

Clubs Council Executive Meeting Agenda/Minutes

2019-09-02

ANUSA Boardroom

Meeting Opened: 6:32 pm



1. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by James

2. Attendance and Apologies



In Attendance:

James
Shahnawaz
Jason
Jacob
Henry
Niam
Stavros
Skanda (arrived: 6:44pm)

Apologies:

Ebe
Cahill
Claudia
Ji
Eli
Andrea
Ben (late apologies)

Absent:

Matthew
Dash
Emily
Paris

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest & Confidentiality

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4. Actionables Arising

a. Ji to remove item 4.1 from CCM3 agenda.

Completed.

5. Budget and Process Reporting

Jacob: Current number is the payment run remaining 30,654.72. That's not great.

Henry: why?

Jacob: our budget is 150,000 g. That does not yet include a number of balls. The second point is that we just hit a deadline, so we will receive a flood. There is probably a fair bit more in liabilities. There is a real prospect of going into term for 15,000.

Henry: runs out, it runs out?

Jacob: Once we get through all of this and see if we can move line items. It is a lot better than it could of been. Last year they were looking like they were going to underspend 175,000; but they eventually spent however they got 189,000 spent, over budget. And yet we only got 150,000 because of the information available in the SSAF room.

Henry: its best to run out, to get more money

Jason: The ideal is to perfectly spend the budget by the end of the year.

Henry: Secondary to that is falling a little bit short

Jason: The new policy ensures that won't happen.

Jacob: Point is that it is as bad as we've been thinking it has been for a while now. We'll work over it over the coming weeks and see what the way forward looks like.

6. Portfolio Reports

James: I met with Eden. 2 weeks ago. Eden didn't know it was on. We discussed a number of matters, CCM 3, elections, the misc ANU admin meeting. It started going beyond our scope. We are bound by ANUSA policies re confidentiality. Sam never got invited to the meeting. ANUSA was concerned. Told Eden that we are concerned about the budget. Letting Eden know we had talked about executive compensation. Met with Eleanor boyleg and Kate (Coms officer in ANUSA). There are issues with probity given the nature of CCM meetings, proxies etc.

Jason: Meeting with Eden, you noted that there were concerns about the meeting – what were the nature of the concerns?

James: Concerns were about how ANUSA had felt as if they had been deliberately cut out.

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Jacob: From my experience as Bush Week Director, it is very reasonable for them to assume this.

James: I believe they had been in contact, but hadn't received any reply.

Jason: I want to talk elections but it's an item.

Skanda: sorry I'm late. Main thing is the BO working group. It's looking like IRL meeting will have to wait till next term. I want to talk to the new BOs about that too. I'm the residual category branch officer. If you're interested message me. Declaring that I have been elected as Education officer.

Jason: that will happen a lot now, how will you manage that?

Skanda: I am on the committee with the next year's SSAF bid - I will not make what is said in these meetings known to the other committee. I understand there are other conflicts.

James: I would like to say that I was added to a group chat alongside Jason, Jacob, James, Maddie, Madhu & Lachie to discuss the SSAF bids.

Shanawaz: Nothing

Henry: Shanawaz and I (and Skanda) are having a meeting. We are discussing postgrad representation.

Jason: We have a postgrad involvement working group - it hasn't got much traction because it has no postgrads, would you like to be involved with that?

Shanawaz: That would be great.

Henry: Have been in contact with RAC and RRRS societies about fixing their email addresses on the ANUSA website. The other two conversations I had were with delegates to the CCM - they said that they weren't happy with the meeting. They said it was poorly run and that there was obvious infighting within the Executive. I would like to stress the

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importance of keeping together - a lot of people depend on us. It's important for us to look like an organised, coherent group.

James: We have one meeting left. Typically 4 in a year.

Shahnawaz: There was concern about attending training for balls, and eligibility for funding.

Jacob: We sent emails out to clubs. These are run by volunteers. They were also communicated by FB posts. There are limits to how much we can make people engage. Ebe who was responsible for training. We feel that if people were not aware.

Shan: How many people need to attend the event?

Jacob: attendance numbers are largely based on a good faith agreement with clubs - this usually works. Where the numbers are large and the grants large and the numbers may be abnormal for the Club, that's when we ask for an attendance list. It is possible to forge such a list, but it is a lot of work. People who steal money from ANUSA won't be able to keep it quiet for very long.

Jason: The costs of doing that compliance work is very high.

Henry: Imagine trying to get 50 other student names, numbers and signatures. I just want to stress that the personality of the Clubs Council should be independent of the Executive members.

Jacob: So I have done a limited amount this week, mid-sem. I did a large batch of grants on Friday. MSL went down on Friday night, turned out that (funding application platform) it was not working. So I had to deal with. Emailed MSL, resolved in around 3 hours. A couple of things to flag. Such so I can gauge interest. Debating society travel grant, my understanding is (declaration I am on DebSoc's exec.) that they are going to Bali for intervarsity. They are asking for the travel grant. That's the only way DebSoc can be decent for it. So there is a rather large grant, like 5 g. Ian went through it today. Based on Ian's assessment, it would only be 1900 for 4 people.

