



<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Felicity Bayne	Yes
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Mathilda Stewart	No

*Office Bearers*

<b>Department</b>	<b>Full name</b>	<b>Attended?</b>
<b>President</b>	Lushomo Chinganya	Yes
<b>General Secretary</b>	Daniel Motika	Yes
<b>Activities Officer</b>	Saasha Vohra	Yes
<b>Activities Officer</b>	Chuanqing (Louis) Huang	Yes
<b>Burnley Campus Coordinator</b>	Ian Adams	Yes
<b>Creative Arts Officer</b>	Ethan McNeil	Yes
<b>Creative Arts Officer</b>	Yashesvi Verma	Yes
<b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>	Seamus Donnellan	Yes
<b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>	Alex Gwynn	Yes
<b>Disabilities Officer</b>	Maehula Datta	Yes
<b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b>	Corbin Afanasyev	Yes
<b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b>	Hesheya T Anandan	Yes
<b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>	Hridey Kapoor	Yes
<b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>	Rutvi Tolani	Yes
<b>Environment Officer</b>	Bella Beiraghi	<i>Leave of Absence</i>
<b>Environment Officer</b>	Kay Pritchard	Yes
<b>Indigenous Officer</b>	Noah Kellett	No
<b>Media Officer</b>	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel	Yes
<b>Media Officer</b>	Ruby Weir-Alarcon	Yes
<b>Media Officer</b>	Sabine Pentecost	Yes
<b>Media Officer</b>	Chiaki Chng	Yes
<b>People of Colour Officer</b>	Anyang Wal	Yes
<b>People of Colour Officer</b>	Chengyang (Eason) Gu	No
<b>Queer Officer</b>	Lyton Namawanda	Yes
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong	Yes
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Alexander Hams	Yes
<b>Women's Officer</b>	Manika Birmiwai	Yes
<b>Women's Officer</b>	Eya Takrouni	Yes
<b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b>	Caleb Jarcevic	No
<b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b>	Charlotte Dickinson	Yes
<b>Southbank Activities Officer</b>	Tirion Luff-White	Yes
<b>Southbank Education Officer</b>	Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis	Yes
<b>UMSU International President</b>	Momoka Honda	Yes

Others: Sara Pheasant, Fiona Sanders, Alyssa Shaw, Lachie James, Mary Kin Chan, Aidan Hawe (proxy holder), Yasmeen Atieh (observer), Joshua Solomon (C&S Committee Member), Zuhair Mobasshar (proxy holder), Joseph Campbell Thompson (proxy holder), Clarissa Sothy (proxy holder), Nathan Ben-David (observer), Maya Schildkraut (observer), Pryce Starkey (observer), Nirali Bhagat (proxy holder)

**1.4. Apologies****1.5. Proxies**

- 1.5.1. Mathilda Stewart to Aidan Hawe
- 1.5.2. Marc Khor to Zuhair Mobasshar
- 1.5.3. Somaya Qasimi to Nirali Bhagat
- 1.5.4. Binderiya Batzorig to Clarissa Sothy
- 1.5.5. Chengmin (Scott) Shi to Joseph Campbell Thompson
- 1.5.6. Shreyas Saluja to Dominic Lam Xuan Jun
- 1.5.7. Bhavin Garg to Khush Shah

### 1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

#### 1.6.1. For this Council:

1.6.1.1. Bella Beiraghi

1.6.1.2. Corbin Afanasyev

Motion 2: To accept the leave of absence request for this Council.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Catherine Duong

CARRIED

### 1.7. Membership

- 1.7.1. Sophie Conlan has resigned from Students' Council

### 1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 2.1. Minutes 2(26)

Aidan noted the first action point of Motion 10.2 should be "UMSU President will release a press statement based on this motion's preamble to be published no longer than two **weeks** after council", rather than two days.

Chair confirmed this should be the case.

Motion 4: To accept the minutes as amended.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

## 5. Correspondence

### 5.1. UMSU Environment social media post

Daniel Motika, the General Secretary, brought up a resolved complaint regarding a social media post published by UMSU Environment's account. The complaint arose after Council agenda was already distributed, but the caption in the post has already been amended, and thus the complaint has been resolved.

