

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

### Clubs and Societies Committee 2021

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 4:00pm

Chair: Matthew Pereira

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the 110<sup>th</sup> Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 4:15pm

#### 1. Attendance

##### I. Members Present

- Heisen Xu
- Bradley Stone
- Matthew Pereira (Chair)
- Annie Bartley

##### II. Apologies and Leave

- Raphael Wixted
- Jaafar Jabur

##### III. Proxies:

- Bradley Plant to Gabby Callow
- Jaafar Jabur to Megha Thakkar

##### IV. Others Present:

- Ji Davis (Minutes)
- Emily Ryan
- Lisa Pham

*It was moved*

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THE MEETING BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/12

PEREIRA/STONE

CARRIED

#### 2. Requests for starring/approval or noting of the items not starred en bloc

#### 3. Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UQU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2021 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

C&S 110/13

PERIERA/BARTLEY

CARRIED

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Stone raised Libertarian Society was originally not approved because they did not have minimum number of members required at their Inaugural General Meeting (30 members) however on review, it was discovered the IGM quorum was met.

Pereira noted Libertarian Society and Menzies society aims are largely similar however a conflict of interest was not founded. Stone noted an inconsistency in formatting on page 5 for Libertarian Society. Corrections to be made to (b) for International Students Society and (c) for clubs affiliated, and 7ii needs to be corrected in formatting.

Bradley Plant arrived at 4:22pm.

#### **5. Reports of Elected officers**

The Clubs and Societies VP Campus Culture reported:

- Clubs enjoyed club conference found plenty of benefits, as well as the social impact of lawn bowls being positive to society executives;
- Market day was good, weather was less than ideal but clubs generally found success in memberships. Some clubs are reporting that their memberships are lower.

It was noted that quite a few people could not get into the market day which was the largest detractor. Jet's Fitness lady was inside all day talking to clubs – capacity was capped to students, so it should be limited to students at UQ as Griffith and QUT students do not contribute to funding. Plant asked whether the budget being released showed expenditure on advertising. Pereira asked for the other “additional budget” other than SSAF, which Plant noted we will be receiving this in a few weeks.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES VP CAMPUS CULTURE BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/14

PEREIRA/STONE

CARRIED

#### **6. Matters Arising from the Reports**

*Nil*

#### **7. Business which has been proposed**

- i. **Clubs for ratification**
  - a) **Motion Picture Club**

Pereira noted that there is currently a film appreciation society however there appear to be sufficient difference in aims as one worked with industry and the other was more hobby / interest based. Motion Picture Club wishes to focus on the “behind the scenes” impact including filmmaking, production and editing. Bartley noted that the FAS is a hobby club which is different from a faculty or academic club or society. The C&S manager confirmed she had been in contact with FAS and they had no concerns and were planning to collaborate where possible.

Bradley Stone abstained.

*It was moved*

THAT THE MOTION PICTURE CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/15

PEREIRA/XU

CARRIED

**ii. Affiliation**

**a) Libertarian Society**

Brendan McDonald entered the room at 4:30pm

Brendan read a short speech explaining what Libertarians are, describing them as fiscally conservative and socially liberal. Brendan explained that they disagree with all major parties and hold a wide range of beliefs, and are inclusive of members from all parties.

The concern at the previous meeting was that we were too similar to the Menzies society however Brendan disagreed with this suggestion and explained the differences.

Bradley Stone suggested that they amend their constitution (section 20.1 "Dissolution of the club will occur: signed agreement from the founder and current president"). Brendan acknowledged this and explained it was included to prevent stacking however, agreed to remove it.

Plant noted that a current clause regarding membership and voting rights, suggested that all members who signed up at Market Day would be ineligible to vote for six months. Plant suggested adding a clause that anyone purchasing a membership in Feb gets auto voting rights.

*It was moved;*

THAT THE LIBERTARIAN CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB ON THE CONDITION OF 20.1 OF THEIR CONSTITUTION BE AMENDED AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP VOTING CLAUSE BE CHANGED TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE C&S COMMITTEE

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STONE/PERIERA

CARRIED

Emily Ryan left the meeting at 4:48pm

**b) Fintech**

Bradley Plant noted that while the business pack included the IGM information, the committee wanted to speak with Raphael Wixted to get more information about whether this was a conflict with another club.

*It was moved;*

THAT THE UQ FINTECH CLUB BE RATIFIED

C&S 110/17

PERIERA

TABLED

**c) Advanced Humanities Society**

Bradley Plant noted that there used to be a HASS society who were the umbrella club for HASS clubs previously however they are no longer affiliated. Pereira noted one aim was to provide merchandise,

which indicates likelihood for club to use grants and disband. It was suggested that the club come in and explain their club to the committee at the next meeting.

Annie Bartley requested for the discussion to be tabled.

*It was moved;*

THAT THE ADVANCED HUMANITIES SOCIETY BE RATIFIED,

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BARTLEY

TABLED

### **iii. Disaffiliation**

#### **UQ SLSC club:**

A number of concerns have been raised regarding the purpose and intentions of this club and the manner in which it was promoted to prospective members.

Stone noted that the name change was not a name change (changed to acronym of name). Bartley noted you cannot explicitly advertise drinking events for the purpose of getting drunk and while there are similar clubs who hold social events with alcohol this club initially proposed intentions to its prospective members were extreme.

*It was moved,*

UQ SLSC BE DISAFFILIATED

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PLANT/BARTLEY

CARRIED

## **8. Any other business**

### **Direct C&S department to cease SRS**

Plant suggested that the SRS been voted down at C&S committee, and three separate councils unanimously voted this down. Apparently there is now a pilot program and no longer any funding for it. The only clubs in support of SRS are the ones who would receive gold automatically. This creates an inordinate amount of paperwork, does not seem any benefit to do it. Plant believes the competitive nature of it will remove the cohesion of club events. Forcing clubs to do many things such as run unnecessary events that are counterintuitive. Plant suggested a mentorship program where experienced executives support inexperienced executives to deliver large events.

*It was moved,*

DIRECT C&S DEPARTMENT TO CEASE SRS

C&S 110/20

PLANT/PERIERA

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.22pm.