

UNION CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

4th Ordinary Meeting of the 112th C&S Committee

4:00 pm

Monday 27/03/2023

UQU Boardroom

UQ Union Complex, St Lucia Campus

I. Credentials

The following were present.

Members

Tapenaga Reupena Jr, Campus Culture (Clubs and Societies) Vice-President and Committee Chair

Michael Walker

Natasha Brettell

Kylie Ho, proxying Alexandra Knight

Utkrist Paudyal

Observer

Sa' Jacinto Hesus, Minuter

Matthew Pereira, representing UQSSS Complainant

Various UQSSS Previous UQSSS Executives and Complainants

4:02 pm Meeting officially opened

4:02 pm The Chair began by noting that the committee will be monthly from this point, before Acknowledgement of Country and working towards Treaty and Truth.

4:03 pm Matthew Pereira and Utkrist Paudyal entered the meeting

The Chair additionally noted Barclay McGain, a Committee Member, had submitted an apology of absence and Alex's proxy to Kylie.

4:05 pm Digby Simpson, Jerry Wang and Eagle* entered the meeting, representing UQ Alternative Careers in Medicine

II. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

4:06pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr moved the Confirmation of the Minutes, seconded by Michael Walker.

It was moved,

THAT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING BE CONFIRMED

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III. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

4:07pm The Chair noted that the Blockchain Club had been contacted and that UQ Saudi Club would arise later.

IV. Reports of the Elected Officer

4:07 pm The Chair noted that regulations were passed at the recent UQU Council and skimmed over the contents of said council.

A Committee Member attempted to move the enforcement of R158.1 & R162.3 following UQU Clubs' next event, which conversation proceeded upon discussing and clarifying the motion and the regulations involved.

4:10 pm Representatives of UQ SSS complainants entered

Michael moved, the enforcement of R158.1 & R162.3 following UQU Club's next event, seconded by Tapenaga Reupena Jr. Carried Unanimously.

It was moved,

THAT THE AMENDED REGULATIONS R158.1 AND 4162.3 BE ENFORCED FOLLOWING THE NEXT UQU CLUB'S NEXT EVENT

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It was moved,

THAT THE OFFICER BEARER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED

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V. Affiliations

Nil

VI. Ratifications, Part I

- i. 4:11 pm Alternative Careers in Medicine
Digby Simpson, Jerry Wang and Eagle* representing via Zoom. The Chair noted it was a Herston based club, followed by an ACM Club Representative elaborating that they and their fellow founders felt they had seen a gap in the potential careers being discussed for Medicine within UQU C&S, such as teaching, etc. The Representative hoped the club would connect and support students in pursuing these careers at Herston, such as through workshops or networking events. An example had a networking event to interact with researchers.

4:13 pm BeReal goes off.

4:17pm Digby Simpson, Jerry Wang and Eagle* exited the meeting.

4:17 pm Don Dernatagoda entered the meeting via Zoom but remained on mute.

4:18 pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr moved the ratification of Alternative Careers in Medicine Club, seconded by Michael. Carried Unanimously.

It was moved,

THAT THE ALTERNATIVE CAREERS IN MEDICINE CLUB BE RATIFIED

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4:18 pm Upon Don Dernatagoda unmuting, it was clarified that Don had meant to also represent Alternative Careers in Medicine and was therefore no longer needed. He expressed his surprise at the speed of the meeting and apologised for missing it, before exiting the meeting.

- ii. 4:19 pm Caffeine Society
A Committee Member expressed concern that the Union would be essentially funding their coffees. The Chair stated that was their sentiment, similar to the previously existent Chocolate Society. Whilst reading their aims and objectives, there was some sentiment it was satire and a Committee Member joked it could have been written by Chat GPT. The conversation proceeded to settle again upon concerns that they would only be funding their drinks, but otherwise, no additional concerns were raised. A Committee Member expressed a wish to bring representatives in, to which the Chair noted they had already made considerable efforts that demonstrate it is not satire.

4:24 pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr moved the ratification of the Caffeine Society, seconded by Utkrist Paudyal. Unanimously passed.

It was moved,

THAT THE CAFFEINE SOCIETY BE RATIFIED

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4:24 pm Allesandro entered the meeting, representing UQ Tango Club.

