

# Clubs Council Executive Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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Meeting Opened: 6:06pm



## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by James

## 2. Attendance and Apologies

In Attendance:

James  
Jason  
Ebe  
Harry  
Sam  
Niam  
Matthew (left @7:17pm)  
Emily  
Esha

Apologies:

Cahill  
Claudia  
Ji Ahn  
Andrea  
Paris  
Abigail  
Dash  
Mandy  
Skanda

Absent:

## 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest & Confidentiality

## 4. Actionables Arising

- a. **Motion on SEASOC funding Tabled, Jacob to Bring back with consultation**

Jacob: yes, done



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**b. Eli ask for interest about training**

James: looks like it was done

**c. Actionable for Jacob to communicate the application deadline to Clubs**

Jacob: done

**d. Actionable for Jacob to contact Board Games.**

Jacob: done

## 5. Budget and Process Reporting

Jacob: There have been a lot of grants, because of the deadline. It seems to be taking a little longer than ideal for the funding to go through, a substantial amount has done to the accountants. Not much more we can do,. 21,200 spent, somewhat more in MSL, in the thousands, low thousands, 25000ish for the end of the term.

## 6. Portfolio Reports

James: I met with Eden last week, talked with her about a dispute that has been semi resolved. Some security concerns re MSA, communicated from Eden not to work too hard, I say work.

Jason: Not much to report, went to Logo working group. Niam has been working on some stuff, been a relatively quiet time. I want to Affiliations Policy Reform, it's a shame that Mandy/Cahill isn't here so it might be tabled. I want to do an audit system like ANU Sport - it's more efficient and better service for clubs.

Jacob: I don't have much beyond the budget report, in general I've been dealing with little things, enquiries mostly.

Esha: Nothing much, emails to reply to refunding for my clubs.

Ebe: Lots of things, caught up with Matthew re clubs ball. Contacted the ANUSA exec re the governance training, getting their job description. Doing the same either the CC named officers. I put on the agenda for later the third kind of training. Sam has confirmed the final ball and events

Sam: 7th May

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Ebe: Marie Reay building. I'm working on the funding resource, redoing the existing ones, the funding one in particular is no longer good given reforms.

Sam: Mostly unpacked, some crappy circumstances. I've been able to do some clubs stuff. Meeting various clubs. Clu is getting teachers in, we're working out a way to pay them, including getting them ABNs. trying to get pay runs going.

One thing is board games are going to run out of money probably early semester. They've spent about 6000, there is some uncertainty, given the way they do grant aps. That is according to their requests.

Ebe: Should they be talked to?

Jacob: I haven't seen them all, from this term they were at about 2200. They've made a number of others. Something to be aware of

Niam: I'm working on disputes policy reform. At the moment my research is looking pretty chaotic right now. I'm going to be meeting with Pri.

Matthew: Met with Ebe, working on Clubs ball, bush week aps coming up this week.

Emily: We met last Monday for the logo. I've mocked one up. The discussions centered on the timing and other matters. I'm to talk to Zyl about it about solutions and whether having neither logo would be acceptable. Zyl is not happy to wait. He is going to be contacting ANUSA.

Ebe: For clarity, the decision was to not adopt any new logo before Dec 1.

Sam: The preference is for nothing?

Emily: right now we are just interested in getting postgrads represented.

## 7. Items to Discuss or Decide

### 7.1. Governance Training/Drop In sessions on there (Discuss, Ebe)

Ebe: I have posted in slack that this is the plan. Things like how to plan a meeting, minute, make things happen. Plan is to have a somewhat different format.

Sam: open session for 1 and half hours, QandA kind of deal.

Ebe: It would be good if there are drop in hours made available.

James: I made the mistake of the saying I am always available

Jason: They did the drop ins last year and it was very successful.

Ebe: \*to Sam\* Did you get a completed handover from Mariana?

Sam: We did a verbal handover.

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Ebe: I'll see what I can find.

