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# Annual General Meeting

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015 Time: 17:00 Venue: Lecture Theatre 2

## Agenda

1. Appointment of Chairperson
2. Appointment of Tellers
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Reading of the previous AGM's minutes
5. Matters arising from (iv) above
6. Committee's administrative report
7. Annual Financial Report
8. Approval of S-Cubed's Legal Representative
9. Amendments to the Statute
10. General motions and other matters arising
11. The option to discuss a topic chosen for the AGM
12. Nominations
  - a. Presentation of Nominees
  - b. Presentation of Motivational Speeches by Nominees
13. Appointment of Electoral Commission, if necessary

## Minutes

On the table: Valentina Gauci, Jasmine Cassar White, Jonathan Pulis, Marija Cini, Steve Vella, Alex Hili, Simon Agius, Lucia Farrugia, Anita Farrugia, Brandon Farrugia.

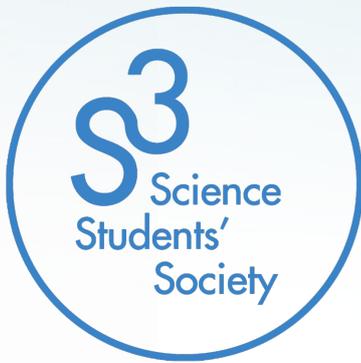
Head Count: 32 people, this pass the quorum so the AGM can proceed.

Steve starts by reading the agenda.



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## 1. Appointment of Chairperson

Steve explains the need of an external person to chair the meeting; In light of the fact that we feel it is unfair that someone who may already have bias and partial opinions to chair the meeting, we feel that it is best that the highest organ of the society is chaired by an external person to ensure no partial or bias opinion.

A vote is taken for the president to lose his rights as a chairperson; vote passed nem com.

Steve Vella nominates Warren Sammut as chairperson seconded by Marija Cini. A vote was taken to approve Warren Sammut as chairperson - approved nem com

Warren explains the method in which he will be chairing the meeting; a speakers list will be taken and the person who isn't on the speakers list can't comment.

## 2. Appointment of Tellers

Romario Catania was nominated by Marija Cini and seconded by Steve Vella as aid to the secretary general.

Daniel Fava was nominated by Steve Vella and seconded by Alexander Hili to act as a teller.

A vote for the approval of the tellers was taken. This was approved nem com

## 3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved nem com

## 4. Reading of the previous AGM's minutes

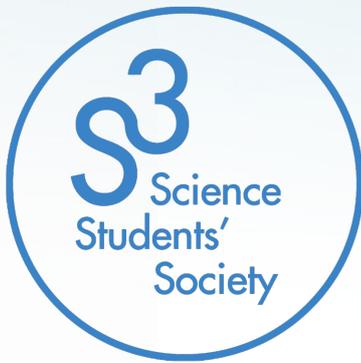
Steve read the minutes of last year's AGM minutes.

A vote taken for the approval of the minutes- approved nem com

## 5. Matters arising from (iv) above

No matters arising

Vote: approved nem com



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Maria Attard suggested an improvement to the way that votes are taken; when votes are taken and there no abstentions or votes against, the vote is automatically passed. Warren agreed.

## 6. Committee's administrative report

### President - Steve Vella

Steve starts by stating that at the beginning of the year he had a vision and together with the executive, it was made reality. He further states that one of the roles of the president is to set an example in order for the organisation to move forward. He stated that it was not an easy thing to do but S-Cubed managed to move forward

Steve mentions the achievements of every office and thanked the executive for being patient and for helping him during this year. He also thanked his family.

*No further comments were made by students*

*An observer entered (Matthew Charles Zammit), however the chairperson did not allow him to stay as he had not sent an email to the secretary general at least three days before the AGM as required by the statute.*

### Vice-President - Alexander Hili

Alex starts off by saying that this year's main aim was to empower every student. He continued by presenting the work done; introduced an asset system, representing S-Cubed where need be and the most important ensure that there is a healthy relationship between all executive members.

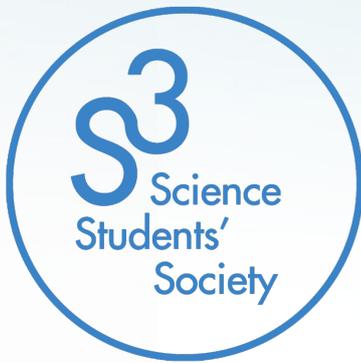
He thanked all current and previous members for their work, and all students who helped during events

*No further comments were made by students*

### Secretary General - Marija Cini

Marija started off by stating that this year S-Cubed saw quite a reshuffle; during the year there was 4 resignations and later on during the year two executive members joined in. She further mentioned that 25 minuted meetings were held during the year. Furthermore a planning was done in summer to plan for the year.

She further stated that a series of important documents were turned in soft copy versions for better safekeeping. She thanked Thomas Bajjada as previous secretary general then thanked executive for their patience during their meetings. She also thanked the students for supporting S-Cubed.



