

Adelaide University Union

Clubs Committee Meeting [1-21]

Meeting Minutes

For the meeting held on the 2 March 2021
[AUU Boardroom]



MINUTES

Procedural matters

1. Welcome

Meeting Opened: 5:34pm

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners*

We would like to acknowledge that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

Attendance *

Clubs Committee: Nicholas Birchall, Andrew Lai, Angela Qin

AUU: Kearin Hausler, Kate Long, Anna Wilkinson

Apologies*

Clubs Committee: William Broderick

Declaration of conflicts of interest*

That all members in attendance declare that they have read and considered all papers within this agenda that require decision-making and have no known conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest with respect to those matters.

No declaration of conflict of interest

Unstarred Agenda Items

Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee approve all unstarred items.

Lai does not move the motion to approve all unstarred items.

Confirmation of previous minutes.

Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee accepts the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

Qin asks how we can approve these as the committee is different. All agree that Qin will circulate the minutes from November last year with the 2020 committee to get a circular resolution.

Action: Long to send previous meeting minutes to Qin, which she will circulate to previous committee.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Matter	Person Responsible	Status
Expression of Interest Applicants contacted	Wilkinson	Complete

3. Administrator Report*

Wilkinson presents Administrators Report – refer to Appendix 1. She noted the success of Club events so far in 2021 including Presidents Drinks and O’Week. Wilkinson also made comment on how active Clubs have been throughout the break, as proven by the huge amounts of grants submitted.

4. Clubs Chairperson Report

Lai did not present the Clubs Chairperson Report.

5. Expressions of Interest* – refer to Appendix 2

1. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest submitted by Association for Postgraduate Physical Science Students.

Lai asks how he should go about opening up the discussion and Hausler recommends he can throw the discussion open, or first share his thoughts.

Lai asks how big of a cohort is this and would it fit within the subset of the postgraduate society.

Birchall states that, referring to precedent, the Clubs Committee approved Biological Postgraduate Sciences Association in 2019, so this should be approved as it is a similar subset. Birchall also notes that he does not personally have an issue with numbers and asks whether anyone know if the Biological Postgraduate Sciences Association is active. He noticed on Facebook that there had been no activity since 2019.

Qin states she sees an overlap in this Expression of Interest. Qin notes that believes this club would be encompassed by a larger club on campus, such as Mechanical Engineering. Furthermore, Qin notes that she does not know the target audience and asks the Committee whether there is a substantial difference in what already exists versus what they are already proposing.

Birchall replies that there is a significant number of students who would be affected if we did not pass this Expression of Interest.

Hausler notes that from an AUU perspective, postgraduate students are notoriously difficult to reach and properly cater for. Therefore, creating space for them to contribute and access AUU support in a Club environment would have great merit. He suggests to the chair that perhaps he can ask Clubs Admin to follow up and ask about how many people they think they will have within their Club and how they are different.

Lai requested Clubs Admin do this and that the Expression of Interest is tabled for the next meeting.

Action: Wilkinson to contact applicant and ask how big their proposed Club would be, and how they would differ from existing Clubs. Wilkinson to contact HDR Clubs and ask their thoughts on the feasibility of the proposed Postgraduate Physical Sciences Student Club.

2. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest submitted by Association Sustainable Finance Society.

Qin notes that we already have Student Care which can provide some of the functions listed in this EOI. Notes it is not a good idea for students to provide financial advice to one another.

Lai states that this sounds too similar to existing Club, Model UN.

Qin voices concerns about a Club giving financial advice.

Birchall responds that Model UN is substantially different. He notes that Model UN is a fictionalised 'real-world setting' whereas the proposed Sustainable Finance Society is more focused on existing, contemporary issues of sustainable practices. Birchall also states that he believes discussions on macro, micro and institutional finances does not constitute as financial advice.

