# MUDS EXECUTIVE MEETING: [06/11/17]

Executive Members Present: Georgia Chahoud, Annya Reshty, Bethany Burns, Amelia Taylor, Liam Holt, Henry Forsaith-Breese Mounisha Mondeddu and Despina Bouletos

Executive Members Absent: Anneliese Cooper

Non-Exec Members Present: Sam Hurrell

**Red: Motion**

**Blue: Action Item**

Meeting Opens: 15:10

#### **Agenda Item 1: Ground Rules**

Georgia: These are the rules

1. Meetings are an impersonal format: this means you should not be personally attached to ideas and that criticism you are given is not personal 🡪 don’t get an ego and try to defend silly ideas 🡪 talk things out and try to understand others
2. Don’t talk about exec things with people not on the exec 🡪 people dont need to think we are fractured or are incompetent, we will lose their trust, keep it in the exec

Georgia: anything else?

Liam: bring food?

Georgia: yeah, sure

Sam: you can eat at muse

#### **Agenda Item 2: Vote on Women’s**

Georgia: I support Otago, here are my reasons

1. It is unclear when India womens will happen 🡪 could be before australs, bad because people have not started bp yet
2. Will be very expensive if in India, many people won't go (purpose of womens is to catch people who cant come to easters, these people will likely not be able to go)
3. It's not racist, Asia has their own tournaments, we would be giving them a Sydney Sydney grand final, which is not good

Liam: happy with Otago if it preserves costs 🡪 we want as many people as possible coming to tournaments

Henry: India isn’t safe for women also

Sam: insurance costs can go up

Beth: long flight

Georgia: Otago have been very involved for a long time, they should get it

Motion proposed by Georgia: we vote for Otago for womens 2018

Motion passes unanimously

#### **Agenda Item 3: What are things we want to do this year?**

MUDS CAMP

Beth:

* How it will run: not a major, not a competition, there is no tab; it is a development camp with a focus on learning and development 🡪 good environment for novices
* 3 days, 2 nights (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
* Seminars and then there is a debate (like internals)
* People there for development and then there are mentors
* Mentors will wander around in prep and give advice, will also debate with people
* People from other societies can come
* Price estimates: 160 – 170 (includes accommodation and food), per person, 70 (just accommodation, and cater ourselves)
* Funding: rego fee, sponsorship from speaking school, uni, corporate things, promotional posters, partnerships from other universities, tiered pricing (mac people pay bare minimum, maybe more for people from other societies)
* Misc. will cost another grand/1.5 grand for printing, certificates, guest speakers (maybe do a deal with office works)
* Run in semester 2

Mounisha*:* I think it’s agood idea, however, I am concerned about what the specific benefits are, as opposed to a series of training days which are cheaper

Beth: the benefit of camp is bonding, you get more debates, see long-term improvement, give us another whole society thing to bond with

Georgia: will people want to go? Are we just vibing it?

Beth: our novices will go

Georgia: what’s the minimum amount of people we can send to break even

Beth: cheapest is Collaroy 160, Stanwell tops will do it with ten but is more expensive

Henry: do the venues have a minimum hire charge?

Beth: unclear, you can hire meeting rooms, will need to do more research

Amelia: we can get the benefits of this in having a three day thing

Georgia: I disagree, camp is more formal, people are less likely to commit to a three day training day

Mounisha: if we don’t get sponsorships, will we still have to subsidise? will we get our money back if we cant make numbers?

Beth: no, we won't

Mounisha: I'm worried we won’t have people who are willing to commit

Beth: I think we will get many people from other unis who don’t get to go to normal major and minis, e.g., Sydney

Amelia: I can confirm that this is true

Georgia: we could do a joint effort with other unis and that would help things

Henry: a camp will get a better response from people, sounds like easters

Despina: something about a camp will bring more people in, however I am concerned about the pros like me who aren’t beginner, but aren’t pros yet

Beth: you would debate with people at your level

Georgia: we will need to tier the workshops

Beth: yep, sounds good

Amelia: gotta cater to people who already get development

Georgia: sem 2 everyone burns out and we have to get the resources and will power to do it; this means we will need to do all research by feb and jan

Despina: there were some good debaters who joined semester 2

Bet: good for retention

Annya: send out survey things and find out what peoples interests are

Amelia: I would rather spend money on majors

Georgia: majors don’t necessarily prove more development

Sam: is it for development?

