

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Clubs & Societies Committee



Confirmed Minutes

10 am Friday June 25, 2021

Meeting 11/21

Location: Zoom

Opened at 10:06 am by Kalyana Vania

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect myself as chair

Mover: Kalyana Vania

Seconder: Muskaan Hakhu

Carried

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3. Attendance

C&S Committee: Emily Kusay, Josh Seddon, Aaron Lee, Swetha Jinson, Rachel Kirby

C&S Officers: Kalyana Vania, Muskaan Hakhu

Staff: Fiona Sanders

Other: Bella Henry, Jesse Gardner-Russell, Scarlett Padden, Harry Black, Pat Bunney

Absent: Jordan Di Natale, Sura Mishra

1.4. Grant speaking rights to Coordinator (Standing Order 21.2)

Motion 2: To grant speaking rights to our coordinator Fiona, under Standing order 21.2

Mover: Chair

Carried

1.5. Apologies

Jordan Di Natale

1.6. Proxies

Jordan Di Natale to Emily Kusay

1.7. Membership

No changes

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the agenda as sent out

Mover: Chair

Carried

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

2.1. May 17, 2021

2.2. June 2, 2021 (ratify decisions made under Standing Order 7.5)

Motion 4: To accept the minutes for May 17, 2021

Mover: Chair

Carried

Motion 5: To ratify the decisions made under standing order 7.5 in the meeting of June 2.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Motion 6: To accept the minutes for June 2, 2021

Mover: Chair

Carried

3. Conflict of interests

| Name | Conflicts of Interest declared |
|------------------|---|
| Muskaan Hakhu | Bollywood Club |
| Swetha Jinson | Australian South Asian Healthcare Society |
| Surabhi Mishra | Fantasy and Science Fiction Appreciation Society |
| Aaron Lee | Science Students Society |
| Rachel Kirby | Ring of Choir |
| Joshua Seddon | Biomedicine Students Society |
| Kalyana Vania | Nil |
| Emily Kusay | Liberal Club |
| Jordan Di Natale | Unimelb Love Letters, Pokémon Observation, Knowledge & Evolution Nation, Consistently Amazing Kitchen Endeavours, French Club |

No further declarations

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Discipline

4.1.1. Labor Club

4.1.1.1. Further consideration of committee member bias

Procedural motion 1: To go in camera with the C&S Committee & Fiona

Mover: Chair

Carried

Meeting went in camera at 10:13 am

Pat Bunney joined the meeting at 10:17 am

Emily Kusay agreed to withhold the proxy

Brief discussion regarding Jesse Gardner-Russell's assertion to a right to the Labor Club papers. Papers were confidential.

Procedural motion 2: To include strangers.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Advised the attendees that Emily has agreed to withhold her proxy

4.1.1.2. Petition to disaffiliate

Jesse reiterated arguments that the club has breached 1.d: there was evidence that two students were denied membership based on factional alignment. If this suspicion excludes people from involvement, and then what does the spreadsheet mean for allowing involvement. They have been treating people from different factions differently.

Harry responded, no notice was given to the club of the matters, and no attempt to resolve with the club. All club events are advertised to all members. Personal lives should not be conflated with club life.

Discussion about Georgia's exclusion – she does belong to a different faction. Harry's acknowledges the inappropriateness of the chat names that implied her exclusion, and has apologised to her.

There was a question about actual complaints from excluded membership – Bella states that she tried to join and has not been included. Harry responded that he has made the outreach via the club facebook and is willing to entertain all claims to membership.

Distinction between private and club events re-stated.

Harry asserts that no one has responded to his outreach regarding membership. Scarlett claimed that she had invited Bella to give details and would add her to the List, no such details were provided.

Harry had Eol form and Membership form – people uncomfortable with joining a party and want to come to events and check it out before committing. Both forms were provided in the group chat.

The discussion of the two members political affiliation was asserted to be in the context of political organising.

Committee member asked why the Petition was distributed under the phrasing of race, political ideology, and religion, conflating them together. Appears misleading to the grounds of the petition.

It appears that the petition was distributed without the grounds.

Chair believe that while there may be issues over memberships, this seems to be a matter for internal resolution.

Spreadsheet of members' political alignment is for factional organising. Rachel asked if there was a distinction between running the club and the factional outreach and highlighted the conflict that is inherent in this issue. C&S Committee cannot adjudicate factional arguments.

More discussion about the validity of the petition. Jesse provided some evidence that his approach was different to Jordan's, and provided more context.

