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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 19 June 2012

Chair: Zachary Thompson

7/9/2012

Date



Committee Members	Jacqui Munro (Chair), Mina Nada (Deputy Chair), Zac Thompson (Vice President, <i>ex-officio</i>),
	Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Cameron Creigh, Peta Blundell, Alexandra Brown.
USU Staff	Kristy Samal (Committee Secretary), Gayda de Mesa (Clubs and Societies Office Assistant)
Visitors	James Crisologo, Isabella Edinger-Reeve, Freya Jansens, Patrick Ward, Olivia Ronan, Tim Matthews, Daniel Paperny, Cameron Caccamo, Andrew Kim, Karen Chau, Dhevia Kalyana-Sundram, Xiu Chow

Resolution No#	Details
	The Chair opened the meeting <i>inquorate</i> at 3:05pm.
C&S 102/12	Resolved to accept apologies from Alistair Cowie, Sibella Matthews, Angela Vogiatsoglou, Ganesh Vaheisvaran, Alexander Hanbury-Brown, and Victoria Grimshaw and to accept an early leave request from Zac Thompson. Peta Blundell/ Alexandra Brown
	2. Minutes
	2.1 Regular Minutes Of The Meeting Held 15 May 2012
C&S 103/12	Recommended that the regular minutes of 15 May 2012 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings pending amendments outlined by the Committee.
	Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh
C&S 104/12	Recommended that standing orders be suspended and that discussion move to item 4.2 New Clubs.
	Peta Blundell/ Alexandra Brown
	4.2 New Club Applications
	<u>Quidditch Society</u> Ms. Jacqui Munro called for the society's representatives to speak to their new club application.
	Ms. Olivia Ronan thanked the Chair and introduced her fellow executives Mr. Patrick Ward and Mr. Tim Matthews. Ms. Ronan explained that the Quidditch Society believed that it would fill a significant gap within the C&S



Program. She argued that many students questioned why the University of Sydney remained one of the few universities without a Quidditch society, especially given the way the grounds are often associated with Hogwarts. Ms. Ronan explained that whilst the society did possess some similarities with other clubs on campus, such as SUTEKH, they offered a unique club for students and would also endeavour to foster relationships with Quidditch societies at other Universities in Sydney and regionally.
Ms. Ronan stressed the nature of the club as a social sporting outlet that would encourage active participation among all of its members.
Ms. Munro thanked the representatives and opened the floor to questions from the Committee.
Ms. Alexandra Brown asked whether the club had any support from SUTEKH in writing. Ms. Ronan replied that a SUTEKH representative had attended their AGM where they had voiced verbal support for the Quidditch Society's application but that the only written evidence they had was to be found in the minutes of the AGM.
Ms. Peta Blundell enquired as to whether the society would be amenable to changing their constitution to read more formally. Mr. Matthews replied that the society was intending to host an SGM where further administrative changes would be made. He added that the SGM could easily accommodate any constitutional changes recommended by the Committee.
Mr. Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne referred to the long-term sustainability of the society. He suggested that since the longevity of the club might depend on the popularity of Harry Potter extending past the current generation. He asked how the representatives planned to ensure their club remained relevant past six or seven years.
Mr. Matthews replied that the society had a great deal of legitimate interest from students and that similar societies at other universities remained extremely popular, including the UNSW Quidditch society which represents USNWs largest club. He added that if the Committee believed the society would remain relevant for at least six years that this in itself would demonstrate a successful society.
Mr. Matthews continued, arguing that the society's executives were predominately first or second years who would therefore be dedicated to ensuring the club remained successful and active well into their degree. He mentioned that advertising the society as a sporting society also enhances its longevity given the attraction and competition of varsity sports at Sydney University.
Ms. Ronan also added that the society had already accumulated more than 400 members on their Facebook group.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne referred to the concerns expressed by the C&S Office regarding the society's aim to provide 'opportunities for students to develop understanding and interest in areas of magical education'. He



