

**Minutes of the Combined Affiliated Sports and Societies Council Meeting
held in the Evison Lounge, Clubs and Societies Centre
on Tuesday 10 March 2009 at 5.00pm.**

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Ross Blanch, Mike Bridges, Lloyd Burr, Debbie Coulter, Edwin Darlow, Joshua Hadfield, Art Kojarunchitt, Lauren McEwan-Nugent, John Philipson, and Scott Rickerby.

Clubs and Society Council Representatives:

James Gluck	ISR
Miriam Bediako	Afrotago
Luke Stewart	Young Greens
Derek Shanks	Mountain Biking
Sam Thomas	Dive
Joshua Gagnon	SARS
Aynsley Moore	Rowing
Logan Elliott	Fire Club and World Vision (observer)
Jonathan Kok	Brunei Students' Association
Nick Saunders	Hockey
John McLeod	Judo Club
Aftab Moosa	Indian Students' Association
Kaustabh Roy	Indian Students' Association
Nicola Smallwood	Women's Basketball
Yassar Alamri	Muslin Students' Association
Estelle Bake	Alpine Sports Club
Sophie-Ann Chin	Karate Club
Charlotte King	Unihoc
Bert Lin	Taiwanese Students' Association
Timothy Grigg	Tramping
Tonic Artos	KAOS
Ana Rakonjac	ITF Taekwon-do
Bishoy Wanis	Afrotago
Neil Dudley	Fire Performance and Juggling
Richard Souness	Swords Clubs
Sonia Lee	Cambodian Club
Aya Hiramatsu	Cambodian Club
Scott Cardwell	OCOM
Nathan Rose	Australian Rules Football
Kelli Stirling	Dive Club
Stella Unlcovich-McNab	HAHTSA
Sonya Lewthwaite	VCF
Bert Lim	BeiWang Literature
Ala Caginawanua	Fiji Club
Thanathat Kaewsermwong	Thai Club

Prit Khrisanapant	Thai Club
Lakana Somrudeethaveekij	Thai Club
Ake Sanmaneechai	Thai Club
Napat Sombuya	Thai Club
Matthew Gale	Grange Cricket
Howard Elder	Shamanic Club
Will Chisholm	Debating
Vaughan Robertson	WTF TKD
Danielle Gelbart	Medical Students' Association
Natasha Perinpanagagam	Medical Students' Association
Sashika Samaranayaka	Sri Lankan Students' Association
Arjun	Sri Lankan Students' Association
Rostian Bastiam	Indian Students' Association
Angela Dempster-Passang	Students for a free Tibet
Mowafaq Amso	CathSoc

Apologies

Tasha Derett from St Kessog

MOVED: That the apologies be noted and accepted.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

Apologies Received by Email (not noted at the meeting):

Jill Hetherington (Red Cross), Joseph Hii (Badminton), Matty Munroe (Harriers), Glen Sinclair (Rowing), and Yiiyen Wee (DCMF).

1. OPEN MEETING

The meeting was opened at 5.10pm. Clubs Council representatives were welcomed by the Chair. Standing orders were put in place.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No matters were raised from the previous meeting minutes.

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOVED: That the minutes from the previous meeting held on 5 August 2008 be accepted as a true and correct record.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANMINOUSLY

4. UMBRELLA CLUBS

John Philipson (Pacific Island Representative) spoke about the possibility of the individual Pacific Island clubs coming together under an umbrella club called OUPSA (Otago University Pacific Students' Association). This was proposed in the past but it did not get off the ground. It is envisioned that when a student becomes a member of a Pacific Island club they will automatically become a member of OUPSA. It was suggested that a proportion of the levy a student pays for the individual club be paid to OUPSA. Another suggestion was that OUPSA elect a candidate to stand for the Executive Committee.

John suggested that other clubs may benefit in joining together for events and consultation. If club members would like additional information they can see John at the OUSA office.

It was questioned what purpose umbrella clubs would serve, aside from joint events. It was suggested that the different clubs could help each other, in particular, helping smaller clubs survive. There would be a constitution for each umbrella club.

Clubs can consider whether an umbrella club would work for them.

5. CLUBS DAY FEEDBACK

Daniel met with various clubs on the day and there was positive feedback. He thanked the volunteers and asked council representatives for feedback. The following items were discussed:

- One group had two stalls. It was clarified that the group were two distinct groups within one an organisation. One of which wishes to affiliate and the other paid for their stall.
- Some stalls were pre-named. This was to accommodate outside organisations who paid for their stall (\$50.00 each).
- Clubs Day was advertised through the distribution of 2000 flyers, posters, chalking, orientation publications, Unipol Recreation book, RAs, Critic and Radio One. All hall masters were informed of the event and passed the information onto students.
- It was noted that Health Science students received little information.
- Holding Clubs Day on a Thursday worked well. It was suggested that the second semester clubs day be held on a Thursday as well.
- Approximately 5000 people attended Clubs Day.
- The band in the street was good and it brought people to the building. However, there was a lack of Otago Polytechnic students at the event.

6. GRANTS

The first grant round closes on Friday 13 March 2009. The Grants Panel meeting is scheduled for Monday 23 March at 5pm. The next Grant round closes on the 17 April 2009.

7. REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE GRANTS PANEL

Nominations were called by the Chair for 2 representatives for the Grants Panel: one for a Sports Club and one for a Society.

Timothy Grigg volunteered to be a Sports Club representative. This was seconded by Angela Dempster-Passang. Timothy cited his experience as the Clubs and Societies Representative in 2008 as a benefit to his fulfilling the role. Timothy is the secretary of the Tramping club.

MOVED: That Mike Bridges be granted speaking rights.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mike questioned whether Timothy's employment at OUSA is a conflict of interest in fulfilling a role on the Grants Panel. Timothy replied that he did not believe his employment would impact on his decisions within the Grants Panel.

MOVED: That Timothy Grigg be appointed as the Clubs representative for the Grants Panel.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Neil Dudley volunteered to be the Society representative. This was seconded by Scott Cardwell. Neil is a member of the Fire Performance and Juggling Society.

MOVED: That Neil Dudley be appointed as the Society representative for the Grants Panel.

ACCEPTED
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ACCOUNTS AND TAX REQUIREMENTS

Clubs were asked to make an appointment with Lee Griffiths to discuss their club's accounts by the end of April.

It was also mentioned that clubs need to register their non-profit status with the IRD. It is important that clubs do not panic about this however, clubs are encouraged to have their accounts in order. If you would like more information about the IRD please refer to their website www.ird.govt.nz. Daniel is also looking at having a resource available for clubs to discuss their accounting, tax and legal requirements.

9. CLUB OF THE YEAR

Clubs were asked to start collating their material in order to apply for the Club of the Year award. The award is based on a point system and \$1000.00 is to be won. Copies of the point system are available from Lee Griffiths. Entries are due when the nominations for the Blue and Gold awards close.

10. CONTINUING AFFILIATION

The Continuing Affiliation forms need to be returned to Lee Griffiths by Monday 16 March 2009.

11. AFFILIATION REFORM

Daniel proposed that the criteria of 90% student membership of clubs be lowered to 2/3 (66%) student membership however, the officer positions must be students. He also proposed that the minimum number of members for a club be lowered from 10 to 8 members. Daniel's proposal is based on a survey that Timothy Grigg carried out last year. The benefits of lowering the thresholds are: easier to start and maintain clubs and it retains institutional memory when non-students are involved in a club.

Timothy replied that 50 results were received from the survey and the results were not conclusive. Timothy suggested that non-student use of the facilities would end up costing students more. There was also a risk of clubs being overtaken by non-students and they do not necessarily have institutional knowledge. He noted that clubs that do not meet the 90% and 10 member criteria have gained exemptions from the executive committee – this occurred twice in 2008. Timothy surveyed other institutions and the lowest student membership was 70% and the highest was 100%. He suggested that the survey was not robust and was incomplete and believes that a more robust survey should be distributed to clubs.

Daniel replied that we currently get non-student use of the building and emphasised that institutional memory is retained when non-students are involved in clubs but that non-student members cannot take over the club. He mentioned that clubs do not know about the exemption and the process is time-consuming for the Executive to pass. From his discussions with other Clubs and Societies representatives they agreed that 90% membership was too high – Auckland University's threshold was 70% and they were currently deciding whether to lower this to 50%.

Various points of view were voiced:

- What is the benefit to clubs and societies? Does it enhance opportunities for students?
- The 90% criteria stops students creating clubs and non-students are important to clubs.
- Will non-students benefit from Grants? Daniel replied that we could decide grants on the proportion of student membership.
- Student only membership is detrimental at the executive level of a club.
- University Cricket mentioned that half way through their season they become non-students. The club would not be able to function without non-students.
- It was suggested that Council representatives need to be students.
- If clubs had more students would they been given preference for room bookings? This was thought unlikely.
- The core value of OUSA is to provide facilities for students. The change in regulation means that students are resourcing non-students.
- A way to increase institutional memory would be to offer advice on documentation and training in the hand-over process.
- Advertising the exemption.
- There has not been many exemptions through the Executive – is that really too time consuming for them?

A vote was taken on the following:

MOTION: That the criteria in the OUSA Affiliation Policy of 90% of student membership (5.3.6) of clubs be lowered to 2/3 (66%) student membership and the minimum number of members for a club be lowered from 10 to 8 members (5.3.5).

FOR: 14
OPPOSED: 15

MOTION: That the Affiliated Clubs Council Meeting do not recommend that the criteria in the OUSA Affiliation Policy of 90% of student membership of clubs (5.3.6) be lowered to 2/3 (66%) student membership and the minimum number of members for a club be lowered from 10 to 8 members (5.3.5).

FOR: 14
OPPOSED: 15

It was suggested that a written submission be distributed so that clubs could discuss the changes to criteria. Affiliation reform will be put on the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

If clubs are using the OUSA logo on their publications the logo must be obtained from the OUSA designer.

Please clear your pigeon holes monthly.

Please clear out your lockers.

It was noted that corporate organisations were using the OUSA notice boards. Daniel will investigate this issue and will pass it onto the Executive.

The meeting closed at 6.08pm.

Signed: (Chair) _____

Date: _____