

Executive Meeting 8 Minutes

Wednesday June 26th, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Present: Nandini Bajaj (President), Ryan Thalari (Secretary), Jacob Rock (Treasurer),
Lachlan McGrath (Vice-President), Stephanie Fehon.

Absent: Anna Kosmynina (President Emeritus), Nigel Khine, Dhanya Mani, Rochelle Amys,
Himmi Cheruvu (Non-Voting: Honorary Executive Member)

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Need You Now: Apologies and Absences

Nandini: I have received apologies from Himmi (out of the country), Dhanya (family commitments), Nigel (working), and Anna (who has emailed her thoughts on today's Agenda Items). Rochelle indicated before when we were determining which date to hold this Meeting that she would be unavailable today.

In future, please try to be available for Executive Meetings.

Who Run the World(s)? Worlds Trial Dates, Subsidy and Policies

Nandini: We should get a rough idea of subsidy amounts and trial dates now, and this will be confirmed pending approval of an official Trial Policy.

Subsidies

Steph: How many teams do we have?

Ryan: 1 team and 1 adjudicator spot.

Steph: Will we get more?

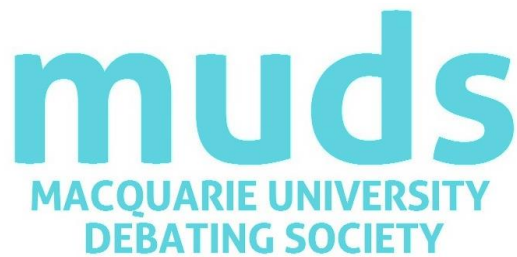
Ryan: Maybe. They announced that they wouldn't allocate institutions any adjudicator spots in excess of N-1, so there's a chance we may be allocated a 2nd team since we were allocated 1 adjudicator spot. We can't guarantee that we will though.

Nandini: I think it's unlikely we'll be allocated a 2nd team.

Ryan: Registration will cost 380 Euros per person, which is approximately \$550 AUD.

Nandini: I think subsidising registration so that it will cost \$300 is reasonable.

Ryan: We could even charge \$350 for registration. Last year we subsidised registration so that it cost \$250 because it was expensive to get to Chennai (India). Travel costs



aren't as much of an issue this year because the location (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) is a lot easier to get to.

Jacob: I think offering a smaller subsidy would be good considering our financial situation.

Steph: Let's get some more information about our current financial situation before making any decisions.

Jacob: Payment for things such as Australs registration is earlier than it normally is, and things that allow us to earn money such as Intermediate School's Day are later.

Steph: So we're not having a cash-flow problem right now?

Jacob: No.

Ryan: The amount we set now won't really affect our current financial situation since the Society has already paid for these spots and people won't pay for the spots until after Worlds trials in September.

Steph: In that case, I would support offering a smaller subsidy

Nandini: "I would like to propose the motion that the Society subsidises the cost of individual registration for Malaysia Worlds 2015 so that individual registration will not cost more than \$350, pending approval of trial policy."

Ryan seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Trial Dates

Nandini: We should determine possible trial dates.

Ryan: We shouldn't hold trials until after Camp at the absolute earliest. ANU Spring is 6-8 September, and UWS is holding a tournament on September 20. The 13th, 14th, or 21st of September could be feasible dates.

Nandini: I think the 14th of October sounds good.

Ryan: Do we want to have a fall-back date in case that doesn't work out? Maybe October 21st.

Nandini: "I would like to propose the motion that Worlds trials for debaters be held on Sunday October 14th (with a fall-back date of Sunday October 21st if the 14th isn't a feasible date), pending approval of a Trial Policy."

Ryan seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: EXTERNALS OFFICERS (RYAN AND DHANYA) to organise an External Selector for Worlds Trials.

All the Ladies (Single or Otherwise): Women's Trial Dates, Policies and

Subsidies

Trial Policy

Steph: Traditionally people choose their own teams for Women's, but the Society's Constitution says that there needs to be a trial process. Last year there were ranked teams, but people chose their own teams. At that point, the Trial Policy is important because:

- a) If people haven't pre-determined teams early, then they may feel excluded and may not want to attend.



b) If we don't have anyone decide to adjudicate from the outset to meet N/2, a ranked list of people trialling would suggest who should adjudicate instead of debate.