argued that they society's goals might overlap too greatly with SUTEKH by including references to Harry Potter. He queried whether the club would consider narrowing their focus to just Quidditch.
Mr. Matthews disagreed. He argued that SUTEKH did not necessarily cater to students who possessed a greater interest in Harry Potter over sci-fi and comic fiction. He stated that the people joining the Quidditch society were joining for different reasons than they would for joining SUTEKH.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested that the club was still attempting to introduce the theme of Harry Potter to a greater extent than it needed to. Ms. Ronan argued that one could not play or enjoy Quidditch in a vacuum separate from Harry Potter. She added that whilst the society was focused on Quidditch they would have to refer to Harry Potter to situate the games in context.
Mr. Matthews added that the rules of Quidditch and teams relating to inter- varsity divisions were inherently related to Harry Potter.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked the representatives to elaborate on their team selection processes.
Ms. Ronan explained that intra-university competitions would primarily be selected on the basis of who happened to turn up and so forth, whereas for varsity games, teams would be selected based on the delegation of position preferences and player availability.
Ms. Blundell referred to item 3.2a of the SU Quidditch Society Constitution (Proposed). She enquired why membership needed to be renewed each year. Ms. Ronan maintained that it provided an incentive for interested people to join. She stated that if the Committee preferred, the society would be happy to stricken the item from the Constitution.
Mr. Matthews added that it was best practice to ensure continued interest and high participation levels amongst members.
Mr. Cameron Creigh referred to item 3.3 and 3.3a of the SU Quidditch Society Constitution (Proposed). He asked why the membership fee was not fixed. Ms. Ronan explained that it was intended to allow the change to happen if necessary. Mr. Creigh suggested that the society amend the constitution so that such changes were to be made if required rather than obligatorily.
Ms. Munro thanked the representatives for their time and explained that the Committee would discuss their application further before notifying the society of the decision.
<u>KICKS Club</u> Ms. Munro called for the society representatives to speak to their new club application.



Mr. Daniel Paperny, President of KICKS Club, elaborated on the purpose of the club. He explained that the club aimed to provide a cultural forum in which sports journalism could be contextually situated in historical, political and cultural discussion. The club believed it would provide an avenue to close the gap between college students and the rest of the University as well as encourage interfaculty correspondence. Mr. Paperny added that the club was dedicated to mentoring and fostering skills through workshops and ensuring that a column in the proposed monthly magazine remained dedicated to first year student writers. Mr. Paperny concluded that KICKS club would provide the discussion and opportunity for engagement that existing publications on campus do not currently successfully provide for the large and thriving community of people at University who are interested in sports.
Mr. Cameron Caccamo, Vice President of the KICKS club, added that the club would primarily provide an opportunity for participation in the journalistic aspect of sport, building up writing skills and allowing like-minded students to interact within a social context.
Mr. Creigh enquired whether USU funds would be put towards club events or the proposed monthly publication. Mr. Paperny replied that USU funds would be used to host events whereas the magazine would be funded through sponsorship. He added that the club was confident in accruing sponsorship given the promise of a large readership.
Mr. Zac Thompson questioned whether the KICKS magazine might be duplicating the coverage reported in <i>Roar</i> , the publication produced by SUSF.
Mr. Caccamo disagreed, arguing that <i>Roar</i> covers a wider spectrum of sports, which was beneficial for those students participating in the sport themselves or who were friends of the athletes and therefore interested in their achievements. He stated that the KICKS magazine intended to cover sports that were not solely related to University varsity teams and athletes.
Mr. Paperny added that the club wanted to involve students in on-campus reporter positions where they could poll student opinion and engage with the wider student community to a greater extent.
Mr. Creigh suggested that the club representatives could run on the SRC ticket and use Honi Soit as an avenue to provide greater sport coverage. Mr. Caccamo responded that Honi Soit was dedicated to a wider range of issues affecting the world and tended to overlook sport coverage. He stressed that the idea of the KICKS publication would be to dedicate coverage entirely to sports related issues and events.
Mr. Paperny added that the KICKS club did want to pursue relationships with existing publications on campus and foster greater delegation of material through these alliances.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne referred to the KICKS AGM minutes, which stated that the first publication was already underway. He asked the



