

UNION CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

2nd Extraordinary Meeting of the 112th Clubs and Societies Committee

5:00 PM
Monday 13/03/2023
UQU Boardroom
UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia Campus

1. Credentials

The following were present.

Members

Tapenaga Reupena Jr
Barclay McGain
Michael Walker
Alexandra Knight, proxying Kylie Ho
Natasha Brettell
Utkrist Paudyal

Observer

Emily Searle
Matthew Pereira
Joshua Marsh
Alex Smock
Sa'Jacinto Hedus, (minutes)

4:53 pm Meeting officially opened

4:54 pm Acknowledgement of Country

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting & Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

4:55 pm TJ noted thanks to Michael for chairing the previous meeting. TJ confirmed he'd sent out the ratifications and other business resulting from the previous meeting.

4:56 pm TJ acknowledges the condolence motion.

4:57 pm Michael moved the Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Utkrist. Carried unanimously.

It was moved

THAT THE C&S COMMITTEE CONFIRMED THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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3. Reports of the Elected Officers

- i. TJ gave their report. TJ moved to accept the Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs & Societies) Report, seconded by Michael Walker. Carried unanimously.

It was moved

THAT THE C&S COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS CULTURE (CLUB & SOCIETIES) REPORT

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4. Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

5. Business which has been proposed

I 4:59 pm Disaffiliation of Menzies Society (*also known as Liberal National Society*)

The Chair referred to the Menzies Society Letter and summarised the issues revolving around the Market Day issue. The Menzies Society had maintained the stance that they had no involvement in the Menzies Ball, TJ noted they still acknowledge they ‘collaborated’ and LNS called for a recorded vote.

5:01 pm Pereira, Marsh and Smock entered the meeting.

TJ reiterated the stance that the onus for providing proof was on Menzies Society to exonerate them and again noted there was significant evidence that there was some form of financial mismanagement. A member noted that statements from the Menzies Society desiring cooperation were repeatedly demonstrated to be empty, especially noting that the Committee had requested Menzies not to host a Market Day stall.

The committee enquired what would happen to the money they gained through membership fees and it was explained would be given to another club with a similar set of aims and objectives.

Pereira asked a question on the Union and Committee providing proof, to which TJ again clarified the onus was on them to show evidence. A member stated that they had discussed with the Menzies Society the incriminating evidence provided to the Union in a previous meeting. Pereira then argued that clubs had opened stalls on Market Day. A member responded that those clubs were ratified but not yet affiliated and that other clubs could do so if they paid a fee. Pereira raised the issue of Labor Left from 2021 who had also set up a stall when being disaffiliated. It was noted Labor Left should not have done so, just as the Menzies Society should not have set up a stall during the 2023 Market Day. The Chair noted that one of the advantages of being ratified was a free stall at Market Day.

It was also discussed that the previous ‘Young Liberal’ club took a similar stance to the Tabletop Society where they had a stall outside the Union.

It was also discussed that the Tabletop Society, which was presently unaffiliated/ratified, where had a stall outside the Union instead of the designated Market Day area on the UQ Great Court. It was clarified that Pereira was not representing Menzies Society. Some concerns on ensuring that clubs that shouldn’t appear at Market Day were expressed.

5:17pm Emily Searle re-entered the meeting after leaving at an unknown time.

TJ noted that they took ownership for issues that had arisen previously in the process of disaffiliating the Menzies Society and maintained the position that the onus of proof was on Menzies, not the C&S Committee

A member reiterated the concern over the future prevention of clubs bringing in a Market Day stall. The group discussed that disaffiliation was in a manner punishment and expressed some concerns about political elements attacking their opposition, to which a member disagreed expressing the sentiment that it was more a case of said clubs having genuine issues that needed to be punished.

TJ moved to Disaffiliate the Liberal National Society, also known as the Menzies Society.

It was moved

THAT THE C&S COMMITTEE DISAFFILIATE THE LIBERAL NATIONAL SOCIETY,
ALSO KNOWN AS THE MENZIES SOCIETY

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II 5:30 pm Regulation Changes

TJ noted that Michael and Josh, the latter noting Richard, Greta and Finance's involvement, had brought forward regulation changes that were needed to modernise the C&S Committee regulations and bring them in line with current law. TJ asked Michael to flag the most important ones,

Michael noted various significant changes, including but not exhaustively:

- Changes to 'Schedule 16' Forms
- Various wording changes to provide administrative flexibility, better reflect contemporary circumstances or follow proper procedure, such as the wording of 'campus-based' clubs to 'St. Lucia-based' clubs or the change from 'audit' to 'financial report' since the wording at the current time would disaffiliate all clubs.
- Punishing failure to have an ABN and other financial elements, to which Josh clarified what this involved. It also was clarified that this would not introduce taxes that shouldn't already be complied with and that it would ensure easier access to various resources.
- Enable the expedient freezing of bank accounts for financial misappropriation to prevent the siphoning of funds due to the 14-day notification given.
- To establish the C&S Finance Committee which Michael and Josh subsequently explained the purpose for and its functioning, especially the observance of procedure, grants and transparency.
- Michael desired a motion endorsing these changes to be put to the UQ Union Council.