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*No further comments were made by students*

Treasurer - Simon Agius

Simon started off by stating the importance of financial forecasting. He also mentioned that surplus is growing whilst expenses are also on increase. Profit was that of EUR 7867.68. He further mentioned that the surplus should not be seen as a burden but as a cushion for future years.

He continued by stating that S-Cubed obtained a VAT number whilst also a new system (cash book) was implemented this year.

He thanked Jasmine for filling his previous role as activities coordinator, Elena and Antonio for being previous treasurers, students and executive members

Speakers List: Ryan Sultana

Ryan Sultana:

What did sponsors asked from S-Cubed for their sponsorship? Has S-Cubed showed them the results?

Did you donate something? Last year S-Cubed donated some money; this will act as exposure to other organisations.

Simon:

Each contract is renewed at the beginning of the year. There are sponsors that previously sponsored S-Cubed and can see the results that S-Cubed achieves during the year.

This year there was more donation than previous year he also stated that donations are not given out to gain exposure.

Ryan – The question was not how sponsors were found, but what sort of benefits they got back.

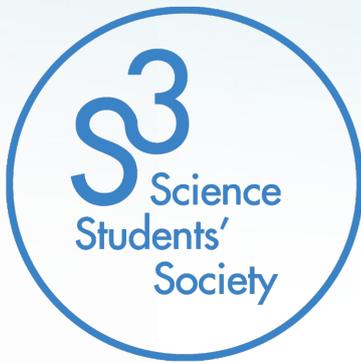
Simon: The companies see their logos on posters and see increase in sales but in the end it is up to the company to see how the sponsorship affected them.

*Maria Attard left meeting at 18:03*



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Public Relations Officer - Jonathan Pulis

Main objective for this year's Public Relations Office was to make S-Cubed's profile more appealing. Work on a new website is currently underway by using word press to achieve a more flexible platform.

Jonathan continued by saying that the printed version of Intouch was stopped and articles are now being published on the website.

*Maria Attard entered at 18:06*

Outreach on social media especially Facebook, Twitter and YouTube increased throughout the year.

Jonathan concludes by thanking Lucia for all help and the sub-committee for helping him out throughout the year. He also thanked Thomas Bajada and Martina Mizzi for their constant support.

*Matthew Spiteri. left at 18:07*

*Matthew Spiteri re-entered at 18:08*

Speakers list: Ryan Sultana

Ryan Sultana

He first starts by praising Jonathan for his work during this term.

Question: How will transition work now that only two current members will re-contest? How will the media be kept up to standard?

Jonathan: Both Lucia and himself will still be available to help. If this is not the case, there was never shortage of designers available to work and with the profit done this year, S-Cubed can afford to pay designers.

Ryan:

Should there be a theme for posters/branding?

Jonathan

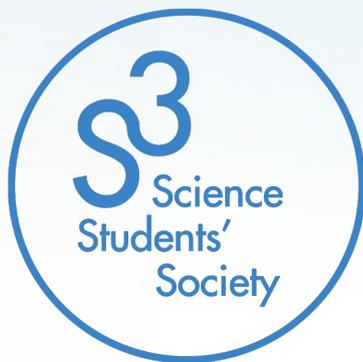
This year consistency in the media was kept.

*Yasmine Gatt and Benji Fenech Salerno left at 18:13*



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#### Activities Coordinator - Jasmine Cassar White

Jasmine starts off by thanking Simon for his previous work before she took on the role. This year was very successful; 16 solo events and 19 events in total.

She continued by presenting each event held during the year; Wrecked in collaboration with ELSA Malta and MHSA, Perseid Meteor Shower, S-Cubed's Try Dive, Primadonna in collaboration with SACES, Veni Vidi Vino, Meet the Freshers, S-Cubed's 10th Annual Science Seminar, The Traffic Light Party, The Annual Science Gathering, Postgrad vs Ungrads Football Match, S-Cubed's Christmas Movie Marathon and Secret Santa, On The Trail, Santa's A-List in collaboration with UESA, ASCS, ICTSA, JEF and TDM 2000, The Aftermath in collaboration with MHSA and MMSA, The Lab and collaboration with KSU.

*JP Formosa left at 18:15*

She finished by thanking Simon for his help and her family for their encouragement.

*No further comments were made by students*

#### Education Officer - Brandon Seychell

Brandon starts off by presenting the events and initiatives held during the year; Careers in Science, Public Speaking Workshop, Share IT, World AIDS Day, Industrial Site Visits, The 8<sup>th</sup> National Chemistry Symposium, KSU Careers' Convention 2015, Fire and Safety workshop, Konnekt and Rent a Labcoat,

*JP re-entered at 18:21*

*Daniel Vella left at 18:22*

Speaker list: Ryan Sultana, Maria Attard

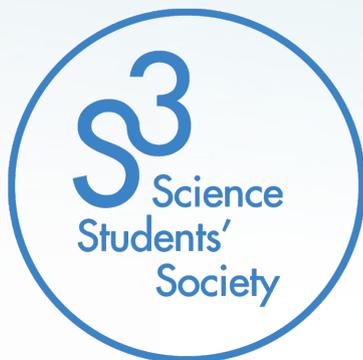
#### Ryan Sultana

He asked if the video tutorials are going to be continued or not. Furthermore he suggests that the lab coats will be given to the lab technicians at the biology and chemistry departments and if the students forget it, they can easily go to the lab technician and borrow the lab coat or spectacles.



