

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY CLUB FORUM

15 OCTOBER 2014

The notes of the Melbourne University Sport Club Forum held on Wednesday, 15 October 2014 at 6.00pm in the Pavilion Function Room.

PRESENT:

Dr Lynne Williams (Chair)
Mr Tim Lee (Director)
Mr Rod Warnecke (MU Sport)
Mr Jean-Luc Garlick (MU Sport)
Ms Joy Villalino (MU Sport)
Mr Mark Jones (MU Sport consultant)
Mr Gary Ryan (MU Sport consultant)
Ms Margot Foster (MUSA President)
Ms Kylie Moulds (note taker)

APOLOGIES:

Mr Geoff Rees
Lucas Bediaga – Squash
Nathan Goldwaser- Dancesport

IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Shaw - Aikido	Denzel Kour - Karate
Hamish Beaumont - Athletics	Jularaj Suthibutr - Kendo
Lewis Tang – Badminton	Nick Anthony - Lacrosse
Mei Yam - Badminton	Jason Ma - Mountaineering
Tim Heathcote – Cricket/Touch	Edmund Kron - Ski
Andrew Donald - Football	Danielle Senyschyn - Softball
Joseph Sturrock - Football	Andrew Bulleen - Soccer
Bob Girdwood – Football	Mark O'Reilly - Surfriders
Billy Hrrigo - Gridiron	Mel Tate - Underwater
James Stewart – Hockey	David Jame - Powerlifting/Weightlifting

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the absence of Board Chair Mr Geoff Rees, Dr Lynne Williams took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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.

2. APOLOGIES

The Chair noted apologies.

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/NOTING

3.1 2013 Club Members Survey Analysis

MU Sport Marketing Manager Ms Villalino provided an update on the Club Member Survey undertaken in 2013.

The next step is to build additional quantitative data for each club to establish overall benchmarks of satisfaction. Individual data sets and analysis to be distributed to clubs in early November. Sports Development will use data sets as an agenda item for scheduled meetings with clubs in Nov-Feb 2015.

The next survey will be conducted in 2015 and bi-annually thereafter

3.2 Strategic Plan for Sport Review

Consultant Gary Ryan has been appointed by the Board of Sport to conduct a review of the *Strategic Plan for Sport* and the development of a new strategic plan. Mr Ryan presented an outline of the key themes for clubs, emerging at this stage of the review.

Draft discussion paper to be released in November and clubs will have a minimum of one month to comment on the paper.

Concerns were raised over the time to consider the draft discussion paper. The Chair asked for this to be reviewed.

3.3 Club Funding Review

Consultant Mark Jones has been appointed by MU Sport to conduct the Club Funding Review as outlined at the last Club Forum. Mr Jones presented on the review progress and findings thus far.

The additional \$200,000 in funding to be allocated in 2015 will take the total allocation to \$500,000 and will be allocated in line with club objectives congruent to the *Strategic Plan for Sport*. There will be no reduction in deciding Club funding as a result of the review.

Draft discussion paper to be considered at the Sports and Clubs Working Group in early November and distributed to all clubs at the end of November. Clubs will have a minimum of one month to comment on the paper. Final report is due in mid-January with the funding roll out to commence from March 2015.

Discussion followed on in regards the framework for distributing funds and how performance amongst clubs would be assessed. Some competitive clubs are participatory and not playing at the highest level and how will this affect the allocation of funds.

3.4 2014 Funding Report

MU Sport Development Manager Rod Warnecke presented on the 2014 Club Funding Report. This is an important process to provide transparency with annual club funding and is located on the MU Sport website.

Further discussion continued into competitive, instructional and recreational club categories. Suggestions were made on the layout of the Club Funding Report. There were noted by Mr Warnecke.

5. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT FORUM

The next Club Forum will be held in May 2015.

6. FORUM CLOSED

The Forum closed at 7.40pm.