



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Minutes

23rd of January 2020 | 1:00pm

Meeting 3(20)

Location: Jim Potter Meeting Room, Old Physics

Opened at 1:07pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Hannah Buchan be elected Chair.
 Moved: Hannah Buchan Seconded: Hannah Krasovec
 CARRIED WD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Councillors

Representatives on Students’ Council	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
Students of Colour Representative on Students’ Council	Allen Xiao	Y	2
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students’ Council	Max Dowell	Y	3
Queer Representative on Students’ Council	Andie Moore	Y	1
International Student Representative on Students’ Council	Tejas Gandhi	N	0
Graduate Student Representative on Students’ Council	Hayley Kebbell	N	2
Students’ Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Ranogajec	Y	3
Students’ Council (General Representative)	Joshua Bruni	N	0
Students’ Council (General Representative)	Christopher Melenhorst	Y	3
Students’ Council (General Representative)	Nick Reich	Y	1
Students’ Council (General Representative)	Lachlan Hinds	Y	3

Students' Council (General Representative)	Raiyaan Mahbub	N	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Felix Sharkey	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Molly Willmott	N	1
Students' Council (General Representative)	Varaidzo Chipunza	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hannah Krasovec	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Matthew Harper-Gomm	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Maisie Strong	N	0
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal	N	0
Students' Council (General Representative)	Thonya Deverall	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Catriona Smith	Y	3
Indigenous Committee	Jess Ferrari-Thomas	Y	2

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
President	Hannah Buchan	Y	3
General Secretary	Jack Buksh	Y	3
Activities Officer	India Pinkney	N	0
Clubs & Societies Officer	Jordan Di Natale	Y	3
Disabilities Officer	Hue Man Dang	Y	3
Disabilities Officer	Srishti Chatterjee	N	2
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlie Joyce	N	1
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlotte Fouhy	N	0
Environment Officer	Olivia Sullivan	Y	3
Environment Officer	Sophie Kerrigan	N	2
Media Officer	Bethany Cherry	Y	2
Media Officer	Amber Meyer	Y	3
Media Officer	Sarah Peters	Y	3
Media Officer	Tharidi Walimunige	Y	3
People of Colour Officer	Nicole Nabbout	N	2
People of Colour Officer	Gurpreet Singh	Y	2
Queer Officer	Ciara O'Sullivan	Y	3
Queer Officer	A'bidah Zaid	N	0
Welfare Officer	Declan Kerger	Y	3
Welfare Officer	Natasha Guglielmino	Y	2
Women's Officer	Aria Sunga	N	2
Women's Officer	Naomi Smith	Y	2
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Joshua Munro	Y	3
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Georgia Walton Briggs	Y	3

Creative Arts Officer	Emily White	N	2
Creative Arts Officer	Olivia Bell	Y	3
Activities Officer	Hayley Stanford	Y	1
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	N	0
VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Verity Crane	N	1
VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Hayden Williams	N	2
Indigenous Officer	Shanysa Jayde McConville	Y	2
Indigenous Officer	Hope Kuchel	N	1

Other: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Sarah Black, Administration Officer; Antigone Christov-Rappos; Alec Garkaklis; Noni Bridger; Anneke D’Emanuele; Xavier Dupé; James Gallagher; Shirley Killen; Briana Symonds-Manne; Lucas Brunning-Halsall; Luca Tavan; Archit Agrawal

1.4. Apologies

Councillors: Hayley Kebbell, Nurul Juria Binte Kamal, Joshua Bruni, Masie Strong

Office Bearers: Hayden Williams, Verity Crane, Sophie Kerrigan, Aria Sunga

1.5. Proxies

Nurul Juria Binte Kamal to Allen Xiao

Joshua Bruni to Alec Garkaklis

Masie Strong to Anneke D’Emanuele

Felix Sharkey to Max Dowell when not in the room

1.6. Membership

Charli Fouhy has resigned as the Education (Public Affairs) Office Bearer

Charlie Joyce has given an intention to resign on the 23rd of January 2020 as the Education (Public Affairs) Office Bearer

Molly Willmott has resigned as a General Representative on Students’ Council

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda be adopted.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED WD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Meeting of the Students’ Council 2(20)

Motion 3: That the minutes of Students’ Council 2(20) be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED WD

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None declared.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

5.1. Correspondence RE: Clubs and Societies Regulations

Jack Buksh recommended that the correspondence about the C&S regulations should be forwarded to the C&S committee first as they're responsible for any changes to their regulations.

Motion 4: To refer this correspondence to the C&S Committee.

Moved: Christopher Melenhorst

Seconded: Hannah Buchan

CARRIED WD

PROCEDURAL to move to item 7 immediately.

Moved: Jack Buksh

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL to move in camera.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved in camera.

7. CEO Report

Motion 5: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Hanna Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED WD

PROCEDURAL to move out of camera.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera.

PROCEDURAL to move to items 9.2 to 9.8, followed by items 10 and 11.

Moved: Jack Buksh

CARRIED

9.2 Clubs and Societies Regulations

Jack: I would like to move these regulations to be approved but the C&S regulations need to be discussed by C&S Committee first.

Motion 6: To refer item 9.2 to the C&S Committee.

Moved: Jack Buksh

Seconded: Lachlan Hinds

CARRIED

9.3 Council Charter

9.4 Electoral Regulations

9.5 Financial Regulations

9.6 Regulations for Student Representatives

9.7 Standing Orders

9.8 CEO Contract Oversight Committee

Motion 7: To move to endorse items 9.3 to 9.8 en bloc.

Moved: Jack Buksh

Seconded: Lachlan Hinds

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

PROCEDURAL to cede Chair to Jack Buksh.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

10.1 DomiNO's

Discussion in support of condemning Domino's working conditions and underpayment of workers and that as a student union, we should live our morals.

'Wage theft is a big problem in our society, especially in hospitality where many students work.'

Christopher asked a question about clubs' grant applications and clubs using Dominos for their events.

Hannah clarified this is to promote using more ethical sources rather than penalize clubs.

Xavier said that wage theft is rampant due to insufficient action by the unions.

Motion 8: To move the motion with the addition of the following to the action points: UMSU condemns the Fair Work Commission established by the Gillard Government for its approval of dodgy EBAs that allow underpayment to run rampant.

Moved: Hannah Buchan

Seconded: Felix Sharkey

CARRIED

10.2 Violence Against Students in India

Discussion in support of expressing student solidarity and that it is important for a lot of people locally as well.

Andie Moore added an amendment to move on behalf of Srishti Chatterjee:

UMSU also extends solidarity to...

Motion 9: To move the motion with the amendment.

Moved: Andie Moore

Seconded: Lachlan Hines

CARRIED WD

10.3 India is an Oppressive State

Gurpreet Singh spoke to the motion. He explained that North India was called Punjab but India as a state has only existed since 1947. Sikhs were the ones who were persecuted the most. It's not a question of right wing vs left wing government, all government were doing it.

Proposed amendment: UMSU stands against all forms of Islamophobia

This was amenable to the mover.

Andie expressed proposed amendments from Srishti:

1. UMSU stands in solidarity with the Dalit community, previously unmentioned, that have been treated as inferior citizens and humans.
2. UMSU stands in solidarity with the women leading the struggle in Shaheen Bagh, and subsequently, Park Circus Maidan, lest they be forgotten.
3. UMSU condemns of the internet and communications ban, and Human Rights Violation in Kashmir.
4. UMSU clearly defining the State of India to be the ruling party and its Hindutva ideology, and not any other representation of our nation such as flags and anthems, and events with a cultural connection to the people of India. When we extend solidarity to the dissent of the people against the government, we cannot at the same time, boycott the whole state. In a democracy, the ruling party is not the whole nation. Indian students, who are often on the receiving end of intense racism in University, need to be kept safe, because a lot of their families are affected by this, and it is important to clarify and word it carefully to not vilify every association with the Indian state.

First two amendments are amenable to Gurpreet (mover).

Gurpreet to Andie: don't say thank you if you are just going to refute it. Article 25 of the constitution outlines Sikhs as Hindus. You erase our language, you erase our culture, people, identity. Don't go dismissing my story. My language was not showing on any TV in India until the 80s. It had been so good for me, we'd still be in India. I can completely say India is built on Hindutva ideology.

Archie: A major problem is the destruction of cultures and generalisation but I don't think the current motion is on the right lines. It talks about Gandhi as being a racist. Talks about a statement he gave early in life, but afterwards he changed many things. I don't think the entire country is bent on destroying the Sikh population.

Jack: Gurpreet indicated that amendments 1, 2 and 3 are amenable to him.

Jack read amendment 4 again.

Discussion around this from Archie, Nick and Gurpreet.

PROCEDURAL to give proxy from Lachlan to Varaidzo.

Moved: Jack Buksh

CARRIED

Lachie left at 2:11pm.

Gurpreet said that he doesn't understand how words on paper mean more than his family members getting killed.

Xavier: We can and should oppose the state while standing in solidarity with people in India. It's worth comparing that Australia was also built on racial oppression. An attack on one group is an attack on all and an attack on democracy. We have an interest in standing with the people side by side.

Allen relayed a message from Srishti: I am taking an active part in these protests. We aren't denying Hindu supremacy and oppression.

PROCEDURAL to move straight to a vote on amendment number 4

Moved: Gurpreet Singh

CARRIED

VOTE on amendment number 4

FAILED

VOTE on motion as a whole.

CARRIED WD

10.4 Money for EROC

Hannah spoke to the motion. She said that the donation never made it to EROC and that it's an important Whole of Union expenditure.

Motion 10: To move the motion.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair).

CARRIED WD

10.5 P2 Masks

Declan spoke to the motion and expressed that UMSU should fill in the duty of care that the University has failed to provide.

Jack said there were some quotes floating around at about \$8 a mask.

Nick: I don't think it should be our responsibility that we should provide duty of care that the University should undertake. As a Union we should only be campaigning for it.

Discussion around this.

Jack: Moving to a vote on this one.

Motion 11: To move the motion.

Moved: Jack Buksh

Seconded: Jordan Di Natale

CARRIED WD

10.6 No War in Iran

Xavier: it's worth noting that other imperialist tension ramping up is with China.

Australian naval vessels were deployed to Iran while thousands of ppl were stranded in Malacuta.

Motion 12: To move this motion.

Moved: Gurpreet Singh

Seconded: Matthew Harper-Gomm

CARRIED WD

11. Motions Without Notice (PFA)

Anneke ceded moving rights to Shirley. Shirley spoke to the motion. She stated that the the bushfires have been raging since September and that there hasn't been a response from the government including the Greens so it has to come from protests.

Hannah clarified on the action point regarding monetary support: we can't do that without the breakdown of expenditure. This would need to be provided.

Anneke said it's amenable to remove the part about the monetary support for now.

She reiterated that it's important students defend our right to protests, giving examples.

Xavier: I want to note the ways that different groups outside of Labor came out against protests. The protests show that this is a political issue. We have a crucial role in the student movement.

Motion 13: To move the motion with the amendment to strike out monetary support.
 Moved: Anneke D’Emanuele Seconded: Nick Reich
 CARRIED WD

PROCEDURAL to move to OB Reports.
 Moved: Jack Buksh
 CARRIED

PROCEDURAL to cede Chair to Hannah Buchan.
 Moved: Jack Buksh (Chair)
 CARRIED

6. Office Bearer Reports

President	Submitted <i>with recommendations</i>
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted <i>with recommendations</i>
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
Southbank	Submitted

To remove the quote at the beginning of the Welfare report.

Hannah spoke to her report and advised an amendment of the recommendation to pass funds to be \$385.

Tree encouraged everyone to sign up for misconduct training, emphasising that it's valuable experience and that Sarah Black is placed in an uncomfortable position when there are no representatives available.

Andie for Education: are you doing in person contact or outside of social media?

Georgia: We will promote at farmers markets and other places.

Allen commended Creative Arts and Media. He gave criticism to POC's report for using a Stalin quote. To the President: asked if there are updated on the Student Precint. To Education Public: asked for data and numbers of the Surge Camp attendance.

Gurpreet answered about using a Stalin quote, "we're both tankies".

Hannah: We haven't met with the Student Precinct people so no update but we're meeting in early Feb.

Georgia on Surge Camp: I'm not Ed Pub but I can relay, 15-20 people last year. Last year there wasn't much notice to engage students. This year, Comms will help with advertising.

Jess in response to Gurpreet: Stalin is well known to oppress native Siberian people. It is absolutely disgusting that there would be Stalin quote and he would try to justify that.

Tree about Surge Camp: The cost per student of SSAF was more than Destination Melbourne. My question for Jack was about training, is there any update?

Jack: That attendance was OB attendance. In terms of Council induction, Goldie's working that out. It won't be much. Hopefully accessible in the next few weeks.

Hannah Krasovec: I want to bring up recommendations from Media.

Jack provided some context on the Media Recommendations, advising that they were passed by Council last year to come from 2019 Media budget. The motion was accepted by Council, but the OB didn't submit the Payment Request form. He said that this is technically not appropriate use of Whole of Union funds and that some of the receipts are from April.

