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| <b>University of Melbourne Student Union</b>                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>Meeting of the Students' Council</b><br><b>Minutes</b><br><b>Thursday 25th June 2026, 12:00PM</b><br><b>Meeting 7(26)</b><br><b>Location: North Lecture Theatre, Old Arts; Zoom (on request)</b> |                                                                                     |

*Meeting opened at 12:23 PM*

## 1. Procedural Matters

### 1.1. Election of Chair

**Motion:** That Yashesvi Verma be elected as Chair

**Mover:** 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                    | Vacant                |              |
| Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council | Catherine Duong       | Yes          |
| Queer Representative on Students' Council                      | Binderiya Batzorig    | No           |
| International Student Representative on Students' Council      | Prayag Sethia         | No           |
| Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council           | Chengmin Shi          | No           |
| Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council          | Matteo Bonson         | Yes (online) |
| Students' Council (General Representative)                     | Yuqi Ma               | No           |
| Students' Council (General Representative)                     | Bhavin Garg           | Yes          |
| Students' Council (General Representative)                     | Amaya Castro Williams | Yes          |
| Students' Council (General Representative)                     | Riley Shepherd        | Yes          |

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| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Hannah Roseman-Gannon           | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Siddhanth Subbaiah<br>Belliappa | <i>No</i>           |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | James Duncan                    | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Toby Putland                    | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Khush Shah                      | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Yasmeen Atieh                   | <i>No</i>           |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Holly Kalns                     | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Somaya Qasimi                   | <i>No</i>           |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> | Devashree Kathale               | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> |                                 |                     |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b> |                                 |                     |

### *Office Bearers*

| <b>Department</b>                           | <b>Full name</b>                   | <b>Attended?</b>    |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>President</b>                            | Lushomo Chinganya                  | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>General Secretary</b>                    | Daniel Motika                      | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Activities Officer</b>                   | Saisha Vohra                       | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Burnley Campus Coordinator</b>           | Ian Adams                          | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Creative Arts Officer</b>                | Ethan McNeil                       | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Creative Arts Officer</b>                | Yashsvi Verma                      | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>        | Seamus Donnellan                   | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>        | Alex Gwynn                         | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Disabilities Officer</b>                 | Maehula Datta                      | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b> | Corbin Afanasyev                   | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b> | Hesheya T Anandan                  | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>   | Hridey Kapoor                      | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>   | Rutvi Tolani                       | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Environment Officer</b>                  | Bella Beiraghi                     | <i>No</i>           |
| <b>Environment Officer</b>                  | Kay Pritchard                      | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Maria Carolina Lourenco<br>Quartel | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Ruby Weir-Alarcon                  | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Sabine Pentecost                   | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>People of Colour Officer</b>             | Anyang Wal                         | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>People of Colour Officer</b>             | Chengyang (Eason) Gu               | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Queer Officer</b>                        | Lyton Namawanda                    | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Welfare Officer</b>                      | Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong           | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Welfare Officer</b>                      | Alexander Hams                     | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Women's Officer</b>                      | Manika Birmiwal                    | <i>No</i>           |

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| <b>Women's Officer</b>               | Eya Takrouni                 | <i>Yes (online)</i> |
| <b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b> | Caleb Jarcevic               | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b> | Tirion Luff-White            | <i>No</i>           |
| <b>Southbank Activities Officer</b>  | Charlotte Dickinson          | <i>Yes</i>          |
| <b>Southbank Education Officer</b>   | Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis | <i>Yes</i>          |

**Staff:** Mary Kin Chan (Student Representation Coordinator), Hana Arai (Student Representation Coordinator), Sara Pheasant (UMSU CEO), Fiona Sanders (Project Lead, Student Governance & Reporting), Lachlan McCallum (CFO & Director of Operations), Lachie James (Divisional Manager, Student Representation), Phoebe Churches (Divisional Manager, Advocacy & Legal)

**Observers:** Mathilda Stewart, Jeffrey Jing, Chris Vassiliadis, Joshua Solomon (Clubs & Societies Committee Member), Yifei Liu, Jingqi 'Sirius' Sun (CSSA Club Representative), Jake Proctor, Wanyi Liang, Anita Gao, Yuching Leung, Dian Fu, Jiarui Xie, Kehan Dang, Peter (CSSA VP), Felicity Bayne

