


<p>University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Friday 16 February 2024, 3pm Meeting 3(24) Location: Zoom</p>	 <small>UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE STUDENT UNION</small>
<p>https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86035860380?pwd=WW9panBXVkJFvdWpYRmM0L2ppMEcxQT09</p>	

Meeting opened at 3:08pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair.

Moved: Disha Zutshi Seconded: Kevin Li

CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Councillors

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Wen Hao (Clement) Wu	Yes
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	Oskar Martin	Yes
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	No
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Tianyi Yu	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Navya Jain	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Yashica Mishra	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Hugh Collins	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Harrishman Shobanan	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	vaibhav girdhar	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Inderpreet Singh	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lucy Kelly	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Leon Paratz	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yash Sah	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Penelope Scacciante	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Pranav Gupta	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Anndrya Chua	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hayley Cheung	Apology
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rachael Hynds	Yes

Students' Council (General Representative)	Natalie Sinicka	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Labdhi Gandhi	Yes

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Disha Zutshi	Yes
General Secretary	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Yes
Activities Officer	Amy Peters	Yes
Activities Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Shravya Akkapeddi	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Jiajie Zheng	No
Clubs & Societies Officer	Azalea Rohaizam	No
Clubs & Societies Officer	Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Adam Whitehead	No
Disabilities Officer	Anishaa Jeyakumar	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Julian De Marco	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Lucy Rachman Vascotto	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Raphael Duffy	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Bella Beiraghi	Yes
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	Yes
Environment Officer	Jaan Schild	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Hamish Rose	Yes
Media Officer	Joel Duggan	Yes
Media Officer	Gunjan Ahluwalia	Yes
Media Officer	Kien-Ling Liem	Yes
Media Officer	Jessica Fanwong	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Denzil Minnaar	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Ying Kwan Jania Lam	Yes
Queer Officer	Binderiya Batzorig	Yes
Queer Officer	Ryan Mittal	Yes
Welfare Officer	Joshua Stagg	Yes
Welfare Officer	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
Women's Officer	Akanksha Agarwal	No
Women's Officer	Micaela Rynne	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jake Duyvestyn	<i>Apology</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Ariel Teo	<i>Apology</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Amy Rogers	Yes
Southbank Activities Officer	Justine Light De Guzman	No
Southbank Education Officer	Felicity Patrice Liston	No

Other: Sara Pheasant (CEO), Phoebe Churches (Manager, Advocacy & Legal), Josh Davis (Project Coordinator, UMSU International; minute taker), Ahmed Kamal (University of Melbourne Islamic Society), Ben Auer (Melbourne Alternative Protein Project), Stefan Gavrilov (Observer), Patrick Irwin (Observer), Clarissa Indranada (Observer)

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Jake Duyvestyn, Ariel Teo

Councillors: Hayley Cheung

1.5. Proxies

1.5.1. Inderpreet Singh to Anndrya Chua

1.5.2. Harrishman Shobanan to Clement Wu

Motion 2: To accept the proxies for this council en bloc.
 Moved: Disha Zutshi
 CWD

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Arya Kushwaha has resigned from Council

1.7.2. Navya Jain has been appointed International Representative on Council

1.7.3. Pranav Gupta has been appointed General Representative on Council

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda as presented.
 Moved: Disha Zutshi
 CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 2(24)

Motion 4: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.
 Moved: Disha Zutshi
 CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

3.1. Conflicts of Interest Register

Name	Conflict
Leon Paratz	Member of Clubs and Societies committee; Had a discussion with legal team of Riazaty in Riazaty v UMSU - finished last year
Yashica Mishra	None declared
Kien-Ling Liem	Secretary of Media and Communications Students Society (MACSS)
Anndrya Chua Yee Shyan	None declared
Hamish Rose	None declared
Denzil Minnaar	I am an executive member of a club appealing disaffiliation in this meeting.
Navyaa Jain	None declared

