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3. UMSU rejects the slanderous claims of anti-semitism laid against the Palestine solidarity campaign by Zionist groups such as the Australian Union of Jewish Students, and affirms that it is not racist to oppose the crimes of the Israeli state.

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5. That UMSU joins the international BDS campaign initiated by over 170 Palestinian civil society groups in 2005.

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7. That USMU calls on the University of Melbourne to break all ties with Israeli institutions including Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and businesses such as British Aerospace Engineering which supplies the Israeli Defence Force with weaponry.

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6. **Other Reports**
   - Justin Baré, UMSU GM

7. **Operational Business**

Operations Sub Committee Meeting 12/9/14
Nominations received from Ruby Healer, Allie Ballantyne and Nellie Montague

8. **Motions on Notice**

8.1 **Protest Against BIP**

Preamble

The University of Melbourne is continuing with its plan to implement the Business Improvement Program, complete with 540 job cuts. To recap, the administration is crying poor over the decrease in federal funding. The University, however, is one of the richest in the country, with an operating surplus well in excess of 100 million dollars per year. The Vice Chancellor alone receives over one million dollars in reimbursement per year while presiding over one of the most highly ranked universities in the country. Despite its wealth and prestige, the University has the lowest paid professional staff of any of the Group of 8 Universities.

The National Tertiary Education Union has been organising a campaign in response to these attacks, and is calling a rally for Wednesday the 24th of September against the job cuts. The Union is seeking UMSU's support, and it is incumbent upon UMSU to meet this request, given that the NTEU has supported the student campaign against fee deregulation and deserves our solidarity in
their current campaign.

Action
1. That Students` Council endorses the proposed staff/student protest against the Business Improvement Program job cuts to be held on Wednesday 24 September.

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8.2 Sydney University withdraws invitation to Sri Lankan human rights organisations

The University of Sydney has capitulated to the requests of Sri Lankan police and military, in withdrawing invitations to Sri Lankan human rights organisations from attending its international conference, Enhancing Human Rights and Security.

The United Nations and Amnesty International have acknowledged Sri Lanka as being responsible for gross human rights violations and war crimes. No Australian university should help the Sri Lankan government hide its genocide of an estimated 40 000 Sri Lankan Tamils, according to Human Rights Watch figures.

Instruments of the Sri Lankan state should have no authority to cherry-pick attendants of conferences discussing human rights organised by Australian universities. The Sri Lankan army and police are well known for employing PR organisations to hide the ongoing genocide of the Tamil minority in Sri Lanka.

The alliance between Sri Lanka and Australia is particularly criminal as it dovetails with Australia`s indefinite detention of Tamil refugees on the basis of secret intelligence provided by the Australian Secret Intelligence Organisation (ASIO). There are approximately 46 ASIO-negative Tamil refugees currently under indefinite detention after fleeing for their lives.

Motion:

That the Students` Council opposes the removal of Sri Lankan human rights groups by the University of Sydney to its conference `Enhancing human rights and security in the Asia Pacific International Conference`.

That Students` Council opposes any Australian university covering up the genocide of the Sri Lankan Government, particularly at a human rights conference.

That Students` Council opposes Australia indefinitely detaining Sri Lankan refugees deemed security risks by ASIO.

That Students` Council endorses the protest called by the Refugee Action Network against one year of Operation Sovereign Borders on October 11th, 2pm at the State Library.

Mover: Duncan Wallace  
Seconder: Georgie Atwool

9. Other Business
10. Next Meeting

11. Close
Meeting declared inquorate at 12:30pm by Declan McGonigle

In Attendance:

Councillors: Rebekah Drake, Kathryn Yan, Tom Hayes, Shanley Price, Patrick Clearwater, Ruby Healer, Pat Dollard

OBs: Sam Donnelly, Sophia Liu, Hanna McCreath, Maddee Clarke, Stephanie Kilpatrick, Annalivia Carli Hannan, Ella Fabry, Keegan barker, Tom Walker, Rachel Withers, Declan McGonigle, Mick Roe

Other: Ben Fournitois, Duncan Nallane, Feiyi Zhang, Emma Doole, Georgie Attivolli, Kim Doyle, Audrey Whybrow, Jacob Sacher, Anita Berman, Daniella Silverstein, Danielle Cohen, Ethan Kruntz, Jade Eckhaus

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   Daniel Sullivan, Tom Hayes, Ellie Ryan, James Bashford
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20. Other Business

21. Next Meeting

22. Close
University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

2 PM, 09.09.14

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Meeting 18

Training Rooms Union House

Meeting opened at 2:09 by Maddee Clarke

23. Procedural Matters

1.15 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Maddee Clarke be elected Chair
Mover: Maddee Clarke   Seconder: Sarina Murray
CARRIED

