

University of Melbourne Student Union



Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee

UNCONFIRMED Minutes

10am, Wednesday December 18th, 2019

Meeting 01/20

Location: C&S office, Ground floor Union House

Meeting opened by Jordan Di Natale at 10:04am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Jordan Di Natale as chair

Mover: Jordan Di Natale **Seconder:** Chris Melenhorst

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Committee: Chris Melenhorst, Justin Riazaty, Ciara Griffiths, Beatrice Valencia, Olivia White

Office Bearer: Jordan Di Natale

Staff: Fiona Sanders

Other: Executive Members of the Islamic Society

- Mahad Ali
- Sarah El Wazni
- Mahmoud Abumarazouq

1.4 Apologies

Ezekiel McPherson and Niamh Hollick

1.5 Proxies

Ezekiel McPherson proxied his vote to Justin Riazaty

1.6 Membership

It was discovered that Ezekiel McPherson was an executive member of the Russian Society and that he did not disclose this during the committee election. Advice was sought from the Returning Officer, who advised the department on courses of action to take on this matter.

In response Ezekiel McPherson has since resigned from the Russian Society effective immediately, and maintains his place on the C&S Committee.

Trianna Valdez, (the elected female office bearer), has resigned from her duties.

Olivia White enters the meeting at 10.07am

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Nil

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

Name	Conflicts of Interest declared
Chris Melenhorst	Transit Riders Alliance for Melbourne Students
Justin Riazaty	Russian Society
Ezekiel McPherson	
Ciara Griffiths	Fantasy and Science Fiction Appreciation Society
Beatrice Valencia	planetUni
Niamh Hollick	
Olivia White	Friends Of Unnatural Llamas
Jordan Di Natale	

Procedural Motion 1: To move to 5.1.3 Islamic society

Mover: Jordan Di Natale (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.1.3 Matters carried forward from the previous committee

Regarding the Islamic Society October 25th event, the Islamic Society held a picnic event where there were some last-minute food commitments which did not meet expectations and they ordered biriyani. They advised they knew they did the wrong thing in not having a Food Plan and were apologetic.

Ciara Griffiths and Chris Melenhorst advised the club why the safe food handling plan (SFH) is important as well as what probation is.

Procedural Motion 2: To move to in camera

Mover: Chair

AGAINST: 5

LOST

Motion 3: To uphold the petition to place the Islamic Society on probation for 6 months for not having a SFH plan (regulation 7.3.4).

Mover: Chair

FOR: 5 ABSTENTION: 1

CARRIED

The Islamic Society representatives left at 10:20 am

Procedural Motion 3: To move back to 4.1

Mover: Chris Melenhorst

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Olivia White left the room at 10:20 am

Olivia White re-entered the room at 10:21 am

4. Motion on Notice

Given Students Council regards attendance to the clubs expo as a privilege of affiliation that can be removed through discipline, I move to rescind the decision made by the previous committee to ban Chinese Cultural Society, Chinese Debating Group and China Rural Education Initiative on the grounds that:

- a. Although the decision is consistent with the expo policy, it did not comply with the discipline procedure set out in the regulations.
- b. the Chinese Culture Society and Chinese Rural Education Initiative will be invited participate on the following conditions:
 - i. they acknowledge their policy breach at WinterFest 2019, and
 - ii. they accept formally that during the SummerFest expos absolute compliance with the policy is required at all times, and
 - iii. they will receive no warnings regarding breaches; and
 - iv. if they breach the terms of the policy they will be required to pack up and leave immediately and that they must comply with the department accordingly
- c. BUT the C&S Committee excludes the Chinese Debating Group from attending SummerFest on the grounds that the exclusion is included in the prescribed disciplines of Students Council.

Mover: Jordan Di Natale

There was long discussions on whether staff and/or Office Bearer (OB) observation is classified as evidence.

Justin Riazaty mentioned that observations can be vague, ambiguous and not official warnings.

Chris Melenhorst mentioned that staff and OB are trained and understand the policy and safety, and are concerned with unorganised crowd control.

Jordan Di Natale explained that Chinese Debating Group was separated and removed from entering SummerFest on the grounds of Students' Councils discipline petition.

Chris Melenhorst asked that the first point (a.) be struck from the Motion, as the Committee should not undermine it's own departmental administration via policies. This amendment was amenable to the mover.

Motion 4: Given Students Council regards attendance to the clubs expo as a privilege of affiliation that can be removed through discipline, I move to rescind the decision made by the previous committee to ban Chinese Cultural Society, Chinese Debating Group and China Rural Education Initiative on the grounds that:

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- they acknowledge their policy breach at WinterFest 2019, and
 - they accept formally that during the SummerFest expos absolute compliance with the policy is required at all times, and
 - they will receive no warnings regarding breaches; and
 - if they breach the terms of the policy they will be required to pack up and leave immediately and that they must comply with the department accordingly
- b. BUT the C&S Committee excludes the Chinese Debating Group from attending SummerFest on the grounds that the exclusion is included in the prescribed disciplines of Students Council.

Mover: Chair **Seconded:** Chris Melenhorst

FOR: 4 AGAINST: 2

CARRIED

5. Matters carried forward from the previous committee

5.1. Petitions to Discipline

Procedural Motion 4: To suspend standing orders to permit staff member Fiona Sanders to speak during the meeting

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.1.1. International Students Travel Group (ISTG)

The problem was outlined that the ISTG did not have a valid AGM as it was undemocratic; not all members were invited, only old and prospective new committee, and the prospective committee were selected by interview. Furthermore, the AGM quorum depended on counting 2018 members without re-signing them in 2019.

Motion 5: To uphold the petition to disaffiliate ISTG.

Mover: Chair

FOR: 0 AGAINST: 5 ABSTENTION: 1

LOST

Motion 6: To uphold the petition to place ISTG on probation for 12 months, for breaching membership regulation 5.3.1.f.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.1.2. Wu Cultural Society

Motion 7: To uphold the petition 3, to place Wu Cultural Society on probation for 6 months.

Mover: Chair

FOR: 0 AGAINST: 4 ABSTENTION: 2

LOST

Motion 8: To uphold the petition 7, to place Wu Cultural Society on probation for 12 months for breaching membership regulation 5.3.1.f.

Mover: Chair

FOR: 4 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 2

CARRIED

5.1.4. Chinese Debating Group

The matter for which CDG was originally disciplined was outlined to the Committee. This discipline is the outcome of a mediation negotiation, where the disaffiliation could not be sustained due to procedural errors on the part of the C&S Committee and Council.

Discussion of the Students Council Sanctions (UMSU Resources to be withheld, as articulated by Council: SummerFest & WinterFest 2020, Room Bookings, as well as Probation)

Motion 9: To uphold the petition made by Students' Council, to discipline the Chinese Debating Group as set out by council.

Mover: Chair

FOR: 4 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 2

CARRIED

Chris Melenhorst left the room at 11:11 am

5.2 General Meetings

5.2.1. For Discussion

5.2.1.1 Melbourne Energy Students Association (MESA)

During MESA's AGM there were no Returning Officer to conduct a fair election.

Motion 10: To invalidate the election under Regulations 5.2.3 for not appointing a Returning Officer.

Mover: Chris Melenhorst **Seconder:** Ciara Griffiths

FOR: 4 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 2

CARRIED

Motion 11: To direct MESA to hold an SGM by end of week 3 of semester 1 of 2020, to fill the vacancy.

Mover: Chris Melenhorst **Seconder:** Ciara Griffiths

FOR: 4 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 2

CARRIED

5.2.1.2. Spirits, Liqueur and Cocktail Appreciation Society (SLACAS)

Membership sign-ups and thus Quorum not properly evidenced.