The committee enquired on the purpose of allowing two bank accounts for certain clubs, which Michael and Josh noted sufficiently large clubs already did as a safeguard and this allowed it to be regulated.

Matthew Pereira asked whether this should be voted in via General Assembly, which Michael noted one of the main purposes of the C&S Committee was to put forward regulation changes and that they were elected members. It was later noted by Michael that most of these changes were important for compliance and only a few were even slightly contentious. Matthew Pereira continued to argue. Michael raised that he was open to criticism of the changes, but nothing had been raised.

Dylan asked for clarification on whether these changes would have a transition period, which was confirmed and discussed. Michael noted that he had already done significant work.

It was established that these changes would go to Rules Committee, which would then be submitted to the UQ Union Council, according to Standing Orders. Michael stated that the UQ Union Council could temporarily suspend Standing Orders if they wished to have them come straight to the council and be voted on. TJ stated that a referral to VPs to come to the next relevant council meeting where it will be voted upon.

5:54 pm Michael moved that the 2023 C&S Committee endorses the Regulations Proposed, seconded by Utkrist. Unanimously passed.

It was moved

THAT THE C&S COMMITTEE ENDORSES THE REGULATIONS PROPOSED AT THE 2ND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE 112TH C&S COMMITTEE

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III Affiliations

i. 5:55 pm Affiliation of the Blockchain Club

TJ confirmed that there was evidence they had enough members at their IGM, but Michael did raise a complaint that they had not been notified about it. TJ also stated the Blockchain Club had addressed previous concerns raised by the Committee.

TJ moved the Affiliation of the Blockchain Club, seconded by Michael. Unanimously Passed.

It was moved

THAT THE C&S COMMITTEE AFFILIATE THE BLOCKCHAIN CLUB

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5:58 pm Barclay then Alexandra exited the meeting

5:59 pm Barclay re-entered.

IV Disaffiliations

i. 5:59 pm UQ Saudi Club

Saudi, TJ noted that membership numbers had not been submitted. It was noted several executive members' emails had not been responded to. Michael noted that they don't need to pass a motion to provide the 14-day notice for disaffiliation, for future understanding and better efficiency. It was also clarified for Barclay the difference between Extraordinary and Ordinary Meetings, to which jokes were made and the subsequent joy of Utkrist.

TJ moved to Disaffiliate the Saudi Club in 14 days, seconded by Michael. Unanimously passed.

It was moved

THAT THE C&S COMMITTEE DISAFFILIATE THE SAUDI CLUB IN 14 DAYS

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ii. 6:05 pm *Uni Impact, which does address several other clubs with the same issues.*

Concerns were raised that several clubs had membership lists that had less than the required number suddenly having the required amount after the membership deadline. It was noted that these clubs had not yet received grant money, which could be a punishment.

6:08 pm Emily Searle exited the meeting.

It was also clarified it was standardised to require 30 members at various meetings. It was agreed that it would come under the discretion of Emily Ryan. A brief discussion was had on how much was the funding, which Josh clarified for a club of 30 it would be \$210, it was also estimated a club would be less than \$1k.

6:09 pm Emily Searle re-entered the meeting.

6:14 pm Josh and Saumya exited the meeting.

V Other Business which has been proposed, Part II

i. UQ Singapore Society

Matthew Pereira represented a complainant party. Matthew Pereira alleged that there was no notification for a change in the constitution of the UQ Singapore Society for an AGM that resulted in significant constitutional events, including the discretion of the President to ban individuals from the club. Some questions were discussed and the Chair raised they should not make any decisions without other the party in the room. Michael additionally noted that C&S can have oversight on clubs banning members, which includes an appeals process.

TJ further noted that they had been given complaints, but it was based on hearsay, further stating they were glad Matthew Pereira had come through the proper channels to address the issue. The Chair stated that they would have a proper discussion at the next meeting.

6:24 pm Ryley entered the meeting

The overall issues and discussion were again summarised by TJ.

TJ had it noted that they would contact the other relevant parties, and they would organise a meeting within the fortnight. Evidence, 2021 and 2022 UQSS Constitution would be important.

A member raised it was desired that it would be done potentially before ratification unless it would be in camera. TJ stated it would probably be appropriate to be in-camera.

It was agreed that discussion on UQ Singapore Society should be done after ratifications, for the sake of individuals brought in for ratifications.

ii. ALP Club

Emily Searle represented the ALP Club, as the President of the ALP Club. It was raised the ALP Club had a new \$20 membership fee and the request for Instagram names on their QPay.

Michael declared they are a member of the ALP Club.

Searle stated that the Instagram name was optional and constitutionally their membership fees are a minimum of \$2 and can be higher. Some discussion came to comparisons to the L Card.

Natasha expressed the sentiment that she only wished to raise the matter for discussion rather than have the ALP Club invited in, which Michael felt that it was appropriate for a club to be invited for discussion. Searle also clarified that it was not Michael that informed her that the ALP Club was on the agenda.

