

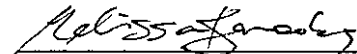
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UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY UNION SECRETARIAT

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 9 March 2010.


Chair: Melissa Brooks

13/04/10
Date



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES COMMITTEE
HELD AT 3.00PM ON TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2010
IN THE LOGGIA, MANNING HOUSE**

P R E S E N T

- MEMBERS:** Melissa Brooks, Chair
John 'Scott' Brownless, Chair of Faculty and Affiliated Sites Societies
Committee (*ex-officio*)
Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne
James Flynn
Marina Lauer
Ross Leedham
Justin Simon
- VISITORS:** FangYun Joecetory Qu, President Elect, University of Sydney
Foundation Program Society
Qingqing Sunny Zhang, Treasurer Elect, University of Sydney
Foundation Program Society
Hannah Morris, President Elect, International and Global
Studies Society
Olivia Barlow, Co-Careers and Mentoring Director Elect,
International and Global Studies Society
- UNION STAFF:** Angela Vogiatoglou, Clubs and Societies Manager
Zinah Tam, Committee Secretary
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The Chair declared the meeting open at 3.04pm.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

C&S 016/10 RESOLVED that the following be accepted:
Apologies received from Courtney Tight, Michael Buckland, Joss
Engebreetsen, Winey Suen and Alistair Cowie; and
A request for late arrival from James Flynn.

John 'Scott' Brownless / Marina Lauer

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

C&S 017/10 RESOLVED that the amended minutes of the previous meeting held 9
February 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

John 'Scott' Brownless / Ross Leedham

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

3.1 **University of Sydney Foundation Program Society**

Representatives of the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society to be in attendance in regards to **C&S 208/09**.

RESOLVED that the application of the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society to become a new club be deferred to the next meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee, and for the Volunteers Coordinator to contact the President Elect of the Society to facilitate participation in the orientation of the Foundation Program.

The President-Elect explained why she believed the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society should become a new club. She informed the Committee that the Foundation Program was located at Taylors College due to the expansion of the University. As a result, students of the Foundation Program did not meet other University students. She expressed her belief that students of the Foundation Program do not know what to expect from University and that the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society would allow students of the Foundation Program to network with students of the University.

The President-Elect continued that all members of the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society would be required to purchase Access Cards. The members would consist of students of the Foundation Program and alumni of the Foundation Program to smooth the transition between the Foundation Program and University studies.

[FangYun Joecetory Qu and Qingqing Sunny Zhang departed from the meeting at 3.11pm]

3.2 **International and Global Studies Society**

Representatives of the International and Global Studies Society to be in attendance in regards to **C&S 213/09**.

RESOLVED that International and Global Studies Society be **rejected** as a new Club and that the Society be directed to discuss organising proposed events and activities through the Sydney Arts Students Society.

Ms Hannah Morris stated her reasons for the International and Global Studies Society to become a new club. She expressed her belief that the Sydney Arts Students Society could not sufficiently cater for students in the Bachelor of International and Global Studies because these students have specific interests in a similar fashion that students in the Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) can be differentiated from other Bachelor of Arts students (and a Media and Communications Society exists).

Ms Morris expressed her belief that students considered the Sydney Arts Students Society too broadly focused and would continue to find it difficult to relate to that Society if it had representatives on the Executive for students undertaking the Bachelor of International and Global Studies. Ms Morris reported that students in the Bachelor of International and Global Studies undertook four core subjects exclusive to the degree. In the first Semester of

the degree, subjects undertaken have a strong focus on Economics which would differentiate themselves from other Arts students.

Ms Morris expressed her desire to facilitate a sense of community and belonging amongst students of the Bachelor of International and Global Studies through events run by the Society, such as inviting speakers specific to subject areas of the degree.

Ms Morris communicated that the proposed Society may also provide information and assistive services for those interested in exchange. She informed the Committee that grants were available for exchange but students in the degree are often unaware of it.

Ms Morris commented that the proposed Society would consider holding joint events with other Societies such as the United Nations Society, however, these Clubs and Societies were not purely internationally focused. She communicated her intention to establish the proposed Society as a single point of information for students.

Ms Morris reported that the Dean of the Arts Faculty wished to expand the Bachelor of Global and International Studies and that at the end of 2011, there is an estimated enrolment number of 700 students in the degree. The Faculty is supportive of the proposed Society and have helped to hold events for students undertaking the Bachelor of Global and International Studies such as a "meet and greet" event held on the following day.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Status of the Clubs and Societies Fund

Mrs Angela Vogiatoglou spoke to the report. She informed the Committee that late applications have been received.

Mrs Vogiatoglou added that the C&S Office utilised a large majority of their resources on enquiries and the database.

4.2 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

Mrs Vogiatoglou spoke to the report.

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee that the Sponsorship Manager of the USU recently resigned, and as a result, the creation of sponsorship templates for Clubs and Societies has been placed on hold.

C&S 018/10 RESOLVED to accept the report of the C&S Manager.

John 'Scott' Brownless / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

4.3 Referred Applications from the Clubs and Societies Office

The Report from the Clubs and Societies Manager was tabled.

4.3.1 New Club Applications

University of Sydney Foundation Program Society

Marina Lauer expressed a conflict of interest.

The Committee discussed the impact of the geographical location of the Foundation Program.

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee that it would be difficult for her to physically be present at Taylors College and intended to treat it as an Affiliated Site. A staff member would optimally be involved in this. However, it was premature to include the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society in the Faculty and Affiliated Sites Societies Committee.

The Chair commented that it would be ideal to also implement points of sale for Access Cards at Taylors College.

