


<p>University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Friday 5 December 2025, 12pm Meeting 1(26) Location: William McMahon Ball Theatre, Old Arts; Zoom (on request)</p>	
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Meeting opened at 12:10 pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Daniel Motika be elected as Chair

Moved: Daniel Motika Seconded: Yashesvi Verma

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	Cinrey Liu	No
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Catherine Duong	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Binderiya Batzorig	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Prayag Sethia	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Chengmin Shi	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Matteo Bonson	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Dominic Lam Xan Jun	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	<i>Vacant</i>	
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Students' Council (General Representative)	Shrreyas Saluja	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hannah Roseman-Gannon	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Siddhanth Subbaiah Belliappa	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	James Duncan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Toby Putland	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Khush Shah	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Sophie Conlan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Holly Kalns	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Somaya Qasimi	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Jinyan (Vivian) Chen	No

Students' Council (General Representative)	Felicity Bayne	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mathilda Stewart	Yes

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Lushomo Chinganya	Yes
General Secretary	Daniel Motika	Yes
Activities Officer	Saasha Vohra	Yes
Activities Officer	Chuanqing (Louis) Huang	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Ian Adams	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Ethan McNeil	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Yashesvi Verma	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Seamus Donnellan	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Alex Gwynn	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Maehula Datta	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Corbin Afanasyev	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Hesheya T Anandan	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Hridey Kapoor	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Rutvi Tolani	Yes
Environment Officer	Bella Beiraghi	Yes
Environment Officer	Kay Pritchard	No
Indigenous Officer	Noah Kellest	Yes
Media Officer	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel	Yes
Media Officer	Ruby Weir-Alarcon	Yes
Media Officer	Sabine Pentecost	No
Media Officer	Chiaki Chng	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Anyang Wal	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Chengyang (Eason) Gu	Yes
Queer Officer	Lyton Namawanda	Yes
Welfare Officer	Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong	Yes
Welfare Officer	Alexander Hams	Yes
Women's Officer	Manika Birmiwal	Yes
Women's Officer	Eya Takrouni	No
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Caleb Jarcevic	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Charlotte Dickinson	Yes
Southbank Activities Officer	Tirion Luff-White	Yes
Southbank Education Officer	Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis	Yes
UMSU International President	Momoka Honda	Yes
UMSU International Vice President (Cultural & Social)	Shreeyukta Adhikari	Yes
UMSU International Vice President (Education & Welfare)	Nishka Chopra	Yes
UMSU International Treasurer	Dhruv Rana	Yes

Others: Sara Pheasant, Fiona Sanders, Alyssa Shaw, Mary Kin Chan, Lachie James, Deanna Yong, Lachlan McCallum, Amaya Castro Williams (observer), Kunal Dewani (proxy), Kenway Sheridan (proxy), Ibrahim Alsaedi (observer), Ryan Rud (observer), Aidan Hawe (observer)

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Eya Takrouni

Councillors: Siddhanth Subbaiah Belliappa

1.5. Proxies

- 1.5.1. Siddhanth Subbaiah Belliappa to Kunal Dewani
- 1.5.2. Somaya Qasimi to Holly Kalns
- 1.5.3. Jinyan (Vivian) Chen to Tina Wu
- 1.5.4. Cinrey Liu to Deva Kathale
- 1.5.5. Dominic Lam Xan Jun to Kenway Sheridan

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.7. Membership

- 1.7.1. Lucy Rachman Vascotto has resigned.
- 1.7.2. Reema Ababneh has resigned.
- 1.7.3. Rodger Zhang has resigned.
- 1.7.4. Mathilda Stewart has been ticket appointed to Council.

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 10(25)

The Chair noted that the minutes were not completed in time to meet the two academic days notice requirement, so they will be distributed to Council ahead of the next meeting instead.

