

# Clubs Council Executive Meeting Agenda/Minutes

2019-06-17

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Meeting Opened: 6:05 pm



## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by James

## 2. Attendance and Apologies

### In Attendance:

James  
Jason  
Jacob  
Ebe  
Matthew  
Stavros  
Ben  
Niam  
Harry  
Cahill  
Abigail

### Apologies:

Claudia  
Andrea  
Sam  
Emily  
Ji  
Esha

### Absent:

Eli  
Paris  
Skanda  
Dash  
Claudia  
Andrea



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## 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest & Confidentiality

Conflict dissolved (James *et al.*, 2019)

James: A declaration, which was late last meeting is moot. The ticket has dissolved. Any updates? No, very quickly. One of the candidates was a prospective gen rep in the ticket, this is a notification that the conflict no longer exists.

Ben: Taken up a position at treasurer of ANULSC

## 4. Actionables Arising

**a. Everyone: fill in Ebe's form to check it works.**

Ebe: people did not do that. It got released anyway, got about 30 responses

**b. Jason: Did you want to assure SEEF that they will get nothing from us.**

**Jacob: yes**

Jacob: I have not done that yet, shortly after the last meeting got an app. We will be voting on that tonight, if they fail, I will do this.

**c. Ebe to contact clubs to make sure they're aware they need to come to training to get money.**

Ebe: I kind of did it in advertising the next training, strongly implied in other coms. Have not emailed though.

Jason motions to move item 7 up in the agenda.

Seconded: Jacob

The motion passes.

## 5. Budget and Process Reporting

Jacob: there is 63,351.24 in the payment run. This is a good outcome. I was concerned about it being like 75 g. I apologies i don't have the unprocessed grants here. I am not particularly concerned about the budget re ball season. That is good. Ball grant apps are starting to come, none are very large yet. The very large balls have not applied.

James: they qualify?

Jacob: so far, yes.

Jacob: the budget is a little more spent than maybe ideal, but not super worrying.

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Jason: Maybe a bit early, but we don't want to overspend the budget, but we also don't want to underspend the budget. What is your approach for this? In 2017 the approach was to request grants en masse.

Jacob: not exactly sure of what is awaiting acquittal but, it wouldn't knock my socks off if it is a few grand, meaning we will be close to spending our budget. Aside from them making profit, that could be a large liability. I would not yet be foreseeing the situation you describe. But if we do find ourselves there, I will pursue that.

## 6. Portfolio Reports

James: It's been a long 3 weeks since the last meeting. Basically there has been a lot behind the scenes. We have a named officers meeting a week and Friday ago. One issue is that on Tuesday is that I had a very heated discussion with Jason, I was in the wrong and it did cause problems for our relationship. It came up in the meeting. We have agreed to an MoU specifying how to go forward, I will also censure myself. I met with Eden on how things are going. And otherwise, I've been busy with exams. That's it.

Ben: Nothing to report

Stavros: Nothing

Cahill: meeting on the clubs booklet. There is a public consult on Thursday re affiliation reform. There are 2 clubs applying to affiliate for CCM3. There are others. Astronomy club who have not been able to get to CCM are alive.

Abigail: Nothing

Matthew: Sent a com about BW market day. Also clubs ball, we are changing the location. The theme is also misc.

Jason: what was the nature of the miscibusiness?

Matthew: The venue itself is quite pretty, but quite old. The bigger issue is the table issue. The marketing was that the dining room was one single large room made up of 3 rooms, however this was a problem.

Ebe: The layout was an issue. We're exploring other options.

Jason: What is the issue with New Parliament House?

Ebe: The contact for NPH is not as on the ball.

Ebe: I have locked in the venue and FoC for ball and event, 31st July. If you are aware of people who need to come, tell them. It is great, even if they don't intend on applying for a SEG or doing a ball. Turn up so people can answer questions. Talking to UNION about organizing the event with them. Starting at 7:30, food and drink for 200 or 300 people.

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The marketing will be done by me. I will get that to them this week. The survey is ticking, but I want 60 responses. At 30, we don't have a reasonable consensus. Looking forward to analysis.

Niam: Do you need help while you're on leave?

Ebe: Bush week is a bit misc. I personally think that we shouldn't have a stall, we are there to assist clubs, not students. Otherwise, nothing really. Could do something

Matthew: If you do, that's up to you, heads up is needed.

Ebe: The only other thing is that I am planning a re-affiliations workshop after the reforms are done. It is common for clubs to not know what they're doing. Also handover workshops would be good.

