

Minutes of the 7th Ordinary Meeting of the 2021 Clubs & Societies Committee

Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 10:00 AM

Chair: Matthew Pereira

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10:04 AM

1. Attendance

i. Members Present:

- Annie Bartley
- Benjamin Kozij
- Matthew Pereira
- Bradley Plant
- Jaafar Jabur
- Bradley Stone

ii. Apologies and Leave

- Kurt Tucker
- Raphael Wixted

iii. Proxies

- Rowan Evans (proxy for Raphael Wixted)

iv. Others Present

- Emily Ryan
- Ryan Jover (minutes)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/58

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

CARRIED

3. Reports of Elected Officers

Vice President Kozij updated the Committee on his attendance at the recent TAG conference.

Rowan Evans asked the Vice President if the C&S department could facilitate merchandising opportunities for clubs. VP Kozij confirmed that this was something that the department was looking at.

It was moved that

THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE)'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/59

PEREIRA/PLANT

CARRIED

4. Business Which Has Been Proposed

i. Ratifications

Representation of Minorities Club

The club representative explained that the club founders were interested in the discussion of media representation of minority groups such as LGBT people, disabled people, women, people of colour etc. These discussions would enable the creation of safe spaces for people of these groups. They have events planned around the critical discussion of media created by and about minorities.

VP Kozij asked about the original intention to find the club as a UQ Book Club and noted similarities to the UQ English and Literature Society (EELS). He also noted that EELS had invited them to run a book club. A club representative explained that the club decided to move away from the original idea of a book club and to change its focus toward media produced by and about minorities. This would include representation in a number of ways, not just books but also including film, television and other forms of media.

The C&S Manager asked if the club founders had been involved with the Union collectives such as the Women's and Queer Collectives. The representatives said they had not spoken with the Collectives directly, but suggested that they were open to doing that.

A Committee member asked if the intention was to affiliate a social/hobby club; the representatives confirmed they were.

Members noted the awkwardness of the name and suggested that the club consider a shorter name.

It was moved that

THAT THE REPRESENTATION OF MINORITIES CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/60 KOZIJ/STONE CARRIED

UQ Cryptocurrency Society

Club representatives explained their intention to start a society to create a platform to discuss digital assets such as cryptocurrency. They believed that there was a lot of interest in this space.

A member asked about similarities to Fintech. A representative explained that Fintech's focus was broader and less focused, and that a distinct society would allow more in-depth cryptocurrency related discussion and events.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ CRYPTOCURRENCY SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/61 KOZIJ/BARTLEY CARRIED

Chinese Students & Scholars Association

It was noted that the CSSA's membership list include student numbers with digits that were not UQ numbers and vague aims. The Chair ruled the CSSA's ratification motion out of order.

Handcraft and Art Club

The club representative explained that she had become involved with handcraft and wanted to get more people involved with handcrafting on a social basis. Student and others involved with club have already begun to hold handcrafting events on an informal basis and explained other plans for potential club events. The representative believed that this would be an enjoyable activity for students.

Committee members noted support for idea in principle but expressed concerns, particularly around individuals selling handcraft at UQU Markets. Concern was also raised about number of non-UQ students stated as being involved.

Committee members asked to confirm that any revenues from any club stall would go back to the club and not to any individual. The club representative confirmed that that was the intention and that the proposed idea was more about creating experience for members, not creating profit for individual members. VP Kozij also asked for them to make sure that their T3 were all UQ students; the C&S Manager also added that 70% of members must be UQ students.

Committee members asked the club to clarify their aims and shorten them to one or two sentences for clarity.

It was moved

THAT THE HANDCRAFTING AND ARTS CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/62

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

CARRIED

Political Science and International Relations Society

The club representatives explained that every other faculty had a society for social gatherings of people studying that faculty, but that political science lacked one. The club would provide opportunities for networking for students studying political science and international relations.

Committee members asked about similarities to other clubs; UQUNSA and UQPPE were cited as examples, and it was noted that UNSA had made a submission against the society's ratification. The club representatives explained that in their view those clubs had quite specific audiences, and that this club would provide opportunities for political science and international relations students more generally.

Committee members expressed concern about the number of political clubs and distinction between this club and other existing clubs.

It was moved

THAT THE POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SOCIETY BE RATIFIED

C&S 110/64

PLANT/EVANS

TABLED

ii. Affiliations

Saudi Students Association

VP Kozij commended the club on managing to get 30 attendees for IGM. The Chair asked about attendance in a photo of the event being distinct from number of signed attendees. The club representative confirmed that 30 people attended at event.

Chair asked if the club was interested in having a market day stall; the representative confirmed he would have to consult with executive.