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#### Brandon Seychell

Regarding the video tutorials, there was a plan but due to time constraints there was no available time. Regarding lab coats, they cost more than the deposit asked, so it better if S-Cubed take care of them for better safekeeping.

#### Maria Attard

Regarding the Fire and Safety workshop lecturers suggested that this should become an established event between S-Cubed and the chemistry department

#### Science Communication Officer - Anita Farrugia

Goals done at the beginning of the year were to keep on working on last year's work, encourage more student participation and expand mediums of communication. A year later results are satisfying; there was increase in activism. She continued by presenting the events and initiatives held during the year; Notte Bianca, Science in The City, Discover University, Quizzing campus, Project Alpha, Science and Talking, Stem Unplugged - Maratona bir-Roti, CineXjenza, #icandoscience and Speedy Science.

She finished by thanking: Jonathan Pulis for his help in speedy science, Lucia for editing of all the videos and thanked Valentina for her help in #iCanDoScience. Thanked all her colleagues for their support and all students for their help

*No further comments were made by the students.*

#### Student Relation Officer - Valentina Gauci

Valentina Gauci presents the events and initiatives done in Student Relation Office; NGO fair, Recruitment Week, database for students; subcommittee workshops, student contact hours, discussions with KSJC on expanding to JC, improvement on the Student Achievement Point System, University organisations fair at JC,

She finished by thanking all executive members and all active students

*No further comments were made by the students*

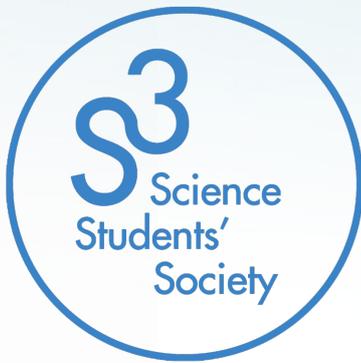
#### Social Policy Officer - Lucia Farrugia

This year there was the re-introduction of the Social Policy Officer. The most important thing was for students to understand the need of the Social Policy Officer.



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Main issues discussed: drug reform; spring hunting; gender identity act. Main events held: Green Expo, Europe Week for Waste Reduction, The Junkyard, KSU Clean up, Spring Hunting (S-Cubed took the position based on the survey distributed to the science students), Research vs Stipends, The Annual Science Conference (empowering undergraduate students to research)

She finished by thanking: all executive members, specifically Steve, Alex, Thomas and Marija. She also thanked the students who formed part of the sub committees and all students who were active

*No further comments were made by the students*

#### International Officer - Marija Cini

Marija Cini presents the work done in the International Office throughout this year; maintaining established affiliations with international Science organisation. Such affiliations include: Royal Society of Chemistry, Institute of Physics and Society of Biology. She continued by stating that S-Cubed benefitted from such affiliations in which it obtained funds from the Royal Society of Chemistry

S-Cubed had the opportunity to send one student from the Faculty of Science to an International Science Camp in Bizerte, Tunisia where the student participated in a series of workshops and site-visits. Furthermore an international trip to Vienna was organised which saw a group of 50 students reading for various degrees within the Faculty of Science.

Additionally, the Participant Identification Code was obtained. This is a 9-digit identifier for every validated organisation. S-Cubed can now participate in Erasmus+ programmes

Marija thanked: international subcommittee, this years and all the previous years for their support and friendship and her family for her support during all her years.

*Matthew Spiteri left 18:54*

#### Speakers List: Maria Attard

#### Maria Attard

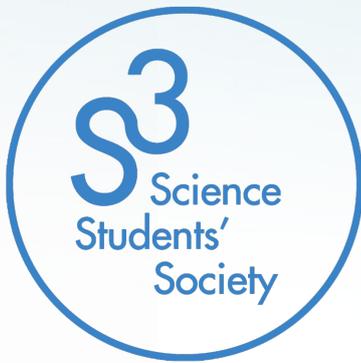
What is exactly the Participant Identification Code? For what is it used?

Marija Cini: The PIC is similar to an ID card but for an organisation. It is needed to apply for Erasmus +. This allows S-Cubed to be able to apply for more international opportunities such as students' exchanges



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Vote taken for the Administrative Report; approved nem com

## 7. Annual Financial Report

Brandon and Valentina distributed financial reports to everyone present.

