

**Minutes of the 2nd Ordinary Meeting
of the 111th Clubs & Societies Committee
24 January 2022 at 1:00 PM
Chair: Rheanna Norris**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.07 PM and made acknowledgement of the traditional owners and custodians of the land and wished to pay respect to their elders' past, present and emerging.

1. Attendance

i. Members Present:

- Rheanna Norris (Chair)
- Jessica Mills
- Ajay Chungath
- James Hohl
- Finn Larson
- Brad Plant

i. Apologies and Leave

Josephine Zhang

ii. Proxies

Josephine Zhang to Cara Rowe

iv. Others Present

- Jaafar Jabur
- Cara Rowe
- Michael Walker
- Matthew Johnson
- Rowan Evans
- Jay Hunter
- Ethan Jones
- Hughston Parle
- Emily Ryan (minutes)

2. Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

Amendment

Brad Plant requested that he be named in the minutes rather than being referred to as 'a committee member'. Rowe explained this was for anonymity, and Brad confirmed he understood that. The minute taker agreed to do so for all future minutes.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1st ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED.

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Nil

4. Reports of Elected Officers

Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs and Societies) reported on the clubs conference, informing the committee that the sponsorship panel would be moved to a later date as part of the professional development series that had been actioned. Additionally, as part of the series, the chair has been in contact with UQ mental health champions about providing some form of mental health first aid certificate to executives as part of a workshop.

The chair also mentioned that a day trip to the Gold Coast and Reddo party would be organised in lieu of exec camp and lawn bowls would also run after the conference for the second year in a row, with the theme decided as 'all whites'. The Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs and Societies) also reported that Semper is currently doing a C&S (Clubs & Societies) article series, which has had quite a few responses so far.

It was also reported that a 'clubs' spotlight' on UQU (University of Queensland Union) socials had been commissioned, and that the Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs and Societies) was working with clubs from different campuses and backgrounds on the project. Additionally, the Model Constitution is still being collaboratively worked on, with the final draft to be presented to the UQU council in February. It was also reported that the chair was searching for Clubbies venues and would look to the committee for feedback on the shortlisted venues.

It was moved THAT THE REPORT OF THE ELECTED OFFICER, VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS CULTURE (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES) BE ACCEPTED.

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NORRIS/PLANT

CARRIED

5. Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

The Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs & Societies) suggested the following changes be made to the structure of the Clubs and Societies Committee in addition to the current stipulations of duties as per the UQU regulations. The VP Campus Culture (Clubs & Societies) will work in collaboration with every one of the C&S committee on a 'sub project' to enrich and optimise UQ C&S for the duration of their term. These sub projects will be annually reviewed & changed if required.

The sub projects are below and with the members who are coordinating:

1. UQU Documents: Model Constitution & Code of Conduct reformatting
 - James Hohl & Bradley Plant

2. Grant Funding: A system, design & implementation across all of C&S
 - Jessica Mills, Ajay Chungath, James Hohl, Finn Larson, Bradley Plant & Josephine Zhang and Rheanna Norris

3. UQU C&S Resources: Starting a new club resources and review of current processes
 - James Hohl, Jessica Mills & Ajay Chungath

4. Exec Mentoring Program: A peer mentoring program for new and existing club execs to connect and network
 - Finn Larson, Jessica Mills & Bradley Plant

5. UQU C&S Resources: Guide for existing clubs including incorporation, public liability document updates and reformatting
 - James Hohl & Ajay Chungath

6. UQU C&S Resources: Compliance submission documents review and reformatting
 - James Hohl & Ajay Chungath

7. Clubbies, exec camp & clubs conference:
 - Finn Larson, Jessica Mills & Bradley Plant

6. Business which has been proposed

Nil

i. Ratifications

Acoustic Society

Joshua Badshah joined the meeting via Zoom at 1.31pm and discussed the application. He acknowledged that they were disappointed to hear the club had folded and were keen to revive it. The C&S manager confirmed that performance clubs were not in over supply and crossover of aims and objectives was unlikely.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UQ ACOUSTIC SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

