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| <p>University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Friday 20 September 2024, 12pm Meeting 13(24) Location: Room 202, Level 2, Building 168; Zoom (on request)</p> |  |
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Meeting opened at 12:18pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair.

Mover: Disha Zutshi Seconded: Joshua Stagg

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 | 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 | No |
| Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council | Hugh Collins | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Harrishman Shobanan | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | vaibhav girdhar | No |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Mehul Gopalakrishnan | No |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Lucy Kelly | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward | No |
| 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 | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Rachael Hynds | Yes |
| Students' Council (General Representative) | Giulia Massimini | Yes |

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| 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 | No |
| Activities Officer | Amy Peters | Yes |
| Creative Arts Officer | Shravya Akkapeddi | No |
| Creative Arts Officer | Jiajie Zheng | No |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Azalea Rohaizam | No |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja | Yes |
| Disabilities Officer | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Julian De Marco | Yes (Zoom) |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Lucy Rachman Vascotto | Yes |
| Education (Public Affairs) Officer | Raphael Duffy | Leave of Absence |
| Education (Public Affairs) Officer | Bella Beiraghi | Yes |
| Environment Officer | Emma Dynes | Yes |
| Environment Officer | Jaan Schild | Yes |
| Indigenous Officer | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Media Officer | Joel Duggan | Yes |
| Media Officer | Gunjan Ahluwalia | Yes |
| Media Officer | Kien-Ling Liem | Yes |
| 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 | Resigned |
| Welfare Officer | Joshua Stagg | Yes |
| Welfare Officer | Divyanshi Sati | Yes |
| Women's Officer | Micaela Rynne | No |
| Burnley Campus Coordinator | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Southbank Campus Co-ordinator | Ariel Teo | Yes |
| Southbank Activities Officer | Justine Light De Guzman | Yes |
| Southbank Education Officer | Felicity Patrice Liston | No |

Other: Morgan Sheather (Disabilities OB), Mathilda Stewart (observer), observers

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Kevin Li

1.5. Proxies**1.6. Leave of Absence Requests****1.6.1. Raphael Duffy**

Motion 2: That leave of absence be granted to Raphael Duffy for this Council.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

1.7. Membership

- 1.7.1. Ryan Mittal has resigned from the position of Queer Office Bearer as of 1st September 2024

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: To discuss the budget memo first, then proceed with items as per order in the Agenda

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move into camera for item 7.2.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 12:21pm

Nine observers left the room

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 11(24)

2.2. Minutes 12(24)

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

Moved: Ibrahim Muan Abdulla

Seconded: Wen Hao (Clement) Wu

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT (CWD)

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

5.1. Venture Club Appeal Petition

Hanny spoke to correspondence between the Venture Club and C&S Dept. She noted that the Club's claims of activity throughout the semester is untrue. Other major issues include:

- The Club has been repeatedly non-compliant with requests from the C&S Department since affiliation
- The Club has not provided bank details and activity reporting

Motion 6: To reject Venture Club's appeal.

Moved: Divyanshi Sati

Seconded: Wen Hao (Clement) Wu

CARRIED

6. Office Bearer Reports

| Department | Full name | Submission Status? |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| President | Disha Zutshi | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| General Secretary | Enzhe (Kevin) Li | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Activities Officer | Amy Peters | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Creative Arts Officer | Shravya Akkapeddi | <i>Late</i> |
| Creative Arts Officer | Jiajie Zheng | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Azalea Rohaizam | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Disabilities Officer | <i>Vacant</i> | <i>N/A</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>Submitted</i> |
| Indigenous Officer | <i>Vacant</i> | <i>N/A</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>Not Submitted</i> |
| 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>Resigned</i> |
| Welfare Officer | Joshua Stagg | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Welfare Officer | Divyanshi Sati | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Women's Officer | Micaela Rynne | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Burnley Campus Coordinator | <i>Vacant</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| Southbank Campus Co-ordinator | Ariel Teo | <i>Submitted</i> |
| Southbank Activities Officer | Justine Light De Guzman | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Southbank Education Officer | Felicity Patrice Liston | <i>Not Submitted</i> |

Jaan spoke to his OB report.

There was a lot of discussion in the room.

Motion 7: To accept the OB Reports except for Jaan's.

Moved: Joshua Stagg

Seconded: Ibrahim Muan Abdulla

CARRIED

Motion 8: To refer Jaan's report to the Charter Tribunal.*

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Binderiya Batzorig

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

*Note: The Chair did not specify which part of Jaan's report violated which specific provision of the Council Charter prior to moving to a vote.

7. CEO Report

7.1. CEO Report

7.2. Budget Memo

Student department budgets for the remainder of 2024 therefore stands as follows:

| Department | Agreed 2024 Budget Spend (\$) | Projected Underspending based on first Semester/ Allocated extra ask (\$) | Comments |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Activities | 300,000 | (34,000) | Per proposed additional funding |
| Clubs & Societies | 240,000 | (50,000) | Per proposed additional funding |
| Creative Arts | 28,000 | 0 | Spend to remain as Budgeted |
| Education | 30,000 | -3519 (projected underspend) | No proposal provided, underspend forecast |
| Welfare | 70,000 | (10,000) | Per proposed additional funding |
| Environment | 12,000 | -2000 (projected underspend) | No proposal provided, underspend forecast |
| Queer | 60,000 | (13,000) | Per proposed additional funding |
| Womens | 28,000 | -2000 (projected underspend) | No proposal provided – OB has provisionally agreed to reallocate to Whole of Union |
| Indigenous | 25,500 | -25500 (OB role vacant) | No proposal provided – no OB |
| Disabilities | 36,000 | 0 | Spend to remain as Budgeted |
| People of Colour | 65,000 | 0 | Spend to remain as Budgeted |
| Burnley | 30,000 | -15000 (OB role vacant) | Spend to fall under Budget – no OB |
| Southbank | 47,000 | (9,000) | Per proposed additional funding |
| UMSU International | 339,462 | (40,000) | Per proposed additional funding |

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| Media | 104,000 | (5,000) | Per proposed additional funding |
| Total | 2,385,228 | (58,019) | |

Procedural Motion: To go to 7.1 then move out of camera
 Moved: Chair
 CARRIED

Motion 4: To accept the CEO Report
 Moved: Chair
 CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera
 Moved: Chair
 CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 12:54pm

Observers returned to the meeting

8. Other Reports

8.1. OpSub

This item was not discussed as the General Secretary was absent.

9. Operational Business

Procedural Motion: To discuss Motions on Notice before SIG applications
 Moved: Penelope Scacciante
 CARRIED

9.1. SIG Applications

The Chair reminded that the budget line has \$2000 left for the remainder of the semester. Discussion for each application were as follows:

University of Melbourne Biotechnology Club (UMBC) Social Soiree: Cocktail Night

- Requested maximum of \$1000
- Chair noted that the event has other sponsors that can provide the requested \$1000

Melbourne University Dookie Campus Bird-Count 2025

- Requested maximum of \$1000
- Support considering UMSU's lack of presence on the Dookie Campus

Jessica Fanwong and Ibrahim Muan Abdulla left the meeting at 1:52pm

Dark Energy Studio Commercial Gallery

- Requested maximum of \$1000
- Council may grant \$500 for venue costs while Southbank provides the remaining \$500

One by One VCA art honours student exhibition

- Requested \$500
- Council suggested granting the requested amount

Motion 11: To approve SIG applications as follows:

- Melbourne University Dookie Campus Bird-Count 2025 - \$1000
- Dark Energy Studio Commercial Gallery - \$500
- One by One VCA art honours student exhibition - \$500

Moved: Harrishman Shobanan

Seconded: Binderiya Batzorig

CARRIED

Motion 12: To reject UMBC's SIG application.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

9.2. Mid-Autumn WoU motion

Motion 13: That Council allocate expenditure of \$5000 from the Whole of Union fund budget line to pay for reimbursement of clubs and performers participating in the collaboration event between POC and Activities on Midautumn.

Moved: Joshua Stagg

Seconded: Clement Wu

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. UMSU Condemns the ALP for attacking the CFMEU

Preamble:

The Australian Labor Party made the announcement on 23 August that 281 office-bearers of the Construction and General Division of the CFMEU would be removed from their elected positions, and all of the union's legal powers handed over to one administrator, appointed by the ALP.

The administrator that has been appointed, Mark Irving, is a barrister with zero industry experience on a salary of \$640,000 (plus allowances). He is now the main construction union, legally speaking and has the complete power to sack organisers, dismiss delegates, dispose of property, rewrite the rules and expel members—with precisely zero accountability to any member of the union.

On the 27th of August, tens of thousands of construction workers shut down worksites and took to the streets in defence of their union, their democratic rights and their conditions. They were joined by big contingents from both city and suburban jobs, and from the other construction unions (Electrical Trades, Plumbers, Manufacturing Workers). In Melbourne the rally was over 50K strong.

This is the biggest attack by the ALP on a labour union in decades. As a student union we should be condemning Labor's attempt to make sure no industrial action ever happens and to destroy any powers of the rank and file.

Platform

- That UMSU condemns the ALP for putting the CFMEU into administration
- That UMSU supports the two strikes called by the construction union

Oskar spoke to his moving rights.

Sam spoke to his seconding rights.

Lola exercised speaking rights.

Emma exercised her speaking rights, spoke in support of the CFMEU, and independently functioning unions.

Rachael exercised speaking rights

Reema exercised speaking rights.

Joshua supported the motion.

Lucy Rachman and Disha supported the motion.

Motion 9: That the motion be adopted as presented.