Therefore we need to hold debater trials for Women's, even though they can be problematic. I'm in favour of a pool of debaters from which we can choose teams.

Ryan: Isn't that how the current policy works?

Nandini: It isn't explicit in the trial policy – we should make that clear in the trial policy.

There isn't a cap on the number of teams we can send although we don't usually send a large number of teams. Looking at our current membership, it would be reasonable to think we could send 2 or 3 teams. We should also consider whether we want to include pro-amateur requirements in the policy.

Steph: We may not have many experienced female debaters.

Nandini: That's why it's important we help debaters to develop.

Steph: It's nice to suggest, but could be unfair to enforce that in the trial policy. I would strongly recommend that if we have a large contingent for Women's, that we should consider sending a competitive team. Otherwise, our priority should be to share debating experience.

Trial Date

Nandini: We should set a trial date. What are the dates for Women's this year?

Ryan: September 26 – 29.

Steph: We need to hold trials a little earlier. Trials are usually held during Internals.

Nandini: *"I would like to propose the motion that Womens trials for debaters be held on Monday August 25th during Internals, pending approval of a Trial Policy."*

Ryan seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Subsidies

Ryan: As far as I'm aware, the registration cost of Women's usually isn't more than \$300 per person. The Society has provided small subsidies in the past when Women's was held interstate, however this year it will be held in Sydney. Last year Women's was held in Sydney by UNSW and the Society decided not to provide a subsidy.

Steph: What's the cost of registration this year?

Ryan: There isn't any information about that yet.

Nandini: I don't think we should subsidise registration for Women's this year. It's unlikely to be too expensive, and even without a subsidy will still be cheaper than previous Women's which were held interstate.

Ryan: Maybe we should agree not to subsidise registration unless it costs more than \$300, in which the Society would subsidise the excess?

Nandini: *I would like to propose the motion that the Society does not subsidise the cost of individual registration for Women's 2014 unless it costs more than \$300, in which case the Society should subsidise the registration cost so that individual registration will not cost more than \$300, pending approval of a trial policy.*

Ryan seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

ACTION ITEM: EXTERNALS OFFICERS (RYAN AND DHANYA) to circulate the Trial Policies for Women's and Worlds to the entire Executive.

MACfest: Ideas, Responsibilities, etc.

Nandini: Every year when we have a stall, it usually ends up with just 2-3 people running it. MacFest is usually smaller than O-Week, but it's still useful for the Society to market itself. The Marketing Officers should draw a timetable for people to work on the stall.

Steph: The Marketing Officers already do this. In future, O-Week volunteers should make sure that if they're working at multiple stalls, they should try and see if they can spare time for MUDES.

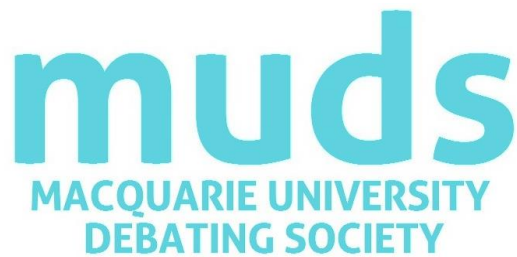
Lachlan: Could we bring in non-Executive members to help with the stall?

Steph: Only if absolutely necessary – we want to make sure we can present a consistent message at the Stall.

Lachlan: We (the Marketing Officers) will print lots of leaflets to promote tournaments and events.

ACTION ITEM: NANDINI to email the Marketing Officers previous marketing materials.

Nandini: Recommendation: We often have a lot of international students approach the O-Week stall asking if debating is a good way to improve their English. Given how competitive and intense debating can be, I would recommend that we tell them that debating is a good way to improve speaking skills, but not necessarily English. Also, providing baked goods is good, but baking 300 cookies all at once by yourself isn't easy.



Lachlan: Would it be easier if we bought them?

Steph: It's much cheaper to bake them. If we were to buy anything, we could buy lollies to provide at the stall.