**Proxies:** Kashyap Shreekumar, Aahna Kamboj, Clarissa Sothy, Dharm Saraswat, Aidan O'Reilly, Yunyi Chan

#### 1.4. Apologies

*Office Bearers:*

- Charlotte Dickinson

*Councillors:*

#### 1.5. Proxies

- 1.5.1.1. Prayag Sethia to Dharm Saraswat
- 1.5.1.2. Chengmin (Scott) Shi to Aidan O'Reilly
- 1.5.1.3. Yuqi Ma to Aahna Kamboj
- 1.5.1.4. Somaya Qasimi to Holly Kaln
- 1.5.1.5. Marc Khor to Kashyap Shreekumar
- 1.5.1.6. Siddanth Subbaiah Belliappa to Khush Shah
- 1.5.1.7. Binderiya Batzorig to Clarissa Sothy
- 1.5.1.8. Yasmeen Atieh to Amaya Castro Williams

#### 1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.6.1. For this Council:

- 1.6.1.1. Bella Beiraghi

1.6.1.2. Yasmeen Atieh

1.6.1.3. Manika Birmiwal

## 1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Mathilda Stewart has been terminated from Students' Council

1.7.2. Felicity Bayne has resigned from Students' Council

1.7.3. Chiaki Chng has resigned as Media Office Bearer

## 1.8. Adoption of Agenda

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council adopt the agenda as presented.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

CARRIED

Toby Putland, Councillor, enquired about a motion circulated with the papers that did not appear on the agenda under Section 10: Motions on Notice.

Daniel Motika, General Secretary, noted that the motion will be considered 'moved' as part of the Motions on Notice, and therefore referred to the Council Tribunal, but that it will not be discussed during today's council meeting nor appear on the agenda.

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council consider Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8 and 10.1 before Item 5 (Correspondence).

**Moved:** Ruby Weir-Alarcon

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 2.1. Minutes 6(26)

Tirion Luff-White, Southbank Campus Coordinator, raised an irregularity with the 6(26) minutes noting that the tone of the comments made towards her during a statement by Saaisha Vohra, Activities Officer, at last council were lost. Tirion asserted that the minutes should include specific words used towards her such as 'negligent' and 'sloppy'.

**Motion:** That Students' Council confirm the minutes of Students' Council 6(26) as a true and accurate record.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

**Seconded:** Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

### 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

Corbin Afanasyev, James Duncan, and Toby Putland declared Conflicts of Interest with Item 10.2.

*Council moved to discussion on Item 9.1.*

### 9. Operational Business

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council consider Items 9.1 - 9.8 en bloc.

**Moved:** Ruby Weir-Alarcon

FAILED

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| <b>9.1</b>                      |                                                                                                                                   |                              |
| <b>Action</b>                   | To approve \$1,400.00 from Events (account code: 03-60-3840) to cover a bar tab for the <i>Farrago</i> Edition Four Launch Party. |                              |
| <b>Mover:</b> Ruby Weir-Alarcon |                                                                                                                                   | <b>Second:</b> Maria Quartel |
| CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT         |                                                                                                                                   |                              |

Corbin Afanasyev, Education (Academic) Officer, enquired about shifting the venue for the Farrago launch parties to building 168 or the Ida bar to help boost revenue.

Ruby Weir-Alarcon, Media Officer, noted that those spaces are not suitable due to the size of the events as well as for accessibility reasons.

Lachlan McCallum, CFO, advised Council that UMSU has applied for a liquor licence for all of Level 1 in Building 168. Regarding furniture, the Ida Bar can be flexible with the layout with enough notice. He encouraged Farrago to use the space as a viable alternative.

Ruby affirmed that Farrago would investigate booking the Ida Bar for events of this nature in the future.

**Procedural motion:** That Students' Council consider Items 9.1 - 9.8 en bloc.

**Moved:** Daniel Motika

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Ruby continued to detail the context of each motion, specifying that they are to facilitate regular operational expenses.D

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| <b>9.2</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Action</b>                   | To approve \$5,000.00 from Printing - External (account code 03-60-3713) to cover the costs of printing <i>Above Water</i> through Kosdown Printing. |
| <b>Mover:</b> Ruby Weir-Alarcon | <b>Second:</b> Maria Quartel                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>9.3</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Action</b>                   | To approve \$11,000.00 from Printing - External (account code 03-60-3713) to cover the costs of printing <i>Farrago Magazine</i> Edition Six through Kosdown Printing. |
| <b>Mover:</b> Ruby Weir-Alarcon | <b>Second:</b> Maria Quartel                                                                                                                                           |