Liv: Regarding Surge Camp, I found it really beneficial last year. This year with better planning, cost shouldn't be a major concern.

Amber had a message from Steph and read it out. Steph, via Amber, apologised to Council for not making it in today and explained that the reason for the delay in getting the reimbursement approved was that Students' Council was largely inquorate last year. This made it difficult for the Media Department to access the budget and they were often left to pay from Steph's bank account.

Steph said that Op Subs can only pass up to \$1000 and they exceeded this a few times. She said that she was not aware that she could not complete the forms later and that due to these constraints there wasn't any time to do this and asked Council for leniency.

Jack: The problem is that this money has to come from somewhere but I recommend not from Whole of Union.

Hannah K: I'd like to move a motion that the money be taken from the Media budget, not Whole of Union.

Bethany: Our budget has been decreased greatly. It would greatly impact our ability to do our job as OBs.

Tree: Coming from Whole of Union does make sense and it's not that much money.

Jack: We also require 2/3 of present Councillors to pass this.

Hannah K: \$6K is a lot.

Liv: Any other place the money can come from?

Jack: No, there was a significant surplus in the Media's budget last year.

Christopher: Since the money was allocated last year and has now gone into reserves, I don't see why this is such a big deal. I think we can understand this money was set aside for this person.

Bethany: Re the surplus in the media's budget, \$6k was part of this surplus. Taking it out of Media's budget will have consequences for us.

Tree expressed support to reimburse Steph from WoU.

Tonya: Can we pass 50% to come from WoU, 50% from Media?

Tree: We don't have access to reserves any more so the best we can do is WoU.

Wei Man: It's unfair to keep Steph out of pocket.

Hannah: We are taught in training that if you spend money out of your own pocket there is no guarantee of being reimbursed.

Tree: WoU funds allocated this year were \$400,000 and I don't understand taking this out of WoU when it would severely impact Media Dept this year.

Andie expressed support for Steph to be reimbursed from WoU budget.

Tree: I never once saw us spend all the WoU funds.

Max expressed support to reimburse from WoU funds.

Amber: The Media Dept operates differently to other departments in terms of getting money passed. We don't have a committee, we rely on Council and because Council didn't meet Steph had to rely on Op Sub which can only pass up to \$1000. It sounds like we are punishing a student for something that was out of their control.

Bethany: The budget for printing – that money cannot change. There are a few flexible things. If that budget changes by \$3k or \$6k, it would skew the whole budget. We were very specific on expenditure this year. We implore you to please have the \$6k to come from WoU.

There was mention of a mid-year financial review to see if Media needed more help than if it were taken out of Media's budget.

Tree: All you're told at Financial Review is that Finance lags and the figures don't present the real picture.

Bethany: The reminder about the mid year review is fair. The idea that we will pay \$3k (50%) and be allocated funds later when we need it is fine but we would need a guarantee that that money will be passed.

Hannah: I don't see why it would be a problem coming to Council as a result of loss experienced earlier in the year.

PROCEDURAL to move to a vote.

Moved: Tree Smith

CARRIED

VOTE on an amendment to move this money out of the Media Dept budget line.

FAILED

Motion 14: To move OB Reports en bloc including the recommendations from Media, but excluding the People of Colour report.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL to suspend standing orders.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

Christopher mentioned the removal of Stalin's quote.

Gurpreet said that this is not amenable. "I understand the sentiment. Genocide is a feature of capitalism and a mistake of socialism".

Tree: We can support socialist ideology without referencing genocide.

Allen: It trivialises the genocide happening to Indigenous people.

Jess: Invasion Day is around the corner. Stalin has a long record of human rights violations, many of them against first nations people.

Tree to Gurpreet: You've just spent so long arguing against genocide and using a quote by a dictator who committed genocide.

Gurpreet said that the change is amendable.

Motion 15: to accept the People of Colour report apart from the Stalin quote.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

8.1 Closing of Nominations of Operations Sub Committee

Motion 16: to accept the Closing of Nominations of Operations Sub Committee.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

9. Operational Business

9.1 Election of Operations Sub Committee

People who were elected: Evelyn, Raiyaan, Max, Matt, Hannah K.

9.9 Opening of Nominations for the CEO Contract Oversight Committee

Jack explained the role of the Committee

Motion 17: To open the Nominations for the CEO Contract Oversight Committee.

Moved: Jack

Seconded: Christopher Melenhorst

CARRIED

9.10 Student Initiative Grant Application – Perspektif Magazine

Tree spoke about the figures, noting a disparity between the budget breakdown and the funds asked for.