It was moved that

THAT THE SAUDI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/63 PEREIRA/KOZIJ CARRIED

Motion Picture Club

It was moved

THAT THE AFFILIATION OF THE MOTION PICTURE CLUB BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/72 PLANT/KOZIJ CARRIED

Social Lawn Bowls

It was moved

THAT THE AFFILIATION OF THE SOCIAL LAWN BOWLS CLUB BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/72 BARTLEY/KOZIJ CARRIED

iii. Disaffiliations

UQ Labor Left Club

A club representative explained that the irregularities in 2019 around cash in bank account and membership numbers was due to a mismatch between date of audit and date of the membership list used. This was caused by the audit being submitted first, and a late influx of members after the audit but before the AGM. The club representatives also explained that some cash memberships were not paid into the bank account until after the audit, and that QPay took several weeks to process some memberships.

For 2020, students explained that the QPay memberships lined up with club memberships except for 2 memberships that QPay failed to process. 12 cash memberships were made in 2020 but were not deposited into the club account. This has since been remedied. Student explained that the executive did not have access to bank account for much of the year.

A committee member noted that there had been no spending out of the account in 2 years. The club representatives responded that this was partly a result of the pandemic reducing the amount of their events, as well as their focus on responding to the committee's concerns.

Committee members asked if the club was able to explain their aims and their distinctiveness from the UQ ALP Club. The representatives responded that this was not listed as a reason for potential disaffiliation. VP Kozij apologised if this was not properly communicated, but that the committee still had questions around this issue.

The club representatives expressed a view that the ideological differences between the clubs are distinct enough for them to both be able to exist.

The club representatives argued that the issues raised were not sufficient under the regulations being cited as the reasons for potential disaffiliation. In the view of the club representatives, the Treasurer acting improperly as an individual without the club's consent is not sufficient grounds for disaffiliation.

Chair asked about membership fees for 2020. Club confirmed that the membership fee was \$2.

Some Committee members were unsatisfied with the explanations provided and expressed ongoing concern over the club's financial management. These included the explanations around the failure to deposit cash memberships in line with membership numbers, as well as perceived inconsistency with the explanations for the club's problems with QPay. Committee members expressed the belief that even with the explanations provided that there was still a long term pattern of financial irregularities in the club.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ LABOR LEFT CLUB BE DISAFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 110/65

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

CARRIED

The Chair cast a tiebreaking vote.

Rowan Evans left the meeting at 11:40 PM

The Chair called a recess for the meeting at 11:41 PM

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 11:48 PM

TIME

Committee members asked how much the club charged for the memberships. The club representative explained that a new membership structure was being implemented with a \$20 fee for the length of a degree. Student explained that a process was being implemented to ensure that members were still eligible to be a part of the club.

Committee members explained the concern around the club potentially claiming more grant money than it is entitled to due to the potential discrepancies around "active student" memberships.

The C&S Manager noted that the club appears to have 57 members signed up this year, but that under the "lifetime" membership model they would have 1300-1500 members. For re-affiliation to occur the concerns around membership numbers would need to be clarified.

The following issues were identified as outstanding:

- The need to establish an affiliation clause in the Constitution; at least T3 must be UQ students
- The need to establish a specific price tied to a duration of membership- at least \$2 per year
- The need to establish a process for the vetting of multiyear members to ensure they complied with membership criteria.

The C&S Manager also confirmed that they would look into the amount potentially owed by the club to the Union in overpaid membership grants.

It was moved

THAT THE TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL EQUALITY SOCIETY BE
DISAFFILIATED

C&S 110/66

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

TABLED

Chinese Association of Postgraduate Scholars

CAPS were unable to hold SGM on July 17th due to restrictions with the intension of inducting a new Treasurer. A number of members are also overseas. The C&S Manager recommended that the SGM not be held until the request of a membership list be received and the committee were able to discuss. If the membership list is received the committee would consider not disaffiliating them and advise the to proceed and hold their SGM.

It was moved

THAT THE CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS BE DISAFFILIATED
C&S 110/67 PEREIRA/PLANT TABLED

Australian-South Asian Healthcare Association

It was moved

THAT THE AUSTRALIAN-SOUTH ASIAN HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION BE
DISAFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/68 PLANT/PEREIRA CARRIED

Wine & Cheese Club

It was noted that the club managed to hold an IGM over Zoom. Committee members agreed that due to uncertainties around gathering restrictions that in this instance this would be allowed, but that in future Zoom should not be allowed for SGM's or IGM's unless exemption is granted beforehand.

It was moved

THAT THE WINE AND CHEESE CLUB BE REAFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/69 KOZIJ/PEREIRA CARRIED

Chocolate Appreciation Society

It was noted by members that the Chocolate Appreciation Society has failed to address the issues for which they were initially disaffiliated, namely an inquorate AGM and improper changes to their Constitution.

It was moved

THAT THE CHOCOLATE APPRECIATION SOCIETY BE DISAFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB
C&S 110/70 PEREIRA/KOZIJ CARRIED

Action Aid

It was moved

THAT ACTION AID BE DISAFFILITED
C&S 110/71 PEREIRA/STONE TABLED

iv. Market Day

The C&S Manager explained to the Committee her broad plan for Market Day stall allocations. It was agreed that the C&S Manager would send through Market Day stall allocation proposals to Committee.

5. General Business

There being no general business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12:49PM

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Matthew George Pereira
Chairperson