Simon: Record profit: EUR 7867.68

Speakers List: Ryan Sultana, John Paul Mizzi

Ryan Sultana

Regarding the Bizerte Science Camp there is a negative of 200EUR. When the call of participation was issued the way it worded there was no mention that an incentive was to be given for the person chosen. He further complained about lack of transparency about how the candidates for Bizerte were chosen.

Simon

When this happened he was not treasurer, but the person chosen was on first come first serve basis

*Matthew Spiteri entered at 19:03*

John Paul Mizzi:

For the AGM there is an expense of 694.86 euro, how come? Whilst wrecked expense was of 482.30EUR and only 47.30EUR income.

Simon

Wrecked: Once again at that time I wasn't the treasurer but the costs and income were divided by three since it was split between organisations since it was collaboration.

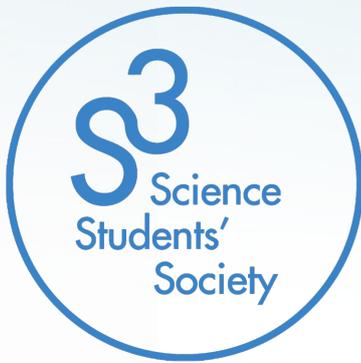
Regarding the AGM sponsorship from Papier Plus Studio was all used up, so the printing of the booklet was paid for, hence the expenses.

As Simon responded to JP, Steve was searching for the call of application for Bizerte S-Cubed posted. Steve stated that there was nothing mentioned regarding the first come first serve basis. Steve said that it was a mistake and apologised for this.



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Alex also apologised, he stated that it was a miscommunication from our end. Only one place was available due to lack of financial aid. Steve stated that since this was at the beginning of the term, S-Cubed had too much expenses and this is why financial aid was not provided.

Thomas Bajada; Thomas said that S-Cubed received 4 letters; the first person who contacted S-Cubed was sent by S-Cubed (as a first come first place basis) and the rest of the emails received by S-Cubed were sent to Agenzija Zghazagh to still have the opportunity to be chosen for the Bizerte Science Camp.

Vote on financial report:

1 vote against, 2 abstention and 27 in favour

Financial report approved

## 8. Approval of S-Cubed's Legal Representative

Steve explains the need of having a legal representation for S-Cubed; the lawyer will be the placeholder for any legal problems. This year S-Cubed had some issues regarding VAT hence it is always good to have a lawyer to represent S-Cubed

Dr. Stefan Balzan was chosen on the criteria that he is young, possibility for long-term relationship; ex-KSU member so expert on law affairs of student organisations

*Maria Attard and Thomas Bajada left at 19:14*

Ryan asked what is the purpose of having a lawyer? Steve responds by giving an example with the VAT; what is S-Cubed is not aware of all the taxes and gets into trouble? Also the lawyer has a better understanding of the legal terms of taxes.

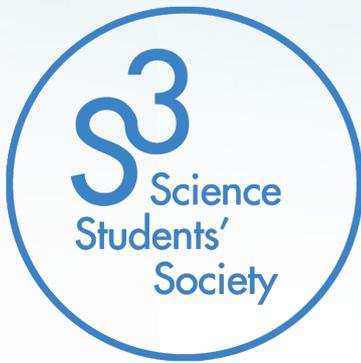
Ryan asked if S-Cubed will always seek the advice of the same lawyer Steve responds that yes ideally S-Cubed keeps the same lawyer since he will have the experience and knowledge of working for S-Cubed.

Steve reads the letter sent by Dr. Stefan Balzan.

Steve Vella nominated Stefan Balzan as legal representative and Marija Cini seconded the motion.

No votes against; Steve Vella, Matthew Spiteri and Marija Cini abstained; 23 voted in favour.

Legal representative was approved.



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## 9. Amendments to the Statute

Chairperson on proceedings: 50 motions; but grouped into 27 motions

### Group 1: general

Motion 16 and 20: AGM and EGM, addition of the clause “on the appropriate social media” for promotion

Motion 41: Amendment: office in student house unless otherwise agreed by the EB. Stores of S-Cubed is the responsibility of the EB to find and agree on a location to store the assets

Vote on these three motions: *approved nem com*

*Daniel Vella re-entered at 19:20*

### Group 2: Wording

Motion 1: To replace exec committee to exec board, he/she to they all throughout the statute

Motion 4: discrimination clarification, in line with Maltese legislation

Motion 5: removed the word only

Motion 11: To replace Treasurer with Financial Controller

Motion 12: To replace Activities Coordinator with Leisure Officer

Motion 13: To replace Students Relations Officer with Internal Secretary

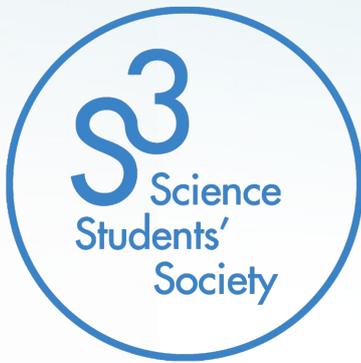
Motion 28: To add EB meetings and administrative and amendments to agenda rules, internal secretary role

Motion 39: Internal Secretary helps with minutes

### Speakers List: Ryan Sultana

#### Ryan Sultana

Clarification on EB rewording; what does EB stand for? Also the word institutions does it refer to JC? Ryan suggested improvement in wording. Also Ryan proposed to change the name Financial Controller to Financial Officer,



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Alex responded: that since all JC students must have a science subject at least at intermediate level, so the clarification that science students are those have an A level as a science subject and EB stands for executive board.

