

# UNION CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

**1st Ordinary Meeting of the 112<sup>th</sup>**

**Clubs and Societies Committee**

2:00 PM

Thursday 5/01/2023

**UQU Boardroom**

UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia Campus

Chair Tapenaga Reupena Jr opened the meeting at 2:00 pm and gave an Acknowledgment of Country.

## 1) Credentials

**The following were present**

### **Members**

Tapenaga Peupena Jr

Michael Walker

Shivam Shipankar

Utkrist Paudyal

Barclay McGain

Kylie Ho

Alexandra Knight

Natasha Brettell

### **Observers**

Megan Roxburgh

Ethan Jones

Emily Ryan

## 2) Requests for starrng/approval or noting of the items not starred en bloc

## 3) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Nil.

## 4) Report of the C&S VP

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES VICE PRESIDENT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

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## 5) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil.

## 6) Business which has been proposed

- **Affiliation of UQ Tamil**

The Committee discussed that specialisation can be beneficial, although there is an overlap between other clubs' provided activities. One possibility briefly mentioned was for Tamil to sit under the umbrella of another associated club, although the constitution of another club may not facilitate this system. It was noted that there is some overlap between the wording of the Indian and Tamil constitutions.

UQ Tamil joined the meeting at 2:20 pm

UQ Tamil gave a presentation to the committee, emphasising the unique cultural aspects of the society and its ability to provide social, networking and festive events. A broad array of events was described. A detailed overview was presented of the society's executive positions. The point was made that many other universities also have a Tamil society. The representatives emphasised that Tamil is not simply a subcategory of Indian or other associated country societies and that overlap in membership bases would be minimal.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ TAMIL SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED

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James Hohl joined the meeting via the use of technology at 2:52 pm

- **UQ Society of Lifesaving**

The C&S manager noted she needed to contact UQ Sport to confirm whose jurisdiction it was classified under. Should we be able to proceed with the application, the committee discussed the issue of insurance, incorporation and contacting any similar clubs who may have opinions. The committee confirmed that the club had obtained the required number of signatures.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ SOCIETY OF LIFESAVING SOCIETY BE TABLED

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- **UQ Society of Lifestyle of Medicine**

*It was moved*

THAT UQ SOCIETY OF LIFESTYLE OF MEDICINE BE TABLED

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- **Action Item:** For Emily Ryan to liaise with UQ Yoga and Meditation and confirm whether there is any cross over or concerns that should be consider prior to potential ratification.
- **UQ Counselling Students Association**

The committee discussed their interpretation of the clubs intentions and that while it supported students, the people running the club counselling sessions were (unqualified) students themselves. The correct avenue for this aim is for students to seek professional support. There were concerns about the continuity of a club with a small niche.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ COUNSELLING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BE RATIFIED

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**7) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting**

Cara Rowe entered the meeting via the use of technology at 3:14 pm

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 2022 CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

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James Hohl and Cara Rowe left the meeting at 3:16 pm

**8) Business which has been proposed continued**

- **Voluntary Disaffiliations of UQ Yacht Club, One for the World UQ, and UQ Drawing Club**

*It was moved*

THAT UQ YACHT CLUB, ONE FOR THE WORLD UQ, AND UQ DRAWING CLUB BE DISAFFILIATED

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- **Action item:** Emily Ryan to email the minutes to the disaffiliated clubs and provide bank details for the clubs to return the finances.

i) Other Business which has been proposed

- **Name change of DISE to SSoFI**

*It was moved*

THAT THE DIAMANTINA INSTITUTE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (DISE) CHANGE ITS NAME TO STUDENT SOCIETY OF FRAZER INSTITUTE (SSOFI)

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## 9) General Business

i) Unify

Ethan Jones and Megan Roxburgh presented Unify - An alternative to QPay

There were questions around the topics of data security and whether clubs would be able to access the mobile numbers and email addresses of their members. The aim of the platform is to simply conjoin all elements of club administrative matters, including membership lists, payments, audits and submitting documents to the union. Students would also find improved accessibility when engaging with different clubs or societies. There is also a reduced admin cost for membership and events. The platform enables the promotion of all events and supports the growth of smaller clubs. It would also integrate the card system as an additional feature on the platform.

Megan Roxburgh and Ethan Jones left the meeting

The Committee discussed the possibly of having a meeting with Qpay and collect a list of issues there were concerns about.

ii) Creation of a social category for clubs

A recommendation was made to make a list of Social and Hobby clubs and to determine the allocation of clubs into a possible new 'Social' category.

Action: Michael Walker to

iii) Facebook page

The committee discussed the issue of the UQU Facebook co-hosting with club events. The proposition was made that the Union have a blanket policy for this strategy.

iv) C&S budget

Tapenaga Peupena Jr briefly touched on the events of the C&S portfolio, so the committee were aware of what events and initiatives were being requested for the year. The Envirobank initiative was also discussed by the committee.

v) Exec Conference

The Committee discussed how the Exec conference will have various workshops and activities planned, including a lunch break and networking icebreaker. The Committee agreed that the sponsorship session will likely be handled separately from the main event. The possibility of a question and answer session may be a possibility for a later time. There may also be a mentoring program and a breakout room for welfare and events officers. It was suggested that experienced secretarial/treasurer individuals be available at each table to answer questions.

vi) UQLNS

The Committee discussed an appeal that had been received since the last meeting. It was mentioned that the Treasurer of UQLNS is not currently in the country. The group also discussed financial matters, including concerns about the fact that only the UQLNS Treasurer has access to the bank account. There was also a discussion about issues with the constitution, including a clause that requires nominees for certain roles to be supported by two executives. Some members questioned whether this clause was unfair, and the group agreed to continue the conversation in the next meeting. There were questions about the use of funds and the failure to adhere to established timelines for financial matters were also mentioned. It was suggested that an extraordinary meeting may be needed to continue the discussion.

Kylie Ho left the meeting at 5:11 pm.

*It was moved*

THAT THE COMMITTEE GIVE UQLNS UNTIL THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY, TO PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS, AT WHICH IF THE DOCUMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED, THEIR BANK ACCOUNT WILL BE FROZEN AND THE COMMITTEE WILL MOVE FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION OF DISAFFILIATION.

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