Motion 12: To accept the 2019 AGM and direct SLACAS to hold an SGM by the end of week 3 semester 1 2020, to ratify the decisions made in the AGM

Mover: Chris Melenhorst **Seconder:** Ciara Griffiths

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.2.1.3. Chinese Culture Society

Several documents requested twice but have not been submitted (Agenda with correct date, information about constitution amendments, and evidence of membership sign-up). An email was received this morning that contained some of this.

Petition 1: To place Chinese Culture Society on probation for 12 months for failing to comply with C&S request for documents (Regulations 6.1.h)

Petitioners: Chris Melenhorst & Ciara Griffiths

6. Office Bearer Reports

Office Bearer report was explained and further outlined on topics that were new to the committee. This included an explanation of STOP 1 outlining that students are having

trouble making friends and that STOP 1 want to integrate clubs into their system and building through advertising.

Motion 13: To accept the OB report.
Mover: Chris Melenhorst **Seconder:** Ciara Griffiths **FOR: 6**
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Correspondence

7.1 Chinese Cultural Society (Orientation)

7.2 Chinese Debating Group (Orientation)

7.1. and 7.2. have been discussed

7.3. ASEAN (GRANT)

ASEAN have enquired if the C&S will accept a grant made for a payment for a sporting event that the payment was made in January when the grant payments open.

Committee indicated by consensus that it will accept the submission of a grant for January payment.

8. Other Business

8.1 Activity Reporting Compliance

Only events after conclusion of teaching period Semester:

Petition 2: To put Finance Students Association on probation for 12 months for not providing members events in Semester 2, 2019 (Regulations 6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Chris Melenhorst and Beatrice Valencia

Petition 3: To suspend the Lebanese Students Society grants until the end of semester 1 2020 for not providing members events in Semester 2, 2019 (Regulations 6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Chris Melenhorst and Olivia White

Motion 14: To accept the activity report from Electrical Engineering Club
Mover: Olivia White **Seconded** by Ciara Griffiths
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Petition 4: To place the Interfaith Exchanges on probation for 12 months for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Ciara Griffiths and Chris Melenhorst

Petition 5: To disaffiliate the Interfaith Exchanges for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Chris Melenhorst and Beatrice Valencia

MUR motorsports discussion: no evidence provided, one joint event, one after semester

Chris Melenhorst left the room at 11:50 am

Petition 6: To disaffiliate MUR Motorsports for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Ciara Griffiths and Beatrice Valencia

Petition 7: To place MUR Motorsports on probation for 12 months for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Ciara Griffiths, Justin Riazaty and Olivia White

Chris Melenhorst re-entered the room at 11:54 am

No Reporting:

Petition 8: To place Dutch Club on probation for 6 months for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Chris Melenhorst and Ciara Griffiths

Petition 9: To disaffiliate Football Appreciation Club for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Chris Melenhorst, Beatrice Valencia and Ciara Griffiths

Petition 10: To disaffiliate Pirates for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Beatrice Valencia and Ciara Griffiths

Petition 11: To put Pirates on probation for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Justin Riazaty and Beatrice Valencia

Petition 12: To disaffiliate the Youtube Appreciation Society for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Chris Melenhorst & Justin Riazaty

<p>Motion 15: To accept the activity report and apology from Students for Sensible Drug Policy Mover: Ciara Griffiths Secunder: Chris Melenhorst CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT</p>

It was also recommended that the club hold future independent events so that the issue can be avoided.

Petition 13: To disaffiliate composters collectives for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Beatrice Valencia and Ciara Griffiths

Petition 14: To disaffiliate Mexican Club for not providing compliant activity reporting (R6.1.a (5.4)).

