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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY UNION SECRETARIAT

The attached minutes have been accepted by the Clubs & Societies Committee by resolution as a true and accurate record of the events of the meeting held on the 13 April 2010.

Chair: Melissa Brooks

8/06/10

Date

Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 11 May 2010, The Loggia, Manning House
MINUTES



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Committee Members Melissa Brooks (Chair), Courtney Tight (Vice President), John 'Scott' Brownless (Chair of Faculty and Affiliated Sites Societies Committee)

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, James Flynn, Marina Lauer, Ross Leedham, Winey Suen.

USU Staff Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager), Alistair Cowie (Director of Student Programmes), Bryce Williams (Committee Secretary)

Visitors Steven Contos, Jenny Kyung Jin Lee, Ye Rin Ha, Sai Ganesh Vaheisvaran, James Paik, Un-Ai Jo, Jarrah Sastrawan.

No#	Details
	The Chair opened the meeting at 3.05pm.
	1. Apologies And Leaves Of Absence
C&S 047/10	Resolved that apologies be accepted from Courtney Tight, Michael Buckland and Joss Engebresten, and that a request for early departure be accepted from John 'Scott' Brownless, James Flynn and Winey Suen. <i>Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / James Flynn</i>
	2. Minutes Of The Meeting Held 13 April 2010
C&S 048/10	Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 13 April 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. <i>John 'Scott' Brownless / James Flynn</i>
	3. Business Arising From The Minutes
	Melissa Brooks (the Chair), addressed the meeting's visitors and welcomed them to the meeting.
	Ms. Brooks said that the Beer Brewing & Music Appreciation Society (Brewsical) application which had been tabled was based on a resolution of the last meeting of the C&S Committee, in which a number of constitutional amendments had been requested of the Society. Ms. Brooks noted that they had rectified the issues the Committee had with the Society's Constitution.
	<i>Winey Suen entered the meeting.</i>
	Winey Suen noted that NoodleSoc had been turned down on the basis that it was the same people getting involved in a similar society.
	Ms. Brooks said that the reason for NoodleSoc's rejection was that its primary aim in practice was for the members to experience executive positions.
	Ms. Suen noted that no non-engineering students were involved in the

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Brewsical application, and that there were a number of other engineering societies that had similar beer appreciation aims.

Ms. Brooks replied that the aims of this society were substantively different from engineering-based clubs.

**C&S
049/10**

Resolved that the amended new club application of the Beer Brewing & Music Appreciation Society be approved.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Winey Suen

4. General Business
4.1 SU Golden Key

Alistair Cowie requested that the meeting move in camera.

**C&S
050/10**

Resolved that the meeting move *in camera* and that USU staff members be invited to remain.

John 'Scott Brownless / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

**C&S
051/10**

Resolved that the Golden Key Honour Society be informed that the Union will henceforth require the Society to comply with C&S Regulations 4.a and 4.b.(i-ii) in order to maintain its Registration Status.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Marina Lauer

**C&S
052/10**

Resolved that the meeting move *out of camera*.

James Flynn / Winey Suen

4.2 Status of the Clubs and Societies Fund

Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager) said that there was a problem with the report, in that the report from the database doesn't work. She noted that she had spoken to IT and that they were going to fix the issue after the Union elections. She said that the grants line was \$6000 underbudget.

Winey Suen asked whether people were still funding for O-Week.

Ms. Vogiatoglou replied that the figures were year-to-date figures.

4.3 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

Ms. Vogiatoglou spoke to her report and asked whether the Committee had any questions about the report.

Ms. Suen asked whether the response to the C&S Training Sessions had been good.

Ms. Vogiatoglou responded that she was monitoring the outcomes of the Sessions on a week-to-week basis. She noted that the dates of the meetings

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welcome at the other events and that it was exclusive by the fact that they could not speak Korean, the main language spoken at their events.

John 'Scott' Brownless asked whether there was any overlap with any other societies, or whether other societies were simply not fulfilling their aims.

Mr. Vaheisvaran replied that the existing societies (KISUS, KLUSS, KESUS) were targeted to Koreans and that this was an ingrained problem that was difficult to change.

