Club Restart Application Form

1. Submission Date 16/02/2020
2. Proposed Club Name: Bond Muslim Students Association
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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

1. BUSA Clubs and Societies exist ONLY for the benefit of Bond students, as a result applications for new clubs can be made by students alone.
2. Please provide as much information for each answer as possible – this will be a great aid in the success of your application.
3. This form needs to be returned to **clubs.busa@bond.edu.au**.
4. Your application will be considered by a team of BUSA members directly involved with clubs. This team constitutes: the Clubs & Societies Director, Clubs & Funding Liaison, VP of Recreation and Treasurer. For any sports club applications the VP of Sport will also be involved in the decision-making process. Other BUSA members and existing clubs may also be consulted prior to the decision.
5. Subject to the number of New Club Applications received and date of application, you can expect to receive a decision in either Week 6 (if submitted by Week 5) or Week 11 (if submitted by Week 10) of the same semester.
6. If you are successful in your application you will be required to meet with both the Clubs & Societies Director and Clubs & Funding Liaison before your club can be re-activated.

SECTION ONE

1. *Please provide a brief (150-250 words) description of the general basis / ideas / goals of your proposed club.*

Our primary goal is to be a student organisation which provides opportunities and a safe place for the Muslims students and academics at Bond University, both male and female, to practise their religion. We seek to inspire future leaders through Islamic principles. To this purpose, we aim to organise and host daily prayers as well as different events throughout the year, including BBQs, Islamic lectures, discussion and support circles, sports events, iftars and more! We anticipate that these initiatives will serve to enrich the university experience of the Muslim students in the university.

By being a social hub that fulfills their religious and cultural needs, we aim to assist students in their initial settlement periods and then guide and mentor them throughout their stay at Bond University.

The club will also strive to increase knowledge of Islam in the campus community to dispel negative stereotypes and promote a more reasoned and learned enquiry into Islam by providing an outlet for activities and events that discuss general and current issues related to Islam and Muslims.

1. *What demographic / interest will the club cater for? Why do you believe this demographic / interest is not already catered for through other clubs currently active at Bond?*

We will mainly be catering for the Muslim demographic at bond. These will include students and academics at Bond University who identify as Muslim, and who’s origin is local, interstate or international. Our club will also open to individuals from different backgrounds and faiths interested in learning about Islam and interacting with Muslims.

We believe this specific demographic is not catered for through any other active clubs at Bond as there exits no other club directed at the Muslim faith or that is based on and caters for Islamic principles.

SECTION TWO

This section looks at the events / programs / services you intend to run as a club, as well as any expenses you foresee in your BUSA budget allocations (even if you aren’t sure of specific values).

If you foresee any expenses in particular semesters, for example a particular cultural date, please specify which semester it will be in as this may aid your application dependant on projected semester allocations.

Include any events which don’t have any expected expenses.

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| Event / Program / Service | Projected Expenses? | Expected semester / dates? |
| Friday prayers | General upkeep | Fridays weekly |
| Ramadan catering | $4000 | 23 April-23 May |
| MSA BBQ | $300 | Three times a year |
| Islamic talks | $50 | Biweekly |
| Islamic classes | $50 | Twice a semester |
| Biannual general meeting | $100 | Twice a year |

1. *What are some sources of sponsorship / alternate revenue that you believe may be available to the club?*

Local community donations/contributions

Contributions from students, their families as well as academics

Halal restaurants wishing to sponsor or discount Ramadan catering

SECTION THREE

*Proposed Executive Committee*

*Please feel free to add to or alter the following different Executive Committee positions.*

*Positions with an asterisk (\*) must be filled.*

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| Executive Committee  Position | Name | Student ID Number | Email / Phone number |
| President | Mohmedsaqib Zakirhusen Akhunji | 13578862 | 0488786992 |
| Brother’s Vice-president | Omar Alsayed | 13459268 | 0406268549 |
| Sister’s Vice-president | Warda Nazah Ahmed | 13459307 | warda.ahmed@student.bond.edu.au |
| Secretary | Mona Numan | 13519133 | mona.numan@student.bond.edu.au |
| Treasurer | Mahmoud Bekheet | 13459242 | 0433351726 |
| Elected Chaplain | Rotating roster |  |  |
| Promotions director | Mohammed Kamali | 13517551 | mohammed.kamali@student.bond.edu.au |
| Ramadan Officer | Daniel Ahmed | 13583329 | daniel.ahmed@student.bond.edu.au |
| Jumu’ah Officer | Mustafa Emin | 13518334 | 0434281008 |
| Brother’s Events co-ordinator | Asim Rais | 13578833 | asim.rais@student.bond.edu.au |
| Sister’s Prayer room officer | Sheikha Al Habsi | 13503615 | sheikha.alhabsi@student.bond.edu.au |
| Sister’s events co-ordinator | Aimal Fatima | 13578859 | aimal.fatima@student.bond.edu.au |

*While not absolutely necessary, once a club grows in size it might be useful to have a Vice-President as well to aid the President and other members of the executive committee.*

SECTION FOUR

*In the past this club has fallen dormant, what is your strategy to avoid your club falling to the same fate? Can you identify the flaws that led to this issue in the past?*

*(Sometimes clubs are restarted after many years so we understand you might not have an idea! Try your best to identify some possible issues and what you can do to avoid them.)*

In the past this club has fallen dormant mainly due to insufficient contributions from group members, which can be attributed to lack of committee structure and specific role delegations. The onus thus fell on one individual, that being the MSA president, around which there was a lack of delegation and assignment of tasks to other members. Part of the issues that brought this about was that apart from the president allocation, there was no specific formal outline of the other members.

Our strategy from this point onwards is to correct these aberrant flaws in the society. Starting first with allocation of the respective association members and an outline of their specific roles and responsibilities. The MSA president will be the focal point regarding executive decision making, however his main task will revolve around the delegation of the tasks onto the other members, as well as overseeing the ensuing progress. Furthermore, there will be more regular correspondence between the group members, fortnightly at the minimum with minutes recorded and a biannual general meeting to discuss issues with the wider community. To ensure better communication between the club, there has already been a mobile phone group chat put in place to discuss and follow up on matters concerning the MSA.