- iii. 4:24 pm Fashion
The Chair began by noting an application was made last year and that they did not appear to have contacted them accidentally. Emily Ryan noted that last year it was mainly an issue of numbers at their IGM but was a good club concept in theory and the pervious committee had been very supportive. A Committee Member then had it clarified whether it was the same application from last year, or a new one – to which it was clarified to be the latter, with the signatures being different.

4:27 pm Motion Picture Representatives entered.

It was moved,

THAT THE UQ FASHION SOCIETY BE RATIFIED

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VII. Disaffiliations

- i. 4:28 pm Disaffiliation of Saudi

The Chair noted they had been disaffiliated in the previous meeting, to which Michael clarified they had moved to note them of moving towards disaffiliating them. However, considering they had submitted their signatures, and all was well, so they were no longer in danger of disaffiliation.

VIII. Other Business which has been proposed

- i. 4:30 pm Film Appreciation Society

The Chair opened by noting that they were primarily considering a minor discrepancy in the election of the Secretary, where the election was held prior to the amendment of their Constitution that would have allowed them to be elected. The Chair felt it was sufficiently minor to not bring down the hammer too hard. A Committee Member noted that the Committee would later be enforcing any concerns involving having a T3 coming from the same family.

4:33 pm Before the committee moved to the next item, a UQ SSS Complainant enquired on why UQ SSS was not being done in order, where it was clarified the Committee wished to address the others in case they went in-camera.

- ii. 4:34 pm UQ Film Production Society

The Chair noted everyone was fine with the clarification between the Film Production Society and Film Appreciation Society, A Committee Member just noted that they couldn't pass a motion on it prior to the club's SGM. Emily Ryan noted that they should pass an in-principle ratification to assure clubs the committee supported their SGM and would not overturn their it, deeming it pointless.

It was moved,

THAT THE MOTION PICTURE SOCIETY BERENAMED TO THE FILM PRODUCTION SOCIETY

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- iii. 4:36pm UQ SSS, Part I

The Chair began by noting they had been informed by the UQ SSS Executives that their President would step down, taking responsibility for the issues, and that the banned members would no longer be banned. A Committee Member asked whether the Constitution would be changed back, but it was clarified that the Constitutional change was invalid due to a lack of notice for changes until the AGM itself, additionally noting that it made the problem an issue of insufficient notice for constitutional changes rather than that of the banning of members.

4:39pm: Gabriel entered, representing UQ Dance

It was enquired from one of the UQ SSS complainants how the ex-president would shoulder the blame, to which the Chair noted that the Committee had no powers to

punish beyond what is enabled within the Clubs' Constitution. The Committee attempted to refer to Schedule 14 for reference, which wasn't successful. A UQ SSS Complainant noted that the UQ Union Regulations, R158.1 e), proscribed the Committee the powers to discipline clubs. A Committee Member inquired what the complainants desired as a method of discipline, to which one stated they desired a public apology from the former UQ SSS President. It was noted that the Committee could not enforce a public apology, but the sentiment that was desired could be passed on. The Chair noted that the UQ SSS executives had agreed that the responsibility would be placed on the ex-President, who would step down, and that they did not wish to further drag out the issue. The Chair further noted that the UQ SSS executives were still intending to provide the reasoning for the ban list. A UQ SSS Complainant enquired further on the precise action of discipline the Committee could enact. It was noted that a public apology would require a hearing formally from both sides. It was also asked when an AGM would be held, to which the Chair stated they had no specific date provided yet but assumed it would go through the usual processes.

4:54pm The UQ SSS complainants exited the meeting to discuss the issue privately.

IX. Ratifications, Part II

i. 4:54pm UQ Tango

Elasandro representing UQ Tango. Gabe representing UQ Dance. The Chair summarised the issues revolving around UQ Tango, including the poor wording and overlap of aims and objectives. The Chair noted that UQ Tango had stated they had contacted the relevant clubs but said clubs had not received anything. The UQ Dance Representative expressed the sentiment that UQ Tango fell under UQ Latin Dance. The UQ Tango Representative expressed that the purpose of UQ Tango would be more of a focused club, under the analogy that a martial arts club would not prevent a Jujitsu club. A Committee Member questioned whether the club would preclude the formation of other focused dance clubs, to which the UQ Tango Representative noted they had run a not-for-profit for Tango for four years and that they were not seeking funding. The UQ Tango Representative felt more than the current Tango Not-For-Profit they ran could not properly reach students and faculties. They further noted that they also ran cultural events, such as food and painting classes. The UQ Dance Representative inquired on UQ Tango would fund their classes, to which the UQ Tango Representative stated they would welcome UQU funding, but they could rely on sources they already had. A Committee Member asked for clarifications on whether becoming a UQU-affiliated club really provided more benefit than being an unofficial UQ Club. A Committee Member noted that they could do so under UQ Dance, to which the UQ Tango Representative expressed concerns about instructor preference. Additionally, they expressed they had been consistently contacting UQ Dance and worried about the discussion becoming confrontational. The Chair clarified the issue mainly lay precedence for additional clubs and that they had hoped for an agreement to be made but held a pessimistic expectation of that being achieved. A Committee Member expressed the sentiment that UQ Dance and UQ Tango could have further discussions after the meeting.