Jacob: So my last week was exams. But before that there was the funding deadline running out. No issues besides SASS. there was awareness of the deadline. But SASS seemed to have had treasurer issues, the treasurer failed to apply for grants. The treasurer is stepping down. The vibe I got is that the treasurer never got around the funding system and then just didn't do it. We explained to the president how to do it. Hopefully their situation will improve. They can eat the loss with their liquidity.

Ebe: Its not that bad, partly because SASS hasn't done much.

Jacob: I have also met with psych soc. There wanted to do equity tickets, I have directed them to the Student Assistance officers.

Jacob: Also went to the named officer meeting. It resolved things well.

Jason: There were things that happened - in Week 12 there was the ANUSA AGM. There were some regulatory motions. Improves a lot of situations and removes the contrary practice that was in the text before. I checked into exams - hope everyone is going well. There was the named officers meeting - it dealt with things other than what James mentioned. There was talk about improving the way we operate. The event that Cahill alluded to, sorry for bumping it at 11 at night.

Ebe: We might have seen more engagement if it was at a better time. But there is an optics issue regarding posting at 11pm at night. Also we resolved to have named officers meeting in each altering week between CCE meetings.

James: If anyone wants to bring things to a named officers meeting, you can contact any of us.

Jason: We aren't trying to centralize power. Some of the communications between named officers haven't been the best and the meetings would aim to improve that. There is no motions passed.

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James: They don't abide by the standing orders.

Ebe: It's for things such as me talking about Clubs booklets before CCE meetings. For a body that manages so many clubs one meeting every two weeks is not sufficient.

Jason: Come to that reforms workshop. It will be good. There was some talk about the funding policy workshops being too top down - but this is something that we don't have to rush and we can take our time on. Applications to the group are always open. Just have to write the interpretations I was actioned to do.

## 7. Items to Discuss or Decide

### 7.1. Motion to adopt draft Clubs Rule: Social Media Management

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Moved: Jason

Seconded: Ebe

Jason: At the moment there is a bit of lack of clarity around using our page. We have a defacto process, but I wanted a formal one. So I came up with this.

Ebe: I think it's good. I would have liked to maintain some more control over that, but Jason explained why this would be an issue.

Jason: I basically said that the proposed process would lead to bottlenecks when people aren't available. This process would aim to get around that.

The motion passes.

### 7.2. Motion to adopt draft Clubs Rule: Exercise of Discretion in Evaluating Funding Requests

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Moved: Jason

Seconded: Matthew

Jason: You should definitely read this one. The context is that under the changes we made that people had a lack of faith in our discretionary processes. This is a rule instead of a policy because it's something that we do, and there would be complications with making it a policy.

James: Is everyone aware of what merits review refers to?

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Jacob: This is basically how I saw that this should happen and Jason put it into words.

The motion passes.

- 7.3. Motion to Censure Jason Pover for failing to make the proper inquiries as to the extent of his actual conflict of interest in the filling of the General Officer Casual Vacancy.

Moved: Jason

Seconded: Niam

Jason motions to move 7.3 to after 7.6 but not after 7.7

Seconded: Ebe

The motion passes.

Jason: I'll explain because the nature of my error is slightly different. I was at the interview with Jacob. At this interview he told me was aware that Ezabell was being considered as a gen rep. I declared that I was running on another ticket. I eventually left this ticket and was offered positions on the other ticket - Gen Rep, University Council rep and NUS delegate. That was the weekend before that meeting - at this meeting Ezabell was there. I was not a key organizer in the ticket - I did not see anyone declare a conflict of interest so I thought I didn't have one either. Looking back this was not appropriate. Questions?

Niam seconds.

The motion passes.

- 7.4. Motion to Censure Jacob Howland for failing to declare a real conflict of interest in the General Officer Casual Vacancy process

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Cahill

Jacob: The first thing is our explain censures. I didn't know until Jason told me. It's basically an apology where the censured person moves it. What happened was all three of Ebe, James and I screwed up by not declaring a conflict of interest with Ezabell in relation to the Gen Officer casual vacancy. We were, at that time running on a ticket together, this occurred between interviewing her and her appearing. I don't know why I didn't declare. It's a mistake I want to apologies for you all

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Niam: A question, chronology?

Jacob: Jason and I interviewed her, when we found out about the apps, Ebe told James and I that Ebe had considered shoulder tapped. The decision had not been made at the time of the interview. It was 5 days or so

Ebe: I can back up the chronology.

Harry: I'd like to flag that I was not aware that this person was on the ticket.