## 6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Lushomo Chinganya	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Daniel Motika	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Saaisa Vohra	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Chuanqing (Louis) Huang	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Ian Adams	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Ethan McNeil	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Yashesvi Verma	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Seamus Donnellan	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Alex Gwynn	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Maehula Datta	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Corbin Afanasyev	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Hesheya T Anandan	<i>Submitted</i>
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Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Rutvi Tolani	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Bella Beiraghi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Kay Pritchard	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Noah Kellett	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Ruby Weir-Alarcon	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Sabine Pentecost	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Chiaki Chng	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Anyang Wal	<i>Not Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Chengyang (Eason) Gu	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Lyton Namawanda	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Alexander Hams	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Manika Birmiwal	<i>Submitted</i>
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UMSU International President	Momoka Honda	<i>Submitted</i>

A few Office Bearers spoke to their report:

- Elizabeth Pardallis, Southbank Education Officer, spoke to the importance of showing up for and investing in community (beyond posting on social media) in the context of the Invasion Day Rally.
- Saaisa Vohra, Activities Officer, spoke to decreased allocation to the Activities budget compared to the previous year.

- Maria Quartel, Media Officer, spoke to the OB interview deadline, which has been extended to a year-long callout. She invited fellow officers to promote departmental initiatives or events through an interview at Radio Fodder, video and written submissions are also welcomed.

The CEO acknowledged Saaisha's comment on the difficult budget process. She reiterated that 'earned revenue' is generally hard to accurately estimate and cannot be relied upon to guide actual spending. Officers need to adjust expenditure in line with actual earned income. She suggested that Councillors could return to the budget discussion at the midyear budget review.

A few officers chimed in to provide suggestions for running initiatives and activities despite budget cuts – cross-department collaboration, utilising UMSU's volunteer base, writing to Farrago about the University, were mentioned.

Council noted that the Activities Department had been provided with a misleading estimate for revenue from staff during the budget process before the term started.

Motion 5: To accept the OB Reports en bloc.

Moved: Kay Pritchard

Seconded: Toby Putland

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 7. CEO Report

The CEO took her report as read, that the report is for Council's noting rather than for endorsement.

There was some discussion around the operational changes to Info Desk due to inadequate SSAF funding provided by the University. She emphasised two things in addition to the information in the report:

- That she is negotiating with the University to take responsibility of some services that have previously been picked up by Info Desk that should be undertaken by the University, not UMSU, such as Lost Property, which UMSU has been trying to hand back for some time.
- The current plan is that the Student Representation Division will handle student representatives' keys, including OB office lock box key(s). Other changes will be communicated once alternatives have been sorted.

### 7.1. CEO Report 3(26)

Motion 6: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Alexander Hams

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 8. Other Reports

## 9. Operational Business

### 9.1. Media Department motion

Ruby spoke to the motion, which is to pay for Media's Adobe Creative Cloud subscription.

Maria agreed with Ruby and waived her speaking rights.

Motion 7: To move \$70 from Operation Sub-Committee to the Media Department budget code ending in 3774.

Moved: Ruby Weir-Alarcon

Seconded: Maria Quartel

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

### 9.2. Media Department motion

Motion 8: To approve \$70 from Subscriptions & literature (account code: 03-60-3774) to cover the gap costs for four Adobe Creative Cloud Subscriptions for the Media Department.

Moved: Ruby Weir-Alarcon

Seconded: Maria Quartel

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

### 9.3. Media Department motion

Motion 9: To approve \$11,000 from Printing - External (account code 03-60-3713) to cover the costs of printing Farrago Magazine Edition One through Kosdown Printing.

Moved: Ruby Weir-Alarcon

Seconded: Maria Quartel

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 10. Motions on Notice

### 10.1. To Rescind Motion 10.1 from Council 10(25)

Preamble:

Over the past few years UMSU has not maintained a Conflict of Interest Register despite it being a requirement under the ACNC legislation. This can likely be attributed to poor and unclear policy. As a result, a process is currently under way to rewrite the policy and propose a raft of regulation changes to enforce the register moving forward, these would likely be considered at one of the following councils.

Although, Motion 10.1, passed as amended in Council 10(25), does fall in line with the incoming changes nor would it be possible to enforce once the policy is made into a regulation due to the extraordinary requirements to changing regulation as opposed to policy. Further, specific reference to the requirement to disclose political affiliation is broad and will, and has in the past, resulted in elected representatives with families living overseas facing political persecution. UMSU has an obligation to not only protect its representatives but comply with other laws around privacy and the collection and distribution of sensitive information. Hence, the below motion must be rescinded to allow for better and safer regulations to be created.