Beth: yes, its good for novice retention, good for boosting rep

Henry: to find pros and mentors, could we offer them incentives

Beth: we could offer them lower rates

Georgia: we wouldn’t charge them; another consideration is that past april and june we have no funding

Henry: would we run this at a profit or loss, or breakeven

Georgia: breakeven

Beth: mark from Sydney speaking school has offered subsidies

Georgia: good marketing for us to corporate sponsorship

Amelia: we will struggle to get mentors

Despina: I can see people from uts going; also they have an incentive if we team up with other unis

Georgia: feasible 🡪 we have to market it properly

Mounisha: we need to look at how much we are willing to loose

Beth: go to other societies first internals and make sure to pitch it

Georgia: let's make a committee 🡪 Georgia, annya, beth 🡪 they need to research more and tell everyone about their findings at the next meeting

Schools days

Mounisha: we have one coming up, we have a bunch of rooms in y and mac theatre, training sessions and debates, people on schools portfolio just need to facilitate things

Georgia: have emails been sent?

Mounisha: no, we have not confirmed who is running training sessions, the emails will go out by the end of the day. We just need people to facilitate things, like organise who is helping, food etc.

Georgia: we could do a recruitment drive for new schools , call new schools and pitch it to them , ask schools what they want (seminar, training, debates), doing seminars at schools

Beth: great for girls schools, market feminism things

Mounisha: many schools have emailed asking people to come to the school and run a seminar

Georgia: we need to get one done very quickly at the start of the year

Mounisha: the senior ones are usually the biggest

Georgia; we need to get in fast, schools do calendars now , would love to run three schools days next year

Action item: Schools portfolio need to get a list of people who currently attend, people who used to, create a call list to send out to everyone

Socials:

Georgia: we need an end of year social

Henry: we have a booking at maze, we get paid 300 to make a booking, not a kick on at the ranch, it will be on the 1st of December

Action item: socials portfolio need to figure out where kick ons is

Easters t-shirts:

Georgia: sponsorships or spend our money on the t-shirts

Mounisha: we can cop the cost , wont cost very much, it would be fine to spend our own money on them

Sponsorship:

Georgia: do we want to get a list of places to get sponsorship?

Mounisha: banks, commbank is good for women, minis, schools days

Sam: can be attribute our minis to a company, I don’t know how that works…

Despina: you have to have a banner, a rep can come

Georgia: they may also sponsor schools days, good shit

Beth: everyone in mac centre could sponsor us

Mounisha: we can do the grilled thing

Amelia: \*drools over max brenner\*

Georgia: taking money from people with cancer, seems bad

Action Items: sponsorship portfolios need to finish prospectus by the 1st of December

Marketing:

Georgia: speakers at lectures e.g. foundations, pol108, psychology, business units, (find units with first years that could relate to debating), core units (so there will be lots of people eg. Stat 150),

Liam: convert memes from easters around campus on the posters

Mounisha: can we put QR codes on them?

Georgia: yeah

Annya: id like to print things

Despina: try to get another society to advertise us somewhere, like glp, in their newsletters and things like that

Georgia: lit

Georgia: I will introduce a new cost plan at the next meeting

Action Item: marketing need to contact conveners at the start of the year for talks at lectures

Easters:

Henry: I want to get rid of technology 🡪 super dependent on randoms getting camera, will end badly

Beth: we can ask people to record their own speeches

Amelia: that would be problematic, a lot of things can go wrong

Georgia: can we hire cameras

Amelia: get in early, cuts out a lot of risks

Internals:

Georgia: please be at intervals you are there to mentor

Random meeting thought:

Beth: small fundraisers

Henry: you don’t get a lot, it will be hard to get people to do it, you would need to do a lot

Socials

Georgia: we need opening social at the beginning of the year

Liam: house party hunger games

Georgia: things will go wrong and we will be liable for what happens, someone's house may get trashed

Liam: the randomness if fun, could make the type of social to be random

Georgia: where can we have a social?

Amelia: Chatswood

Mounisha: picnic

Georgia: movie night on campus

Georgia: lets think about it for next year

Liam: lets get a socials calendar (like the australiasian debating calendar)

Action item: make a socials calendar

Despina: how well do the trivia nights do?

Georgia: ask UTS, also we don’t want to compete with them

Beth: unsw was earlier this year

Georgia: lets end this

Meeting Closes: 4:14