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| <p><b>Amendment:</b> To replace 'Edition Six' with 'Edition Five' in Item 9.3</p> <p>Amendment was amenable to the mover.</p> |
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| <b>9.3</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Action</b>                   | To approve \$11,000.00 from Printing - External (account code 03-60-3713) to cover the costs of printing <i>Farrago Magazine</i> Edition Five through Kosdown Printing. |
| <b>Mover:</b> Ruby Weir-Alarcon | <b>Second:</b> Maria Quartel                                                                                                                                            |
| CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT         |                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>9.4</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Action</b>                   | To approve \$11,000.00 from Printing - External (account code 03-60-3713) to cover the costs of printing <i>Farrago Magazine</i> Edition Six through Kosdown Printing. |
| <b>Mover:</b> Ruby Weir-Alarcon | <b>Second:</b> Maria Quartel                                                                                                                                           |

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| <b>Action</b> | To approve \$1,400.00 from Events (account code: 03-60-3840) to cover a bar tab for the <i>Farrago</i> Edition Five Launch Party. |
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| <b>Action</b> | To approve \$1,400.00 from Events (account code: 03-60-3840) to cover a bar tab for the <i>Farrago</i> Edition Six Launch Party. |
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| <b>Action</b> | To approve \$300.00 from Subscriptions & literature (account code: 03-60-3774) to cover costs of an IMDb Pro subscription for the Reviews team. |
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| <b>Action</b> | To approve \$300.00 from Events (account code: 03-60-3840) to cover a bar tab for the <i>Above Water</i> workshop. |
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| <b>Mover:</b> Ruby Weir-Alarcon | <b>Second:</b> Maria Quartel |
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## 10. Motions on Notice

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| <b>Action</b> | That Students' Council appoints Felicity Bayne to fill the casual vacancy as Media Officer, created by the resignation of Chiaki Chng, as per C6.12(b). |
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| <b>Mover:</b> Ruby Weir-Alarcon | <b>Second:</b> Daniel Motika |
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CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Ruby Weir-Alarcon spoke to the motion, specifying the provisions in the constitution to appoint a temporary officer to the position of Media Officer until a casual vacancy is filled by election.

Daniel Motika affirmed the provisions in the constitution and stated his support for the motion.

*Council returned to discussion on Item 4 after considering Items 9.1 - 10.1.*

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **5. Correspondence**

##### **5.1. Appeal of decision to disaffiliate the Chinese Students and Scholars Association**

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council allow the Clubs & Societies Officers to be heard before discussion on this Item, as they could not provide a written response to the CSSA disaffiliation appeal to be circulated with the papers.

**Moved:** Alex Gwynn

FAILED

*Daniel Motika, General Secretary raised a point of order noting that photos should not be taken during council meetings.*

Jingqi (Sirius) Sun, a representative of CSSA, spoke to the appeal, asserting that the decision to disaffiliate CSSA for the second time was made on grounds with insufficient evidence. Jingqi raised concerns around the procedural integrity with which the disaffiliation occurred and speculated that innocent mistakes on the part of the CSSA are now judged with unreasonable scrutiny. He also cited concerns that a member of the C&S Committee, who seconded the petition to disaffiliate the CSSA, holds a negative bias towards the club and has made insulting and defamatory comments about the club in a personal capacity that demonstrate a lack of objectivity in handling this matter.

*Council was provided a screenshot of comments made by the C&S Committee member on social media.*

Alex Gwynn, Clubs & Societies Officer, acknowledged the inappropriate comments made by the C&S committee member as unacceptable but affirmed the broader C&S Committee's commitment to act in accordance with the regulations. Alex noted that the petition to disaffiliate the CSSA was supported unanimously by the entire committee after significant and robust discussion due to the ongoing and cumulative nature of the regulatory non-compliance of the club. There are escalating consequences for regulatory breaches including formal warning, probation, and grant suspension. CSSA had already reached all four, meaning disaffiliation was the only further recourse available for ongoing breaches.

Daniel Motika emphasised the Conflict of interest on the part of the C&S Committee member in petitioning for the disaffiliation. Daniel expressed broader concern around the treatment of cultural clubs of UMSU and highlighted the steps that have been taken by the club to rectify previous mistakes. He encouraged all councillors to support the appeal.

Sara Pheasant, UMSU CEO, provided advice on the meaning of 'Conflict of Interest' and encouraged council members to consider whether they think that, if the C&S committee member had recused themselves, it would have changed the outcome of the C&S Committee's decision to disaffiliate the club.

