

# Clubs Council Executive Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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Meeting Opened: 6:00 pm



## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by Jason

## 2. Attendance and Apologies



In Attendance:

Skanda  
Ji  
Cahill  
Matthew  
Jacob  
Ebe  
Jason  
Eli  
Dash  
Henry (arrived at 6:12)  
Niam (arrived at 7:21)

Apologies:

Andrea  
Stavros (Will be late if he can attend at all)  
Sam  
Ben  
Skanda  
Claudia  
Shahnawaz (Late apologies given; accepted due to newness)  
James

Absent:

Paris  
Emily

## 3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest & Confidentiality

Jason: Do we have any Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality? Seeing none, I move to item four.

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Dash: I was told I need to do this prior to beginning meeting. Eden has delegated the Health and Safety powers to me, to ensure this is a respectful work environment. If you feel unsafe/confronted, please contact me through Slack via direct message. There is also a direction to not have any discussion of the motion made last meeting regarding the Chair. If people are happy to waive that, that's okay.

Jason: I don't think there are any specific things that will come up. But we can vote on it later.

Dash: if this is breeched, I will call the meeting closed.

Jason: Where does the power to cut meetings from?

Dash: From the Code of Conduct, regarding unsafe policies.

Jason: But regulations trump policies, but I don't think it will be an issue.

Dash: Let's have a happy meeting!

## 4. Actionables Arising

### a. **Jacob to look at developing an inventory of discretionary funding from the Executive for future Executives.**

Jacob: I have not looked into this yet, I wanted to talk to people in person/people who discussed it. It has been a running issue, we should look into it. Uncertain if Clubs will ignore us this late in the year, but could make it a requirement of reaffiliation for next year.

Jason: Is that in line with Affiliations policy?

Cahill: I think it will be, but will have to check.

Jason: We should check this, is important.

Jacob: yes important, I can go through and inventory CapEx this year. Labor intensive but necessary, but not very urgent. But coming from us it will be incomplete, because we will only have this years (e.g. Board Games).

Ebe: Starting now and doing it properly will make this easier in the future.

### b. **Ebe to put out an EOI for Open Day.**

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Ebe: I did this. We had 9 responses, one from Cheer Club who aren't affiliated. We set the benchmark at 15 responses, was not reached, so has emailed the agency to let them know that we won't be participating. Conclusion of this. Hurrah.

- c. **AP: table this motion, and find out if the CLUB has enough liquid reserves to reimburse their President, or if we don't bail them out, a student will be out of pocket substantially.**

Jason: this was regarding funding motion last week which we decided to table.

Jacob: I read through the actionable and the minutes. Sam contacted me to tell me that he's contacted FabSoc on the 13th and hasn't gotten a response. He said he will try again today. Can't do much without a response. The item appears on the amendment again, because I still think we should reject it, I will talk through why.

## 5. Budget and Process Reporting

Jacob: CCM report has updated numbers. Approx. \$96,460 has been paid out or was on the payment run awaiting payout. Notably only including one ball (a small/medium one), another \$11,000 (approx. \$107,190 has been approved pending acquittal, including one more ball). Five or six balls to go probably. This is less than ideal, but not disastrous. Will result in some reduction of funding rates. Discussion of one path to take, meaning amendments to funding policy, e.g. reducing the floor of the rates. As a learning experience, I would set the floor quite low and only drop a dollar or two in the short term. But illustration of bigger issues, especially as people have become more familiar with the system. We need more flexibility. If later CCE/CCM has issues with the proposal, seems likely because allows us to limit the money we give them, so then we can look to Emergency Powers within the Funding Policy - once we reach 75% of spending, we can reduce the rate of funding to a percentage of the rate. 75% is something like \$112,000, we will likely be there by the end of this term, in terms of prospective and paid out grants. Any questions?

Jason: Two things. If we don't exercise Emergency Powers or change policy, will we go over budget?

