



**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students’ Council**

**Minutes**

**12:30PM, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Meeting 1(20)**

**Location: Babel G03 (Lower Theatre), Parkville Campus**

**Opened at 12:35pm**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Reece Moir be elected Chair.  
 Moved: Reece Moir Seconded: Molly Willmott  
**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

<b>Representatives on Students’ Council</b>	<b>Full name</b>	<b>Attended?</b>	<b>Number of councils attended</b>
<b>Students of Colour Representative on Students’ Council</b>	Allen Xiao	Y	1
<b>Students with Disabilities Representative on Students’ Council</b>	Max Dowell	Y	1
<b>Queer Representative on Students’ Council</b>	Andie Moore	N	0
<b>International Student Representative on Students’ Council</b>	Tejas Gandhi	N	0
<b>Graduate Student Representative on Students’ Council</b>	Hayley Kebbell	Y	1
<b>Students’ Council (General Representative)</b>	Evelyn Ranogajec	Y	1
<b>Students’ Council (General Representative)</b>	Joshua Bruni	N	0
<b>Students’ Council (General Representative)</b>	Christopher Melenhorst	Y	1
<b>Students’ Council (General Representative)</b>	Nick Reich	N	0
<b>Students’ Council (General Representative)</b>	Lachlan Hinds	Y	1

<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Raiyaan Mahbub	Y	1
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Felix Sharkey	N	0
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Molly Willmott	Y	1
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Varaidzo Chipunza	Y	1
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Hannah Krasovec	Y	1
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Matthew Harper-Gomm	Y	1
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Maisie Strong	N	0
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal		
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Thonya Deverall	Y	1
<b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>	Catriona Smith	Y	1
<b>Indigenous Committee</b>	Jess Ferrari-Thomas	Y	1

## Office Bearers

<b>Department</b>	<b>Full name</b>	<b>Attended?</b>	<b>Number of councils attended</b>
<b>President</b>	Hannah Buchan	Y	1
<b>General Secretary</b>	Jack Buksh	Y	1
<b>Activities Officer</b>	India Pinkney	N	0
<b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>	Trianna Valdes	N	0
<b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>	Jordan Di Natale	Y	1
<b>Disabilities Officer</b>	Hue Man Dang	Y	1
<b>Disabilities Officer</b>	Srishti Chatterjee	Y	1
<b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>	Charlie Joyce	Y	1
<b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>	Charlotte Fouhy	N	0
<b>Environment Officer</b>	Olivia Sullivan	Y	1
<b>Environment Officer</b>	Sophie Kerrigan	Y	1
<b>Media Officer</b>	Bethany Cherry	Y	1
<b>Media Officer</b>	Amber Meyer	Y	1
<b>Media Officer</b>	Sarah Peters	Y	1
<b>Media Officer</b>	Tharidi Walimunige	Y	1
<b>People of Colour Officer</b>	Nicole Nabbout	Y	1
<b>People of Colour Officer</b>	Gurpreet Singh	Y	1
<b>Queer Officer</b>	Ciara O'Sullivan	Y	1
<b>Queer Officer</b>	A'bidah Zaid	N	0
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Declan Kerger	Y	1
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Natasha Guglielmino	Y	1
<b>Women's Officer</b>	Aria Sunga	Y	1
<b>Women's Officer</b>	Naomi Smith	N	0
<b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b>	Joshua Munro	Y	1
<b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b>	Georgia Walton Briggs	Y	1
<b>Creative Arts Officer</b>	Emily White	Y	1

<b>Creative Arts Officer</b>	Olivia Bell	N	0
<b>Activities Officer</b>	Hayley Stanford	N	0
<b>Burnley Campus Coordinator</b>	Kaitlyn Hammond	N	0
<b>VCA Campus Co-ordinator</b>	Verity Crane	Y	1
<b>VCA Campus Co-ordinator</b>	Hayden Williams	Y	1
<b>Indigenous Officer</b>	Shanysa Jayde McConville	N	0
<b>Indigenous Officer</b>	Hope Kuchel	N	0

Other: Sarah Black, Administration Officer; Reece Moir; Noni Bridger; Eleanor Watson; Natale Froia; Sohee Kwon; Daniel Beratis; Mark Yin, Annalyce Wiehenga

1.4 Apologies

*Councillors: Felix Sharkey, Andie Moore, Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal, Tejas Gandhi*  
*Office Bearers: India Pickney, Hayley Stanford, Olivia Bell*

1.5 Proxies

*Felix Sharkey to Noni Bridger, Andie Moore to Mark Yin, Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal to Eleanor Watson, Tejas Gandhi to Sohee Kwon*

1.6 Membership

As is.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: to adopt the agenda with the inclusion of OB leave for Gurpreet Singh from 1<sup>ST</sup> December 2019 to 2nd January 2020.  
 Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)  
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

2.1. Students’ Council, Minutes 21(19)

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes as a true and accurate record.  
 Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)  
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

Christopher Melenhorst and Catriona Smith (Tree) declared a conflict of interest with the Chinese Debating Group correspondence as they are on the C&S committee.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

**5. Correspondence**

5.1. Chinese Debating Group

Christopher: the correspondence is their own document but it's more or less how it ran. In the actual meeting, CDG were happy to discuss a 12 month probation. We wanted them to be disaffiliated-like without actually disaffiliating the group.

