

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the UQU**

**Clubs and Societies Committee 2020**

**Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 2.30 pm**

Chair: Annabel Genest

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the 109<sup>th</sup> Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 2:35 pm

**a). Attendance**

**I. Members Present**

- Annabel Genest (Chair)
- Bradley Plant
- Coen Harnischfeger
- Georgina Pashley
- Lili Wackwitz
- Raphael Wixted

**II. Apologies and Leave**

- Annabelle Bartley
- Thomas Choo

**III. Proxies:**

Nil

**IV. Others Present:**

- Emily Ryan
- Georgia Devine
- Karen Da Silva (Minutes)

*It was moved*

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING BE ACCEPTED.

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GENEST/WACKWITZ

CARRIED

**c.) Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting**

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 109<sup>th</sup> CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

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GENEST/STONE

CARRIED

**d.) Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

### **e.) Reports of Elected officers**

Vice President Campus Culture Clubs and Societies reported on the effects on Clubs and Societies due to the crisis situation in response to COVID-19. Areas affected are:

- Suspension of Grants
- C&S events on campus: events can go ahead if the club would like to do so (provided the group is less than 100 persons); however, UQU is not in a position to extend financial and marketing support to events in the present environment.

The Committee considered ongoing ratifications of new clubs. In discussions it was identified that ratifying new clubs ahead of Semester 2 was favoured, however, decision-making in view of present circumstances would be reconsidered and the Chair would update the contacts/proposers accordingly.

### **f). Matters Arising from the Reports**

Nil.

### **g). Business which has been proposed**

#### **i. Clubs for ratification**

#### **Radical Democracy UQ**

Drew Pavlou presented at 2:48 pm. Drew explained that an expansion of Cornel West's views on radical democracy to include book clubs, screenings, direct charitable activities and soup kitchens as unique factors of the Radical Democracy UQ club.

2:53 pm Drew Pavlou left the meeting.

#### **UQ Book Club**

The chair read the aims of the UQ Book Club.

*It was moved*

THAT THE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO AFFILIATE THE RADICAL DEMOCRACY UQ AND THE UQ BOOK CLUB BE TABLED.

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GENEST/WIXTED

CARRIED

#### **UQ Mental Health Society - Appeal**

Erin Carroll (third-year Psychology student) and Steph (first-year student in Social Work) presented their appeal including reasons for the setting up of the society:

- There could be more done on campus for students requiring mental health services.
- UQ Strategy 2018 – 2020 has not been implemented yet.
- A survey of 57 respondents indicated that of the 24 services offered on campus, 10 of these were known.

The Committee was asked whether the UQ Union provided the services of a Mental Health worker. The Chair advised that while the UQ Union does not have a Mental Health worker, they do have highly qualified Social Workers and UQ offers Mental Health support also.

Erin and Steph left the meeting.

The appeal of the UQ Mental Health Society was considered.

The Committee reiterated that increased advertising and awareness of existing Mental Health Services on campus would address the goals of the society.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQ MENTAL HEALTH SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB.

C&S 109/16

GENEST/WIXTED

NOT CARRIED

### **Hong Kong International alliance**

The Chair read out the aims of the club.

Jack and Sandra attended the meeting. They explained that the club would be promoting freedom of speech and human rights on campus and worldwide involving UQ students and the community. The club aims to provide workshops and mental support (to address situations like the recent protests in Hong Kong), human rights films and movies, guest speakers (connections exist with Hong Kong speakers and democrats). They confirmed that they were current members of the UQ Hong Kong Association.

Jack and Sandra left the meeting.

The Committee discussed that the general principal of the club was fair, they were not in conflict with the existing Hong Kong Society, that the name needed updating to avoid confusion and their aims and objectives needed to be more specific.

*It was moved*

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE BE TABLED AND THAT THE NAME AND AIMS OF THE SOCIETY BE UPDATED.

C&S 109/17

GENEST/PASHLEY

CARRIED

### **h). Other Business**

#### **i. AGM Incomplete/inactive**

##### **Afghan, Arab and Wildlife**

The Chair brought to the Committee's attention that the three clubs had not provided AGM details and not participated in market day. They had not submitted membership list and not replied to several attempts at contact over the last 3 months

*It was moved*

THAT THE AFGHAN, ARAB AND WILDLIFE CLUBS BE DISAFFILIATED DUE TO INACTIVITY.

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GENEST/PASHLEY

CARRIED

#### **ii. Club membership costs less than \$2 as stated in UQU REG161.1.**

**The Bangladesh Club and the Petroleum Clubs** were offering free memberships.

Bangladesh Club to be advised to provide QPay evidence.

The Petroleum Club did not respond to the Chair's queries. As long as the correct price was advertised, the club would have until the end of March for proof.

**The Slavic club** sells a \$5 membership for 3 years and is willing to do whatever is right. Constitutional change to be checked to reflect correct costs.

**Engineering Undergrad Society (EUS):** The Society be advised of minimum membership fees.

**Student Association of Science Societies (SASS):** Technically this club does not have any original members. When you sign up, you do with the sub club and you come a member of SASS. A proper breakdown of membership costs is required.

**iii. UQU statement on current environment**

A statement by UQU of the running of events was requested to support cancellation of bookings, e.g boat trip. Individual events were advised to seek legal advice.

**iv. UQU Affiliated Boards Policy**

A draft updated policy would be circulated (by Emily and Bradley) for comment.

**v. Union Photography Cancellation**

Bradley Plant brought to the attention of the Committee the \$80 fine for failing to cancel a photographer. Emily to consult marketing and advise.

The meeting closed at 3:58 pm.