

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Friday 12 January 2024, 4:00pm Meeting 2(24) Location: Zoom</p> <p style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;"> https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/83718938127?pwd=cXQ2Ykd1cVprc2JkN3NoVzNTR0cxZz09 </p>	
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Meeting opened at 4.02pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Kevin be elected as Chair.
 Mover: Enzhe (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	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	No
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Arya Kushwaha	No
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	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Inderpreet Singh	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)	Aidan Mansfield	Resigned
Students' Council (General Representative)	Anndrya Chua	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hayley Cheung	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rachael Hynds	Yes

Students' Council (General Representative)	Natalie Sinicka	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Labdhi Gandhi	Yes

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Disha Zutshi	No
General Secretary	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Yes
Activities Officer	Amy Peters	No
Activities Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Shravya Akkapeddi	No
Creative Arts Officer	Jiajie Zheng	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Azalea Rohaizam	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Adam Whitehead	No
Disabilities Officer	Anishaa Jeyakumar	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Julian De Marco	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Lucy Rachman Vascotto	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Raphael Duffy	No
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Bella Beiraghi	Yes
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	No
Environment Officer	Jaan Schild	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Hamish Rose	Yes
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	No
People of Colour Officer	Ying Kwan Jania Lam	No
Queer Officer	Binderiya Batzorig	Yes
Queer Officer	Rahul (Ryan) Mittal	Yes
Welfare Officer	Joshua Stagg	Yes
Welfare Officer	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
Women's Officer	Akanksha Agarwal	No
Women's Officer	Micaela Rynne	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jake Duyvestyn	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Ariel Teo	No
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Amy Rogers	No
Southbank Activities Officer	Justine Light De Guzman	Yes
Southbank Education Officer	Felicity Patrice Liston	No

Other: Sara Pheasant (CEO), Phoebe Churches (Divisional Manager, Advocacy & Legal), Mary Kin Chan (minute taker), Amaya Castro Williams (observer), Julien Macandili (observer), Lola Bowers (observer), Mohamed Hadi, Patrick Irwin, Rhoda Louis-Miller (observer), Sam Eggleston (observer)

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Felicity Liston, Ariel Teo, Shravya Akkapeddi, Amy Peters, Emma Dynes, Raphael Duffy

Councillors: N/A

1.5. Proxies

- 1.5.1. Alessandra Ward to Rachel Hynds
- 1.5.2. Inderpreet Singh to Anndrya Chua
- 1.5.3. Tianyi Yu to Mohamed Hadi
- 1.5.4. Vaibhav Girdhar to Harrishman Shobanan
- 1.5.5. Nat Sinicka to Stephan Gavrilo
- 1.5.6. Leon Paratz to Patrick Irwin

Motion 2: To accept the proxies for this council en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.6.1. For this Council

1.6.1.1. *Councillors: N/A*

1.6.1.2. *OBs: Felicity Liston, Ariel Teo, Shravya Akkapeddi, Amy Peters, Emma Dynes, Raphael Duffy, Disha Zutshi*

Anishaa joined the meeting at 4:06 pm

Motion 3: To accept the leave requests for this council en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

1.7. Membership

- 1.7.1. Aidan Mansfield has resigned from Council

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 4: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 1(24)

Mary noted that the header of the distributed budget memorandum currently says "2(23)_Strictly Confidential_ UMSU 2024 Councillors only". This typo has been corrected to 2(24)_Strictly Confidential_ UMSU 2024 Councillors only".

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

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
5. Correspondence
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>Not Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	<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>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Adam Whitehead	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Anishaa Jeyakumar	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Julian De Marco	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Lucy Rachman Vascotto	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Raphael Duff	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Bella Beiraghi	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Jaan Schild	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Hamish Rose	<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>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	Rahul (Ryan) Mittal	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Joshua Stagg	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Divyanshi Sati	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Akanksha Agarwal	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Micaela Rynne	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jake Duyvestyn	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Ariel Teo	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Amy Rogers	<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>

The Chair recommended waiving the OB reporting requirements for this Council, as the meeting is occurring outside of the academic semester. The Chair noted that OBs are early in their terms, thus need time to acclimatise with their role responsibilities.

