

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



Friday 17 May 2024, 10am
 Meeting 8(24)

Location: Agar Theatre, Biosciences 4; Zoom (on request)

Meeting opened at 10:15am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Amy Peters be elected as Chair

Mover: Amy Peters

CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Councillors

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Wen Hao (Clement) Wu	Yes (Zoom)
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	Oskar Martin	Yes
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	Yes (Zoom)
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Tianyi Yu	Yes (Zoom)
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Navyaa Jain	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Yashica Mishra	Yes (Zoom)
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Hugh Collins	Yes (Zoom)
Students' Council (General Representative)	Harrishman Shobanan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	vaibhav girdhar	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lucy Kelly	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Alessandra Grace Baggio Ward	Yes (Zoom)
Students' Council (General Representative)	Leon Paratz	Yes (Zoom)
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yash Sah	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	Yes (Zoom)
Students' Council (General Representative)	Penelope Scacciante	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Pranav Gupta	Apology
Students' Council (General Representative)	Anndrya Chua	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ibrahim Muan Abdulla	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rachael Hynds	Yes (Zoom)
Students' Council (General Representative)	Natalie Sinicka	Yes (Zoom)

Students' Council (General Representative)	Labdhi Gandhi	Yes (Zoom)
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Office Bearers

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

Other: Sara Pheasant (CEO), Mary Kin Chan (Student Representation Coordinator), Mathilda Stewart (observer), Angus (observer)

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Micaela Rynne, Akanksha Agarwal, Felicity Patrice Liston, Binderiya Batzorig, Ryan Mittal, Jessica Fanwong, Lucy Rachman Vascotto

Councillors: Pranav Gupta

1.5. Proxies

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

1.6.1. For this Council: Kien-Ling Liem, Raphael Duffy, Shravya Akkapeddi, Emma Dynes

1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Amy Rogers has been terminated from Council

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Moved: Harishman Shobanan

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 7(24)

Motion 3: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Harishman Shobanan

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

5.1. OpSub Minutes & Update

Kevin spoke to two OpSub meetings since the previous Council. The OpSub meetings were for approving expenditure requested by People of Colour Department, IDAHOBIT-related activities, and Media's print Farrago.

5.2. Mauritian Students Society Appeal

Discussed after item 9.1.

Chair noted that the meeting has missed Correspondence item 5.2 concerning the Mauritian Students Society disaffiliation appeal. Chair read out the email appeal.

Hanny explained that the disaffiliation was due to MSS not meeting the minimum membership requirement of 30 members. While C&S is sympathetic, Council did set C&S Regulations that the minimum number of members needs to be 30 for an UMSU affiliated club. If clubs do not fulfil that requirement, C&S needs to expend resources towards these 200 clubs, and has to make decisions as to allocating finite resources as a result.

Hanny added that as per C&S Regulations r6.6(b)(iii), upon receipt of appeal under c 16.2, the original decision of the committee is suspended, until Council makes a decision on the appeal. This means that during this appeal period, MSS is still entitled to act and receive UMSU support as an affiliated club. The appeal was

received on 21 Apr 2024, but MSS is still below the minimum membership requirement as of this morning.

Azalea added that prior to the disaffiliation decision made by the Committee, there was a petition that gave an extra two weeks to get 6 members (from 24, which is the Society's current membership number).

Leon supported C&S' decision and noted their generosity in giving the Society extra time.

Sara noted that most Mauritian students start in Semester 2. Suggested allowing the appeal but providing probation.

Mehul supported Sara's suggestion, and suggested considering the actual size of the Mauritian student body in relation of club size.

Harrishman asked whether there is a possibility for disaffiliated clubs to become affiliated again?

Azalea responded – yes, clubs need to wait for 12m for that to lapse, then reapply for affiliation.

Justine noted that the MSS is cultural club that is representing a specific culture, recommended taking some sensitivity and consideration.

Hanny explained that the intention of C&S is not to be insensitive, but complying with regulations, as C&S has a tight budget catering to 200 clubs. If clubs are not able to meet the minimum requirement, unfortunately this is the decision that C&S has to make. Also pointed out that UMSU international also has a history of providing support for small non-qualifying groups of international students/clubs.

Azalea explained that suspending grants will mean no money to run events, which means the club remains non-functional. She added that the MSS' last event was run in March, and they did not try to run more events after.

Motion 9: To uphold the MSS appeal, and to put them on probation for six months, contingent on their membership growth in Semester 2.

Moved: Harishman Shobanan

Seconded: Joshua Stagg

CARRIED

Leon Paratz proposed an amendment:

Proposed Amendment:

Amend the motion to add "To move \$2000 from the Whole of Union Fund to C&S Department's budget for MSS".

Moved: Leon Paratz

Seconded: Stefan Gavrilov

Procedural Motion: To move to a vote on the amendment.