Jack: I'm happy to hold this one until we get greater detail.

Motion 18: To defer this until we receive more information.

Moved: Tree Smith

Seconded: Christopher Melenhorst

CARRIED

9.11 Student Initiative Grant Report – University of Melbourne Medical Students' Society

Motion 19: To accept this report.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

9.12 Student Initiative Grant Report – MTeach

Motion 20: To accept this report.
Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)
CARRIED

12. Other Business

Will from xxx spoke. We're introducing a pride network. If anyone would be keen to work on college issues, pls feel free to have a chat with me afterwards.

Motion 21: To move a motion next council to wish Happy Birthday to Charlie Joyce
Moved: Jordan Di Natale
CARRIED

13. Next Meeting

TBA

14. Close

Closed at 3:29pm.

Motions on Notice

10.1 DomiNO's

Pizza is great, it's delicious, and it's great for feeding a lot of people at once. You know what's not delicious? Wage theft.

In June this year, Domino's was hit with a class action law suit about the company's wage theft. An investigation by RAFFWU (Retail and Fast Food Workers Union) found that workers have been denied penalty rates and entitlements for years. Domino's was deceptive and made workers sign into outdated agreements that pay lower than the award rate. Some workers are paid as little as \$10 an hour. Domino's are dodgy, and their only interests are lining the pockets of the executive with the wages of the workers. Domino's need to pay their workers what they are owed.

In the past (and including this year) UMSU has rejected Domino's request to sponsor Summerfest because of the issues outlined above. However a number of UMSU Departments and Clubs use Domino's for their events and collectives. This is anti worker, scabby, and we should not be using student money to support Domino's. We must stand in solidarity with Domino's workers and boycott the chain.

Platform

1. That UMSU stands in solidarity with all victims of wage theft.
2. That UMSU condemns Domino's for the mistreatment of their workers.

Action

1. Students' Council and any relevant departmental committees will not approve any expenditure for Domino's Pizza.
2. UMSU Student Representative and Staff Departments will not use Domino's pizza at any events, collectives, or functions.
3. The UMSU Clubs & Societies officer will communicate this information to all UMSU Clubs & Societies, and direct clubs to use alternative food vendors to cater their events.

Moved: Hannah Buchan

Seconded: Felix Sharkey

10.2 Violence Against Students' in India

Preamble:

With the new, religion-based citizenship laws recently introduced in India, many of the earliest and loudest voices to be raised against the injustice and threat of religious discrimination have also been among the most severely persecuted. In particular, students who have protested against these new laws, exercising their constitutionally guaranteed right to free speech, have been subjected to increasing acts of violence, often encouraged and abetted by the full apparatus of the Indian state. In particular, the events at two universities stand as particularly saddening:

1. Jamia Millia Islamia – on Sunday December the 15th, 2019, the Delhi Police entered the campus, and main library of the Jamia Millia Islamia (National Islamic University) in New Delhi, and proceeded to violently attack students there, many of whom were peacefully protesting, and many more of whom were not engaged in any protest whatsoever. The police allege that the protests had turned violent, however, tear gas shells were thrown into the library, which paints a different picture. The police also allege that no bullets were fired on the crowd, but at least three students were admitted to hospitals in Delhi with bullet injuries as described by the hospital. There are numerous news reports covering the events:

- a. <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/jamia-students-scarred-by-the-violence-on-campus/article30337401.ece>
 - b. <https://thewire.in/government/jamia-millia-islamia-caa-protest-police-firing>
2. Jawaharlal Nehru University – on the night of the 5th of January, 2020, a mob of masked people, armed with weapons such as rods, entered the campus of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), and began attacking the residential hostels in which students live. Ominously, over one hundred members of the Delhi Police stood guard outside the campus during this attack, and did little, if anything, to quell the violence. Over thirty people required admission to hospitals in Delhi, including several to intensive care and trauma units. In particular, the president of the JNU Students’ Union, Aishe Ghosh, was hit in the head with iron rods, and three professors of the university were also attacked, and required admission to the hospital. Currently, the attack seems to have been perpetrated by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidhyarti Parishad, a students’ organisation that is a part of the Hindu-nationalist Sangh Parivar, a group of ideologically aligned organisations that includes India’s ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. News reports of the events include:
- a. <https://time.com/5760597/what-happened-during-jnu-attack-india/>
 - b. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/01/jnu-attack-police-file-fir-injured-student-union-leader-200107070940222.html>
 - c. <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/01/06/india/india-mob-attack-jnu-intl/index.html>

Sadly, even after these attacks, the media might of the government has been turned against these students, and instead of proper action being taken against the perpetrators of violence, the continuous refrain is that the students themselves are ‘anti-India’. The Home Minister of India, Amit Shah, himself, has made Islamophobic statements to this effect, suggesting that the students were motivated by Islamism, and should be incarcerated for protesting (<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/amit-shah-says-those-who-raised-anti-national-slogans-at-jnu-deserve-jail-2162884>).

