

Minutes of the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the UQU

Clubs and Societies Committee 2021

Friday 26th March 2021 at 11:00am

Chair: Matthew Pereira

The 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the 110th Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 11:10am

1. Attendance

I. Members Present

- Bradley Stone
- Heisen Xu
- Jaafar Jabur
- Matthew Pereira (Chair)

II. Apologies and Leave

- Raphael Wixted
- Bradley Plant
- Annie Bartley

III. Proxies:

- Bradley Plant to Paris Welch
- Bradley Plant to Tristan Murdoch (1.55pm onwards)

IV. Others Present:

- Anna Heale (Minutes)
- Emily Ryan
- Tristan Murdoch
- Paris Welch

It was moved

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THE MEETING BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/21

PEREIRA/STONE

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 2nd ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UQU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2021 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

C&S 110/22

PEREIRA/STONE

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

4. Reports of Elected officers

The Clubs and Societies VP reported that:

- On 18 March, as part of a larger strategic plan to place more of a focus on Gatton clubs, the C&S dept held a welcome breakfast at Gatton with club executives. The breakfast and information session had a positive response and more Gatton-based collaboration can be expected in the future.
- Following the resignation of the C&S assistant, interviews were conducted and induction commenced with the new assistant.
- The department is sourcing quotes for some minor upgrades of the C&S storage room to provide a cleaner, more organised and more secure space for club storage.

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES VP BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/23

PEREIRA/STONE

CARRIED

5. Matters Arising from the Reports

Utkrist Paudyal entered the meeting at 11.54am.

The Chair raised that Gatton members have expressed an interest in trialling the incentivised funding program, as the current funding structure is not to their benefit. The Clubs Manager noted that she will attend the next Gatton Board meeting and is happy to discuss possible alternatives to the current funding structure given the functionality at the Gatton campus is different to that of St Lucia. It was acknowledged that the templates and KPIs may need to be adjusted to fit in with the Gatton clubs community.

6. Business which has been proposed

i. Budget

UQ Union Treasurer, Lisa Pham, took the committee through the grant calculation and allocation process, noting that it follows the custom from last year. It was emphasised that the total budget figure can be amended based on the outcome of the SSAF application and that the most conservative estimate was used.

Tristan Murdoch entered the meeting at 11.23am.

The committee agreed that it would be negligent to authorise the budget prior to formal SSAF funding approval from UQ. As this will delay clubs ability to receive grants for another month, as way of explanation for the delay, the Clubs Manager agreed to inform clubs that the decision of the committee is to wait until full and formal approval from UQ has been received. Lisa Pham agreed to find out what the holdup was with UQ and provide an update to the C&S manager.

ii. Clubs for ratification

UQ Fashion and Beauty Society (FABSoc)

Sheeha Mishra entered the meeting at 12.01pm.

The representative advised that students are keen to get involved with the fashion and beauty industries but don't know where to start. It was noted that most of the event ideas listed in the application were contributed by potential members, with particular interest in the 'job interview ready' session.

The representative stated that there are no similar clubs on campus and UQ lacks arts-focused societies in general, particularly those explicitly welcoming to the LGBTIQ+ community.

The committee explained that the concern at the previous meeting had been the reference to family members in the industry and the potential for a conflict of interest relating to external sponsorship. The representative explained that this had been a miscommunication. The intention is to use these external connections to the benefit of club members only.

The representative left the meeting at 12.06pm.

Members agreed to ratify the club and suggested that a clause be written into the constitution that executive members must not benefit financially from sponsorship arrangements with external companies.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ FASHION AND BEAUTY SOCIETY (FABSOC) BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/24

PEREIRA/STONE

CARRIED

UQ Myanmar Students Society

Zew Htet Aung entered the meeting at 12.16pm.

The representative explained that the Myanmar Student Society is not a new club and has been running for 6-7 years. They have been affiliated with the Union intermittently during this time, but the previous committee members were lax in maintaining affiliation.

It was noted that, considering the current political situation in Myanmar, students are particularly engaged with the club and with raising awareness of the culture and politics of Myanmar.

The Chair raised that the sign-up sheet included non-UQ students. While the requirement for a St. Lucia based club is 70% UQ student membership, it was noted that the sign-up sheet required 100% to be UQ students. The representative explained that this was an oversight and they could easily fulfill the 30 UQ student signatures requirement. It was noted that they will have more than 30 UQ students attending the IGM.

The Clubs Manager advised that they would amend the sign-up sheet template to make this requirement clearer in the future.

A committee member raised that the acronym MSS is already in use at UQ. The representative responded that they are happy to change to UQ MISS (Myanmar International Student Society). Their only concern was the 'international' aspect could be exclusionary to some students. As acronyms are common, and neither were of an international club, it was agreed the club would make an informed choice as to whether would keep or change their name.

The representative left the meeting at 12.27pm.

The committee agreed to table the application pending a new sign-up sheet demonstrating the required 30 student signatures in order to adhere fully to the regulations.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ MYANMAR STUDENTS SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/25

PEREIRA/JABUR

TABLED

UQ Advanced Humanities Society

Emily Hutton entered the meeting at 12.29pm.

The representative explained that the Bachelor of Advanced Humanities is a degree offered by UQ. Unlike other arts degrees, students are required to take part in many group projects. The intention of the club, therefore, is to strengthen and support the advanced humanities community. They intend to have an interdisciplinary focus and to host alumni who can talk about the different career opportunities after graduation.

The committee queried whether they had been in contact with the school. The representative confirmed that academic staff have expressed their support for the club. However, they wish to maintain a primarily student focus.

