

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes

Friday 24th April, 2pm

Meeting 5(26)

Location: William McMahon Ball Theatre, Old Arts; Zoom (on request)



Meeting opened at 2:14 PM

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: That Yashesvi Verma be elected as Chair.

Moved: Daniel Motika

Seconded: Catherine Duong

CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance (for the purposes of R2.1 Standing Orders)

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	No
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Chengmin Shi	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Matteo Bonson	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)		
Students' Council (General Representative)	Bhavin Garg	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Amaya Castro Williams	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Riley Shepherd	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hannah Roseman-Gannon	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Siddhanth Subbaiah Belliappa	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	James Duncan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Toby Putland	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Khush Shah	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yasmeen Atieh	No
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	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mathilda Stewart	No

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	Yes (online)
Creative Arts Officer	Ethan McNeil	No
Creative Arts Officer	Yashesvi Verma	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Seamus Donnellan	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Alex Gwynn	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Maehula Datta	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Corbin Afanasyev	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Hesheya T Anandan	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Hridey Kapoor	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Rutvi Tolani	No (Leave)
Environment Officer	Bella Beiraghi	Yes
Environment Officer	Kay Pritchard	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Vacant	
Media Officer	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel	Yes
Media Officer	Ruby Weir-Alarcon	Yes
Media Officer	Sabine Pentecost	Yes (online)
Media Officer	Chiaki Chng	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Anyang Wal	Yes
People of Colour Officer	Chengyang (Eason) Gu	Yes
Queer Officer	Lyton Namawanda	No (Leave)
Welfare Officer	Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong	No
Welfare Officer	Alexander Hams	Yes
Women's Officer	Manika Birmiwal	Yes
Women's Officer	Eya Takrouni	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Caleb Jarcevic	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Charlotte Dickinson	Yes (online)
Southbank Activities Officer	Tirion Luff-White	Yes
Southbank Education Officer	Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis	No

Other: Loh Ting Fang, Ruoming Wang, Lucy Rachman Vascotto, Aidan O'Reilly, Clarissa Sothy, Yifan (Roger) Cao, Momoka Honda, Zhaohui Wu, Peilin Feng, Youyang Lin, Chengqian Fu, Mindy Li, Dharm Saraswat, Yuqi Ma, Junshen Chen, Jingqi Sun, Badis Sai, Jiarui Xie
 Other (staff): Lachie James, Mary Kin Chan, Hana Arai, Fiona Sanders, Sara Pheasant, Phoebe Churches, Lachlan McCallum

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers:

Councillors:

1.5. Proxies

- 1.5.1. Mathilda Stewart to Lucy Rachman Vascotto
- 1.5.2. Yasmeen Atieh to Amaya Castro Williams
- 1.5.3. Riley James Shepherd to Aidan O'Reilly
- 1.5.4. Somaya Qasimi to Clarissa Sothy
- 1.5.5. Prayag Sethia to Ruoming Wang
- 1.5.6. Holly Kalns to Ting Fang
- 1.5.7. Marc Khor to Dharm Swarat

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

- 1.6.1. For this Council:
 - 1.6.1.1. Lyton Namawanda
 - 1.6.1.2. Rutvi Tolani

1.7. Membership

- 1.7.1. Louis Huang has resigned as Activities Office Bearer
- 1.7.2. Dominic Lam has resigned as a Voting Council Representative

A quorum check was conducted.

Procedural Motion: That Students' Council consider Items 10.1 and 10.2 between Item 4 and Item 5.

Mover: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

Procedural Motion: That Students' Council consider a Motion without Notice and that it be considered directly before Item 5 on the Agenda.

Moved: Anyang Wal

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Charlotte Dickinson joined the meeting online.

Procedural Motion: That students council adds to the agenda an additional Motion without Notice pertaining to an urgent governance issue within UMSU.

Moved: Toby Putland

FAILED

Toby Putland and Lucy Rachman Vascotto requested that their dissent to the outcome of this motion be recorded.