representatives what would happen to the publication and the members if the club were to be rejected. He enquired whether the club was already locked into sponsorship contracts.
Mr. Paperny replied that the publication had been planned for months and a group of dedicated individuals had already begun working on the magazine. Mr. Paperny argued that one of the reasons the members wanted to work within the USU structure was that the title of a club would add further legitimacy to their bid for sponsorship. As of yet the club has not signed any contracts or received any external financial assistance.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked why the representatives believed the C&S Program was the best avenue to produce their publication instead of others such as the USU. He suggested that they rethink the idea of the club so that it is advertised as more of a sports appreciation society that included a monthly publication. Mr. Paperny argued that Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne misunderstood what the club intended to represent which was a forum for sports appreciation with the creation of the publication as an initiative developed from within the club.
Ms. Blundell asked who workshops would be run by. Mr. Caccamo replied that members of the club included past editors of Honi Soit and the Bull and thus, at the beginning, the club would rely on the experience of students already practiced in forms of journalism but as the club became more successful they hoped to involve external speakers.
Mr. Paperny explained that he himself was undergoing a journalism internship with Craig Foster regarding football media and the multifaceted complexities involved in sports journalism. He hoped to be able to share his experiences with other students within the club.
Ms. Brown enquired whether the club had communicated with the MECO society. Mr. Paperny explained that he was actually an executive of MECOSOC and that other MECOSOC members had expressed interest and excitement at the idea of the KICKS club. He added that the publication would allow MECO students to branch out and allow other publications to focus on particular items of interest in more depth.
Ms. Munro asked whether the club planned to incorporate an online component. Mr. Paperny responded that due to difficulties in securing sponsorship they could not disregard an online publication. Also, he explained that the club believed a strong online presence through their Twitter and Facebook pages would promote further engagement and interest with the publication.
Ms. Munro thanked the representatives for their time and explained that the Committee would discuss their application further before notifying the society of the decision.
<u>USYD Longboarding Society</u> Ms. Munro called for the society representative to speak to their new club application.



Mr. James Crisologo provided a brief summary of the aims of the society, which included providing a safe environment for longboard training and guidance to reduce risk to injuries. He added that the society's long-term goals included a race circuit between UNSW, UTS and Sydney University that could possibly lead to participation in UniGames.
Mr. Thompson enquired whether the society would be overlapping with the responsibilities of SUSF. Mr. Crisologo stated that they probably were to some extent but that SUSF only caters for varsity and not everyday use and that there was currently no team or club on campus dedicated to longboarding.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested that the society would be a social sporting club comparable with the Quidditch Society. Mr. Thompson consented, but explained that if the aim of the society were to eventually funnel skaters towards talent development, this would conflict with SUSF.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked why the society was limited to longboards. Mr. Crisologo explained that longboards were easier to learn on and the provided an additional cultural aspect with certain rules followed by the longboarding community.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne enquired as to whether the club would be facilitating gear swapping for the profit of the club representatives. Mr. Crisologo replied that the club's role would only be to hold events, such as BBQ's, where members could meet up and swap between each other.
Ms. Blundell asked what events the club hoped to hold. Mr. Crisologo responded that events would include Fundays, swap meets and casual skating days. He added that the club wanted to get off the ground before getting into any skate competitions. Above all, the club wanted to remain more social.
Ms. Brown highlighted that the club needed to change their name from USYD Longboarding society to something involving 'SU'. Mr. Crisologo consented.
Ms. Munro thanked the representative for his time and explained that the Committee would discuss the application further before notifying the society of the decision.
The Scandinavian Appreciation Society Ms. Munro called for the society representatives to speak to their new club application.
Ms. Isabella Edinger-Reeve, President, introduced herself and Freya Jansens, Secretary. She explained that the society would not just be open for people from Scandinavian countries but also for people who appreciate Scandinavian culture. She added that since no Scandinavian languages were provided at Sydney University the society would primarily focus on



