

1. Welcome

Mr Lynne Williams welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of Board Chairman Mr Geoff Rees who is travelling and visiting universities in the USA.

2. Apologies

Mr Geoff Rees

The Provost Professor Margaret Sheil

Mr James Sutherland

3. Action from previous forum

Mr Rod Warnecke outlined the action items from the last forum.

3.1 Sport Capital Infrastructure Plan

Clubs were invited to send in responses to the draft plan which were considered in the preparation of the final report.

4. Club Support Report

Mr Rod Warnecke Sport Development Manager presented the Annual Club Support document as approved by the MU Sport. The arrangements will be reviewed and presented each year as the Board believes that determining the level of support should be a transparent process.

The five areas of MU Sport support were outlined:

- Operational Support (financial)
- Capital Support
- Club Project Fund – financial and co contribution
- Club Facility Access
- Organisational Support – equipment hire, alumni engagement etc.

The Club Support allocation is guided by the following documents:

- Club Facility Access Guidelines
- Club Operational Funding Guidelines
- Club Project Fund Guidelines

The documents are reviewed on an ongoing basis but the process recognises that the SSAF is not guaranteed beyond 2014 and future support will be determined in accordance with club strategic objectives and their alignment with the *University of Melbourne Sport Strategic Plan 2010-2015*.

MU Sport is proposing to establish a Clubs Working Party which will act as a sounding board for the review of the guidelines as required. The visibility of the report was welcomed by Mr Paul Boltwood (Hockey) but queried how expenditure from grants was monitored. Mr Warnecke noted that most clubs are expending monies provided and MU Sport does not monitor aside from the collection of annual reports and accounts. Mr Mitchell Stephen (Mountaineering) inquired about the operation of the Clubs Working Party. Mr Warnecke stated that the group would be a sounding board for MU Sport in reviewing policy and guidelines but that the exact details had not been confirmed.

Mr Ben Yeo queried some empty columns in the financial statements for 2005-06 due to VSU affecting the numbers and skewing the data. The Chair noted that annual presentation of information on the level of club support each year will improve the transparency in the process and be used to strengthen the standing of Sport within the University.

5. Club Member Survey

Marketing Manager Ms Joy Villalino introduced project consultant Mr David McLeod who outlined the recent club member survey. Several clubs and individuals received awards for their participation. Mr McLeod presented the aggregate results of the survey and outlined the research objectives and demographics of the survey respondents. The 3 key participation triggers were competition, meeting people and keeping fit. Students were made aware of the club by referral and clubs day and the satisfaction metrics indicated that club culture is an important element.

Results will be sent out to individual clubs by the end of November including a comparison to each club cohort (i.e. recreational, instructional and sporting). MU Sport will consult with clubs on priority areas for building member satisfaction. The results will be presented to Board in November and the survey will become a bi-annual event (next held in 2015).

5. East – West Link Update

The Director MU Sport presented on the East – West link project. A map of Royal Park was used to illustrate the loss and interruption to use of Ross Straw field and Smith and Bren's Ovals. The full extent of the disruption will be determined by negotiations between the State Government and Melbourne City Council for development funds which would create a knock on effect in Princes Park and Royal Park West. The Director encouraged potentially affected clubs to familiarise themselves with Liking Melbourne Authority website and to advise MU Sport of any concerns or issues.

Dr Williams asked about the project timeline and the Director responded that the work could commence as early as late next 2014. MU Sport will continue to engage with Senior University Management about uniformed communication with CoM.

Mr Hamish Beaumont (Athletics) questioned whether it would impact on the Sports Capital Improvement Plan (SCIP). The Director outlined that the SCIP was a feasibility study and that the detail could be reviewed as circumstances changed. Mr Craig Albiston (Rugby) identified that there was an opportunity to work with the state government to reach desirable outcomes. Mr John Carmody (AFL) raised concerns that reduced access to CoM ovals might increase demand of the University Oval and how this might affect the condition. The Director outlined that current review of the oval to improve the condition during the winter season and that managing future demand would be an issue for consideration.

6. Forum conclusion

Mr Warnecke explained that the club forum is a bi-annual activity and that meetings would be scheduled in Mid May and Mid October 2014. These dates would be confirmed in line with 2014 Board meeting dates.

Dr. Williams thanked everyone for attending and encouraged attendees to enjoy the refreshment and the opportunity to network

Forum concluded at 7.15pm

Attendance Register:

Athletics	Hamish Beaumont	Taekwondo	Lei Huang
Basketball	Rhia Mikkor	Tai Chi & Wushu	Kristen Wills
Dance Sport	Anh Pham (Evy)	Touch	Marija Buljan
Football - Men	John Carmody	Underwater	Nicky Woods
Football – Women	Jess Egan	Water Polo	Ben Yeo

Hockey	James Stewart	Weightlifting & Powerlifting	Michael Censori
Kendo	Andrew Lam / Viet Hoang	MU Sport Board	Dr Lynne Williams
Lacrosse	Jessica Kaaden	MU Sport Board	Prof. Mark Hargraves
Mountaineering	Mitchell Stephen	MU Sport Board	Prof. Richard James
Netball	Georgie Buckley	MU Sport	Mr Tim Lee
Rugby	Craig Albiston / Peter Cusak	MU Sport	Mr Rod Warnecke
Ski	Ollie Nam	MU Sport	Ms Joy Villalino
Soccer	Nicola Vincent	MU Sport	Mr David McLeod
Softball	Erin Lane	Advancement	Mr Chris Harvey
Squash	Wei Keen Yong	MU Sport	Mr. Alex Affleck
Surfriding	Harrison Vermont	MU Sport	Mr. Jean Luc Garlick
Table Tennis	Joshua Cheang	MU Sport	Mr. Thomas Lutwyche
		MUSA	Cheryl McKinna
		MUSA/Football	Bob Girdwood