Mr. Jo noted that she had attempted to reform the societies, but that the whole executive opposed the reform, on the basis that if non-Koreans were allowed in the society, the clubs would lose their distinctiveness.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne asked the KIMCHI representatives whether they could think of an example where there are two similar clubs operating concurrently: one a culture-based society and the other a society for people of that ethnicity.

Mr. Vaheisvaran replied that KIMCHI was designed to include all, and that a suitable example could be found in the concurrence of the Chopsticks society and the CLSS.

Marina Lauer expressed her concern that two matters were critical to the success of a new club or society: firstly that the executive works well together and secondly, that there is sufficient membership interest.

Mr. Vaheisvaran replied that 50-60 people had handed in their Access IDs, and that 140 people had expressed their interest on facebook. He said that he had received considerable support from executive members of related societies, and that KIMCHI had been requested to become involved in the Inter-society cruise despite its status.

Mr. Cowie requested clarification of 'Korean dancing'.

Mr. Vaheisvaran replied that Korean dancing was a part of Korean pop-culture, with a focus on choreographed hip-hop.

Resistance

Ms. Brooks noted that no representatives from Resistance were at the meeting.

Student Outreach of the World (SOW)

James Paik, President-elect of SOW said that SOW was a Christian club, affiliated with the reformed Presbyterian faith. He noted that other Christian and orthodox societies existed, but suggested that SOW was distinct from these groups. He explained that SOW had a focus on providing volunteer initiatives, and noted that their pastoral coordinator had connections to an international mission group. He said that REAP, the society's support system, directly related to the core aims of the Union.

Ms. Suen asked the SOW representatives what made their society stand out, as a number of other groups offered volunteer and outreach opportunities, like the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME).

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Mr. Brownless asked whether AIME was religiously affiliated.

Ms. Lauer said that AIME was not religiously affiliated.

Jenny Kyung Jin Lee, Vice-President-elect of SOW, said that SOW was more focused on missionary-based work, including an outreach visit to Alabama. She noted that similar societies exist at UTS and UNSW, and that it is a multi-campus initiative.

Mr. Cowie asked what affiliation SOW had with James Jung, the director of SOW.

Mr. Paik responded that the SOW club at Sydney University was not controlled by an external organisation and that it was autonomous in its decision-making. He noted that Pastor Jim acted as a consultant to the club.

Mr. Cowie requested clarification on the role of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Lucerne Covenant.

Mr. Paik responded that the Westminster Confession of Faith forms part of the Westminster Divines, a response to the Protestant Reformation. The Confession was a statement of beliefs under the principles set out in the Bible.

James Flynn noted that all other religious societies have partnerships with external pastors.

Ms. Brooks noted that the group was specifically protestant and asked whether they had a narrower focus than other non-denominational groups.

Mr. Paik noted that interaction was important, and said that the club already had connections with Student Life. Mr. Paik reiterated the club's emphasis on unity and diversity.

Ms. Brooks asked what the distinctive function of the club was.

Mr. Flynn responded that each club have a distinctive theological focus and that they had diverse ways of thinking. He noted that it would be impossible to merge different-thinking groups together.

Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked whether the club was fundamentally different and whether a club was needed for specific denominations.

Ye Rin Ha, Secretary-elect of SOW, replied that denominations were important, and that her parents would not be pleased if she were to attend a non-denominational event.

Mr. Paik added that it mattered for every single person, in that the reasoning and motivation for action was important.

Mr. Cowie asked whether the Presbyterian Reform movement had a significant following in Korea.

Ms. Ha replied that it was very significant in Korea, and that it had its origins there in the 17th century. The denomination has different ceremonies of

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Capital Expenditure request.

Mr. Contos replied that this was the only way to make this expenditure acceptable to the Union – by linking the level of funding to the level of activity.

Ms. Vogiatoglou asked how many non-Union members were part of the Society.

Mr. Contos replied that all members of the Society were members of the Union.

Mr. Cowie clarified that the majority of members and event participants were Access members. He added that the purpose of the Committee was to make sure that adequate arrangements were found for clubs that did not fit the mould. He noted that SUSS was similar to the Sailing Club in that respect.

Ms. Lauer asked what the membership fees of the Society were.

