

Minutes of the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the UQU

Clubs and Societies Committee 2021

Wednesday 20th May 2021 at 12:30pm

Chair: Matthew Pereira

The 5th Ordinary Meeting of the 110th Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 12.39pm

1. Attendance

I. Members Present

- Annie Bartley
- Utkrist Paudyal
- Matthew Pereira (Chair)
- Bradley Plant
- Kurt Tucker

II. Apologies and Leave

- Raphael Wixted
- Jaafar Jabur
- Ben Kozij

III. Proxies:

- Jaafar Jabur to Utkrist Paudyal

IV. Others Present:

- Emily Ryan
- Ivan Levant

It was moved

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THE MEETING BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/40

PEREIRA/PLANT

CARRIED

2. Requests for starrng/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 4th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UQU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 APRIL 2021 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

C&S 110/41

PLANT/BARTLEY

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

5. Reports of Elected officers

Nil

6. Matters Arising from the Reports

Nil

7. Business which has been proposed

i. Affiliation

Anthropology Society

Ivan Levant discussed the issues regarding affiliation. The club was ratified in March 2020 and an IGM was held, however this was followed by COVID and lockdown. Communications were attempted unsuccessfully until they successfully made contact in 2021.

The committee discussed whether they were willing to affiliate the club due to a substantial time lapse.

It was moved

THAT THE ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/42

TUCKER/PLANT

CARRIED

Ivan Levant left the meeting at 12.48pm.

Fashion and Beauty Society

The Chair raised concerns about the number of members present at the IGM and that an election was not held. The committee asked them to hold another IGM within 30 days ensuring quorum is met and voting is open to all members.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ FASHION AND BEAUTY SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/43

PEREIRA/BARTLEY

NOT CARRIED

Advanced Humanities Society

The committee noted that everything was complete and in order.

It was moved

THAT THE ADVANCED HUMANITIES SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/44

PEREIRA/PLANT

CARRIED

K Pop Dance

The committee agreed that all was in order with the K Pop Dance IGM.

It was moved

THAT THE K-POP DANCE CLUB BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/49 BARTLEY/PEREIRA CARRIED

ii. Disaffiliation

UQ Dead Playwrites Society

Gatton club, Dead Playwrites Society, requested voluntary disaffiliation due to a lack of interest and uptake from students and members.

It was moved

UQ DEAD PLAYWRITES SOCIETY BE DISAFFILIATED
C&S 110/45 PLANT/TUCKER CARRIED

iii. Ratifications

Equine Science Society

A short discussion took place regarding the application from the Equine Science Society. No major concerns were raised however the committee did query one of the aims and objectives, related to career development, as being broad and vague.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ EQUINE SCIENCE SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/46 PLANT/BARTLEY CARRIED

Myanmar Student Society

The C&S Manager reminded the committee of the previous application that was submitted by the club which contained the correct number of signatures but were not all UQ students. The committee had asked the club to rectify this and return with their amended application.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ MYANMAR STUDENT SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/47 TUCKER/BARTLEY CARRIED

Amnesty International UQ

The committee discussed whether UQU should fund external charitable organisations. It was raised that these clubs receive independent financial backing, and UQU should therefore not be subsidising

them further. The committee agreed that moving forward, they will significantly reduce the number of affiliation approvals related to external charitable associations.

It was moved

THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL UQ BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/48

PLANT/PEREIRA

NOT CARRIED

UQ Vaping

Recently ratified club, UQ Vaping, requested an extension for their IGM due to it leading into the end of the semester. A thirty-day extension from the receipt of the email, including the minutes, was granted.

Chinese Scholars and Students Association

The C&S Manager received a request from CSSA to reaffiliate following their disaffiliation for not submitting 2020 AGM documents. The committee advised that CSSA would need to resubmit an application.

Saudi Students Association

The C&S Manager received a request from Saudi Student Association to reaffiliate after being disaffiliated for non-compliance in 2019. The committee advised that Saudi Students Association would need to resubmit an application.

Hannah Thompson entered the meeting at 1.32pm

BTS Purple Lounge

BTS purple lounge had submitted a request to change their name and some of their aims and objectives. Hannah Thompson discussed the differences between themselves and the recently ratified K-Pop Dance club. The committee had a discussion regarding some of their aims and objectives and requested the removal of references to Korean culture due to an overlap with the existing Korean Society.

The committee agreed that the clubs must remain distinct, as BTS are a hobby/interest club and K-Pop Dance a performance club. The committee felt the name change to K-Nation was acceptable. BTS Lounge were encouraged to hold their SGM and, if passed there, the name change and aims and objectives will be submitted to the C&S committee for final approval.