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Henry: That sounds like a good deal.

Jason: The question isn't if it is a good deal, but rather if we should be funding it or not.

Jacob: The registration cost was 600, flights 950 for each person, halved under the grant. We've received 4 sufficient proofs of travel (flight from Australia, flight to Bali, flight from Bali, flight to Australia). A few people went to Bali from other events and vacations - other Debating events, holidays in Vietnam, etc.

Henry: When you say fly out from Australia, if you're going to go on vacation to France that shouldn't be included.

Jacob: Yeah so the cost that the travel grant has available is based on the cheapest flight.

Henry: So the reimbursement comes from the cheapest flight from CBR- Bali?

Jacob: Correct. I think that it would be worth some of the other people's proof on their flights. What's the re on whether the CCE will want to cast its dissertation at \$500, noting the budgetary situation and that it would ruin the Debating Society (if not funded)

Jason: We've already funded this many times before, and DebSoc is an important society.

Henry: In what way?

Jason: The grant itself is more reasonable than another grant we approved earlier this year. DebSoc is a well-known society with a strong image and has an important standing.

Henry: True but any club could fulfill that. I get really careful around publicity because its so ambiguous, and really any club could accumulate that publicity if we put that much money into it.

Jacob: The Uni is more likely to give us money to give a club money than a club directly accessing the uni.

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Skanda: Any club can apply for this grant. Just a question, if the other 8 clubs submit their grants then would we be in trouble?

Jason: yes.

Jason: Why don't we discuss this when we reach the grant?

Stavros: Just quickly, how much has been funded by this grant for this society?

Henry: And that has been historic?

Jacob: My understanding is that we have.

Shan: Why haven't they used SEEF for this?

Jason: SEEF doesn't let you double bid.

Jacob: DebSoc usually goes to SEEF for other reasons.

Niam: Can we discuss at the Budget Item?

Jacob: This has carried on a while - I'll go back to the DebSoc, get all the proof I can possibly find and bring it all to the CCE to have a solid discussion around it. I will be up to that and all the other grants.

Jason: Not much to say - there was the MSL thing, there was a working group. There was some election stuff. Oh wait! One thing, the new Affiliations policy passed at CCM, we're going to waive the requirements for clubs that are currently affiliated, but we are going to enforce it against clubs that are currently trying affiliate.

Stavros: Nothing to report.

Niam: I am doing stuff on the discipline policy, was working at CCM. very proud of myself for updating attendance.

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Ji in writing: Portfolio wise, last week's agenda and CCM3 agenda will be going up shortly. I am also trying to get access to the ANUSA website but Kate hasn't responded (this is regards to the visibility group).

7. Items to Discuss or Decide

7.1. Executive Policy Reform Working Group (James, discuss and decide)

James: I was trying to push some reform through. It is one of the most played with policies. Howard pushed through some reforms last year. We have to for instance provide a handbook. The policy needs varied alteration. I think it would be great to have this working group. Now that affiliations is done we can form another. We'll ask for people to be involved. Should hopefully have changes prepared by CCM 4. I'd like to gauge who'd be interested in a working group. You can also get involved at any later point.

James, Jason, Jacob, Shahnawaz all note interest.

James moves to create the Executive Policy Reform Group with the members listed above.

Seconded by Jason.

Motion passes.

James: some of these working groups could be dissolved into each other. These have low obligations, so long as that individual pushes it, its ok. I'm still trying to catch up on my other working group. Any other questions?

James to create Exec Policy Reform Slack channel.

7.2. Clubs Regulations Reform Working Group (Jason, discuss and decide)

Jason: So, the essence of it is that the Clubs Regulations is like the Constitution of ANUSA. They are shockingly written. There was a whole disaster because of an interpretation that made it difficult to change the Funding Policy. That issue was fixed, but broadly they are just generally trash. I am open to the idea of melting this working group into another one, perhaps the PostGrad working group?

Henry: If we hold up until our meeting tomorrow, maybe we can get some ideas going.

Jason: I'm happy with that - I can table the motion and resolve it out of session.

James: Hopefully this doesn't get all blown over by the governance review. Basically the Governance Review has been held over the head of the ANUSA

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groups in the hope that the Gov Review would be the reform of these bodies. It's been around since 2017 - but it hasn't really happened yet.

Henry: Let's circumvent that. Bring up whatever reforms we want.

Motion tabled for debate out of session.

7.3. CCM4 and Elections (James, discuss)

James: CCM4 is when elections happen for the Clubs Council. There was some issues with it last year. I wanted to bring it up because I started to speak to ANUSA about it a bit more - they want to run it on MSL this year. The idea would be that at location there are two entrances in the foyer and, albeit not locked in, that there would be a sign in and we would restrict access to the meeting. Delegates would vote in a booth prior to the meeting. In terms of speed and time, there are 16 positions and it takes time.

Jason: One, we need to declare conflicts of interest.