Moved: Chair

FAILED

6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Disha Zutshi	<i>Not Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Amy Peters	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Shravya Akkapeddi	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Jiajie Zheng	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Azalea Rohaizam	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Anishaa Jeyakumar	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Julian De Marco	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Lucy Rachman Vascotto	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Raphael Duffy	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Bella Beiraghi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Jaan Schild	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Hamish Rose	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Joel Duggan	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Gunjan Ahluwalia	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Kien-Ling Liem	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Jessica Fanwong	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Denzil Minnaar	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Ying Kwan Jania Lam	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Binderiya Batzorig	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Ryan Mittal	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Joshua Stagg	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Divyanshi Sati	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Akanksha Agarwal	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Micaela Rynne	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jake Duyvestyn	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Ariel Teo	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Amy Rogers	<i>N/A</i>
Southbank Activities Officer	Justine Light De Guzman	<i>Submitted*</i>
Southbank Education Officer	Felicity Patrice Liston	<i>Not Submitted</i>

Motion 4: To accept the OB Reports

Moved: Anndrya Chua

Seconded: Harishman Shobanan

CARRIED

7. CEO Report

7.1. 8(24) CEO Report

Sara took her report as read.

Leon asked whether 40% SSAF allocation for student organisations, as stipulated in the Accord Final Report, include both GSA and UMSU.

Sara responded that the response to Leon's question is currently unclear. Different advocacy groups gave submissions regarding how to implement that going forward. As an independent student body is UMSU, it is important that the organisation protects students governing the SSAF money that serves students. She added that GSA and UMSU both claim to be student led organisations, so the combined total is already over 50%. She advised that now is the time to advocate for ourselves.

Mehul Gopalakrishnan arrived the meeting at 10:22am

Motion 5: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Harishman Shobanan

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera for the Charter Tribunal Findings.

Moved: Anndrya Chua

Seconded: Harishman Shobanan

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 10:23am

Angus and Mathilda Stewart left the meeting at 10:23am

Kevin Li and Jaan Schild recused themselves from the meeting at 10:25am

7.2. Charter Tribunal Findings

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera

Moved: Amy Peters

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 10:42am

Kevin Li, Jaan Schild, Angus and Mathilda Stewart returned to the meeting at 10:43am

Procedural Motion: That Students' Council approve Stefan Gavrilov as Natalie Sinicka's proxy for this Council.

Moved: Leon Paratz

CARRIED

Stefan Gavrilov joined the meeting at 10:43am

8. Other Reports

9. Operational Business

9.1. SIG Applications

Chair spoke to the four applications received prior to Council. She noted that there is \$1000 left in SIG pool for Semester 1. Three applicants asked for the maximum grant amount of \$1000, whereas the VCA magazine applicant asked for \$950. Council can accept, reject, or amend the amount requested by applicants.

Leon asked Southbank Officers how the EP Practice Release Showcase application will be useful to students. Justine responded that students have access to limited instruments, which belong to the University. These instruments are only available for use during class time. Whether those instruments can be used beyond class time or performances off site is up to individual teacher discretion, but typically this does not happen. Furthermore, instrument major are likely to have their own instruments anyway.

Leon suggested granting \$250 to each of the applicants.

Bella suggested granting \$1000 to the VCA SCRAP magazine.

Harrishman suggested granting \$700 to VCA SCRAP magazine, \$300 to EP.

Mehul suggested that the magazine may also apply for the next round of SIG for its Semester 2 printing costs.

Angus suggested granting \$300 to EP for software costs, noted that asking \$700 for a microphone is unnecessary, as AVM can lend mics. Furthermore, software should be free for educational purposes if not commercial purpose.

Kevin reminded Councillors to consider how much extra outreach UMSU is building for the money provided through SIG. Medical dinners are decently sized events, so \$100 would be good in return for some advertising and engagement. He invited Media OBs to speak about printing costs for the magazine.

Joel responded that printing costs for magazine seem reasonable assuming they are using University printers. He added that UMSU has a constitutional obligation to support student media initiatives, and that there is an initiative budget line within Media's budget. He suggested that applications for VCA SCRAP could speak with Media OBs to lower printing costs.

Harrishman suggested granting \$100 to each of the medical dinners, \$200 to EP, and \$600 to VCA SCRAP magazine.

Motion 8: To accept all SIG applications, with amount varied as discussed follows, totalling \$1000 spent from the budget line.

Northern Clinical School Valedictory Dinner - \$100

Western Clinical School Final Year Valedictory Dinner - \$100

EP Practice Release Showcase - \$200

SCRAP – A VCA Fine Arts Student Magazine – \$600

Moved: Harishman Shobanan

Seconded: Anndrya Chua

CARRIED

Angus left the meeting at 11:05am.

10. Motions on Notice

11. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)

12. Next Meeting

13. Close

Meeting closed at 11:30am