Jacob: Yes, likely. Unless people get lazy going into next term and don't ask for enough money. I think this is unlikely. Especially given the balls, we'll probably land some amount over. I don't think it will be \$50,000 more, but maybe \$10/15,000. If we exercise emergency powers, I think we can reduce it to 75%, but let me look that up to confirm. Yeah, so we can reduce the payouts to 75%, that will be \$6 pp for Ordinary Event Grants - this would probably be enough of a reduction, but I am unable to say with any degree of certainty. I think we'll be fine if we just exercise Emergency, but can't confirm. Also, it is set out in Policy that once we've reached our cap, we literally cannot pay out money without ANUSA adding funding to our policy.

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Ebe: If that becomes the case, we need to let clubs know ASAP.

Jacob: I'm planning on doing this at CCM3.

## 6. Portfolio Reports

Jason: Done and submitted some interpretative work. Working group relating to Constitutional reform with Stavros and Jacob. Productive, but small, would like volunteers. Came to a conclusion that a Constitution under ANUSA would be the only way to fix the problem per last meeting.

Henry: I'm the new Humanitarian Advocacy and Social Justice Branch. Had 2 meetings, with Taboo and 50fifty.

Dash: If you do want to shift money, can only do via SRC or OGM.

Jason: if it comes to that, do you think ANUSA would be okay with a small budgetary change?

Dash: If small, likely yes, but would still need to have a meeting to discuss.

Skanda: Not much to report, Branch Officer working group is small.

Ji: I've been in talks with regarding Shanawaz disciplinary measures, and will work in getting new Branch Officers access to email.

Eli: Update from last week, waiting to get confirmation from Sally to get interfaith week listed into the calendar.

Cahill: Not too busy. Made amendments to Affiliations Policy per last chat. Thanks to everyone. Unfortunately can't come to CCM, but Jason will move on my behalf. We've had two new affiliations since last weekend, ANU Soup Kitchen (I've been in contact for the past month, their Constitution has been read through) and Afghan Society (they had been speaking to Sam, first I had heard about it. They didn't have a proper Constitution, and they asked if we could waive it for them, but since they haven't fulfilled any requirements, I don't feel comfortable allowing them to affiliate with no Constitution basically. I've emailed all new Clubs confirming they'll send someone to CCM to affiliate, ANU Earth and Marine Sciences is the only that haven't responded. ANU Astronomy Society has responded!

Jacob: Earth and Marine Sciences have gotten back to you! On emails!

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Cahill: Yay!

Matthew: Being doing Clubs Ball stuff, some things are being done, some are not. We're in a ball park area, so we're okay.

Matthew: I also think Market Day deposits haven't been returned. Is this something you've been made aware of?

Ji: I don't think so, so I assumed people haven't received it back.

Dash has nothing to add.

Matthew: If Clubs get angry, say it's in the process of happening.

Jacob: Not really much that hasn't been said. Keeping a closer eye on the budget. Working group with Jason and Stavros. I've generally been responding to email queries, and making sure grants are happening correctly. Increasingly they are, still some issues. The Tax issue that came up earlier in the year re-emerged, we need to sort something out. I think it should have been handled more by ANUSA, because they have professional staff, but I wrote a paragraph in my report than was also emailed out by Ji.

Ji: No responses yet, so I think only a few Clubs have been affected.

Ebe: Anecdotally, Clubs that don't exist anymore are still getting tax requests for multiple ABNs. The ATO is chasing up tax debt from non-existent orgs.

Jacob: tl;dr, a number of clubs may be liable to pay tax. Haven't told this to Clubs because I don't want to give them incorrect legal/financial advice, and have advised them to look to the ATO website. I hope Clubs listen to the warning and look into it. I think if a lot of Clubs realised there was an issue, it could be solved by someone. Or maybe Clubs will ignore it and ATO will continue pushing, but not much, because so little money.

Ji: Question on that, ANUSA provides TaxHelp Program, can we direct to that?

Jacob: I think that's for individual people, I've directed them to the ANUSA Lawyer.

Dash: yeah, TaxHelp is for more personal issues.

