

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE
WOMEN'S COLLEGE STUDENTS' CLUB**

DATE: Tuesday May 10, 2022, 6pm

VENUE: The Women's College Dining Hall

PRESENT:

Executive - Hannah Heading, President, Chair
Julia Kelland, Secretary
Claire Blattman, Treasurer
Evelyn Martin, Intercollegiate and University Representative
Celia Battcock, Community Representative
Izabella Rizzo, Cultural Representative
Jade Richardson, Second Year Representative

Members - 340 Ordinary Members

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:05pm.

1. Opening and Welcome

Hannah Heading, the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. She noted her excitement to hear questions and comments in business arising.

2. Apologies and Leaves of Absence

The Students' Club heard apologies from the following members:

- Saskia Ferguson
- Charlotte Hattersley
- Lucy Stratton
- Belle Whitehouse
- Alexandria Johnson
- Olivia Bryant
- Emma Gill

Resolved: That apologies be accepted from those members listed above – *Hannah Heading, Claire Blattman*

The Secretary added a reminder that all apologies of absence from Meetings of the Students' Club must be sent to the House Committee Secretary email by the stipulated time, and that no apologies sent via any other form (e.g., Facebook message) will be accepted.

Resolved: That 0.5 room points be deducted from the room point tally of all unexplained absentees - *Hannah Heading, Claire Blattman*

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Business Arising from the Minutes

Minutes of the last OGM, held on August 30th, 2021, were heard.

Lucy McHutchison, the Chair, opened the meeting at 6:04pm. Camilla McDonald read the apologies for non-attendance and the minutes of the previous meeting. Lucy opened her report by encouraging convenors to continue hosting online events, noting the success of initiatives such as the Busy Wizzie challenge. She gave an update on the return to College and the need

to comply with government and NSW Health restrictions throughout this process. Lucy concluded with a note about Formal being held in early December, and a reminder that the House Committee election process was beginning. Camilla McDonald ran through the House Committee election process and invited the House Committee members to describe their positions, concluding with an encouragement for all eligible students to apply. Eve Gaha summarised the spending in the budget, noting there was significant capacity for increased spending. Eve noted that tentative events were still being budgeted for and called for suggestions as to events and other uses for leftover budget. The Students' Club voted to accept Camilla McDonald's motion to change the Room Allocation Process according to student feedback. The Executive Committee fielded a variety of questions from Ashleigh Lane, Alex Edwards, Molly Tuit, Gina Petrelis, Zoey Cocks and Sophie Adams about the proposed changes. With no business arising, Lucy declared the meeting closed at 6:56pm.

Resolved: That the minutes of the OGM held August 30th, 2021, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and that there is no business arising on the previous minutes – *Hannah Heading, Claire Blattman*

4. Reports of Executive Members

4.1 Report of the Senior Student

Hannah opened her report with a thanks to those attending, noting attendance would be collected at the close of the OGM via a QR code. She then ran the Students' Club through the College cheers and added a comment about the expectation of effort and attendance at all Rosebowl and Palladian Events, Formal Dinner and all meetings of the Students' Club. Hannah gave an overview of events held this semester, including Welcome Week, the International Women's Day panel and 'Teach Us Consent' with Chanel Contos, various Sippers, and the recent Formal. She concluded her report with a reminder about voting for First Year and Sibyl Society representatives and applying for Resident Assistant and convenor positions. She emphasised the importance of commitment to College and informed the Students' Club that she is always available for a conversation.

Resolved: The report of the Senior Student be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Evelyn Martin*

4.2 Report of the Secretary

The Chair invited the Secretary to give her report. Julia opened her report with a congratulations to the current convenors for their events and successes in Rosebowl and Palladian this semester, reminding the members of the Students' Club to actively follow the Women's 2022 page, as well as read and contribute to the Dining Hall bulletin. She continued with an update about the structure of convenor responsibilities, and announced the final round of convenorships would be opening after the conclusion of the OGM. She concluded her report with a call for feedback on the 2022 Room Draw process, noting that the 2023 timeline and guidelines would be updated for the next OGM. Questions were heard from Sofia de Larrazabal and Gina Petrelis on difficulty of coordinating preferences with friends during the holidays, and the issue of exam and STUVAC stress in the previous system respectively.

Resolved: The report of the Secretary be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Jade Richardson*

4.3 Report of the Treasurer

The Chair invited the Treasurer to give her report. Claire explained the breakdown of Students' Club fees, and displayed the estimated and actual budgets for Welcome Week, Rosebowl, Palladian, social events, Formal, Spring Cocktail and miscellaneous spending. She noted there was still surplus leftover from COVID-19 affected budgets, and asked for recommendations on how to spend remaining funds.

Resolved: The report of the Treasurer be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Diva Wilson*

4.4 Report of the Intercollegiate and University Representative

The Chair invited the Intercollegiate and University Representative to give her report. Evelyn ran the Students' Club through the intercol dimension of Welcome Week, and highlighted key intercol events including Surreal Sounds, Carnivale, intercol brunches with Paul's and Sancta, Wine Cellar and the Senior's Dail. She added a reminder about upcoming events, including John's x IVY Thursday, charity TRL with John's, INVADES race day and State of Origin events, and Semester 2 'Silly Season' events. She reiterated Hannah's encouragement to increase involvement and attendance, noting that members should manage their time around College events to 'get out what they put in'. Evelyn concluded her report with a university update, emphasising the importance of being considerate of others during the current exam and STUVAC periods, adding a reminder that the intercol community is founded on respect, with any disrespect towards other Colleges taken very seriously by the House Committee.