Simon responded that the treasurer does not have an office; he just controls the funds hence the name. Ryan commented why is there the need to change the name since as it is fine. Simon stated that the name is more fluent and much more a modern word than a treasurer

Ryan also mentioned that he didn't agree that the name of Students Relation Officer (SRO) should be change to Internal secretary. This is due to the fact that Students Relation Officer is more student friendly. The term Internal Secretary is vague and does not relate to the work of the SRO.

Alex responded this year a lot of subcommittees were opened and there was no one who actually managed these. The internal secretary will manage internal affairs, the subcommittees relations while also helping the secretary general in taking the minutes.

He further states that the SRO was a temporary work and internal secretary is next step forward.

Ryan responded that a fresher would have no idea what the internal secretary does. It would be more comfortable with someone being called SRO than internal secretary. The original name should be kept even if there was a person to help with the minutes. It is not such an important task that it should merit a rewording of an office.

Ryan proposed that every motion is voted one by one. Marija Cini, current secretary general proposed that motions 11 and 13 are voted on their own, whilst the others are grouped

*JP left at 19:43*

Vote;

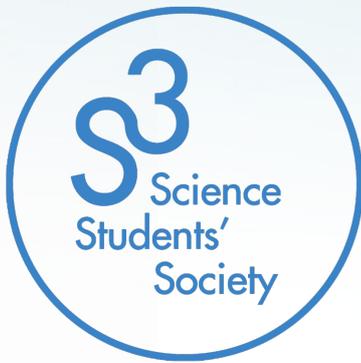
Motion 1,4,5,12,28,39

Vote taken on motions above: approved nem com

Motions approved

Motion 11

One vote against; one abstention, 23 in favour



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Motion approved

Motion 13

One vote against, 4 abstentions; 20 in favour

Motion approved

Group 3:

Motion 6: Error in numbering

Approved nem-com

Group 4:

Motion 2: To represent science students at the University of Malta and its institutions;

Motions 3: Institutions under UoM institutions

Approved nem com

Group 5:

Motion 14 AGM is to be held in March/April instead of April/May as is currently held.

Motion 23: Error in numbering and outline of work to occur after 1st July, students at AGM must approve this outline.

Votes: 2 abstentions, 24 in favour

Motion approved

Group 6:

Motion 15: The President is to preside as chairperson at any AGM, unless an external chair is presented by the Executive Board. The Vice-President may preside in lieu. If the President or Vice-President is not present within 30 minutes of the stipulated time, a chairperson is to be appointed from the committee.

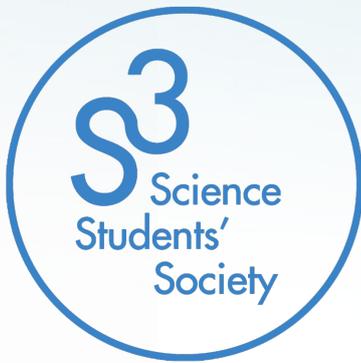
Vote: approved nem com

Group 7:



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Motion 19: Amendments in the agenda of AGM

Motion 21: Amendments in the agenda of EGM

Vote: 2 abstentions; 24 in favour

Motion approved

Group 8:

Motion 22: an individual may aid the secretary general in taking the minutes during the general meeting

Speakers List: Ryan Sultana

Ryan: clarification. Should this role be given a specific name?

Marija: This person is to be separate from the teller.

Vote; 0 against, 3 abs, 23 in favour

Motion approved

*Daniel Fava left 20:01*

*Since Fava was a teller, new teller had to be appointed. Matthew nominated as teller by Steve Vella and seconded by Ryan Sultana*

Group 9:

Motion 17: On observers, their rights and privileges - no voting rights or ability to persuade other people. If disruptive may be asked to leave and any media must be approved by members of GM

*Luke Tabone left at 20:02*

Motion 18: Remove clause 5.4

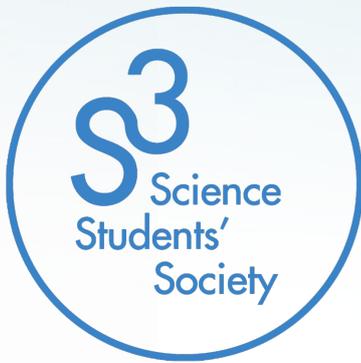
Motions approved nem com

Group 10:



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Motion 7: The name, surname and email address of the President of the Committee is listed by year in the List of Presidents by Year and their contact details will be available to the executive board through a private online database. This List of Presidents by Year is found in the "About Us" section on S-Cubed's website.

