Let’s agree to disagree

When partnership is in conflict

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Context

- Auckland has a population of 1.6 million and New Zealand of 4.7 million
- Two main television networks and one national paper
- The University of Auckland has 33,366 EFTS and over 40,000 students
- Currently 225 clubs, societies and associations
DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

AUSA STUDENT FORUM FOR AFFILIATION AND DISAFFILIATION

Voluntary Student Unionism bill passes

2011

2012

- Deed of Settlement signed with AUSA
- Club Support Committee formed

2013

- Established Annual Health Check (re-affiliation with financial reporting)

2014

2015

Disaffiliation process updated to include Club Support Committee

2016

GRANTS FOR STUDENT GROUPS

$31k

$130k

$150k

$228k

$350k

1 FTE

1.2 FTE

1.5 FTE

2 FTE
European Student Association
Response

Collaborative effort from:

- **Campus Life/Proctors**: coordinating updates to staff, communicating with AUSA, supporting European Student Association
- **Media team**: writing public statement
- **Security**: providing advice for on the ground event management
- **Call Centre**: responding to public complaint with prepared message
- **Other Event Owners**: updating event briefings
Follow up

- Use of the University’s name
- Clubs Expo Principles
- Student Group definitions:
  
  **Associations** are large representative bodies that facilitate a variety of events and services. They have an important relationship with the University as the association is relied on to speak on behalf of students and offer tailored support and services to their various cohorts.

  **Recognised groups** are formally recognised by the University and are required to maintain 70% current student membership, a constitution, asset register and appropriate financial records, amongst other key documents.

  **Independent groups** are not acknowledged by any part of the University but may include some individual staff involvement.
Pepe the Frog
ProLife Auckland
Response

- Monitor situation
- Meet and reassure ProLife through the disaffiliation process (final decision with Club Support Committee)
- Rethink disaffiliation process overall
Follow up

Official Recognition Principles including;
• Complaints process (new)
• Appeals process (new)
• Set standards to remain recognised (refreshed)
• Definitions (recently established)
• Terms of reference for the Club Support Committee (refreshed)
Flyer dropped in lecture theatres

Outside end of life debate, run by bipartisan Public Policy Club

Friday 5th Oct 5-6pm
Gen Lib Basement B10 + Free pizza

Come see what THE PROLIFE CLUB actually does

Dr Joseph and Mrs Cushla Hassan present their work in caring for women and children on the front lines of crisis pregnancy care.
Meat Club
Politician David Seymour at Clubs Expo with the Meat Club
Response

- Collaborate and support the Meat Club
- Prepare media statement from University
- Internal discussion on what's appropriate and where
Fossil Free UoA
Independent Groups
Posts on Overheard @ The University of Auckland Facebook page
Debating Society
Response

Collaborative effort from;

- **Debating**: responding to staff promptly and taking on expert advice
- **Campus Life**: coordinating staff, keeping all parties updated on changing situation and supporting club
- **Facilities staff**: making booking changes for larger rooms
- **Technical staff**: setting up overflow room streaming
- **Security**: managing event on the ground and briefing with Debating
- **Other Event Owners**: moving or adjusting other events in the area to ensure a safe space was established
- **Marketing and Comms**: helping Debating write a media release
- **Media team**: managing media inquiries, film crews and reporters before and during the event
Future focus

• Currently consulting on a whole of University approach to recognition
• Standardising funding processes for student groups
• Guidelines around use of the University’s name
• Further develop training and support mechanisms
• Code of Conduct being developed for all students
Questions?

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