Platform:

Standing in solidarity with the students of Jamia Millia Islamia and Jawaharlal Nehru University at this time when they are being persecuted and attacked for raising their voices against injustice, and with the JNU Students’ Union, for showing the continued courage of standing up for their rights in the face of intimidation and opposition. Condemning the violence being perpetrated against students on these campuses, and calling for a systematic and unbiased investigation into the people and institutions responsible.

Action:

I would greatly appreciate UMSU publishing a statement, online or in whichever medium is most appropriate, expressing the sentiments of solidarity with the students of Jamia Millia Islamia and Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi and with the JNU Students’ Union I outlined in the platform section; and offering support to international students from India who may have friends or relatives affected in these attacks.

About Me:

My name is Aaron Bhat, I am a student in my fifth year at the University of Melbourne.

Moved: Aaron Bhat

Seconded:

10.3 India is an oppressive state

Preamble

The modern day state of India is a state built on apartheid and genocide. Since its inception in 1947, minorities such as Sikhs and Muslims have been treated as second class citizens in favour of upholding the Hindutva (Hindu Supremacy) ideology that India was built on.

You don't have to look too far past the privileged bubble that many live in to see Muslim beef sellers getting lynched in the streets, Sikh truck drivers being shot by the police and any activists who dare bring this up are arrested, executed or 'disappeared'. This is amplified by the 2019 Citizenship Amendment Act which essentially brands Muslims as non-citizens of India and the subsequent heavy handed crackdown on protesters- many of them students- against this bill.

It's easy for many who call themselves progressives to chalk this up to simply nationalistic sentiment drummed up Modi and the BJP in recent years, however this privileged outlook forgets that the very state many call Bharat or Mother India is built on the blood and bones of minorities. It's true that the founder of the BJP idolised Hitler and Mussolini's ideas of racial purity and kept a copy of Mein Kampf by his bedside, but so called 'revolutionary' and hero of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi was a racist who would fit right in with the modern day's BJP views on race. While Gandhi was in South Africa he wrote that white people there should be "the predominating race." and that black people "are troublesome, very dirty and live like animals." The same man whose statues are getting torn down in Ghana is the same one on the official currency of India and who is revered as the founding father of the nation.

Despite making up 2% of the population, 80% of the people killed by the British for anti-colonial struggle were Sikhs but a centrist collaborator in Gandhi is revered across the nation for 'nonviolent struggle.' Living a cushy life licking the boots of the English doesn't make you a hero, it makes you a sell out. Sikhs are the ones who took the bullets of the English for Hindus to live peacefully, and in return what do Sikhs get? Their holiest shrine invaded on their holy day and 100,000 youth killed over a 10 year genocide. It's important to remember that all of this happened under the so called 'progressive' alternative to the BJP, Congress.

There is no redeeming quality about the state of India, its founders and its institutions stand on the graves of millions of dead minorities. UMSU calls itself a progressive student union that stands with oppressed people in their struggle, it's time to put its money where its mouth is and recognise the state of India for what it is.

Motion

UMSU recognises that the modern day state of India is a state built on apartheid and genocide

UMSU recognises that the struggle for Indian independence was led by minorities

UMSU recognises that minorities in India are oppressed to this day and oppression will not stop unless there is self-determination for all oppressed peoples across the world

UMSU pledges to boycott institutions that promote the state of India or Hindutva ideology

The UMSU President is directed to publish a statement of solidarity with students currently protesting anti-Muslim laws as well as a statement condemning India's existence as an oppressive state on

UMSU Facebook.

Mover Gurpreet Singh

Seconder Nicole Nabbout

10.4 Money for EROC

In 2018, the UMSU Women's Department ran a rally to combat sexual violence on campus. A BBQ Fundraiser was done to raise money for the not for profit advocacy group, End Rape On Campus.

