

**Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the UQU**

**Clubs and Societies Committee 2020**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 1:00pm**

Chair: Annabel Genest

The 7<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the 109<sup>th</sup> Clubs and Societies Committee opened at 1:06pm

**1. Attendance**

**I. Members Present**

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

**II. Apologies and Leave**

- Thomas Choo
- Coen Harnischfeger

**III. Proxies:**

*Nil*

**IV. Others Present:**

- Emily Ryan
- Anna Heale (Minutes)

*It was moved*

THAT THE ATTENDANCE FOR THE MEETING BE ACCEPTED

C&S 109/52

WIXTED/BARTLEY

CARRIED

**2. Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting**

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UQU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2020 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

C&S 109/53

BARTLEY/PLANT

CARRIED

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

*Nil*

**4. Reports of Elected officers**

The Vice President Campus Culture Clubs and Societies reported:

Market Day:

The Clubs and Societies Manager met with UQ staff to discuss Market Day. They are optimistic that Market Day will be going ahead but this will be reassessed at the start of the year.

Clubbies:

Clubbies was an overall success. Verbal feedback was received on improving the shortlisting process. The Managing Director suggested that an external shortlisting process be implemented.

Committee members suggested:

- That the application form be made clearer.
- Applications be published publically for the club community to vote on via secret poll
- Votes would determine shortlist then the committee would make the final decision

*It was moved*

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

C&S 109/54

WIXTED/PLANT

CARRIED

**5. Matters Arising from the Reports**

*Nil*

**6. Business which has been proposed**

**i. Clubs for ratification**

**FinTech**

Members raised that the name is similar to UQFINS (UQ Finance and Investments Network for Sustainability). The committee suggested the club choose a different name to avoid confusion.

Jay Parfitt and Ryan Robinson entered the meeting at 1.15pm

The committee queried the membership base the club are targeting. In response, the reps stated that the club would primarily target maths and computer science students who wish to gain exposure to tech in the financial sector. However, they envision that finance students who wish to improve their tech skills will also want to join.

Key events the club plan on hosting include educational events, poker nights and coding events. The reps noted that they have not yet contacted any external companies, but they intend to contact those in financial trading.

The representatives left the meeting at 1.20pm

Members agreed that the club should be ratified, pending a name change.

*It was moved*

THAT FINTECH BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB PENDING A NAME CHANGE

**UQ International Student Society**

The C&S Manager noted that the Union already hosts an international ball and many of the clubs aims crossover with the Union's International Advisory Committee. Furthermore, the committee recently ratified the 'International Student Engagement Association' and would be considering the 'Hong Kong International Relations Society' later in the meeting. There is therefore the potential for an overlap of aims.

It was raised that the advisory committee does not have the autonomy or the finances of a club. The club would also be beneficial in lieu of a fulltime international vice-president.

Matthew Pereira entered the meeting at 1.30pm.

Members queried whether the club would operate as an 'umbrella club' for all international clubs. The representative explained that international clubs currently have no umbrella club, similar to SASS or EUS, and the intention is to unify all international clubs. They noted that they have consulted with other international club presidents, such as from MSA, BSA and TAISA, who have been in support and are keen to collaborate. Events they plan to host include a sports day and the international ball.

Members queried whether there would be a financial component to the agreement between international clubs and the international student society. The representative confirmed there would be no financial component. The intention is to encourage active participation amongst all international clubs, not to take over from them.

The representative left the meeting at 1.37pm.

The Chair noted that it would be beneficial to compare the aims with those of the recently ratified 'International Student Engagement Association'. After review, members agreed that the International Student Engagement Association has more of a focus on integrating to life in Australia.

Members agreed to postpone their decision until after consideration of the 'Hong Kong International Relations Society' later in the meeting.

**QLD Alliance of Environmental Health Science (QAEHS)**

Stephen Burrows entered the meeting at 1.42pm

The rep confirmed that the club is based at PACE campus.

The committee queried how many students are in the environmental health science field. This was estimated at around 25, though a number of international students study on campus for a year or less. The club aims to strengthen the environmental health science community at UQ.

The representative left the meeting at 1.46pm.

Members noted that it is important to foster clubs at external campuses.