The committee queried the benefits the club envision will lead from affiliation. The representative noted that, while the grant is an incentive, largely they hope to improve communication amongst the cohort and the official club status should assist with room bookings etc.

The advanced humanities cohort was estimated at around 200 students.

Emily Hutton left the meeting at 12.37pm.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ ADVANCED HUMANITIES SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/26

JABUR/STONE

CARRIED

UQ K-Pop Club

Michaela Cheong and Paris Smith entered the meeting at 12.44pm.

The club was described as a K-Pop and performance club, following in the footsteps of UQ Street Groove. They intend to host weekly dance classes and have executive members with experience in running classes for their own dance group, with private studios and at QUT.

The committee noted that BTS Purple Lounge have raised concerns regarding an overlap of aims. It was explained that UQ K-Pop intends to be a general club appreciating and supporting the diversity of K-Pop, which includes multiple genres and many different K-Pop groups. BTS Purple Lounge is specifically a BTS club. BTS Purple Lounge has recently stated that they were intended to expand to K-Pop in general. However, this was not publicly advertised and the majority of Facebook posts continue to be BTS focused.

The Chair queried why the club would like to form independently from UQ Street Groove. It was explained that hip-hop and K-Pop have very different cultures and histories. While they have similar dance elements, it would be a misrepresentation to amalgamate the two. It was noted that there is very little overlap of memberships between UQ K-Pop and Street Groove.

Jordan Hann entered the meeting at 12.56pm.

The committee suggested that the name be changed to K-Pop Dance to further differentiate themselves from BTS Purple Lounge. The representatives confirmed that they are happy to do so.

A committee member queried whether they had considered joining the BTS executive team. The representatives explained that they have received aggressive messages from the BTS Purple Lounge team and they will be submitting a formal complaint to the Clubs Manager.

The representatives left the meeting at 12.59pm.

Members raised that they are concerned about the conflict ratifying the club could cause.

It was raised that the club already has a significant following which would be of benefit to the clubs community.

In regards to BTS Purple Lounge, the committee agreed that such a significant change of aims required further discussion with the committee and this was not the basis upon which they were affiliated.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ K-POP CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/27

STONE/XU

CARRIED

UQ Vapers' Club

Members queried how affiliating with the Union would be of benefit to the club.

Representative, Tristan Murdoch, explained that the club would be an official space in which to discuss some of the issues facing students who vape, such as the change in law regarding vape juice imports. They noted that many students vape and it is the most effective way to quit smoking.

Members queried how the club would use their grant funding and were informed that any funds would be used to supply catering for social gatherings.

A member raised that vaping is banned on campus and questioned whether this is a club the Union should be aligned with. The committee was advised that club executives are aware of restrictions in terms of what they can and can't do on campus and would be adhering to these requirements.

The committee asked for further information on how the club would differentiate itself from other hobby clubs that meet solely for casual social gatherings. The representative advised that there has been a lot of interest in the club already and there are no other clubs on campus specifically aimed at assisting students to quit smoking.

The committee agreed to table the application for referral to Union Council.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ VAPERS' CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/28

STONE/PEREIRA

TABLED

UQ Society of Keyboard Enthusiasts

Members raised that the club appears to service a very niche interest.

Representative, Jordan Hann, noted that the original post on Stalkerspace had over 100 reacts, more comments and had generated a lot of discussion. Mechanical keyboards are an area of growing interest.

The committee queried whether there could be an overlap with the Computing Society. It was explained that the club would have an arts, specifically design focussed, as opposed to computing. Any abstract connections between this club and others should be seen as an asset for future collaboration.

Jordan Hann left the meeting at 1.30pm.

The committee agreed that a stand-alone club in this area of interest seems unnecessary, and instead suggested the representative consider hosting mechanical keyboard events with existing clubs. The committee agreed to assist in linking the representative with relevant club executives who may be able to utilise the skills of Jordan and other interested parties.

Paris Welch left the meeting at 1.30pm.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ SOCIETY OF KEYBOARD ENTHUSIASTS BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/29

JABUR/WELCH

NOT CARRIED

iii. Affiliations

a) UQ Urban Monk

The Clubs' Manager noted that UQ Krishna have changed their name to UQ Urban Monk. The committee were advised that they submitted late audit and AGM documents and appear to be using multiple bank accounts.

The committee agreed that, if the club wish to reaffiliate, they are to submit a new application with the Union.

b) Anthropology Society

The committee were advised that the ratified club held their IGM on 9th March 2020. The C&S manager explained that the club said they held their IGM, and COVID occurred. Thus there was a breakdown of information and they had significant issues contacting the department thereafter. The committee asked whether the minutes had been received and the C&S manager explained it was unclear whether it was received by the C&S VP. The committee asked that the email following the IGM be resent and that affiliation can progress once this has been received.

It was also noted that the IGM were dated the incorrect year.

iv. Disaffiliations

It was moved

THAT THE FOLLOWING CLUBS BE DISAFFILIATED EN BLOC:

- CSSA (CHINESE STUDENT AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION)
- CHINESE TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING SOCIETY
- FOOD SCIENCE SOCIETY

C&S 110/30

STONE/JABUR

CARRIED

7. Any other business

a. UQU Affiliated Bodies Policy

Tabled to the next committee meeting.

b. Complaints procedure

The C&S Manager noted that she is currently working on documenting a complaints procedure that she can share at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.06pm.

1/04/2021

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Matthew George Pereira

Chairperson

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