Various Councillors, Office Bearers, and students holding proxies spoke in favour of the appeal and affording procedural generosity to the CSSA, citing its importance to the Chinese student community and raising questions around the integrity of the decision to disaffiliate. Concern was also raised with the relatively few avenues for recourse to support clubs that have been non-compliant, with disaffiliation being described as a 'nuclear option'. Representatives from the CSSA highlighted the changeover of the club's executive committee, and that good faith efforts are being made by the new executive to rectify past issues and get the club back on its feet.

The Clubs & Societies Officers and C&S Committee members refuted the insinuation that the disaffiliation is an attack on a club due to its cultural nature, as detailed explanations have been provided for the regulatory grounds on which the club has been twice disaffiliated by the C&S Committee. They also noted the great many other cultural clubs that have representation on the C&S Committee. Seamus Donnellan, C&S Officer, posited that changing the executive committee doesn't immediately remove structural issues in a club.

Lachlan James, Student Representation Division Manager, provided advice to council on the Workplace Conduct Policy, specifically around the tone with which councillors and officers speak to one another.

A number of questions were asked by councillors and officers regarding the amount of information provided to the council by the C&S committee, the requirements for such, and the validity of any decision by the council in light of that.

Phoebe Churches, Advocacy & Legal Division Manager, and Sara Pheasant provided advice on the process for disaffiliations and appeals of clubs, noting that the council should have the same amount of information as the committee at which the disaffiliation was originally approved.

Lushy Chinganya, President, noted that the club has now been disaffiliated twice with issues around regulatory breaches and financial mismanagement and urged the council to make smart decisions. She raised that the CSSA has not submitted a grant report following Festival of Nations, for which they were provided significant funding. Lushy also suggested that Daniel Motika, UMSU General Secretary, may have a conflict of interest in speaking on this item given that the CSSA publicly endorsed him for election to the University of Melbourne University Council. Lushy suggested deferring the decision around the appeal until there is sufficient information.

Chengyang (Eason) Gu, People of Colour Officer noted that the additional funding approved for the CSSA by OpSub was never paid out to them, and they therefore have no obligation to report.

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council breaks for 10mins, returning at 2:37PM

**Moved:** Felicity Bayne

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

*The meeting adjourned at 2:27PM*

*The meeting resumed at 2:37PM*

**Procedural Motion:** That Bhahvin Garg proxy to Yunyi Chan.

**Moved:** Bhavin Garg

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council close the speaking list on this item.

**Moved:** Alex Hams

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** That a motion be added to the agenda: 'That Student's Council uphold the CSSA's disaffiliation appeal.'

**Moved:** Alex Hams

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Motion:** That Student's Council uphold the CSSA's disaffiliation appeal.

**Moved:** Alex Hams

**Seconded:** Corbin Afanasyev

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

*Toby Putland and Khush Shah requested that their dissent to this motion be recorded in the minutes.*

## 6. Office Bearer Reports

| Department                                  | Full name                       | Submission Status?   |
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| <b>President</b>                            | Lushomo Chinganya               | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>General Secretary</b>                    | Daniel Motika                   | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Activities Officer</b>                   | Saisha Vohra                    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Burnley Campus Coordinator</b>           | Ian Adams                       | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Creative Arts Officer</b>                | Ethan McNeil                    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Creative Arts Officer</b>                | Yashvi Verma                    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>        | Seamus Donnellan                | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| <b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>        | Alex Gwynn                      | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Disabilities Officer</b>                 | Maehula Datta                   | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b> | Corbin Afanasyev                | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b> | Hesheya T Anandan               | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>   | Hridey Kapoor                   | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>   | Rutvi Tolani                    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Environment Officer</b>                  | Bella Beiraghi                  | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| <b>Environment Officer</b>                  | Kay Pritchard                   | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Maria Carolina Lourenco Quartel | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Ruby Weir-Alarcon               | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Sabine Pentecost                | <i>Not Submitted</i> |

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| <b>People of Colour Officer</b>      | Anyang Wal                   | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>People of Colour Officer</b>      | Chengyang (Eason) Gu         | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| <b>Queer Officer</b>                 | Lyton Namawanda              | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Welfare Officer</b>               | Tsun Ying (Cynthia) Wong     | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Welfare Officer</b>               | Alexander Hams               | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Women's Officer</b>               | Manika Birmiwal              | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Women's Officer</b>               | Eya Takrouni                 | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b> | Caleb Jarcevic               | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b> | Tirion Luff-White            | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Southbank Activities Officer</b>  | Charlotte Dickinson          | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>Southbank Education Officer</b>   | Elizabeth Victoria Pardallis | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| <b>UMSU International President</b>  | Momoka Honda                 | <i>Not Submitted</i> |

Hridley Kapoor, Education (Public Affairs) Officer, expressed concern that several reports have not been submitted and asked that those officers who have not submitted to provide an explanation. This concern was echoed by Corbin Afanasyev and Alex Gwynn, who affirmed that non-submission is not acceptable. Daniel Motika reminded officers that late reports would not be accepted.