James: Previously the Secretary ran the elections - since I am considering running for Chair again, there would be a conflict of interest. There would be issues regarding running the meeting and such. It might not happen of course, internship applications and the such.

Jason: The relevant provision is section 4 of the Clubs Regulations. We don't decide how elections are run, the RO does. The RO is appointed by the GenSec. Usually its the incoming GenSec. It is that person that decides how the election is run. We don't decide that.

James: That was discussed with Eleanor - the way we left the meeting is that Eleanor and Kate will be working with the GenSec. They want him in beforehand to ensure that elect

For Jason to speak to the General Secretary about appointing the RO ASAP

Henry moves

Shanawaz seconds

Carried

That we encourage the R) to run the election through paper ballots

Henry moves

Shanawaz seconds

Carried

Motions run smoothly.

Jason: There were some issues with elections.

James: The election opened during the meeting, but occurred afterwards - 2 weeks after the meeting due to tech issues. We didn't really plan the logistics.

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Jason: I just recommend having paper ballots. People could speak to their elections in the meeting, and MSL is unreliable.

Shahnawaz: It can go crazy at any time.

Jason: It's not such a complex election that it can't be done by paper ballot. There is nothing to say that it HAS to be preferential ballots or anything.

James: The Disputes Committee election was just as complicated with less people and less candidates.

Henry: We need to make sure the GenSec gets an RO and that the RO has a paper ballot.

Jacob: I was just going to say that why paper ballot may not be as bad as the Disputes Committee due to quotas, the only positions that have that issue for CCM is general officers.

Jason: Last year we had heaps of vacancies. I think people should be able to nominate from the floor. Delegates have direct experience with CCM and Clubs and it would be invaluable to have them on the Exec.

Henry: As branch officers should we be encouraging people to apply?

James: Absolutely. Also a postgraduate students too. There was a largely disproportionate amount of postgrads to undergraduates.

Henry: That is usually the case though. Postgrad happens to just be an entirely different experience.

James: I'm seeing two motions, one to have the Gen Sec appoint an RO and the other is to encourage paper ballots at CCM4.

Jason: It is in the interest of the elections to be able to have discussions about elections.

Henry moves to have Jason speak with the General Secretary regarding appointing an RO as soon as possible.

Seconded by Shahnawaz.

Motion is carried.

Henry moves to have members of the CCE to encourage the RO to use paper ballots as the preferred election method.

Seconded by Shahnawaz.

Henry: It comes back to the professional image of this body. Encouraging paper ballots would make us look professional.

James: Before moving on, could you mention nominating from the floor?

Jacob: It says you can withdraw up to an hour before.

Jason: That would be an issue for the RO to deal with.

7.4. Motion to pursue a line item alteration (Jason, discuss)

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Jason: I did say that I was going to move this item. It would be good to have this discussion. At this point of the year, items that he thought were being spent aren't. Matthew said that he would mediate the process.

Jacob: Would be interested in having a meeting with Dash and having Matt mediate it. It would be very easy for this come up to Eden and for her to not have time. It would be more efficient to talk to Dash directly.

James: I think her response wasn't a no to diminish our efforts, but rather as a "I don't have time at the moment."

Jason: What sort of procedure do we want to approach? I would assume you would want to lead the meeting. We could go to the OGM or SRC.

Jacob: 1% of 2mil is 20 grand - we could do that at an SRC.

Jason: Politically would make sense as there was no real justification for the cut.

Jacob: I would like to meet with Dash.

James: We can move a motion?

Jacob: I'd like to keep it as actionable.

Jacob to chat with Matthew and Dash about finding more money in the budget for Clubs.

8. Funding items

Nil.

Jacob: not worth returning to DebSoc, I will have details next meeting. I just have to get more info on an engineering soc grant.

Henry: we will have this discussion again

Jason: We have to have the discussion again.

9. Other Business

Henry: I really want to have a networking event, with some local activists and clubs. It would be about 400-500.

Jacob: We have a CC exec budget. I would only flag that Henry tried to hold a similar event and only got two expressions of interest. You should lock in interest before you get the money

Henry: I'll have a shot.

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Niam: We can always open it up.

Henry: I'll throw it out there. I'll communicate in slack about that.

James: we haven't spent much.

Jason: That's a good point - Jacob, do you know how much we've spent of the Exec budget?

Jacob: no

Jason: That's 5k, we've spent like 1k of it.

James: We used to spend it for food at these meetings.

Jason: So long as the event doesn't cost more than a grand, we can still have some budget for meeting snacks and put the rest to the Clubs budget.

10. Recall Actionables

- a. **James to create Exec Policy Reform Slack channel.**
- b. **Jacob to chat with Matthew and Dash about finding more money in the budget for Clubs.**

11. Meeting Close

Meeting Closed: 8:24pm

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Appendix A - funding applications

Appendix B - Draft Reprimand and Discipline Policy

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Dy4N19lDI34rolar3eL7Wuk_xCGPJeOxbgdyAuqhYYI/edit?usp=sharing