Motion 6: To waive the OB reporting requirement for this Council, and accept the submitted OB Reports.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Jiajie (Jey) Zheng and Sam Eggleston entered the meeting at 4:09 pm

7. CEO Report

Sara noted that the same budget memorandum has been resubmitted with reallocation as per agreed in the previous Students' Council, there is no material change to the document other than the reallocations.

Kevin asked whether Sara would like to speak to the OHS report.

Sara responded that she will seek to report OHS regularly, as Council is UMSU's Board of Directors. The OHS report is just for Council's noting.

Motion 7: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council moved in camera at 4:15pm

Rhoda Louis-Miller, Sam Eggleston, and Lola Bowers left the meeting at 4:15pm

Council moved out of camera at 4:18pm

Rhoda Louis-Miller, Sam Eggleston, and Lola Bowers returned to the meeting at 4:18pm

8. Other Reports

9. Operational Business

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Operations Sub-Committee nominations

The Chair explained that the Operations Sub-Committee meets every two weeks to pass motions that occur between regular Council meetings.

Procedural Motion: The Students' Council directs the General Secretary to open nominations for the Operations Sub-Committee for a period of 5 working days, with final nominations to be confirmed by the following week.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.2. Burnley Programs (General) expenditure

Jake explained that the Burnley Students Committee is currently still vacant, hence he is coming to Council in order to pass proposed expenditure.

Procedural Motion: To move motions 10.2 - 10.4 en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To accept motions 10.2 - 10.4.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion: That council approve expenditure of \$1995 from the programs (general) line of the Burnley department budget for the delivery of a fungal ecology and identification workshop in May 2024, in line with attached proposal/quote from workshop provider **Alison Pouliot**.

Moved: Jake Duyvestyn

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

10.3. Burnley Events (Food and Beverages) expenditure

Motion: That council approve expenditure of \$1000 from the events (food and beverages) line of the Burnley department budget for catering of a welcome BBQ to be held during O-Week.

Moved: Jake Duyvestyn

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

10.4. Burnley Events (General) expenditure

Motion: That council approve expenditure of \$360 from the events (general) line of the Burnley department budget for food and grocery supplies for the first month of weekly Burnley Brunch events in 2024.

Moved: Jake Duyvestyn

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

10.5. Unimelb – cut ties with Lockheed Martin!

Preamble:

Despite its progressive veneer, the University of Melbourne collaborates with the world's largest weapons manufacturer, Lockheed Martin. According to a statement issued by the university, it "participates in research projects with the

Commonwealth Government's Defence Science and Technology (DST) Group and defence industry partners, including Lockheed Martin Australia's Science, Technology, Engineering Leadership and Research Laboratory (STELaRLab), to develop sovereign technologies.

"Since 2016, the University of Melbourne has received \$3.5m in funding from Lockheed Martin Australia to support PhD scholarships and research projects."

The collaboration between Lockheed Martin and the UOM was coordinated through the Defence Science Institute. This was established in 2010 to "facilitate the growth of defence science research networks between Victorian Universities, government and defence industry."

The weapons sold by Lockheed Martin have been used around the world to kill and maim tens of thousands of people. Their R9X Hellfire missiles, for instance, has been described as "functioning like a giant meat grinder -that doesn't explode but projectiles blades within 100m of impact, slicing people's bodies apart and exacting the worst agony on them".

Universities should be places of education, not places to deepen ties with weapons manufacturers and facilitate research which is used to destroy the environment and human lives. The world's largest weapons manufacturer, Lockheed Martin, has no place on this university campus.

Platform:

1. The UMSU students' council denounces the university for any and all collaboration with Lockheed Martin.

Actions:

1. The students' council calls on the university to cut its ties with all weapons manufacturers such as Lockheed Martin.

Bella Beiraghi and Lucy Rachman Vascotto spoke to their moving rights.

Mary reminded Council that similar motions related to Lockheed Martin, cutting ties and research collaborations with weapons manufacturers, have been previously tabled in Council. Relevant motions can be found in the 'Arms Manufacturers' section of the Stance Booklet.

