

Clubs Council Executive Meeting Agenda/Minutes

01-04-2019

LF Crisp Building 26 G07

Meeting Opened: 6:14



1. Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by James

2. Attendance and Apologies



In Attendance:

James
Jason
Niam
Jacob
Sam
Abigail
Cahill
Eli
Ben
Andrea (left 7:21pm)
Harry
Dash
Claudia
Skanda (left 7:53pm)
Emily (arrived 6:16pm, left 6:40pm)

Apologies:

Paris
Ebe
Ji
Esha
Mandy

Absent:

Matthew

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest & Confidentiality

Harry: I declare that 8.1 relates to BIOSO, my society.

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4. Actionables Arising

a. Mandy to look into Mathematics Society & SALT Affiliation.

James: Mandy is not here

James: Cahill

Cahill: can't comment.

b. Establish a Moderators group (Interest expressed by Niam, Ben, Eli, Andrea, Abigail)

Jason: Done, thanks to Eli and Andrea.

5. Budget and Process Reporting

Jacob: So, 8700 has been put into the payment run sheet. There would be in the neighborhood of 10 grand more in MSL, half of that is one grant. I'm not concerned in any sense, not too much or too little. I will post tonight and email about the application deadline

Actionable for Jacob to communicate the application deadline to Clubs

6. Portfolio Reports

James: All smooth since last meeting. Met Eden (ANUSA President) recently. I mentioned the logo committee, some regulations reform, also something re the MSA. I've been keeping an eye on the payments, it is going well although there are potentials for spending later.

Jacob: I have been regularly approving grants. Also had some meetings, with Apiculture, SE ASian society re some grants to be discussed tonight, good to help clubs.

Cahill: Ji and I have made a master list of clubs with emails and branch. This is confidential. James, can ANUSA access this?

James: Not sure

Sam: We do.

Cahill: some new re-affiliations we missed in the last period. It's not in the agenda for tonight.

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Emily: We formed the slack channel for the new logo. We will check with the ANUSA and PARSA coms people re it.

Harry: I canceled a meet and greet because there was not sufficient interest.

Niam: I've been looking into fixing the discipline policy. I am also making a template for CCM sign-ins.

Claudia: NUTS has spoken to me about funding for their ball. Apart from that nothing.

Eli: Had meetings with $\frac{2}{3}$ of my clubs. Talked to mandarin bible fellowship, they seem confused. Talked to the chaplain, a uniting chaplain. There is a possibility for a good relationship with students. Looking for informal counseling by those chaplains. Also connecting chaplains with Clubs. We also discussed proselytising clubs, what is disruptive to the student experience, what policies can be implement, what etiquette for proselytising clubs. Mormons were a particular instance of a potential issue.

Dash: Processing payments for MSL tonight, 7000 (get number). Aiming to not get in trouble with the tax office.

Sam: Meetings with various clubs. We want to communicate with SAIt they won't get funding. We're moving, ANUSA is accessible till Thursday, although we will be available by phone. We will reopen on Tuesday. We will have a dedicated space in the office available. Also a very good board room.

Jason: Made a moderators chat for the Facebook page, we developed the group rules. Please give them a read, they're designed to be informal and accessible. One priority is Regulatory reform for issues that have come up, including the bar on Clubs making profit, it may mean that some Clubs can't make a plus at the end of the year. I've also done some constitutional approval.

7. Items to Discuss or Decide

7.1. ANU Ally and Mental Health Training for Clubs Council Members (Discuss, Eli)

Eli: I had a meeting with the uniting church reverend, there is training on the 6th and 7th of April. She is running ANU Ally training. Ally training is about how to be inclusive in a variety of settings. She is happy to have us. Its late, but if we can't send anyone this time, we should next time. She is mental health training accredited, so she can offer training. She is happy to give that to us for free. That would be very good. We should try to get people along, two days of full training.

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James: The mental health training first, how would that work

Eli: It seems like we would have a session to our own, not sure whether we can open it to Clubs execs as well.