1.16 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
So Acknowledged

1.17 Attendance

OBs: Maddee Clarke, Caroline Ridler, Hanna McCreath, Zoe Efron, Kevin Hawkins, Sean Watson, Michelle See-tho, Alexa Thompson, Sarina Murray, Ella Fabry, Cin Templeton
Councillors: Matt Thomas, Ruby Healer, Tyson Holloway-Clarke, Simon Farley, Patrick Clearwater, James Bashford, Shanley Price, Eleanor Ryan, Daniel Sullivan, Tom Hayes
Staff: Justin Baré and Goldie Pergl
Other: Hersha Kadhol, Annette Demanule, Jeremy Gibson, Lia Vassoloukuis, Lawrence Lim, Faisal Al-Asaad, Emma Dook, Jesse Lambourn

1.18 Membership

Tom Walker and Rachel Withers Leave of Absence

Motion 2: That Tom Walker and Rachel Withers be granted leave for the 22 – 26th of August, 2014
Mover: Maddee Clarke (Chair)
CARRIED

1.19 Apologies

Jim Smith, Allie Ballantyne, Tom Hayes

1.20 Proxies

Jim > Shanley

1.21 Adoption of Agenda
Motion 3: That the Agenda be adopted, changing the order of business to agree with the Standing Orders – so financial and governance issues are dealt with first.

Mover: Maddee Clarke (Chair)

CARRIED

24. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 12 August 2014, see appendix for minutes.
- 21 August 2014, see Appendix for minutes
- 27 August 2014, See Appendix (INQUORATE)

Motion 4: To confirm the minutes of 12 August 2014, 21 August 2014, 27 August 2014, as a true and accurate record

Mover: Maddee Clarke (Chair)

CARRIED

25. Operational Business

- Confidential Staffing issues

  Motion 5: that the UMSU Students’ Council move in camera with the exemption of Goldie Pergl and Justin Baré
  Mover: Maddee Clarke (Chair)
  CARRIED

Meeting moves in camera at 2:17pm

During this, Tom Hayes comes to the meeting, proxying to Patrick Clearwater, then leaves

Meeting moves out of camera at 2:50 pm

During the in camera part of the meeting, Students’ Council endorsed commencing a consultation process in relation to organisational change

- Principals of Selection draft policy
  Brief discussion regarding proposed policy.
  Vote on policy delayed to next council

26. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

27. Motions on notice regarding Financial and Governance Motions

5.1 SoS Conference

Preamble: On July 1st to 5th the Students of Sustainability Conference is being held at Australia National University, Canberra. Over 5 days, 400 students from across the country will participate in workshops, plenaries and skillshares to learn how to campaign for a more environmentally and socially just world. This year, a number of University of Melbourne students, together with students from other universities across the state are taking a bus up and back from Canberra.

Motion: To pass $500 for bus hire to and from Canberra for Students of Sustainability Conference from budget line ‘Whole of Union’.

Moved: Patrick Dollard  Seconded: Daniel Sullivan

MOTION WITHDRAWN
PROCEDURAL MOTION: To discuss all financial motions separately, but vote en bloc
Mover: Ruby Healer
MOTION FAILS

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Ella Fabry chair Council for the next motion, as Maddee wishes to speak to the motion
Mover: Maddee Clarke  Seconder: Shanley Price
CARRIED

5.2 Indigenous Dept Motion
Maddee requests that the amount be changed from $2000 to $3000.
Preamble: The 2014 National Indigenous University games being hosted by the University of Western Australia this year has seen an unprecedented level of interest by the University of Melbourne Indigenous student community. This is one of the most important calendar events for Indigenous students. It is a place for students to form networks and represent university communities around Australia, and is often covered by various press outlets. This funding is needed to ensure that all our students have safe transport to and from Perth for the Indigenous games. A combination of location and greater student participation has seen our budget overrun from its allocated amount. We had planned to partially subsidise the places, but we’ve found that partial subsidies would mean many would be prevented from attending.

Motion 6: To transfer $3000.00 from the Whole of Union fund into the Indigenous grants line for the purposes of sending students to the Indigenous Games.
Mover: Kyle Webb  Seconder: Tyson Holloway-Clarke
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Maddee Clarke resume the Chair
Mover: Ella Fabry  Seconder: Maddee Clarke
CARRIED

5.3 Summer School
The VCE Summer School, an UMSU program to help prepare VCE students particularly from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds with the help of volunteer university students, is finalising its budget and prices for the 2015 program. Traditionally the program offers places to some VCE students from refugee backgrounds to provide them with additional skills and encourage them to consider tertiary education. This is done through a relationship with the Brotherhood of St Laurence. We would like to continue and expand this partnership, potentially involving other organisations. This Students’ Council has previously shown its support for the rights of refugees in a number of motions. Providing a number of places on the VCE Summer School program would be a tangible way of demonstrating this support and allow the program to increase the number of these students involved.

