

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes
Thursday 7 May 2026, 1pm
Special Meeting 2(26)
Location: North Lecture Theatre, Old Arts; Zoom (on request)
Meeting opened at 1:15pm



1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: That Yashesvi Verma be elected as Chair.

Mover: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

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	Marc Khor	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	<i>Leave of Absence</i>
Students' Council (General Representative)	Bhavin Garg	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Amaya Castro Williams	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Riley Shepherd	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hannah Roseman-Gannon	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yuqi Ma	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Siddhanth Subbaiah Belliappa	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	James Duncan	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Toby Putland	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Khush Shah	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yasmeen Atieh	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Holly Kalns	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Somaya Qasimi	No

Students' Council (General Representative)	Devashree Kathale	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Felicity Bayne	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mathilda Stewart	Yes

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Lushomo Chinganya	Yes
General Secretary	Daniel Motika	Yes
Activities Officer	Saisha Vohra	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Ian Adams	No
Creative Arts Officer	Ethan McNeil	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Yashvi Verma	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Seamus Donnellan	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Alex Gwynn	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Maehula Datta	No
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Corbin Afanasyev	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Hesheya T Anandan	No
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Hridey Kapoor	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Rutvi Tolani	Yes
Environment Officer	Bella Beiraghi	Yes
Environment Officer	Kay Pritchard	Yes
Indigenous Officer	<i>Vacant</i>	
Media Officer	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel	Yes
Media Officer	Ruby Weir-Alarcon	Yes
Media Officer	Sabine Pentecost	Yes
Media Officer	Chiaki Chng	No
People of Colour Officer	Anyang Wal	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Chengyang (Eason) Gu	No
Queer Officer	Lyton Namawanda	No
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	No
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Charlotte Dickinson	No
Southbank Activities Officer	Tirion Luff-White	No
Southbank Education Officer	Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis	Yes

Other: Sara Pheasant (staff), Hana Arai (staff), Mary Kin Chan (staff), Lachie James (staff), Fiona Sanders (staff), Phoebe Churches (staff), Zuhair Mobasshar (proxy holder), Lachlan Carroll (proxy holder), Filia Cahyadi (proxy holder), Lottie Jenkins (proxy holder)

1.4. Apologies**1.5. Proxies**

- 1.5.1. Holly Kalns to Ruoming Wang
- 1.5.2. Marc Khor to Zuhair Mobasshar
- 1.5.3. Somaya Qasimi to Catherine Duong

1.5.4. James Duncan to Riley Shepherd

1.5.5. Mathilda Stewart to Lottie Jenkins from 1:25pm

1.5.6. Felicity Bayne to Lachlan Carroll

1.5.7. Bhavin Garg to Filia Cahyadi

Motion: To accept Bhavin as Filia's proxy.

Moved: Khush Shah

Seconded: Mathilda Stewart

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.6.1. Matteo Bonson

1.7. Membership

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion: That the Chair does not possess the confidence of this meeting.

Moved: Toby Putland

Seconded: Mathilda Stewart

FAILED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Catherine Duong

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

Council moved in camera at 1:19 pm

Procedural Motion: That staff members including Sara, Phoebe, Hana, Lachie, Mary, and Fiona remain in the meeting room.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Ethan McNeil

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Mathilda Stewart left the meeting room.

Motion: That Daniel leaves the room for the duration of the motion.

Moved: Toby Putland

Seconded: Khush Shah

FAILED

2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

3. Motions on Notice

3.1. Referral to the Charter Tribunal

Platform:

According to the UMSU Constitution, Schedule 4, Section 6, Students' Council may convene the Charter Tribunal by referring an alleged breach of the Council Charter to the Charter Tribunal for investigation. The alleged breaches pertain to Daniel Motika, the General Secretary. The alleged breaches are of the regulations listed below.

Alleged breaches of Council Charter:

- R3(a)
- R5(a)
- R5(b)
- R5(c)
- R5(d)

Cynthia Wong left the meeting room at 1:41pm.

Corbin Afanasyev and Lushy Chinganya left the meeting room to attend another meeting.

Ethan McNeil left the meeting room.

Ethan McNeil returned to the meeting room.

Anyang left the meeting on zoom.

Rutvi Tolani left the meeting on zoom.

Procedural Motion: That Lachlan Carroll returns his proxy to Felicity Bayne, and to allow Felicity to enter in camera.

Moved: Lachlan Carroll

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Lachlan Carroll left the meeting room.

Felicity Bayne entered the meeting room.

Motion: That Students' Council convenes the Charter Tribunal to investigate whether Daniel Motika, in their capacity as General Secretary, breached rules of the council Charter, as particularised in the written statement tabled with this motion.

Moved: Toby Putland

Seconded: Mathilda Stewart

FAILED

4. Close

Meeting closed at 2:47 pm