James: I think 45 minutes structured would be good. Even taking people through a mock meeting. Could have some repeats as well. Better than speaking at people.

Ebe: Anyone have thoughts, they can engage

Harry: ironic to have unstructured training in governance

Jason: i'll help

Jacob: There are a lot of people here who can talk governance talk.

Ebe: facilitating this kind of stuff helps people get involved with things.

## 7.2. Affiliations Reform

Jason: tempted to table it, because it is aimed at Mandy & Cahill. But still looking for volunteers for this.

Ebe: I'd be interested to help liaise between the other bodies that affiliate clubs on campus.

Sam: Me too.

Harry: Me too.

Jacob: Once it gets to the drafting stage I am happy to help

Jason: I am busy now but will do it later.

## 7.3. Motion to Re-Affiliate German Society

James: this is just a thing that nearly got missed. Had all the approvals

Moved: James

Seconded: Niam

Passes.

Sam: we accidentally paid them. Also the photography club before they were affiliated. How do you want me to go about this now?

James: I wanted to talk to Mandy about this. Specifically an affiliation deadline. Sometime

Jason: I would move to pick a date now to not let any further affiliations after that.

Sam: I would suggest COB on the 26th of April

**James to inform Mandy of the reaffiliations deadline.**

**Motion to close all reaffiliations on the COB on the 26th of April**

Moved: James

Seconded: Sam

The motion passes.

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## 8. Funding Items

### 8.1. SeaSoc travel grant

Jacob: Had a meeting with Seasoc after the last meeting. Discussed the concerns raised. They seemed receptive, they agreed to institute a means testing. I showed them DebSoc's as a model, and the details to that. They discussed a number of other things, first that they have a detailed itinerary. It's possible they won't have 8 interested students. They gave reasons to approve. 1st, there is great benefit to the individual students. This allows those who would not otherwise be able to travel to do it. It's great for SeaSoc's engagement and their membership. They address the wider benefits to ANU, also that they are generally a low spending club. Last year they underspent on that grant. They have applied for enough that they will not have any financial distress, even if it goes south. The headline is very much a maximum. I think funding this and things like this is worthwhile. If we were really concerned about equity in the sense of amount of funding vs SSAF paid, we'd give no money. I do not hold concerns about overspending our budget. We don't need to treat that as a likelihood.

James: I was in the meeting, I was pleased. I was against the grant the first time round, I have been convinced. I was weary given the budget last year. There is clearly benefit to students.

Jason: I didn't go to this meeting but this looks really good for me. I like the means testing. I never was onboard for high spending low student outcome events, but I do think that this is something we haven't thought about before so I suggest that we look into reviewing the funding policy in regards to these kind of events. This is just because if we don't next year's exec will have the same problems we are.

Jacob: In regards to this grant and the grants from last meeting, I realised that it would be a worthwhile use of time to draft a document around the guidelines around how we will apply our discretion where we need to. Obviously not binding, but a good guide for us, the future execs and other clubs, just to give them something to go off of.

Jason: A place to start with that is the regulations that gave us a lot of grief.

Harry: Reading this statement it doesn't address my issues with the event. They talk about the benefits to SEASoc, but that can be said about any club where becoming a member means you have access to a half price overseas trip - any club can do this. Having a low spending club isn't an argument to me. The other big events on campus are based around \$12 per student as opposed to \$500 per student.

Jacob: If you want to repeal the travel grant or restrict it to buses to Sydney you can at the next CCM?

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Ebe: In my mind this would be quite different if students were attending an international conference or going to a competition. This seems like they use the opportunity to go to this place as a bit of a tourist. I don't mind the per person spending, but I don't think that this trip is in the nature of how this grant should be applied. Nothing has seemed to address this.

Jason: It's good to look at the upsides. It's a flagship event in the way that Balls aren't really. We're not in a situation where we expect to go over budget. If Jacob's modelling is correct, then us not spending this money now will result in a discretionary grant in the end of the year. If we don't spend the money on this, then it will be on some random CapEx.