Jason: Note here, we need to be careful not to give advice we're not entitled to give, and also not encourage explicitly/tacitly tax fraud.

Ebe: I took more of a back seat, after having a crazy few weeks with Networking an various reports. I have put out EOI for Market Day, I no longer have to deal with that. I am emotionally burnt out, so I also took a bit of a step back this week. I've given my

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apologies for CCM, because I should be in the office working, but I will try and make it for a bit of the meeting. It's all in my report.

Jacob + Jason: Great report.

Ebe: Keen for Affiliations amendments to go through, so I can work on the handover. Worked with Matthew for Clubs Ball. Got some okay ideas for themes. Starting a meme of the week. Happy Monday!

Jason: That's the end of reports.

Ebe: Obviously it's Election Week, if you're running and need some help, please message us. It's stressful, but don't get caught up in the nonsense. And have fun.

## 7. Items to Discuss or Decide

- 7.1. Motion to ratify amendments to minutes from last meeting of motion 7.7 from '2 abstentions' to '(Stav had left the room = abstention)', noting that Skanda did not abstain or leave the room.

Moved: Jason

Seconded: Cahill

Skanda: I did in fact, not leave the room.

Eli: Apologies, this was my fault.

Motion passes.

- 7.2. Funding Policy Amendments (Jacob, discuss and decide)

Jacob: I'm looking for in principle support from CCE to make amendments to the funding policy that would set up the ordinary and special event grants more effectively as a range rather than the potential increase mechanism, which is what was in the funding policy when it was passed. Range I would propose is \$4-\$12 for ordinary event grant and \$10-\$18 for special annual event grant. And then allow CCE to vary the amount that is payable for each of the grants within those ranges, with certain time constraints on that. So once a term is probably the most reasonable I can think of. This effectively allows us to reduce the rate of funding substantially - as discussed before, we probably need to at this point. It's also more in line with what we wanted it to be at the start of this year, but setting a more realistic floor given the budget that we have and unfortunately will likely have in future years.

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Jason: This doesn't change anything beside the numbers.

Jacob: When discussing this with Jason realised it is a good opportunity to correct something that has been an issue a couple of times. Most bothersome case was CAPSS - Sam indicated that budget which had \$15pp for their ball was fine, which was not. I thought this was a crazy misreading of the policy but if its recurrent, should fix. If anyone objects to in principle support because there isn't that language, feel free to flag that - you will be made aware of the wording post meeting.

Jason: You'd be changing the wording but not the actual effect, beyond the numbers.

Ebe: If we do this, have to be quite clear to clubs - they will see the floor of funding is getting lower, so we will need to think about how to spin that. In CCMs people don't engage with policy language, so when there is a policy change that is being made, need to talk about what that means for clubs as opposed to what it means for us.

Jason: Yep, have discussed this.

Jacob: Strongly agree, in my report will say that at our current rate of spending we may overspend which means no money at end of semester.

Ebe: Making sure not to threaten -

Jacob: Yes, of course.

Ebe: Cool.

Jason: If you can draft up a change and put it in the policy chat so people can give tacit approval.

## 7.3. Reminder not to leak (Jason, discuss)

Jason: Is this ok with Dash?

Dash: Yes

Jason: Long story short, someone leaked last week's minutes. Not good for Clubs Council, not good for ANUSA. Don't do it.

Ji: As person who normally organises minutes for ANUSA webpage, this is very disappointing.

Ebe: What is the usual timeline for uploading to website?

Ji: Usually next week but currently have two to go up, sorry.

Cahill: Ji and I were pretty disappointed with the way Student Media talked about Clubs Council and the issue. In places their quotes were taken out of context etc.

Ebe: We have told people we were unhappy with it. Woroni was unhelpful.

Jacob: I particularised three things I was unhappy with; the outcome of the vote wasn't mentioned, they published minutes as if they were speech and published an unsubstantiated claim of bullying. I am unhappy and am considering my options.

