

Minutes of the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the UQU

Clubs and Societies Committee 2020

Thursday 29 September 2020 at 9:00am

Chair: Annabel Genest

The 6th Ordinary Meeting of the 109th Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 9:09am

1. Attendance

I. Members Present

- Annabel Bartley
- Annabel Genest (Chair)
- Bradley Plant
- Coen Harnischfeger
- Georgina Pashley
- Raphael Wixted

II. Apologies and Leave

- Thomas Choo

III. Proxies:

Nil

IV. Others Present:

- Emily Ryan
- Karen Da Silva (Minutes)

It was moved

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING BE ACCEPTED.

C&S 109/41

WIXTED/PASHLEY

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 5TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UQU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2020 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

C&S 109/42

WIXTED/PLANT

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Plant noted that the VP C&S had not been informed prior to the C&S Committee Meeting of the Motion re: C&S Authorising Grants that was raised at the Council meeting in August.

4. Reports of Elected officers

The Vice President Campus Culture Clubs and Societies reported:

- Audit season had finished; missing audits would be discussed later on the agenda.
- Clubbies – to be discussed later on the agenda.
- A meeting to discuss grants and any other C&S related concerns was held a fortnight ago. A few attended to discuss transparency and it gave more insight into what people want moving forward. Students also requested more communications via Facebook rather than through emails.

It was moved

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

C&S 109/43

WIXTED/BARTLEY

CARRIED

5. Matters Arising from the Reports

Nil.

6. Business which has been proposed

i. Clubs for ratification

Outdoor Adventures Sea & Island Society (OASIS)

Yujie (Shirley) Mo attended and explained to the Committee the reasons behind starting the OASIS club:

- In response to a campaign run during the break, a high level of interest was registered from people who like outdoor events (camping, mountaineering, hiking, kayaking, day trips, etc.).
- Quest has events with a more social outlook.
- OASIS has a more adventure-based focus and would be looking at engaging with professionals to share knowledge and safety expertise.

The Committee discussed:

- Risk assessment would be addressed under existing businesses.
- A contact with outward bound and local knowledgeable people who can explain specific events would be beneficial to the club.
- Include a domestic student as committee member
- Insurance-based policies around club events to be embedded.
- Water safety is important.
- The club form an incorporated body e.g UQ Surfers or took out their own insurance e.g. Snow and Ski sports.

It was moved

THAT THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES SEA & ISLAND SOCIETY (OASIS):

- BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

- PUT IN CONTACT WITH OUTWARD BOUND AND OTHERS WITH LOCAL ADVENTURE-BASED ACTIVITY KNOWLEDGE.

C&S 109/44

WIXTED/HARNISCHFEGER

CARRIED

International Students Engagement Association

Karl Sha presented at the meeting and highlighted the events and projects the association would hold. They said that there were prospective members from the international student cohort eager to get more experience and interact with the local community and other nationalities out of the campus to familiarise themselves with the real life environment and job opportunities. The association would also look out for the welfare of the students and teach them values and freedoms relevant to life in Australia (e.g. local police and what you can do to protect yourself), possibly prior to arrival. Liaison would be with Taiwanese and Chinese associations, non-political groups, charitable trusts, and would include skill sharing in the local community.

The Committee saw the aims of the association were similar to that delivered by Quest which was focused on European and American students. The Committee also saw the liaison aspect of the association as positive, similar to Australia 101, and embedding in clubs would be much more effective. They also noted that the International Officers in the Union could plug into this club.

It was moved

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ENGAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB.

C&S 109/45

PASHLEY/WIXTED

CARRIED

The Libertarian Society

Brendan McDonald explained that the Society would be a social club allowing for discussion on human rights and discourse on making own choices in life within an informal setting with more moderated debates to avoid illogical fallacies.

In terms of authority to give legal advice, the Committee was informed that it was more like putting people in the right direction, referring people to HR, tenancy and legal services and to other solicitors who could help with legal advice.

The Committee discussed that the club could have resources available instead of referring members to services.

It was moved

THAT THE THE LIBERTARIAN SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB WITH THE 'REFERRAL TO SERVICES' BEING REPLACED WITH 'HAVING RESOURCES AVAILABLE'.