Anishaa Jeyakumar	None declared
Binderiya Batzorig	None declared
Tianyi Yu	Melbourne University Chinese Theatre Group (Student theatre group)
Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	None declared
Amy Peters	None declared
Alessandra Ward	None declared
Rachael Hynds	Labor Party membership
Jessica Fanwong	MACSS; CIPTA
Pranav Gupta	None declared
Gunjan Ahluwalia	CISSA (Computing & Information Systems Students Association) sub-committee - Product Officer
Kunal Dewani	None declared
Joshua Stagg	Active on Vegan Club Committee; Active in animal rights community; Friends with members of committee
Lucinda Kate Kelly	None declared
Micaela Rynne	Member of the Labor Party; Member of EMILY's List Australia
Mehul Gopalakrishnan	None declared
Ryan Mittal	None declared
Ying Kwan Jania Lam	None declared
Joel Duggan	Treasurer of Melbourne University Philosophy Society; Membership of Economics Students Society of Australia, Melbourne International Relations Society, Vegan Society; Tutor at UMSU VCE Summer School prior to its suspension; Program Manager and Board Member of VCE Summer Tutoring Inc
Patrick Irwin	Club member of Liberal Club; Pre-Law Society; Member of the Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division)

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

5.1. Islamic Society Disaffiliation Petition Appeal

Ahmed Kamal spoke on behalf of UMIS. Read a verbal copy of the email provided to Council in correspondence.

Hanny Angelina Teta spoke on the disaffiliation, said that she believes the original decision was appropriate given the information C&S committee had at the time, but that UMIS has since delivered an activity report so C&S supports the appeal.

Leon Paratz suggested that if the activity report had been present, the club wouldn't have been disaffiliated, supports the appeal.

Motion 5: That Students Council upholds the appeal of the University of Melbourne Islamic Society against disaffiliation.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Leon Paratz

CWD

5.2. Melbourne Alternative Protein Project Disaffiliation Petition Appeal

Ben Auer spoke to the appeal, says that given the club's track record it should not be disaffiliated.

Hanny said that given the information available to C+S, the decision was appropriate, although if Council upholds the appeal, C+S would support it.

Motion 6: That Students Council upholds the appeal of the Melbourne Alternative Protein Project against disaffiliation.

Moved: Hanny Angelina Teta

Seconded: Leon Paratz

CWD

5.3. UMSU International Electoral Regulations

Not discussed.

6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Disha Zutshi	<i>Not Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Amy Peters	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Shravya Akkapeddi	<i>Late</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Jiajie Zheng	<i>Late</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Azalea Rohaizam	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Adam Whitehead	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Anishaa Jeyakumar	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Julian De Marco	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Lucy Rachman Vascotto	<i>Late</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Raphael Duffy	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Bella Beiraghi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	<i>Late</i>
Environment Officer	Jaan Schild	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Hamish Rose	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Joel Duggan	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Gunjan Ahluwalia	<i>Submitted</i>

Media Officer	Kien-Ling Liem	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Jessica Fanwong	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Denzil Minnaar	<i>Not Submitted</i>
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Queer Officer	Binderiya Batzorig	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Ryan Mittal	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Joshua Stagg	<i>Late</i>
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Women's Officer	Akanksha Agarwal	<i>Not Submitted</i>
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Disha Zutshi spoke to her report.

Raphael Duffy was named.

Motion 7: To accept the OB Reports.

Moved: Kunal Dewani

Seconded: Leon Paratz

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera for the CEO Report

Moved: Disha Zutshi

FOR: 14

AGAINST: 4

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 3:38pm

Stefan Gavrilov, Patrick Irwin, Ahmed Kamal and Ben Auer left the meeting

7. CEO Report

7.1. CEO Report

7.2. Bar Budget

7.3. Lawsuit Update/Briefing

Natalie Sinicka left the meeting while in camera and appointed Patrick Irwin as proxy

Patrick Irwin joined the meeting

Council moved out of camera at 5:18pm

Stefan Gavrilov joined the meeting

Procedural Motion: To take a ten-minute break and resume at 5:29pm

Moved: Disha Zutshi

CWD

Council resumed at 5:29pm. Councillors temporarily left the Zoom during the break and gradually returned throughout the below procedurals between 5:29pm and 5:35pm. Quorum was maintained.