*It was moved*

THAT THE QLD ALLIANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE (QAEHS) BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

**BioSoc**

The C&S Manager raised that BioSoc disaffiliated late last year due to their inability to find a new executive.

Hugo Eriksson entered the meeting at 1.51pm.

The representative confirmed that he has been in discussions with the previous executive and with SASS. He noted that previously the club had an academic focus with few social events. The executive now intend to embrace the social side of the club to increase membership. They intend to affiliate with SASS once ratified by UQU.

The representative left the meeting at 1.54pm.

Members noted that the club represents a huge cohort and to attempt to engage such a large number of students would be a difficult task but a worthwhile endeavour.

*It was moved*

THAT BIOSOC BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

**Surf Lifesaving**

Members queried whether the group would require affiliation with Surf Life Saving QLD.

The C&S Manager noted that she has flagged the club with UQ Surfers and they have no objections.

The representatives entered the meeting at 1.59pm.

Members queried how the executive would ensure the safety of members as UQU would not provide insurance to a water-based club. The committee suggested that the executive look into coming under an incorporated body for insurance purposes.

The representatives explained that the intention is to be a social club similar to UQ Thongs. The name is therefore largely tokenistic.

Members queried the niche/demographic the club intends to fill/appeal to. The representatives stated that the club has a wide-ranging appeal to students across all year groups and degrees.

The representatives queried how they would satisfy the notice period for the IGM, given that the university will be closed. Members suggested that the IGM is held over Zoom or, alternatively, the club will be granted an extension.

The representatives left the meeting at 2.06pm.

Members raised that the name 'Surf Life Saving' is likely trademarked. Members agreed to ratify the club pending a name change and with consideration of an extension to the regulated period in which an IGM must be held after ratification.

*It was moved*

THAT SURF LIFESAVING BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB PENDING A NAME CHANGE AND WITH AN EXTENDED 60 DAY PERIOD IN WHICH TO HOLD THEIR IGM

C&S 109/58

PASHLEY/WIXTED

CARRIED

### **UQ BTS Purple Lounge**

Members raised that including a mandated 30% donation of membership and event fees to charity in their aims is unwise considering that this would be difficult to change constitutional later. Members agreed to ratify the club pending the removal of the specific '30%' amount from their aims.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ BTS PURPLE LOUNGE BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB PENDING THE REMOVAL OF THE WORDS '30% OF' FROM THEIR AIMS

C&S 109/59

WIXTED/BARTLEY

CARRIED

### **UQ Society for International Relations and Politics**

Members noted that UQPPES host a number of similar events and share similar aims. Furthermore, UQPPES events are open to all students, not just those studying PPE.

The committee suggested that the applicant be referred to UQPPES.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQ SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICS BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 109/60

WIXTED/BARTLEY

NOT CARRIED

### **Hong Kong International Relations Society**

Members noted that the UQ Hong Kong Students' Association (UQHKSA) are already a UQU affiliated club.

*It was moved*

THAT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 109/61

WIXTED/PLANT

NOT CARRIED

### **The Financial Engineering Club**

Members noted that there is no reference to engineering in the application. It is also difficult to differentiate them from existing finance societies and it is therefore not clear that they will have their own distinct membership base.

*It was moved*

THAT THE FINANCIAL ENGINEERING CLUB BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 109/62

BARTLEY/WIXTED

NOT CARRIED

### **UQ Society for Keyboard Enthusiasts**

The committee questioned the legitimacy of the club. Members agreed to table the application.

*It was moved*

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

C&S 109/63

WIXTED/PASHLEY

TABLED

### **UQ Society for Mind Medicine Australia (UQSMMA)**

Members noted that the aim to ‘destigmatise the use of psychedelics in clinical practice’ is inappropriate considering that the use of psychedelics is not currently legal. While it is a legitimate area of academic research, it would not be in the best interests of UQU to ratify the club.

However, should a UQ academic in this field be willing to support their application for affiliation, the committee would be likely to reconsider.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQ SOCIETY FOR MIND MEDICINE AUSTRALIA (UQSMMA) BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 109/64

WIXTED/BARTLEY

NOT CARRIED

### **One for the World UQ**

Members queried whether the applicants would require permission from ‘One for the World’ to affiliate as a UQU club. Members agreed that the requirement for students to pledge 1% of their future income is inappropriate; a financial requirement should not be built into a club aims. Members agreed to ratify the club based on the removal of this aim.

