been exhausted by the additional processes required for the SU Liberal Club.

Ms. Vogiatoglou noted that the budget was slightly under last year's result, but that \$33,200 was still 'at stake' (post event forms had not yet been submitted).

Ms. Vogiatoglou explained that the clubs' online listing had been updated with a search engine, category browsing, partial word search and links to Facebook and Twitter. She noted that all of the listing's information was derived from Orion online and that only the clubs that had updated their information in the past year had been migrated to the new listing. She noted that the process of migrating clubs was ongoing.

**C&S
138/11** **Resolved to accept the Clubs and Societies Manager's Report.**

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / James Sin

**C&S
139/11** **Resolved to congratulate the Clubs and Societies Office for their hard work in preparing Re-O Day.**

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / James Sin

4.2 New Club Applications

SU A Billion Little Stones Society

Cameron Creigh noted that the Society was concerned about a very specific humanitarian issue. He said that acceptance of the club may not set a good precedent.

James Sin agreed with Cameron Creigh. He said that there was no need for a 'single-issue' society.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne said that the Society could fit within the broad

purview of SU Amnesty Society. He noted that a niche existed but that the balance favoured rejecting the Society's application.

**C&S
140/11**

Resolved to accept Recommendation 1 of the New Club Applications Report:

SU A Billion Little Stones Society: That the application be rejected as the society's aims are ambiguous.

Cameron Creigh / James Sin

SU Roller Derby Society

**C&S
141/11**

Resolved to accept the new club application of SU Roller Derby Society.

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

SU Surgical Society

Sibella Matthews, the Chair, noted that the issues with the application had been clarified by the earlier discussion.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne said that the Society could be incorporated into MedSoc.

Pamela Wade (Clubs and Societies Officer), said that MedSoc was too large and that the Surgical Society sought to join the program so that it could grow.

Mr. Creigh noted that societies can exist at the sub-faculty level.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne noted that the issues surrounding membership restrictions had been clarified.

**C&S
142/11**

Resolved to accept the new club application of SU Surgical Society, pending the removal of membership restrictions, the signature of the Society's Constitution, and the submission of missing documentation, including the Prospective Member List, Club Advertisement and Access Card details of the Vice-President.

Cameron Creigh / James Sin

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne expressed concern with the affirmative action policy of SU Roller Derby.

Mr. Creigh said that it was a matter of natural tendency.

Mr. Sin noted that SULLS had an affirmative action policy.

Ms. Matthews said that the matter would be reviewed in time.

**C&S
143/11**

Resolved to extend the meeting by thirty minutes.

Cameron Creigh / James Sin

SU Target Shooting and Marksmanship Society

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne said that he would prefer to consider matters of liability more deeply. He expressed his discomfort at the increasing number of recreational sporting clubs.

Ms. Matthews noted that Jacqui Munro was investigating the issue of recreational sporting clubs.

Zac Thompson, Deputy Chair, noted that the Society was spreading awareness and not a sporting club per se.

Alistair Cowie (Director of Student Programs) noted that the Society was one of the older clubs of Sydney University Sport dating back to the 19th century.

Mr. Sin noted his support for the application upon the inclusion of a specific clause prohibiting hunting.

**C&S
144/11**

Resolved that the new club application of SU Target Shooting and Marksmanship Society *lie on the table.*

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

SU White Ribbon of The University of Sydney

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne expressed his support for the application, but noted that the relationship between White Ribbon and the collectives needed to be clarified.

Mr. Cowie noted that membership of the collective was not required by the club's Constitution.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked whether the club would fit better within the Women's Collective. He acknowledged the role of men in the campaign.

**C&S
145/11**

Resolved to accept the new club application of SU White Ribbon of The University of Sydney, pending receipt of a letter of support from the White Ribbon organisation, amendment of the AGM month and Financial Year End and removal of the term "Swiss" from clause 11.2 of the club's Constitution.

James Sin / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.3 Constitutional Amendments

**C&S
146/11**

Resolved to accept Recommendation 1 of the Constitutional Amendments Report:

SU Korean Law Students: That the constitutional amendments be approved pending insertion of the Inactivity clause.

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

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**C&S
147/11** Resolved to accept Recommendation 2 of the Constitutional
Amendments Report:

SU Spanish Society: That the constitutional amendments be approved pending receipt of a constitution with the valid changes inserted.

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.4 Capital Expenditure

**C&S
148/11** Resolved to accept the following recommendations contained in the
Capital Expenditure Report *en bloc*:

SU Speleological Society: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$309.49 be accepted.

SU Unibodhi: The Buddhist Society: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$19.48 be accepted.

The University of Sydney Croquet Club: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$441.54 be accepted.

Cameron Creigh / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

5.2 SULC Update

Sibella Matthews, the Chair, spoke to her report, noting the progress made in strengthening the SU Liberal Club's administration.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne asked when the Club would return to full autonomous control.

Ms. Matthews replied that the date would be decided following the Club's AGM upon the recommendation of the Director of Student Programs. She noted that there had been a number of irregularities with the Club, including non-members believing they were members. She said that an anonymous survey of the en-bloc additions had been a part of the investigation.

James Sin noted that problems arose when people paid for others' memberships.

Ms. Matthews noted that the current regulations do not prohibit that behaviour but would be updated and rolled out next year.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

Sibella Matthews, the Chair, requested that Jacqui Munro and the Committee Secretary determine an appropriate time for the next meeting.

7. Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.49pm.