Jacob: I did the training in january, it was good

Harry: A lot of value for language and culture clubs

Jacobs: 20 people did it when I did, I think there could have been more. I doubt all of us would be able to do i.t

Niam: When we did it, there were 25ish people there.

James: **perhaps Eli could ask for interest.**

James: Ally training, again how does it work.

Eli: yeah, its for staff.

Jason: The people who deal with disputes may not have necessarily had Ally training, in my view it's really important so I'll definitely go.

Harry: Get woke fam.

7.2. Facebook Page Establishment (Discuss, Jason)

Jason: Tabled.

7.3. Motion to adopt the Clubs Council Facebook Group Rules (See <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IYRePFagpKRPUCJSLiG3VzS-hXUc0upoBjRkj7y4wGw/edit?usp=drivesdk>) (Decide)

Moved: Eli

Seconded: Ben, motion passes.

Eli: Read it, its short.

Niam: I had some thought, so did ben

Jason: they were integrated

7.4. Motion to approve Andrea, Eli, Niam, Ben and Abigail as Moderators of the Clubs & Societies Group (Decide)

Moved: Jason

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Seconded: niam
passes.

7.5. Meetings over the break (Discuss and Decide, Niam)

Niam: are we going to have them? I want to point out that we don't require it.

Jason: we could have one that didn't have required attendance, but I was planning on having one in week 7, so we don't have to have one over the break.

Harry: Do we need one for funding?

Jacob: I don't think so, but if its urgent we can do an out of session motion.

James: We don't have to have a meeting, we can if its urgent, but I think it's safe to call that we have our meeting on Week 7 Monday.

Jacob: That's a public holiday.

Jason: If that's the case, maybe we should have a meeting over the break, and if you can't make it that's ok. We only need 7 people to make quorum.

James: We'll have a meeting on the 15th, we'd like to have everyone show up, but if you can't its ok.

8. Funding Items

8.1. Biology Society Ball prospective funding (See appendix B) (Decide)

Harry: do you want me to move.

Jason: not really, but you can

Jacob: This is a good grant application. This is only discretionary because its prospective, for a deposit. They have attached their bank balance to show they can't pay the deposit. This grant was submitted very early, high degree of planning it seems. I think it'll be fine.

Sam: did you get someone to balls training

Harry: we did.

Skanda: expected attendance to break even

Jacob: seems like 90, their numbers seem fine.

Harry: we have a very different executive, should be better. More experience.

Motion to approve

Moved: Jacob

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Seconded: Sam

Passes

Harry abstains by leaving the room

8.2. MBA Students and Friends liquid reserve grant (See appendix B) (Decide)

Jacob: quite simple. They have evidence for the need for funding to get liquidity.

Eli: What does MBA stand for?

Sam: master of business admin.

Motion to approve

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Sam

Passes

8.3. Literature Society liquid reserve grant (See appendix B) (Decide)

Jacob: Simple grant. They have 151, not nothing but not much.

Harry: I have talked to them, they have plans for other things. There are constitutional issues.

Motion to approve

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Sam

Passes

8.4. Southeast Asian Society Laos trip prospective funding (See appendix B) (Decide)

Jacob: this is a fairly large grant, 4023 dollars. The reason this comes to us is because it is prospective. They are planning on buying 8 flights to Laos. There are some questions here. Sam and I had a meeting today, I was convinced they seemed like they knew what they were doing.

Sam: SEASOC, this is their largest event. There is an application process for being able to go, an essay. It's an alternative to other study trips. They have an itinerary. The members remain in their team afterwards. They go to different countries each year. There were problems with this last year, re financial controller and a few other things. I have not looked in detail, but I am confident. I am happy clubs are breaking up the monotony of balls as large events.

Jacob: Some small administrative errors in the app, but overall there are no issues. There is the itemized expenditure, they put some other things in that don't apply. The big thing is that they need prospective funding to cover these costs.

Eli: What is the student contribution?

Sam: 50 50

Jacob: something like 600 dollars. Not an unreasonable amount. It seemed like there were broad benefits, including beyond the students who go. Also generates interest in the society. This is more interesting than

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just another ball on campus. The rest of the grant beyond flights can be covered later.