*It was moved*

THAT ONE FOR THE WORLD UQ BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB PENDING THE REMOVAL OF ‘AND ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO PLEDGE 1% OF THEIR FUTURE INCOME’ FROM THEIR AIMS

C&S 109/65

PASHLEY/WIXTED

CARRIED

### **Sports with Industry Association of Australia (SIAA)**

Members agreed that the club would be a beneficial one, considering the struggles athletes often face after their sporting career has ended.

*It was moved*

THAT SPORTS WITH INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SIAA) BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB

C&S 109/66

BARTLEY/PLANT

CARRIED

### **UQ International Student Society**

Members reconsidered the application for the International Student Society.

It was noted that the committee had decided not to ratify the Hong Kong International Relations Society and the aims of the club have been differentiated from those of the 'International Student Engagement Association'.

The committee agreed that the club should remove the reference to being an umbrella club from their aims as this can be a longer-term aim once they are more established.

*It was moved*

THAT UQ INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A UQU CLUB PENDING THE REMOVAL OF 'TO BE AN UMBRELLA CLUB FOR INTERNATIONAL CLUBS' FROM THEIR AIMS

C&S 109/67

WIXTED/BARTLEY

CARRIED

## ii. Affiliations

*It was moved*

THAT THE FOLLOWING CLUBS BE AFFILIATED EN BLOC:

- VESA
- EELS
- DERMATOLOGY
- TURKIC
- BIOTECHNOLOGY
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENGAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

C&S 109/68

PASHLEY/BARTLEY

CARRIED

## iii. Disaffiliations

*It was moved*

THAT THE FOLLOWING CLUBS BE DISAFFILIATED EN BLOC:

- CHINESE DEBATING
- KRISHNA
- REMOTE AND RURAL STUDENTS
- SAUDI STUDENT ASSOCIATION
- THAI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
- TOASTMASTERS
- SAFS (GATTON)
- GATTON INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (GATTON)
- MUSLIMAH STUDENTS SOCIETY
- UPLAND STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

C&S 109/69

PLANT/PASHLEY

CARRIED

## 7. Any other business

### a. PAIN Constitutional Changes

The committee noted the changes to the constitution.

**b. SASS / ABS**

The committee were alerted to a number of irregularities and constitutional violations at the ABS AGM. The C&S Manager noted that the committee would require a formal complaint in writing and would also be required to give ABS 5 days notice to provide a response to the complaint. This would not currently be possible considering the end of the academic year is imminent.

The committee decided the following:

- To review the complaints once an appropriate notice period is possible
- To allow ABS to hold an SGM with the proviso that it may later be ruled invalid

**c. AIML**

The C&S Manager raised that AIML intend to disaffiliate from SASS and queried whether an SGM is required, given that their constitution does not specify. The committee decided on the following:

- AIML members must be given the opportunity to vote on the disaffiliation at an SGM.
- The committee will not impose a specific time period for the SGM as the year is drawing to a close

**d. General Assembly**

Members raised that voting rights and eligibility to stand for the committee are unclear in the regulations. The C&S Manager explained that 2020 presidents would be eligible to vote, and 2020 T3 are eligible to run. This will be clarified on the C&S page prior to the close of nominations.

**e. Clubs and Societies Conference**

The following format was proposed for the C&S conference:

- Social and faculty clubs have separate conferences to ensure clubs are only receiving information that is relevant to them
- Faculties host 'drop-in sessions' as an opportunity to more directly engage with their cohort of students
- Inter-faculty socialising in later sessions

It was noted that some of the information at the conference would be relevant to all, such as BBQ and room bookings. The committee agreed that there should be a joint session at the start of the conference to cover these aspects.

**f. Exec camp**

The C&S Manager raised that exex camp presents issues with insurance, staff, and engaging the whole clubs community. As an alternative, it was suggested that there be a number of team-building sessions followed by an exec ball. This would allow for increased engagement with those who would rather attend non-drinking events.

The committee were unanimous in their support for the change.



There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.18pm.