

SGM Minutes 25/05/18

HERE:

- Simon Lawrance
- Finley Hoskins
- Jo Brough :3
- Katherine Scott
- Jaye Davidson
- Kurt Williams
- William Corbett
- Liam "Cool Ice" Spence
- Alaura Evans
- Natasha Gilford
- Gavin Tay Fernandez
- Aoibhinn O'Shea
- Leah Chappell
- Elanor Leman
- Theo Vickery
- Edward Kamman
- Elana Kardol
- Jake Neilson
- Emily Schofield
- Annique Cockerill
- Lewis Price

ABSENT: Jade Howett

APOLOGIES: Ryan Hall

Start: 1:24pm

End 2:07pm

Reports

- Simon calls for a motion to remove reports from the agenda
 - Seconded by Liam
- Vote:
 - For: Unanimous

Election of VP

- Edward is our standing nonination
- Katherine nominates Leah, I second
- Jake nominates Gavin, Edward seconds it
- Leah retracts her nomination because the election is no longer default
- Katherine nominates herself, Simon seconds
- Gavin also retracts his nomination from a non-default election
- Jaye nominates herself, Simon seconds
- Katherine nominates Kai, not accepted
- Edward's speech

- Ed recites amazing series of limericks outlining that he will do a good job
- Kat's speech
 - Kat wants more candidates, familiarity with club, responsible, can be in charge and delegate, been on committee for A While
- Jaye's speech
 - Fresher rep for some time, active member of club, enjoying UniSFA, can bring good stuff to position, dabs
- Would you consider other positions?
 - Edward would consider librarian
 - Jaye would run also
- Open to floor
- Kurt: can you commit to the position time-wise?
 - Edward has the holidays to fill out events, can cope with standard load next semester
 - Katherine's going away for July, taking three level 3 math units
 - Jaye doesn't a job or many friends, she's managing pretty well with time
- Leah: mostly managerial position, what experience do you have?
 - Edward never really been in managerial position but been librarian in past, has collaborated with other clubs before
 - Katherine has been stepping up in wake of no VP, large role in 40th and logo subcommittees, has experience
 - Jaye not much in club, past experience in TAFE, school and work
- Theo points out Katherine was a VP for a year
- Jaye has been acting VP for the past while
- Leah: are you gonna keep being on committee?
 - Edward: maybe, I might go for other positions, I might get a job, hold onto the end of the year
 - Katherine: here for the year, if here will run
 - Jaye: would definitely run
- Liam: any change you could make?
 - Edward: not really, keep on doing the doing, more regular screening
 - Someone is dying outside
 - Katherine: wanting to do fantasy/sci-fi events like art themed, generally subcommittees having more communications, tension with panto, special screenings, more novelty screenings
 - Jaye: more special screenings, more mainstream screenings
- Alaura: commination is important, example of good commination?
 - Edward has run events before and he has experience in similar rile, he's articulate
 - Katherine: I've been librarian which means she has to talk about removing books, really wants to make clear open to-sided communication, non-confrontational
 - Jaye is fresher rep is trying to talk to freshers, tries her best
- Simon: camp and 40th are huge and your job this year, examples of running large events?
 - Edward: Quizmittee in 2016, helped out at camps

- Kat been on 40th anniversary subcommittee, helped with camp last year, was on charity sub
 - Jaye: no, I do not
- Opinion of HP Society
 - Edward: if he could go back in time he would still vote no, but they shouldn't be disaffiliated
 - Katherine: they're already affiliated, we should stop talking about them as if they aren't, we should work w them because we have similar goals
 - Jaye: no strong views, should work with them
- Annique: Why are you running for this position and what more do you feel you can offer the club?
 - Katherine likes being librarian but she feels she can handle the role
 - Edward is proactive, would rather be able to take action than talk to committee
 - Jaye likes being fresher rep but wants to step up to the plate
- Whom is elected???????? ED KAMMAN