Alex Gwynn, C&S Officer, raised that Yashesvi Verma, Chair, may have a perceived conflict of interest regarding the Motion without Notice that was raised by Toby Putland due to a relationship with the person named in the motion, possibly influencing the decision to move the Procedural Motion to a vote.

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Yashesvi Verma, Chair

Imposed per R14.8 of the UMSU Standing Orders

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The CEO raised that the minutes of Meeting 3(26) contained the following irregularity:

‘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.’

The CEO requested that this be corrected on record and noted by the council as an irregularity, given that it is not factually correct and was added as an amendment to the minutes after the minutes had been delivered by staff.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, stated that the aforementioned addition that was a mistake.

9. Operational Business

9.1	
Action	To approve \$11,000 from Printing - External (account code 03-60-3713) to cover the costs of printing Farrago Magazine Edition Two through Kosdown Printing.
Mover: Ruby Weir-Alarcon	Seconder: Maria Quartel
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT	

9.2	
Action	To approve \$11,000 from Printing - External (account code 03-60-3713) to cover the costs of printing <i>Farrago Magazine</i> Edition Three through Kosdown Printing.

Mover: Ruby Weir-Alarcon	Second: Maria Quartel
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT	

Procedural Motion: That Council consider Items 10.1 and 10.2 immediately.

Mover: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, noted that Council had incorrectly considered Items 9.1 and 9.2 rather than Items 10.1 and 10.2 in the order of business due to a numbering error on the Agenda document displayed in the meeting room. He moved a procedural motion to immediately consider Items 10.1 and 10.2 as intended.

10.1	2026 UMSU AGM
Action	That Students' Council direct the General Secretary to hold the UMSU Annual General Meeting within 12 academic days after this meeting.
Mover: Corbin Afanasyev	Second: Daniel Motika
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT	

10.2	UMSU Condemns the actions by the University regarding the Musallah
Preamble	On the 11th of March, an incident occurred within the campus Musallah wherein a University staff member entered the space and removed a memorial artwork. This direct interference, and the broader actions taken by the University of Melbourne regarding the campus Musallah, have caused immediate stress and a profound sense of alienation among the Muslim student body, as well as tension with the University of Melbourne Islamic Society (UMIS). The Musallah is not merely a space for prayer; it is a fundamental religious necessity and a vital safe haven for the Muslim community on campus, facilitated and stewarded by the Islamic Society. The University's interference in this space violates that sanctity. Furthermore, this incident cannot be viewed in isolation. It must be contextualised within a broader, deeply concerning pattern of institutional Islamophobia at the University. This environment frequently overlaps with anti-Palestinian racism and the active

	suppression of pro-Palestinian sentiment on campus. Students must have the right to utilise their religious spaces without facing institutional overreach or intimidation.
Action	1. UMSU will release a public statement condemning the University's actions and standing in solidarity with UMIS and Muslim students. 2. UMSU formally demands that the University provide an explanation, an official apology, and a guarantee of safe and unrestricted freedom of speech within the Musallah. 3. UMSU demands the University establish a formal, binding consultation protocol that recognises UMIS as the primary stakeholder and principal representative body for all matters concerning the Musallah as well as Islamic spaces on campus.
Mover: Badis Sai	Second: Alex Gwynn

Badis Sai expressed that this motion is asking for freedom of advocacy and freedom from the psychological harm inflicted by the removal of memorial artwork in the Musallah by university staff.

Alex Gwynn, C&S Officer, moved an amendment to the motion, which was amendable to the mover:

Motion: UMSU to support the Islamic Society (UMIS) and protect the sanctity of the Musallah Preamble: On the 11th of March, an incident occurred within the campus Musallah wherein a University staff member entered the space and removed a memorial artwork. This direct interference, and the broader actions taken by the University of Melbourne regarding the campus Musallah, have caused immediate stress and a profound sense of alienation among the Muslim student body, as well as tension with the University of Melbourne Islamic Society (UMIS). The Musallah is not merely a space for prayer; it is a fundamental religious necessity and a vital safe haven for the Muslim community on campus, facilitated and stewarded by the Islamic Society. The University's interference in this space violates that sanctity. Furthermore, this incident cannot be viewed in isolation. It must be contextualised within a broader, deeply concerning pattern of institutional Islamophobia at the University. This environment frequently overlaps with anti-Palestinian racism and the active suppression of pro-Palestinian sentiment on campus. Students must have the right to utilise their religious spaces without facing institutional overreach or intimidation. Platform: 1. UMSU officially expresses deep concern regarding the University of Melbourne's unconsulted actions within the Musallah.