Motion 8: Renaming of S-Cubed student recognition to honorary membership.

Motion 9: Contact details of honorary members will also be made on a private online database

#### Speakers List: Ryan Sultana

Ryan: Comments on rewording. The problem is that last year every word member is the statue has to change due to legal problems. Now the way is it going to be changed again will include the term member. This may lead to more legal problems. Also contact details should be at the discretion of the individual

Steve responded that who will be an honorary member (HM) will be generally a past exec member of S-Cubed. Hence since being a past exec member he/she is automatically a member. Steve further stated that the word member was not introduced alone so no legal problems should arise.

Ryan: Honorary member only means that this person could speak at AGMs. My point is that "member" brings legal problems.

Alex: You're right. Honorary member is actually a member implying that the member can participate but cannot vote. There are clauses to regulate HM.

*Lara Azzopardi left at 20:15*

*Luke Tabone re-entered at 20:15*

Ryan Sultana presents a countermotion and an amendment on motion 8

No-one seconded motion, so countermotion fell

Vote on original motion:

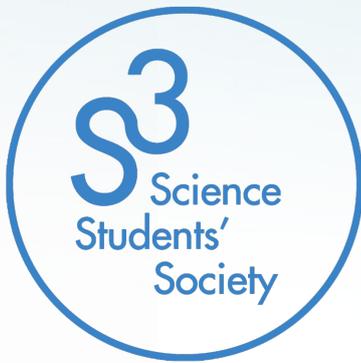
1 vote against; 8 abstentions; 14 in favour;

Motion did not pass due to lack of  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority



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Point of information by Ryan Sultana: Ryan starts off by saying a huge well done to S-Cubed for what it has done this year; this was the best year of S-Cubed but disappointed that few people came to the AGM and wishes good luck to the candidates.

*Ryan Sultana left at 20:21*

Motion 7: Approved nem com

*Lara entered at 20:22*

Motion 9: Approved nem com

*Kevin Wood left at 20:23*

Group 11

Motion 42: Change in the appendix; to include names in the List of S-Cubed Honorary Membership

Speakers List: John Paul Mizzi

John Paul Mizzi: He asks for a clarification

Steve: last year the name from HM was changed to student recognition. Jonathan Falzon was both an honorary member and president. He was previously was removed from recognition and was only on the presidents list. So with this motion we include again his name in the list of student recognition. Same goes for other members.

Jasmine: It was an administrative error: John Gabarretta and Michael all had motions to be listed but were not listed due to mistake.

Vote: Approved nem com

Group 12:

Motion 34: Internal secretary roles

Vote: approved nem com

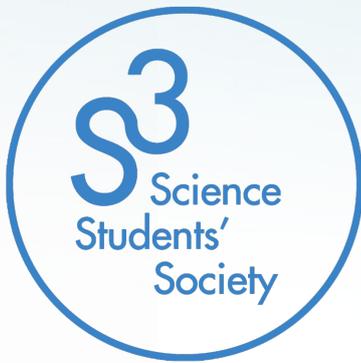
Group 13:

Motion 33: International Officer role



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*Simon Agius left meeting at 20:32*

Vote: approved nem com

Group 14:

Marija: There was an administrative mistake; two separate motions were put into one motion. So it is best to split them into two.

Chairperson vote; approved nem com in favour of splitting

Vote to amend the motion; change in numbering; approved nem com

Motion 36 (part 1): Social Policy Officer role

Motion approved nem com

Motion 36 (part2: This clause can be over ruled if the EB allows it to happen with a vote of two-thirds (2/3) if a sufficiently good reason is given that would help the organisation to keep moving forward.

*Simon Agius re-entered at 20:35*

Motion approved nem com

Group 15:

Motion 30: Vice-President role

Motion 31: Secretary General role

Motion 32: Treasurer role,

Vote: 1 abstention, 23 in favour – motion approved

Group 16:

Motion 35: Media Officer Role

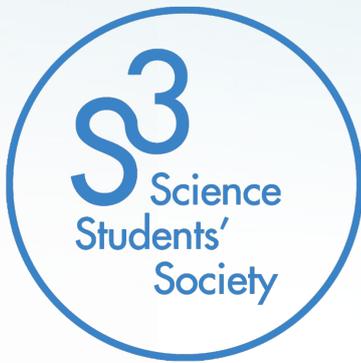
Vote: one abs. 23 in favour

Motion approved



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#### Group 17:

Motion 10: To replace “minimum of six committee members” to “minimum of five executive board members” all throughout the statute.

Speakers List: JP Mizzi

JP Mizzi: What roles are not so important that they can be removed?

Alex: Having only the administration is enough for the organisation to survive until the next AGM.

