University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 26.05.2015

Meeting 14

Training Rooms, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:30pm by Rachel Withers

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Rachel Withers be elected Chair
Mover: Stephen Smith  Seconder: Itsi Weinstock
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Sarah Xia, Stephen Mitas, Lachlan Gell, Steven Connolly, Danielle Bagnato, Jakob von der Lippe, Ada Chan, Itsi Weinstock

Office Bearers: Hana Dalton (General Secretary), Rachel Withers (President), James Bashford (Welfare), Allison Ballantyne (Wom*ns), Lauren Englefield (Environment), Sasha Chong (Disabilities), Lucy Curtis (Wom*ns), Lloyd Rowse (Queer), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Shanley Price (Education Academic), Maddy Cleeve Gerkens (Media), Lynley Eavis (Media), Martin Ditmann (Media), Stephen Smith (Clubs), Conor Serong (Education Public), Nellie Montague (Education Academic), Hayden Michaelides (Activities), James Baker (Activities), Daniel Sullivan (Environments), Susannah Gordon (Disabilities), Simon Farley (Media)

Other: Justin Baré (UMSU GM), Goldie Pergl (UMSU Admin), Patrick Clearwater, Guy Coward, Simon Frankland

1.4 Apologies

Van Rudd (VCA)
Stephen Smith (Clubs & Societies)

1.5 Proxies

Karly Banks to Itsi Weinstock
Destan Dikbas to Sarah Xia
Lachlan McCall to Stephen Mitas

Procedural Motion: To suspend standing orders in order to accept the late proxy from Ben Fourniotis to Simon Frankland
Mover: Rachel Withers
1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt an altered agenda – to swap item 7 to item 5, and adding item 1.7 – Membership to the agenda
Mover: Rachel Withers
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.7 Membership

Motion 3: To approve a leave of absence for Shanley Price from the 3/6/2015 – 4/7/2015 and for Andrea Bozic from the 26/5/2015 – 26/6/2015
Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 4: To confirm the minutes of the Students Council on the 14/5/2015 as a true and accurate record.
Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)
CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

None

5. Other Reports

Miguel Wood – Isegoria App presentation

Miguel did a short presentation to the UMSU Students Council on his app for students at the University of Melbourne.

Miguel is a PhD student who has created an app for students at UoM to use. It is designed to advertise events (both UMSU and UniMelb).

Students Council was notified about this earlier in the year when Miguel approached the University for funding. The University has chosen not to fund the app, and Miguel is now offering use of the app to us for free for 1 year.

There was a brief Q&A with Miguel at the end of the presentation.

Potential future costs for the app are at around $40,000 to $50,000 – something that the University could contribute to.

Concern was raised at the amount of apps students ‘need’ on campus – and whether students would download another app.

Council was in general supportive of the app, and acknowledged that publicity, interaction with the website and Facebook analytics and filtering was an issue with event attendance.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: to move Council in camera for a discussion on Isegoria, allowing proxies, Justin and Goldie to remain in the room.
Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)
CARRIED

There was an in camera discussion of the pros and cons of supporting the app.

Ada Chan indicated at 1:30pm that she had to leave, which would mean Council would lose quorum

Stephen Smith declared a conflict of interest for future Students’ Councils – as he’s now a GSA Councillor for the next 2 years.

Meeting closed at 1:32pm

The next Students’ Council is on the 18th of June