2. UMSU formally recognises UMIS's crucial role as the stewards of the Musallah and affirms that the space must remain a safe, unrestricted environment for Muslim students.
3. UMSU acknowledges the broader climate of institutional Islamophobia and stands in unwavering, institutional solidarity with UMIS.

Action:

1. UMSU formally recognises UMIS as the primary stakeholder and principal representative body for the campus Musallah and all Islamic spaces on campus.
2. UMSU commits its institutional backing to UMIS in their ongoing dialogue with the University to resolve the incident on the 11th of March, seek clarification, and establish operational boundaries for the space.
3. The UMSU President (or relevant delegate) will send a formal private communication to the relevant University stakeholders, specifically those responsible for facilities management and student spaces, affirming UMSU's backing of UMIS and officially constitutionalising the establishment of a binding consultation protocol regarding Islamic spaces.

Alex Gwynn, C&S Officer, affirmed that UMSU needs to hold the university accountable for incidents of Islamophobia.

Councillors expressed support for the stance, highlighting the institutional racism prevalent at the University of Melbourne and the importance of freedom of speech and religious expression.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, also expressed support for the motion and stressed the importance of UMSU taking a public stance on the matter. He updated Council that he is working to achieve a resolution on this issue with the university.

Motion: That Student's Council adopt the motion as amended.

Moved: Badis Sai

Seconded: Alex Gwynn

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE:

Preamble:

This year's National reconciliation week has been themed "All in," and there is no reason for UMSU in its entirety to not do our part. Unfortunately, with the backdrop of this University grim histories with first peoples I cannot confidently say that there is anything to reconcile, but rather that there is a marathon of work ahead of us.

Significantly, to mark the first day of Reconciliation week, the Walk for Truth campaign, headed by the University of Melbourne's very own Travis Lovett will reach Parliament House in Canberra, on Ngunnawal and Ngambri Country. Travis alongside

community and allies began this walk from Parliament House here in Narm just this pass Sunday, but in no capacity did this journey begin with Travis. It is a plight that traditional owners have bore the brunt of for generations, but it is time that we pick up our feet. I have been in correspondence with Travis and his team at the truth telling centre about supporting the walk and petitioning for our University community to sign his open letter to Albanese, but there is space for so much more. The UMSU logo appears at the bottom of the Walk for Truth's website, we have been acknowledged as supporters, but I ask us all to reflect and consider in what meaningful way is that true? There is no integrity without action.

I propose that we host our own Walk for Truth on the 27th of May. That we pick up our feet in solidarity with First Nations communities across this continent. I propose that this walk is concluded with a live screening of Travis' larger campaign because there is no better source of truth than the people whose DNA carries in the ground we walk on.

I am conscious that this was not an initiative that our Indigenous department planned for, but I am also conscious that our indigenous department is vacant. I do not propose that the funding for this campaign be moved to my own department, but that we make best use of our resources as an organisation and collectively continue the work that is not only the responsibility of First Peoples. I ask you all to meet us on that path.

The expenses for this event are as follows:

Item	Cost
Stage — AVM	\$2,000
Opening — Option A Welcome to Country + smoking ceremony	\$1,500
— or —	
Opening — Option B Djirri Djirri dancers (Bilik/Country dance)	\$2,700
Panel: All In Speaker Fees	\$1,000
Indigenous performers via Wilin Centre x3 performers across the day	\$900
Live stream — Canberra walk – Screen hire Market Hall option no cost	\$2500
Mob Morning Tea — First Nations students Ida Bar	\$1,500
BBQ (kangaroo and wallaby sausages) All-day food & beverage	\$3,000
Casuals	\$800
Total (Option A — Welcome to Country)	\$13,200
Total (Option B — Djirri Djirri dancers)	\$14,400

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\$10,200

Total (Option B — Djirri Djirri Dancers)

\$11,400

Anyang Wal, POC Officer, spoke to the generational plight of First Nations people, and states that it's time that UMSU picks up its feet in solidarity. She encouraged all Councillors and Officers to participate.

