

## SPORT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday September 14 2016

**TIME:** 5.30pm

**VENUE:** 80.03.10

OPENING	
1.	<b><u>SPORT COUNCIL MEETING – OPENING &amp; WELCOME</u></b>
2.	<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b> Sally Tanner – Senior Coordinator, Sport Qing Loh ( <b>Snow Sports</b> ), Lauren Hayes ( <b>Outdoors</b> ), Julia Bridle ( <b>Aikido</b> ), Jack McQuinn ( <b>Underwater</b> ).
3.	<b><u>APOLOGIES:</u></b> Jack Plowman ( <b>Uni Games</b> ), Georgia Rajic ( <b>Soccer / Netball</b> ), Dermott Lindley ( <b>Basketball</b> ), Jack Arnold ( <b>Sport &amp; Recreation Officer</b> ).
4.	<b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Badminton, Basketball, BJJ, Cheerleading, Cricket, Hockey, Soccer, Kendo, Kung Fu, Squash, Surfing, Table Tennis, ITF Taekwondo, WTF Taekwondo, Tennis, Touch Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Waterski & Wakeboard, Trip Leader.
5.	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING / ACTION REPORT</u></b> There were no matters arising
6.	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b> N/A
7.	<b><u>WELCOME &amp; THANKS</u></b> S Tanner (Sport and Recreation) opened the meeting at 5:30pm and welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.
8.	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b> N/A
9.	<b><u>LINK CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE</u></b> At the most recent meeting the RMIT Sport Club Survey was presented. S. Tanner said the sport council driven club survey was presented providing the responses of 16 clubs in regards to: a) experience with RMIT facilities b) RMIT communication and promotion support c) good news stories from each club. Input from 61% of clubs was a fair result, we would like input from more if we were to repeat the exercise in 2017. Link Consultative Committee member and Student Experience Advisory Committee (SEAC) member, Richard Wolter, will present the survey at the upcoming SEAC meeting.
10.	<b><u>AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY GAMES</u></b> S. Tanner provided an update on preparation for the Australian University Games; There has been renewed focus on Risk Management, with extensive risk assessments carried out prior to the games, checked off by the Acting Dean of Students, Fiona Ellis. The main priority of the games is a safe event for all. Martin Bean (RMIT Vice Chancellor) and Belinda Tynan (Deputy Vice Chancellor, Education) are attending the Games send off function on September 22nd.

11.	<p><b><u>SNOW UNIVERSITY GAMES</u></b></p> <p>Q. Loh provided an update from the RMIT team that competed at Mt Buller at the 2016 Australian University Snow Sports. The team finished 5<sup>th</sup>, RMIT's best result in 8 years. The team had a fabulous time and became quite close across the week of competition. Newcastle University won the Spirit of the Games, it what appeared more like a popularity contest than a genuine assessment of sportsmanship and spirit.</p> <p>Q. Loh added that the VIC IV's event is far more organised and better run than the Australian University Snow Sports due to organisers knowing snow sport events much better than the Australian University Sport staff.</p>
12.	<p><b><u>RMIT SPORTS MASTERPLAN</u></b></p> <p>S. Tanner provided an update on the RMIT Sports Masterplan – the home of RMIT Sport. The Vice Chancellor is in favour of the idea and would like RMIT Link to provide a business plan for the redevelopment of Bundoora in a sporting sense.</p> <p>Phase 1 of the business plan includes an application for funding for a project manager, redevelopment of the AFL oval and lighting of both it and the Hockey and Soccer pitch.</p> <p>The business plan will be submitted in the coming weeks and RMIT Sport is confident of a favourable outcome for the commencement of phase 1 in early 2017.</p>
13.	<p><b><u>PARTICIPATION TARGETS</u></b></p> <p>S. Tanner advised that new participation targets were likely to be on the horizon, prompted by the University Technology Sydney (UTS) which boasts 50% of enrolments participating in some sort of Sport, Cultural or Political club. Specifically within sport, UTS has 5000 sport club members, more than double the RMIT total.</p> <p>The targets will be set across 2017 – 2020 and planning over the coming months will focus heavily on strategies to achieve these them.</p> <p>Further details and discussion will be on the agenda at Sport Council and Clubs Forum in 2017.</p>
14.	<p><b><u>RMIT SPORT AWARDS</u></b></p> <p>S. Tanner advised that the RMIT Link Sport Awards would take a similar format to last year and feature students and alumni who represented Australia at the Rio Olympics. Clubs will again be offered as many as eight tickets for the prestigious event.</p> <p>Jack Arnold will soon be sending out nomination forms for award categories and clubs members are strongly encouraged to give careful thought and nominate worthy winners from their club. It is so important to acknowledge and reward the countless hours volunteers put in to keep our clubs running.</p>
15.	<p><b><u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u></b></p> <p>S. Tanner spoke of the tragedy of a Monash student losing his life during the recent Snow University Games at Mt Buller. All clubs should be consistently reviewing risk management practices, to ensure all club members old and new are very clear about procedures should an incident occur during a club session.</p> <p>If in unsure if an incident is serious enough, clubs are urged to contact security and let them decide if escalation is necessary.</p>
14.	<p><b><u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>J.Bridle (Aikido) said that the Aikido space in building 8 this year has had a wonderful impact on the club. The club has received on average 2 inquiries during each class purely as a result of being located in such a visible high traffic area. The club believes it has secured 9 new members this semester due to the current location. Jack Arnold to advise Aikido on any updates regarding space.</p> <p>J. Bridle (Aikido) mentioned the consistent requirement to change training space was “driving club members crazy”.</p> <p>J. McQuinn (Underwater) told the meeting of the clubs increasing issue with towing their boat, with decreasing members who own a vehicle with the capacity to tow 2.5 tonnes and a tow bar. The club in conjunction with Jack Arnold are exploring options. These include: a) RMIT purchasing a car capable of towing the boat b) re negotiating a deal with the boat yard for them to tow the boat on the clubs behalf c) Hiring a car capable of towing. (the main concern with this option is the flow on cost to members going on a trip, participation in the Underwater club may no longer be affordable)</p>

	<p>J. McQuinn (Underwater) added that the club had grown in 2016 due to the North West trip, but was concerned about a trend towards a higher non student ratio.</p> <p>L. Hayes (Outdoors) asked for the timeframe the Outdoors Club is expected to be in its 'new' gear room. Jack Arnold to provide the club with an update.</p> <p>Q. Loh (Snow Sports) raised the issue of not having emergency contact lists at the recent Snow Sports UniGames. In the absent of staff, these emergency contact lists should be provided to the team captains. S Tanner to check with privacy and amend for future Snow Games.</p> <p>Q. Loh (Snow Sports) spoke with Latrobe University Snow club recently who advised that decent profit was made from renting out race gear and snow clothing. Q. Loh added that membership growth was feasible if the club had the capacity to purchase and store such gear.</p>
15.	<p><b><u>NEXT MEETING</u></b></p> <p>2017</p>
16.	<p><b><u>MEETING CLOSED</u></b></p> <p>6:30pm</p>