Procedural Motion: To enter formal debate

Moved: Disha Zutshi

13 FOR

2 AGAINST

CARRIED

A councillor rejoined the Zoom

Procedural Motion: That the vote on the motion to rescind UMSU's support for Palestine and BDS is a named vote

Moved: Emma Dynes

3 FOR

13 AGAINST

FAILED

Bella Beiraghi is named at 5:38pm.

Another councillor rejoined the Zoom

Multiple councillors spoke against the rescission motion.

Motion 10: That Students' Council resolves to rescind the motion set out at 11.2 in minutes of the 15 August 2022 Students' Council meeting.

Moved: Leon Paratz

Seconded: Pranav Gupta

FOR: 12

AGAINST: 4

ABSTAIN: 1

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

9. Operational Business

10. Motions on Notice

Procedural Motion: To move 10.1 and 10.2 en bloc

Moved: Disha Zutshi

CARRIED

10.1. Operations Sub-Committee Membership

At the closing date specified in last council, as well as to date, I have only received five nominations for the five positions on OpSub, therefore, Harrishman, Anndrya, Kunal, Clement (Wen Hao) and Inderpreet are recommended to be appointed to OpSub.

Motion 11: To appoint the following five Councillors as Operations Sub-Committee voting members:

Harrishman Shobanan

Anndrya Chua

Kunal Dewani

Wen Hao (Clement) Wu

Inderpreet Singh

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Kevin Li

CARRIED

10.2. SIG Applications

As the term is about to start, Student Initiative Grants (SIG) should be opened for the first semester, as usual, I recommend that the total amount be distributed evenly across the two semesters, but to also set a limit on individual applications, as well as try to give the grant to a wider range of applications, particularly, giving a stronger preference to cases where no other source of funding is expected to be available.

Motion 12: To open SIG applications.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Kevin Li

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move 10.3, 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 en bloc.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

CARRIED

10.3. Burnley motion

Motion 13: That Council approve expenditure of \$1750 from the Programs (General) line of the Burnley department budget for yoga teacher fees from December 2023 through to end of February 2024.

Moved: Kevin Li

Seconded: Joshua Stagg

CARRIED

10.4. Burnley motion

Motion 14: That Council approve expenditure of \$300 from the Repairs & Maintenance (Venue) line of the Burnley department budget for electrical equipment and cleaning supplies for the Student Amenities Building.

Moved: Kevin Li

Seconded: Harrishman Shobanan

CARRIED

10.5. Burnley motion

Motion 15: That Council approve expenditure of \$200 from the Events (Food and beverages) line of the Burnley department budget for Student Amenities Building groceries for February and March.

Moved: Kevin Li

Seconded: Joshua Stagg

CARRIED

10.6. Burnley motion

Motion 16: That Council approve a financial delegation of \$2000 per motion from all Burnley Department budget lines to the Operations Sub-Committee.

Moved: Kevin Li

Seconded: Harrishman Shobanan

CARRIED

Jack Walton joined at 5:42pm

Procedural Motion: To move 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, 10.10, 10.11 and 10.12 en bloc.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

CARRIED

Joel Duggan spoke to his moving rights.

10.7. Media motion

Preamble:

As UMSU's student radio station, Radio Fodder constitutes a vital responsibility and a valued initiative of the Media Department.

To operate Radio Fodder, the Media Department liaises with AVMelbourne to pay a subscription for AirTime Pro, a broadcasting platform that allows us to run a radio station online. The invoice for renewing this subscription comes at short notice and quite early in the year.

This motion is to pay that invoice. It is worth noting that the invoice is listed in USD as \$999.50. We have converted this to AUD in our motion, plus a few dollars extra to account for any minor fluctuations in the exchange rate prior to spending.

Currently, the Radio Budget Line does not have sufficient funds to pay for this invoice. This is likely because we budgeted based on earlier estimates that are no

longer applicable due to inflation, shifts in the value of the dollar and other factors. As such, we have moved some money out of another Budget Line that we have chosen to deprioritise.