Action:

That the Students' Council rescinds the following action items from Motion 10.1 from Council 10(25):

1. That Student Council establish and maintain a Conflict of Interest and Affiliation Register for all elected and appointed UMSU representatives, that will be requested information to complete onboarding.  
This register will include:
  - Membership or affiliation with political parties including current and previous membership of political parties and external organisations across 3 years.
  - Executive or committee positions in UMSU-affiliated clubs and societies; and
  - Roles in any external organisation that may reasonably influence UMSU decision-making.
2. The register will be updated at the beginning of each semester and published on the UMSU website alongside councillor and committee information.

Eason Gu, People of Colour Officer, exercised speaking rights as the mover.

Yashesvi Verma, Creative Arts Officer, exercised speaking rights as the seconder.

Chair opened the speaking list. The discussion covered the following points:

- Concern with Motion 10.1 (from 10(25) Council) having the effect of amending the existing Conflicts of Interest Policy.
- Rescinding the motion will mean that representatives are not obliged to declare conflicts of interest onto a publicly-available register.
- UMSU should be promoting an inclusive environment by recognising that the political reality in Australia is different to that in other countries.
- Would it be possible to limit viewing access of the conflicts of interest register to Councillors? Or to provide access by request to the General Secretary?

Motion 10: To adopt the motion as presented.

Moved: Chengyang Gu

Seconded: Yashesvi Verma

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

Point of clarification raised in 4(26) Council - UMSU has in fact kept records of conflicts of interest in previous years. This was going to be raised in the meeting before it became inquorate.

## **10.2. To establish the Graduate Student's Working Group (GSWG)**

Preamble:

Graduate students face distinct academic, financial, and wellbeing challenges and are underrepresented in UMSU engagement and decision-making.

Action:

That UMSU Students' Council:

1. Establish a Graduate Student Working Group (GSWG).
2. Endorse and adopt the UMSU Graduate Students' Working Group Terms of Reference.
3. Mandate the GSWG to identify key graduate issues, advise on advocacy priorities, and improve graduate engagement with UMSU services and representation.
4. Require the GSWG to report to Council at least once per semester.
5. Review the working group after 12 months.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, exercised speaking rights as the mover.

Chengmin Shi, Councillor and seconder of the motion, was not present.

Kay Pritchard, Environment Officer, agreed with the motion, and expressed that there should be greater UMSU presence in graduate spaces.

Ian Adams, Burnley Campus Coordinator, proposed an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:** To amend the Terms of Reference such that the second sentence under heading 'Role' reads 'The Working Group will primarily serve as a forum for providing lived experience, identifying challenges and finding solutions to the issues facing graduate students', and that the frequency of meetings is beyond the 12 regular weeks of semester.

Moved: Ian Adams

*This was amenable to the mover.*

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, clarified that meetings are not restricted to the 12 weeks of semester.

Motion 11: To adopt the motion as presented (with document amendments).

Moved: Daniel Motika

Seconded: Chengmin Shi

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

### **10.3. To establish the Satellite Campus Student's Working Group (SCSWG)**

Preamble:

Students at satellite and non-Parkville campuses face barriers to accessing UMSU services, events, and representation due to geographic separation.

Action:

That UMSU Students' Council:

1. Establish a Satellite Campus Working Group (SCWG).
2. Endorse and adopt the UMSU Satellite Campus Students' Working Group Terms of Reference.
3. Mandate the SCWG to identify access barriers, recommend outreach strategies, and advise on advocacy relating to facilities, wellbeing, and inclusion at satellite sites.
4. Require the SCWG to report to Council at least once per semester.
5. Review the working group after 12 months.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary exercised speaking rights as the mover.

Saisha Vohra, Activities Officer, exercised speaking rights as the seconder.

Ian Adams, Burnley Campus Coordinator, expressed that the Working Group is a good initiative, but it would have been great to talk with Southbank and Burnley first. He proposed the membership to include 'two officers from non-Parkville campuses', rather than specifically name Southbank and Burnley officers.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, proposed an amendment.

**Proposed Amendment:** To amend the Terms of Reference such that the Working Group name is Satellite Campus Working Group (ie to remove 'Students' from the name).

Moved: Daniel Motika

Motion 12: To adopt the motion as amended.

Moved: Daniel Motika

Seconded: Saisha Vohra

CARRIED

#### 10.4. To establish the Colleges and Residential Students Working Group (CRSWG)

Preamble:

Students living in colleges and student accommodation experience unique issues relating to safety, wellbeing, cost of living, and governance that require dedicated representation.