4:55 pm Marcus Birthisel, representing BANA, entered the meeting via Zoom

5:07 pm: UQ SSS Complainants re-entered the meeting

The discussion moved towards issues on UQ Tango's aims and objectives wording. A Committee Member particularly noted there had evidently not been cooperation between UQ Tango and the other dance clubs. The UQ Tango Representative then summarised the sentiment that the issues were the creation of too many additional clubs and that they had not followed through with their aims and objectives.

5:12 pm Elessandro and Gabe leave the meeting.

5:12 pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr moved, and Michael Walker seconded, ratification of UQ Tango. Not carried.

It was moved,

THAT UQ TANGO BE RATIFIED

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X. Other Business which has been proposed, Part II

i. 5:12pm UQ SSS, Part II

A UQ SSS Complainant stated all the UQ SSS Complainants agreed they desired a public apology from the former UQ SSS President and Club. They also noted that they were willing to cooperate with an investigation. It was also noted they would need advice on how the Committee would proceed. A Committee Member further confirmed no additional action was desired.

5:12 pm UQ SSS Complainants left the meeting.

Rachel Thomasson entered at an unknown time.

XI. Ratifications

i. 5:13 pm UQ Lifestyle Medicine

Rachel Thomasson representing UQ Lifestyle Medicine. The UQ Lifestyle Representative noted an interest in more holistic methods of medicine, over pharmaceutical methods. They stated the club's aims would be to provide a space for students interested in this style of medicine and reach out to undergraduates. Examples of events include workshops, yoga sessions, or an ADHD symposium to support students desiring to cope without medication. The UQ Lifestyle Medicine Representative expressed the hope that the club could end up more involved with the university's curriculum in the future. They also noted they had contacted and were associated with an international body, to which a Committee Member enquired whether they had funding externally. The UQ Lifestyle Medicine Representative noted they had previously, but not anymore. They further noted that their events were generally budget friendly. A Committee Member enquired whether the ADHD workshops and other mental health-associated stuff, to which they stated they did not wish to.

5:22pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr leaves the meeting, and Michael Walker assumed the chair.

5:23pm Rachel Thomasson left the meeting.

A Committee Member expressed concerns with the parent company. Additional concerns came up on the issue of the reliability of the alternative medicine promotion could run a risk for the UQ Union.

Michael Walker moved, and Kylie Ho seconded, the ratification of UQ LSM. Not carried.

It was moved,

THAT THE UQ LIFESTYLE MEDICINE CLUB BE RATIFIED

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ii. 5:26 pm BANA

Marcus represented BANA. The BANA Representative stated they had already been involved with BANA significantly, additionally discussing the clubs' potential and major firms that were endorsing them. Two Committee Members raised concerns about overlap with Fintech and UQ BA, to which the BANA Representative expressed the sentiment that they were data analytics rather than statistics, which fell in between the two clubs. Following this, a Committee Member enquired whether they could instead work with the clubs, to which the BANA Representative expressed that they didn't offer events that catered to their interests.

A Committee Member also expressed the concern that they were targeting similar students to BA and Fintech, to which the BANA Representative expressed the sentiment that they were not. A Committee Member then enquired whether they had contacted BA or Fintech, to which the BANA Representative stated they had only contacted BA. Finally, the Chair enquired into the fact that BANA had failed to ratify the previous year, which the BANA Representative clarified was a failure to affiliate due to falling short of signatures. Following this, Michael Walker enquired about Marcus' estimations of the club's potential to succeed this time, to which Marcus expressed he hoped it would succeed.

