

**Minutes of the Combined Affiliated Sports and Societies Council Meeting
held in the Evison Lounge, Clubs and Societies Centre
on Tuesday 21 July 2009 at 5.00pm.**

Present:

Daniel Stride (Chairperson)
Rebecca Styles (Minute Secretary)
Lee Griffiths (Ex-Officio)

In Attendance:

Nadian Ahmad (Malaysian Students' Association), Miriam Bediko (Afrotago), Adeline Bock (Malaysian Students' Association), Mike Bridges (Exec), Johanna Cheng (Malaysian Students' Association), Debbie Coulter, Edwin Darlow (Exec), Howard Elder (Shamanic Circle), Terry Fesait (Fiji Club), Thanathat Kaewsermwong (Thai Society), Art Kojarunchitt (Exec), Jonathan Kok (Brunei), Mohamed Moxin (Muslim University Students' Association), Ravin Pattiaratchi (Sri Lankan Students' Association), John Philipson (Cricket), Anthony Risley (Applied Science and Fire Performance), Vaughan Robertson (WTF Taekwondo).

Clubs and Society Council Representatives:

Estelle Baker	Alpine Sports
Joseph Hii	Badminton
Nicola Smallwood	Basketball (Womens) (left meeting 5.45pm)
Juliette Hayward	Canoe (Kayak) Club
Andrea Peat	Harriers and Multisport
Ana Rakonjac	ITF Taekwon-Do
Sophie Chin	Karate
Derek Shanks	Mountain Biking
Glen Sinclair	Rowing
Richard Souness	Swords Club (Fencing)
Tim Grigg	Tramping
Charlotte King	Unihoc
Olive Moynihan	Capoeira (left meeting 5.55pm)
Lizzie A	Dunedin Overseas Christian Fellowship
Roshan Bastian	Indian Students Association
Via Suwandy	Indonesian Community Association
James Gluck	International Socialists
Tasha Derrit	St Kessog
Sharon McKenzie	Students for Environmental Action
Angela Dempster	Students for a Free Tibet
Bert Yu-Po Lin	Beiwang Literature Society

Apologies

Singapore Club.

MOVED: That the apologies be noted and accepted.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened at 5.10pm.

2. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED: That the minutes from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2009 be accepted as a true and correct record.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The feedback from first semester clubs day requested that the second semester clubs day be held on a Thursday. The second semester clubs day was held on a Wednesday because the Union Hall was unavailable on the Thursday.

It was noted that the seating in the Evison Lounge was divided. Council representatives were seated on one side of the room and other club representatives on the other. It is stated in the Council Meeting Policy that only nominated Council Representatives have a vote at the meeting.

4. REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE BLUES AND GOLDS PANEL

This is the 101st year of the Blues Awards for sporting achievement. Two representatives from sporting clubs are required to sit on the Blues Panel. Nominations were called for.

MOVED: That Juliette Hayward from the Canoe (Kayak) Club be nominated to represent OUSA Affiliated Sports Clubs on the Blues Panel.

Nominator: Timothy Grigg
Secunder: Glen Sinclair
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

MOVED: That Sophie Chin from the Karate Club be nominated to represent OUSA Affiliated Sports Clubs on the Blues Panel.

Nominator: Estelle Baker
Secunder: Ana Rakonjac
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

Golds are awarded for art and cultural achievement. Two representatives from cultural clubs were called for.

MOVED: That James Gluck from the International Socialists be nominated to represent OUSA Affiliated Societies on the Golds Panel.

Nominator: Tasha Derrit
Secunder: Sharon McKenzie
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

MOVED: That Angela Dempster from the Students for a Free Tibet Society be nominated to represent OUSA Affiliated Societies on the Golds Panel.

Nominator: James Gluck
Seconder: Bert Yu-Po Lin
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

5. CLUB OF THE YEAR

Nominations for the Club of the Year are now open. The criteria and nomination forms are now available on the OUSA website. Clubs were thanked for attending the second semester clubs day.