Qin agrees with Lai that the proposed club is too similar to another Club, AYCC, and that she does not believe this Club is unique. Birchall asks Qin to explain how AYCC would be similar, requests to know what AYCC stands for. Qin is not sure. Long explains it is the Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

Motion: That the Expression of Interest for the Sustainable Finance Society is approved.

Moved: Birchall

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Motioned failed.

Action: Wilkinson to notify applicant that their Expression of Interest was unsuccessful.

Birchall asks for clarity over clause 5.8.1 in the Committee Rule document. He asks whether we'll be proceeding with this and whether the chair can confirm that any resolution must have the support of at least 3 voting members?

(Note: Clause 5.8.1. states that Quorum for a meeting of the Clubs Committee will be three of its voting members and any resolution must have the support of at least 3 voting members.)

Lai responds to Birchall, saying that this is his understanding of the clause 5.8.1.

Qin states that last year Clubs Committee meetings were not run in the way and that it was sufficient to have a mover and a seconder. Qin explains that last year Clubs Committee was

often conducted in a two versus one, or two versus two split, rather than having three people in agreement.

Birchall states that this is not his interpretation of clause 5.8.1 and that the motion should fail if there is no majority support. Birchall asks Qin to confirm her understanding of the rule is different to his. Qin says that she reads it differently.

Lai notes clause 3 of the Committee Rules states that *3. Interpretation of this Rule is within the jurisdiction of the President, pursuant to the authority of the Board.* Due to this, he decides that that Angela's understanding of clause 5.8.1. will be the interpretation he refers to as chairperson.

3. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the expression of interest made by the Adelaide Students' Society of Critical Care (ASSCC)

Lai opens the Expression of Interest for the Adelaide Students' of Critical Care for discussion.

The Committee shows no need to discussion and generally accepts the EOI.

Motion: That the Expression of Interest for the Adelaide Students' of Critical Care is approved.

Moved: Qin

Seconded: Birchall

Dissent: none

Motion carried.

Action: Wilkinson to notify applicant of Expression of Interest's success.

4. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest made by the Depression Support Group.

Lai prefaces that depression is a really important issue for students, and that he is very much in support of students gaining help and assistance, however he worries that in a Club capacity we need to be careful as students are not councillors and it could be problematic to form a group without any professionals.

Hausler suggests that we ask the applicant to work with Student Care counselling services, and maybe a Club could form that way with professional guidance and care.

Birchall notes a Club like this could help in ensuring all students feel supported, wonders if the AUU could run their own mental health awareness week – although is aware that Stress Less already happens.

Qin says the University already support students with mental health issues, and Lai agrees SSAF already fund this support.

Motion: That the Depression Support Group is tabled.

Action: Long to open conversation between Club and University and see what we can facilitate to provide professional support and ask whether the University could see this working in a Club environment.

5. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest made by the DS/ML Club.

Birchall thinks this Club could definitely work but would suggest a name change to make it more obvious as the general person will not read DS/ML and instantly think of what it is supposed to be.

Hausler suggests that a way forward could be to let the Club know that we could request they change their name, and in Clubs Admin correspondence indicate that if they resubmit with this their application would be looked at favourably by the Clubs Committee.

Recommends that the Clubs Committee could table this and come back to it. All agree.

Motion: That the DS/ML Club is tabled.

Action: Wilkinson to request Club change their name to be more descriptive and then re-submit EOI.

6. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the expression of interest made by the Adelaide University Student Veterans Association.

Lai begins the conversation by asking the Committee whether there would be a substantial cohort of veterans at University.

Birchall responds is definitely a group of students who would fall into this category as people can be discharged at all stages of life.

Lai suggests whether these students could just become part of the mature students association? Birchall replies that whilst most of them might technically be mature aged students, the idea of the club is more about the members all having that shared experience – the EOI shows there is already more than the 10 minimum members required. Hausler also interjects to state that this could also be relevant for those who may leave the army and reach a point in their lives where they want to change career paths and retrain at university in a completely different field.