5:33 pm Marcus left the meeting

The Committee's general discussion revolved around the concern of the club being overly niche, prospects of success and whether it was creating too many clubs in a similar sentiment to the UQ Tango issue.

It was moved,

THAT BANA BE RATIFIED

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Note: BANA is welcome to reapply following their contacting of BA **and** Fintech.

5:37 pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr resumed the chair.

XII. Other Business which has been proposed, Part III

i. UQ SSS, Part III

Discussion resumed to UQ SSS and the potential apology. A Committee Member felt it was harsh but maybe necessary. The Chair noted that Emily Ryan had given the advice there was little to be done without a investigation of both parties. A Committee Member concurred given that the committee could not punish any specific member.

The Chair noted that UQ SSS does not wish to drag out the matter, however, to be able to request a public apology the committee would require an investigation. It was agreed that the ultimatum proposed by the complainants could be sent to the UQ SSS

executive. The discussion was further had on the issue that the lack of evidence required for disciplinary action to be made was due to UQ SSS dealing with it internally. It was agreed that emails would be sent out afterwards.

ii. 5:45 pm Grants by Application

i. 5:45 pm Anthropology Society

Discussion was had on the potential of the grant, as well as the procedure of voting by the committee on the matter for when the matter is decided. \$4,000 was requested. A Committee Member raised the concern whether the club was bankrupt, to which the Chair expressed that since the club still exists which means the clubs' own finances must be fine. It was agreed that \$300 was fine.

It was clarified that the Grants were an executive decision but was being brought to the committee for recommendations.

ii. 5:52pm PPES

The Grant application for PPE noted the event's success thus far. They noted the event was not ticketed due to the desire to attract all students. They desired \$300, but felt to offer \$500 given it was bringing students to campus, was located at a Union outlet, and that the club had not received a grant in previous years. Michael felt that it was unnecessary to provide more funding than requested, to which Tapanaga Reupena Jr felt that since it was hosted at the Red Room, improving student experiences, and could potentially help them fund the quality of the event. The committee generally concurred.

iii. 5:57pm THE Society x UQ PATAns

Tapanaga Reupena Jr clarified that THE Society was a UQU Club, and UQ PATAns was a UQ thing. It was also clarified that there were 3 separate trips to different locations, as opposed to a three-day trip. The Chair and Emily Ryan had felt that \$1,000 was appropriate. The Chair noted that the event had been good, as well as that THE Society had had a significant demographic change from domestic to international students. The committee concurred.

iv. 6:01pm UQ Aeroponics

A Committee Member expressed the amount of grant money that was being requested. The Chair and Emily Ryan had expressed the sentiment that they shouldn't be funding prizes (unless Union vouchers) as the money was SSAF funding. They had requested \$12,750, but pre discussions determined \$300-\$500 may be more appropriate. It was noted that the event was already being ticketed and funded, assuming the grant would be helping fund the event.

Following this, a members raised that in the future the grants should clarify that the event would be held even if the committee provides less funding than desired. The budget proposal provided was observed, including a first prize of \$3,000, along with a host of sizable figures, to which they felt quite

shocked. A Committee Member felt that they shouldn't be funding the event at all. The Chair did clarify the funding must go towards the SSAF categories. In terms of prize money, it was generally expressed they should source money from external sources. A Committee Member felt that perhaps a loan was possible, but the Chair expressed that the long-term feasibility of the club was not sufficiently certain to consider. It was then expressed that the club should not be hosting such an event beyond their means, expecting the Union to support them. It was felt that they'd instead cut in certain areas to fund the prize. A Committee Member further noted they were hosting the event with other clubs, which failed to be included in the grant. A Committee Member additionally noted they had advertised partnerships. It was also noted the application was made on the 21st of March for a Committee Member. The Chair also stated that they could request another grant, with a much more considered response. A Committee Member further noted, given that the event was significantly larger than the funding that would be provided, there was little point in funding the event.

General amusement came out in response to the Chair noting the committee had been invited to the event. It was agreed they would not be giving funding, but they would welcome UQ Aeroionics to reapply.

- iii. 6:18pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr moved, Utkrist Paudyal seconded, table UQ Psych MD until the next meeting. Carried.

It was moved,

THAT THE COMMITTEE TABLE DISCUSSION ON UQ PSYCH MD UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

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A Committee Member expressed frustration with continuously tabling matters. The Chair noted that the representative was unable to consistently check their emails, which the Committee Member noted was a concern in itself.

