



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes
Tuesday, March 22nd 2022, 12pm
Meeting 5(22)
Location: Zoom**

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Password: 098027

Meeting opened at 12.04PM

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Amelia Bright be elected as Chair

Mover: Amelia Bright

Seconded: Annalyce Wiebenga

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	Mohamed Hadi	Yes
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	Jessica Alderton	Yes
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Jaryd Clifford	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Chaitanya Rhaguvanshi	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Aakash Chandak	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Haotian (Allen) Xiao	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Zodie Bolic	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Imogen Senior	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nishank Ji-Sung Jain	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ishita Ganeriwala	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rebekah Kelly	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Scarlett Padden	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Terry Zhu-Xin Wang	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yong Wen Hao	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Annalyce Wiebenga	Yes – left 2pm

Students' Council (General Representative)	Joshua Davis	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Shirley Killen	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Georgia Burke	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mietta Stephens	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nate Hollis	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ngairé Bogemann	In apology
Students' Council (General Representative)	Zachary Kaplan	In apology

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Sophie Nguyen	Yes
General Secretary	Amelia Bright	Yes
Activities Officer	Bella Henry	Yes
Activities Officer	Sami Zehir	No
Clubs & Societies Officer	Benito Di Battista	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Eleanor Cooney-Hunt	No
Creative Arts Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Prerna Aggarwal	No
Disabilities Officer	Prachi Uppal	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Shuyan (Betty) Zhang	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ethan Georgeou	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Moira Negline	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Benjamin Jarick	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Ruby Craven	Leave
Environment Officer	Chelsea Daniel	Yes
Environment Officer	Zachary Matthews	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	Yes
Media Officer	Charlotte Waters	Yes
Media Officer	Jasmine Pierce	Yes
Media Officer	Joanna Guelas	Yes
Media Officer	Nishtha Banavalikar	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Hibatallah Adam	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Kyi Phyu Moe Htet	No
Queer Officer	Rook Davis	Yes
Queer Officer	Rose Power	Yes
Welfare Officer	Shuyan (Lynne) Bian	Yes
Welfare Officer	Disha Zutshi	Yes
Women's Officer	Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal	Yes
Women's Officer	Lauren Scott	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	Leave
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Alex Birch	Yes
	Nina Mountford	Yes
Southbank Activities Officer	Jack Doughty	Yes
Southbank Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Yes

Other: Phoebe Churches (Interim CEO), Nancy Ciara Griffiths (minute-taker), Benjamin Cronshaw.

1.4. Apologies

Councillors: Zachary Kaplan, Ngaire Bogemann.

Leave Requests:

Prachi Uppal has requested a Leave of Absence until 1st April.

Ruby Craven and Kaitlyn Hammond have requested a Leave of Absence for Council 5(22).

Motion 2: To accept the leave requests.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

1.5. Proxies

Zachary Kaplan to Mietta Stephens.

Ngaire Bogemann to Georgia Burke.

(After 2pm) Annalyce Wiebenga to Joshua Davis.

1.6. Membership

Lynne Bian and Disha Zutshi have been appointed Welfare Office Bearers.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 4(22)

Change of membership for casual vacancy

Meeting minutes not yet available, Chair recommended deferring acceptance of the minutes until next Council.

Motion 4: To defer the confirmation of the previous minutes until the next meeting.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Sophie Nguyen	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Amelia Bright	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Bella Henry	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Sami Zehir	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Benito Di Battista	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Eleanor Cooney-Hunt	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Prerna Aggarwal	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Prachi Uppal	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Shuyan (Betty) Zhang	<i>Late</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ethan Georgeou	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Moira Negline	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Benjamin Jarick	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Ruby Craven	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Chelsea Daniel	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Zachary Matthews	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Charlotte Waters	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Jasmine Pierce	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Joanna Guelas	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Nishtha Banavalikar	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Hibatallah Adam	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Kyi Phyu Moe Htet	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Rook Davis	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Rose Power	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Shuyan (Lynne) Bian	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Disha Zutshi	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Lauren Scott	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Not Submitted (Leave Request)</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Alex Birch	<i>Submitted</i>
	Nina Mountford	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Activities Officer	Jack Doughty	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	<i>Submitted</i>

Josh Davis asked after the lack of Activities and Welfare Office Bearer reports, could Officers elaborate on the reasoning behind this. Lynne Bian responded. Been very busy, gave a small verbal report on the Welfare activities:

- Volunteer training
- Meeting with SSDP

- Restocking Union Mart and Welfare Breakfast
- Meeting with committee members

Sami Zehir was not present, Bella Henry spoke to own report. Confirmed that upcoming committee meeting on Thursday that will be fortnightly. Followed up on advice and issues raised at previous council – ensured that committee members are aware of meeting obligations, sending in apologies and proxies. Will be passing delegation to OpSub as well.

Questions left on notice for Sami Zehir.

President was asked how she is advocating for student control over UMSU controlled spaces at the NSP spaces. Sophie responded; the steering group doesn't meet very regularly – once a month. Conversations are focused around UMSU distinction from the University in the site. As to speaking to the reps, there haven't been agenda items at steering groups with these conversations in mind. A lot of these discussions have already taken place with past years of presidents and UMSU reps. Focus now is more on the physical build.

Annalyce Wiebenga noted that per Amelia Bright's report, which also applies to Moira Negline, feel free to reach out if they need to hear from a student library assistant from the Southbank campus.

Annalyce also asked if Kraanti Agarwal's pay issues had been followed up. Ciara Griffiths has been in touch, getting things sorted

Rook Davis asked how many Students' Councils Sami has missed, and what the follow up process would be if attendance requirements are not met. Question taken on notice to confirm with Ciara Griffiths what the process would look like.