Motion 7: To grant the Summer School $3000 from the Whole of Union Budget line to offer 15-20 bursary places to VCE Students from refugee backgrounds.
5.4 Media Dept Motion

Preamble

Due to the overwhelming number of candidates in the student union elections this year, the UMSU election guide had to cover 40 pages in edition six of Farrago. To put this into context, the election guides of the past two years have been only 20 and 28 pages respectively. We over-budgeted for the election guide this year, making room to pay for up to 32 pages. When we saw that we would need more than that, we chose to save money by printing the election guide on cheaper paper, opting for a cheaper binding option than last year, and cutting pages out of the rest of Farrago to accommodate for the extra cost. Despite this, the election guide still put us $1500 behind on where we anticipated our budget to be. If this money is not approved, we will have to print significantly smaller amounts of editions seven and eight this year, which would be a real disappointment.

We’ve done everything we thought reasonable to remain on budget and avoid this situation, but unfortunately the sheer volume of candidates this year has made this necessary.

Discussion regarding launch parties, previous years circulation numbers, value of celebrating launch parties

Motion 8: that $1500 be moved from ‘Whole of Union’ to the Media Department ‘Printing’ budget to cover extra costs for this year’s UMSU election guide.

M: Zoe Efron                      S: Simon Farley

CARRIED

Matt Thomas leaves at 3:05pm, proxying to Simon Farley

28. Correspondence

Letter from the Victorian Human Rights Commission – regarding the potential for Racial and Religious vilification at Universities.

The Council noted that it received it, and requested for it to be sent around to all councillors and OBs

29. Office Bearers’ Reports (see below)

Activities
No OBs present, no reports received

Creative Arts
No OBs present, no reports received

Clubs
Been organising Welfare training for clubs, and grants. Lots of grants

Disabilities:
No OBs present, no reports received

**Welfare**

No OBs present, no reports received

**Indigenous**

Working on sending students to the indigenous games, fundraising, and getting grants

**Enviro**

The Environment Department has continued running its regular events in the wake of a successful Enviro Week. In collaboration with Sustainable Campus, we held a well-attended Ride to Uni Breakfast. We were very excited to have this event catered by the Food Co-op, and Ho Ho’s canteen. With the use of the Food Co-ops mugs, we were able to promote and encourage a waste-free event.

Our weekly Bike Co-ops, in North Court on Thursdays from 9-11 have also proved popular, with our bike mechanic kept busy helping people out with their bike repairs. Fortnightly Play with Your Food dinners have also continued to be attended by a number of regulars, as well as new people each week. We will also be recommencing our fortnightly film screenings on Thursdays, with a range of documentaries planned.

Fossil Free MU has been very busy, planning the referendum. It will be held from the 15th, through an online platform. This has taken a significant amount of work and recruitment of volunteers, and will be a positive contribution to the rest of the campaign’s communication and indicators of support.

We are also communicating with Friends of the Earth on how we can assist in engaging with students on their new campaign. In addition, we are looking into ways through which we can create opportunities for students to engage with environmental and sustainability related projects on campus. This is occurring through our active involvement in, and support for, the Green Innovation Fund initiative, as well as further collaboration with Sustainable Campus.

**Wom*ns**

Running anti-racism workshops. just ran a fabulous Women in Commerce week

**Queer**

No OBs present, no reports received

**VCA**

No OBs present, no reports received

**Burnley**

No OBs present, no reports received

**Media**

*Media Office Bearer Report 27.08.2014*

**Election Guide**
The election guide is finished! Hurray! Due to the sheer number of candidates this year, we had to extend the election guide over 40 pages (compared to the 28 pages of last year and 20 the year before). Even though we had over-budgeted for the election guide, anticipating 32 pages, this still wasn’t enough to accommodate all of the candidates this year. We recommend that Students’ Council allow an extra $1500 from All of Union to be moved into the Media Dept. printing budget to cover the extra required cost of the extra pages in the election guide.

**Farrago**

We had to cut pages out of this Farrago to help pay for the extra pages of the election guide. Including the election guide, this Farrago will be 100 pages long, so the longest Farrago ever (as far as we know). We printed 4500 copies, 500 more than a usual run, but 500 less than previous years’ election editions. They have been available since Friday August 29.

**Website**

We are currently working with Comms and their web developer to develop our Farrago site within the UMSU site. It will hopefully have a whole new design and greatly improved functionality. We’re excited to see this project pan out.

**Other Stuff**

We are also currently preparing for the National Young Writers Festival, as well as organizing a few new broadcast programs. We are also making the first steps towards hopefully organizing a zine workshop and fair for students after the midsemester break.

