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'	Wen Hao (Clement) Wu	Yes
Council Students' Council Indigenous Representative	Oskar Martin	Yes
Students with Disabilities Representative on	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	Yes
Students' Council	Sameersha Waargere Reshav	763
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Tianyi Yu	Yes
International Student Representative on	Navyaa Jain	Yes
Students' Council		
Graduate Student Representative on Students'	Yashica Mishra	Yes
Council		
Southbank Student Representative on Students'	Hugh Collins	Yes
Council		
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

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	Chatarina 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	Vacant	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

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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

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

item 9.2

Moved: Chair

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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.

Regarding the discipline panel – Phoebe acknowledged Lucy's concern, suggested that the panel's composition could be like the Grievance Tribunal though the proposals are still in the drafting stage.

Phoebe clarified that the honoraria is an ex-gratia payment to office bearers in acknowledgement of their services, it is not a salary.

Penelope noted that external people should not have a right to say how should student unions (like UMSU) operate.

Sara responded that the intent of a consultation process is to capture and document all the discussion held so far in this Council. External review involved constitutional and NFP lawyers that have experience with constitutions of student unions. The consultation will balance out both positive and negative feedback on proposed changes, Council subsequently makes a decision.

Naomi Smith urged that the Discipline Regulations and Complaints Framework should be moved to a consultation process this year, otherwise Council is not acting in the interest of people within the organisation and associated occupational health and safety.

Rhoda Louis Miller named by the Chair once at 4:24pm.

Motion 4: To defer amendments to C4 and C5 of the Constitution to CRPWG.

Moved: Lucy Rachman Vascotto Seconded: Alessandra Ward

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2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 8(24)

2.2. Special Council Minutes 1(24)

Motion 5: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Disha Zutshi	Submitted
General Secretary	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Submitted
Activities Officer	Amy Peters	Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Shravya Akkapeddi	Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Jiajie Zheng	Not Submitted
Clubs & Societies Officer	Azalea Rohaizam	Submitted
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Queer Officer	Rahul (Ryan) Mittal	Submitted
Welfare Officer	Joshua Stagg	Submitted
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Motion 6: To accept the OB Reports

Moved: Alessandra Ward Seconded: Yash Sah

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Procedural Motion: To move in camera for the CEO Report

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 4:46pm

Observers left the meeting

Jaan and Kevin were recused from the meeting. Raphael was already off zoom at this time.

7. CEO Report

7.1. Draft Letter to the Minister of Education

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera

Moved: Chair CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 4:55pm

Jaan and Kevin returned to the meeting

8. Other Reports

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/1FAlpQLSddQxR1EWpnuaInDkyia0o9a8FhcBQU T356shBlbzXzY9VJIA/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

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- 11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)
- 12. Next Meeting
- 13. Close

Meeting closed at 4:58 pm