University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
CONFIRMED Minutes
11:00 AM, 28.4.2016
Meeting 9(16)
Location: Training Room 1, 3rd floor Union House

Meeting opened at 11:05am by Danielle Bagnato

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That the Danielle Bagnato be appointed as Chair
Mover: Danielle Bagnato  Seconder: Martin Ditmann
CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students’ Councillors:

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Other: Martin Ditmann, Jesse Krause, Alexandra Ahano, Jeremy Gibson, Jade Eckhaus

Staff: Goldie Pergl (UMSU Admin)

1.4 Apologies

Hayden Michaelides, Reanna Clark, Xue Lan Tan, Cass Prigg

1.5 Proxies

Hayden Michaelides to Liam Leyden

Reanna Clark to Millie Austin-Andrews

Cass Prigg to Jesse Krause

1.6 Membership

No Changes

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda, dealing with Item 8 immediately, and then from 2 onwards
Mover: Danielle Bagnato (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Operational Business

8.1 Election of Temporary President

*Legal advice and letters of nomination attached*

*Nominations received:*

-Tyson Holloway-Clarke

James Bashford announced that no further nominations had been received.

Tyson congratulated James on his work as interim President and thanked him for his work in this time.

Motion 3: That Students’ Council elect Tyson Holloway-Clarke unopposed to the position of President until such time as a by-election can be run.

Mover: James Bashford  Seconder: Gulsara Kaplun

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

There was a round of applause for Tyson.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

N/A

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

4.1 Nomination for President: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

Noted

6. Office Bearer Reports

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Questions surrounding CADMUS were tabled – asking what the perceived need from the Uni actually is

Motion 4: That the OBs reports be presented en bloc

Mover: Danielle Bagnato (Chair)

CARRIED

7. General Manager’s Report

Justin Baré was away

Council asked the status of the conversations with MUSUL re: termination of the FSA. James Bashford replied that MUSUL had, after 2 unanswered emails, confirmed after they do not want to terminate the FSA.

Councillors raised concern regarding the lack of a by-election for the Presidential position.

The timing of the submission of the legal advice (Thursday the 21st April) would’ve mean that Council had to call the by-election on the 25th of April (ANZAC Day) at the latest.

Council expressed disappointment that this advice was so late.

Motion 5: To accept Justin Baré’s GM report

Mover: Caleb Triscari Seconder: Martin Ditmann

CARRIED

8. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Media Department Expenditure

**Motion 6:**

1. That Students’ Council approves the transfer of $1000 from the Media Special Projects and Events line (3839) to the Media Radio/Video line (3744).

2. That Students’ Council approves the expenditure of up to $200 from the Media Radio/Video line for podcast hosting services.

3. That Students’ Council approves $50 from Media Special Projects and Events budget line for a powerboard

Moved: Caleb Triscari Seconded: Danielle Bagnato

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.2 National Day of Action
The next National Day of Action against the federal government’s attacks on higher education is coming up on May 11. This one is especially important, as follows the Budget on May 3 which will see Turnbull and Birmingham concretely lay out their plans for the sector. What we know already is that the government has committed to increasing student HECS contribution and directly cutting funding to universities, as part of a move towards fee deregulation that Birmingham has announced as the government’s ultimate aim.

As such it is essential that UMSU throws its full weight behind the National Day of Action. The day will see a campus action at 12:30pm in South Court, with the campus contingent then marching down to the State Library for the central action at 2pm. The last NDA was a clear success with over 400 students at the central action, but any hope of defeating the government’s attacks requires the mobilisation of even greater numbers for both this and later NDAs.

Motion:

1. That UMSU endorses the upcoming National Day of Action.

2. That UMSU will publicise the National Day of Action via both an email to members and an item on the UMSU website.

3. That Students’ Council directs the President of the Student Union to send an email to union members that specifically advertises the National Day of Action and campus action, and informs students of the attacks to higher education.

4. That Students’ Council directs all office bearers to attend the campus demonstration at 12:30pm, 11th of May, in South Court and join the march to the central demonstration at the state library.

5. That Students’ Council directs all USMU departments not to hold events that conflict with the National Day of Action.

6. That Students’ Council directs all UMSU departments to promote the National Day of Action via every appropriate avenue, including but not limited to:

   a. Emailing department lists and collectives

   b. Having National Day of Action material at all department events

   c. Having posters and leaflets in department spaces, such as the Queer Space and Women’s Room

   d. Having National Day of Action posters displayed in department notice boards in Union House.

Moved: Anneke Demanuele  
Seconder: Akira Boardman

Anneke spoke to the motion, highlighting the importance of Department participation.
Caleb asked that the word ‘directs’ be changed to ‘encouraged’ for parts 4, 5, & 6. Media have a prearranged event on that day at the VCA – so would not be able to attend.

This was amenable to the mover.

Sarah Xia asked that part 5 be struck from the motion as many autonomous departments already have events on at that time.