cultural aspects.
Mr. Thompson demonstrated his linguistic ability by exclaiming 'ja' in order to demonstrate his support.
Ms. Edinger-Reeve added that exchange students would increase the longevity of the society as well.
Ms. Munro thanked the representatives for their time and explained that the Committee would discuss their application further before notifying the society of the decision.
South East Asian Law Society (SEALS) Ms. Munro called for the society representatives to speak to their new club application.
Ms. Dhevia Sundram spoke to the society's second application to become a new club. Ms. Sundram explained that the society planned to create and maintain links with South East Asian students and societies on campus. She argued that whilst three law societies already existed, SEALS would fill an existing gap for any South East Asian students finding it difficult to fit into the existing South Korean Law Society or Chinese Law Society. She referred to the society's formally rejected application and directed the Committee's attention to the referral letters from the other law societies supporting their application.
Ms. Xiu Chow elaborated on the way the society was different to the other existing law societies. She explained that SULS' international branch focuses mainly on cases related to immigration. She added that SEALS had talked to the president of SULS who expressed her approval of the society and believed that it would increase international student representation at SULS events like Moot Trial. The president of SULS is currently working with other societies in order to generate greater representation of international students. Ms. Chow explained that the <u>SEALS</u> society would be looking at how the law works in South East Asian countries and was therefore different to the Korean Law Society and Chinese Law Society.
Ms. Blundell enquired as to what the actual aims of the society were. She asked whether the society was focusing on international South East Asian students or all law students focusing on South East Asian law.
Ms. Chow responded that it was the latter. She explained that in order to practice law in many South East Asian countries, lawyers had to live and work in these countries for a specified amount of time before practicing. She added that the society had been in contact with companies in Malaysia and Singapore to try and establish internships that would provide students with some experience without having to first work in the country.
Ms. Sundram explained that the society's role would be the dissemination of information regarding jurisdiction and legal practice in these countries.
Ms. Brown asked to clarify whether the society was career focused or would



 provide social aspects. Ms. Chow stated that social events would be provided alongside endeavouring to provide an environment conducive to study. Ms. Chow explained that currently only a small percentage of international students attended existing society events and they believed SEALS would be able to encourage greater attendance and participation. Ms. Munro thanked the representatives for their time and explained that the Committee would discuss their application further before notifying the society of the decision.
5. Other Business
<u>SU Fine Arts Society</u> Ms. Munro thanked the representative for coming and invited them to speak to their funding appeal.
Mr. Andrew Kim explained that he had come to appeal the society's rejected O-Week funding. He stated that the society had re-uploaded their membership list but since they had held an AGM in October of the previous year and had not replaced any executives since, they had not realised they needed to re-upload the executive list as well.
Mr. Creigh asked whether the executives had attended the C&S conference to which Mr. Kim replied in the affirmative, replying that almost the entire executive had actually attended. Mr. Creigh clarified that the conference had covered the matter in question and that the executives had heard this.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked if Mr. Kim was aware of why the C&S office asked clubs to re-upload their executive lists. He explained that it was to ensure the C&S office had the up-to-date details of the current executive at the time of O-Week and also to make sure that all access cards of the executive were updated.
Ms. Gayda de Mesa pointed out that an executive of the society had scheduled an appointment with the C&S office but had failed to attend. Mr. Kim stated that he was unaware of this but that he would follow it up.
Ms. Blundell enquired why it had taken until June for the society to come forward with an appeal. Mr. Kim agreed that it was quite late but informed the Committee that the society had only been informed of the situation in May and the executive had been busy with exam preparation.
Ms. Brown asked whether the club would be able to continue functioning if the Committee were to reject the appeal. Mr. Kim highlighted that membership for the society was free of charge and their events do not make money. He concluded that if the funding were to be rejected, the club would not be able to function very well.
Ms. Brown clarified that everything had been paid for and everyone reimbursed to which Mr. Kim replied in the affirmative.
Ms. Munro suggested that the society might want to consider introducing a