- 7.5. Motion to Censure James Howarth for failing to declare a real conflict of interest in the General Officer Casual Vacancy process

Moved: James

Seconded: Matthew

James: Jacob has explained, I'll explain me personally. I've known Stavros for a long time, we're good friends, I declared. I thought I was so biased to Steve, that Ezabell did not come to mind. It was a screw up. I entirely forgot. Not a deliberative action, shame how it came up. I know it's no excuse. Questions?

Matthew seconds

Passes

- 7.6. Motion to Censure Ebe Ganon for failing to declare a real conflict of interest in the General Officer Casual Vacancy process

Moved: Ebe

Seconded: Matthew

Ebe: Not much more to add, I think to again add personal context. No excuse, I screwed up, I was working hard to keep CC and ANUSA campaigning separate, to keep both operative, that may have lead to me failing to declare. I'm sorry for any harm caused. Happy to answer questions. That ticket no longer exists. I hope we can move on from this.

Matthew seconds

passes

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- 7.7. Discussion of the creation of a working team to discuss ways to improve clubs' visibility to students (Discuss - Cahill & Ji)

Cahill: I think I'll do an out of motion session in relation to who should be on the working group. We got some feedback about the clubs booklet, I want to proceed with CCE support. There was agreement that visibility of clubs is an important issue and we want to promote that. An appropriate way of going forward is a working group to develop new strategies or improve things.

Ebe: Love it, I have a list of things we could do. Query, based on the discussion we had last week, wondering why I wasn't included in the discussions

Cahill: Just met up with Ji once. Sorry we didn't bring this to you. Very informal early meeting.

- 7.8. Motion to approve Stavros Dimos as Deputy Funding Officer

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Cahill

passes.

Jacob: so the reason we should do this is basically it is for this that we elected Stavros, he has the capacity to do the extraction and analysis of the MSL funding data. I don't envision much delegation, I am a control freak, also I wrote the funding policy so I know it better than anyone, but still good for leave contingency. I will be on leave during bush-week. Having a deputy will be good.

- 7.9. Discussion Re CC Independence/More Postgraduate Representation (as mandated by CCM2) (James)

James: As we all know at CCM 2, it was moved that we should investigate independence. Somewhat control. It would be good to have this discussion here in a broader discussion forum, i don't want this to go to long

Cahill: Can we get info on the survey

Ebe: a bit dangerous this early but a taster. 17 responses, I'll read out the substantial one: \*Ebe reads out responses\* in general there is a diverse range of opinions. Some hot takes



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Harry rereads the motion.

Jason moves to resolve into committee of the whole

Harry seconds

Passes

Niam: I was against this at the time, following some things that happened, I am more inclined to this. The best option is to respond to the survey. I would like to see involvement of people who are not in the exec

Jacob: We are gathering opinions on this. Becoming completely independent from ANUSA is deranged. We'd need to make a 400,000 SSAF bid and a new legal org with clubs is not feasible. Such an organization would have substantial issues. It would have to duplicate the admin of ANUSA, currently done by Sam and admin assistants. The middle ground that has been floated is that a lot more would be devolved to CC, including our own constitution. This whole thing came up because Brandan was upset he couldn't vote

Ebe: I echo much of that. At the end of the day, we need to remember our place. Its a real shame that there has been as much conflict as there has been. Succession rhetoric needs to quieten down. We need to work on a sustainable relationship with them. I would focus on postgraduate representation. Optics can certainly change. Operational things like voting rights are more difficult to achieve.

Jason: I voted in favor of this motion. And I agree with Jacob that separation isn't feasible. But, putting aside the issue of post grad representation, there are some current issues with the current structure. We have an amount of money which is spent by a set of policies. These policies are created by the CC. But we don't have our own bank account for this. Last year this was a problem and the trustees had to intervene. What would have been better is if an amount of money is appropriated into an account and that would be administered by Clubs Council. This finance dictates the governance. We would want someone to govern the legalities of this - such as a constitution. In the ANUSA constitution there could be a clause that says that Clubs Council may have our own form of constitution. It would be something like a parent company. I would however have the capacity to bid for SSAF money if need be. How would that improve things? We wouldn't sit within ANUSA's administration directly and that would give us some autonomy. And that constitution would be able to be voted on by post grads - which I think is a pretty important thing. It's not an undergrad issue. I think that it's a good thing to reform.

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Matthew: So we're trying to become a department that isn't a department?

Jason: Not really, we'd really be more of a subsidiary to ANUSA.

Matthew: In a functional sense though, the relationship between a department and ANUSA would be similar?

Jason: I don't think that the General Sec would be able to interpret the Clubs Council constitution when it has post grads.

