

**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes**



**Friday 19 July 2024, 3:15pm
Meeting 10(24)**

Location: Agar Theatre, Biosciences 4; Zoom (on request)

Meeting opened at 3:22 pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Divyanshi Sati

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	Wen Hao (Clement) Wu	Yes
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	Oskar Martin	Yes
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Tianyi Yu	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Navyaa Jain	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Yashica Mishra	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Hugh Collins	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Harrishman Shobanan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	vaibhav girdhar	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lucy Kelly	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Leon Paratz	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yash Sah	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Penelope Scacciante	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Pranav Gupta	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Anndrya Chua	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ibrahim Muan Abdulla	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rachael Hynds	Apology
Students' Council (General Representative)	Giulia Massimini	Yes

Students' Council (General Representative)	Labdhi Gandhi	Yes
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Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Disha Zutshi	Yes
General Secretary	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Yes
Activities Officer	Amy Peters	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Shravya Akkapeddi	No
Creative Arts Officer	Jiajie Zheng	No
Clubs & Societies Officer	Azalea Rohaizam	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Chararina Hanny Angelita Teja	No
Disabilities Officer	Anishaa Jeyakumar	No
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Julian De Marco	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Lucy Rachman Vascotto	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Raphael Duffy	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Bella Beiraghi	Yes
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	Yes
Environment Officer	Jaan Schild	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Hamish Rose	No
Media Officer	Joel Duggan	Yes
Media Officer	Gunjan Ahluwalia	Yes
Media Officer	Kien-Ling Liem	No
Media Officer	Jessica Fanwong	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Denzil Minnaar	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Ying Kwan Jania Lam	No
Queer Officer	Binderiya Batzorig	Yes
Queer Officer	Ryan Mittal	Yes
Welfare Officer	Joshua Stagg	Yes
Welfare Officer	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
Women's Officer	Micaela Rynne	No
Burnley Campus Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Ariel Teo	Yes
Southbank Activities Officer	Justine Light De Guzman	No
Southbank Education Officer	Felicity Patrice Liston	Yes

Other: Sara Pheasant (CEO), Phoebe Churches (A&L Divisional Manager), Naomi Smith (SHRC), Mary Kin Chan (minute taker), Lachlan McCallum (CFO & Director of Operations), Tash Lee (EA to CEO), Marcie Di Bartolomeo (observer), Kelly (zoom observer), In person observers * 15

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Micaela Rynne

Councillors: Rachael Hynds

1.5. Proxies**1.5.1. Rachael Hynds to Alessandra Ward**

Motion 2: To accept the proxy for this Council.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.6.1. Hanny Teja: from 24 June to 14 July (carried over from 9(24))

Motion 3: That leave of absence be granted to Hanny from 24 June to 14 July.

Moved: Chair

CWD

1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Giulia Massimini has been ticket appointed to Council.

1.7.2. Hamish Rose will resign from position of Indigenous OB effective 31 July 2024.

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

1.8.1. Includes items and reports from inquorate meeting 9(24)

Procedural Motion: To discuss item 9.2 first

Moved: Penelope Scacciante

Seconded: Oskar Martin

CWD

Procedural Motion: To discuss items as per order in the Agenda after discussing item 9.2

Moved: Chair

CWD

There was active discussion across the room. Phoebe raised a point of order, noted that item 9.2 is a discussion to move changes to the consultation process, rather than to approve said changes in Council.

Jaan, Lucy Kelly, Amaya, Bella exercised speaking rights. They spoke against the proposed changes to C4.18-C4.11 of the Constitution.

Lucy Rachman Vascotto enquired the composition of the Discipline Panel in the proposed C8.3.

Julian sought clarification for the honoraria clauses.

Phoebe responded that the wording of proposed changes comes from a range of sources, including CRPWG, auditors, and lawyers. The objective of tabling this item to Council is to move towards a broader consultation process with members of UMSU, as they are the actual stakeholders that amend and approve UMSU's Constitution (rather than Students' Council). Phoebe noted that her duty is to make sure the organisation runs safely with low risk. All feedback from the consultation process will be addressed, though not necessarily incorporated. That being said, the Constitution is currently not compliant with the *AIR Act*, so the proposed changes attempt to rectify this situation.

9. Operational Business

9.1. C&S Regulations Update (for noting)

The papers were not distributed prior to Council, so this update is for noting. Azalea spoke to the regulations changes as follows:

- Bank location - branch on campus is closed, so bank location has been amended to "on campus or on Lygon Street";
- Promotional events – to define the specific promotional period during which clubs can apply for grants;
- Clubs committee – a Conflict of Interest declaration is now required for nominees during Clubs Council, the declaration lists clubs that nominees are a part of (past and present);
- Casual vacancies for club executive members – such vacancies will need to be filled at the respective club's AGM or SGM within 21 academic days; and
- New club process – amended to remove the Expression of Interest (EOI) physical form requirement, there are some timeline changes as well. This is to make it easier for clubs to digitally submit the EOI, rather than people having to hand out signatures on paper.

9.2. Proposed Constitutional and Other Regulations changes

9.3. Employee Development Proposals for noting

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. UMSU stands in solidarity with unfairly persecuted protestors in Argentina

Preamble:

On Wednesday, June 12, a number of protestors were arrested in Argentina against the sanction of the so-called "Bases Law", exercising their democratic and constitutional right to protest. Most of the arrests occurred more than ten blocks from Plaza Congreso, at a time when people were dispersing after having been attacked by tear gas and rubber bullets from federal forces and the government of The city of Buenos Aires. People deprived of their liberty have received ill-treatment during their detention.

This is an unfair criminalisation of political, social and union organisations that, by having participated in the mobilisation for the Executive power, have now been accused as "terrorists" who acted in an "attempted coup d'état", this is totally absurd and unfounded.

We as a student union should demand the immediate release of these political prisoners and the end of this persecution campaign against those who oppose the Milei government.

Platform:

- UMSU condemns the Argentinian federal police and the government of The city of Buenos Aires for their use of unrestricted force on peaceful protestors.
- UMSU demands the immediate release of all protestors arrested for attending the June 12 protests.

- UMSU recognises the democratic right to peaceful protest

Action:

UMSU signs onto the petition for the release of political prisoners

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddQxR1EWpnuaInDkyia0o9a8FhcBQU-T356shBIbzXzY9VJIA/viewform>

Lucy spoke to her moving rights.

Oskar spoke to his seconding rights.

Motion 9: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Lucy Chapman-Kelly

Seconded: Oskar Martin

CWD

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

12. Next Meeting

13. Close

Meeting closed at 4:58 pm