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| <p>University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Thursday 22 August 2024, 12pm Meeting 12(24)</p> <p>Location: Harold White Lecture Theatre, 757 Swanston St; Zoom (on request) https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/85716723695?pwd=OI5cfUnt2wGOqgFwqnoU1ApKEkogQ4.1</p> |  |
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Meeting opened at 12:25 pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Anndrya Chua be elected as Chair.
 Moved: Anndrya Chua
 CARRIED

Disha entered the meeting via teleconference at 12:29pm

Jaen noted that the Chair should call out votes for, against, and abstaining.

Motion 2: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair.
 Moved: Disha Zutshi
 CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Councillors

| Representatives on Students' Council | Full name | Attended? |
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| 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 | No |
| Queer Representative on Students' Council | Tianyi Yu | <i>Not within 30 mins of meeting beginning and ending</i> |
| 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 | Yes |

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| Students' Council (General Representative) | Lucy Kelly | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Leon Paratz | No |
| 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 | No |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Anndrya Chua | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Ibrahim Muan Abdulla | No |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Rachael Hynds | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Giulia Massimini | No |
| 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 | No |
| Creative Arts Officer | Shravya Akkapeddi | Yes |
| Creative Arts Officer | Jiajie Zheng | No |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Azalea Rohaizam | No |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja | Yes |
| Disabilities Officer | Anishaa Jeyakumar | No |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Julian De Marco | No |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Lucy Rachman Vascotto | No |
| 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 | <i>Vacant</i> | N/A |
| Media Officer | Joel Duggan | Yes |
| Media Officer | Gunjan Ahluwalia | No |
| Media Officer | Kien-Ling Liem | Yes |
| Media Officer | Jessica Fanwong | Yes |
| People of Colour Officer | Denzil Minnaar | No |
| 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 | No |
| Southbank Activities Officer | Justine Light De Guzman | Yes |
| Southbank Education Officer | Felicity Patrice Liston | No |

Other: Sara Pheasant (CEO), Lachlan McCallum (CFO & Director of Operations), Mary Kin Chan (minute taker), Mathilda Stewart (proxy holder), Sam Eggleston (observer), Lola

Bowers (observer), Yasmeen Atieh (observer), Reema Ababneh (observer), Angus Wagstaff (observer)

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Julian De Marco, Micaela Rynne, Amy Peters, Denzil Minnaar

Councillors: Rachael Hynds

1.5. Proxies

1.5.1. Alessandra Ward to Rachael Hynds after 12:50pm

1.5.2. Muan Abdulla to Mathilda Stewart

1.5.3. Pranav Gupta to Luv Golecha

1.5.4. Leon Paratz to Julien Baulch

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.6.1. Campaign Leave (Automatically Accepted) Pursuant to R7(d) of the Council Charter

1.6.1.1. Office Bearers:

- 1.6.1.1.1. Bella Beiraghi
- 1.6.1.1.2. Disha Zutshi
- 1.6.1.1.3. Kevin Li
- 1.6.1.1.4. Micaela Rynne
- 1.6.1.1.5. Jessica Fanwong
- 1.6.1.1.6. Raphael Duffy
- 1.6.1.1.7. Jaan Schild
- 1.6.1.1.8. Emma Dynes
- 1.6.1.1.9. Lucy Rachman Vascotto
- 1.6.1.1.10. Ryan Mittal
- 1.6.1.1.11. Divyanshi Sati
- 1.6.1.1.12. Joshua Stagg
- 1.6.1.1.13. Hanny Teja
- 1.6.1.1.14. Julian De Marco

1.6.1.2. Councillors:

- 1.6.1.2.1. Alessandra Ward
- 1.6.1.2.2. Oskar Martin
- 1.6.1.2.3. Rachael Hynds
- 1.6.1.2.4. Wen Hao (Clement) Wu
- 1.6.1.2.5. Hugh Collins

- 1.6.1.2.6. Anndrya Chua
- 1.6.1.2.7. Labdhi Gandhi
- 1.6.1.2.8. Leon Paratz
- 1.6.1.2.9. Navyaa Jain
- 1.6.1.2.10. Tianyi Yu
- 1.6.1.2.11. Pranav Gupta
- 1.6.1.2.12. Muan Abdulla
- 1.6.1.2.13. Penelope Scacciante