Motion: That the Expression of Interest for the Adelaide University Student Veterans Association is approved.

Moved: Birchall

Seconded: Qin

Dissent: none

Motion carried.

Action: Wilkinson to notify applicant of Expression of Interest's success.

7. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest made by the Adelaide University Wild Western Culture Club.

Lai suggests there is overlap with the Ancient History and Classics Association and also the existing Film Society. Birchall disagrees, stating that that there is no overlap – classics talks about ancient history and the Wild West is fitting to modern history. He notes that this is

reflected in the information provided in the Expression of Interest. Lai reiterates that they should have a chat with the classics and ancient history club and also the fil society, Birchall states they do not have enough in common with these clubs to require this.

Hausler mentions that from a Marketing perspective, a Club like this is excellent as it is a really unique offering which could bring new students into the Clubs Community. Long follows up, noting that having a smaller pool of members is not a bad thing, as a general rule smaller and more niche clubs tend to interact really regularly and positively with the AUU, spend their grant budgets and have a presence on campus.

Motion: That the Expression of Interest for the Wild Western Culture Club is approved.

Moved: Birchall

Seconded: None

Motion failed.

Action: Wilkinson to let the Club know their EOI has not been approved – suggest they reach out to the History Club

Birchall asks the Committee why they let the motion fail. No one responds to his question.

Hausler lets the Committee know that Clubs Admin has a duty of care to inform the applicant in a professional and clear way why their Club has been denied.

Lai suggests Clubs Admin ask them to combine with the History Club [Expression of Interest 16]. He notes that although the History Club has not been approved, he believes that it will be.

Birchall states that at this moment, the Clubs Community does not have a History Club, and therefore it should discuss this separately. Birchall reiterates his belief that the Club has a right to know and understand why they have not being approved.

Qin explains that there is an overlap with Clubs as already discussed, she suggests we tell them to collaborate with other clubs as it's better to put the money into one club.

8. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest made by the A Capella Society.

The Committee generally agrees that the Expression of Interest should be approved. Qin wonders if there is any overlap with the Choral Society. Birchall responds that they are very different. There are no further queries or discussion.

Motion: That the Expression for the A Cappella Society is approved.

Move to approve: Qin

Seconded: Birchall

Dissent: None

Motion carried.

Action: Wilkinson to notify applicant of Expression of Interest's success.

9. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest made by the Tea Club.

Lai begins the discussion by asking the Committee and Clubs Admin whether there has ever been a Tea Club in the Clubs Community. Hausler states that he does not believe that we have affiliated a Tea Club before.

Qin notes that a previous Committee asked for the Beer Club and the Wine Club would be best joined as one club.

Motion: That the Expression of Interest for the Tea Club is approved.

Moved: Birchall

Seconded: Qin

Dissent: None

Motion passed.

Action: Wilkinson to let the Club know their EOI has been successful.

10. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest made by the Trading & Investment Club.

Qin states that she believes there is always a risk when clubs are discuss trading and investment.

Birchall questions whether this Club is about exploring the similarities and differences between finance, business and economics rather than actively trading and investing. He acknowledges he is not well versed on this and would benefit from some more information.

Hausler tells Club Committee they do not need to worry about approving any Clubs that might be 'risky', as the University always acts as a safeguard on these matter. He explains that the University has the final say on whether a Club is approved through accepting or rejecting Club's Licence Agreement and notes that this removes a level of responsibility for you as elected students.

Lai requests this be tabled and applicant be spoken to.

Motion: That the Trading and Investment Club is tabled.

Action: Wilkinson to ask applicant for more details.

11. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the expression of interest made by the Photography Club.

Qin states that she has seen applications for a Photography Club come through last year, but is of the understanding that we have an (inactive) Photography Club.