Petitioners: Beatrice Valencia and Ciara Griffiths

10 minute break was taken to ensure superstars could get lunch at 12:05 pm

Meeting resumed at 12:14 pm

Procedural Motion 5: To move forward to 8.4. Budget

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.4. Budget

INCOME	
Other income	\$8,000.00
Students Council Allocation	\$343,250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$351,250.00
EXPENDITURE	
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	
Grants	\$275,000.00
Orientation Costs	\$15,000.00
Special Projects	\$39,500.00
Consumable and Supplies	\$1,500.00
Advertising	\$7,250.00
Training	\$5,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$351,250.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$343,250.00

Motion 16: To approve the budget for 2020 as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural Motion 6: To move forward to 8.6. SummerFest

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.6. SummerFest

8.6.1 Promotional Requirements Week 0-2 Sem 1, 2020

C&S to advertise Events Calendar and Expo/s

Make sure the STOP 1 advertising points to Events Calendar

No event handouts but make a QR code on the Guide that would direct people to the Calendar.

Motion 17: To stipulate that all C&S promo period events must be advertised on the Clubs Events Calendar one week in advance. This deadline has the same meaning as Grant applications, that is on the day a week in advance submitted before midnight and the Promo Period is Monday Week 0 (Feb 24) to Sunday Week 2 (Mar 15). It is specifically noted that Camps must be listed on the Calendar.

Mover: Chris Melenhorst **Seconder:** Ciara Griffiths

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.6.2 Change of Venue requests

Approve all 8 changes (CODEC, Competitive Programming, Japanese Club, Language Exchange Club, MINT, Melbourne Microfinance Initiative, Robogals and UNIT)

Justin Riazaty left the room at 12:29 pm and re-entered at 12:31 pm

8.6.3 Week 1 Expo planning

Around 130 clubs registered. Agreed upon by the committee to have 2 days, that are smaller expos.

Identifying person/s in charge will be discussed in the next meeting.

Procedural Motion 7: To return to 8.1. Activity Reporting Compliance.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.1. Activity Reporting Compliance (continued)

Chinese Debating group – waive requirement as they were disaffiliated all Semester

Regarding all non-compliant evidence: advise that Attendance Lists are required

Motion 18: To accept the remainder of the activity reporting en bloc. Clubs included are Biomedicine Student Society, Chinese Music Group, Enactus, Freedom Society, International Commerce Students Society, International Commerce Students Society, Melbourne Microfinance Initiative, Optometry Students Society, Population Health Student Association, Tabletop Gaming Society, Vets Beyond Borders and Women in Technology.

Mover: Chris Melenhorst **Secunder:** Justin Riazaty

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.2. Locker Compliance

Returns still incomplete: Debating Society, ASEAN, Chinese Debating Group, Greek Association, Labor Club and Chinese Food Hunter Club.

No locker in 2020 for all clubs with incomplete returns.

Late returns, some lockers not checked yet: Food Interest Group, Internet of Things Club, Italian Social Club, Biomedical Engineering Society, Folding Our Futures, Interprofessional Education and Practice Health Students Net, Macedonian Students Society, Habitat for Humanity, Socialist Alternative, Environmental Engineering Society, Philosophy Club, Mauritian Student Society and TEDxUniMelb.

Habitat for Humanity: adverse personal circumstances, approve for 2020 locker if locker is clean

Remainder to all get bottom preference for lockers for next year, on condition that the locker is deemed clean by staff and/or OB. If it is not, then no locker in 2020.

Motion 19: To accept all decision made with regard to lockers.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Justin Riazaty and Beatrice Valencia left at 12:49 pm

Meeting continued under Standing Order 7.8

8.3. New Club Bank and Email compliance

Biochemistry Club were given an extension until Monday of 0 week to provide the C&S with details requested.

Motion 20: To direct the Guitar Club to provide a name of the account to C&S by Monday Week 0

Mover: Ciara Griffiths **Seconder:** Chris Melenhorst

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.5 Clubs Guide

Committee want the Clubs Guide to go ahead next year. It will be administered as new submissions from all clubs to eliminate cut-and-paste errors. We will include theatre clubs too.

8.7. Compulsory Training

Deferred to next meeting

9. Next Meeting (January 2020)

Jordan Di Natale will make a 'When is Good' To find out a perfect time for the majority of the committee to meet.

10. Close

Meeting was closed at 1:01 pm