Jacob: Would the Disputes committee have power over a Clubs Council constitution?

Jason: I would consider leaving that issue.

Matthew: Prepare to be hit over the head with the governance review.

Jason: The review will have a lot of recommendations that may not get implemented. For myself, I am interested in what the governance review has to say, but I don't think it will be effective. I am accountable to clubs through Clubs Council. The governance review relates to undergraduate students - not necessarily clubs.

Ebe: Under this idea of Clubs Council - ANUSA would apply for SSAF for us and we'd still have access to their staff?

Jason: Correct.

Ebe: I think that would be an issue of holding their resources hostage.

Jason: If we prove to be unable to have financial governance - there can be mechanisms to overcome that.

James: I suppose the risk is that ANUSA wouldn't be able to pull the reigns on a crazy CCE.

Jason: You're almost implying that ANUSA doesn't have an issue with bad personnel. ANUSA is not the be all and end all of financial governance.

Ebe: Surely by removing some of the levels related to the finances we open ourselves up to those risks.

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Jason: Let me address that in a moment. It is not ANUSA's money - it is student's money. If ANUSA used that logic then it would be University money. The money is for the student's benefit - it's SSAF. The responsibility should be to students not higher bodies. The managerialism that has crept into ANUSA has not been good for ANUSA. I don't think that replicating that here is a good idea. I would add the capacity for us to bid independently too. I don't see that as a bad model.

Ebe: I think that regardless of the election results we know that a presidential candidate would be on the Clubs Council side and would represent us at the SSAF bid.

Jason: We know there are issues with the SSAF bidding process. Maybe this will change in the future.

Discussion surrounding the nature and purpose of this discussion occurs.

Harry: Cahill?

Cahill: I am not too sure of what our PARSA reps are in the CCE? I think they should have a stronger role in our committee.

James: Their role is to obviously represent PARSA, especially in terms of issues of conflicts with PARSA interests.

Jason: Constitutionally, PARSA reps represent PARSA. Technically all of us can be postgrads.

Cahill: From a grassroots perspective - do we think that the PARSA reps should have a stronger role in our committee?

Ebe: This comes down to the basic problem with Stupol - people fill roles and we don't know how good they'll be at that. People should do their jobs.

James: Eden and I did discuss issues with the PARSA reps. We talked about the correlation between the CCM2 motion and the attendance of the reps.

Jason: I think the real correlation is between PARSA rep attendance and the logo discussions.

**James: I have not checked back with Eden, but she was going to talk to Zyl about the expectations of PARSA representative attendance at CCE meetings.**

Cahill: I think that the PARSA reps should have a stronger role here.

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Ben: Is there any way we not have PARSA as a 'slot in', but rather as an actually involved body?

Matthew: In the Exec meeting, do they get voting rights?

James: Yes. We have had previous issues with PARSA.

Ebe: I believe that that would stem from the fundamental issue of postgraduate representation. I think after the break we can address this fundamental issue.

A break occurs.

Harry: There is a lot of discussion regarding the governance issue. But the broader issue is that within C&S there aren't a lot of postgraduates.

Ebe: Where's your evidence for this?

Harry: Through my role in BioSoc - we've been investigating with engaging the postgrad community. We found that some clubs had quite good engagement with postgrads, others didn't. I spoke to the PARSA Social and Science reps about how PARSA runs events for postgrads. They run it in a different way than how we do it for undergraduates. I don't think that a lot of clubs have the understanding to target postgraduates. I think we could work with PARSA about postgraduate engagement training.

Ebe: I think it would be hypocritical of us to do that before postgrads have the ability to have their voice in this body. I'm not sure if that addresses the current topic: increasing their representation in our body.

Harry: I don't think that this should be the end all or be all but rather a measure as part of the solution.

Jacob: I feel like this is a bit petty - I still don't see why undergraduate clubs would feel the need to do this.

Ebe: What's their incentive to do anything though?

Jason: Money.

Jacob: And the shared interest to do something they like doing with people who feel the same way.

Jason: Getting back to the reasons for doing this. The primary one is that they should just have a vote. I'm not so concerned with postgrads, as much as I am

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with clubs. What matters is representing clubs. Quite a few have a lot of postgrad members. They are involved with clubs, and as the peak body for clubs they should be able to have a say about what happens with them.

James: I think it would be a working group for this for interested members. Otherwise we'd go around in circles. After standing orders are resumed we could make a working group and have someone lead it.

Jason: That working group should have more than just Executive members.