Searle expressed that was unimpressed that the ALP Club was being specifically mentioned, stating that given the political alignment of Natasha, and expressed the concern of setting a precedent for consistent observation of political clubs.

Michael raised the point that the issue could have been brought up abstractly, rather than specifying a club, which members concurred to. It was also expressed that placing a point of minor discussion in the agenda, with only vague expression that the matter pertained to the ALP Club, allowed the interpretation of the matter to appear to be more significant than it ended up being.

TJ noted that items of this nature should be brought up in general business as to not create conflict out of nothing rather than an agenda item, and that is how similar matters should be treated moving forward.

6. General Business

i. Mental Health Aid Discussion

Utkrist wished to ask the committee how much they wished to spend on the event, how much should they subsidise it and how they would be ticketing. It was noted that this was professional development and that there was a budget for it.

6:50 pm Dylan then Ryley exited the meeting.

6:51 pm Emily exited the meeting.

Following this a discussion was had on finances and what came under said budget. Michael had concerns about how much was being spent for the Mental Health Aid event, as well as previous issues in attempting to run it. A general discussion followed discussing how much it would be subsidised and ticketed.

Utkrist requested an action item 'To reach out to the respondents via messenger'.

It was agreed that the event should be run and, if sufficiently popular, then discussions with Josh should be had to expand the budget if needed. It was agreed they would go through with 60% subsidisation. It was also noted that it would be sized for 42 people. TJ committed to having tickets organised by 5 pm 14/03/2023.

A general discussion was had on Exec Camp, the funding involved and the blacklisting.

Michael noted the Secretary Workshop went well with good involvement. Utkrist noted that they could host C&S Executive Forums, which Natasha stated she'd be interested in helping.

ii. A C&S event Page in Semper Floreat

Natasha raised the idea of having a page in Semper dedicated to club events. Utkrist noted this was attempted last year, it was messy but that it would be nice to push it. TJ also stated it would be a good way to promote Semper, and in turn support Clubs.

iii. Grants by Applications

TJ brought up a discussion on Grants by Applications. TJ noted not much has been changed besides the specific criteria for the application. Notable discussion emerged on supporting underfunded faculty clubs, especially since several faculties have had funding cut by the university that used to be dedicated to said clubs – such as HASS. Michael did raise that it may be suitable in the future to have

Granted by Applications to come under the Finance Committee as it has been demonstrated that procedure has been slow in C&S over some simple processes. There was a discussion later on how the procedure would work on approving it via either flying minute or the C&S VP, with Michael noting the need for someone in the T3 to sign off coming from the regulations. TJ established the sentiment that the T3 should not need to scrutinise the Committee's decision.

iv. C&S Resource Borrowing List

Utkrist brought up a discussion on a list for borrowing tables, etc. TJ noted that technically it would fall under Marketing and that previous attempts by C&S had ended up with lost items. The discussion also came to the issue of swipe cards to the C&S Room, where cleaners and security are needed which is not optimal. The discussion returned to the list Utkrist had raised and how processes could be made.

v. QPAY

Utkrist brought up a discussion on QPay, which TJ stated was more of an issue under Emily Ryan. Thus far, there has not been a substantial response to the questions submitted. Michael noted that he was not surprised due to the substantiality of the issue.

vi. Moving C&S Committee Meetings into Business Hours

Barclay raised the issue of having meetings outside of business hours, due to Emily Ryan not being available regularly. It was noted that Knight, who is unavailable during business hours, would likely have to proxy to a future replacement. The discussion then moved to discuss how the issue would emerge in the future.

vii. Mentorship Program

Utkrist brought up a discussion on the Mentorship Program. Utkrist explained that it was akin to a buddy program between more and less experienced executives and expressed the sentiment that it had worked well in other clubs. Michael brought up the concern this would be a bit late, which Natasha and Utkrist it could still be early enough. In turn, Michael suggested that perhaps a survey could be put out. TJ brought up the idea of a potential second-semester Exec Camp, but Barclay felt it wouldn't fill the need to help provide the skills. Michael concurred, stating that perhaps a retreat could be more suitable.

viii. Red Frogs

Utkrist brought up a discussion on organisation with the Red Frogs, which TJ confirmed. TJ also noted that the Union was working under a program that would fulfil a similar role, which Jacinto also confirmed.

ix. C&S Page Moderator

Utkrist brought up getting a moderator for the C&S page, to which Michael responded with a more effective way of achieving their aims.

x. A Permanent C&S Committee Minute Taker

TJ expressed that Jacinto Hedus had made excellent and detailed minutes for the previous meeting and that there was a need for a permanent minute taker. Barclay enquired whom this role was meant to fall upon and if someone was skirting duties, to which TJ expressed that previously this had been an already delegated task but had not been done as of the present meeting. Michael was eager to second the motion.

7:48 pm TJ moved that Jacinto would be the minute taker for the C&S Committee for the rest of the year, seconded by Michael. Passed unanimously.

It was moved

THAT SA'JACINTO NOURSE HEDUS BE THE MINUTE TAKER FOR THE C&S COMMITTEE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

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7:50 pm Meeting closed.

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