Ebe: the standard of reporting on student politics and matter was brought up on retreat. We did talk about how ANUSA/CCE can talk about managing that relationship. At least Woroni has had a meeting with the ANUSA Exec recently,

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so bit shitty this happened. Unfortunately, we have to hope people have read through the crap.

Cahill: Thanks very much for following up on that.

Jason: Moving on.

Skanda: I will need to leave at 7 for another meeting, and we will be inquorate.

Jason: Once Jacob comes back we'll be fine.

## 7.4. Executive Policy amendment query (Jason, discuss)

Jason: In the CCM agenda, there is a motion to amend the executive policy. It's stated that it's moved by Ji and seconded by Ben. It didn't go past any meetings. Ji and I have had a conversation about it.

Ji: I think it was about 15 August, James messaged me about motion being included in agenda, he asked if I could move it, with the whole situation going down I agreed to move it. It's true that there were no meetings about it.

Ebe: Whose motion was it?

Ji: James'.

Jason: I don't have an issue. I'm concerned about how a lot of this has happened. Amendments to policy shouldn't be made without consultation, it should be moved here so CCE can cover it before CCM.

Ji: Thought James would be here so we could talk about it.

Jason: Don't want to put words in his mouth, as he's not here. I don't have a problem with the substance of the motion but I don't think it should be moved without consultation. Can we read the amendment?

Eli: Reads amendment and explanatory memorandum.

Jason: Again, don't have a problem with the content but don't think it should be moved as hasn't been consulted on. Anyone have thoughts?

Ebe: Don't like idea of creating problematic precedent that we can put things into CCM agenda without raising them here. This has been a problem before. I would strongly suggest that this doesn't get moved here.

Jacob: Didn't have a problem with substance till now, when I searched the standing orders for chair. They don't set out a mechanism where someone else can hold the chair right through the meeting. Thus CCE would be either entirely incapable of having a meeting without the chair or at least without the express consent of the chair. Which is probably the usual practice, but in any circumstance where that's not the case, going to be a problem if prohibited by policy from that.

Eli: my only concern is there is an issue that, I understand why it is a practice; I note there is no need to pass this. I also realise there are issues there CCE is being seen to be ruled by factions. I think this may be bad optics of the working function of the CCE.

Ji: When James brought this to me, it came across as preventative. I think I empathised with him. I feel like this motion is a way for James to save face.



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Jason: I think we should pass a motion to bind individual officers from not bringing this motion.

Ebe: I disagree, I think it's creating additional conflict where it isn't necessary. It's already minute that we disagree.

Jason: It's up to Ji. We can make it not up to her by making it binding. What's the number of the motion?

Ebe: Motion 4.1

Motion to bind the Communications Officer to withdraw 4.1 and remove it from the Agenda.

Jason: Any issues with wording? No.

Ebe: Are we still quorate if I abstain?

Jason: Yes.

Jacob: Before we do this Ji are you sure you're happy with removing it?

Ji: Wouldn't having the amendment be just clarifying things a little more?

Ebe: I'm trying to perceive this from your perspective, but I'm worried having the motion draws more attention to the issue.

Ji: I think it will be brought up anyway.

Jason: I think if it's not withdrawn now it will come up in CCM.

Ebe: I think if it doesn't come up in CCM, it may not be raised because it doesn't appear in the agenda yet in any other context.

Ji: If it's not the case, maybe. But in a way this motion might block it off.

Ebe: This motion comes after reports. On the comment Jacob made, I think there are some problematic implications that come out of it. Worried about efficiency barriers.

Ji: I am happy to remove the motion.

Ebe: Are you sure?

Ji: Yes.

Jason: Motion to bind the Communications Officer to withdraw 4.1 and remove it from the Agenda.

Moved: Jason

Seconded: Matthew

We have lost quorum.

Motion to move this motion to after Item 8.

Moved: Jason

Motion has passed.

Note: Continuing after procedural

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Jason: Do we want to continue debate if our new person has things to say? We were discussing a motion to amend the Executive Policy. Ji was moving it on behalf of James. The general consensus was, although you can voice your opinions, we would bind Ji to remove it. Because Ji wanted to know she had the support of CCE in not bringing the motion.