Council discussed the pro’s and cons of protests and the need for action.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION:** that the speaking time be cut to 2 minutes per speaker

**Mover:** Danielle Bagnato

**CARRIED**

Jade Eckhaus asked for an amendment to the motion – to add “7. That each department organise its own contingent to attend the rally

This is amenable to the mover.

Tyson Holloway–Clarke encouraged participation in the rally, but encouraged OBs to use their discretion. Many collectives are not comfortable with rallies, for varying reasons, such as uncomfortableness in crowds, around police, and general anxiety.

General discussion about the effectiveness of protest

11:52 am – Tamara Hunt leaves and proxies to Harry Adam.

Megan Pollock and Adriana Mells leave

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Moved: Anneke Demanuele Seconder: Akira Boardman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Legal Advice:

Councillors expressed their disappointment regarding the lateness of the advice, and suggested that a discount be sought.

Motion 8: To approve $250 from the contingency budget line to pay for the legal advice sought re: the interim president.

Mover: James Bashford Seconder: Caleb Triscari

CARRIED

9. Other Reports

Nil

12:01pm: Darcy Thornton left, proxying to Kelly Smith

10. Motions on Notice

Note: The below Constitutional changes were for discussion around the ideas – not on specific constitutional wording. Council is to vote on the wording of any such amendments at the next meeting, on Tuesday the 3rd of May, 2016

9.1 People of Colour Constitutional Changes

The People of Colour Collective and other relevant collectives have prepared a range of proposals for constitutional changes as outlined in the attached rationale document.

Sarah Xia spoke to the motion and the need for the department within the Union and the wider University Community.

James Bashford presented the survey which had been run. He reminded councillors that the survey was in no way definitive, and had 94 responses.

Jade Eckhaus raised the issue of tokenism regarding the new department, and suggested that every department should be fighting racism on campus. She suggested that this was a bureaucratic solution to the problem.

Gulsara Kaplun supported the idea of the department but raised issues with the name of the department.

Sarah Xia responded that the term ‘ethno-cultural’ was too broad for such a department.
Tyson Holloway–Clarke said that it was up to UMSU to ensure that the tokenism isn’t the outcome and that it was essential that UMSU provides representation and support to this group.

General discussion about definition of Person of Colour and the issues surrounding the

**Motion 9:** Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.

Introducing a People of Colour Department

Moved: Sarah Xia  
Seconded: Tyson Holloway Clarke  
CARRIED  
1 ABSTENTION

**Motion 10:** Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.

Introducing a People of Colour representative on Students’ Council

Moved: Sarah Xia  
Seconded: Tyson Holloway Clarke  
CARRIED  
1 Abstention

**Motion 11:** Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.

Adopting the proposed definition of “Person of Colour”

Moved: Sarah Xia  
Seconded: Tyson Holloway Clarke  
CARRIED  
2 Abstentions

**Motion 12:** Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.

Adopting the proposed aims of the People of Colour Department

Moved: Sarah Xia  
Seconded: Tyson Holloway Clarke  
CARRIED  
1 Abstention

9.2 Women’s Constitutional Changes

The Wom*n’s Department has prepared a range of proposals for constitutional changes as outlined in the attached rationale document.

Discussion around the politics of Affirmative Action and its place in the political forum.
General discussion about the culture of UMSU and the presence of women and the need for such a rule.

Adriana Mells clarified that the change was brought up in the 2015 Constitutional Working Group

Discussion about worse case-scenarios – this change would ensure women always get a say in UMSU.

Jade Eckhaus suggested that a left wing man is better elected than a right wing woman and talked about the recent LTSU elections.

Harry Adams suggested that having 4/7 committee members as women places a higher burden on women to attend

Lizzie Nicholson left at 12:44pm

Discussion about autonomous departments being able to make a judgement on these issues.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to a vote
Mover: Gulsara Kaplun
CARRIED

Motion 13: Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.

Increasing Affirmative Action to 50% rounded up

Moved: Frances Connors Seconded: Reanna Clark
CARRIED 5 Against

Motion 14: Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12

Removing the asterisk from “Wom*n’s”

Moved: Frances Connors Seconded: Reanna Clark
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 15: Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12

Changing the definition of “Woman” to be trans-inclusive

Moved: Frances Connors Seconded: Reanna Clark
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT
Motion 16: Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.
Introducing Affirmative Action for Women of Colour within the Women’s department Office Bearers and Committee
Moved: Frances Connors Seconded: Reanna Clark
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 17: Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.
Introducing Affirmative Action for Office Bearer positions where there is more than one Office Bearer.
Moved: Frances Connors Seconded: Reanna Clark
CARRIED

Procedural motion: To move 9.3 and 9.4 en bloc
Mover: James Bashford
CARRIED

Motion 18: Student’s Council gives in principle endorsement for the following proposed changes and directs the General Secretary to prepare & distribute final drafts for the next meeting of Council on May 3rd, to be proposed at an SGM in Week 12.

a) Replacing “MUOSS” with “UMSU International”

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Correcting the number of voting members of council in section 49.1
Mover: James Bashford Seconder: Danielle Bagnato
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting
   Tuesday, May 3rd, 12:00 PM

13. Close

Meeting closed at 1:01pm