Tirion Luff-White spoke to her report and again expressed disappointment at the statement made by Saaisha Vohra at the last meeting of Student's Council. She spoke to the productive activity happening at the Southbank Campus, but also the ongoing issues with the inappropriate way in which university staff communicate with students. The coordinators are inundated with reports that they are struggling to keep on top of. Tirion asked for support from the other reps and called for their increased visibility on the Southbank campus to help improve the reputation of UMSU.

**Motion:** To accept the OB Reports as submitted.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

**Seconded:** Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** To move to an in-camera session for the CEO Report

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

CARRIED

*Council moved to an in-camera session at 3:04 PM*

*All staff except Sara Pheasant, Lachlan McCallum, and Phoebe Churches left the meeting.*

## 7. CEO Report

*All staff returned to the meeting.*

*Alex Hams left the meeting at 3:55PM*

**Motion:** That Student's Council defer the decision on approving a sponsorship agreement with the National Australia Bank (NAB) and directs the CEO to compile a list of concerns from the discussion heard at this meeting of Students' Council to pass on to NAB for response.

**Moved:** Daniel Motika

**Second:** Riley Shepherd

CARRIED WITH DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council go on a 10min break to return at 4:26PM.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

*Procedural motion imposed by the chair*

*The meeting adjourned at 4:16PM*

*The meeting resumed at 4:27PM*

**Motion:** That Students' Council endorse opening consultation on the Impact Strategy to the UMSU membership via a feedback form on the UMSU website.

**Moved:** Daniel Motika

**Second:** Catherine Duong

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

*Alex Hams returned to the meeting*

**Motion:** That Students Council approve a \$20,000 Capital Expenditure budget to be used for new furnishings in the Ida Bar.

**Mover:** Yashesvi Verma

**Second:** Corbin Afanasyev

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Motion:** That Students' Council note the CEO's report.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

**Seconded:** Daniel Motika

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council conclude the in camera session.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

*The in-camera session concluded, and the meeting resumed its open session at 4:46PM*

## 8. Other Reports

## 10. Motions on Notice

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| <b>10.2</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Action</b>               | That Students' Council authorise the delegation of \$6600 from the NUS Budget Line (3847) to the Operations Sub-Committee, to be used for issuing grants to students attending the 2026 NUS Education Conference. |
| <b>Mover:</b> Daniel Motika | <b>Seconded:</b> Catherine Duong                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Daniel Motika spoke to the motion, noting that it seeks to approve funding for grants to support attendees to the National Union of Students Education Conference. Operations Subcommittee will meet to assess each grant application. Each successful applicant will receive \$600 and there have been 11 applicants.

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| <b>10.3</b> | <b>Reconvening of the UMSU Constitution, Regulation and Policy Working Group (CRPWG)</b> |
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| Preamble | <p>By Motion 25 of Meeting 9(25) on 25 September 2025 (item 10.6), Students' Council resolved to convene the CRPWG in October and November 2025, to require the working group to meet at least once every two months with additional meetings as needed, and to task it with reviewing whether Council's Standing Orders and structures allow for meaningful discussion and to provide recommendations for reform where necessary.</p> <p>The CRPWG has previously operated under the Terms of Reference endorsed by Students' Council on 17 February 2022 (Motion 8, Meeting 3(22)), under which membership is open to all Students and meetings are convened by the General Secretary.</p> <p>Motion 25 of meeting 9(25) has never been given full effect, and a substantial backlog of constitutional, regulation and policy matters has consequently remained unresolved since 2024. That backlog, which has been maintained on a tracker since 2022 includes a range of constitutional provisions previously identified by the CRPWG as requiring reform, a new conflict of interest framework, matters consequential to the Standing Orders adopted on 19 December 2024, and other regulation and policy reviews previously referred to or appropriate for the working group.</p> <p>However, the existing Terms of Reference are no longer relevant and do not give the working group a clear, prioritised and deadline driven mandate to further the required reform of UMSU's governance.</p> |
| Action   | <p>That Students' Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reaffirms Motion 25 of Meeting 9(25) and resolves that the CRPWG be reconvened.</li> <li>2. Directs the General Secretary to convene the first meeting of the reconvened CRPWG within [15] academic days of this meeting, and to convene the working group at least once every two months thereafter for so long as the backlog described in this motion remains.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|  | <p>3. Adopts the Terms of Reference set out below, which replace the Terms of Reference endorsed on 17 February 2022.</p> <p>4. Requests the Advocacy and Legal Division to provide governance and legal advice to the working group as appropriate.</p> <p>5. Requires the CRPWG to develop a prioritised work plan addressing the backlog at its first meeting, and to report to each ordinary meeting of Students' Council on its progress.</p> |                        |
|  | Mover: Alex Gwynn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Seconder: Toby Putland |