Hausler explains that the AUU have tried to get in touch with this Club many times and that historically different iterations of the Photography Club have de-affiliated and then re-registered approximately three times. He explains that usually Clubs Admin emails them three or four emails regarding their affiliated status, and if they don't get back to us we will take them as being inactive.

Motion: That the Expression of Interest for the Tea Club is approved.

Moved: Qin

Seconded: Birchall

Dissent: None

Motion passed.

Action: Wilkinson to notify applicant of Expression of Interest's success.

12. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the expression of interest made by the History Club.

Lai refers back to Recommendation 11 of Expression of Interest and states that the History Club has been tabled with the Wild Western Culture Club.

Action: Wilkinson to contact applicant and ask if they would be interested in collaborating with applicant from Wild Western Culture Club.

13. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Expression of Interest made by the AdelaideB9.

Birchall begins the conversation by checking whether the Committee had the same understanding of the AdelaideB9 Club, as, despite doing research, he was not entirely sure. He explained his understanding of the Club was that its focus is cyber hacking, including 'capture the flag'. He indicated that he would be happy to approve the club if they changed their name to something that more clearly reflects the Club's objective.

Lai questions whether Adelaide B9 it is too similar to the Computer Science Club as he knows they occasionally run these types of capture the flag games. Birchall notes that whilst the Computer Science Club occasionally does this, it is quite a niche activity that could benefit from being an official Club.

Qin sees two main issues – we have a degree in cyber security so the faculty could see concern with the name. Also Qin has received feedback that there is an overabundance of Computer Science Clubs in the Clubs Community. She notes that the activities sound as though they could be encompassed by the Competitive Programming Club.

Lai agrees that it is not sufficiently unique – recommends they chat with other CS clubs.

Hausler wants to make a note that even though we may have a faculty that covers this, it is worth bearing in mind that students may have an interest in this even if they are not specifically studying it.

Tabled.

Action: Wilkinson to ask how they differ from existing CS clubs and perhaps request a name change.

14. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the expression of interest made by the Social Sciences Society.

There is a general agreement amongst the committee and no further discussion. Qin notes how it is good to see that they have been in contact with the faculty, noting their letter of affiliation with the Social Sciences.

Motion: That the Expression of Interest for the Social Sciences Society is approved.

Motion:

Moved: Qin

Seconded: Birchall

Motion passed. No dissent.

Action: Wilkinson to notify applicant of their successful Expression of Interest.

15. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the expression of interest made by the Preparatory Program Students Society.

Lai wonders whether these applicants and those within the preparatory program pay SSAF? If not would it be fair to affiliate them and allow them to use this money?

Qin follows up that no, those students in that program do not pay SSAF.

Hausler notes that it seems the Club is made up of current University students who are now paying SSAF so we couldn't deny on that point

Lai explains he has known some students of these programs and can confirm they general have really good support from the University, everyone is together as it is very much a classroom environment.

Tabled.

Action: Wilkinson to speak to faculty and UPP program, clarify UPP related issues with applicants.

6. Applications for Provisional Registration*

1. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the application for new club registration made by Adelaide University Comedy Club. [passed through circular resolution]
2. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the application for new club registration made by the Adelaide University Steam Club. [passed through circular resolution]

Lai asks why the Provisional Clubs are on the agenda even though they have already been passed by the Clubs Committee through circular resolution.

Long responds that Clubs Admin must ensure paper trail of Clubs for future reference, and the section it was starred in the hopes we could just approve this at the beginning of the meeting without requiring a discussion.

Lai thanks Clubs Admin for including this resource.

7. Grant Applications—refer to Appendix 3

Minor grants:

1. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers New Club Start Up grant application for 118.76 made by Adelaide University Greens Club.

Birchall questions why the Greens Club were not able to access the ISS Summer Grant that was available at the end of 2020. He notes that despite the Club sending through an application, he did not receive it through circular resolution like the other ISS Grants. He asks the chairperson why this was not communicated to the committee.