Jason: It's obviously a large amount of money, in these cases, I would hope that there would be some kind of means testing. Is that a part of the application process?

Jacob: Not that I know of.

Sam: They said it previously hasn't been, but if we suggested it be then it might happen.

Jacob: They do look for students who are looking to go to SSE - and typically if you're 20 - 22 and haven't gone it's because you don't have the money.

Harry: have they looked into sponsorship

Sam: no

Jacob: good suggestion but it would not displace a large amount of the grant.

Skanda: What about SEEF?

Jacob: the SEEF round is over. SEEF prefers funding things that will become self-sufficient over time

Eli: There is a discussion to be had about the benefits. What if other clubs would want this? This could look bad. This could balloon out.

Jacob: this is hard to organise, yes someone could try to but would struggle to organise it. We can also cap this expenditure. If others come we can partly fund it.

Eli: I worry about the equity, SEASOC is getting more than others. Also others will not know about it

Sam: But essentially by that same logic we should be approving and disapproving every grant in order to ensure a balance of SSAF funds.

Eli: For me it's about knowledge to access of the grant. I think a lot of people know they can apply for grants, but they don't know what the funds will cover, such as a bus to Sydney. We have to have a discussion about whether clubs will know about this grant and the implications of it.

Jacob: Not everyone knows about, but at Finance Training I did cover it. It's also in the funding policy. If Clubs read the 10 page document they can know about it. If other Clubs find out about it then there's enough information about this grant to find out about. If we get a lot grants coming through like that, then we'd have to address it, but its not our situation.

Jason: Funding systems of all kinds, particularly ANU, can come to benefit established institutions - well established Clubs can make more use of the travel grants. Yes we have explained it to them, but theres a difference between surface level knowledge and practiced experience. I have some concerns, especially since its so early and such a lot of money. At the end of the year our budget isn't too much on our mind, so if Clubs go for this grant earlier in the year we may have overextension in our

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budget. I also believe that if you have the means to pay for it you should be able to yourself.

Ben: Big difference between telling someone there's a grant and an understanding of the grant. Clubs don't know much about this grant and, if they do, can use it to this extent.

Jacob: I don't think these concerns are illegitimate, they were discussed when I was drafting the funding policy. But I believe we've veered off of approving this grant and talking about the travel grant itself. If we want to do that we should move it at the next CCM instead of here for this item.

Jason: The funding policy as it exists allows us to limit funding to that kind of travel that is reasonable and that you can argue that this funding is reasonable.

Skanda: I want to know how this compares to paying for Balls? This about 3.5% of our budget going to 8 students.

Jacob: Obviously it's a substantial portion to a small amount of students. On the comparison between Balls and this grant, some upcoming balls will have requests of up to 5,500.

Jason: Is this so time sensitive that this can't be tabled? Looking over the travel grant we said that we should include something about what is reasonable travel - can we define some reasonable travel criteria then decide?

Jacob: It does say that it covers economy travel to anywhere but Sydney. I don't think it would be disastrous to table this.

Harry: I thought the grant was more purposeful - sending people to competitions and events, however this feels like someone has made an event to apply for funding for. A lot of clubs can make up 'field school' events that they can justify the travel grant funding for.

James: Looking through it, I understand the cultural sense of it, but it comes across as extremely touristy - it's better when these grants are used for trips that benefit students. When the grant is this large for 8 students it doesn't feel like its benefitting student life.

Harry: It is more money than what some clubs spend in an entire year.

Jacob opts to not move the motion.

Motion Tabled, Jacob to Bring back with consultation

8.5. Board Games Society student life discretionary grant (See appendix B) (Decide)

Jacob: Basically they're asking for funding to buy more board games.

They said they have asked for 600 of the cap ex. This is in addition to that. This is the alternative mechanism for funding for cap ex. They have been a pain but they have made a valid point. They need assets. A 1000 is reasonable. Given the amount of money we have spent it is not going to cause budgetary issues for me.

James: Do they have an inventory for what board games they do have?

Jacob: I'm not sure.

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James: It would be good to have an inventory to determine how many they need.