XIII. General Business

- i. A Committee Member brought up the topic of the budget and membership grants, to which a minor discussion was had. The Chair expressed the sentiment, which they stated was shared by Emily Ryan, that once the overall C&S budget was approved, money could be moved around.

- ii. Red Room mixer

A Committee Member noted that the Red Room was good for the 6th of April, followed by a general discussion on organising it. A Committee Member particularly noted that the 6th of April was too soon and that a later date would be more appropriate. Additionally, a Committee Member expressed the sentiment the drinks should be discounted, but the Chair noted that would be a discussion with the General Manager of Union Business Trading and the Union T3. Furthermore, a Committee Member noted that the Irish Society had hosted their St. Patrick's Day event with a ticket that funded a free drink.

6:28 pm UQ Motion Picture Club entered the meeting

- iii. QPay was briefly discussed, along with several other minor matters a Committee Member wished the Chair to address.

The Chair expressed the hope for the room to be left clean, prior to leaving.

6:30 pm Tapenaga Reupena Jr left the meeting, and Michael Walker assumed the Chair.

- iv. 6:31 pm Michael Walker moved that the Committee thanked TJ for buying the pizzas and food for the meeting, seconded by Utkrist Paudyal. Unanimously Carried.

It was moved,

THAT THE COMMITTEE THANK TAPENDAGA REUPENA JR, ALSO KNOWN AS TJ, FOR BUYING THE PIZZAS AND OTHER FOOD FOR THE MEETING

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- v. 6:31 pm One Minute Videos

An example video was provided on UQ Dance. Following this, a Committee Member explained the purpose of the project and the committee's role and expressed support, further noting that it was a good grassroots initiative the Union should support. The Chair enquired about an element of financing. In response, a Committee Member noted it was partially funded by the Union, concurred by the Minuter Taker who was a councillor on the UQU Council as of 2023 and noted an amount was already in the recently approved 2023 UQU Budget. The discussion moved towards the specifics of the grant by application of \$3,000, which UQ MPC's representatives stated they'd accept any amount but would prefer the stated amount. It was also clarified that any money involved would be going towards the club and reimbursement, but not paying members. The Chair concurred that the Committee was in support.

Michael Walker moved the C&S Committee is in principle in support of the One-Minute Video Proposal by the Motion Picture Club, seconded by Utkrist Paudyal. Unanimously carried.

It was moved,

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE IS IN PRINCIPLE IN SUPPORT OF THE ONE-MINUTE VIDEO PROPOSAL BY THE MOTION PICTURE CLUB

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6:45 pm Motion Picture Club representatives left the meeting.

- vi. General discussion was had on various issues pertaining to C&S, including the C&S room, the internal Union split between Student Services and Business Trading, and other matters.
- vii. 7:03 pm Model Constitution
The Chair noted, given the issues with UQ SSS, that movement should be made with respect to this effort, as it has to go through UQ Union Council.

- viii. 7:04 pm Finance Committee
A Committee Member noted that the Finance Committee was not passed, which was a shame. The Chair had raised this concern due to the need for better financial regulation and was disappointed in their failure to contact the Chair, who had helped pen the motion, beforehand – to which the Committee Member noted that the Global Mates councillors were unaware they could reach out to discuss motions before meetings of the UQ Union Council.
 - ix. 7:08 pm Discussion briefly came to noting various club constitution changes, including SAS, EUS and BARS. The Chair noted a personal willingness to assist. A Committee Member also brought up the future issue of umbrella clubs that the Committee will need to discuss later.
 - x. 7:11 pm The Chair additionally brought up the issue of non-subsidised clubs, and the need to have better oversight whilst also not needing to provide the start-up grants.
 - xi. 7:13 pm The Chair expressed the necessity of a projects meeting, following Easter in Week 8, to cover the various mini projects the Committee was interested in.
- 7:14 pm The Chair expressed interest in going through with a regulation workshop, as well as noting the need for further regulation changes and the model constitution which will require workshops. The Chair additionally expressed the hope that clubs will have more modernised constitutions.
- 7:16 pm Michael Walker moved, that the Opening Agenda will be closed Three Business Days before the meeting, seconded by Kylie Ho. Unanimously Carried.

It was moved,

THAT THE OPENING AGENDA WILL BE CLOSED THREE BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING

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7:19pm The Chair closed the meeting.

