

Clubs Council Executive Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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Meeting Opened: 6:08pm

Chair: Jacob Howland

1. Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the custodians of the land on which we meet, the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people. I pay my respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging, and acknowledge their ongoing connections to the land, skies and waters of this region. I recognise that sovereignty was never ceded, and that this stolen land always has been and always will be Aboriginal land.

2. Attendance and Apologies

In Attendance:

Chair: Jacob Howland

Secretary: Jordyn Gibson

Funding Officer: Tanay Kapadia

Community Officer: Charlotte Henderson

Communications Officer: Ezabell Kong

Affiliations Officer: Niam Foxcroft

ANUSA Rep: Sophie Jagger

Apologies:

Branch Officer – Humanitarian, Advocacy and Social Justice: Josh Yeend

Absent:

Branch Officer – Discipline: VACANT

Branch Officer – Special Interest: VACANT

Branch Officer – Political: Alex Conneely

Branch Officer – Faith and Religion: Celeste Sandstrom

Branch Officer – Arts and Performance: Marni Mount

Branch Officer – Culture and Language: Cian Muenster

General Officers: Kimon Vakkas, Nan Chen, Ian Huang

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest & Confidentiality

SRC Working Group: Charlotte lives with the president of MTC, was on the executive with Ben Wicks, and ran the Fenner Musical

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4. Actionables Arising

4.1 MSA prayer room usage issue

No updates on this - F&S have taken care of it

4.2 NUTS rights refunds

NUTS are still working on this and waiting to hear back from the rights company

Charlotte: many companies are providing credits

Jacob: will follow up if the company tries to do the wrong thing, but this seems like an unlikely scenario - NUTS are also working with ANU on this, and Lachy is working to liaise with the ANU if necessary.

5. Budget and Process Reporting

Tanay: have been approving all the requests on the spreadsheet so far, am uncertain on how to handle requests from events that have made a profit - have contacted Jacob about this.

Jacob: I've since responded to that - basically, unless you think there's a compelling reason not to, you can approve any request that is compliant, given how much money we have.

Charlotte: How much have we spent?

Tanay: About \$300+

Jacob: Paid total is about \$9895.00+, with about \$3600.00 of that yet to be paid out

6. Portfolio Reports

6.1 Chair's report

- We now have another casual vacancy, as Heather has since had to drop her classes and has as such lost her spot on CCE - unless there is any dissent, it is probably not worth attempting to fill that role now as it is unlikely we would be successful in doing so given the current circumstances. Heather anticipates resuming her honours project next semester, at which point she would be able to apply to be appointed back to that role
- SRC3 - moved a motion about the interpretation concerning Heather's enrolment status, it passed (albeit in a gutted state). SRC formed the view that the Exec would be better placed to consider this, so that option has now been used, although it is uncertain whether they will choose to overrule that interpretation. Working groups were also created at that time, but we will discuss this later in the meeting. It would be good for everyone to look into these and contact the relevant Ben to ask about participating in that working group (noting that the Ben in question would have discretion to invite/refuse you access, although it is expected that they will be quite permissive with who can be involved).

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- Governance review working group met last Tuesday, which went well. Not an enormous amount of actual effect was discussed, but there will be another meeting next Tuesday where feedback gathered will be considered. Nothing concerning clubs yet. Consultation seen so far suggests that there is not unanimous consensus on the status of Clubs Council.
- Have had a conversation with Lachy on Friday, nothing too big or immediate came out of that. The main point that did arise was that SSAF money distributed in a year is generally the money that was collected in the previous year. This means that next year we are likely to have a notably smaller pool of SSAF due to people being either unable to do courses or dropping to part-time due to the current situation. There is currently nothing that can be done about this, but it is important to be aware of. This also comes at a time where the university will have lost a substantial amount of money, so the ANUSA budget (and other student orgs) will likely be much lower.
 - Jordyn: could we work out a deal to conserve some of the funds we'll have in surplus this year?
 - Jacob: will ask Lachy about this

6.2 Secretary's report

- Dealing with Clubs constitutions to be compliant. Most are cooperative, however there is a club that is trying to do constitutional changes through email chains. This wouldn't be compliant. If clubs in future are asking about their constitutions please direct them to me for answers first.
- The LSS has been more difficult to work with due to their incorporated organisation status. It is preferred that they stick to the ANUSA Affiliation Policy, but if people have recommendations around how it should be handled that would be great. They're currently saying that it would be too much paperwork.
- Attended SRC 3. Nothing to add besides what Jacob already said.
- Upcoming. Rewriting the sample constitution.

6.3 Affiliations report

- Have begun working on the master list of affiliated clubs to provide to FoC
- Jordyn is helping with affiliations and fixing the constitutions
- New affiliations: one was not included in CCM1 and was frustrated by that, but they should be able to be included in CCM2 if they make the requisite changes - This was the humanitarian innovation society, which applied only a few days before CCM1 went live. May be some issues with novelty here
- Will also be creating a proposed branch list for all of the clubs - largely just important for categorising political clubs

6.4 Funding report

- Nothing to report

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6.5 Community report

- Working on some online advertising stuff
- Also attended SRC3
- Training has been taking up a reasonable amount of time, expecting to have sent the first batch of training to Kate tomorrow morning. Will follow up with relevant CCE members if necessary
- Jacob: will also send the information you asked me about later tonight
- Tanay: will send mine by Wednesday
- Charlotte: check out Jacob's and work with him on that
- Jacob: will send this to Tanay as well tonight
- Charlotte: will try to spice it up a bit and then send it back to see if the meaning has inadvertently been changed

6.6 Communications report

- Niam and I have caught up on communicating to all of the affiliated clubs.
- Minutes will also be uploaded soon

6.7 Discipline branch report

Position vacant

6.8 Special interest branch report

Position vacant

6.9 Political branch report

Not in attendance

6.10 Humanitarian, advocacy and social justice branch report

Not in attendance

6.11 Faith and religion branch report

Not in attendance

6.12 Arts and performance branch report

Not in attendance

6.13 Culture and language report

Not in attendance

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7. Items to Discuss or Decide

7.1 Motion to suspend standing orders, insofar as they;

- Impose limits on speaking times,
- Require each speaker to be explicitly called upon by the chair,
- Impose restrictions on the speaking order,
- Prevent the discussion and debate of items other than by reference to a motion, and
- Require the movement of procedural motions.