Constitutional Amendments

- Two of them
- Simon motions that we address the second one first because its simpler, Jaye seconds
 - For: Unanimous
- Change Suggested:
 - Original:
 - 14.1.4. The motion as adopted with any amendments shall come into force upon receiving the approval of Societies Council
 - Changed:
 - 14.1.4 The motion as adopted with any amendments shall come into force as per Guild rules
- Reasoning: Guild rules say amendments are assumed approved and thereby immediately enacted unless told otherwise, but it's weird to write that into our constitution so I've kept it simple, with the benefit that we likely won't have to reword it again
- Annique if we pass it through, it's immediate a part of the constitution
 - The rule that passes itself
- Further discussion?
 - Simon motions that we pass this amendment, Edward seconds:
 - For: Unanimous
- Back to the first one
- Change suggested:
 - Original:
 - 5.6. The following provisions govern the use of proxies at General Meetings of UniSFA
 - 5.6.1. An ordinary member who is unable to attend a General Meeting may assign proxy voting rights to another ordinary member
 - 5.6.2. Proxy votes must be in writing and signed and dated by the ordinary member who is assigning proxy voting rights

- 5.6.3. An ordinary member may not hold proxy voting rights on behalf of more than one ordinary member during any meeting except as detailed in Section 5.6.4.
 - 5.6.4. The secretary may hold detailed voting rights for multiple ordinary members so long as they are assigned to them at least two hours prior to the General Meeting
 - 5.6.4.1. These voting rights may only include detailed votes for candidates running for a specified position, and, where voting on motions provided prior to the meeting, a simple vote for or against the motion.
 - 5.6.4.2. For any motion amended during the general meeting proxy votes will not be counted
 - 5.6.4.3. These votes will be collated by the secretary and provided to the returning officers prior to voting
- Changed:
 - 5.6. An ordinary member who is unable to attend a General Meeting may assign absentee voting rights to the secretary
 - 5.6.1. Absentee votes must be in writing and signed and dated by the ordinary member who is assigning voting rights
 - 5.6.2. These voting rights may only include detailed votes for candidates running for a specified position, and, where voting on motions provided prior to the meeting, a simple vote for or against the motion.
 - 5.6.3. For any motion amended during the general meeting absentee votes will not be counted
 - 5.6.4. These votes will be collated by the secretary and provided to the returning officers prior to voting
- Reasoning: Proxy votes aren't intended to be used as we use them, i.e. how we've written them into the Constitution. They are only supposed to be for a non-voting person to vote as per the intentions of the voting member, not to give a voting member additional power/votes in General Meetings. Worth noting that it is hard to manage all the proxy votes as a Returning Officer, and the collation of those votes needs to be coordinated better, but that's not the Constitution's fault.
- Liam: can we still send absentee votes electronically?
 - Simon: yes
- Kat wants to specify that only the secretary can take absentee votes
 - This is already how it is and Simon explains that
 - Absentee voting shouldn't work how proxy votes work
 - We shouldn't give one person the ability to out vote rest of meeting
 - That doesn't allow for things that happen during the meeting
 - Leah: sometimes absentee votes should still stand if wording but not content is change
 - Annique: if things change during the meeting and you aren't there that's what you give up as non-attending person
 - Simon: if you want full powers you need to be here
 - Liam: you can have people bringing amendments to void absentee votes
 - Simon: that shouldn't happen

- Annique: that definitely should happen and if it does there's a bigger problem
- Jo: did they correctly interpret proxy voting from what Annique said
- Simon: sort of people have never been able to outvote the rest of the meeting but sometimes secretaries can hold 4 or 5 votes
- Jaye: if amendment doesn't change spirit, could absentee votes still hold
- Simon: possible amendment to say that if 'spirit' of motion hasn't been changed it's not enough to warrant void votes
- Annique: we can vote it up and change it, or we can vote it down and change it there
- Kurt says it's an improvement and that's reason enough to vote it up
- Kat would like to spend 2 minutes to develop a rewording
 - Motion:
 - For: Unanimous
 - Ellie: suggests included clause in amendment to the effect of 'absentee votes will not be discarded if it occurs such that votes can still be clearly considered to apply despite mid-meeting developments.'
 - Leah proposes a different amendment to include small phrase 'subject to discretion of chair of meeting'.
- Simon motions to amend the amendment, I second it:
 - For: unanimous
- Simon motions to vote on the amended amendment, Jaye seconds:
 - For: Unanimous

General Business

- Katherine narrowed it down to unicorn and UFO
 - Contacting artist to do logo for unified style
 - Still pushing ahead
 - Worked on redeveloping summoning circle but is too complex as a logo
 - Alaura says we're doing a good job