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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 September 2010.



Chair James Flynn

13/10/2010

Date

**Meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee
3.00pm, 19 September 2010, The Loggia, Manning House
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Committee Members James Flynn (Chair), Ben Tang (Deputy Chair), Melissa Brooks (Vice President), Vivienne Moxham-Hall (Chair of Faculty and Affiliated Sites Societies Committee)

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne, Marina Lauer, Ross Leedham, Justin Simon

USU Staff Angela Vogiatoglou (Clubs and Societies Manager), Zinah Tam (Committee Secretary)

Visitors Sibella Matthews (Board Director);
Vegetarian Society: Andrew Wallace (Treasurer), Melanie Lim (Vice President), Peter Seith;
Vietnamese Dynamic Student Association: Quynh Vu (President);
University of Sydney Foundation Program Society: Xingi 'Esther' Li (Vice President);
International and Global Studies Society: Alex Dore, Hannah Morris, Alvin Leung, Alice Wood;
Jarrah Sastrawan.

No#	Details
	The Chair opened the meeting at 3.12pm.
	1. Apologies And Leaves Of Absence
C&S 109/10	Resolved that apologies be accepted from David Man, Ross Leedham and Alistair Cowie, and that requests for early departure be accepted from Melissa Brooks, Ben Tang and Vivienne Moxham-Hall. <i>Vivienne Moxham-Hall / Ben Tang</i>
	2. Minutes Of The Meeting Held 10 August 2010
C&S 110/10	Resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 10 August 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings. <i>Melissa Brooks / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne</i>
C&S 111/10	Resolved that standing orders be suspended and to move to item 4.6 Miscellaneous. <i>Vivienne Moxham-Hall / Ben Tang</i>
	4.6 Miscellaneous
C&S 112/10	Resolved that the application for storage space from Creative Anachronists be accepted pending approval from Wind Orchestra to share the storage space. <i>Melissa Brooks / Ben Tang</i>
	The Chair informed the Committee that clubs placed on probationary status

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are subject to review as per **6.a.v** of the Clubs and Societies Regulations.

International and Global Studies Society Status Review

The representatives from the International and Global Studies Society outlined various events that have been held to achieve the outcomes of the Society as per their Constitution. The representatives informed the Committee that there has been a positive response and great interest from members in regards to these events and they indicated that they had intentions to expand these events, particularly to include and interact with younger members.

The representatives added that the Society has forged strong links with the SRC and the relevant Faculty. There is a strong member base because of the degree is new and easily identified.

The representatives expressed their belief that the Society differs from the Politics Society in that the latter addresses domestic matters, whilst the International and Global Studies Society addresses matters on an international level. The Society also looks at humanitarian work which is not a political matter.

Mrs Angela Vogiatoglou congratulated the executives from the International and Global Studies Society for taking the responsibility of running a club seriously and increasing memberships. Mrs Vogiatoglou expressed her approval for the full status of the International and Global Studies Society.

University of Sydney Foundation Program Society Status Review

Ms Xingi 'Esther' Li outlined the various events that have been held to achieve the outcomes of the Society as per its Constitution. These events have allowed members to interact and network socially as well as help each other academically which have been responded to well by members.

Ms Li informed the Committee that the Society has 75 Access Card Holders and the Society has attracted more students to become Access Card Holders. A recent campaign has found over 100 additional students interested in the Society. She added that graduates of the University of Sydney Foundation Program attend events of the Society.

Ms Li reported that the first major event of the Society was held in collaboration with Taylors College and involved exposing members to a typical first day experience of the university.

Ms Li expressed her belief that the leadership and communication skills of members have been developed and improved throughout events.

Ms Li commented that she will consider receiving help from the MCDP Officer or relevant staff members of the USU such as staff from the International Students Lounge.

[Melissa Brooks departed the meeting at 3.35pm]

Vietnamese Dynamic Students

Ms Quynh Vu communicated her reasons that Vietnamese Dynamic Students should become a new club. She informed the Committee that the Society has received a letter of support from the Vietnamese Students

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Association. She also outlined that Vietnamese Dynamic Students cannot merge with the Vietnamese Students Association due to different political and social views.

Ms Vu outlined that Vietnamese Dynamic Students can help students arriving from Vietnam such as assistance with studies and providing advice regarding housing. These matters are not addressed by the Vietnamese Students Association.

Ms Vu commented that Vietnamese Dynamic Students coexist with the Vietnamese Students Association at the University of New South Wales and University of Technology, Sydney.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne requested further information on the relationship between the proposed Vietnamese Dynamic Students and existing Vietnamese Dynamic Students societies.

Ms Vu replied that a parent organisation exists on a state level and there are branches for different universities. She continued that the parent organisation does not and will not control the proposed Society, and that joint events can be held between the branches of Vietnamese Dynamic Students societies.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne asked for clarification on why Vietnamese Dynamic Students cannot be incorporated into the Vietnamese Students Association.

Ms Vu replied gave an example to explain. She explained that Independence Day of Vietnam is celebrated by the targeted members of the Vietnamese Dynamic Students, whilst those of the Vietnamese Students Association protest against the government. Ms Vu added that different languages are spoken between the two groups.

The Deputy Chair asked whether it is possible to or likely that events will be held between Vietnamese Dynamic Students and the Vietnamese Students Association.

Ms Vu replied that it is only possible to hold events in collaboration with the Vietnamese Students Association if these events celebrate Vietnamese Culture. Ms Vu added that this matter was discussed between the two Societies at a formal meeting.