You can find the invoice from Sourcefabric, the company that operates AirTime, attached (circulated with agenda).

Motion 17: That Students' Council approve expenditure from Period 2 of the Radio Budget Line of up to AUD \$1,040 and of up to \$500 from Period 3 of the Contractor Fees > General Budget Line (\$1540 total) for payment of invoice from Sourcefabric to renew our annual subscription to AirTime Pro.

Moved: Joel Duggan

Seconded: Gunjan Ahluwalia

CARRIED

10.8. Media motion

Motion 18: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$2000 from Period 3 Events > Food and Beverages Budget Line of the Media Department to pay for the Farrago Edition 1: Indie Sleaze Launch event.

Moved: Jessica Fanwong

Seconded: Joel Duggan

CARRIED

10.9. Media motion

Motion 19: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$720 from Period 2 of the Subscriptions & literature > General Subscription Budget Line for our annual Issuu subscription, which hosts the online copies of all Media publications.

Moved: Joel Duggan

Seconded: Kien-Ling Liem

CARRIED

10.10. Media motion

Motion 20: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$1000 from Period 2 of the Programs > Collectives Budget Line for subsequent Media Collectives throughout the academic year.

Moved: Kien-Ling Liem

Seconded: Gunjan Ahluwalia

CARRIED

10.11. Media motion

Motion 21: That Students' Council approves budgetary delegation to the Operations Subcommittee of up to \$3,000 for all Media Department budget lines and periods.

Moved: Joel Duggan

Seconded: Jessica Fanwong

CARRIED

10.12. Media motion

Preamble:

The printing quote from Kosdown is \$26 over what we budgeted for, so we are just moving a little bit of money around to ensure we have the funds.

Motion 22: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$12,470 from Period 2 of the Printing - External > General Budget Line, and \$26 from Period 2 of the Grants > Student Initiative Budget Line (\$12,496 total) for printing Edition 1 of Farrago.

Moved: Jessica Fanwong

Seconded: Joel Duggan

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To suspend the Standing Orders to appoint Stefan Gavrilov as Leon Paratz's proxy

Moved: Disha Zutshi

CARRIED

Leon Paratz left at 5:44pm

10.13. International Women's Day Motion

Preamble:

International Women's Day is one of the most important days in the feminist calendar, it is a long held tradition of feminist action. The feminist movement has become co-opted by neo-liberal and anti-trans activists, which is not true feminism. It is important to honour and remember its staunch origins as a working femme people movement. IWD sees women, non-binary and gender diverse people, along with allies, coming together at the grassroots level to demand economic, social and political liberation from a patriarchy that seeks to undermine and repress women and nonbinary people as a class. Though rights for women and other gender diverse people has progressed since the first IWD was held, recent attacks on basic freedoms, such as the right to abortion with the overturning of Roe v Wade, make it obvious that the fight is far from over. Even here in Victoria, where abortion is nominally legal, access to abortion is far from safe, free and on demand. Those seeking reproductive healthcare who live in regional areas suffer from a lack of local

services and healthcare providers, meaning many are forced to travel to bigger cities or even interstate at great financial and emotional cost. The importance of intersectional and radical action of feminist movements in inciting and securing meaningful resistance against the patriarchy has become blatantly clear. In understanding the importance of actively opposing transphobia, colonialism, racism, homophobia, ableism and orientalism in this Organisation's activism, we strengthen our activism and become better equipped to advocate for students on this IWD and beyond.

Action:

- UMSU endorses the International Working Women's Day March on the 7th of March, 2024 as organised by We Are Union Women at 5:30pm.
- UMSU commits to organising a contingent to the International Women's Day March to be led by the UMSU Women's Department.
- UMSU will promote the International Women's Day March on its social media and newsletter.
- UMSU acknowledges the increase in harmful TERF and SWERF presence at recent IWD rallies, and reaffirms that UMSU stands against transphobia and discrimination against sex workers both at this event and within the femme liberation movement.