Kay Pritchard, Environment Officer, noted the importance of showing up for event like this and exercising decolonial action.

Motion: That Students' Council approve expenditure for \$10,000 from 03-60-670-3840 budget line, for the purpose of supporting the Walk for Truth campaign Event in Reconciliation Week on Wednesday 27 May.

Moved: Anyang Wal

Seconded: Kay Pritchard

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5. Correspondence

5.1. CSSA Appeal of disaffiliation by the Clubs & Societies Committee

The Clubs & Societies (C&S) Officers provided context to the disaffiliation of CSSA by the C&S Committee. The disaffiliation came after several months of deliberation, with attempts made to find alternative solutions. After extensive investigation it was found that the breaches of the C&S Regulations were simply too unambiguous and the decision was therefore made to disaffiliate the club in alignment with the Regulations.

Procedural Motion: That the meeting move into Formal Debate

Moved: Alex Gwynn

FAILED

The breaches were considered very significant and financial in nature in the scale of up to \$20,000. The C&S Officers encouraged the Council to reject the CSSA's appeal in the spirit of the role of the C&S Committee as well as in respect for the C&S Regulations themselves.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary suggested that the process undertaken by the C&S Committee in investigating the breaches was less than rigorous and that exaggerated claims regarding the legal implications of the breach were made at one of the committee meetings. He also emphasised how well regarded the CSSA is by the University of Melbourne and the important role the club plays in engaging with the Chinese student community.

The CSSA President acknowledged the shortcomings of the club's financial record keeping process and expressed that there was no intention to seek personal gain or to misuse funds. The club has taken steps to strengthen the financial processes moving forward. The CSSA plays a crucial role in providing a community and sense of connection for Chinese students, with UMSU affiliation being important to the functioning of the club.

Testimonials of several members of the CSSA executive, committee, and membership were heard, outlining the important role the CSSA has played in their personal university experience.

Alex Gwynn, C&S Officer, raised that Catherine Dong, Voting Council Representative, may have a perceived conflict of interest with this item due to a perceived friendship with a member of the CSSA who previously spoke in support of the appeal.

Councillors raised concerns that Operations Sub-Committee reimbursed the CSSA \$1000 for expenses related to their participation in Festival of Nations after the C&S Committee had made the decision to disaffiliate the CSSA.

Staff provided advice to the Council on the legal and reputation risk associated with upholding the appeal.

Procedural Motion: To proxy Chengmin Shi to Niam Airey

Moved: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Chengmin (Scott) left the meeting room.

The CEO provided advice to the Council on their obligations to consider the appeal on the grounds of the Constitution C15.2

The former Treasurer of the CSSA spoke to the incident and posited that the CSSA is not motivated to evade taxes. He also noted that he has been removed from the position of Treasurer and barred from holding future positions in the club.

Council discussed the important role of the CSSA for international Chinese students as well the potential precedent that upholding the appeal could set in cases of future breaches of the C&S Regulations.

Motion: That Students' Council uphold the appeal.

Moved: Daniel Motika

Seconded: Alex Hams

CARRIED

Procedural Motions: That the Students' Council meeting break for 15mins.

Moved: Toby Putland

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20PM

The meeting resumed at 4:45PM

Elizabeth Pardallis joined the meeting.