Marina Lauer asked how Vietnamese Dynamic Students will distinguish itself from the Vietnamese Students Association.

Ms Vu replied that the name of the Society is different and known on a state level. This is the reason that the Society cannot have another name. However, the name can be extended to include "Vietnamese International Students Society" to help differentiate the two societies by name.

**C&S
113/10**

Resolved that the meeting move *in camera* and that Sibella Matthews be invited to remain.

Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Melissa Brooks

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- C&S 114/10** Resolved that representatives from the Vegetarian Society be invited to remain.
- Marina Lauer / Ben Tang*
- C&S 115/10** Resolved that representatives from the Vegetarian Society be asked to depart from the meeting.
- Marina Lauer / Vivienne Moxham-Hall*
- C&S 116/10** Resolved that the International and Global Studies Society have their probationary status as per 6.a.v.a of the Clubs and Societies Regulations removed on the provision that the Clubs and Societies Committee review the Society after six months on the degree of differentiation between the activities of the Society and potentially similar Clubs and Societies.
- Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Vivienne Moxham-Hall*
- C&S 117/10** Resolved that the University of Sydney Foundation Program Society have their probationary status as per 6.a.v.a of the Clubs and Societies Regulations removed on the provision that the Society attempts to collaborate with the MCDP Officer and that the Society reports on such collaboration to the Clubs and Societies Committee after six months.
- Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne / Marina Lauer*
- C&S 118/10** Resolved that the application of the Vietnamese Dynamic Students to become a new club be *received* and that the club be granted probationary status for six months as per 6.a.v of the Clubs and Societies Regulations after which the club's status will be reconsidered. This is also on the provision that the Vietnamese Dynamic Students liaise appropriately with the Vietnamese Students Association and with the MCDP Officer.
- Ross Leedham / Justin Simon*
Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne dissented
- C&S 119/10** Resolved that the appeal of the Vegetarian Society be *received* and that:
- (a) The Vegetarian Society will be granted funding *only* to sustain their three weekly lunches, on the provision that the Society will meet with the Operations Manager to learn about food safety and that the Society will comply with all food and safety requirements. A single breach of these requirements will result in rescission of such funding; and
 - (b) The Vegetarian Society submits a business plan or outlay in a timely manner for the next meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee to further consider the appeal.

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Ross Leedham / Justin Simon

**C&S
120/10**

Resolved that the meeting move out of camera.

Marina Lauer / Ross Leedham

**C&S
121/10**

Resolved that standing orders be resumed.

Marina Lauer / Ross Leedham

4. General Business

4.1 Clubs and Societies Manager's Report

Mrs Angela Vogiatoglou spoke to the report.

Mrs Vogiatoglou reported that SMS communication was ineffective to promote the C&S Awards Night due to the limited characters that could be communicated. Students also have mid-semester assessments and are used to the process of nominations. She received feedback that the nominations process was lengthy and that there was no Auditors' Award.

Mrs Vogiatoglou recommended that the C&S Awards Night not occur during the Verge Arts Festival.

The Chair congratulated Mrs Vogiatoglou and the Clubs and Societies Office for the success of the C&S Awards Night.

4.2 Status of the Clubs and Societies Fund

It was noted that expenditure was lower year to date, however, it was too early to assess the effectiveness of the new funding model.

The Chair commented that Clubs and Societies appeared to hold higher quality events which cater a greater number of students than in previous years.

4.3 New Club Applications

There were no applications to discuss.

4.4 Constitutional Amendments

Mrs Vogiatoglou informed the Committee that a new model Constitution will be created for adoption by all Clubs and Societies in 2011.

Resolved that the applications for Constitutional amendments be accepted *en bloc*, from the following Clubs and Societies:

**C&S
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**Camden Farms;
Opera Company; and
Surfing Society.**

Ross Leedham / Anshu de Silva Wijeyeratne

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4.5 Capital Expenditure Requests

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Resolved that the applications for Capital Expenditure requests be accepted *en bloc*, from the following Clubs and Societies:

**Russellian Society; and
Law Society.**

Ross Leedham / Justin Simon

5. Other Business

The Chair asked the Committee whether they felt the necessity of, and wished to join, a working party to discuss and review the C&S Regulations.

The Committee discussed this and the matter was to be discussed further outside of the meeting.

**C&S
124/10**

Resolved that the meeting be extended by half an hour.

Moved from the Chair

The Chair wished to briefly address the Clubs and Societies Charitable Giving Report of Mr Jarrah Sastrawan that will be presented at the following meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee.

Mr Jarrah Sastrawan commented that the report was to be presented to the Social Outreach Committee the following day and outlined the general principles:

1. The Clubs and Societies Office requires resources to effectively monitor charitable fundraising
2. The limited ability of donors to Societies to hold those Societies accountable for the timely and transparent donation of funds to third-party charities
3. There are currently no protocols to track the organisations that Clubs and Societies are supporting
4. There are currently no protocols to address Clubs and Societies that fundraise without holding an associated event

Mr Sastrawan suggested that:

1. The USU list the organisations that they prefer Clubs and Societies to support
2. Charitable donations be separately provided in audits to other items

The Chair informed the Committee that this report will be reviewed by Mrs Vogiatzoglou before it is presented at the next Committee meeting.

6. Date of the Next Meeting

– 12 October 2010, 3pm at the Loggia, Manning House

7. Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 5.02pm.

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