Procedural to consider this after item 2

Moved: Jordyn

Passes

Moved: Jordyn

Seconded: Charlotte

Passes

7.2 Removal provisions amendment (see reference A) [Discuss, Jacob]

- Status quo: right now, can only remove CCE members at a CCM with a super quorum and a 2/3 majority vote in favour. This is probably noncompliant with some legislative requirements for procedural fairness, and doesn't work when the reasons are confidential. Amendments were drafted last year, at which time the above defects were discovered. They weren't moved last year for an assortment of reasons, but after being appointed Chair I revisited them with Jordyn and we agreed that they would be good. They were almost forgotten, but I remembered them during a chat at the governance review working group, and they have since been slightly re-worked. I would like to bring them to the ANUSA AGM on the 21/5/20, at which time changes to regulations can be passed. After some consultation, there is not unanimous agreement with these changes, so would like to discuss further. The main alternate course of action would be to wait until next semester, so that we can ask Clubs what they think of these at CCM2 first.
- Unconvinced that Clubs will care enormously about this, even if we explain why they should. This is also a substantial defect, so would be good to fix without waiting another 3 months.
- Jordyn: I think these procedures have been here for a long time and that there won't be any issues for 3 months. Given we won't need them for another 3 months I would prefer that we run these by the Clubs first at CCM2.
- Charlotte: Clubs vote to have their CCE and it could be perceived that this amendment would create cliques within CCE.
- Jacob: I think there are a number of compelling reasons to have an alternative, less public way of dealing with removal. CCE is probably the least bad way, especially if we

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require a super quorum and supermajority, as well as a referral to disputes for a fact-finding on this. Will put together a justification of this in a more coherent way before we consult with Clubs, particularly to explain the governance.

- Will discuss this further once all of the above is done.

7.3 Online training follow up [Discuss, Charlotte]

7.4 SRC arts working group [Discuss, Charlotte]

- Context: I have a very substantial conflict of interest with this as Ben Wicks is currently in my house discussing it. A lot of the theatre groups on campus do not fit into a conventional clubs model, and it is frustrating for them to have to have AGMs etc. Furthermore, many groups that perform theatre are colleges or similar and thus can't be affiliated. It would be useful to consider an alternative model so that we can fund them more holistically. For a lot of clubs with minimal amounts of liquidity, this is quite challenging, which is what led to the working group at SRC. There is probably some merit to suggesting that the current system doesn't work that well.

Jordyn leaves the meeting, leaving CCE inquorate.

Jacob: There is merit to having a different model to what we have now for theatre clubs. However, I think that this wastes time due to being based on a notion pulled out of thin air. The idea being that theatre groups will have access to thousands of dollars that would be taken away from other SSAF funded groups on campus. There is no way that ANUSA, or startup organisation, is just going to get an extra \$100,000 for theatre on campus. This draws on inspiration on how theatre groups are run at different unis, which is great, but ANU has demonstrated that they have not much care for these things. The boring SRC stuff was that I seconded an amendment to cut the Arts Working Group out of the other working groups being made in the motion. This was for the reasons previously said. Ben Y has reached out to Marni to join the working group. If the money was being drawn from other places in ANUSA then that creates conflict with clubs on campus.

Charlotte: There is an opportunity here though for a collaborative effort to reform theatre funding on campus. Whether we do that ourselves or through this working group is important but regardless we could make some change here.

Jacob: I can't see us affiliating College based productions. Most shows get a bit over a grand in funding in the end. I don't know where this additional funding comes from and I don't want it to cross over our operations.

Charlotte: I think it would be worthwhile talking to theatre groups regarding what they want. Just because it's not the way we currently do things but that doesn't mean that we can't change things.

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Jacob: It appears that the best way to work with this is to get the working group to work with current clubs and to see how much change is financially viable. I'm not trying to defend Club Council's turf, but it is poorly designed at the moment. If we can work with the working group then that would be ideal. If we get cut out from the working group then I would be disappointed with this. I think if Jordyn asked to join then that would be ok.

Charlotte: I would also like to join.

Jacob: I would prefer that one person, or as few people as possible, join the working group besides Marni.

Sophie: Do you think that they will not let CCE in the group?

Charlotte: I suspect so, yes.

7.5 Motion to accept the reaffiliation requests of the following clubs [Decide, Niam]

- 180 Degrees Consulting ANU
- ANU Literature Society
- ANU Science Communication Society
- Australia-China Youth Association at the ANU
- Australian National University Politics, Philosophy and Economics Students' Society

Procedural to consider item 7.5 after item 6 - mover: Jordyn

Passes

Moved: Niam

Seconded: Jordyn

Passes

8. Funding Items

9. Other Business

10. Recall Actionables

11. Meeting Close

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Meeting Closed: 6:55pm due to loss of quorum, discussion continued while inquorate, as marked with blue text.

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Reference A

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11AUzrBIUNLMUXMxaIS4WZeEatwfZp4ob-G3FwYut1RM/edit?usp=sharing>