Control of membership is an attempt by a faction to monopolise a club for a factional gain.

This is an attempt to weaponise regulatory body to advance personal agendas.

Motion 7: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate the Labor Club, under 6.1, under the grounds sent out with the meeting papers.

Mover: Chair

For: 0 Against: 5

Lost

Emily did not exercise the proxy

Harry reiterated the invitation to have an internal discussion with the petitioners.

All visitors left at 11:50 am

10 minute break and the meeting reconvened at 12 pm

4.1.2. AIESEC in Melbourne

Motion 8: To uphold the petition to put AIESEC on probation for one month under 6.1.h. for not completing the attendance confirmation for their SGM.

Mover: Chair

Carried

ACTION: Put Jordan's apprehended bias on the next Agenda

4.2. Directed General Meetings

4.2.1. Chess Club (semester 2)

FYI

4.2.2. Chinese Debating Group (invalid)

Discussion of what to do with the lack of properly elected committee.

Motion 9: To direct the CDG representatives to meet with at least one the C&S Officers and the Coordinator before Week 0.

Mover: Chair

Carried

4.2.3. Wu Cultural Society (in progress)

In progress

4.3. Regulation review

Justin Bare has been on leave.

4.4. Wellbeing Training

Trainings will be recorded and put on a Canvas subject.

4.5. New Club 2020 Bank Account (Environmental Science Association)

AGM did not get quorum, no action until Semester 2 AGM

4.6. Bank Signatory Handover

Lockdown effected clubs getting letters from C&S, or going to the bank with C&S.

4.7. WinterFest

4.7.1. Merchandise

Quotes for merchandise. Discussion about purpose of merchandising.

Noted that Clubs Guide (advertising the clubs) is our major give-away and should not be in the tote bags

Emily left at 12:54 pm

Masks of phone wallets preferred as cheaper per-unit

Motion 10: To approve up to \$5,000 from Special Projects budget for production of C&S department merchandise

Mover: Chair

CWD

4.7.2. Sign ups

In-person Expos are 70 clubs per day. About 100 for the Hopin Expo.

1 club person per stall

Ideas to create engagement with clubs:

- Quiz to recommend involvement
- Promote the Insta page
- Create a # competition with a luck draw
- Create an Expo passport with a lucky draw – require following on Insta

Motion 11: To approve up to \$1500 for engagement and promotion activities in Week 0 & Week 1.

Mover: Chair

Carried

C&S Committee volunteers required.

4.8. Chinese Food Hunter Club

4.8.1. Disaffiliation appeal

Will be discussed at the next Students' Council meeting.

4.8.2. Asset presentation

Defer

5. Officers Reports

Motion 12: To accept the Officers reports.

Mover: Rachel Kirby

Secunder: Swetha Jinson

Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1. Clubs

6.1.1. Drawing & Painting Club re: Constitution Amendment (aims)

Motion 13: To approve the Drawing and Painting Club proposed amendment.

Mover: Chair

Carried

6.1.2. Indian Club re: grant

Club want to change the grant to P&H for the venue hire and add Sri Lankan Students Association as a joint grant.

Committee did not add Sri Lankan Students – this is club responsibility.

Motion 14: To approve the change of grant 14844 to Purchases & Hiring.

Mover: Chair

Carried

6.1.3. Mandarin language Club re: Expo waiting list

Committee discussion of circumstances and consensus to promote the club to the top of the waiting list.

6.1.4. IGSS re: Cancelled Event Expenses

Do have an approved grant.

Motion 15: To pay IGSS grant 14780 expenses for \$600.

Mover: Chair

CWD

6.2. Other

6.2.1. Queer International Student Peer Support

OBs to share on socials and direct to Queer Department

6.2.2. Let's Talk About Loneliness

OBs to share on socials and direct to Welfare Department

6.2.3. Sustainable Events Guide

ACTION: Include in the next Bulletin

7. Grants

7.1. Standard

7.2. Grants For Discussion

7.2.1. MUR Motorsports late (?) grants

Motion 16: To approve 14855, conditional on evidence that expenditure is after C&S grant approval.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Motion 17: To approve 14858 for hoodies and overalls, conditional on evidence that expenditure is after C&S grant approval and conditional on submission of designs.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Labor club keychain design reviewed – too small to include the UMSU logo.