6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Lushomo Chinganya	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Daniel Motika	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Saisha Vohra	<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>Not submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Corbin Afanasyev	<i>Submitted</i>
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Environment Officer	Kay Pritchard	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Noah Kellett	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Ruby Weir-Alarcon	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Sabine Pentecost	<i>Not submitted</i>
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Queer Officer	Lyton Namawanda	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Alexander Hams	<i>Not submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Manika Birmiwai	<i>Not submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Eya Takrouni	<i>Not submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Caleb Jarcevic	<i>Submitted</i>
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Southbank Activities Officer	Tirion Luff-White	<i>Not submitted</i>
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Ruby Weir-Alarcon, Media Officer, raised concerns with the number of reports not submitted and asked Officers with missing reports to account for those reports and comment on whether they think they should they receive their honoraria.

Officers who did not submit reports were heard, citing various reasons including clerical errors, technical issues, notice of meetings being sent to student email addresses, the Council meetings schedule being irregular, and meetings being called with little notice. Importance of accountability was expressed.

A question was raised about some reports being listed as "Late" in last Council's agenda but listed as "Not submitted" in this Council's agenda. The General Secretary clarified that he specifically said at the last Council meeting that extension requests will not be accepted. A "Late" submission was granted for UMSU International due to the number of stakeholders involved in compiling a report.

Speaking to their report, Alex Gwynn, C&S Officer, noted that the C&S Department is struggling with excessive caseload and asked that council consider additional support for the Department to keep in top of the work. She noted that staff and volunteers are doing what they can with limited resources.

Motion: To accept the OB Reports.

Moved: Yashesvi Verma

Seconded: Corbin Afanasyev

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural Motion: That the meeting move in camera for the CEO Report with the exception of the staff members in the room.

Moved: Yashesvi Verma, Chair

Imposed per R14.8 of the UMSU Standing Orders

Council moved in camera at 4:52PM

Taylah Xuereb left the meeting.

7. CEO Report

7.1. CEO Report 5(26)

Riley Shepherd joined and left the meeting room.

7.2. Draft 2026-2028 Service Catalogue

7.3. UMSU Risk Register

7.4. Final Change Management Plan

Motion: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Yashesvi Verma

Seconded: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera.

Moved: Yashesvi Verma, Chair

Imposed per R14.8 of the UMSU Standing Orders

Council moved out of camera at 5:21pm.

Riley Shepherd joined the meeting.

Aidan O'Reilly left the meeting and ceded his proxy back to Riley Shepherd.

Elizabeth Pardallis left the meeting.

8. Other Reports

8.1. Finance, Audit & Risk Sub-Committee Meeting 1(26) Unconfirmed Minutes

The CEO spoke to the Service Catalogue, which is a list that acts as a guide for students to know what services are provided by the different SSAF recipients. It's not linked to the funding agreement.

Motion: That students council rejects the use of the service catalogue by the university for the purpose of informing students on the serviced which UMSU, GSA, and SASS provide as an inaccurate representation of the services they provide.

Moved: Daniel Motika

Seconded: Catherine Duong

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, asserted that the Service Catalogue is often used by other SSAF recipients in a way that inflates the work they do. It is therefore not an accurate representation of the impact of the services provided by each SSAF recipient.

Saisha Vohra rejoined the meeting

8.2. Operations Subcommittee 2(26) Unconfirmed Minutes

Lachlan McCallum left the meeting.

Ruby Weir-Alarcon, Media Officer, raised concerns that movers and seconders of motions in the OpSub minutes were not present at the meeting and that \$1000 was reimbursed to a club that was disaffiliated at the time. She asked if any of the other clubs who participated in the Festival of Nations event were told that CSSA received this sum of money.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary noted that when C&S Committee decides to not re-affiliate a club, there's a period of two weeks in which an appeal can be received. The decision to reimburse the funds was made during this period.

Alex Gwynn, C&S Officer, raised that Catherine Dong, Voting Council Representative, may have had a perceived conflict of interest in moving a motion at OpSub to reimburse CSSA \$1000 due to a perceived friendship with a member of the CSSA who previously spoke in support of the appeal.

Procedural Motion: That Students Council approve Khush Khah's proxy to Siddhanth Subbaiah Belliappa.

Moved: Siddhanth Subbaiah Belliappa

CARRIED

Maria Quartel left the meeting

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, stated that being friends with someone who is a member of a club is not grounds for a conflict of interest.