	joining fee next year. Mr. Kim said this was a possibility.
	Ms. Munro thanked the representative for his time and explained that the Committee would discuss the application further before notifying the society of the decision.
	<u>SU Unimates</u> Ms. Munro thanked the representative for coming and invited them to speak to their funding appeal.
	Mr. Patrick Ward, President of SU Unimates,_explained that the club's predicament was a result of executive changeover but believed that the issue had since been resolved.
	Ms. Munro enquired as to the person who had met with the C&S Office Manager to which Mr. Ward stated that it had been the club's secretary.
	Ms. Munro asked whether the club had held an AGM recently. Mr. Ward replied that they had held an AGM a month previously but that the old executive list had been uploaded by accident.
	Ms. Munro questioned whether the club had paid all expenses and reimbursed everyone. Mr. Ward responded in the affirmative.
	Ms. de Mesa enquired as to whether Mr. Zareth Lim was still involved in the club. Mr. Ward explained that Mr. Lim was currently 'President Emeritus' and would be for a further semester to provide guidance and advice to the club.
	Ms. Munro thanked the representative for his time and explained that the Committee would discuss the application further before notifying the society of the decision.
C&S 105/12	Recommended to resume standing orders and that discussion move to item 2.1 In-Camera Minutes.
	Peta Blundell/ Alexandra Brown
	2.1 In-Camera Minutes of the Meeting held 15 May 2012
C&S 106/12	Recommended that the In-Camera minutes of 15 May 2012 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings pending amendments outlined by the Committee.
	Peta Blundell/ Alexandra Brown
	4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report
	Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne asked Ms. de Mesa to discuss the situation regarding ECOSOC. Ms. de Mesa read from the report.
	Ms. de Mesa highlighted the need for the society to continue attempting to hold meetings to avoid claims of irrelevance. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne



	agreed that either ECOSOC or a society similar needed to exist on campus.
	Mr. Mina Nada suggested that a policy needed to be established regarding contested elections.
C&S 107/12	Recommended to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes.
107/12	Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Alexandra Brown
	Ms. Munro and Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne explained that a workstream discussion had been established to provide such a policy.
C&S 108/12	Recommended to accept the Clubs and Societies Manager's Report.
100/12	Peta Blundell/ Cameron Creigh
	4.2 New Clubs
	KICKS Club
	Ms. Blundell enquired as to who writes <i>Roar</i> , SUSF's publication. Mr. Thompson replied that SUSF staff were employed full time to oversee the construction of the publication but that athletes occasionally wrote feature pieces.
	Ms. Brown asked whether one needed to be an SUSF member to access the publication. Mr. Thompson stated that the publication was available to everyone but most of the readership would be comprised of SUSF members. Mr. Thompson added that <i>Roar</i> purposefully asked people to write pieces for the magazine.
	Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne stated his concern with a club focused exclusively on a publication. He highlighted that all the aims of KICKS seemed to relate to the construction of the publication. Mr. Thompson supported Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne's comments.
	Mr. Creigh added that the club's intended activities overlapped with events currently held by existing societies.
	Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that the club was too focused on writing.
	Ms. Munro disagreed that the club was too narrow. She argued that whilst MECOSOC caters for specific people KICKS appeared to want to expand its audience.
	Mr. Mina Nada exited the meeting at 4:30pm
	Ms. Munro stated that KICKS deserved to be given a chance and that the Committee could stipulate that the club introduce different events to ensure a meaningful contribution to the C&S program and ensure the involvement of a wide range of students.



Ms. de Mesa added that the club would have no means of support as
provided to the Globe publication supported by USU.
Ms. Munro suggested that the club should be made to meet with Mr. Alistair Cowie before being approved. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne agreed.
Ms. de Mesa outlined the amount of support received by The Globe, including funding and grants. Ms. Munro replied that KICKS did not appear to be looking for money to publish unlike Globe but simply wanted to engage with students whose sporting interests were not currently being met with existing publications.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that a lot of clubs came to Committee stating they would engage with college and interfaculty groups and therefore presented an important place in the program but subsequently failed to perform as such in reality.
Mr. Thompson recommended that the club be rejected but that the Committee could provide recommendations on where the club might best fit. Ms. Blundell argued that this would change what the club really wanted to do and actually direct them to focus on writing even more.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested KICKS be considered as a sports journalism club involving a publication on the side. Ms. Munro disagreed, stating that this might pigeonhole the club and restrict their activity.
Mr. de Silva Wijeratne stated his opinion that a more tailored option needed to be provided for the club, as it did not fit in the C&S program if its primary activity was to produce a magazine. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that the club would not further enrich student life and would not therefore, be in accordance with C&S Regulations.
Ms. Brown responded, arguing that a clearer reference to the C&S Regulations would be needed in order to appropriately explain a rejection of the club.
Ms. Blundell suggested that KICKS should adjust the wording of their constitutional aims. She also highlighted that MECOSOC was generally perceived to provide more of a club for MECO students and therefore that the KICKS club would not overlap.
Mr. Creigh enquired whether Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne would approve the club if it were repackaged as a sports journalism club. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne replied that he agreed with the recommendations outlined by the C&S Office.
Ms. de Mesa asked whether the C&S Office would be held accountable if KICKS failed to produce a magazine. Ms. Brown argued that the probationary period would allow the Committee and C&S Office to ascertain the future longevity of the club.
Ms. Munro added that KICKS would have to change their constitutional aims