Jacob: I was telling every club exec to apply for grants because it looked like we were going to underspend last year. I think it's a terrible use of money but it's what we have to do. If we're tracking under budget again at SSAF meetings then we'll get cut to the bottom.

Ebe: I don't think that it would be wise to spend money on something that isn't in the spirit of what we do.

Jason: We should be spending our money because otherwise it just goes back to ANU.

Jacob: I think it's a hard argument to make that its not in the spirit of the grant when it has been used for this purpose for previous years. That's probably the travel that most needs this grant, but it is not set up to be the only way to spend the money.

Harry : a lot of people aren't here, but that was the sentiment expressed in the last meeting.

Ebe: Would this be something that was minute for in the past

Jason: I can find that, not now.

Jacob: My thing is that they've done it before is that its evidence that it isn't against the spirit of the grant. And so in that sense, saying that SEASoc has run events like this before would be an argument for other clubs running this event doesn't work as SEASoc has the necessary experience to keep holding these events. This points towards the responsible use of the grant. It's probably not that far out of the spirit of the grant.

James: In the end, we are not precedent bound org. Circumstances will always be different. We can case by case deny or accept.

Harry: My issue is more that if 10 other clubs applied for this, we would not accept that.

James: This is why the travel grant is discretionary

Matthew: Is the problem for you the nature of the grant or the nature of the application.

Harry: None of my argument is that they would mismanage it.

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Matthew: Some questions, I've seen that its a study tour it's also academic, but I don't see anything in this response that indicates academic exposure.

Ebe: It seems to be cultural immersion.

Esha: How do they choose who goes

Sam: Its an application process

Esha: assuming I am on the tour, what do I do after. What do they give back?

Jason: They would share their experience with the rest of the club. It would be good if they had some more formal event - like a speaking event.

Ebe: When we were funded to going NAUUC we were required to give a speech about what we want to do at Ursies from the conference. But in this application there doesn't seem to be a notion of it.

Jason: We can talk to them about implementing that.

Ebe: That still doesn't change the fact that it is a tourism trip.

Jason: Is there anyway that this trip would be acceptable for the people against it?

Ebe: If they went to an event there that had deliverables that they can bring back to the university from an educational or cultural perspective.

Jason: Does that have to be a structured seminar?

Ebe: No, but there has to be a reason for the cultural enrichment.

Harry: If the aim was cultural immersion then they would have made it their intentions.

Jacob: Even if it wasn't made explicit in their initial statement, the driving ideas behind it do. They said something along the lines of having people in the club who have had this experience, people who go often stay back to help run the next year's trip. I don't think it's necessary to force them to tell us about their very specific plans for everyone that goes on this trip.

Matthew: I think that given the amount of money they are asking from us we deserve to have a clear itinerary.

Harry: There is an itinerary.

Matthew: I think it would be useful, (I sit on SEEF), we get a lot of travel apps. We have very clear metrics. It would be good to have something to base this off. I am not comfortable with this, that would be mitigated by them having a clear plan for when they come back.

Jason: I'm aware of the length of this conversation. If we don't want to handle this today, then I suggest that we delegate this to another body.

Ebe: I don't think that is responsible.

Jason: Unless we vote to reject it outright then we will end up tabling it and discuss it again at this same length. I recommend delegating and/or setting out clear outcomes in their event plan as to what they'll do to when they come back and leave it to the Funding Officer to approve. We should choose what we want from them instead of this discussion.

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Jacob: It all needs to be done as soon as possible. If not at this meeting then the next one. They submitted the application on the 11th of March (just under a month) and they did that because that was the timeline they needed to be able to pay for things and advertise for when they've planned to do it. If its not approved soon then it may as well reject it.