1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Anishaa Jeyakumar is resigning effective 1 September 2024

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 11(24)

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

| Department | Full name | Submission Status? |
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| President | Disha Zutshi | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| General Secretary | Enzhe (Kevin) Li | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Activities Officer | Amy Peters | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Creative Arts Officer | Shravya Akkapeddi | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Creative Arts Officer | Jiajie Zheng | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Azalea Rohaizam | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Disabilities Officer | Anishaa Jeyakumar | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Julian De Marco | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Lucy Rachman Vascotto | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Education (Public Affairs) Officer | Raphael Duffy | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Education (Public Affairs) Officer | Bella Beiraghi | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Environment Officer | Emma Dynes | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Environment Officer | Jaan Schild | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Media Officer | Joel Duggan | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Media Officer | Gunjan Ahluwalia | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Media Officer | Kien-Ling Liem | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Media Officer | Jessica Fanwong | <i>Submitted</i> |

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| People of Colour Officer | Denzil Minnaar | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| People of Colour Officer | Ying Kwan Jania Lam | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Queer Officer | Binderiya Batzorig | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Queer Officer | Ryan Mittal | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Welfare Officer | Joshua Stagg | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Welfare Officer | Divyanshi Sati | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Women's Officer | Micaela Rynne | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Southbank Campus Co-ordinator | Ariel Teo | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Southbank Activities Officer | Justine Light De Guzman | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Southbank Education Officer | Felicity Patrice Liston | <i>Not Submitted</i> |

Bella spoke to her report regarding the mass student meeting, which was hugely successful. Bella claimed that more than 600 students stood in solidarity with Palestine (actual number pending verification by UMSU).

Point of Order raised by the General Secretary, attendees need to ask a relevant question to the OB reports.

Bella been named once.

Penelope been named once.

Sam named once

Point of Order raised by the General Secretary, he urged Councillors to vote on the motion.

Motion 4: To accept the OB Reports

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Ryan Mittal

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera for the CEO Report

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 12:42pm

Observers left the meeting

Procedural Motion: That Lachlan be given speaking rights regarding the budget memo

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

7. CEO Report

7.1. CEO Report

Alessandra Ward left at 12:50pm

7.2. Budget Memo

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 12:58pm

Five observers returned to the meeting

Oskar attempted to table a motion without notice. The Chair refused to accept the motion on the grounds that the motion is not urgent. There was a lot of back and forth between Oskar and the Chair.

Lola was named once.

8. Other Reports

8.1. OpSub

This agenda item was omitted during the meeting.

9. Operational Business

9.1. SIG Applications

Kevin spoke to the applications received since opening. Some events are past date of this Council so they will not be considered.

Commercial Gallery Event

Requested \$1000, which is the maximum allowed.

Kevin noted that no spending breakdown has been provided by the applicant.

One By One student exhibition

Requested \$500. Kevin noted this needs following up with the applicant prior to discussion with Council.

Royal Melbourne Hospital Medical Students' Valedictory Dinner

Requested \$1000, which is the maximum allowed.

Kevin noted that this group has historically received a grant from UMSU.

Epworth Class of 2024 Valedictory Celebration

Requested \$1000, which is the maximum allowed.

Kevin noted that this group has historically received a grant from UMSU.

SuperHack 2024

Requested \$1000

Kevin noted that this application contained a detailed breakdown.

Motion 5: That Council approves the SIG application submitted by the following:

- Royal Melbourne Hospital Medical Students' Valedictory Dinner (\$1000),
- Epworth Class of 2024 Valedictory Celebration (\$1000), and
- SuperHack 2024 (\$1000)

Totalling \$3000 granted.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Proposed amendments to C&S Regulations

Hanny spoke to the amended wording of cl4.2 after taking feedback from the previous Council meeting.

Motion 6: That Council endorses R4.2 of the previously circulated Clubs and Societies Regulation amendments as proposed by the C&S committee, with the exception of R4.2(c)(xii).

