

**Minutes of the 9th Ordinary Meeting
of the 2021 Clubs & Societies Committee
Tuesday 29th September 2021 at 1:00 PM
Chair: Matthew Pereira**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.05 PM

1. Attendance

i. Members Present:

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

Apologies and Leave

- Kurt Tucker
- Raphael Wixted

Proxies

- Bradley Stone (proxy for Raphael Wixted)

Others Present

- Emily Ryan
- Kyel Steensma
- Utkrist Paudyal
- Hannah Thaesler
- James Hohl
- Geraldine Janes (minutes)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED

C&S 110/64

PEREIRA/KOZIJ

CARRIED

3. Reports of Elected Officers

VP Campus Culture President attended the Gatton campus & had run a mobile office several times to give advice on audits and how to run their AGM's. He pointed out that few clubs applied for Clubbies. C&S Manager suggested extending to the fifth as currently it is the third but said she will re-evaluate and if the committee need to extend, they will.

It was moved

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

C&S 110/65

PEREIRA/PLANT

CARRIED

4. Business Which Has Been Proposed

i. Ratifications

CFEE (Cooking Food Club Exchange)

Representatives stated the club's purpose is to educate and inform people how to live a healthier lifestyle through food and cooking, to provide a bridge for students from various cultures based on cooking and food. Thirdly, to help students gain hospitality skills for daily cooking and restaurant job-seeking support.

The Chair pointed out there are several international clubs that do cooking nights as well including dumpling nights however further discussion confirmed that this should not be a barrier as many clubs crossed over in what they offered.

The committee believe the club to be a great concept. The committee agreed to approving the club but need to change their name to the full name or a name without an acronym and provide more information on safety considerations and details about where they will be operating from.

It was moved

THAT THE COOKING FOOD CLUBS EXCHANGE BE RATIFIED PROVIDED THEY CHANGE THEIR NAME TO THE FULL NAME AND PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING FOOD SAFETY COMPLIANCE AND OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL DETAILS

110/66

PLANT/PEREIRA

CARRIED

UQ Science and Communication

The group's representative, Hugo Eriksson attended the meeting explaining the aims of the club. Hugo explained that they intended to host a range of workshop, seminars, and presentations with experienced guest presenters in the field who will focus on communicating both verbal and written skills to the public and how to effectively teach science.

The committee enquired whether they had contacted a club such as SASS to facilitate such events. The club representative explained that SASS tend to do much more large-scale social science events that cover all aspects of science whereby they have twenty people on the panel. The club plan to focus specifically on the communication aspect and plan to run fortnightly workshop training seminars on communicating science that way we feel we will have much more of an impact.

In reviewing the club, committee agreed that the club could be run by a broader society such as SASS. The committee suggested the club expand the SASS executive. SASS could easily create a new executive position – a sci-comm director and have a sub-director that could run the entire science communication club run as part of SASS as a sub-committee and not a club.

The committee recommends the club join SASS and form a sub-committee to organise science communication workshops dedicated to improving science communication. There is no requirement to form a new club. Events series or have an executive dedicated to science communication.

It was moved

THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION SOCIETY BE RATIFIED AS A CLUB

110/67

KOZIJ/PEREIRA

NOT CARRIED

UQ Society of Entomology

Annie Fitzpatrick attended the meeting and explained the purpose of the club.

The committee asked, how the club would plan to organise events and if they have been functioning as an informal group to date. Annie said the club would speak with entomology professors and UQ students, dissertations, museums, border security stopping pests getting into Australia and social events and run talks, not specifically for entomology students but by entomology students for the wider community to teach them about insects and their importance. The club said they have an informal group chat, and people seem keen - currently have about fifteen and once they commence advertising believe they will not struggle to fill the full quota and that the club already has several entomology tutors on board who advertise and assist them.

The committee agreed that while they liked the concept of the club and it appeared to be well thought through, that it was very niche. Concerns were raised regarding other niche clubs in a similar vein who struggled due to its targeted nature and that often there were very few, if any other executives willing to carry on with the club once the club creator, graduated.

The Committee suggested the group reach out to clubs such as the Herpetology, Biology Society or other similar societies.

It was moved

THAT THE ENTOMOLOGY GROUP BE RATIFIED AS A UQ UNION CLUB

110/68

PEREIRA/BARTLEY

NOT CARRIED

Paranormal Research and Truther Club

Sam Adams attended the meeting to answer any questions about the club whose aims were to research paranormal events but like Yowie's and the truther club that combines things like conspiracy theories. Sam said the group aims to achieve their goals by searching national parks but stay on the beaten track

The Chair asked how the group will plan to achieve their aims and noted that when it comes to the current climate of vaccine hesitancy where will you draw the line where it is unnecessarily inciting negative social impacts.

The club organiser said there a certain conspiracy theory that the club would not touch and that the club did give that some attention and would be open to putting it in the constitution. The club would talk about big foot and planet earth and through strong leadership, activities would be directed towards fun and not in an anti-social nonsense - the group would try to keep it fun and light-hearted.

The committee agreed that on paper it was difficult to distinguish whether the application was satirical or serious. If satirical, the ambiguity could lead to becoming serious in the future, and consequently harmful. The committee acknowledged that they felt the group would be able to function as an unofficial UQ Union club and encouraged them in their endeavours informally.