**Amendment:** Change Action 4 to read 'CEO' rather than 'Advocacy and Legal Division'  
*Amendment was amenable to the mover*

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|        | Mover: Alex Gwynn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Seconder: Toby Putland |
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Alex Gwynn and Toby Putland spoke to the motion, commenting on the necessity of UMSU undertaking the critical work of regularly reviewing its constitution, regulations and policy to ensure good governance. They noted that these Terms of Reference, including the frequency of meetings, largely reflects those passed by council in 2025,

and that the Advocacy and Legal Division was thoroughly consulted in putting this motion forward.

Holly Kalns, Voting Councillor, expressed concern that UMSU's working groups are not currently well attended and asked if there is a more effective way to consult with students in the process of putting together policy. She also raised that the frequency of meetings may not fit with student's schedules.

Corbin Afanasyev expressed that the Terms of Reference proposed with this motion are 'shonky'. He suggested council undertake a comprehensive consultation on how it should put together the Terms of Reference for the CRPWG. He also posited that Working Groups are broadly considered a poor method for undertaking consultation and that alternative methods should be considered.

Toby Putland noted that extensive consultation did occur when the original motion was passed at council in 2025 and that this motion is simply a measure to ensure that CRPWG is convened in 2026 as was intended in 2025.

**Procedural Motion:** That Devashree Kathale proxy to Catherine Duong.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

CARRIED

Phoebe Churches advised that CRPWG has historically convened every year to undertake this work. It wasn't convened in 2025, and now there's a backlog of regulatory documents that require review. It is an advisory group to council, and council ultimately gets final say on changes, but it provides credibility for council's decisions. She added that UMSU is bound by federal legislation such as the *AIR Act* which sits above the UMSU Constitution, and that the Constitution needs to be updated to be in line with legislative changes since at least 2024.

Mary Kin Chan advised that the CRPWG meetings are one avenue for consultation that can be accompanied by open submissions and other mechanisms.

Daniel Motika expressed concern that the motion directs the General Secretary rather than the Students' Council to convene the CRPWG. He noted that while everyone is in agreement on the need for consultation, the issue is with the Terms of Reference themselves, and the ability for council to have a say on them.

Alex Gwynn invited council to have a say on the Terms of Reference and stated that opposition to this motion without an alternative proposal for governance review is concerning. The item was put together with thorough review by staff in the A&L team. She stated that the regularity of meetings is necessary to deal with the backlog of

revisions that are required, and that the CRPWG is a historically robust method that holds legitimacy at UMSU. Alex called on council to consider the item on its merits rather than voting it down based on opposition to herself as the mover.

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council close the speaking list.

**Moved:** Hannah Roseman-Gannon

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Procedural Motion:** That Students' Council limits speaking time to 1 minute on this item.

**Moved:** Yashesvi Verma

*Procedural motion imposed by the chair*

Felicity Bayne suggested convening the CRPWG and having them review the CRPWG Terms of Reference.

Riley Shepherd echoed concerns on the effectiveness a Working Group for this purpose, and that it will mostly be UMSU council members showing up. He stated that the 'Community' ticket has democratically won the general election and therefore should have the majority say on matters such as these.

Toby Putland criticised intentions around poor faith engagement with the CRPWG and urged that council should work to ensure that working group is effective. He stated that he wouldn't support having a working group come up with its own Terms of Reference.

## 9. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

Daniel Motika again addressed the motion circulated with the papers that wasn't included in the agenda. He confirmed that the motion has been considered 'moved' and therefore will be referred to the Charter Tribunal.

## 10. Next Meeting

## 11. Close

*Meeting closed at 5:38PM*