Ebe: My concerns about this is a trip for the sake of a trip hasn't been mitigated. Events may be events but not as costly. The only thing that would change my mind is that if they change the timing to meet with an international conference of sorts that would bring back concrete outcomes. There is no physical description of what they are bringing back. I would love to see some formalised event afterwards that would simulate what they experienced while there. I would need this before I feel comfortable voting on this grant. I don't think with the attendance it would be wise to move this grant, obviously I am aware of the time frame.

Jacob: I think that this is kind of an illustration of why Clubs sometimes get annoyed with us, because we sometimes try to get clubs to report to us on everything they might do in the future or want to do and then they get the impression that we're going to try and hold them to that even if something doesn't go right that isn't their fault. I'm not sure if it can be resolved if that is your concern. I continue to think this would be worthwhile. It is more likely than not that the people chosen would come back and contribute to the club. I think that for their club-

Ebe: For clarification is this what they have said to you?

Jacob: Yes. Especially becoming more involved in the club in the future. I think that it's worthwhile, I think we should approve it.

Motion to approve the SEASoc grant for \$4123.29

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Sam

The motion passed.

(A 5 minute break occurs. The meeting returns at 7:31pm.)

## 8.2. Board games student life discretionary grant

Jaco: substantially better, inventory of current games, a shopping cart of games they want. They will be spending into their reserves for the rest. This grant is for SLDG and CapEx.

The first issue is that they have not yet expended their CapEx, and are appealing for an sldg. The reason is that they want CapEx to deal with unexpected needs in capital. Things like games breaking, other equipment breaking. So they need these things. Having those left on cap ex would



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allow them to be dealt with. Cap ex is faster than sldgs. They will have to wait for the next exec meeting.

The other concern is the amount, I think it's fine.

The final concern is our lack of inventory. They have provided one, albeit an imperfect one. There is reasonable detail. I think there is more than enough there, around 80 games in varying conditions. Some are simply unplayable. They have lots of people, they want variety. I don't think we should oppose this given that. There's also a shopping cart from gameology. 16 discrete games, with expansions, 3 are replacements. The others are by popular demand and suitability. He was quite right that I know little of board games. All the games sound interesting. The fact I don't recognise means they would not be easy to acquire. We've been informed that gameology is the cheapest website. That's it. We are approving that they spend more on games.

Jason: Originally the Cap ex vs student life: how much are they leaving in their cap ex pool?

Jacob: \$300.

Jason: Is that enough? \$300 seems like a lot.

Jacob: Its on the upper end, but I think that it's not unforeseeable that they will spend that on situations. Such as 3-4 of their popular games broke and needed to be replaced. Some games are totally ruined by small actions. We should assume that they will spend that \$300 eventually.

Ebe: not super interested in the topic, my thing is that they've got the normal funding cap of 10,000. What's their plan here.

Jason: They exhausted their Cap last year, mostly on food.

Ebe: But at what point did they spend that?

Jason: If they run out of money that's their issue.

Ebe: Are they aware of that?

Jacob: Yes. Their cap is 10k and they know that. Based on the amount they actually spent on food in term 1 was 2 grand. They're tracking a bit higher than that for next term, but I suspect they submitted those requests as maximums.

Ebe: Are they staggering the release of the games?

Jacob: No. I do not know of any plan of that. They don't rely on that kind of publicity, but rather having enough variety for everyone by having a dump of new board games once a year.

Motion to move the grant for \$1000.

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Harry

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## 9. Other Business

## 10. Recall Actionables

None

## 11. Meeting Close

Meeting Closed 7:46pm.

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Appendix A - Clubs Council Society Branch Assignments

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1U\\_OmwoWKLkybg3qDuwe93NqAeZ3sZuTprF5Yx4iQlNY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1U_OmwoWKLkybg3qDuwe93NqAeZ3sZuTprF5Yx4iQlNY/edit?usp=sharing)

Appendix B - Funding applications

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1np8oPoVpXa9ASFnBUc5eRsuCpvMXVajK>