

4th Ordinary Meeting of the 111th Clubs and Societies Committee Minutes

12:00 PM

Friday 08 April,2022

21A-4 Boardroom

UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia

Chair: Rheanna Norris

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12:05 PM and made acknowledgement of the traditional owners and custodians of the land and wished to pay respect to their elders' past, present, and emerging

1) Attendance

Members Present:

- Rheanna Norris
- James Hohl
- Brad Plant
- Finn Larson
- Ajay Chungath

Apologies and Leave:

Josephine Zhang

Proxies:

Josephine Zhang to Ajay Chungath

Others Present:

- Emily Ryan
- Hugo Eriksson
- Cara Rowe
- Hughston Parle(left at 12:58 PM)
- Christian Camuglia(left at 12:36)
- Rahul Samkruthyayan (Minutes)

2) Requests for starring/approval of noting of the items not starred En bloc

None

3) Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED

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NORRIS/ HOHL

CARRIED

4) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

The chair raised the recent C&S committee motion regarding not needing to review every constitutional change for every club and society. C&S manager clarified that while this is stipulated in the old model constitution, which is currently undergoing review, it is not stipulated in the regulations that the committee must do so. The committee proposed that the Chair discuss further with the Secretary of the Council and seek a clarification

It was moved

THAT THE CHAIR CLARIFY WITH THE UNION SECRETARY WHETHER COUNCIL NEEDS TO APPROVE CHANGES MADE BY THE C&S COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

5) Reports of the Elected Officers

Vice President Campus Culture (Clubs & Societies)

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF ELECTED OFFICER, VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS CULTURE (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES) BE ACCEPTED

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

6) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

7) Business which has been proposed

i) Affiliations and Ratifications:

Business Analytics Networking Association (BANA)

The representative entered the meeting at 12:30 PM

BANA representative Ally attended the meeting and was questioned by the committee regarding her application. Ally explained that the purpose of the club was to cater to the data and business analytics students. Ally advised that they have few sponsors including the likes of Deloitte and that the club was running informally with approximately 80 students.

The representative left the meeting at 12:40 PM

Plant opined that all new clubs should be genuine and ongoing considering the vast number of applications each year. Larson advised that he did not believe there to be concerns from other business clubs such as Business Association further stating that a verbal confirmation had been received.

The committee discussed the procedure for contacting clubs that may have concerns prior to the meetings. It was concluded that the procedure would be reviewed, and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

The committee agreed to ratify the club on the proviso that clubs such as 180 degrees consulting and others with possibly overarching aims, did not have concerns.

Action: Emily to follow up with related clubs.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY BUSINESS ANALYTICS NETWORKING ASSOCIATION (BANA) BE RATIFIED AS UQU CLUB ON THE PROVISIO THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTACT 180 DEGREES AND NO CONCERNS RAISED

C&S 111/44

NORRIS/PLANT

CARRIED

UQ Chinese Association of Undergraduates and Preparers (UQCAUP)

The representative entered the meeting at 12:40 PM

The committee reviewed the application and questioned the representative Zixin regarding the application. The representative informed the committee that the club is currently running informally with about 50 members with a plan to increase to about 200. The representative advised the committee that their club found the existing Chinese clubs to be lacking in support for the undergraduates and preparers, and hence the club decided to take the initiative in the absence of opportunity. The representative informed the committee that the club has so far engaged in informal activities which included a welcome party, board games and are actively considering volunteering opportunities in future.

The representative left the meeting at 12:50 PM

The committee was not convinced that the club provided a large enough distinction from other clubs and requested they resubmit the application with clearer aims and intentions.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY UQ CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF UNDERGRADUATES AND PREPARERS(UQCAUP) BE RATIFIED AS UQU CLUB

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HOHL/NORRIS

NOT CARRIED

UQ Pakistani Students Association

No representative attended the meeting.

The committee reviewed the application and agreed in principle regarding the club, noting that there has been no club for Pakistani populace and no clash with existing cultural societies.