*Jasmine CW left at 20:42*

Vote: 1 abstention; 22 in favour

Motion approved

#### Group 18

Motion 24: Executive board referred to as EB and maximum of 13 science students in the EB

*Jasmine CW re-entered at 20:44*

*Kevin Wood re-entered at 20:44*

Motion 26: rewording to bring up to date with min 5 members and maximum 13

Speakers List: JP Mizzi

JP Mizzi: 13 people are too much. From previous experience in previous executive, 12 people are more than enough!

Steve: In the previous year we had really bad delegation due to the fact that we were 12. So why 13? 13 is an odd number and hence the casting vote shall be weakened. Both the roles of KPS and Media are needed and with 12 members one of the roles can't be included. The PRO needs more another person to help with the media. This year there was so much work that could not be carried due to lack of manpower

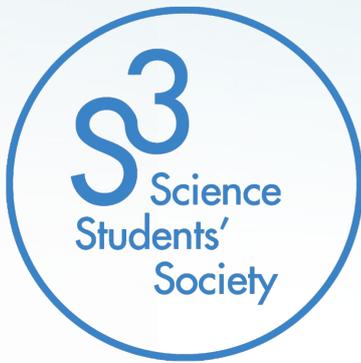
Lucia: It is also important to avoid dual role. This year Lucia had to help Jonathan with media and her office suffered.

JP Mizzi: If roles are split evenly between members you will not have this problem



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Steve: Steve doesn't agree to this as media is work intensive and PRO has other focus. If one wants to work as efficiently as possible, work should be split. Also reinforce comment that casting vote is too much of a responsibility given to president.

Vote; 1 against, 2 abstentions; 20 in favour;

Motion approved

*Matthew Spiteri left the meeting at 20:51*

#### Group 19

Motion 25: Listing of all the roles in S-Cubed, now that there are Media, KPS and internal secretary and 13 members in all.

Motion 27: Reinforcement of 5 minimum executive member - should be administrative roles

Motion 29: Meetings should be held at least once a month or more frequently. if needed.

Motion 40: Subcommittee, office coordinator, secretary and members

*Anna Vella left at 20:53*

*Luke tabone left at 20:54*

Marija Cini: proposed amendment on motion 29; instead of committee; to write EB and Administration

Vote for the amendment; approved nem com

*Ryan Busuttil left at 20: 55*

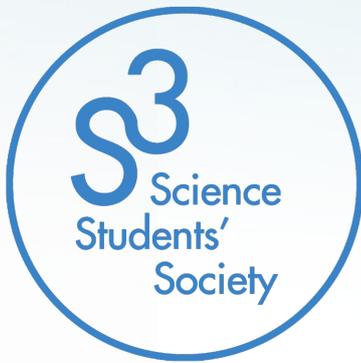
#### Group 20:

*Ryan and Anna re-entered at 20:55*

Motion 38: On election of president to be done separate from the election of the EB.

Speakers List: Steve, Alex, JP Mizzi, Daniel Vella

Steve: I no longer agree with this. The organisation is not yet prepared for this type of this election. This year only 13 people contested and this motion was presented to have more of a sort of competition but more people need to contest to have this type of election.



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*Jenny Attard entered at 20:58*

Alex: I proposed it. S-Cubed has grown. It has reached its current shell. Why? When president needs an election to be elected, they have to campaign hence they get more support/trust.

Few people attended this AGM since it 3 weeks before the exams. After all this is an experiment; it may fail, but if we don't try, we can't grow.

Simon: I don't like the fact that if student is not elected president they can't be part of the EB. It is not right that someone that has lost the election cannot contribute to the executive.

John Paul Mizzi: If a president gets elected and the rest of the committee is not in favour of the president election, the executive can still take a vote of favour against the president and he has to resign; then vice president will then be elected

Alex: I have thought of it. I saw this case recently; but what happened is that the new president won their trust one-by-one. This motion shows the passion.

Responding to Simon; the measure on loser to be kicked out is harsh. When someone goes for president they throw everything they can - because they have a dream. This is the mentality a president has to have - never give up. They should be confident and strong enough to win the trust of everyone.

Daniel Vella: Nothing to add

Steve Vella: agrees with Alex but due to the fact that there are only 13 applicants, this motion does not really hold.

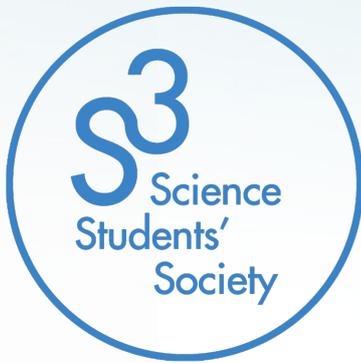
Alex: I've been here for 4 years, very active. Every year I've seen very different situations. 1st year 12th people contested, 2nd year 14 people, 3rd year 16 people and this year 13 people. This number of people changes every year. When the AGM is in March there will be more applicants. This may be removed in next AGM if it does not work out.

Steve: Why wait for next year and remove it then? If we can avoid problems now we can remove it now.