Marcie Di Bartolomeo asked was in store for Union House over the course of the shift to the Student Precinct. Phoebe Churches advised there will be firmer info available once able to meet with the consultant and the functional assessment report of Union House comes through. Until then, operating mostly from heresy. Sophie noted that at last Elected Reps meeting, an agenda item was brought forward on what UMSU reps would like to see happen with Union House.

Josh Davis requested an ongoing report from the President and General Secretary on the progress for the move to the Student Precinct and repurposing of Union House. Sophie happy to fulfil this, if the latest updates aren't included in own OB report it's because the Uni is gatekeeping info. Will take on notice and do this.

Motion 5: To accept the OB Reports

Moved: Joshua Davis

Seconded: Nishank Ji-Sung Jain

CARRIED

Procedural Motion 1: To move in camera.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 12:30PM

During this time, Council moved the following actions:

- *Accepted the CEO's report*
- *Noted the NSP Success Governance Review*
- *Endorsed the Governance Review Board Paper*

7. CEO Report

7.1. Governance Review

7.2. Governance Review Board Paper

Council moved out of camera at 12:53PM

8. Other Reports

9. Operational Business

10. Motions on Notice

Procedural Motion 3: to move 10.1 and 10.2 en bloc.

Moved: Brittney Henderson

CARRIED

Motion 9: to accept the motions as presented

Moved: Brittney Henderson

Secunder: Harley Lewis

CARRIED

10.1. Indigenous Blak Trivia

Motion:

To approve expenditure from the Indigenous Department's Special Projects and Events budget line of up to \$1500 for Blak Trivia to be used for booking of AV and the venue as well as food and drinks (inc. bar tab).

Mover: Brittney Henderson

Secunder: Harley Lewis

10.2. Indigenous Merchandise

Motion:

To approve expenditure from the Indigenous Department's Special Projects and events budget line of up to \$1200 for Department merchandise, socks.

Moved: Brittney Henderson

Seconded: Harley Lewis

10.3. Media OpSub

Motion:

That the Students' Council approves budgetary delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee of up to \$3,000 for all Media Department budget lines.

Mover: Annalyce Wiebenga

Seconder: Jasmine Pierce

Motion 10: to accept the motions as presented

Moved: Annalyce Wiebenga

Seconder: Jasmine Pierce

CARRIED

11. Motions without Notice

12. Other Business

Lynne Bian raised other business; wished to provide clarity regarding the confusion with the Welfare Office casual vacancy. Reason for own resignation was to trigger a casual vacancy, being a sole Office Bearer was difficult, and felt unable to do it alone. Felt best for student wellbeing to resign so to gain a second Office Bearer.

Regarding the commentary and attacks on the Welfare Department that followed the resignation, expressed disappointment in media coverage made by Farrago. Had not been contacted by the Media Officers for clarification on events, was disappointed and frustrated that the image of the chalkboard with "shame" written on it in front of the Welfare office was posted and shared. The welfare breakfasts were reported as postponed, whilst not the case.

Media Officers responded to Lynne's comments. Joanna Guelas stated that they were informed and had themselves sought confirmation that Lynne had resigned before posting to Facebook. Lynne later approached Joanna asking for some details to be amended, the Media Officers worked to make the requested amendments. The sharing of the "shame" sign was symptomatic of standard reactive journalism. The way that Farrago reported on welfare breakfast was based on information from staff – could not promise to students that there would be breakfasts as there was no Office Bearer, regardless of what Lynne was doing personally.

Lynne Bian expressed she was disappointed that she was not the only Office Bearer that resigned to trigger a casual vacancy, yet was the only department attacked. Would like to speak to HR about next course of action.

Procedural Motion 4: to cede the chair to Sophie Nguyen

Moved: Amelia Bright

CARRIED

Amelia Bright cedes the chair to Sophie Nguyen.

Amelia Bright noted key points of concern in the raised issue:

- In capacity as General Secretary, could and should have provided better advice to Lynne about what process to follow with the resignation
 - o E.g., would in future advise not resigning immediately, rather to resign effective day of scheduled committee meeting to fill the casual vacancy. This would have avoided avoid gap in service.
- Would encourage more rigorous fact checking, the Media Dept was happy to make amendments when approached, however, more rigorous fact checking and seeking clarity with the General Secretary could have avoided the issues. Don't publish assumptions.

Procedural Motion 5: to cede the chair back to Amelia Bright.

Moved: Sophie Nguyen

CARRIED

Sophie Nguyen cedes the chair to Amelia Bright.

Annalyce Wiebenga suggested to Lynne Bian that if she would like to see the magazine issue a retraction or post clarification, that is a potential pathway. Lynne expressed she will speak to HR and the General Secretary about best course forward, for herself and her department.

Nishank Ji-Sung Jain noted that Farrago wrote about the resignation of Sami Zehir to trigger the Activities casual vacancy, which tonally was very different to the resignation of Lynne. The former was very concise whereas the latter required amendment 18 hrs later. Joanna responded, Media had heard about Lynne resignation through word of mouth, followed it up and posted. Didn't issue the amendment for 18 hours because the Officers were managing a Farrago event at the time. Reminded students about spirit of journalism, can naturally be reactive.

Procedural Motion 6: to close the speaking list

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Zodie Bolic

CARRIED

Sophie Nguyen raised other business. Noted to Council that the NSSS report will be released Wednesday this week. President and Women's Department are working on pre-emptive strategies – reminded reps to be supportive of your Women's Reps as they will be working very hard on very emotionally strenuous work.

13. Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th April, 1pm.

14. Close

Meeting closed at 1:22PM 1.22pm