Resolved: The report of the Intercollegiate/University Representative be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Izabella Rizzo*

4.5 Report of the Community Representative

The Chair invited the Community Representative to give her report. Celia noted it had been a busy semester of community events. She highlighted the Cake Auction, which was held in person for the first time in three years, and Walk for WAGEC with Sancta. She noted that these two events raised over \$7000 for WAGEC between them. She also noted the success of the blood donation drives and encouraged members to sign up for the upcoming drive in late May. She concluded her report with a reminder about the upcoming Settlement Event, and Country Sippers.

Resolved: The report of the Community Representative be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Olivia Harlamb*

4.6 Report of the Sports Representative

The Chair invited the Intercollegiate and University Representative to give a report on behalf of the Sports Representative. Evelyn noted on Gabriella's behalf our placings of third, third and first in Netball, Swimming and Diving respectively, with Rowing postponed and Hockey taking place this week. She also noted the success of Wings4Life, with over 70 registrations making Women's the most represented College team, and of intramural TRL and futsal. She encouraged attendance at the upcoming Hockey games and the Drew's Rugby 7s Gala Day this Sunday. She concluded the report with a reminder about participation, and to follow the twcspirit Instagram.

Resolved: The report of the Sports Representative be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Celia Battcock*

4.7 Report of the Cultural Representative

The Chair invited the Cultural Representative to give her report. Izabella opened her report with a recap of Palladian events, congratulating the participants and convenors of solo instrumental, vocal and drama, as well as oration and dance. She highlighted the success of the recent Shakespeare on the Grass event, adding her thanks to cast, crew and convenors Sophie Newby and Ella Hammond. She also thanked the Formal Dinner performers this semester and encouraged members to perform, adding a reminder that performances do not need to be of a musical nature. She concluded her report with a comment on her excitement about the independence of the Women's cultural calendar and the success of new, Women's initiatives. This led her to announce a new cultural event in Semester 2, being the Women's Film Festival in late September.

Resolved: The report of the Cultural Representative be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Holly Heading*

4.8 Report of the Year Representatives

The Chair invited the Second Year Representative to give her report, and a report on behalf of the Third Year Representative. Jade gave Lauren's report on the Senior's Event at El Camino and the organisation of Senior's tracksuit pant merchandise, and Assassins week, congratulating Lana Oppenheim for winning the competition. Jade then gave her report, congratulating the Sophomores for their strong representation and performance in convenorship positions this semester. She also added a note about the Sophomore merchandise jumper. She concluded her report by highlighting the successes of the Frecond Year Event and Buddies Dinner, as well as the Wellbeing Convenors.

Resolved: The reports of the Year Representatives be adopted – *Hannah Heading, Julia Kelland*

6. Business Arising

The Chair noted there were no further agenda items submitted and asked the Students' Club whether there was any business arising.

6.1 Spelling of 'Sibyl'

Celia Battcock noted to the Students' Club that 'Sibyl' was often spelled incorrectly ('Sybil') and reiterated the correct spelling of the word.

6.2 University of Sydney staff strike

Isabella Sandy asked the House Committee if they had information about the staff strike taking place on 11-12 May at the University. Hannah noted there would be a picket line on Western and Carillon Avenue as well as at other entrances to the University, and that due to the strikes classes will be disrupted or cancelled, noting that anyone who attempts to cross the picket line may be met with hostility. Kailey Ross asked about compulsory attendance and crossing the picket line. Hannah suggested avoiding Western Avenue by walking through the Nanoscience Hub onto Physics Road and taking a friend if members needed to cross the picket line. She also recommended members explain to protestors that

they live at College and need to pass through the picket line if met with hostility by protestors.

6.3 Formal Dinner

Ella Moore commented on the length and timing of Formal Dinner, noting that it takes too long and finishes too late. Hannah responded that House Committee had discussed the issue and would take this feedback to staff. Sophie Newby also enquired as to the diversity of Formal Dinner speakers, noting that many speakers appeared to have a Commerce or Business background. Various members expressed the sentiment that they would like to hear from Arts and Science speakers within different fields. Hannah agreed to take this feedback to staff, noting that members could also suggest speakers in their field to Dr Donnelly and request to be sat at High Table or speak with them at pre-dinner drinks.

6.4 Games equipment and facilities

Diva Wilson suggested the College acquire a pool table and replace the tennis table equipment. Ella Moore added that the unused room in Langley 100s could be turned into a games room. Hannah responded that the House Committee would look into this, adding that they would look for the Wii console to add to games equipment at the College.

6.5 Invite-only events

Diva Wilson asked the House Committee if they would host invite-only events similar to other Colleges in the intercol community. Hannah responded that Evelyn and the House Committee had been working hard to put together invite-only events. She noted however that invite-only events would only be pursued if members of the Students' Club attended their own events in the first place, noting that she would be "embarrassed" to have invited guests to the recent Sippers considering the poor turnout. She added that if members showed support for the Country Sippers at the end of the semester, the House Committee would pursue invite-only Sippers with staff in Semester 2.

Resolved: all business arising be adopted - *Hannah and Jade*

7. Close of Meeting

With no other business to be attended to, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:10pm.