

**Minutes of the 10th Ordinary Meeting
of the 2021 Clubs & Societies Committee
Tuesday 26TH OCTOBER 2021 at 1:00 PM
Chair: Matthew Pereira**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.08 PM

1. Attendance

i. Members Present:

- Benjamin Kozij
- Matthew Pereira
- Bradley Plant
- Jaafar Jabur
- Bradley Stone

ii. Apologies and Leave

- Annie Bartley
- Kurt Tucker
- Raphael Wixted

iii. Proxies

- Annie Bartley to Bradley Plant
- Raphael Wixted to Rowan Evans

Others Present

- James Hohl
- Rhianna Norris
- Emily Ryan
- Ben Myatt
- Sam Ngugi
- Hughston Parle
- Geraldine Janes (minutes)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Amendment

Bradley Stone requested amendments be made to the previous minutes regarding the Paranormal Society that had been reviewed at the previous meeting. Bradley suggested that the minutes did not explicitly list the reason that the club had not been ratified. The committee revisited the discussion about the

application agreeing to amend the minutes to include that “on paper it is difficult to distinguish between satirical or serious. If serious, it could be harmful. If it is satirical the ambiguity could lead to becoming serious in the future and consequently harmful”.

Bradley requested other minor changes and agreed to send them through to the C&S manager to be amended.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 9TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/72

PEREIRA/STONE

CARRIED

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

VP Campus Culture, Ben Kozij, raised the previously discussed issue of club, TIME. Ben requested that the committee let the matter rest as the club were provided the wrong information in 2019 and had been functioning under false pretenses since. The C&S Manager prior to 2019 was different and therefore Ben felt it difficult to punish the club for monies prior to that time.

The committee agreed that the club should not access their grant funding this year and consider debts squared. The committee advised that we need to communicate to all clubs, that they should not be submitting their lifetime memberships on their grant funding membership lists.

4. Reports of Elected Officers

VP Kozij, Campus Culture provided a update about the AGM’s that he had been attending and reminded everyone about the upcoming clubs awards night and general assembly.

It was moved

THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE)’S REPORT BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/73

KOZIJ/STONE

CARRIED

5. Business which has been proposed

Nil

UQ Defence Interest Group

Brad Plant presented the application on behalf of Ben Davidson, a Major in the Defence Force who is spearheading the potential club. Brad advised that there are approx. 500-1000 defence force service men

and woman at UQ however limited social opportunities outside of training. The applicant listed the aims to be mentorship, creating social networks, event opportunities and holistic support for defence students. The club already has Facebook group established, though currently small (35 current defence members).

It was moved

THAT THE UQ DEFENCE INTEREST GROUP (DIG) BE RATIFIED AS A CLUB

110/75

PLANT/JABUR

CARRIED

UQ Radiologist Group

The group aims to increase the knowledge of radiology, support students navigate their way through radiology content and provide networking, research, and clinical exposure that is not available in medical school. Their Facebook page indicated that they were already, informally a very active group functioning from Herston campus.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ RADIOLOGY GROUP (RIG) BE RATIFIED AS A UQ UNION CLUB

110/76

KOZIJ/JABUR

CARRIED

UQ Oncology

The group aims to promote the interest of and involvement in oncology and related fields, better prepare UQ Oncology members for practice through the provision of skills, knowledge, and experience and provide a means of communications between UQ Oncology members, oncological health practitioners and the various health authorities and organisations.

As the group will be based in Toowoomba at the UQ Rural Clinical School for 2022, the groups aim will be achieved by holding online events with some events being held in person (Brisbane). Guest speakers will include practicing medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, surgeons, researchers, and patients

Lachlan said there would most likely be opportunities for external sponsorship and were functioning informally thus far.

THAT THE UQ ONCNOLOGY GROUP BE RATIFIED AS A UQ UNION CLUB

110/77

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

CARRIED

UQ Jewish Studies Society

A committee member asked whether the proposed club was a religious, international or political club. The committee determined that they felt it to be a cultural (international) club or religious club that discussed Jewish culture. A member advises that the club had existed in the past and that Australian Jewish students want to bring it back to UQ.