Foucault Postgraduate Society

Richard Lee spoke to his application advocating for the necessity of representing Postgraduate students. Richard clarified that QUT does not have a club and rather a staff member is currently running something similar at the QUT campus with an average of ten students attending meetings. Richard mentioned that the club will be self-sufficient in terms of funding and are seeking more exposure to increase their club. He further reported it was more of an academic club than a social club and that there was currently nothing like it in its nature. Brad noted that their signature page appeared to be made up of friends rather than postgraduate students and suggested, should they be ratified, their IGM be majority post grad students.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UQ FOUCAULT POSTGRADUATE SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB ON THE PROVISION THEIR ATTENDANCE LIST AT THEIR IGM BE FIFTY ONE PERCENT POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

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NORRIS/CHUNGATH

CARRIED

Hughston Parle arrived at 2.07pm

iii. Affiliations

Cyber Squad Society

The committee agreed that all documents from the Cyber Squad IGM were in order.

It was moved

THAT THE CYBER SQUAD SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 111/24

NORRIS/MILLS

CARRIED

Chinese Student and Scholars Association

The committee agreed that all submitted documents and declarations were in order.

It was moved

THAT THE CHINESE SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BE
AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

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NORRIS/PLANT

CARRIED

iv. Disaffiliations

Nil.

8. General Business

Irish Society request to be categorised as an international club rather than a political club.

Michael Walker spoke to the request explaining the previous committee had capped their funding due to the majority of their membership list being composed of political members.

He also admitted the club had had some quiet years due to COVID and other factors having held only one or two events in 2021 but intended to increase their events in 2022. Michael advised that they had six events planned already for semester one.

The C&S manager clarified whether their concern was funding or which section they would be located for Market Day, confirming they would continue to remain in the "international" section. Michael confirmed that they intended to significantly increase their membership size and as such requested their funding for 2022 not be capped.

The committee agreed that they would be willing to categorise Irish Society back to an international club (regarding funding) provided their membership list following market day demonstrated diversity of membership.

It was moved

THAT THE IRISH SOCIETY BE UNCAPPED PENDING THE REVIEW OF THEIR
MEMBERSHIP LIST FOLLOWING MARKET DAY AND THAT IS SHOULD
DEMONSTRATE MEMBERSHIP DIVERSITY

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NORRIS/CHUNGATH

CARRIED

Affiliated Clubs Policy

Norris requested a policy be developed, following the recent alignment of clubs (Beer and Rum Society (BARS), Karaoke Club and Social Lawn Bowls). Norris explained that she believed that the development of other umbrella clubs may be consequential and something formal should be developed.

Upon question, Plant advised that the benefits of aligning were to reduce competition for sponsors, events, and members. Rowe advised that the Union do not advocate for affiliate clubs as they break several Union regulations as well as double dipping regarding funding.

Rowe advised an exception had been made for clubs currently functioning with an umbrella structure (EUS, SASS) and that they were faculty clubs. Concerns were raised about the possibility of clubs being absorbed whether they wanted to be or not, then creating a handful of umbrella clubs and dozens of sub clubs.

Plant reported that all clubs had approached BARS and requested to align and sort confirmation as to whether any complaints had been received, which was in the negative. Jones agreed that a policy should be developed to protect clubs. Upon further discussion, it was agreed that this could be viewed as more of a partnership than a hierarchy.

The committee understood the clubs aligning to be of a partnership nature such sharing resources, then several clubs coming under one body. Norris advised that she would reach out to the president of the Beer and Rum Society to advise them of such a policy and speak to him about their intentions for the club.

Action: Develop policy for affiliate clubs including definitions to protect clubs and provide clarification. This could be included as a sub-project from the Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs & Societies) report.

Model Constitution Amendments to the Schedules.

A discussion took place between Rowe and Plant regarding the updating of the schedules for the model constitution. Plant stipulated that it should not matter, nor be included in the schedules as it's a template for new clubs. He advised that clubs are provided with the constitution when ratified and have been updated multiple times within the committee/department. This is not reflected in the schedules or are councils as it is not relevant for them to review. Such responsibilities are the purpose of the C&S committee not the Secretary or Council. Rowe disagreed, stating that the Council should have oversight and an awareness of this.

It was determined that a one-page summary of what can and cannot be changed in the constitution be created as many clubs, particularly those who are new, are unaware of the regulations and what can and cannot be amended. This one-page summary is to be included in the sub projects list.

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.04 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Mi'.

Rheanna Norris
Chairperson