Ebe: I think the first priority of that group is to get more information and perspectives to help develop a path towards a solution. We need PARSA contributions and perspectives and we need to think about what solutions will impact who - what the limits are. You need the support of larger organisations to change the smaller ones.

Jason: I've seen reform in student organizations go along the lines of things happening until a change of exec and then the ball is dropped.

Ebe: I've seen student organizations go up in arms because they weren't consulted.

James: Can we return to standing orders to create the motions?

Jacob moves, Jason seconds.

James: We should establish a working group with ToR. It should have a deadline. I think a good one would be CCM 3. August 9. We need to be able to report back to CCM. It would be good to have something to report back.

Jason: I think it would be better to make the deadline the first CCE meeting before CCM3.

James: It might be best to assume that we have a CCE meeting two weeks before CCM3 - that would be Monday the 29th of July. Are we happy with that date?

Matthew: Doesn't the group decide the terms of reference?

Jason: We set out some limits for the committee prior to its creation and questions to answer to prevent off topic discussion.

Matthew: Is that deadline the a) most productive use of time...

James: I think that given the broadness of the initial motion - I think that the result from that committee is that there is a model where CC becomes

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independent from ANUSA. This is to ensure we have something physical by the end of the timeframe.

**Motion to create a working group with a deadline to report to CCE by Monday 29th of July to the best way to address motion 4.5 passed at CCM 2.**

Jason reads out the motion.

Ebe: did we want to address the Or thing?

Jason: I think leave that to the group.

Ebe: Currently they've be investigating both though. Someone correct me, but at the CCM it was decided that it was x or y. The way it reads it is that it is one or the other.

Jason: I think this is consistent with what we've got.

Jacob: I think to report back to CCE on what is the best way to address the motion.

Ebe: I think there issue regarding inserting the motion here.

Jason: Can we leave it to the working group?

Matthew: Partly of what I was trying to say before - but what happens if the group goes full ham on it and tries to break away from ANUSA.

Jason: The motion was initially to the CCE - so the report back will come to us and we have the discretion to accept or reject it.

James reads the motion:

**Motion to create a working group with a deadline to report to CCE by Monday the 29th of July on the best way to address motion 4.5 passed at CCM 2.**

Moved by Jason

Seconded by Stavros

The motion passes.

**An out of session motion is to be carried to appoint members to the working group.**

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## 8. Funding Items

### 8.1. RRRS Liquid Reserve Grant (Decide) (see appendix A)

Motion to approve

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Ebe

Jacob: Shouldn't be too controversial. Look at the application. They regularly run large scale events. With their upcoming ball they don't have the sufficient funds.

Jason: How did they end up with such little liquidity?

Jacob: Not sure - they're a younger club. I don't believe they charge a membership fee. Even if they wanted to make the constitutional change to make that possible, it would be hard to do that. Basically, they're still newish and they don't have any way of accumulating funds. I would happily suggest to them imposing a membership fee for next year.

### 8.2. Sol Invictus Travel Grant (Decide) (see appendix A)

Motion to deny

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Jason

Jacob: So, I bought this up at the last meeting, basically the story is that about 5 or 6 weeks Sam, Jason and I had meeting with Sol Invictus. They want 10 g to travel to Darwin and then follow the race. It has merit, because we don't have the money to do this at this stage. We have basis for denying it because they have received 40 gish from the colleges and chancellery. I think this fits within the limitation provided in the grant. The other thing is that, there are 2 things, we can cap grants over 500 and also the expenses they are talking about are not eligible, specifically the following of the solar car in other cars. The crux is if we give them 500 they are locked out of SEEF; SEEF blocks people who get money from us. I think we should deny this and support them in getting SEEF. questions?

The motion passes.

## 9. Other Business

### 9.1. Motion to Censure James Howarth for unprofessional behavior towards Jason Pover, and for exceeding his (James') authority in seeking Clubs Council Executive compensation without first consulting the Clubs Council Executive.

Moved: James

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Seconded: Jacob

James: I have already spoken about this.

The motion is carried.

- 9.2. Motion to authorize the named officers (Chair, Secretary, Funding Officer, Community Officer, Affiliations Officer and Communications Officer) to hold fortnightly meetings.

Moved: Ebe

Seconded: Niam

Passes

## 10. Recall Actionables

- a. **James: I have not checked back with Eden, but she was going to talk to Zyl about the expectations of PARSAs representative attendance at CCE meetings.**
- b. **An out of session motion is to be carried to appoint members to the working group.**

## 11. Meeting Close

Meeting Closed: 8:39pm



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## Appendix A - Funding Applications

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