Moved: Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja

Seconded: Clement Wu

CARRIED

10.2. UMSU denounces toxic chemical fire in Melbourne's West

Preamble:

When a chemical blending warehouse in Melbourne's western suburbs went up in flames on 10 July, it produced a plume of black, toxic smoke so large and thick it could be seen from across the bay.

Storage drums were catapulted onto a nearby highway, and residents were advised not to return home due to the unknown nature of what was being pumped into the air. Meanwhile, 180 firefighters, several of whom later presented to hospital with symptoms of toxic inhalation, were deployed to the inferno which is now being classed as the worst industrial fire of the past six years. A warning to people and pets from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to "avoid contact" with local waterways, which were deluged with chemical run-off from the fire, remains in place.

This isn't the first chemical fire that has happened and it won't be the last.

Last year, a fire (in a factory owned by the same corporation as the one described earlier) led to the death of a 44-year old factory worker, Reece Martin. Since then, the EPA has investigated the site nine times, and WorkSafe has inspected it 24 times, resulting in multiple warnings and compliance notices. Yet ACB continues to operate after the 2023 fire like "a timebomb just waiting to go up", as Reece Martin's father described it.

It's clear the profits of reckless and destructive corporations come before the residents who live alongside them, who ultimately bear the consequences of the companies' toxic operations.

The Labor Party is to blame for the destruction and death in the Western suburbs of Victoria, continuing to underfund and de-prioritise important environmental regulators such as the EPA - who are forced to put profit ahead of human and environmental safety. As long as this continues, it's only a matter of time before another dark cloud covers the West.

Platform:

- UMSU condemns the reckless behaviour and practices of the chemical storage corporations that have resulted in death and environmental destruction in the country for the past decade.
- UMSU condemns the role of the Labor Party in underfunding and continuing to ensure the weakness of the powers of environmental regulators such as the EPA.

Oskar spoke to his moving rights.

Lola spoke to their seconding rights.

Angus Wagstaff joined the meeting as observer at 1:17pm

Motion 7: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Oskar Martin

Seconded: Lola Bowers

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.3. Solidarity with protestors in Bangladesh

Preamble:

Thousands of people have come onto the streets in Dhaka, Bangladesh to protest the violent police repression used on the job quota protests last month.

Students, angry about the restrictive job laws adding to the lack of jobs, came out to protest against the Bangladeshi government. The laws reserve 30% of all government jobs to veterans of the 1971 war of Independence, giving supporters of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League Party priority as they led the independence movement.

This is the biggest challenge Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has faced since she won a fifth term in power in January. Keen to shut them down she ordered violent repression of the protestors which saw police indiscriminately firing, using illegal bullets and shooting weapons from helicopters onto the peaceful protests. More than 200 people have been killed and over 1,000 injured, some of whom were denied medical care and many are missing. Nearly 10,000 people have reportedly been detained on charges of involvement in clashes and destruction of government property since the July protests.

Now, angered by this awful show of state sanctioned murder and repression, protestors have come to the street once again to oppose the violent shutting down of democracy. The massive demonstrations have now taken on a broader anti-government character and are sick of Prime Minister Hasina's repressive rule.

Students Against Discrimination, the main group behind the protests, has asked people to stop paying taxes and utility bills from Sunday to pile pressure on the government. They have also called on government workers and labourers to go on strike in the country's economically vital garment factories.

As a student union UMSU should stand in solidarity with student protestors in Bangladesh, bravely continuing to fight for their rights, despite the risk involved!

Platform:

- UMSU supports the anti-government protests in Bangladesh.
- UMSU condemns the murder and locking up of innocent protestors in Bangladesh.

Yasmeen spoke to her moving rights.

Penelope spoke to her seconding rights.

Reema exercised speaking rights.

Motion 8: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Yasmeen Atieh

Seconded: Penelope Scacciante

CARRIED

10.4. Abolish the Northern Territory police force

Preamble:

Over the weekend at Garma Festival, the Northern Territory head police commissioner gave an apology speech to Indigenous communities for the racist crimes of his police force over the past 145 years.