**President**

No OBs present, no reports received

**Secretary**

No OBs present, no reports received

**Education Public**

Ran a successful Education Action Week, will be protesting Tony Abbotts visit to UniMelb on Friday

**Education Academic**

No OBs present, no reports received

**30. Other Reports**

**Summer School report**

| Motion 6: To note and approve the 2013-2014 Summer School report |
| Mover: Patrick Clearwater | Seconder: Zoe Efron |
| CARRIED |

**Operations Sub Committee report**
Goldie Pergl reported that only 2 nominations had been received for the Operations Sub Committee – one from Simon Farley, and one from Patrick Clearwater. Both have been declared duly elected. 2 positions remain unfilled, so nominations were declared open again, to close at 11:30am on the 18th of September. Both these positions need to be filled by Councillors identifying as women.

31. Motions on Notice

9.1 Chris Penman

Motion 7: That UMSU Students’ Council thanks Chris Penman for his tireless work on the UMSU Electoral Tribunal and directs the President and Secretary to write a letter of thanks to him.

Mover: Declan McGonigle    Seconder: Sam Donnelly
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT
PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Council moves to motion 8.8 (Israel/Palestine
Mover: Jade Eckhaus
MOTION FAILS

9.2 UMSU Denounces Sexism, Racism, and Homophobia in Clubs at The University of Melbourne

Preamble: Section 1.d of UMSU clubs regulations state that:

No club may promote violence and/or hatred through militarism and/or discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, sexuality, gender identity, age, physical disability, mental illness, economic circumstances, political, religious or ideological conviction, or national or social origin. This policy is implemented in all aspects of these Regulations. Any club deemed to have engaged in such behavior by the C&S Officer(s). Council or Committee may be subject to disciplinary action outlined in Regulation 6.

On August 10 The Age published an article detailing social media posts by the leadership of Melbourne University Liberal Club (MULC), labelling women as ‘sluts’, along with the use of racist & homophobic slurs. It has further emerged that members of MULC are vocal supporters of Golden Dawn, a fascist xenophobic party. These actions are in direct contravention with the constitutional aims of UMSU, and of the UMSU clubs regulations.

Discussion surrounding Council’s ability to direct Clubs – Tom Walker requests an amendment so that the motion doesn’t directly threaten a club. Tom also informs Council that the C&S Committee has met and dealt with the issue.

INITIAL Motion: That Students Council calls upon the members of MULC implicated in any behaviours which contravene section 1.d of the UMSU Clubs Regulations to resign from their executive and club, and that the Melbourne University Liberal Club issues a formal apology and withdrawal from the positions stated by their executive members which promote such behaviours.
UMSU Students Council reiterates its objection to violence, sexism, militarism, homophobia, and all other forms of negative discriminatory behaviour. Further, that Students Council refers C&S Committee to the article published by The Age on August 10 (accessible at http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/misogynist-rants-from-young-libs-20140809-3dfhw.html) for their consideration and calls upon the Clubs and Societies Officers to investigate the claims made.

Tom’s suggested changes are amenable to the mover (Ella Fabry). The motion now reads:

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Mover: Ella Fabry Seconder: Daniel Sullivan

CARRIED

9.3 Save the Louise Hanson-Dyer Music Library

Under proposed changes arising from the University’s Business Improvement Program (BIP) the Louise Hanson-Dyer Music Library will cease to exist in its current state. This library is amongst the most comprehensive music libraries in the southern hemisphere and is a vital resource for Melbourne Conservatorium of Music students, staff, researchers and the Melbourne music community. Under the proposed changes, the library will be moved from Arts West to become a collection within the Eastern Resource Centre and will no longer be serviced by specialty music librarians (the BIP will overall result in a 15% reduction in library staff across the university). Furthermore, there has been little consultation or communication with students over these proposals.

This has caused widespread concern amongst the music faculty and the university community. Close to 1800 people have expressed their support for the library by signing a petition created by the Melbourne Graduate Music Society (MGMS) against the proposed changes. The petition calls on the university to reconsider its position and ensure that:

1) The library remain as an autonomous library not merely a collection
2) All current music library staff are retained, and:
3) That students of the University who are affected by this proposed plan be notified of updates and developments.

Motion:

Student Council opposes any deterioration of student services as a result of the Business Improvement Program and expresses its support for the campaign run by MGMS to defend the Louise Hanson-Dyer Music Library. Student Council further directs that the president circulate the petition created by MGMS (accessible at https://www.change.org/en-AU/petitions/the-university-of-melbourne-save-the-louise-hanson-dyer-music-library) via the UMSU Facebook page & website.
Student Council calls on the President and Education Academic officers to work with MGMS to seek a meeting with the University to discuss this issue and the concerns of students and to attend the next student meeting to discuss these issues.

Moved: James Bashford  
Seconded: Shanley Price

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3:25PM Zoe Efron, Patrick Clearwater and Simon Farley leave

QUORUM LOST

Meeting Closed at 3:25pm