Catherine Duong, VCR, clarified that she did not know anyone from the CSSA at the time that the OpSub motion was passed. Catherine was providing moral support to the student for this Council meeting.

Yashesvi Verma ceded chair to Daniel Motika.

The CEO and staff provided advice to Councillors on the frame with which to analyse the decision, citing Financial Regulations R13.6(d) that "Before approval to grant money can be made, the Students' Council or Operations Sub-Committee must consider...whether the expenditure is to be distributed equitably without preference to one group or individual."

Eason Gu, People of Colour Officer, noted that the event budget for the Festival of Nations event was limited and the success of the event was under threat, citing department budget cuts and missing out on the SSAF Grant. The decision to reimburse the CSSA \$1000 was part of an agreement to incentivise them to participate in Festival of Nations. This agreement was finalised before he met with the UMSU events team to settle the final budget for reimbursements for other clubs participating.

Yashesvi Verma retook the Chair.

Ruby Weir-Alarcon, Media Officer, asked if the other clubs knew about the additional funding that the CSSA received. Eason Gu clarified that there is no obligation to inform event collaborators of budgetary decisions not relating to them.

Felicity Bayne, VCR, noted the risks associated with decisions at OpSub not following Financial Regulations, and suggested that OpSub write down their considerations in their minutes moving forward.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, affirmed, as minute taker for this OpSub meeting, that all information shared in the meeting was in fact minuted.

The Chair closed the speaking list.

Procedural Motion: That Students Council consider items 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, and 10.7 immediately and en bloc.

Moved: Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

The C&S Officers spoke to the items, noting that they seek to make relatively uncontroversial and common-sense changes to the C&S Regulations, in alignment with staff recommendations. Changes include bringing language from the UMSU Standing Orders into the C&S Regulations, giving club executives more certainty around how they should operate their club.

Motion: That Students Council adopt Items 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, and 10.7.

Moved: Alex Gwynn

Seconded: Seamus Donellan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural Motion: That Council approve the returning of voting rights from proxy Lucy Rachman Vascotto back to Mathilda Stewart.

Moved: Lucy Rachman Vascotto

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10. Motions on Notice

Speaking to Item 10.3, the C&S Officers clarified that this change ensures that club representatives on the C&S committee are members of the committee of their own clubs.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, noted the importance of balancing the proper skillset of representatives on the C&S committee with ensuring the forum is accessible.

Manika Birmiwal left the meeting.

The C&S Officer noted that historically, representatives have started on the C&S Committee with no prior committee or board experience.

Corbin Afanesyev, Education (Academic) Officer, expressed that accessibility of the C&S committee is very important and that there will be situations in which a club simply can't find someone to send to C&S Committee. He also noted that there are

clubs that have unofficial subcommittees where those committee members are well trained in committee processes.

10.3.		
Action	To approve the amendment to Clubs and Societies regulation R2.1.	
Mover: Alex Gwynn		Second: Seamus Donellan
FAILED		

10.4.		
Action	To approve the amendment to Clubs and Societies regulation R8.3g.	
Mover: Alex Gwynn		Second: Seamus Donellan
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT		

10.5.		
Action	To approve the amendment to Clubs and Societies regulation R5.2g and R4.5d.	
Mover: Alex Gwynn		Second: Seamus Donellan
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT		

10.6.		
Action	To approve the amendment to Clubs and Societies regulation R7.3.	
Mover: Alex Gwynn		Second: Seamus Donellan
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT		

10.7.		
Action	To approve the amendment to Clubs and Societies regulation R4.1.b, R4.1.c, and appendix 3.	
Mover: Alex Gwynn		Second: Seamus Donellan
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT		

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

Ruby Weir-Alarcon, Media Officer, raised an irregularity in the minutes of Council Meeting 1(26). She said that there was an agreement made at budget council that the Media Department budget would receive an additional \$5000 at the midyear budget review, and that that wasn't minuted.

The CEO suggested that Council defer the discussion until the midyear budget is being considered.

12. Next Meeting

13. Close

Meeting closed at 6:26PM