A coronial inquiry into the Kumanjayi Walker case found more evidence that the NT police have a history of racism, shocker! This evidence includes mock award certificates that were given out within the police force to cops that had proven themselves to be sufficiently racist. These racist mock awards have only recently been made public knowledge. Michael Murphy, the head police commissioner, lied for months about not knowing these awards existed, now he is apologising.

Murphy has also apologised for the racist NT intervention that began in 2007, indigenous deaths in custody and horrific overrepresentation of indigenous kids in prisons - all crimes committed by his police force.

The racism within the police force is vile and deep, particularly in the NT. Part of being a cop is being willing to carry out all the racist missions the government asks of you. Anti-racist workshops in the police force or weeding out the worst of the worst cannot change a racist institution.

Michael Murphy claims he is sorry while his cops detain indigenous children in solitary confinement for hours on end, while his cops racially abuse indigenous people in the street and while his cops are responsible for a juvenile prison system that is made up of 97% Indigenous kids.

Murphy claims he is sorry while he does whatever the territory's Labor government asks. The government who in March this year imposed a 6pm curfew on kids in Alice Springs, again, disproportionately targeting indigenous kids.

As head of police in the NT, Michael Murphy will never be sorry for racist policing, he's only sorry that hard evidence was found and published.

As a progressive student union, UMSU should understand that there is no reforming the police. They have always been a racist institution under capitalism who rule for the state and who harass, lock up and murder black, brown and indigenous working class people.

Platform:

- UMSU rejects the idea that the NT police force can be taught out of racism.
- UMSU calls for the NT police force to be abolished.

Oskar spoke to his moving rights.

Sam spoke to his seconding rights.

Harrishman commented that there should be more substance in the "Platform" section of the motion. Police also serve a function of protecting the weak.

Joshua supported the motion.

Lola exercised their speaking rights.

Yasmeen exercised her speaking rights.

Oskar exercised his right of reply towards Harrishman. More training and reform will not help because the institution of the police force itself is racist and targets weaker communities.

Harrishman exercised his right of reply. He asked what alternatives exist to the problems that Oskar has raised?

Oskar replied – more funding to housing, education and healthcare. Key fundamental public services is what indigenous communities need, not more policing.

Kien-Ling Liem left at 1:35pm

Motion 9: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Oskar Martin

Seconded: Sam Eggleston

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

10.5. UMSU condemns the murdering of journalists in Gaza

Preamble:

On Wednesday the 31st of July, a targeted airstrike conducted by the state of Israel in the Al-Shati refugee camp in northern Gaza killed two 27-year-old Al Jazeera journalists, Ismail al-Ghoul and Rami al-Rifi.

This is not the first time that Israel has used airstrikes against refugee camps, nor is it the first time that journalists have been killed in this way. Israel has a track record

of coordinated attacks, assassinations, and sabotage against journalists reporting on the ongoing atrocities of the genocide in Gaza. Since this most recent onslaught beginning in October 2023, 165 journalists have been killed, Al Jazeera has been banned in Israel, and its offices obliterated within Gaza.

In 2022 Israeli forces killed Shireen Abu Akleh, an Al Jazeera correspondent, in the West Bank.

In 2023 Israeli forces killed Samer Abudaqa, an Al Jazeera cameraman, in Gaza.

In January 2024 an Israeli drone strike killed Mustafa Thuraya, a freelance journalist, in Gaza.

The same strike killed journalist Hamza Dahdouh.

Israel's targeted killings of journalists is a key part of its campaign of disinformation and terror as it continues its genocide, occupation, and oppression of the Palestinian people.

This most recent killing has been rightly condemned by Reporters Without Borders and the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ). UMSU must also condemn these killings, and the reprehensible killings of all journalists in this genocidal campaign.

Platform:

- UMSU condemns the targeted killings of journalists by Israel.

Lola spoke to their moving rights.

Reema spoke to her seconding rights.

Mathilda exercised speaking rights in support of the motion.

Motion 10: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Lola Bowers

Seconded: Reema Ababneh

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

12. Next Meeting

13. Close

Meeting closed at 1:54 pm