


<p><b>University of Melbourne Student Union</b>  <b>Meeting of the Students' Council</b>  <b>Minutes</b>  <b>Thursday 29 August 2024, 12pm</b>  <b>Special Meeting 3(24)</b>  <b>Location: Zoom</b>  <a href="https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/87909355979?pwd=hly7IGGhcwxaWdjQgaQY5xOR8UZbKC.1">https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/87909355979?pwd=hly7IGGhcwxaWdjQgaQY5xOR8UZbKC.1</a></p>	
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**Meeting opened at 12:05pm**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Election of Chair**

Motion 1: That Kevin Li be elected as Chair.

Moved: 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	No
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	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Hugh Collins	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Harrishman Shobanan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	vaibhav girdhar	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lucy Kelly	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Leon Paratz	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yash Sah	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	No
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

<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Giulia Massimini	Yes
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Labdhi Gandhi	Yes

### Office Bearers

<b>Department</b>	<b>Full name</b>	<b>Attended?</b>
<b>President</b>	Disha Zutshi	No
<b>General Secretary</b>	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Yes
<b>Activities Officer</b>	Amy Peters	Yes
<b>Creative Arts Officer</b>	Shravya Akkapeddi	Yes
<b>Creative Arts Officer</b>	Jiajie Zheng	No
<b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>	Azalea Rohaizam	No
<b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>	Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	No
<b>Disabilities Officer</b>	Anishaa Jeyakumar	No
<b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b>	Julian De Marco	No
<b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b>	Lucy Rachman Vascotto	No
<b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>	Raphael Duffy	Yes
<b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>	Bella Beiraghi	Yes
<b>Environment Officer</b>	Emma Dynes	No
<b>Environment Officer</b>	Jaan Schild	Yes
<b>Indigenous Officer</b>	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
<b>Media Officer</b>	Joel Duggan	Yes
<b>Media Officer</b>	Gunjan Ahluwalia	Yes
<b>Media Officer</b>	Kien-Ling Liem	Yes
<b>Media Officer</b>	Jessica Fanwong	Yes
<b>People of Colour Officer</b>	Denzil Minnaar	Yes
<b>People of Colour Officer</b>	Ying Kwan Jania Lam	No
<b>Queer Officer</b>	Binderiya Batzorig	No
<b>Queer Officer</b>	Ryan Mittal	No
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Joshua Stagg	No
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
<b>Women's Officer</b>	Micaela Rynne	No
<b>Burnley Campus Coordinator</b>	<i>Vacant</i>	N/A
<b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b>	Ariel Teo	No
<b>Southbank Activities Officer</b>	Justine Light De Guzman	Yes
<b>Southbank Education Officer</b>	Felicity Patrice Liston	No

Other: Sara Pheasant (CEO), Mary Kin Chan (minute taker), Natasha Lee (EA to CEO), Lachlan McCallum (CFO & Director of Operations)

#### 1.4. Apologies

1.4.1. Alessandra Ward

#### 1.5. Proxies

#### 1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

#### 1.7. Membership

#### 1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** To move in camera.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** To allow Sara, Lachlan, Tash, Mary to remain in the in camera session.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

**Council moved in camera at 12:07pm**

**2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

**3. Correspondence**

**3.1. In camera**

**3.1.1. Constitutional Change Report (confidential circulation)**

*Justine Light De Guzman entered the meeting at 12:12pm*

**Procedural Motion:** To move out of camera for the rest of this Council.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

**Council moved out of camera at 12:36 pm**

Oskar has been named by the Chair once, then twice, then three times.

**3.1.2. Briefing papers A & B (same as previously circulated in 10(24))**

Penelope disagrees that Discipline Panel may dismiss a student representative from office (C8.3(d)(iii)), as it is undemocratic to remove an elected student representative in this manner.

Sara commented that it is a good point, while she is of the view to trial the Discipline Regulations first, Students' Council can review and change these Regulations. The pertinent issue is to vote on the Constitutional changes so that it gets to the SGM stage.

Penelope suggested removing C6.9(a)(iii) (regarding Casual Vacancies) from proposal taken to SGM; and C9.2 (regarding Council meeting frequency). She explained that meeting once a month is not frequent enough for Council to discuss pertinent issues.

Sara noted that Council’s meeting frequency was raised by previous student representatives, single item (Special) Councils can still be called. Regarding C6.9(a)(iii), removing the proposed provision will mean that UMSU cannot meet its positive obligations of eliminating sexual harassment and keeping UMSU a safe workplace.

Penelope suggested making C6.9(a)(iii) more specific – that it specifically applies to SASH-related violations.

Tash spoke to the proposed Discipline Panel and Disciplinary procedure (C8.2 and C8.3). The method of determining what is a sensitive issue and what isn’t, are in the Discipline Regulations, which is subject to Council’s discretionary powers. There must have been a formal investigation (approved by Council), the matter is then referred by Council to the Discipline Panel.

Regarding Council meeting frequency, Tash noted that the frequency is proposed to be “at least” monthly, which removes the burden on reaching quorum each Council, as well as Councillors’ attendance requirements (and subsequent punitive consequences if attendance requirement not achieved) that comes with mandatory fortnightly meetings.

### **3.2. Proposed Amendments (as previously endorsed for consultation)**

### **3.3. Member Briefing Paper**

## **4. Motions on Notice**

**Procedural Motion:** That Council moves items 4.1 and 4.2 en bloc

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

**Procedural Motion:** That Council votes on items 4.1 and 4.2 en bloc

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

### **4.1. Constitutional Change Endorsement**

Motion 3: That the Students' Council directs the General Secretary to call a General meeting of UMSU pursuant to rule 4.1(a) of the Constitution.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Kevin Li

CARRIED

### **4.2. Constitutional Change Endorsement**

Motion 4: That the Students' Council endorse the proposed changes to the Constitution as consulted with members to be put to members by special resolution at a General meeting.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Kevin Li

CARRIED

**5. Close**

**Meeting closed at 12:46 pm**