

# UNION CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

## 2nd Ordinary Meeting of the 112<sup>th</sup> Clubs and Societies Committee

5:00 PM

Monday 23/01/2023

**UQU Boardroom**

UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia Campus

Chair Tapenaga Reupena Jr opened the meeting at 5:11 pm and gave an Acknowledgment of Country.

Present: Tapenaga Peupena Jr (TJ), Michael Walker, Utkrist Paudyal, Barclay McGain, Alexandra Knight, Natasha Brettell

Apologies: Kylie Ho

Observers: Emily Ryan, James Hohl, Gus Pazo, Jacinto Hedus, Tinghan Wang (Eric)

### 1) Requests for starring/approval or noting of the items not starred en bloc

### 2) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

*It was moved*

**THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE**

C&S 112/11	REUPENA JR /WALKER	CARRIED
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### 3) Report of the C&S VP

*It was moved*

**THAT THE REPORT OF THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES VICE PRESIDENT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED**

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### 4) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil.

### 5) Business which has been proposed

- **Photography Motion**

The committee asked that we review the Photography motion from the previous year. Gus Pazo, Photography Coordinator joined the meeting to answer any questions pertaining to the Motion.

The committee and Gus discussed the ability to amend and execute specific areas of the motion. Concerns were raised about various parts of the motion in particular turnaround times requested for photographs to be distributed by photographers, displaying their portfolios and requesting a list of photographers that clubs were able to choose from.

Gus clarified that requesting photographers is welcome, but it was important to the department that all photographers have equal opportunities to build their skills and portfolio.

A motion was passed to amend the previous motion, which would then be resubmitted to Council.

Natasha Brettell entered at 5.31pm

Alex Knight entered at 5.45pm

Gus Pazo left the meeting at 5.53pm

*It was moved*

THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHY MOTION BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

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Caleb from Music Students Society and Alex from Queensland Musical Society entered the meeting via the use of technology at 5.55pm

- **Name change – Music Students Society**

Caleb from Music Student Society joined the meeting and explained that they were interested in changing the name to avoid confusion about what their club did. Alex Jago from QUMS joined the meeting to speak to the change and that they were concerned that they were too similar. The committee discussed that they understood why MSS were interested in changing their name however it gave the impression that it encompassed all music. The committee agreed that they have substantially different aims and objectives however the issue was the name implications rather than what the clubs offer students.

The committee agreed in principle of the name change but not of the proposed name change (music society).

*It was moved*

THAT MUSIC STUDENT SOCIETY NAME BE CHANGED TO MUSIC SOCIETY

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**Action:** Advise MSS that in principle they are okay with a name change however not this particular name.

### **Affiliations**

- **UQ Tamil Society**

*It was moved*

THAT UQ TAMIL SOCIETY

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### **Ratifications**

- **Lifestyle Medicine**

*It was moved*

- THAT WE REVIEW THIS APPLICATION AT THE NEXT MEETING WHEN THE REPRESENTATIVE HAS RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY

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- **UQ Society of Lifesaving**

Daniel and other representatives from Lifesaving Club joined the meeting. Daniel explained that he wanted to give students opportunities in beach/pool and water safety skills. Dan advised that he was a qualified First Aider / Bronze Medallion and expressed interest in training students up in first aid and similar skills.

The group discussed the difference between UQ Surfers and this application identifying that Surfers was more social focussed.

The committee expressed concern around the longevity of the club and ability to achieve the minimum number of members at their IGM. They further enquired how they might sustain the club once Dan graduated and he advised that they were already considering how to do that. Following enquiries about safety and insurance, the group confirmed they were not incorporated and rather would anticipate that the professional lifesavers hold up their duty of care when at the beach/pool.

The group left the meeting while the committee discussed their applications. Upon return, the Chair explained that if they would like to resubmit their application, the committee would like to see stronger evidence of safety and insurance, further information about sustainability of the club and demonstration of membership possibility.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ SOCIETY OF LIFESAVING BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

MW abstained

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- **UQ Counselling Students Association**

*It was moved*

THAT UQ COUNSELLING STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

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- **Block chain**

A representative of the Blockchain club explained the purpose of the club. Eric and James explained the distinct differences between Blockchain and other possible clubs such as Cyber Squad and Computing Society. The club suggested they had spoken to Cyber Squad but not Computing and the committee suggested that if they could obtain consent from both clubs before they would agree to ratification being granted.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ BLOCK CHAIN STUDENTS BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB PROVIDED THAT COMPUTING SOCIETY AND CYBER CLUB CONFIRM THEY DO NOT HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT OVERLAP

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### **Disaffiliation**

UQ Acoustic Society

It was moved

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It was moved

THAT THE MEETING BE MOVED IN CAMERA.

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It was moved

THAT EMILY RYAN BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE MEETING

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8.15pm

**6) Business which has been proposed continued**

- **Australian Republican Club**

A representative from ARC attended the meeting. The committee raised concerns around the club being a single-issue club and the longevity of the club as this club have been disaffiliated in 2019.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ AUSTRALIAN REPUBLIC CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

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**7) General Business**

**i) Qpay**

TJ updated the committee about Qpay however there had been no response regarding specific feedback and concerns raised by clubs.

**ii) CSSA**

Concerns were raised about the validity of their AGM. The department had made contact with them prior to the meeting and they had supplied some evidence in response however were unable to attend the meeting. The committee agreed that the department would make contact with all clubs named by CSSA about invalid AGMs. Request for clubs to attend the next C&S committee meeting to explain their processes.

Meeting closed at 9.27pm