Unfortunately, in the pack up of the rally, the box of donations was misplaced. The 2018 Women's Officers attempted to find this cash box of donations up until the end of their terms, but were unsuccessful. In this period of searching, the cash box was found in an office of UMSU and donations were put back into the Women's budget at the end of the year, so the donations were never given to EROC. The money was unspent and then went into the reserves of the union. The amount that was found was \$260.85.

All parties in this situation agree that it was an oversight and there should have been a higher degree of responsibility about this box of donations. The 2018 UMSU, and UMSU Women's team are deeply regretful that this money never made it to EROC and believe that we should be rectifying this by moving money now as a donation.

EROC is run mostly voluntarily, and their work with reports like The Red Zone regarding college hazing, and the legislative push to legalise survivors being able to discuss their story publicly in Tasmania and the NT has been overwhelmingly positive for the movement. UMSU should consider, especially given the national survey into sexual violence on campus and other issues, a larger donation to EROC to support their work. This should be discussed at a future council after discussion with the EROC team.

Motion: That Students' Council pass \$260.85 from Whole of Union (non-SSAF tied) to donate to End Rape on Campus

Image 1: receipt of cash being banked into the UMSU Women's department budget

Information Centre - Daily Taking			UMSU Information Centre Ground Floor, Union House The University of Melbourne 3010 Tax Invoice A.B.N. = 78 125 531 707		
DATE : 14/11/2018			DATE: 14/11/2018 TIME: 11:46 AM Operator: Thomas - M Trans.#: 13610 Till: T1 Info Centre Daily 14/11/2018		
CASH RECONCILIATION (BANKINGS)			FROM		
Denomination	# of notes/coins	Amount	Description	Acco	
\$100		\$0.00	Information Centre	03-70-	
\$50	2	\$100.00	IC Equipment Hire	03-70-	
\$20	5	\$100.00	Locker Hire	03-70-	
\$10	3	\$30.00	AV Hire - UMSU	03-70-	
\$5		\$0.00	AV Hire - External	03-70-	
\$2	18	\$36.00	AV Hire - C&S	03-70-	
\$1	30	\$30.00	UMSU Admin	03-70-	
50c	51	\$25.50	Activities	03-60-	
20c	6	\$1.20	C&S Orientation	03-60-	
10c	29	\$2.90	MUOSS	03-10-	
5c	25	\$1.25	Arts Programs	03-70-	
Total Cash	02-00-100-7002	\$326.85	Legal Service	02-30-	
Cheque	01-00-100-7001		Queer	03-60-	
EFTPOS	02-00-100-8208	\$197.00	Movie Tix	03-70-720-1110	\$45.00 \$4.09 \$49.09
Visa/Mastercard	02-00-100-8208		Summer School		\$0.00 \$0.00
AMEX	01-00-100-8210		Womens	03-60-600-3839	\$260.85 \$23.71 \$237.14
Internal Transfer	01-00-100-8209		Total Takings		\$523.85 \$47.62 \$476.23
Total Banking		\$523.85			GST account: 01-00-100-8251
RECONCILIATION			EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE		
Total Banking	\$523.85				
Total Takings	\$523.85				
Difference	\$0.00	01-30-390-1981			
SIGN OFF					
Seal Number:	124790393		Reviewed by:		
Prepared by:	Thomas		Signature:		
Signature:			Date:		
Date:	05/12/2019				
INSTRUCTIONS					
Please complete in excel; only SHADED CELLS require input					
Please ensure takings agrees with the RMS Z-report					
Please do not include float in daily takings - please keep float and takings separately					
Please ensure you have adequately resolved unders and overs before submitted to finance					
Please only complete one days takings at a time					
Please ensure signed off prior to submission to finance or it will be immediately returned					
Version: 17/07/07					
ACCOUNTING USE					
Receipted in Great Plains Posted in Great Plains			Date:		
			Date:		

Moved: Hannah Buchan
 Seconded: Naomi Smith

Purchase of P2 Masks:

Preamble:

Australia has suffered catastrophic bushfires over the past few months, with the eastern coast being the heaviest hit. These fires are directly a result of climate change, with Australia getting hotter and drier every year. Due to the intensity of the fires, smoke haze has covered the city of Melbourne resulting in reduced visibility and respiratory problems for many people. Doctors have advised people to stay indoors during the period, since the smoke haze has resulted in many people struggling to breathe.

As students and staff have an obligation to come into the University of Melbourne during this period due to the Summer Term period as well as other obligations, it is therefore the responsibility of the university to provide a duty of care to its staff and students. This means mitigating the dangers of smoke haze through providing P2 masks or cancelling classes. However, despite the creation of a Bushfire Response Working Group, there has been no actions taken to ensure the safety of students and staff on campus in hazardous conditions.