Motion 18: To approve grant 14882.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Motions on notice:

- To approve all standard grants & all off campus exemptions en bloc.
- To approve Christian Union CSF14892 grant, conditional on their resubmission of design file
- To approve Students of Royal Melbourne CSF14860 grant, conditional on their submission of complete event details
- To approve Students of Royal Melbourne CSF14859 grant, conditional on their submission of complete event details
- To approve HackMelbourne CSF14867 grant, conditional on their submission of designs
- To conditionally approve Physiotherapy Students' Society CSF14886 grant, provided that they submit a complete camp submission and is approved by Coordinator before the camp
- To conditionally approve Film Society CSF14891 grant, provided that they submit certificate of currency, covid plan and a signed off campus activity form
- To conditionally approve Film Society CSF14890 grant, provided that they submit certificate of currency, covid plan and a signed off campus activity form
- To conditionally approve Bhakti Yoga Club CSF14869 grant, provided that they submit covid plan and a compliant SFH
- To conditionally approve Optometry Students Society CSF14884 grant, provided that they submit covid plan
- To approve Global Health Society CSF14885 grant conditional on evidence that this is a club members' event.
- To approve Wildlife Conservation Society CSF14883 grant with 50% reduction due to late submission

Motion 19: To accept all Motions on Notice en bloc.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Procedural motion 3: To move to Other Business

Mover: Chair

Carried

9. Other Business

9.1. Semester 1 Expo: Asset Protection invoice

Motion 20: To pay \$5,182.21 from O'week budget line to pay for asset protection.

Mover: Chair

Carried

9.2. Office expenses

Defer

9.3. Affiliations

Motion 21: To affiliate the Mandarin Christian Fellowship, Quiz Society, Vex Robotics Club, CryptoClub, Quantitative Trading Society and Cambodian Student Society

Mover: Chair

Carried

IFS have self-assessed their income tax as Cultural (promotion of music, arts & literature)

Motion 22: To affiliate the Indian Food Society, noting that we do not concur with their Income Tax exemption.

Mover: Chair

Carried

ASEAN Finance & Networking Club – no post-IGM submission.

Motion 23: To reject the affiliation of the ASEAN Finance & Networking Club as no IGM submission has been made.

Mover: Chair

Carried

BJSC Minutes require significant re-writing. Clubs has been advised and failed to submit.

Motion 24: To set a deadline of July 9 for the Bullet Journal and Stationery Club (BJSC) resubmission of the Minutes.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Josh Seddon left at 2:09 pm

Continue under Standing Order 7.5

9.5 COVID: New Club Application & General Meeting provisions in Semester 2

No changes from Semester 1 provisions.

9.4. SFH/RSA Training

Discussion of changing costs & in-person

Defer

9.5. Activity Reporting

Defer

8. General Meetings

8.1. Compliant

8.1.1. AGM

8.1.1.1. Biological Society of the University of Melbourne (BSUM) 21-May

8.1.1.2. Finance Student Association 21-May

8.1.1.3. Robogals Melbourne 14-May

8.1.1.4. Tea Appreciation Society 14-May

8.1.2. SGM

8.1.2.1. Anime and Manga Club 18-Mar

- 8.1.2.2. Nursing Students' Society 29-Mar
- 8.1.2.3. Pakistani Society 20-May
- 8.1.2.4. Save the Children Club 5-May
- 8.1.2.5. Speech Pathology Students' Society 15-Mar

Motion 25: To accept all the compliant AGMs and SGMs

Mover: Chair

Carried

8.2. For Discussion

- 8.2.1. Australia-China Youth Association AGM 28 May (not submitted)

Petition to put the Australia-China Youth Association on probation for 6 months 6.1.h. for failing to submit AGM papers.

Petitioners: Rachel Kirby & Aaron Lee

- 8.2.2. Students of Royal Melbourne AGM 23 April (late attend confirmation)
- 8.2.3. Banking on Women SGM 11 May (late attendance confirmation)
- 8.2.4. Gleam Up SGM 24 May (late attendance confirmation)
- 8.2.5. Debating Society SGM 29 April (no attendance confirmation)

Debating Society has now been done

Petition to put Students of Royal Melbourne, Banking on Women, Gleam Up, and Debating Society on probation for one month under 6.1.h. for not completing the attendance confirmation for their General Meeting as required.

Petitioners: Rachel Kirby & Aaron Lee

Rachel Kirby left at 2:27 pm

8.3. Invalid General Meetings Semester 1 (FYI)

FYI

9. Next Meeting (TBC)

OBs to do a When to Meet

10. Close

Meeting closed at 2:28 pm