	anyway since they would have to return to Committee in order to lift their probationary status if approved.
	Ms. Blundell also stated that past failures to publish magazines should not be regarded as indicative and unfairly punish new initiatives. Ms. de Mesa pointed out that most single issue clubs had failed.
C&S 109/12	Recommended that the New Club Application of the KICKS Club be accepted pending the addition of an aim, which stipulates the broad appreciation of sport and sports journalism.
	Alexandra Brown/ Peta Blundell
	For: Alexandra Brown/ Peta Blundell/ Jacqui Munro
	Against: Cameron Creigh/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne
	QUIDDITCH SOCIETY
	All members of the Committee were in unanimous agreement regarding the club's application.
C&S 110/12	Recommended that the New Club Application of the Quidditch Society be accepted pending the formalisation of the constitution in line with recommendations outlined by the C&S Office.
	Peta Blundell/Alexandra Brown
	LONGBOARD SOCIETY
	Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested that the club should be approved as it would attract a currently disengaged demographic within the USU and was not inherently focused on competitions.
	Mr. Thompson disagreed, arguing that the club risked overlapping SUSF's responsibilities if it were to begin promoting competitions or training longboarders for professional competitions. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne highlighted that Mr. Crisologo had addressed this concern in his application and he did not believe it would be an issue.
	Mr. Thompson stressed that it was not the role of the USU to be involved in varsity sport.
C *C	Ms. Blundell suggested that the club could be made to stipulate that its members or competitors represented the society and not the University.
C&S 111/12	Recommended that the New Club Application of the Longboard Society be accepted pending the issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed.



	Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Cameron Creigh
C&S 112/12	Recommended to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes.
	Cameron Creigh/ Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne
	THE SCANDINAVIAN APPRECIATION SOCIETY
C&S	All members of the Committee were in unanimous agreement regarding the club's application.
113/12	Recommended that the New Club Application of the Scandinavian Appreciation Society be accepted pending the issues outlined by the C&S Office be addressed.
	Alexandra Brown/ Peta Blundell
	SOUTH EAST ASIAN LAW SOCIETY (SEALS)
C&S 114/12	Ms. Munro stated that she believed the new representatives had effectively engaged with other law societies and executives to discuss the proposed new society. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne agreed, arguing that the representatives appeared more dedicated to ensuring a successful club.
	Recommended that the New Club Application of the South East Asian Law Society be accepted.
	Peta Blundell/ Alexandra Brown
	<u>4.3 CAPEX</u>
C&S 115/12	Recommended to accept the following CAPEX recommendations <i>en bloc:</i>
	SU AISEC Sydney: Recommendation 1: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$470.25 be accepted
	SU Medical Society: Recommendation 2: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$330.00 be rejected
	SU SHADES: Recommendation 3: That the Capital Expenditure request for \$276.77 be accepted
	Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell



	<u>5. Other Business</u> <u>SU 180 Degrees</u>
	Ms. de Mesa spoke to the club's appeal, highlighting that the club had worked alongside the C&S Office to resolve the issue.
	<u>SU FARTS</u>
	Committee members discussed the appeal, agreeing that the society did not deserve to be reimbursed due to an apparent lack of organisation and communication within the club.
C&S 116/12	Recommended to accept the following Other Business recommendations <i>en bloc:</i>
	SU 180 Degrees – Social Innovation group: Recommendation 1: that the appeal be accepted
	SU Anime Society: Recommendation 2: That the Society's funding cap be extended to \$6000
	SU Chocolate Society: Recommendation 3: that the Society's funding cap be extended to \$6000
	SU Fine Arts Society: Recommendation 4: That the rejection be <i>upheld</i>
C&S 117/12	Cameron Creigh/ Peta Blundell
	Recommended that the following Other Business recommendations be rejected:
	SU Unimates: Recommendation 5: That the rejection be <i>upheld</i>
	Anshu de Silva Wijeratne/Alexandra Brown
	5.1 Workstream Discussion
	Mr. Mina Nada re-entered the meeting at 5:02pm
	5.2.2 Motions on Notice – Branch Stacking



Mr. Zac Thompson exited the meeting at 5:05pm
Ms. Munro opened the discussion, reaffirming that all members understood the difficulty involved regarding discretionary voting power and election decisions. She stated that currently, most clubs required members to attend three or all GMs, whichever was less, before being able to vote or be elected into an executive position at an AGM or SGM. She also pointed out that it was ultimately up to the club or society to determine restrictions on voting rights.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne spoke to the Motions of Notice provided at Committee. He explained that the motions would eventually become part of the C&S constitution rather than the C&S Regulations. He highlighted the fact that the motions were not intended to penalise individuals but to help clubs consider the overall conduct of elections.
Ms. Munro pointed out that clubs would be able to use the motions to reference complaints about election processes. Ms. de Mesa outlined how Ms. Angela Vogiatsoglou would be invested with the power of deciding as the electoral arbiter.
Ms. Brown referred to ECOSOC. She stated that the particular issue for the club had been that there was nothing in the C&S Constitution against branch stacking. She argued that the Committee should try to define branch stacking in order to appropriately deal with such issues.
Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne suggested this was a small issue that was relevant to a particular category of club.
Ms. Munro argued that motions against branch stacking did appear to exist. Ms. Brown disagreed, stating that the Committee had struggled to justify ECOSOC's claim according to the C&S Constitution. Ms. Munro stated that this had not been the case. Rather, the Committee lacked the necessary documentation and had received numerous complaints framing the issue.
Ms. Munro suggested that the distribution of lists of new members in clubs be prohibited so that the onus was on new members to gain the support needed for possible election. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne argued that this would not stop stacking.
Ms. Brown agreed, stating that whilst discretion would be good she believed that a specified rule needed to be created.
Mr. Creigh pointed out that the motions at Committee were only a temporary measure until something more permanent could be enforced in the model constitution.
Ms. Blundell suggested that stacking might become more contentious if it continued to remain undefined.
Mr. Nada suggested that only members recorded on a list be allowed to vote in elections. Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne stated that this would be too difficult



	for smaller clubs.
	Mr. Nada argued that it would be more effective to target things around branch stacking rather than just branch stacking itself.
	Ms. Munro stated her wariness in giving the Committee further work and also that a narrow definition might provoke a large number of complaints or appeals. She stated her opinion that she was not entirely opposed to branch stacking as a democratic principle in itself.
	Mr. Nada suggested that the Committee could provide the definition of a contested definition of branch stacking and stipulate the requirements of a C&S official or committee member to attend club AGMs.
	Mr. de Silva Wijeyeratne reaffirmed that the motions were simply a short- term measure to deal with issues in the upcoming months.
	Mr. Nada stressed the need for the Committee to have faith in the Board's decisions as well.
	5.2.3 Motions on Notice – Appeals
	Mr. Nada referred to the C&S regulations, highlighting that nothing forced the Committee to inform the C&S office of decisions made before being approved at Board.
C&S 118/12	Ms. Munro disagreed, stating that the Committee and the USU Board were interacting too closely and too close in time.
	Committee members proceeded to discuss recent events where Committee resolutions had been taken to Board before approval at Committee.
	Recommended that the contents of the C&S Committee Workstream motions be taken to Board pending amendments outlined by the Committee be addressed.
	Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne/ Cameron Creigh
	6. Date of the Next Meeting
	Tuesday 17 th July 3:00pm in The Faculty Presidents' Room, Level 1 Manning.
	7. Close of Meeting
	The Chair closed the meeting at 5:30pm.