

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY CLUB FORUM

14 October 2015

The notes of the Melbourne University Sport Club Forum held on Wednesday, 14 October 2015 at 6.00pm in the Ernie Cropley Pavilion Function Room.

PRESENT:

Professor Jim Angus (Chair)
Mr Adrian Collette (Vice Principal Engagement)
Professor Richard James (Board member)
Mr Grant Williams (Board member)
Mr Tim Lee (Director)
Mr Rod Warnecke (Sport Development Manager)
Mr Jean-Luc Garlick (Business Development Manager)
Ms Joy Villalino (Marketing Manager)
Mr Alex Affleck (Operations Manager)
Ms Kylie Moulds (Club Coordinator - note taker)
Mr Andrew Walker (Club Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Ms Kate Roffey
Mr Chris Harvey (Advancement)
Jo Pizzi - Netball Club
John Prince - Cycling Club
Prue Ottey – Boat Club

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Shaw - Aikido	Molly Hoak – Softball
Hamish Beaumont - Athletics	Lucas Bediga - Squash
Anjali Goundar – Basketball	Kerrod Moller- Nielsen – Surfriders
Jason Kotchoff – Basketball	Hui Ying Soh - Taichi/Wushu
Peejade Cheng – Badminton	Li Yuting – Taichi/Wushu
Derek Bennett – Cricket	Scott Starkey - Touch
Kristy Marinopoulos – Dancesport	Carol Milligan - Underwater
Joseph Sturrock – Football	Gus Cirillo – Volleyball
Bridget Barker – Football (W)	Hannah Dunn – Waterski & Wakeboard
Billy Arrigo – Gridiron	Lincoln Reeves – Waterski & Wakeboard
Emilly Rosse – Hockey	David Jame - Weightlifting/Powerlifting
Jularaj Suthibutr – Kendo	
Nick Anthony- Lacrosse	
Richard Bassett-Smith – Mountaineering	
David Heng – Mountaineering	
Mitchell Stephen – Mountaineering	
Jason Jones - Rugby	
Callum Castles – Snowboard	
Boris Ivanov – Soccer	
Andrew Bulleen - Soccer	
Bob Girdwood – MUSA	
Cheryl McKinna - MUSA	

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Professor Jim Angus took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair outlined that the Club Forums are an opportunity to discuss major club issues and the strategic direction of sport at the University. Notes and presentations from the previous forums can be found on the MU Sport website.

2. APOLOGIES

The Chair noted apologies.

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/NOTING

3.1 Action items from previous forum

The Director outlined that as requested, the list of attendees are now included on the back of agenda.

The university secretariat advice was that unconfirmed Board minutes should not be made available to the public but every effort would be made to ensure that confirmed minutes appear immediately after the meeting.

3.2 Strategic Plan for Sport

The Director provided an update on the development of the 2015 – 2020 Sport Strategic Plan. MU Sport is in the process of developing the new Strategic Plan for Sport to be adopted in 2016. *The Growing Esteem 2015-2020* was released in July and is available on the University's website. Key opportunities for sport and clubs are the plans to grow student numbers, increase the number of student accommodation opportunities and enhance the on-campus experience for students. These opportunities have been explored in greater detail in the discussion paper which will be released shortly.

3.3 Sport Update

The Director provided an update on a number of events:

WHERE GREAT MINDS COLLIDE – The University's new brand campaign. Some of our elite student athletes and board members appeared in the advert. The idea of 'collision' is a relevant theme for many of our clubs and sport suggesting an opportunity to tap into the campaign in future.

AUSTRALIAN BOAT RACE

The Australian Boat Race against Sydney University is back in Melbourne on Sunday morning 25 of October. Crews from Ormond College will row against St. Andrews College from Sydney as a curtain-raiser.

GAY, THAT'S OK

Congratulations to the Blacks Football Club and the Beaton brothers on the recent Gay That's Ok! Program. This was a great initiative and the wearing of Rainbow jumpers during the game against Collegians generated a significant amount of positive national media interest.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

480 students represented the University at the Australian University Games on the Gold Coast and the Rowing Championships in Adelaide. Students were supported by over 50 staff, team managers, coaches and a comprehensive medical team.

3.4 Sport Facilities Planning

Mr Affleck presented an outline of the Sport Capital Improvement Plan (SCIP) 2013-2023. He highlighted key points which included the increased opportunities to engage in regular physical activity and the support of high performance sport.

Discussion followed and Mr Stephen asked if clubs will be able to have a look at the list of capital projects? Mr Beaumont enquired if clubs can receive an indication of how capital projects will be assessed? The chair outlined that it is a difficult decision to decide on projects due to the large demand; however the whole idea of the process is transparency.

3.5 Sport Membership Model 2016

Mr Garlick revisited the proposed membership model that was introduced at the previous Club Forum. He thanked clubs that had provided feedback, particularly the concern over the fee differentiation of \$99.

Discussion followed in regards to the feedback provided and Sports Development will meet with the clubs that did provided feedback. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board in November.

3.6 Club Funding Review Update

Mr Warnecke provided an update on the Club Funding Review discussion paper that was distributed to clubs in mid-September.

Review recommendations included facility access as a base level of support and the development of major equipment schedules.

3.7 Club Funding Report

Mr Warnecke presented on the Club Funding Report which is presented annually at the second Club Forum. Mr Warnecke explained that \$115,000 of additional funding was allocated in 2015.

The floor asked several questions relating to student engagement and how will this is reflected in the additional funding

3.8 Support for Club Events

Ms Villalino presented on the opportunities available to Club Event Committees provided by MU Sport Marketing, University Advancement and Alumni Relations to assist with major club anniversaries and events.

Ms Villalino provided the recent 125th anniversary of the Melbourne University Athletics Club as an example.

4. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT FORUM

The next Club Forum will be held in May 2016 with the date to be confirmed at the December Board meeting.

5. FORUM CLOSED

The Forum closed at 7.10pm.