Chairperson: This will come in effect next year, not this year.

Alex: The system will succeed when there is only 1 nominee for president.

Vote: 14 against abstentions: 7, in favour 2



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Motion not approved

Group 21:

Motion 37: Any science student, who will be going on Erasmus, IAESTE internship or work placement abroad for more than one month, is not eligible to be an executive member of the Science Students' Society.

Speakers List: Steve

Steve: This year we had two people from our executive who left on Erasmus during the summer. This was felt by the whole executive since their work was done by other executives.

Amendment: instead of one month; six weeks. Proposed by Steve Vella Vella, seconded by Marija Cini

Vote on amendment: against 1, abstention 2, in favour 18

Amendment approved

Vote on motion: abstentions 9, favour 13

Motion did not pass since it did not reach 2/3 majority.

## 10. General motions and other matters arising

Motion 1: Student Achievement Point System

Chairperson: explained what is a general motion - gives mandate for next EB to do this and must present report next meeting

vote; 0 against, 1 abs, 20 favour

Motion approved

Motion 2: Nominate Alexander as honorary member

*Alexander Hili left the meeting at 21:18 to allow the members of the AGM to decide freely*

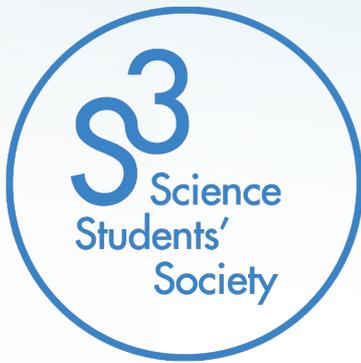
Vote: 3 abstentions, 17 in favour

Motion approved



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*Alexander Hili has re-entered 21:20*

Motion 3: Nominate Marija Cini as honorary member

*Marija Cini left 21:20*

*Motion approved nem com*

Motion 4/5: Nominate Steve for honorary membership

Steve Vella nominated for student recognition

*Steve Vella has left the meeting at 21:23*

Vote: approved nem-com

## 11. The option to discuss a topic chosen for the AGM

*Dean Grech has left the meeting at 21:25*

*Steve Vella has re-entered the meeting at 21:26*

Topic chosen is branching out:

- Subcommittees.
- Vision to grow more.
- Idea behind this vision is that each office would eventually have its own team responsible for organising events of the respective office.

*Jean Paul Mizzi left 21:27*

Is there apathy? What is the cause? Is S-Cubed ready to branch out? Will a branch in JC help us to achieve more?

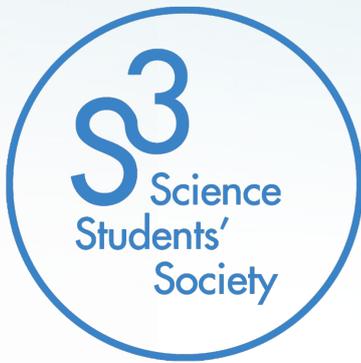
Since our faculty is divided into 5 departments, there is a big apathy from the students. Students from the Bio/Chem do not know people from the other department.

Romario did not agree that we can gain from branching out in JC yet since there is still work to be done in the Faculty. Steve commented that yes there still need work to be done but by involving JC students, they become active before entering University and hence once they are science students, they will be still active.



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Desiree commented that collaborations with other organisations need to be done for branching out. Jasmine replied it is difficult since some staple events of S-cubed can't be done in joint with other student organisations.

## 12. Nominations

Steve said that a motion was passed that there will be 13 members. Generally motions are implemented after the AGM but he thinks it is best to implement this motion as from right now.

A vote taken so that 13 members will be elected as from this year.

Approved nem com.

### a. Presentation of Nominees

Warren reads out all the Nominees.

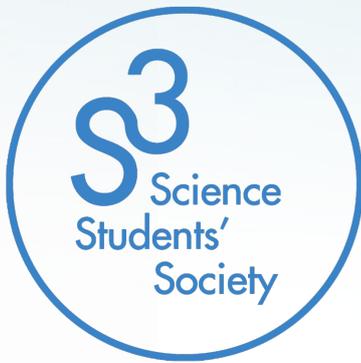
1. Anna Vella
2. Dean Grech
3. Desiree Chetcuti
4. Jean Paul Formosa
5. Jessica Edwards
6. Lara Azzopardi
7. Luke Tabone
8. Lucia Farrugia
9. Martina Cutajar
10. Rebecca Bezzina
11. Romario Catania
12. Ryan Busuttil
13. Simon Agius

### b. Presentation of Motivational Speeches by Nominees



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All the nominees reads out a motivational letter except for Jessica Edwards as she couldn't attend the AGM due to sickness.

*Luke Tabone left at 21:56*

Vote of confidence on the newly executive board: approved nem com.

### 13. Appointment of Electoral Commission, if necessary

Since no election will be taking place, no appointment of electoral commission was needed.

AGM Adjourned: 22:00



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