Jaan stated that previous motions only called for a clarification of the relationship between the University of Melbourne and weapons manufacturers, whereas the proposed motion for this Council calls on the University to cut its ties with all weapons manufacturers, hence the motions are different from each other.

Yash Sah entered the meeting at 4:24pm

There was extensive discussion over the motion.

Procedural Motion: To immediately move to a vote.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 9: To accept motion 10.5 as presented.

Moved: Bella Beiraghi

Seconded: Lucy Rachman Vascotto

CARRIED

10.6. Oppose the growth of the global far right

Preamble:

The far right is on the rise internationally; from Meloni in Italy, Trump in the US to Modi in India, the far right is becoming an everyday feature in politics, evident in the popularity and acceptance by the establishment of these figures.

It's an extremely alarming situation, as the far right aims to viciously attack oppressed people.

We now see the brutalisation of refugees and militarisation of borders in Europe, the rollback of women's rights in the US, anti-democratic laws in Argentina and violent repression of student activists and journalists in India by the BJP.

Muslims and other religious minorities in India are subjected to lynchings and pogroms carried out by BJP supporters and egged on by Modi, as his government brutally represses Kashmir and puts into motion Islamophobic measures.

The far right is ever-present in Australian politics, with Jacinta Price claiming colonisation was "positive" for Indigenous people, the presence of the National Socialist Network, and the far right vote has risen drastically in both the 2022 State and Federal elections.

Student unions have a duty to oppose the growth of the global far right. We have to fight and mobilise against the far right, whether in small street mobilisations or mass fascist parties; including when they attempt to smash student unions, and lend our solidarity to any movements resisting them.

Platform:

1. UMSU condemns the growth of far right figures and movements globally
2. UMSU will support and promote anti-fascist actions aimed at opposing and fighting the growth of the far right

Penelope Scacciante and Hugh Collins spoke to their moving rights.

Mary reminded Councillors that motions such as 10.5 should be affirmative in nature, and that they should start with 'That...' as per instructions outlined in the Standing Orders. Bella and Jaan agreed to have their proposed 'platform' and 'actions' as action points, and for their motions to start with 'That'.

Ryan noted that labels such as BJP, Kashmiri, and indigenous people in India, are taken out of context. He urged Councillors to educate themselves.

Bella expressed that it is important to note oppression, that the motion is not a projection of white people's racist attitudes.

Sam Eggleton entered the meeting at 4:55pm

Mehul suggested that the Preamble is not necessary.

Kunal Dewani proposed an amendment:

Proposed Amendment:

To amend the Preamble of Motion 10.6 so that it reads:

"Student unions have to fight and mobilise against the far right, including when they attempt to smash student unions, and lend our solidarity to any movements resisting them."

Moved: Kunal Dewani

This was not amendable to the mover and seconder.

Procedural Motion: To close the speaking list and move to a vote on the main motion.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 10: To amend Motion 10.6 by removing the Preamble.

Moved: Kunal Dewani

Seconded: Ryan Mittal

CARRIED

Phoebe Churches left the meeting at 5:04pm

Extensive discussions occurred around removing the Preamble.

Julien named once, named again at 5:05pm, named a third time at 5:06pm.

Julien Macandili was removed from the meeting by the Chair at 5.06pm

Procedural Motion: To close the speaking list and move to a vote on the main motion.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 11: To vote for the main motion as amended.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

10.7. UMSU condemns the ALP's recent campaign against immigration

Preamble:

All across the world the racist right is attempting to shift the blame for rapidly declining living standards on to migrants and refugees

The Liberal Party is no exception. The LNP has led extreme attacks on migrants and refugees to cover for the landlords and CEOs who are making massive profits out of the housing and cost of living crises. However, the ALP's response has been to capitulate to these attacks, with home affairs minister Claire O'Neal promising to end "big Australia" and to curb migration to restore the nations "social license".

