

7th Ordinary Meeting of the 111th UQ Union Clubs and Societies Committee Minutes

Tuesday 13th September 2022, 3pm

Boardroom 21A-5

UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia

Chair: Rheanna Norris

- a) The chair declared the meeting open at 02:59 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.

a) Credentials

Present:

Jess Mills

James Hohl

Bradley James Plant

Josephine Zhang

Finn Larson

Rheanna Norris

Apologies and Leave:

Ajay Chungath

Proxies:

None

Others Present:

Emily Ryan

Rahul Samkruthyayan(minutes)

b) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 5th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

c) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

None

d) Reports of the Elected Officers

None

e) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

None

f) Business which has been proposed

Ratifications and Affiliations:

1. UQ Country Society

A member mentioned that city students forming a country club could be a glaring issue. Members of the committee advised that they had observed that the process of gathering the signatures was disingenuous and without clear information on the signatories or their purported interest in this club. The committee members agreed that credible intentions and declarations need to be seen first and believed they should operate informally until then.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY UQ COUNTRY SOCIETY TO BE RATIFIED

C&S 111/66

NORRIS/HOHL

NOT CARRIED

Finn Larson joined the meeting at 3:03 PM.

Josephine Zhang joined the meeting at 3:05 PM.

2. UQ Food Science Club

The committee members were informed that the club existed previously but was later disaffiliated due to COVID-19 impact affecting the ability of the club to run. The committee agreed with one members observation that the club has been operating on a promising note and with intent, even on an informal basis so far.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ FOOD SCIENCE CLUB BE RATIFIED AS UQU CLUB

C&S 111/67

NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

3. UQ WANKA CLUB

The committee noted that the proposed club aims to create new social media and accumulate things. The Chair opined that the application in its current form does not have anything substantial and needs clarification from the proposed club executives and seeks a better explanation of aims and objectives.

Action: Emily to have a conversation regarding the unintentional name of the club.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ WANKA CLUB APPLICATION BE TABLED UNTIL FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED

C&S 111/68

NORRIS/LARSON

CARRIED

4. UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND THAI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The committee noted that the club in its previous form was disaffiliated due to the COVID-19 impact. The committee observed that they have good traction on social media and in participation from students, this time around in their informal existence. A quick review of previous audits confirmed the validity and potential of the club.

It was moved

THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND THAI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION TO BE RATIFIED

C&S 111/69

NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

5. OCHSNER MEDICAL STUDENTS SOCIETY

The committee discussed the various medical societies affiliated with UQ Medical Society and agreed that due diligence needs to be done and reach out to existing medical societies to verify the potential clashes or overlaps with existing societies if any. Emily Ryan opined that bringing all the unaffiliated medical societies and clubs under one umbrella may be beneficial however for the sake of setting up a bank account, was not justified. Emily Ryan further clarified to the committee on how funding for Gatton and Herston Campuses works, from a C&S perspective. Bradley Plant observed that their overseas money transfers need clarification.

It was moved

THAT THE OCHSNER MEDICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY APPLICATION BE TABLED UNTIL THE CHAIR GETS MORE INFORMATION FROM THE UQ MEDICAL SOCIETY

Action: Rheanna to source more information

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

6. UQ TABLEWAR SOCIETY

The committee discussed the application and observed that it seems to be niche, quite small, and can operate informally.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UQ TABLEWAR SOCIETY TO BE RATIFIED

C&S 111/71

NORRIS/HOHL

NOT CARRIED

7. UQ GUNPLA

The members noted students' active interest and participation in the events run by the proposed club but also observed that it is still a niche club and can run informally. The

11. MIDDLE EASTERN CLUB:

It was moved

THAT THE UQ MIDDLE EASTERN CLUB BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 111/76 NORRIS/MILLS CARRIED

12. GATTON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION(GISA):

The committee discussed and observed that the proposed club has been functioning informally so far satisfactorily.

It was moved

THAT THE GATTON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (GISA) BE AFFILIATED ON THE BASIS THAT THEY DON'T CARRY MEMBERS FROM THIS YEAR INTO THE NEXT YEAR

C&S 111/77 NORRIS/HOHL CARRIED

13. Name Change for Modern History Society:

The committee discussed the proposed name change and found no issues with it.

It was moved

THAT THE NAME CHANGE OF UQ MODERN HISTORY SOCIETY TO UQ HISTORY SOCIETY BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

C&S 111/78 NORRIS/HOHL CARRIED

14. UQ SAILING CLUB

The members discussed the proposed club and its intended activities and outlook at length. Larson expressed concern regarding their ability to retain the external grant funding for the club if they are affiliated with UQU as the committee would not want them to be disadvantaged.

Action: Emily to confirm with UQ Sailing they were aware of such possibly before proceeding with the next stage of their application.

It was moved

TO RATIFY THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY UQ SAILING CLUB TO BE AFFILIATED AS UQU CLUB ON THE PROVISIO THAT THEY CLARIFY IF THEY CAN STILL OBTAIN UQ SPORTS FUNDING EVEN AFTER BEING AFFILIATED AS UQU CLUB

C&S 111/79 NORRIS/HOHL CARRIED

h) General Business

None

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM