


<p>University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Friday 24 November 2023, 3 pm Meeting 18(23) Location: Level 4 Lecture Theatre, Zoom</p>	
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Meeting opened at 3:10 pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Hiba Adam be elected as Chair.

Moved: Hiba Adam Seconded: Kevin Li

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	Reham Elzeiny	No
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	N/A	
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	N/A	
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Luv Pravin Golecha	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Nan Jiang	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Caitlin Wessner	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	N/A	
Students' Council (General Representative)	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rahul Mittal	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Thompson	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Inderpreet Singh	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Isabella Beiraghi	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Isioma Ogwu	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mohan Kwatra	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Raphael Duffy	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	N/A	
Students' Council (General Representative)	Watey Diep	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Stefan Gavrilov	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	No

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Hiba Adam	<i>Yes</i>
General Secretary	Disha Zutshi	<i>Leave Request</i>
Activities Officer	Tvisha Purswani	<i>No</i>
Activities Officer	Arya Kushwaha	<i>No</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Savier D'Arsie-Marquez	<i>No</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Renee Thierry	<i>No</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kimmy Ng	<i>No</i>
Disabilities Officer	Adam Whitehead	<i>Yes</i>
Disabilities Officer	Alice Zhao	<i>Yes</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Carlos Lagos Martin	<i>No</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Mary Kin Chan	<i>Yes</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Taj Takahashi	<i>No</i>
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	<i>No</i>
Environment Officer	James Gallagher	<i>No</i>
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	<i>Terminated</i>
Media Officer	Weiting Chin	<i>No</i>
Media Officer	Xiaole Zhan	<i>No</i>
Media Officer	Josh Davis	<i>Yes</i>
Media Officer	Carmen Chin	<i>Yes</i>
People of Colour Officer	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Yes</i>
Queer Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	<i>Yes</i>
Queer Officer	Sum To Leslie Ho	<i>Yes</i>
Welfare Officer	Ishita Ganeriwala	<i>No</i>
Welfare Officer	Yashica Mishra	<i>No</i>
Women's Officer	Ngaire Bogemann	<i>Yes</i>
Women's Officer	Alessandra Soliven	<i>No</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Rhys Browning	<i>No</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Annalyce Wiebenga	<i>Yes</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Jack Doughty	<i>No</i>
Southbank Activities Officer	Helen Shen	<i>No</i>
Southbank Education Officer	Zodie Bolic	<i>Yes</i>

Other: Sara Pheasant (CEO), Fiona Sanders (minute taker), Rose Power, Patrick Irwin, Conor Barnes

1.4. Apologies**1.5. Proxies**

1.5.1. Inderpreet Singh to Kevin Li

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.6.1. Disha Zutshi

Motion 2: To accept the leave request for this council.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

1.7. Membership

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 16(23)

2.2. Minutes 17(23)

2.3. Special Minutes 3(23)

Motion 4: 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. Annual Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Hiba Adam	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Disha Zutshi	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Tvisha Purswani	<i>Not submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Arya Kushwaha	<i>Not submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Savier D'Arsie-Marquez	<i>Not submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Renee Thierry	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kimmy Ng	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Adam Whitehead	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Alice Zhao	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Carlos Lagos Martin	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Mary Kin Chan	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Taj Takahashi	<i>Not submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	James Gallagher	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	<i>N/A</i>
Media Officer	Weiting Chin	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Xiaole Zhan	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Josh Davis	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Carmen Chin	<i>Late</i>
People of Colour Officer	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Late</i>
Queer Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Sum To Leslie Ho	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Ishita Ganeriwala	<i>Not submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Yashica Mishra	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Ngairé Bogemann	<i>Submitted</i>

Women's Officer	Alessandra Soliven	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Rhys Browning	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Annalyce Wiebenga	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Jack Doughty	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Activities Officer	Helen Shen	<i>Late</i>
Southbank Education Officer	Zodie Bolic	<i>Submitted</i>

Hiba spoke to her report. Congratulated those who have submitted long reports. Has found being President both hard and enjoyable. Sat on so many University committees. Felt that she has done the best job she can. Has enjoyed working with the Council.

Adam spoke to his report. Expressed that it has been a bit difficult to get through handover accessibly.

Motion 5: To accept the Annual OB Reports.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera for the CEO Report

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 3:20 pm

Fiona Sanders, Rose Power, Patrick Irwin, and Conor Barnes left the meeting

7. CEO Report

Motion 6: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 3:30 pm

Fiona Sanders, Rose Power, Patrick Irwin, and Conor Barnes returned to the meeting

8. Other Reports

8.1. Racism at Unimelb Report 2023

Mohammed spoke to the Racism at Unimelb Report 2023. He noted that the university has failed to recognise that there is racism. He also noted that we are a bit archaic in reporting and responding, and that UMSU needs to stay on this issue. There have been 700 responses to the survey.

University is feeling the heat, UMSU's People of Colour Department will be working more collaboratively with the university in the new year, a POC-led consultancy has been appointed.

The key recommendation expressed from the Report is that the university should acknowledge there is racism on campus.

A question was asked about whether the university is accepting the recommendation. Mohamed responded that the university has been convoluted in accepting recommendations, so OBs need to push on this.

A question was asked about how can other departments make same impact? Mohammed responded that he mailed a copy of the Report to all Faculty Deans. Hiba tabled the Report in every meeting that she was in. She reiterated the importance of continuing to apply pressure on the University.

Motion 7: To accept the Racism at Unimelb Report Edition 3 report and adopt the recommendations to UMSU through the existing Anti-Racism Working Group.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi

Seconded: Hiba Adam

CARRIED

9. Operational Business

Peter and Adrien from Slater and Gordon are present via zoom call

Procedural Motion: To move in camera

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To include Fiona Sanders in the meeting for minute taking purposes

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Rose Power, Patrick Irwin, and Conor Barnes left at 3:40 pm

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Rose Power, Patrick Irwin, and Conor Barnes returned at 3:59 pm

Mary Kin Chan left at 4:00 pm

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Corkman Pub Motion

Motion 9: To direct the Activities Officers to write to the Victorian Planning, The Hon. Minister, Sonya Kilkenny MP, requesting that the Corkman Hotel, on Leicester St, be required to operate as a hospitality venue. This letter should include the following points:

a. UMSU requests that the Minister make a ruling that the Corkman Hotel, upon its mandated reconstruction following its illegal 2016 demolition, should be required to operate solely as a hospitality venue, or pub.

b. That the Corkman Hotel was an integral part of student life before its demolition, given its proximity to the Parkville campus, and that its return would be welcomed by the student body as a venue for social activities and shared community. c. The need to preserve the heritage of the Corkman has already been recognised by the Minister in her draft ruling, as reported in The Age on November 6th, requiring the Corkman's historic facade to be rebuilt by its developers. If the venue's facade should be preserved, then so should its function.

Moved: Stefan Gavrilov

Seconded: Conor Barnes

For: 1

Against: 4

FAILED

Patrick Irwin left at 4:03 pm

BASED MOTIONS INCOMING!!!!!! (Not to be taken seriously!)

10.2 UMSU? More like UMSLAY

Preamble:

UMSU. We all know her. We all (mostly) love her. But her name is tired. It's boring. It's outdated. We need to get with the times - and with student engagement at an all time low, what could be better than renaming UMSU to incorporate a world us youths love? It's time to rename UMSU to UMSLAY.

Action:

- That Students' Council endorse a name change from UMSU Incorporated to UMSLAY Incorporated.
- That Students' Council directs the CEO, President and General Secretary to begin the process of transitioning our organisation's name to UMSLAY.

Motion 10: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Ngaire Bogemann

Seconded: Mohamed Hadi

CARRIED

10.3 Pied Piper (UMSU's Version)

Preamble:

So apparently the rats at Union House have missed us so much that they followed us to Building 168 in search for a home - and now they're making their presence known in our new space. They've been spotted in the Disabilities Space, outside the PoC office and around Level 3 of Building 168. Their conveyor's name is Gertrude of the UMSU Rats Rights Coalition and as a union we have a responsibility to advocate for these rats.

Action:

- That Students' Council build houses for the UMSU rats to respond to the rat housing crisis.
- That Students' Council accrue the remainder of the 2023 budget for the provision of cheese and water to tackle rat food insecurity.

Mohammed encouraged the Council to vote for the motion.

Josh asked if it applied to factional rats.

Motion 11: To build houses for the rats.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi

Seconded: Ngaire Bogemann

CARRIED

10.4 More Beer More Often

Preamble:

At a time when students are facing the greatest cost of living crisis in known memory, it has become clear that there is one essential service UMSU is failing to provide to students - free beer, available to Unimelb's hardworking students 24/7. To right this wrong, UMSU must undertake the task of transitioning from water taps to beer taps. What might this entail? Well, it's simple. No more water from the taps in Building 168 - only the bestest, freshest, coldest beer. It is said we are by students, for students. How can we truly cater for the wants and needs of these students - these students suffering from falling wages, soaring housing costs and increased supermarket costs - when we aren't even providing the most basic student necessity (free beer).

Action:

- That Students' Council acknowledge the devastating impact of the cost of living crisis on beer prices.
- That Students' Council endorses the transition from water taps to beer taps in Building 168.
- That Students' Council accrue funds to finance this endeavour.

Motion 12: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Ngaire Bogemann

Seconded: Mohamed Hadi

CARRIED

10.5 Thieves of UMSU

Motion 13: That Students' Council observe a minute of silence for the loss of the Nintendo Switch from the POC Space, the picnic blanket from the Women's Room, condoms and books from the Queer Space, fairy lights from the Disabilities' space, and the broken coffee machine.

Moved: Ngaire Bogemann

Seconded: Mohamed Hadi

CARRIED

10.6 Save the Trees? Not in my UMSU Environment Office

Mohammed spoke to his moving rights, that the Trots are just using UMSU resources to recruit and are leaving printers without paper. Thanks to the Enviro Department for making them environmentally friendly.

Motion 14: The Council condemns the use of all the paper.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi

Seconded: Ngaire Bogemann

CARRIED

Disha Zutshi arrived the meeting at 4:14 pm

10.6

Motion 16: That UMSU recognises the President and Gen Secretary, and that they are the best that the organisation has ever seen

Moved: Hiba Adam

Seconded: Disha Zutshi

CARRIED

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

Motion 17: That UMSU prohibit all UMSU members from supporting the aims of prescribed terrorist organisations including Hamas.

Moved: Patrick Irwin Stefan

Abstain: 4

Against: 1

For: 1

FAILED

12. Next Meeting

No next meeting unless you are continuing.

A question was asked about when Councillors will receive honoraria. Sara replied that she will find out and let Councillors know.

13. Close

Meeting closed at 4:19 pm