In the absence of this, UMSU must step up and do the university's job for them by providing these resources through the union itself to students that need it. While this is not our job, student safety is our responsibility. We hope that by doing this we will show the university the action that needs to be taken.

Motion:

To approve \$500 from the Whole of Union budget for the procurement of P2 masks to be distributed at the Info Desk.

Moved: Declan Kerger **Seconded:** Charlie Joyce

Motion: No War On Iran!

Preamble

Australia burns. Meanwhile, Morrison wants to follow Trump into another endless US imperial war. This will lead to indescribable suffering, thousands of deaths and will touch millions of lives. It will also further destabilise the region and make the world less safe.

War in Iran will also have a devastating effect on the climate crisis. The carbon footprint of the US war machine is as much as 140 countries combined!

No one except politicians and billionaire war profiteers stands to benefit from this war.

Australia must not continue to support Trump's destructive foreign policy. We must not support war in Iran and must withdraw our forces from Iraq. Australia needs to say no to supporting the endless US imperial wars!

UMSU has a proud history of opposing imperialist wars and Australia's involvement, from the Vietnam to Iraq. We must continue this and oppose Morrison and Trump's war on Iran.

Motion

1. To unconditionally oppose war on Iran and further imperialist wars wherever they are.
2. To endorse the 25th January No War On Iran protest, organised by the Independent and Peaceful Australia Network and the Worker Student Alliance.
3. To commit to taking further action should war be escalated.

Moved: Charlie Joyce

Seconded: Gurpreet Singh

Motions Without Notice

UMSU stands for climate justice now

Preamble

Since September the bush fire season has been raging across Australia. More than 10 million hectares have burnt, 26 people have died, 1000s of homes lost and over a billion animals have perished. The season started earlier, has been more intense and is predicted to last longer than previous fire seasons. This is projected to become the new normal.

This is not a natural disaster. This is a crisis caused by runaway climate change and our system's insatiable appetite for profit. We need to fight for 100% renewables and a complete transition away from the fossil fuel industry.

The Liberal government's response to this unprecedented crisis has been disgraceful. Scott Morrison has mocked survivors, disregarded the tragic deaths of fire victims and holidayed in Hawaii while the country faced some of its worst fire days in history. Compensation for firefighters and those who have lost their homes has come shamefully late and amounts to small change for a government that is willing to spend 225 billion dollars on a submarine fleet.

Both parties are committed to maintaining Australia's fossil fuel industry. The ALP's suggested emissions reduction target is almost identical to the Liberals' and in the midst of the devastation, Anthony Albanese took time to reiterate the Labor Party's dedication to coal. In response to climate activism in Australia, state and federal governments have attempted to curtail civil liberties.

Over the last year, millions across the globe have marched for climate action. University students have been at the forefront of the political response to the bushfire crisis, mobilising 100 000 across Australia, with 30 000 protestors taking to the streets in Melbourne despite attempts by the government and police to call off the demonstration. We've seen a youth-led movement that has changed global consciousness around climate change. This year we need a bigger, more militant movement to fight for real action on the climate.

Platform

- UMSU supports protests against climate change
- UMSU recognises and opposes the bipartisan support for the fossil fuel industry
- UMSU opposes the actions of the Daniel Andrews government in attempting to curtail the democratic rights of protesters, and his support for the Victorian Police
- UMSU opposes any attempt to curtail democratic civil rights and liberties
- UMSU condemns the University of Melbourne's continuing support for fossil fuel industries, including investment into and research alongside arms companies
 - o UMSU opposes attempts by the University of Melbourne to greenwash and demands that the university transition to 100% renewables and a zero carbon footprint

Action

- UMSU will lend monetary and material support to climate campaigns in Melbourne and on campus
 - o Including the Uni Student Climate Strike organised for March 13
- Student councillors and office-bearers will participate in and promote climate actions, including but not limited to the following actions:
 - o At Oweek, all departments will promote and advertise the March 13 day of action with leaflets in Oweek bags and on stalls, including at commencement ceremonies at the REB
 - o The UMSU president will write a president's news for the first week of semester inviting all students to attend the March 13 day of action

- The UMSU environment officers will make official UMSU announcements promoting the March 13 day of action in 1st year orientation sessions
- The education and environment departments will organise professional banners on the exterior of Union House to promote the March 13 day of action – this will occur before Oweek