The Chair added that the Board also intended to aid with the transition of the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society as a new club and as a potential Affiliated Site Society.

C&S 019/10 RESOLVED that the application of the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society to become a new club be **received** and that the Society be **granted Probationary status for 6 months** after which club status will be reconsidered.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Ross Leedham

International and Global Studies Society

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne commented that many study based Clubs and Societies are focused on majors rather than degrees. Anshu questioned whether students unite according to majors or degrees.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Board encourages student involvement in the USU via Faculty Societies.

Ross Leedham expressed his belief that Faculty Societies should cater for all students that study a degree of that Faculty, rather than catering for students in specific degrees.

[Justin Simon arrived at the meeting at 3.37pm]

The Chair commented that there was a substantially higher student intake for the Bachelor of International and Global Studies than previously assumed. She expressed her opinion that there are not many degrees that can be differentiated from most of the other degrees in its Faculty in the same way that the Bachelor of International and Global Studies is differentiated from many other Arts degrees.

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee that if a Club is placed on probation, that their status is quantified and certain criteria must be met before the Club is accepted to the program on a permanent basis. The criteria is not in the C&S Regulations, however, it is in the report of Mr Toby Brennan, Project Manager of C&S Regulations Review.

C&S 020/10 RESOLVED that the application of the International and Global Studies Society to become a new club be **received** and that the Society be **granted Probationary status for 6 months** after which club status will be reconsidered.

*John 'Scott' Brownless / Ross Leedham
Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne abstained*

4.3.2 Constitutional Amendments

- C&S 021/10 RESOLVED** that the application of the Conservatorium Students Association for Constitutional amendments be **accepted on the provision** that their Constitution states that:
“All students at the Con ~~with Access cards~~ are automatically members of the CAS. All other students are encouraged to join the Facebook group, and will be kept abreast of events and issues.”
As stipulated in part **4.a.v** in the C&S Regulations.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Marina Lauer

4.3.3 Capital Expenditure Requests

- C&S 022/10 RESOLVED** that the following recommendation contained in the Clubs and Societies Committee Report be accepted:
Recommendation 3: That the application of the Sydney University Recreational Circus Arts Society for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) of a mobile phone be **rejected** as stipulated in part **7.i.vii** of the C&S Regulations.

Justin Simon / Ross Leedham

- C&S 023/10 RESOLVED** that the following recommendation contained in the Clubs and Societies Committee Report be accepted:
Recommendation 4: That the application of Students in Free Enterprise for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) of a banner be **accepted** for **\$167.00** and that the Society be recommended to apply for C&S Event Funding for the table cloth.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Marina Lauer

- C&S 024/10 RESOLVED** that the following recommendation contained in the Clubs and Societies Committee Report be accepted:
Recommendation 5: That the application of the Space Society for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) of a banner be **accepted** for **\$199.00**.

Ross Leedham / Marina Lauer

- C&S 025/10 RESOLVED** that the following recommendation contained in the Clubs and Societies Committee Report be accepted:
Recommendation 6: That the application of the Food Co-Op for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) of a motherboard be **accepted** for **\$260.00** and the application for C&S Other Funding (Capital Expenditure) for shop fittings, stationery, mop and cleaning products, and laminating and printer supplies be **rejected** and that the relevant items be submitted as a request for C&S Event Funding or C&S Other Funding (printing, photocopying, publishing and websites).

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Justin Simon

[James Flynn arrived at the meeting at 3.51pm]

4.3.4 Miscellaneous

C&S 026/10 RESOLVED that the following recommendation contained in the Clubs and Societies Committee Report be accepted:

Recommendation 7: That the request of Unibodhi for USU storage space be **accepted**.

James Flynn / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

C&S 027/10 RESOLVED that the following recommendation contained in the Clubs and Societies Committee Report be accepted:

Recommendation 8: That the application of the Lego Society for USU storage space be **accepted**.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Marina Lauer

Science Revue Society

John 'Scott' Brownless declared a conflict of interest.

C&S 028/10 RESOLVED that the following recommendation contained in the Clubs and Societies Committee Report be accepted:

Recommendation 9: That the application of the Science Revue Society for USU storage space be **accepted**.

Ross Leedham / Marina Lauer

John 'Scott' Brownless abstained

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 **Access Card Pricing and Membership**

Anshu asked whether there was any indication that the change in Access Card pricing affected Club membership.

Mrs Vogiatoglou replied that the impact of the change in Access Card pricing was difficult to assess at that moment and that she would be in a better position to comment on the impact at the Committee Meeting to be held in May.

The Chair informed the Committee that more Access Cards have been sold in the current year compared to 2009.

5.2 **"Primary" Korean Club on Campus**

Mrs Vogiatoglou reported that the Korean International Students in Sydney University was approved two years ago. Whilst the Constitution of the Korean Economics Society states that the Society caters for Economics students, the differences between the Korean International Students Society in Sydney University and the Korean Economics Society have become gradually less substantial. Membership numbers for both Societies have been negatively affected as a result.

The Chair informed the Committee that there is a significant overlap in events between the two Societies. Both Societies wish to change their name to the Korean Students Association.

Anshu asked whether it would be preferable if both Societies were dissolved and a new club be established that cater for Korean students in general.

The Committee considered this further, with consideration of the fact that the Annual General Meetings of both Societies coincide with each other. A managed merger may be necessary.

C&S 029/10 RESOLVED that representatives from the Korean Economics Society and Korean International Students in Sydney University be invited to the next meeting of the Committee.

Moved from the Chair

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee is to be held on Tuesday 13 April 2010 at 3.00pm in the Loggia, Manning House.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 4.02pm.