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Lushomo Chinganya	<i>Not Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Daniel Motika	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Saasha Vohra	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Chuanqing (Louis) Huang	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Ian Adams	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Ethan McNeil	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Yashesvi Verma	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Seamus Donnellan	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Alex Gwynn	<i>Not Submitted</i>

Disabilities Officer	Maehula Datta	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Corbin Afanasyev	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Hesheya T Anandan	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Hridey Kapoor	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Rutvi Tolani	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Bella Beiraghi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Kay Pritchard	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Noah Kellett	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Ruby Weir-Alarcon	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Sabine Pentecost	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Chiaki Chng	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Anyang Wal	<i>Not Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Chengyang (Eason) Gu	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Lyton Namawanda	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Alexander Hams	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Manika Birmiwal	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Eya Takrouni	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Caleb Jarcevic	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Charlotte Dickinson	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Southbank Activities Officer	Tirion Luff-White	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Southbank Education Officer	Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis	<i>Not Submitted</i>
UMSU International President	Momoka Honda	<i>Submitted Late</i>

Motion 3: To waive the OB reporting requirement for this Council.
 Moved: Chair Seconded: Ethan McNeil
 CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera for the CEO Report, with Sara and Lachlan remaining in the room
 Moved: Chair
 CARRIED WITH DISSENT

Council moved in camera at 12:15pm

Mary, Alyssa, Fiona, Lachie, observers left the meeting

7. CEO Report

- 7.1. Confidential CEO Report 1(26)
- 7.2. Confidential Draft 2026 UMSU Budget
- 7.3. Confidential Draft 2026 Budget Memorandum

Procedural Motion: To call Phoebe to enter in camera

Moved: Chair
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT (CWD)

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera
Moved: Alex Gwynn
FAILED

7.4. Event Management Framework Draft

Motion 4: To accept the CEO's report. This includes noting the budget memorandum, and accepting and endorsing the Event Management Framework.

Moved: Chair
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT (CWD)

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera
Moved: Ethan McNeil
CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 1:48pm

Procedural Motion: To go on a ten-minute break
Moved: Chair
CWD

Meeting adjourned at 1:51 pm

Meeting resumed at 2:01 pm

Observers returned to meeting

8. Other Reports

9. Operational Business

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Budget allocation for 2026

Lushy spoke to the budget allocation. The figures for student departments were decided based on the following key reasons:

- Priorities of the year
- Previous year's allocation
- Keeping in mind that OBs change every year
- Those able to generate revenue and get sponsors are having a smaller budget compared to the previous year

- Departments running autonomous spaces are getting less cuts to maintain said spaces

Lushy also proposed an amendment.

Proposed Amendment: That Activities' budget allocation be \$155,000; and Environment's budget allocation be \$25,000

Moved: Lushy Chinganya

This was amenable to the mover and seconder.

There was a lot of discussion around whether some student departments (particularly UMSU International and Clubs & Societies) actually have the ability to raise revenue through their events.

Procedural Motion: To limit each speaker's time to 2 minutes and 30 seconds

Moved: Bella Beiraghi

CWD

Continued discussion around raising revenue.

Khush proposed an amendment.

Proposed Amendment: To amend the motion such that the People of Colour Department's budget allocation is reduced to \$60,000; and UMSU International's budget allocation is increased to \$276,000

Moved: Khush Shah

This was not amenable to the mover.

Discussion turned to the following:

- Sponsorship opportunities in the Welfare Department. There was also discussion on being able to deliver events for a broad range of purposes beyond giving out free food.
- Whether it was appropriate to decide budget allocations in consideration of unrealised university grant revenue.
- Cross departmental collaboration – such as departments running events in satellite campuses; autonomous departments producing publications with the assistance of the Media Department

An observer (Aidan) in the room raised questions around why amendments could not be discussed and moved as part of the motion. The Chair clarified the rule in R11.17 of the Standing Orders. There was some confusion and a lot of talking around what is a foreshadowed motion.

Procedural Motion: To go straight to a vote

Moved: Chair (per R14.8 Standing Orders)

Procedural Motion: That the meeting dissents from the Chair's ruling

Moved: Aidan Hawe

For: 7
Against: 12
FAILED

Several Council members, Office Bearers and Observers left the meeting room.

Chair conducted a quorum check and found that the meeting has become inquorate at 3:44 pm.

The Chair clarified to the rest of the room that motions can still be passed in this Council, but needs to be ratified by next quorate Council. Meeting continues inquorate.