Rowan Evans stated that he and believed the application was bordering on offensive and not a well-considered submission due to the submissions stating Zionism. Evans argued that there are Jewish students who would like to have a club that does engage in the Jewish religion and so that aim could be to engage in Chaplaincy Centre in things like Jewish holidays that have no reference on campus; there is no reference to Unshar events.

Another committee member said every other major university in Australia has a Jewish society these clubs exist in other universities in Australia and modelled on the University of Melbourne. Evans suggested that the application received would be very different to that of Melbourne Universities. Evans found and read out the 14 objectives of the Jewish club at Melbourne University noting that none of the objectives listed, were similar or mentioned as part of the current application which listed 3 very myopic aims.

Evans stated that the applications did not suggest they were establishing to represent Judaism and was disingenuous that it is representing Jewish students. Rowan Evans responded by saying it is different to expressing Jewish religion. That this is concerning Jewish nationalism rather than Judaism. Reviewing the signatures on the application, many were friends and not Jewish students.

Stone suggested that the mention of Zionism makes it lean to more of a political club. Plant suggested the committee can ratify the club and advise them to write a more considered application based on the concerns above.

It was moved

THAT THE JEWISH STUDENT SOCIETY BE RATIFIED ON CONDITION THAT THEY CHANGE THEIR AIMS AND REMOVE ANY REFERENCE TO ZIONISM AND ANY POLITICAL CAUSES.

110/76

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

CARRIED

UQCSSA – Chinese Student and Scholar’s Association

This club were previously disaffiliated due to the C&S department failing to receive their AGM documents in 2020. The committee asked to review their constitution which was found to be inadequate. The C&S manager advised that questions had been raised about their 2019 audit due to the number of gift cards purchased, and their 2020 audit had seen significant improvements. The committee will monitor the club should they be successful in ratification due to the above issues.

The Chair said the club can be ratified on the condition aim three on their application and amended to include more information or clarity.

Newman Catholic College Society

A member listed a number of issues with the club.

- Their 2019 audit listed only \$2 as income from membership;
- Their 2020 had insufficient membership in their audit; and
- Membership list in 2020 were missing surnames and student numbers;

The committee requested they come in and explain their governance and functionality of the club. Failure to do so will render them listed to be disaffiliate at the meeting.

UQ Pool Club

The club's current constitution is one page and needs reviewing to meet the requirements. The committee encouraged the club to add the current constitutional points into the model constitution.

It was moved

THAT U CUE POOL CLUB REVIEW THEIR CURRENT CONSTITUTION AND INCORPERATE IT INTO THE MODEL CONSTITUTION BY THE NEXT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MEETING.

110/81

STONE /PEREIRA

CARRIED

UQHKSA – Hong Kong Society

The C&S Manager provided some background to the club in light of some recent conduct concerns, that have since been dealt with. The manager informed the committee that a list of concerns (unrelated to the previously mentioned issues) was received for the committee to review following HKSA's AGM in late October. The committee reviewed the list of concerns and asked questions in regard to the conduct prior to the AGM and conduct at the AGM.

In regard to HKSA conduct prior to the AGM the committee requested further information in regard to:

- Anecdotal information regarding a google link being used to capture nominations prior to the AGM sent to the current president.
- Evidence that nominations were reviewed as per the constitution by the management committee five days prior to the AGM.
- Whether the management committee meeting prior was quorate (photo or attendance list requested).

In regard to the AGM itself, the Chair who was in attendance at the meeting advised that the meeting:

- Started late (after 30 minutes) and
- Members were not validated, meaning members could potentially vote more than once, or non-members could walk into the meeting and vote.

- That the Returning Officer was attempting to split proxies.

The C&S committee discussed the general governance of the club, for example, having to hold a general (SGM) meeting to accept nominations, but an AGM to have an election. It was noted however that those nominations could only come from the management committee (37/~400 members). To be part of the management committee the club hold bi-annual interviews to recruit, thus ruling out all general members from nominating themselves.

The committee have asked for response and/or proof of the above information to determine the validity of the AGM. Once this had been received the committee may be able to pass a flying minute.

It was moved

THAT THE MEETING BE MOVED IN CAMERA

110/81

STONE /PEREIRA

CARRIED

General Business

Nil.

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.33 PM.

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Matthew George Pereira
Chairperson