Micaela Rynne spoke to her moving rights.

Motion 23: That Students' Council move the motion as presented.

Moved: Micaela Rynne

Seconded: Rachael Hynds

CWD

Micaela Rynne left at 5:51pm

10.14 Australian Flag Motion

Preamble:

Australia is a racist country. Last year 60.06% of the country voted 'no' to the Voice to Parliament, a timid reform for Indigenous rights designed to be as uncontroversial as possible.

Politicians are making it worse. At the end of last year, Labor and Liberal clashed over who could out-racist the other in a glimpse into the depths of both parties' social backwardness. When the High Court ruled indefinite detention illegal and opened a political battle over immigration and incarceration laws, Minister for Home Affairs Clare O'Neil insisted that ["If I had any legal power to keep these people in detention, I would ... We do not have that, that is what the high court has told us."](#)

The Australian flag is a powerful symbol of Australian nationalism. It's based on the British flag, a tribute to our country's blood-soaked colonial history. It represents the nation which continues to impoverish and brutalise Indigenous people and to sentence refugees to torture in detention centres. Those who most love this despicable status quo are most drawn to this despicable symbol. Simply look at how

people in the Islamophobic and fascistic [Cronulla race riots in 2005 draped themselves in the flag.](#)

Recently, this brand of Australian nationalism has been pushed back for one day every year. This year on Australia Day news.com.au reported that Bondi Beach looks completely different to just a few years ago: '[while there were still crowds... there were no flags, hats, or painted Australia Day faces ... the lack of celebration left tourists confused and needing clarification](#)'. Instead, progressives now turn out in their tens of thousands, waving Indigenous flags through the streets of our cities in a show of anti-racism.

UMSU should follow suit.

Platform:

- That UMSU commits to no longer raise or display the racist Australian flag at any of its events, or inside or on any of its property.

Raphael Duffy spoke to moving rights.

Oskar Martin spoke to seconding rights.

Stefan Gavrilov was named at 5:55pm.

Patrick Irwin spoke against the motion.

Stefan spoke against the motion.

Clement Wu moved the following amendment to 10.14:

Amendment: To remove the second and third paragraph of the preamble.

To amend the platform to read "That UMSU commits to no longer display symbols of Nationalism, which promotes violence, hatred, racism or are co-opted by the far-right, in an Australian context or otherwise."

This was not amendable to the mover.

Clement and Kunal waived speaking rights.

Raphael Duffy and Bella Beiraghi spoke against the amendment.

Hanny Angelina Teta left at 6:04pm.

Oskar Martin spoke against the amendment.

Amendment: To remove the second and third paragraph of the preamble.

To amend the platform to read "That UMSU commits to no longer display symbols of Nationalism, which promotes violence, hatred, racism or are co-opted by the far-right, in an Australian context or otherwise.".

Moved: Clement Wu

Seconded: Kunal Dewani

FOR: 9

AGAINST: 7

CARRIED

10.14. Australian Flag Motion (as amended)

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Platform:

- That UMSU commits to no longer display symbols of Nationalism, which promotes violence, hatred, racism or are co-opted by the far-right, in an Australian context or otherwise.

Motion 24: That Students' Council move Motion 10.14 as amended.

Moved: Raphael Duffy

Seconded: Oskar Martin

11 FOR

3 AGAINST

3 ABSTAIN

CARRIED

Pranav Gupta left at 6:12pm

Patrick Irwin and Jack Walton left at 6:13pm

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

11.1. Indigenous Department Motion

Kevin Li noted that the motion did not include budget tags. Hamish Rose amended the motion to specify the tags and amount.

Motion 25: That Council approve expenditure of \$1700 from the events line (\$1500 from the Food and Beverages tag and \$200 from the General tag) of the Indigenous department budget for catering of Welcome Blak and to run Wear it Blak Wednesday.

Moved: Hamish Rose

Seconded: Oskar Martin

CWD

12. Next Meeting

- 12.1.** When2Meet will be sent to all Councillors to work out a fixed term schedule.

13. Close

Meeting closed at 6:16pm