Lai states that as the chair he would be moving the motion, and did not want to move the motion.

Birchall says that he does not believe this is good practise. He explains that he attended the event and that the funding would have allowed the Club to provide food to the attendees. He asks why the broader committee was not involved in this decision.

Qin responds that her and Lai were given the responsibility. Birchall continues to ask why the broader committee was not involved. Lai responds saying that this is not a matter to be discussed.

2. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Minor in Person grant application for \$750 made by Adelaide University Car Enthusiasts.

Qin states that she is unsure of this grant as it is a large sum.

Birchall explains that the Car Club meet monthly, and have decided to apply for all their money at the beginning of the year instead of having to reapply each month.

Qin asks for proof that they are using this money for pizza. Lai states that the Committee could provide enough funding for six months, and then the Club could reapply.

Hausler notes that from an administrative perspective, this is not possible as it is very common for people to disappear from clubs. As committees are volunteers and the level of professionalism is not as high, but this is of course okay because they are giving their time for free and it is appreciated by the Clubs Community. Although it is possible to ask for receipt, there are a lot of scenarios that will crop up.

Lai asks whether we should still fund the Car Enthusiasts for six months.

Hausler explains that this might be more appropriate for another discussion when we plan to amend grant guidelines rather than in the current meeting. He notes that Clubs has also never expended the budget.

Lai decides to table the discussion.

3. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers Minor in Person Equipment grant application for \$200 made by Adelaide University Greek Club.
4. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers Basic Resources: Promotion grant application for \$93 made by Roseworthy Agricultural Campus Student Union Council.
5. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the New Club Start Up grant application for \$106.60 made by Steam Club.
6. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Minor In Person grant application for \$213.83 made by IET On Campus.
7. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the New Club Start Up grant application for \$120 made by IET On Campus.

Lai questions why there are multiple grant applications made by IET On Campus. It is explained that they are for different grant categories.

8. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Minor Digital Equipment application for \$209 made by Classics and Ancient History Association.
9. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the New Club Start Up grant application for \$120 made by Adelaide University Society of Architecture and Built Environment.

Qin discusses alternative grants that could have been used for this application.

10. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers New Club Start Up grant application for \$113.26 made by Engineers for the Earth.

Qin discusses alternative grants that could have been used for this application.

11. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Merchandise and Promotions grant for \$160 made by the Biology Society of South Australia.

The issues of who gets the t-shirts is raised. Qin notes that they should not just buy themselves t-shirts with club grant money, and that is worth considering the grant guidelines. She notes that perhaps it should go into a pool of clubs equipment rather than for the individual.

Hausler notes that we lack guidelines to oversee grants– it normally goes towards ‘I think’ or ‘I feel’ rather than assessing them objectively. He notes that we should consider this at a later date. He also notes that it is administratively impossible to get an index on every clubs individual equipment purchases.

Long notes that the Club originally applied for \$200 and paid the difference out of pocket. The shirts were \$344 through IRS, and it would be difficult to ask for the money back especially when individuals have put their own money towards the purchase.

Hausler notes when we discuss the grant guidelines more broadly, we could add a provision about personal money.

12. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Minor In Person Equipment grant application for \$160 made by Adelaide University Maths Society.

Birchall asks whether Clubs normally apply for money to hire graphic designers for their logo and branding. Hausler states that the AUU is looking towards establishing a creative group which clubs can access. The AUU is hoping to use the marketing budget in order to pay students to produce stuff for clubs. This is a medium to long term goal for the AUU.

13. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Basic Resources Promotions grant application for \$200 made by Adelaide University Maths Society.

14. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Basic Resources Promotions grant application for \$160 made by Adelaide University Education Students Association.

15. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the minor in person grant application for \$215.80 made by Adelaide University Overseas Christian Fellowship.

16. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the minor in person grant application for \$570.63 made by Adelaide University Malaysian Students Association.
17. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the merchandise & promotions grant for \$160 made by Companion Animal Special Interest Group.
18. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Equipment grant application for \$108.11 made by AHMS Art Society.
19. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Merchandise & Promotions grant application for \$160 made by IET on Campus.
20. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers minor in person activities grant application for \$489.32 made by AHMS Art Society.
21. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Equipment grant application for \$160 made by Adelaide Mechanical Engineering Student Society.
22. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Merchandise & Promotions grant application for \$160 made by Adelaide University Society of Architecture and Built Environment.
23. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Merchandise & Promotions grant application for \$125 made by the Software Engineering Club.
24. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Minor in Person Equipment grant for \$148 made by the Indian Students Society.

25. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers minor in person activities grant application for \$362.50 made by the Islamic Student Society of University of Adelaide.

Lai asks whether we can move this grant into the International Students Summer grant [discussed in Recommendation 1]. Long explains that this was only available over the summer period. Hausler states that he believes the money has already been re-purposed, and likely redistributed. He states that he can check but does not believe the money will be available.

Tabled for Kearin to follow up.

26. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Equipment grant application for \$200 made by the Psychology Students Association.

Additional grants – for the Lunar New Year Festival (funding provided from the University of Adelaide)

1. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the in person activities grant for \$255.49 made by the Adelaide University Malaysian Students Association.

Birchall asks whether the money was given as cash prizes. Wilkinson explains that this was change to gift cards as we are unable to provide money for cash prizes.

2. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the in person activities grant for \$200 made by the Australia-China Youth Association.
3. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the in person activities grant for \$303.93 made by the Vietnamese Students Association.

Motion: To approve Minor Grants en bloc (excluding tabled items).

Moved: Qin

Seconded: Birchall

Dissent: None

Motion passed.

Campus Impact Grants

1. Recommendation: That the Clubs Committee considers the Campus Impact Grant application for \$2900 made by Politics and International Relations.

Long states that the guidelines for the Campus Impact Grant states that they must be assessed before O'Week and that Clubs Admin had included it on the agenda before this time. She notes that the event team recommends that this event would be better suited for a Major Grant, rather than a Campus Impact according to recommendations listed below.

[Events Teams Recommendations: On behalf of AUU Events I don't think PIRAFest meets the criteria for a Campus Impact Grant as the program for the event is not finalised and the clubs component has too many variables that are yet to be confirmed. There seems to be capacity for clubs to withdraw from the event, and that a large portion of the budget has been set aside for one particular club.

I would suggest that PIRA receive a Major Grant of \$2000 to go ahead with this event and work with the clubs that have confirmed details and distribute funding evenly between the clubs who come on board.

If the grant is approved by the clubs committee I'd stipulate that PIRA provide a more detailed program of all events before the funds were released and provide details of where the money is going, specifically to which clubs].

Long notes that for a Campus Impact Grant there must be strong collaboration between the Club(s) and without the endorsement it could prove too difficult. The Major Grants shows a better balance of collaboration between both teams.

Birchall states he believes it is best to take advice from the Events Team and will be happy to approve when the application comes through as a Major Grant with a stronger budget.

Qin states she is unsure why there is \$800 dedicated to chocolate, and that given the amount they are asking for is \$2900, she is confident she can trim down to the Major

Grant's \$2000. Qin also notes that there is a diverse group of clubs participating, and believes this confuses the objective of the event- how is such a diverse group related to politics and international relations?

Wilkinson notes that the event is trying to be bipartisan, and that PIRA itself does not identify with one branch of politics.

Qin notes that she would like some clarity around the event's objectives, as well as more information about ticketing and pricing.

Lai states he feels as though PIRAFest should be a collaboration with politics and issues-based clubs.

Birchall states that most events are free, and if not there are discounted tickets for students. He notes that although not all clubs strictly adhere to politics, the event fosters a greater collaboration between clubs. The event also focuses on broader international relations rather than 'aussie-centric politics'

Action: That the applicant reappplies for PIRAFest through a Major Grant rather than a Campus Impact Grant.