MOVED: That John Philipson be granted speaking rights.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

It was recommended that one representative from a club can attend the Council meeting and have voting rights even if that person has not be noted on the Affiliation or Continuing Affiliation form as being the Council Representative.

MOVED: That the Affiliated Clubs Council meeting recommend to the OUSA Executive that a representative of a club can have voting rights at the Affiliated Clubs Council meeting regardless of their official status.

James Gluck/Glen Sinclair
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

6. ACCOUNTS

Clubs were required to present their accounts to Lee in April – a lot of clubs have yet to do so. Presenting accounts is part of the criteria for being an OUSA Affiliated Club. Clubs need to make an appointment with Lee as soon as possible.

7. CLUBS DAY FEEDBACK

The following comments were made about the second semester clubs day:-

- Some clubs were not aware that the event was taking place at the Union Hall. They suggested this fact was advertised more.
- The Union Hall venue worked well.

Clubs also commented on the International Food Festival. They questioned why people had to buy tickets to purchase food. More people should have been available to sell tickets. It was noted that at the end of the night some individual stalls took cash.

8. POLICY

The Affiliation Policy was discussed. The following points were made:

It is voluntary for clubs to disaffiliated from OUSA.

Should clubs that have membership fees over \$100.00 have to seek approval from Exec? It was suggested that this figure should be adjusted for inflation.

Others commented that the need for Exec approval should be withdrawn and noted that if membership fees are too high this will affect the numbers of people that join clubs.

The threshold for membership for clubs was also discussed.

MOVED: That Mike Bridges be appointed as Chairperson while the issue of membership thresholds was discussed.

Timothy Grigg/James Gluck
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Daniel Stride read his statement about the membership threshold for clubs. He is seeking comments and recommendations for his proposed change to a minimum of 8 members to start a club, 6 of which must be students. And rather than having a 90% student majority this be changed to 75%.

It was noted that previous Exec exemptions allowed up to 25% non-student membership. Exemptions are usually reserved for special cases.

The following comments were made:-

When do clubs get to vote on the proposed changes? The policy will be taken to the policy committee at which stage written submissions will be sought from clubs. Members of the policy committee were in attendance at the Council meeting and will relate the feedback to the policy committee.

It was questioned what pressure additional clubs would put on the CDO team's resources. It was noted that smaller clubs take up just as much resources as the larger clubs in terms of chasing up paperwork. While members of the meeting thought that less paperwork would be involved it was stated that the process of affiliation would not change – the paperwork would be the same.

Having non-student members in clubs make it a richer experience and students can gain from the non-students knowledge.

It was noted that at any one time it is difficult to ascertain club membership as lists are only provided at affiliation and at continuing affiliation (once a year).

(Nicola Smallwood left the meeting 5.45pm)

To gain an exemption from Exec involved ticking a box – there is no additional paperwork for those clubs. It was suggested that 80% would be a better membership threshold. It was noted that other universities membership rates ranged from 10% to 30% non-students. OUSA currently has the lowest non-student membership ratio.

It was noted that Massey University monitors all clubs banking but there is no continuing affiliation paperwork after the affiliation process.

If your club does not have a bank account you don't have a set of accounts.

It was noted that the contribution that non-students make in a club makes OUSA look good.

(Howard Elder and Olive Moynihan left the meeting 5.55pm)

The Rowing club mentioned that the 90% student membership protects the club's resources.

75% student membership is still a student majority.

If clubs are too small they are more like study groups. Grants are better distributed to larger clubs.

Clubs were invited to email submissions to Daniel regarding the membership threshold.

MOTION: That the criteria in the OUSA Affiliation Policy of 90% of student membership (5.3.6) of clubs be lowered to 75% student membership and the minimum number of members for a club be lowered from 10 to 8 members (5.3.5).

Tasha Derrit/James Gluck

Quorum was called for: 105 clubs are affiliated of which 19 members are in attendance and have voting rights. Quorum is 20%. 21 members are required to make quorum.

Due to quorum not being reached the meeting was closed at 6pm.

Signed: (Chair) _____

Date: _____