Niam: What's the motion? Before I gave my apologies, James had asked me to move this, I said I would but I won't be there. For my own mind, do we want to remove the motion in the agenda?

Ji: Yes.

Jason: No one is against it, but some people are queasy voting for, and we lost quorum while voting.

Jacob: My take is this makes it ambiguous if you can have a meeting without the Chair present. It would almost certainly prohibit you from having a CCE meeting without the Chair/ their express delegate, I think this could be a problem. Giving any one person veto power over having a meeting is concerning.

Jason: The reason I brought it up was procedural, because in the past all policy needed to be consulted with CCE/ANUSA, I think that is important, and is good practice. I want to continue that practice. I don't think the policy is not urgent, and we can put it off the CCM 4 and do those things beforehand. Any other thoughts? If no, I'll move the same motion again.

Moved: Jason

Seconded: Matthew

The motion passes (Ebe and Ji abstained).

Jason: we will move on now to other business.

## 7.5. CCM (James, discuss)

Jason: James wanted this included. I don't know what specifically he wanted to discuss. Does anyone have anything?

CCM is on, at 10am. We have the space booked for 4 hours from 9am. We're having some issues with Venues, but we booked it 6 weeks ago. That's all I have to say.

## 7.6. **Recurring Actionable to discuss budgetary position at CCE meetings. Held over**

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Jason:

Motion to hold this recurring actionable.

Moved: Jason

Seconded: Jacob

Motion has passed.

## 8. Funding items

- 8.1. Superbrain Society Liquid Reserve Grant (decide) (See appendix A)

Moved by: Jacob

Seconded by: Dash

passes

Jacob: Short version, they have \$41.70 and they're entitled to this grant. They've kind of misunderstood it, but I think we grant it and I'll explain they can apply for post-event funding if necessary.

- 8.2. FABSOC student life discretionary grant (tabled) (decide) (see appendix A)

Motion to reject.

Moved by: Jacob

Seconded by: Jason

Motion carries

Jacob: I would like to move to reject this again. I think a few things in the last meeting got missed, it might just be the minutes. Most important thing to note is I am of the view that if they had asked anyone at all for help, the situation could have been avoided. Not to say it isn't still shit, but it was an avoidable situation. I am comfortable laying the blame with that, because they screwed up, but they also didn't take the many opportunities available to avoid that screw up.

I think we should reject things in spite of the things noted in the last meeting. I don't think it's the role of CC or Budget to provide help to students who are in a difficult financial position, there are other areas of ANUSA that can deal with that. They have already been encouraged to and can be encouraged again to seek

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assistance there. Even if we accept they're in a position of financial debt, they should be seeking a Financial Distress Grant (FDG). That is the grant that has been set up for those kinds of things. They will then be subject to the investigation etc. of that grant, and where needed action to ensure this doesn't happen in the future. Rejecting this grant doesn't close all doors to them, just this door, and behind this door is a lack of accountability to an issue that is almost entirely their fault.

Eli: For the FDG, would they still be able to apply for the amount they are indebted.

Jacob: The FDG is more open-ended. So there are only two limits, just that it can't go over the cap. Also if it is 5000 or more it needs trustee approval.

Eli: No worries.

Jason: Any other comments? Moving to reject the FabSoc request.

Motion carries.

## 9. Other Business

### 9.1. Branch Officer Policy Change

Eli: I've discussed with a few people about amending the requirements on branch officers. I'm withdrawing it given that we have a working group on this. I'll move it at CCM 4. I will let James know I will be removing the policy. \*reads draft\*

Jason: I think this is pretty good. I think it will be good to develop this over time and have it come in 2020. It would be good with Skanda on this, he's a bit swamped at the moment but hopefully soon he'll have more time after this week.

## 10. Recall Actionables

- a. **Ji to remove item 4.1 from CCM3 agenda.**

## 11. Meeting Close

Meeting Closed: 7:38pm

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Appendix A - funding applicaitons

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