Action:

1. Establish the Colleges and Residential Students Working Group (CRSWG).
2. Endorse and adopt the UMSU Colleges and Residential Students' Working Group Terms of Reference
3. Mandate the CRSWG to identify key residential student issues, advise on advocacy positions, and improve communication between UMSU and residential communities.
4. Require the CRSWG to report to Council at least once per semester.
5. Review the working group after 12 months

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, exercised speaking rights as the mover.

Holly Kalns, Councillor, exercised speaking rights as the seconder.

Motion 13: To adopt the motion as presented.

Moved: Daniel Motika

Seconded: Holly Kalns

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** To go on a 15-minute break.

Moved: Kay Pritchard

Seconded: Aidan Hawe

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

*Council adjourned at 2:17 pm*

**Procedural Motion:** To consider 10.5, 10.7, 10.9 to 10.4 en bloc.

Moved: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

### 10.5. C&S Regulations Changes

Alex Gwynn, Clubs & Societies Officer, spoke to the proposed amendments to the C&S Regulations. Amendments pertained to:

- safe food handling requirements,
- overlapping club applications,
- activity report requirements (proposed amendment to 3 events with 15 members at each event),
- formal warnings procedure,
- to reject new club applications if their activities cannot be covered by insurance,
- amendment to the way that clubs can merge to incentivise club merging,
- asset requirements,
- C&S appendix 2 for fairer elections, the amendment will require candidates to declare what clubs committee(s) they are on in their Clubs Council speech.

Subsequent discussion touched on the following:

- That 'activity not covered by insurance' includes sports events.
- Concern that raising the minimum membership requirement would prevent the Clubs & Societies Department from raising revenue as a result of clubs being unable to affiliate due to have less than the minimum membership number.
- A majority of affiliated clubs already have over 30 members, with more than 2 events of over 10 members throughout the year; raised membership requirement is to reflect reality and increasing enrolment; also consider that the C&S committee needs time to meet and consider each and every club.
- Acknowledgement that there are plans to categorise clubs into different tiers.

The Chair reminded the room that a two thirds majority is required for regulation changes to be approved.

Motion 14: To approve 10.5, 10.7, 10.9 to 10.4 en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

Motion 15: To approve the amendment to regulation 7.3.e.

Moved: Alex Gwynn

Seconded: Seamus Donnellan

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

## 10.6. C&S Regulations Changes

Alex Gwynn, Clubs & Societies Officer, explained that the proposed amendment reflects UMSU's Constitution by allowing the C&S Committee to reject a club affiliation application under the grounds that the club does not fulfil the Purposes of UMSU.

Subsequent discussion touched on the following:

- The number of clubs has been increasing over several years, but budget has been in flux and not matching same increasing trend.
- It is unfair to approve new clubs when C&S cannot service current affiliated clubs.
- C&S staff are under stress with huge admin burden.
- The decision to amend RR4.1 and 4.2 was supported by the C&S Committee, members of whom are elected through club representatives at Clubs Council
- C&S will establish a working group to determine how the tiered system will work.
- The clubs cap will only come into effect in Sem 2. Given that there are currently 236 affiliated clubs, C&S can still affiliate clubs this semester. The cap means if we do reach 250 affiliated clubs in Semester 1, C&S will not open club applications in Week 0 of Semester 2.
- Students still have the freedom to build their own community and start a club, the difference lies in affiliation status, ie club cap does not stop people from making clubs or congregating around shared interests and identities.
- Affiliation is a privilege, not a right, and those who seek the privilege must respect the relevant restrictions.
- Recognition of C&S OBs' high workload and that the clubs cap is one measure to ameliorate that.

*Yasmeen left the meeting room*

**Procedural Motion:** To consider amendments to R4.1 and R4.2 separately.

Moved: Alex Gwynn

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 16: To approve the amendment to R4.1.

FOR: 16

AGAINST: 2

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

Motion 17: To approve the amendment to R4.2.



Moved: Alex Gwynn	Seconded: Seamus Donnellan
CARRIED WITH DISSENT	

**10.13. C&S Regulations Changes**

Motion 25: To approve the amendment to regulation appendix 1.	
Moved: Alex Gwynn	Seconded: Seamus Donnellan
CARRIED WITH DISSENT	

**10.14. C&S Regulations Changes**

Motion 26: To approve the amendment to regulation appendix 2.	
Moved: Alex Gwynn	Seconded: Seamus Donnellan
CARRIED WITH DISSENT	

Motions 10.15 to 10.17 were not discussed in this Council meeting.

**11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)**

**12. Next Meeting**

**13. Close**

**Meeting closed at 3:52 pm**