

## MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY CLUB FORUM

27 MAY 2015

The notes of the Melbourne University Sport Club Forum held on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 at 6.00pm in the Ernie Cropley Pavilion Function Room.

### PRESENT:

Professor Richard James (Chair)  
Mr Andrew Gillies (Board member)  
Dr Lynne 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)  
Mr Chris Harvey (Development Manager)  
Ms Kylie Moulds (Club Coordinator - note taker)  
Mr Andrew Walker (Club Officer)

### APOLOGIES:

Professor Jim Angus  
Mr Grant Williams  
Professor Margaret Abernethy  
Ms Kate Roffey  
Mr Adrian Collette  
Katie Lau - Table Tennis Club

### IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Michael Shaw - Aikido            | Denzel Kour - Karate                    |
| Hamish Beaumont - Athletics      | Jularaj Suthibutr - Kendo               |
| Greg Longden - Boat              | Nick Anthony- Lacrosse                  |
| Amelia Russell - Cheerleading    | Simon Matthews - Lacrosse               |
| Nicholas Brian- Cricket          | Danielle Senyschyn - Softball           |
| Kristy Marinopoulos - Dancesport | Cecil Lloyd - Surfriders                |
| Sonya Santa Maria - Dancesport   | Katelyn Tadd - Swimming                 |
| Andrew Donald – Football         | Ciara Redmond - Taichi/Wushu            |
| Joseph Sturrock – Football       | Clarybelle Loi - Taichi/Wushu           |
| Jess Egan – Football (W)         | Sarah Preston - Volleyball              |
| Kerry Hwang - Futsal             | Ryan Morath - Water Polo                |
| Robert Smith – Gridiron          | David Jame - Weightlifting/Powerlifting |
| James Stewart - Hockey           |   |
| Bob Girdwood – MUSA              |   |
| Cheryl McKinna - MUSA            |   |

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the absence of new Board Chair Professor Jim Angus, Board member Professor Richard James took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chair outlined that the Club Forums are an opportunity to discuss generic 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.

It was suggested by the Chair that a list of attendees be provided at future Forums to assist with acknowledging those in attendance.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

The Chair noted apologies.

## **3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/NOTING**

### **3.1 Board for Sport Appointments**

The Director outlined the appointment of the new Board Chair Professor Jim Angus along with three external members Ms Kate Roffey, Mr Grant Williams and Mr James Marburg. It was suggested from the floor that due to the extended time between Board meetings that the unconfirmed minutes be made available on the website. The Director undertook to explore this with the incoming Board Chair and the University Secretariat.

### **3.2 Strategic Plan for Sport**

The Director provided an update on the development of the 2015 – 2020 Sport Strategic Plan which has been put on hold due to the delay with the University's Strategic Plan, *Growing Esteem*. A Sport Strategic Plan Discussion Paper has been prepared but will not be released until after *Growing Esteem* is confirmed. The Director committed to providing a minimum of 4 weeks consultation on the discussion paper.

### **3.3 Sport Facilities Planning**

The Director announced the recent confirmation of \$.5M per annum will continue to be provided to sport capital projects by the University for the next ten years. This allocation has been in place since 2008 and was critical in the provision of \$14M of recent sport capital projects. Negotiations continue with Melbourne City Council on longer term access to Princes Park but the reception has so far been disappointing.

After a significant lag caused by a comprehensive University staff restructure discussions have just commenced again with University Campus Planning on the next sport capital project and the longer term capital program. A more comprehensive briefing will be provided on progress on Sport Capital Plan at the next Forum.

### **3.4 Club Funding Review Update**

Mr Warnecke provided an update on the Club Funding Review that commenced in 2014. The delay in the University's Strategic Plan – *Growing Esteem* has also had an impact on Club Funding Review.

The discussion paper is close to being finalized and clubs will be provided with a 4 week period to review.

Mr Beaumont asked about the process for a club disputing a funding decision made by MU Sport. The Chair suggested that issue could be taken up with the Director, in the first instance, and then the Board.

**3.5 Sport Access Model 2016**

Mr Garlick outlined a new proposed membership model to be introduced in 2016 that will improve the quality of data collected on memberships for reporting to the University. Further information will be distributed shortly.

Discussion followed about the impact on members of multiple clubs and the increase in fees might turn away a lot of members. A suggestion was made to increase the price over time. The suggestions and comments will be considered in the final recommendation to the Board.

**3.6 Naming of Sports Centre**

Mr Harvey reported on the Campaign for Melbourne and opportunities for clubs to be involved in Annual Giving. Mr Harvey explained that the Melbourne University Sport Foundation aims to assist with the long term sustainability of clubs and currently comprises six Club Chapters.

Mr Harvey also presented the proposal to name the Sports Centre after Ms Nona Lee a significant benefactor to sport. Clubs were encouraged to contact Mr Harvey if they have any comments or concerns about the proposal.

**3.7 Sport and Clubs Working Group Update**

Mr Warnecke presented on the recent Sport and Club Working Group meeting held on 14 May. A number of policies were discussed and endorsed and will be communicated to Clubs in the upcoming Club Operations Memo.

**4. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT FORUM**

The next Club Forum will be held on Wednesday 14 October 2015

**5. FORUM CLOSED**

The Forum closed at 7.15pm.

Club Forum Action Items

| <b>Agenda Item</b>             | <b>Item Title</b> | <b>Action</b>   | <b>Person(s) Responsible</b> |
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| Item 1<br>Welcome              | Attendance List   | To provide a list of Club Forum attendees at future forums  | Mr Warnecke                  |
| Item 3.1<br>Board Appointments | Board Minutes     | To investigate listing 'unconfirmed' Board Minutes on the MU Sport website before they are confirmed at subsequent Board meetings | The Director                 |