These attacks are particularly aimed at punishing international students, greatly increasing the already punitive requirements for high English language level and assigning \$19 million to scrutinise student visa applications. This will clearly disproportionately affect students from non-English speaking countries and those who cannot afford high/level tuition. They also plan to penalise recent graduates with tighter time quotas for finding skilled work after they leave University, otherwise facing deportation.

This is all a cover for the fact that in the first years of the incumbent Labor government, living conditions have continued to slip for ordinary Australians as corporate profits have skyrocketed. UMSU must stand against these anti-migrant attacks and demand instead that real action be taken to relieve the ever-increasing hardships ordinary people face.

Platform:

UMSU condemns ALP's recent policy shifts to curb migration in Australia

UMSU demands real action on the cost of living crisis, including wage increases, rent caps, and welfare increases.

Extensive discussions occurred around the role of ALP on recent immigration policy changes.

Procedural Motion: To close the speaking list and move to a vote on the main motion.

Moved: Yash Sah

CARRIED

Julian De Marco left the meeting at 5:29 pm

Point of order (as per Standing Orders cl 9.3) raised by Sara at 5:33pm. Sara reminded that Councillors have an obligation to observe respect.

Motion 12: To accept Motion 10.7 as presented.

Moved: Lucy Chapman-Kelly

Seconded: Lola Bowers

FAILED

10.8. UMSU endorses the annual Invasion Day rally

Preamble:

From the early period of colonisation, to the present day Australian state, Indigenous people have remained a heavily oppressed people. Land rights are denied to enable major mining magnates to dig up minerals and generate massive profits, Indigenous deaths in custody have reached over 550 deaths since the 1991 Royal Commission, while the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people on health, education and housing continues to widen each day.

Each year, Invasion Day sees tens of thousands of people across the country, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, come out to support Indigenous self-determination and rights. Chants such as "Land Rights Now!" and "Always Was Always Will Be Aboriginal Land" can be heard from these rallies in what is an annual protest of left wing and progressive people supporting and fighting alongside Indigenous people.

As a student union, we must endorse the annual Invasion Day rally, demonstrating and actively standing in solidarity with Indigenous people in their fight for genuine self-determination. This means championing the rights and slogans made at the Invasion Day rallies and in the day-to-day struggle of Indigenous people.

Furthermore, this means taking aim at political forces, parties and governments that are not only complicit, but perpetuate the oppression of Indigenous people. The current federal and state Labor governments have continued denial of Indigenous land rights and have increased the incarceration of Indigenous people and children. The Queensland state Labor government has overridden the states' human rights act to imprison Indigenous children in adult watchhouse prisons.

UMSU stands in solidarity with Indigenous people right across the country.

Platform:

1. UMSU endorses the annual Invasion Day rally
2. UMSU stands in solidarity with Indigenous people and their fight for genuine self-determination
3. UMSU condemns the current federal and state Labor governments in their racist treatment of Indigenous people

Actions:

1. UMSU will advertise the annual Invasion Day rally via social media, and will encourage students to attend the rally

Amaya Castro Williams left the meeting at 5:34pm

Amaya Castro Williams returned to the meeting at 5:36pm

Patrick objected to the motion, arguing that Australia Day is about being proud of one's own Australian identity.

Kevin asked whether Oskar wanted to exercise his right of reply.

Oskar agreed to exercising his right of reply.

Ngairé Bogemann entered the meeting at 5:39pm

Oskar disagreed with Patrick's argument.

Lucy Rachman Vascotto expressed support for the motion, noted that attending the Invasion Day rally as a form of fighting for self-determination is important.

Julien Macandili returned to the meeting with Amaya Castro Williams at 5:45pm.

Point of order called by Mary at 5:48pm, as Julien Macandili was not supposed to return to the meeting after being named three times earlier.

Amaya Castro Williams and Julien Macandili were removed from the meeting by Mary at 5:49pm

Procedural Motion: To close the speaking list and move to a vote on the motion.

Moved: Anndrya Chua

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 13: To accept Motion 10.8 as presented.

Moved: Oskar Martin

Seconded: Hamish Rose

CARRIED

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

12. Next Meeting

12.1. TBC in February

13. Close

Meeting closed at 5:52pm