Hannah Thompson left the meeting at 1.49pm.

iv. Clubs Review

The committee referred to the list of approximately seventy-five clubs reviewed in their own time over the previous two weeks and listed them in order of priority. The committee reviewed the clubs audit and AGM documents for 2019 and 2020, as well as viewing the clubs' Facebook pages to assess engagement and activity levels.

The committee clarified that the audit was to ensure all clubs receiving funding were compliant, delivering activities to members and contributing to C&S culture. Due to the funding constraints within the Union, the committee wanted to ensure funds are not spent on inactive clubs.

Chocolate Appreciation Society

It was noted that the constitution is invalid due to the AGM being inquorate. Their 2019 AGM was also inquorate. The committee agreed on the following measures:

- The society were given thirty days to hold an SGM and make relevant changes to their constitution regarding quorum.
- Grant funding will be frozen until the issue is rectified.
- Any other monies should not be being spent as technically they are not officially executive members.

Community Garden

The club's AGM was inquorate in 2019 and 2020. The committee agreed on the following measures:

- Grant funding will be frozen until the issue is rectified.
- Any other monies should not be being spent as technically they are not officially executive members.
- An SGM be held within thirty days to elect their committee as per the quorum indicated in their constitution.

Wine and Cheese club

The club's AGM was inquorate with six students at the meeting, though eight people were voted into positions. The committee agreed on the following measure:

- The club were given thirty days to hold an SGM

Postgraduate Research and Engineering Student Society

The committee agreed on the following measure:

- C&S Manager to email the club and advise them to increase their members numbers to thirty in the next thirty days.

It is unclear if they are a St Lucia or other campus club as it is not specified in their constitution.

Australian South Asian Healthcare Association

The club's AGM was inquorate in 2020. The committee agreed on the following measure:

- The association were given thirty days to hold an SGM

Chinese Association of Postgraduate and Scholars

The committee agreed on the following measure:

- C&S Manager to email the club and advise them to increase their members numbers to thirty in the next thirty days.

Irish Society

The committee agreed that the Irish Society funding be capped at \$300 as they are well known for being a political club.

It was moved

THAT IRISH SOCIETY FUNDING BE CAPPED AT \$300

C&S 110/50

PLANT/PEREIRA

CARRIED

SBMS SASS

It was raised that SBMS SASS do not have a profile on the Union website.

The committee agreed on the following measure:

- C&S Manager to email the club and request that they create a profile in the next thirty days

Students of the IMB (SIMBA)

The committee agreed on the following measure:

- The club is to provide a current constitution, ensuring it includes their aims and objectives

Towards International Medical Equality

The committee raised significant concerns regarding TIME submitting a membership list with over 1500 members however the majority were lifetime members without students numbers. The C&S manager advised that she had asked TIME to explain this in the previous week however had not yet received a reply. The committee agreed that

- The club were given thirty days to hold an SGM
- The club must amend the constitution to be in line with the requirements of the Union and elect an executive. It was noted that Directors elect the executive as opposed to holding an election.

- The club must establish the number of original members they have as majority are lifetime members.
- Grant funding be frozen.
- The club be disaffiliated at the next meeting should there not be a response.

It was noted that the club are a registered charitable organisation.

Action Aid

The club must demonstrate that they charged for membership in 2020.

Buddhist Education Society

Bradley Stone to check quorum compliance.

Chile

The committee agreed on the following measures:

- The club must increase their membership to ensure it is a minimum of 70% UQ students within 30 days.
- The club must resubmit their membership list to the C&S department.

Climate Action Now

It was noted that the club's AGM was inquorate in 2019 and no Treasurer was elected. They also had no expenditure in 2020. The club failed to follow their constitution by electing appropriate office bearers and have failed to demonstrate activities through their financials. The C&S manager to advise the club of the intention to disaffiliate them at the next meeting.

Korean Medical Society

It was noted that no AGM documentation was provided. The C&S manager to advise the club of the intention to disaffiliate them at the next meeting.

Graduate Union of Taiwanese Students

It was raised that the club's constitution does not include quorum requirements, and 40% of their membership for 2020 are not UQ students. 36% of members are students, contravening the maximum allowed (30%). In addition, they only elect a President not a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The C&S manager to advise the club of the intention to disaffiliate them at the next meeting.

Labor Left

It was noted that membership in 2019 was \$32 and they had 89 members, which was not reflected in the audit.

The committee agreed on the following measures:

- Labor Left are to provide their membership list for October 2020 which was not provided as part of their AGM documents.

It was raised that Labor Left have very similar aims and goals to that of the ALP club. The committee reviewed and compared their constitutions to make an assessment.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 3.05pm.

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Matthew George Pereira
Chairperson