C&S 109/46

WIXTED/PASHLEY

CARRIED

UQ Dermatology

Sam Kahler informed the Committee that the inception of the club stemmed from a project at the Derm Lab at the Princess Alexandra Hospital and the rolling out of the melanoma project across Australia. Students presently graduate with 2-weeks of lectures on skin and wanted to increase

opportunities for students to get practical experience. The club would address the opportunity for a practical component enhancing an essential skill in the area of skin study. A concept to make it into a certificate had been pitched with the Dermatological College.

The club would hold 3-4 workshops over a year to get people up to speed and would add a skill-based component to the subject. The club hopes to add ongoing value.

The Committee discussed that the club would be addressing a niche area to address their own professional development and that the name be changed to UQ Dermatology Society.

It was moved

THAT UQ DERMATOLOGY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB AFTER THEY CHANGE THEIR NAME TO UQ DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY.

C&S 109/47

PLANT/BARTLEY

CARRIED

VESA UQ

Neeve Colley informed the meeting that Volunteer Eco Students Abroad (VESA) is an independent international volunteering community whose main goals are to promote sustainability and eco tourism. They host something for everyone:

- Plastic-free living
- Clean up Australia Day (or a small beach)
- Teaching English
- Construction
- Animal conservation

Neeve volunteered in 2019 and with COVID cancelling many overseas projects, identified local projects and is a bridge between UQ and VESA. They would be working with the campus club advisor at VESA.

The Committee would check whether there was a clash with GEMS.

ACTION: THE CHAIR

It was moved

THAT VESA UQ BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB.

C&S 109/48

WIXTED/ HARNISCHFEGER

CARRIED

The UQ Turkic Union

Dilrabo Tosheva, a 3rd year PhD (Architecture) student originally from Uzbekistan explained the reasons for the establishing of the UQ Turkic Union stemmed from their own (and those of other students) experiences relating to the lack of support systems for students in a new place. This club would mainly address support for and connections within the central Asian Turkic students on campus (approximately 30 students), where members would be welcomed and supported on how to navigate Brisbane culturally. The club's reach would extend to Turkmens, Uighurs and all Turkic speaking students. They would organise events with other clubs.

In discussion, the Committee noted that the club/union indicates a union of several groups.

The Committee also identified potential for the University to address an increase in support systems for students.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ TURKIC UNION BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB.

C&S 109/49

WIXTED/PLANT

CARRIED

UQ English and Literature Society (UQEELS)

The Chair read the aims of the club and all agreed to ratification.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ ENGLISH AND LITERATURE SOCIETY (UQEELS) BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB.

C&S 109/50

WIXTED/PASHLEY

CARRIED

ii. Affiliations

The following clubs were affiliated en bloc:

- UQ Football Society
- UQ Menzies Society
- UQ karaoke Club and
- Engineering World health UQ Chapter

C&S 109/51

WIXTED/PASHLEY

CARRIED

7. Other Business

i. General Assembly

It was decided to hold the General Assembly on Monday 16 November with pizzas. The event would be posted on Facebook.

ii. Clubbies Awards

Clubbies awards were advertised on Facebook and invited to discuss. Executive members from the Economics Society, Singapore Students Society, Computing, Queensland University Games Society and Surfers gave input. The vibe is similar to last year. It was therefore decided to hold Clubbies Awards on 28 October.

The event would start outside Pizza Café prior to the performances and awards in the Schonell Theatre and then finish in the Red Room. It was noted that the Schonell was capped at 200 guests and the Red Room at 135.

Shortlisting: Applications close on 11 October.

iii. Disaffiliations

The following clubs did not submit financial audits after having been contacted. A 30-day appeal period was noted; however, it was decided for another notice to be issued before disaffiliation.

- 1) Action Aid
- 2) Archeology
- 3) Backyard Sport
- 4) Chinese Translation
- 5) Fishing
- 6) Krishna
- 7) Paeds
- 8) Regional and Remote Students
- 9) Saudi Students
- 10) Thai
- 11) Toastmasters
- 12) Wine & Cheese
- 13) Upland College
- 14) SAFS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:37am.