It's Not a Big Mac, it's Mac Mini #SlogansWeShouldNeverUse: Mac Mini

Update (Dates, Duties, Marketing, etc.)

Nandini: It's important to allocate people to specific roles. Last year role-allocation was a little ad-hoc.

Ryan: Anna sent an email with her thoughts about role allocations.

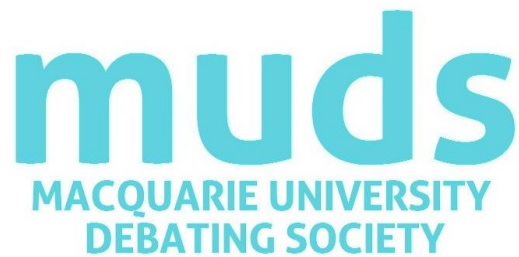
Steph: Based on Mac Fall, Anna recommended splitting up roles when running tournaments: from her experience, it's difficult to CA (chief adjudicate), convene and tab a tournament at the same time.

When we finalise a date for Mac Mini, I may be able to cater.

Ryan: Last year, one of the reasons Mac Mini was so successful was because it was held during a time when there weren't many other debating events. We should try to pick a time when there isn't much else on this year.

Nandini: We should advertise it a lot. Last year we announced Mac Mini at ANU Spring, and I think that worked well to make people aware of it. I would also recommend that the Competitions Officers create a sub-committee for organising Mac Mini, and that they look into organising Chief Adjudicators as soon as possible – maybe after Australs. We could maybe hold it on October 18-19?

ACTION ITEM: COMPETITIONS OFFICERS to begin organising Chief Adjudicators for Mac Mini as soon as possible.



MUDS Vice: Potential Vice-Chancellor Debate

Nandini: We will hopefully receive an email from Student Groups about this soon. They seemed keen to organise this the last time we spoke.

Return of the Mac: Back to Semester Ideas and Possible Social

Lachlan: I've been informed that on Monday nights, Strike has a deal for unlimited bowling, laser tag, karaoke and pool for \$15 per person. We could do that after Internals.

Steph: We can have a post-Internals social at Mac Centre like we did at the beginning of Semester 1 this year, at Max Brenner.

Bringing Home the Bacon (and Sausages): Fundraising BBQ

Nandini: I was speaking to Nigel, and he wanted to emphasise that he's been trying to organise this. He has received notice of a possible date from a location in Chatswood.

Steph: In future, I think it's useful to choose a specific date and have people try and confirm their availabilities for that date, rather than ask people for their general availabilities over a long period of time since there's a lot of uncertainty in that method.



What's Up, Doc? Updates and Other Business

Email Servers

Nandini: Jacob and I have looked into using Gmail for the MUDS email servers. It would be much cheaper to use Gmail. We will look into that after Intermediate School's Day.

Publications

Nandini: Another edition of POI needs to be organised before Semester 2 to present at the MacFest stall. I will take over Anna's role on the portfolio since she's leaving for exchange. Please submit articles as soon as you can.

Ryan: Is there a theme for this edition?

Jacob: Anna and I were considering a targeted approach – maybe narrow the scope of the content to International Relations and/or Education.

Reimbursements

Steph: I'm owed \$220 for the cost of t-shirts. I have the receipts proving I made those purchases.

Ryan: "I would like to propose the motion that the Society reimburses Stephanie Fehon \$220 for the cost of Society t-shirts."

Jacob seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.



Never Gonna Give You Up: Tentative Date for Next Executive Meeting

(July)

Nandini: I don't get back from Australs until July 14, and I would like some time to myself after. What about the 22nd of July?

Ryan: That's the same date as Intermediate School's Day.

Nandini: After School's Day, we will all meet in the Library for a Meeting.

Ryan: Then there wouldn't be any Executive Members at the social.

Jacob: It's good to have Executive Members "leading" adjudicators to a social to reward them for adjudicating for us.

Nandini: We could do it the day after then. Please try to keep July 23rd free for an Executive Meeting.

Date for next Executive Meeting to be determined by Doodle Poll, possibly on July 23rd.

Meeting Concluded