Harry: I would estimate they have upwards from 100. That being said, there is value in the variety. They as assets will last for years.

James: CC having access to this inventory will allow us to prevent a leak of money. They could be buying all sorts of things, so with an inventory we can monitor it.

Jacob: They have had 85 - 185 people in the few weeks so far.

Jason: I'm all for this, but my only issue is that they've spent 600 of the cap ex, what about the 400 left? I don't like that they're applying for the disc grant when they have the ability to apply for the non-disc grant. I think they should exhaust their non-disc cap ex before they get more money. I don't know if we can switch part of the funding they've applied for into another grant?

Jacob: It looks like they've spent \$700 of non-disc, we could ask them to apply for \$300 more of cap ex.

Sam: I believe they've applied for the \$1000. Given this a student life grant, my understanding is that it needs to be taken quite seriously. We've decided to table a grant that was itemised to the food, while this budget is barely itemised at all. It is a very rash grant from the Club. I know board games are expensive and that they're an important society, but I have not seen them take any other actions to get board games - such as second hand.

Harry: I worked at Guild, and the website (Gameology) is the cheapest website in Australia. They can buy second hand, however most of them are done second hand and often of varying quality. I do think they should finish their cap ex grant.

Jason: I agree with all of that and that they should itemise their grant.

James: The fact that its not itemised at all - not even with screenshots - I believe it should be tabled.

Jason: My issue is that its a large amount of money in one go. Why can't it be in smaller chunks?

Jacob: Shipping?

Harry: Typically shipping is free over certain amounts. There is a flat rate from Gameology of \$10 shipping.

Jason: In that case, then the itemisation needs to be absolutely on point, and it's not.

James: I think the grant needs to be rejected due to the format of the grant.

Motion to reject the grant in its current form, ask the club to exhaust their capital expenditure funding before their discretionary funding and itemize their funding requests.

Moved: Jacob

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Seconded: Sam

Passes

8.6. Board Games Society liquid reserve grant (See appendix B) (Decide)

Jacob: This is not well thought out. Basically, his argument is that because they haven't received any other grants yet that they classify for liquidity.

However this doesn't recognise the money they are going to receive.

Harry: they have also not provided for the proof of their budgetary position

Motion to reject the application.

Moved: Jacob

Seconded: Harry

9. Other Business

9.1. SAlt into Political branch

James: we need to vote to make them a political club. James quotes the policy.

There are two ways to establish they are a political club. SA through the Victorian Socialists as supporting a candidate. I believe that means they qualify. They have not affiliated yet but intended to. We need to vote on it

Jason: It's reprehensible that they received funding last year.

James: Funds were used for travelling to Melbourne.

Motion that SAlt be designated a political branch pursuant to the branch policy, section 6.1

Moved James

Seconded Jacob

Passes.

9.2 Sam will be uncontactable for the Easter Week due to the time he put into O-Week.

10. Recall Actionables

- a. **Motion Tabled, Jacob to Bring back with consultation**
- b. **Perhaps Eli could ask for interest (about training)**
- c. **Actionable for Jacob to communicate the application deadline to Clubs**
- d. **Actionable for Jacob to contact Board Games.**

11. Meeting Close

Meeting Closed 8:02pm.

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Appendix A - Clubs Council Society Branch Assignments

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1U_OmwoWKLkybg3qDuwe93NqAeZ3sZuTprF5Yx4iQlNY/edit?usp=sharing

Appendix B - Funding applications

BioSoc Ball - https://drive.google.com/open?id=1RTmfr2_FAU7Jyruo1G6S-WfzoKITss9M

MBA liquidity - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QJhy-4ojfKebqQyfwCONfdWHaOb65O>

LitSoc liquidity - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=11-EAViepVgMURRuyI88CEVMgacoBZsJz>

SeaSoc Laos - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ot2ldnC7qevv1FaOAWPFNd9jcn6HBzSZ>

Board Games SLDG - https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Qu-XCxFsX_mgRH7cmY1O5FeLNqRp6FkO

Board Games liquidity -

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=17luiIcnGEb93RuzuycTu1G4BOhAHLxNb>