8. Any other business.*

Birchall raises the issue of transparency and communication between the Clubs Committee and Expression of Interest

Birchall states that he is interested in investigating a better protocol of dealing with Club EOI rejections. He suggests that if the committee rejects an Expression of Interest, they should write a collective judgement which would address why the club was rejected. He believes this would foster better governance and transparency around decisions being made. He states that having a written record would also assist with future decision making. Moreover, he states that this would set a proper precedent of the acceptance and rejection of clubs.

Qin asks what the difference between having the minutes and writing a short paragraph would be. She states that the minutes should be sufficient.

Long states that Clubs Admin has been working on guidelines in the background and will look to provide our recommendations to the Committee at a later date in the hopes we can solidify a more thorough way of reviewing Expressions of Interest.

Hausler adds that a clear set of guidelines would be extremely helpful as Clubs Admin are often approached as to why their club was rejected. Lai asks why we need to provide an answer. Hausler notes that we must provide students with the opportunity to create their own club. Hausler suggests that the Committee sets aside another meeting to discuss the grant guidelines.

Action: Clubs Committee to agree on a meeting time to discuss grant guidelines.

Birchall raises the issue of unaddressed Expressions of Interest.

Birchall asks the chair why some Expressions of Interests were not on the agenda. He notes that he was approached by the applicant of both the Pro Abortion Club and the Endometriosis and PCOS Club but could not find these on the Expression of Interest list.

Lai states that Qin interpreted both of these Expressions of Interest as appeal. Qin states that she had read the Expressions of Interest and they were too similar to EOI's she received as chairperson in 2020. She states she interpreted them as already rejected Clubs. Qin notes that she acknowledges that we should have discussed the Expressions of Interest in question following Clubs Committee practice.

Long highlights that Clubs Admin have never received an EOI for a club name 'Pro Abortion' or 'Endometriosis and PCOS' before. The applicant also differed from previous Expressions of Interest. She notes that due to this it was never been rejected and should be included in the agenda for discussion.

Qin states that the Wargamming Club was very similar to the application submitted last year.

Birchall states that he saw the application from last year, alongside the minutes where the previous committee discussed the Wargamming Club, and can confirm that the GAMES Club does not agree that the proposed Club is 'too similar'.

Long asks for the EOI's to be added to the next agenda for the next meeting.

Hausler states that there is currently nothing in the grant guidelines, or Union rules that says we cannot reassess Expressions of Interest. Long notes that Clubs Admin generally

encourages Clubs to take on board the advice of the Clubs Committee and reapply with the advice of the Clubs Committee.

Birchall notes that a higher committee can overturn the Clubs Committee decisions if they do not agree with the decision, therefore it is logical the current committee can reassess previous decisions.

Long notes that we should reassess the guidelines, and add the Expressions of Interests that were not considered for the next meeting.

Action: Committee to consider the process around the consideration of Expressions of Interest. Wilkinson to respond to applications explaining that their application will be considered at the next meeting.

11am 18 March Central Asian Students Association (CASA) Major event opening, request a member of Clubs Committee to attend.

Lai agreed to attending and giving a speech on behalf of Clubs.

Action: Long to contact Lai and CASA for further discussion.

The Club dates for this year- request for Committee to attend the listed events:

- Central Asian Society Association Event 18 March (Lai to speak at)
- Presidents drinks- 24 March
- Clubsland- 17-19 August

Committee decides to discuss listed 'other business' at the next Clubs Committee meeting.

- [Adelaide University is in talks to create a space for the eSports Club (who are an AUSports Club called eSports Lounge).
- Clubs Lounge broken equipment (fridge, air conditioner, chairs and tables)
- Schedule for 2021 Clubs Committee Meetings

9. Close.

Closed: 5.47pm