It was moved

THAT THE PARANORMAL RESEARCH AND TRUTHER CLUB BE RATIFIED UQ UNION CLUB

110/69

PEREIRA/STONE

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT ALL REMAINING RATIFICATIONS BE TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT C&S MEETING
110/70 PLANT/PEREIRA CARRIED

ii. **Affiliations**

Public Speaking Society

The committee confirmed all appeared in order with their IGM documents.

It was moved

THAT UQ PUBLIC SPEAKING SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB
110/71 PERIERA/STONE CARRIED

Equine Society

The committee confirmed all appeared in order with their IGM documents and that sixty-six members was a strong start for the Gatton club.

It was moved

THAT UQ EQUINE SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED A UQU CLUB AS A UQU CLUB
110/72 PERIERA/PLANT CARRIED

Minority Media

The committee pointed out that the club had twenty-six attend the IGM. The club representative explained covid restrictions had disadvantaged student club members. The committee gave the club a 30-business day extension to hold another IGM and will review them again once that is completed.

It was moved

THAT MINORITIES IN MEDIA BE GIVEN A 30 DAY EXTENSION TO HOLD ANOTHER IGM
110/72 JAAFAR/STONE CARRIED

Crypto

The committee noted that the attendance list listed thirty-five attendees however no photos were supplied to support the claim. The committee requested a photo of the group to be able to assess their viability.

It was moved

THAT THE COMMITTEE TABLE THE REVIEW OF CRYPTO CLUB WHO ARE TO PROVIDE A PHOTO TO THE COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT C&S COMMITTEE MEETING.

110/73

KOZIJ/STONE

CARRIED

Handcraft and Art Club

The committee reviewed the club and confirmed they continued to believe this was a very relevant potential club that did not hold similar aims and objectives to any other clubs. However, it was noted the eleven out of the thirty members were not from UQ; nor had the club submitted any minutes from the meeting. It was noted in their attendance more than 30% were non-UQ students. Emily confirmed that they were aware that 70% of members must be UQ students. The committee agreed the club needs to have thirty signatures for the application and at least 70% of them at the IGM must be UQ students. If the club does not get 70%, they cannot obtain any more extensions.

It was moved

THAT THE HANDCRAFT AND ART SOCIETY BE GRANTED A 30 BUSINESS DAY EXTENSION TO HOLD ANOTHER IGM WHEREBY THEIR IGM BE AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT UQ STUDENTS AND INCLUDE UQ IN THE NAME OF THEIR CLUB.

110/74

PLANT/STONE

CARRIED

iii. Disaffiliations

Aerospace Medicines

It was moved

THAT AEROSPACE MEDICINE BE VOLUNTARILY DISAFFILIATED

110/71

STONE/PERERIA

CARRIED

iv. Clubs Review

TIME

Two representatives from UQ TIME attended the meeting to further discuss the repayment of monies and their charging of lifetime memberships. The committee reviewed the further breakdown of the funds that had been supplied by the finance team. TIME requested the committee provide detail of how they came to the amount of \$3900 that was requested to be repaid.

In regard to lifetime memberships, the club supplied written evidence that they received from UQU in early 2019 that advised it was okay to have a lifetime memberships. The committee pointed out that if a club has

lifetime memberships, firstly, they should not be voting and secondly, they should not be submitted to funding. However, in this instance, as the club received incorrect information pertaining to lifetime memberships, the committee will not be seeking the club pay the full amount.

The club admitted to some incorrect assumptions where they thought the \$2 membership rule correct however the amount being requested would be crippling for the club.

the C&S Manager suggested writing off the last two years and only look at 2014-2018 given they information the received in 2019 was incorrect. The committee said they were happy to revise the number over the past two years and provide a rationale and the amount, adding that it would not necessarily need to be paid back in a lump sum and maybe a reduced amount of your grant. The committee said they will table that for consideration. The Chair noted that the club is still affiliated, and that the committee will correspond regarding the rationale behind the figures. The committee advised it can release half of the club's funding until the matter is resolved.

General Business

Online AGM's

The committee reviewed the requirements for holding online AGMs noting they must include:

- a) Clubs will be required to demonstrate they have adhered to the entire checklist to be approved for the exemption or if stated in their constitution for online AGM.
- b) For secret ballots, the Election Buddy is deemed the best in relation to security.
- c) The secretary should have waiting rooms enabled so people cannot just jump in and vote.
- D) Google forms and similar for nominations and voting are not acceptable.

The committee said the C&S Committee are held to the same standard as the union council. It was discussed last year during lockdown and ruled that it cannot be online. The executive did not have council meetings for two months despite the constitution meetings are to be held once a month. The only way council could meet online was to suspend the Standing Orders. The committee said it is policy to hold AGMs in person. A person can apply to join council via electronic means, that is not standard means.

The committee reviewed the clubs that had requested to hold an online AGM due to members being displaced overseas.

Action: The committee would circulate the full list of requirements for Emily to send via email to all clubs.

It was moved

TO APPROVE ALL THE EXEMPTIONS EN BLOC:

- UQ INDONESIAN ASSOCIATION
- SINGAPORE STUDENT SOCIETY
- SINGAPORE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION QLD
- UQ PRE MED SOCIETY
- UQ HONG KONG STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Grant funding

The committee requested the date of the grant be extended to mid-December. Emily advised that she would consult the finance team and advise a more suitable date.

The Chair closed the meeting at 3.54 PM.

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Matthew George Pereira
Chairperson