Moved: Oskar Martin

Seconded: Sam Eggleston

CARRIED

10.2. UMSU condemns the use of police violence on protestors at the Land Forces Convention

Preamble:

On the 11th of September with the explicit support of the Victorian Labor Party, the Victorian police rained potentially deadly riot weapons on a community picket against the Land Forces arms conference. This extraordinary escalation by the Victorian Police resulted in injuries to dozens of student activists including but not limited to a student from Deakin University who was struck in the back and badly bruised by a rubber bullet and many Melbourne University students (including members of UMSU) who were pepper sprayed and inhaled tear gas.

This is a dangerous escalation in the unrelenting series of attacks waged by the Labor party on the democratic right to protest in this state and a continuation of their efforts to defend the rights of war merchants to profit off genocides all around the world. UMSU is a body that defends the right of students to demonstrate against genocide, war, and the companies that profit from it. As such, UMSU condemns the use of riot weaponry against protestors and will sign onto the

petition to disarm the Victorian Police of OC spray, tear gas, rubber bullets, capsicum pellet guns, and stun grenades and ban their use at protests.

Platform:

1. That UMSU condemns the Land Forces weapons conference
2. That UMSU condemns the Victorian Labor government for bringing death merchants into our city.
3. That UMSU condemns the Victorian Police's violent attacks against the community picket outside the conference

Action:

1. That UMSU will sign onto the Students For Palestine petition for the Victorian Police force to be immediately disarmed of injurious and potentially deadly riot weaponry.

Lola spoke to their moving rights.

Rhoda spoke to her moving rights.

Reema exercised her speaking rights.

Oskar exercised his speaking rights.

Joel Duggan and Kien-Ling Liem left the meeting at 1:43pm

Lucy Rachman spoke in support of the motion and Oskar's speech.

Disha supported the motion.

Disha proposed an amendment:

Proposed Amendment:

To remove action 1, and replace it with:

UMSU President will make a statement on the Land Forces convention brutality based on the motion.

Moved: Chair

This was amenable to the mover of the motion.

Motion 10: That the motion be adopted as amended.

Moved: Lola Bowers

Seconded: Rhoda Louis Miller

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To accept Mathilda Stewart as Muan's proxy

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

11.1. Activities Stress Elephant Payment

Preamble:

Activities has submitted the circulated invoice and relevant minutes (7(24)) approving this purchase under the budget code 3231, however, the correct budget code should be 3713 Printing – External. The budget code contains exactly the amount allocated (\$15000) and this is a simple admin mistake.

Normally this would be corrected in the next committee meeting, however, due to the urgency of the payment, we are asking that council approve this budget allocation (which is already made) under the correct budget code.

Motion 14: That the Students' Council grant approval for spend of \$15,000 Budget Line 03-60-600-3713 Printing – External for the purposes of payment of the invoice circulated.

Moved: Binderiya Batzorig

Seconded: Kunal Dewani

CARRIED

11.2. Media motions

Four financial motions for Farratography were sent to the General Secretary's inbox on 2 September, but were not included in this Council Agenda.

11.2.1. Photography exhibition printing cost

Motion 15: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$300 from Period 3 of the Programs > General Budget Line and \$254.40 from Period 6 of the Contractor Fees > General Budget Line (\$554.40 total) for printing photographs for our Farratography exhibition.

Moved: Kien-Ling Liem

Seconded: Joel Duggan

11.2.2. Photography exhibition hooks

Preamble:

These hooks were used in mounting the foam boards for the photography exhibition. The reason there are two invoices is because we ended up needing more hooks than expected. We did end up using most of the hooks, and the remaining ones will be left for future Farratography exhibitions.

Motion 16: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$87.90 from Period 6 of the Contractor Fees > General Budget Line for hooks used to mount the photographs in our Farratography exhibition.

Moved: Kien-Ling Liem

Seconded: Gunjan Ahluwalia

11.2.3. Catering delivery fee

Preamble:

We provided vegan catering for the Farratography exhibition which we paid through a Credit Card request. However, the catering company required a delivery fee after initial purchase, meaning we had to pay it out of pocket and get a reimbursement later.

Motion 17: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$33.00 from Period 6 of the Contractor Fees > General Budget Line for the catering delivery fee for our Farratography exhibition.

Moved: Kien-Ling Liem

Seconded: Jessica Fanwong

11.2.4. Wine

Preamble:

We also provided wine for the Farratography exhibition. We ordered 10 bottles as a sufficient estimate for the amount of people to attend, as we had 300 confirmed RSVPs from the event.

Motion 18: That Students' Council approve expenditure of \$99.90 from Period 6 of the Contractor Fees > General Budget Line for wine for our Farratography exhibition.

Moved: Kien-Ling Liem

Seconded: Jessica Fanwong

Motion 19: To move motions 11.2.1 to 11.2.4 en bloc

Moved: Mathilda Stewart

Seconded: Kunal Dewani

CARRIED

12. Next Meeting

13. Close

Meeting closed at 2:04pm