Mr. Contos replied that the membership fee was \$70 per person, but that first years and students received reduced rates of \$15 and \$55 respectively.

Ms. Lauer asked whether SUSS had sought sponsorship in respect of this equipment.

Mr. Contos replied that sponsorship was limited to discounts on equipment and that there was no real scope for alternative means of sponsorship.

Mr. Cowie asked what proportion of SUSS' membership were students.

Mr. Contos replied that at least half of SUSS' membership were students.

Mr. Cowie asked when SUSS was formed.

Mr. Contos replied that SUSS was formed in 1948.

Ms. Brooks noted that she would be in contact with the club in relation to this matter.

Mr. Contos added that any allowance was unlikely to be abused.

Ms. Brooks said that such arrangements had been considered for the last review, and were potentially open to change at the next review.

Ms. Lauer said that the primary issue in this case was the miscommunication about funding. She asked whether there was some way in which it could be improved.

Mr. Contos said that they had used to use funding for major events, but that the pre-event requirements were onerous and that estimations were difficult to make.

Ms. Lauer noted that they were only estimates and that they were not required to be accurate.

Ms. Vogiatoglou added that the pre-event requirements were primarily a

Resistance Club

Ms. Vogiatoglou said that the club had handed in all paperwork, but from past experience, the club had been late in handing in auditing and other material. She noted that they had complied with the regulations. She suggested that they be put on 6 months probation.

**C&S
057/10** Resolved that the Resistance Club be put on 6 months probation, and that all core executive members must attend all executive training sessions provided by the Union.

Ross Leedham / Winey Suen

**C&S
058/10** Resolved that the meeting suspend standing orders and move to agenda item 4.5.

Ross Leedham / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.5 Constitutional Amendments

Courtney Tight entered the meeting.

Winey Suen left the meeting.

**C&S
059/10** Resolved that the following recommendations contained in the Constitutional Amendments Report be accepted *en bloc*:
Recommendation 1: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Alchemists be accepted.
Recommendation 2: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Australian Chinese Cultural Appreciated Society be accepted.
Recommendation 3: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Combined Medicine Association be accepted.
Recommendation 4: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Education & Social Work Society be accepted.
Recommendation 6: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Geosciences & GEMS be accepted.
Recommendation 7: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Science Revue be accepted.
Recommendation 8: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Shades be accepted.
Recommendation 9: That the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Vietnamese Students Association be accepted.

Ross Leedham / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

Ms. Vogiatoglou said that there had been a typographical error in respect of the 5th recommendation.

**C&S
060/10** Resolved that the Constitutional Amendments application of SU Equestrian Society be accepted.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Marina Lauer

4.6 Capital Expenditure Requests

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**C&S
061/10** Resolved that the following recommendations contained in the Capital Expenditure Requests Report be accepted *en bloc*:
Recommendation 1: that the request from SU Hong Kong Club for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) of \$55.00 be accepted.
Recommendation 2: that the request from SU Mandelbaum House Residents Society for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) of \$737.00 be accepted
Recommendation 3: that the request from SU Movement & Dance Society for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) of \$99.00 be accepted

Marina Lauer / Courtney Tight

**C&S
062/10** Resolved that the meeting move *in camera* and that USU staff be invited to remain.

Marina Lauer / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

**C&S
063/10** Resolved that the appeal of the SU IT Society in respect of their Week 6 BBQ application be accepted.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Marina Lauer

**C&S
064/10** Resolved that the SULLS Law Camp Funding Application for \$544.00 be rejected and that the SULLS Accommodation expenses application for \$1200.00 be accepted.

Marina Lauer / Ross Leedham

**C&S
065/10** Resolved that the motion to reject the KIMCHI new club application, and promote avenues for discussion with KESUS and KISHU, lie on the table.

Marina Lauer / Ross Leedham

**C&S
066/10** Resolved that the New Club Application of Student Outreach to the World be rejected.

*Ross Leedham / Marina Lauer
Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne abstained*

**C&S
067/10** Resolved that the meeting resume standing orders and move to agenda item 6.

Marina Lauer / Ross Leedham

5. Other Business

6. Date of the Next Meeting

– 8 June 2010, 3pm at the Loggia, Manning House

7. Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.58pm.