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Minutes of Annual General Meeting – July 3, 2017

A motion was moved that all the delegates of the member organisation be admitted to the meeting (at least one representation of an organisation should be allowed, not refraining any association who is a member of CISA to attending the AGM).

MOVER: PARSA

SECONDER: NUSA

FOR: UNSW, Curtin, MPISA, SUPRA, NUPSA, GUPSA, CITSA, ANUSA, MPA, Latrobe, SISA, UTSSA, VUIA, CSU

Against: USASA

Abstention: MUISS, FUSA

[MOTION CARRIED]

Vincent Griffith: If all members from an association are all allowed in, it would create an unbalanced votes during voting. We should let the university nominate a person who is allowed the vote, while others observe.

We should get a nominated person from the university

Anish NUPSA: I don't think the university should have a say. It should be the student organisation who is involved in the association that should be allowed, as the AGM is only for members of CISA.

Dhaval, SUPRA: Made a comment on the unbalanced vote situation, he suggested that we go with the observation raised by Vincent.

Eduardo, NUSA: As an organisation, we are bound by the constitution. He suggested it would be good if we allow people with experience to be here to discuss the constitution amendments and its changes.

Anish: He observed that the minutes was incomplete

SISA: Suggested if we can have the election tomorrow

Chair: Agreed with this as it would be an opportunity to reflect and make an informed decision by tomorrow.

SUPRA: Questioned the fact about not receiving the minutes 14 days to the meeting.

Chair: She noted it was a case of negligence on their part to have not provided the minutes



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NUPSA: commented on the minutes. They raised a concern over why the minutes was not dispersed in due time, especially as CISA is a peak body.

NIDHI: commenting on the financial report, noted that it has to be externally audited.

Chair: In response to this noted that as far she is aware, the financial report is in the auditing stage.

Dhaval: noted that we need to make sure that external audit is done on the account

MOTION: CISA to provide minutes of the last AGM minutes by 9am on the 4th of July 2017, to be reviewed by members and approved at the next AGM session.

Secunder: NUPSA

FOR: NUSA, SISA, UNSW, PARSA, SUPRA, Curtin, ANUSA, MPA, NUPSA, USASA, FUSA, CITSA, MUISS, GUPSA, CSU, Latrobe

Against: VU ISA

Abstention: MPISA

[MOTION CARRIED]

PARSA: requested that the chair explains all the standing orders, as members received this before the meeting.

SUPRA: Suggested that a speaking list need to be visually shown to members.

USASA: Raised an observation that we do not have much time to discuss everything.

SUPRA: Noted that we give 5 minutes for members to read the order

Secunder: MPA

For: VUISA, NUSA, UTSSA, SISA, PARSA, ANUSA, MPISA, NUPSA, Latrobe, GUPSA, CSU.

Against: FUSA, UNSW, USASA

Abstention: MUISS, Curtin, CITSA

Observed: Trinity, StudyNT, ISANA

PARSA: Raised a concern about the election and the declaration of the Returning Officer. As this was not done, and in the spirit of fairness, it would jeopardise the electoral process.



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They further enquired to know who the returning officer was. They noted that the constitution was not followed throughout the electoral process.

SUPRA: Noted that the constitution was not followed earlier, and requested that their dissatisfaction with the electoral process should be noted in the minutes.

Chair: In response this, noted that the CISA Executive Committee, a part of the member organisation did everything within its powers to ensure fairness in the process. They did everything according to the constitution and would be democratic about it. She added that this issue could be addressed by members

[MOTION]

PARSA: Suggested that a motion should be moved to approve of the current electoral process

NUSA: Agreed with the concerns raised by SUPRA and PARSA.

A Proposal was made by NUSA: To carry on and abide by the results of the voting and election

Secunder: PARSA

For: NUSA, UNSW, Curtin, VUISA, PARSA, ANUSA, Latrobe, MPISA, CSU, GUPSA.

Against: Nil

Abstention SUPRA MPA, NUPSA

[Motion carried]

PARSA: Noted that the agenda was released last week and candidates had to prepare a speech, less than 24 hours, which could affect the quality of their presentation.

There was a procedural motion to go directly to voting immediately when candidates for each portfolio finishes their presentation.

Move directly to voting after presentation:

Mover:

Secunder:

PARSA: We move directly

NUSA, PARSA ANUSA VUISA



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All in favour

YES: UTSSA, VUIISA, UNSW Latrobe PARSA SISA, SUPRA, ANUSA MUISS, GUOSA CSU CITSA

Against: NUSA, MPISA, MPA

[Motion carried]

MOTION: That we amend the agenda to move the candidate presentation tomorrow

For: NUPSA, SISA, UTSSA, PARSA, SUPRA, ANUSA, MPA, GUPSA (7)

Against: CSU, USASA, MUISS, FUSA, Latrobe, MPISA, Curtin, UNSW, VUIISA, CITSA, GUPSA (10)

Abstention: (1)

Constitution Amendments before Elections

SUPRA: Requested that 15 minutes should be given to members to read the constitution and make amendments to it. They also suggested having a discussion on it before amendments and further encouraged having a safe space for this.

SUPRA: new amendment, President and Vice President should have five minutes, and the others could be asked questions. But also noted that it would be unfair if other candidate's statement is not heard.

MPISA: sought for clarification on the founding members in appendix 2.

VUIISA: hinted on the electoral procedure point 3 and 4, nominees should have a minimum of six months because it meant that recent graduates should also be eligible for nomination.

MUISS: On 4.3 pointed out their disagreement with it, as it is not fair for them as part of the organisation

About the requirement of being of good conduct, members noted that it is debatable, as some see it differently.

MUISS: noted that with the current status, we can only have full time students been elected into office. Part time students, technically would not have the opportunity to run for office. Suggested that other students should be able to have a say in our matters, as we need to give international students full priority

ANUSA: Noted that we are only required to ask other candidates 2 or 3 questions. They added that since it is an important national role, it is insufficient. They proposed that they



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should be given one minute to do a presentation before question time. As this would give members the opportunity to have a better understanding of the candidates

NUSA: Noted that regardless of whether one is a part-time or full time student they can be elected. They added that whatever constitution change we pass today, it will take effect in the future. If you want to stop someone to run, it does not apply. Only apply for next year.

PARSA: Recommended that part-time students should be included in the constitution.

MUISS: Pointed out that they do not see anywhere in a visa that states that a student can study on part time basis.

SISA: suggested that candidate written statements and speech should be considered when running for office.

USASA: pointed out that non-members cannot vote and run for office. As such, we might have great people but because they're not members, they can't go into election

NUSA: suggested amending 3.5, to allow other international students to run for office. That we should encourage raw talent

There was a vote to finish the amendments the following day.

For: UNSW, SISA, VUISA, Curtin, UTSSA, PARSA, SURRA, MPA, MUPSA, Latrobe, USASA, CITSA, MUISS, CSU, Melbourne Poly, ANSUA, NUSA, and FUSA.

[MOTION CCARREID]

Meeting ended at 10:24 pm.