It was moved

THAT THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY THE UQ PAKISTANI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BE RATIFIED AS UQU CLUB

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

ii) **Disaffiliations**

None

iii) **Other Business which has been proposed**

None

8. General Business

Bank Accounts-CBA

The C&S Manager raised concerns regarding the Commonwealth Bank process, noting that several clubs had been offered a secondary bank account that the Union did not have oversight of. While this was against Union regulations, and opens clubs up to the possibility of fraud, it is not an internal process issue, but one of the CBA, however there was limited ability to curb this issue

Market Day

The C&S manager raised that she had received several complaints from social justice clubs following Market Day. The Committee discussed the complaints arising out of

the stall placement during the market day, specifically with regards to social justice stall being placed next to political stalls. Traditionally the C&S department has not put the political clubs next to each other due to conflicting values however the social justice clubs have expressed their feelings of being overshadowed due to the signage, disagreements between parties and general conduct of political clubs. The committee discussed the current arrangement, some noting that they felt the arrangement was fine as it was, and the social justice clubs were in an excellent location in terms of foot traffic. There was discussion about the political clubs being placed all together for future, as they should not be given treatment different any other clubs, who were always placed together in their category. While a decision was not met, the C&S manager advised she would bring the Semester two Market Day map to the committee prior to it being released for the committee to revisit the issue.

Quarterly Semester membership

The C&S manager enquired about some clubs who offered members a Semester one and semester two option, thus membership expiring mid-year and having no members at a period between semesters. The C&S manager advised that clubs explained they did this due to a pricier membership price than most clubs due to the costs of the materials etc. The club do not want the members to be severely out of pocket upfront, and in case you decide in semester two, the club is not their taste. A committee member proposed they include a trial period of membership incorporated into the constitution of the clubs and Plant suggested they consider a regular membership price with the material costs buffered into the event or ticket costs instead.

Budget Formula

The C&S manager showed the committee the grant allocations spreadsheet. There were some questions about the allocations as the amounts looked different to the those that were passed at Council.

Cara Rowe entered the meeting at 1:30 PM

Rowe provided clarification to the committee about the funding breakdown.

Cara Rowe left the meeting at 1:40 PM

The committee noted that there were some issues with the formula which were affecting the calculations. Some members of the committee were interested in reviewing the formula and allocation amounts once the spreadsheet was confirmed.

The committee proposed to request finance manager to clarify the budget formula before proceeding. The C&S manager will follow this up and provide the spreadsheet to the committee when its available for the committee to meet and discuss the allocations. A brief discussion took place regarding whether the committee were in favour of a linear or exponential type model for the formula. An exponential formula was favoured.

It was moved

THAT THE C&S COMMITTEE IS IN FAVOUR OF EXPONENTIAL MODEL IN THE BUDGET FORMULA

C&S 111/47

LARSON/NORRIS

CARRIED

Online SGMs

The Committee discussed and clarified C&S committee approval for online SGMs of clubs and societies. The committee agreed that constitutional changes for online SGMs are valid only if they were already incorporated into the constitution. In the case of clubs that have not incorporated the changes yet, the committee proposed they seek C&S committee approval through a motion during extenuating circumstances and it was noted that there has been precedent to do so.

SGM/AGM Approvals

The C&S manager sought clarification as to whether the committee were of the belief that they did or did not need to review and approve SGM minutes. The committee's response was that while they did not feel they need to review every change, Physics stipulated changes needed to be approved by the committee and the Menzies Society were requesting a name change. Both of which made them eligible for review by the committee however, in most cases, minor changes to SGM minutes would not necessarily need to be reviewed.

The committee discussed the Physics club (PAIN) SGM where PAIN modified their constitution, removing the rules stating C&S committee must approve any new constitution and incorporation of changes to the rules.

It was moved

THAT THE PHYSICS CLUB(PAIN) SGM BE APPROVED BY THE C&S COMMITTEE

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NORRIS/HOHL

CARRIED

Name change of UQ Menzies Society to Liberal National Society:

The Chair ruled the SGM inquorate and thus out of order. Menzies Society must hold a quorate SGM before the motion be laid on the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 PM