Motion 5: That Students' Council:

1. Endorses the Student Department SSAF Allocations as follows:

- Activities - \$160,000
- Clubs & Societies - \$270,000
- Creative Arts - \$30,000
- Education - \$26,500
- Welfare - \$140,000
- Environment - \$20,000
- Queer - \$55,000
- Women's - \$38,000
- Indigenous - \$20,000
- Disabilities - \$33,500
- People of Colour - \$71,000
- Burnley - \$25,000
- Southbank - \$70,000
- International - \$265,000
- Media - \$80,000

2. Endorses the Student's Council budget allocation for:

- NUS - \$45,000
- Grants - \$6,000
- Whole of Union - \$10,000
- Election - \$90,000
- Bank Charges - \$1,000
- AGM: \$10,000
- Insurance: \$138,000

3. Endorses the allocation for Honoraria & Siting Fee at \$700,842

Moved: Lushy Chinganya

Seconded: Holly Kalns

For: 10

Motion 8: To allocate \$6,400 from UMSU International 2025 'Repairs and Maintenance' budget line (03-60-630-3801) to the 'Capital Expenditure' budget line (03-00-100-7301) for the purchase of UMSU International lounge furniture assets.

Moved: Momoka Honda

Seconded: Dhruv Rana

Motion 9: To allocate \$6,400 from the Capital Expenditure budget (03-00-100-7301) for the purchase furniture for the UMSU International Lounge.

Moved: Momoka Honda

Seconded: Dhruv Rana

Motion 10: To allocate \$2,730 for UMSU International 2025 Lounge Furniture related expenses from the 'Repairs and Maintenance' budget line (03-60-630-3801) for the purchase of soft furnishings and miscellaneous items.

Moved: Momoka Honda

Seconded: Dhruv Rana

The Chair explained that the motions were drafted validly and are time sensitive, they were not included in the Agenda earlier as they were mistakenly put to OB report folder.

Momoka spoke to the purpose for the furniture spending. The International Lounge will move from Level 1 to Level 3, and will include public space for all international students.

Dhruv waived speaking rights as seconder.

Procedural Motion: To consider all three motions en bloc

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 11: To vote on the bloc.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Dhruv Rana

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To suspend the meeting until 4:15 pm

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Meeting suspended at 3:55 pm

Quorum met at 4:14 pm, meeting resumed

Alex Gwynn left the meeting

Procedural Motion: To accept Prayag as Shreyas' proxy

Moved: Chair

CWD

Motion 12: To ratify motion 10.1 with the following amendments to student department allocations (in red):

- Activities - \$152,500
- Disabilities - \$31,000
- Environment - \$25,000
- Media – 85,000
- People of Colour - \$66,000
- Welfare – 137,500
- UMSU International - \$272,500
- Clubs & Societies - \$270,000
- Creative Arts - \$30,000
- Education - \$26,500
- Queer - \$55,000
- Women's - \$38,000
- Indigenous - \$20,000
- Burnley - \$25,000
- Southbank - \$70,000

Moved: Lushy Chinganya

Seconded: Yashesvi Verma

For: 16

Against: 0

CWD

Motion 13: To ratify motion 10.2 as amended.

Moved: Lushy Chinganya

Seconded: Ethan McNeil

CWD

Motion 14: To ratify 10.3 as presented.

Moved: Lushy Chinganya

Seconded: Yashesvi Verma

For: 17

Against: 0

CWD

Motion 15: To ratify motion 11.1.

Moved: Dhruv Rana

Seconded: Kunal Dewani

For: 17

Against: 0

CWD

To note about the 2026 budget:

- Reducing Media OB's honoraria from the full rate to 60%;
- Giving all OBs a 6% increase in honoraria; without an increase in Voting Councillors' sitting fee
- Subsequent savings of \$15,000 has been transferred to student departments' budgets;
- That the budget allocations have been agreed to by the OBs.

Felicity requested her dissent regarding the Media OB honoraria decrease to be noted.

12. Next Meeting

13. Close

Meeting closed at 4:32 pm