Procedural to move Chair to Jack Buksh.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

Reece: This was agreed upon a while ago between Chris, myself and CDG. We need 4 councillors to petition C&S. My recommended sanction is to withdraw access to any UMSU resources and a probation. This is because they recognise that they did a serious thing in terms of lying. But in the international debating community, their affiliation is important. It's important that they understand and feel the consequences but that they continue to operate. The C&S committee will discuss it and either uphold or not uphold the petition.

Tree: Where does that lie with insurance?

Reece: they will still remain on UMSU insurance but the big thing is they won't be able to attend Summerfest or Winterfest. It means they won't be able to book rooms, go to Orientation events as a club etc. My recommendation is we uphold their appeal.

Motion 4: To uphold the Chinese Debating Group's appeal.  
 Moved: Reece Moir Seconded: Noni Bridger  
 CARRIED

Motion 5: To petition the C&S committee to sanction the withholding of resources and probation until August next year.  
 Moved: Molly Willmott Second, third and fourth  
councillor: Thonya Deverall, Max Dowell, Matt Harper-Gomm  
 CARRIED

**6. Office Bearer Reports**

President	Not Submitted
General Secretary	Not Submitted
Activities	Not Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Not Submitted
Disabilities	Not Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Not Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted

Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Not Submitted
Media	Submitted <i>with Recommendations</i>
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Not Submitted
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Not Submitted
Southbank	Not Submitted

Hannah Buchan spoke about meeting new Office Bearers and discussing ideas for next year.

Jack asked councillors to let him know by midday of the next day about the date of Council in December.

Georgia: We are looking at introducing an education week around week 3. One of the biggest aims is to increase student engagement. Hannah and I have our first academic board coming up next week. We had a win regarding Special Consideration, many suggestions were taken on board. The University is removing ‘Special of Special’ and ‘Fit to Sit’.

Hue Man Dang spoke to the Disabilities report, mentioning a meeting with the Access Inclusion Group and that there will be an event early next year.

Srishti Chatterjee spoke about the name of the Disability Department and that it can be jarring.

Motion 6: To accept the Office Bearer reports and subsequent recommendations made by the Media Department.  
 Mover: Reece Moir  
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**7. Other Reports**

None

**8. Operational Business**

8.1. CEO’s Welcome to Council 2020

Justin Baré welcomed new councillors. He gave an overview of the upcoming issues in 2020.

- Issues of student policy and how they affect students (such as Special Consideration). He emphasized that maintaining the status quo isn’t necessarily an improvement for students. This is an opportunity to improve processes, not just stop them, he said.
- University accommodation. There will be a briefing paper coming to Council from Advocacy which identifies the key issues and opportunities to campaign.
- Next year the Australian Human Rights Commission will be running a survey on sexual abuse, a problematic area of university life (abuse on campus). UMSU will continue to be involved in the University’s Respect Taskforce. We are looking at ways to improve events to create a safe environment but also to provide support to students if abuse occurs.

- UMSU could generate its own Reconciliation Action Plan and councillors would be involved in formulating the plan.
- New student precinct – people from the project team will be coming to speak during induction. Critical issues regarding space, payment for space etc.
- There is no longer a sail in North Court. This has a significant impact on what we do and how we do it. We are speaking with the University about what will happen as we need to maintain a level of programming.
- Encouraged councillors and expressed that he looks forward to working with them for the next year.

Christopher asked about Patrick Tidmarsh’s role.

Justin: Getting assistance from the university is very difficult and making instances of sexual assault less likely and provide support when they do happen.

Motion 7: To accept the CEO’s Welcome to Council 2020.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 8.2 2020 UMSU Budget

Hannah: I would like to move the 2020 UMSU budget.

Jack: The Change of Management plan is really important.

Reece: There was a motion regards Destination Melbourne that has since been withdrawn.

Tree: Destination Melbourne was a program that helped to teach students at the university how to navigate city life and it’s a shame that it won’t go ahead this year despite budget being allocated and Student Council wanting it to go ahead. A review would be really important throughout the year.

Hue Man: I’d like to see a program next year where we actively support students.

Hannah: In the years that it has been running, costs have been rising but attendance dropping and in order for it to go ahead there should be a review.

Jack spoke about the high costs of Destination Melbourne and that ways will be considered to make it more cost effective while delivering benefits to students.

Noni: We need to make sure that it’s working effectively for regional students and students from low economic backgrounds.

Tree: Who will be involved in the review? How will it be conducted? Who will be consulted.?

Justin: If Council approves a review, we will come back with a proposal with how it will run.

Tree: What would be the vague plan?

Justin: The vague plan would be testing that the objectives of the program are valid and how we could meet those objectives.

Joshua Bruni: When Student Council passes money, it expects those programs to be delivered.

Procedural to move in camera.

Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 1:23pm

Procedural to move out of camera.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

Carried

Council moved out of camera at 1:28pm.

Reece: Separate to the budget motion, we will discuss affiliations.

Councillors discussed the affiliations and the \$90,000 budget for affiliations.

Motion 8: To approve the affiliation budget of up to \$90,000 to NUS and other national student bodies.

Moved: Noni

Seconded: Hannah Buchan

Molly abstained from voting.

CARRIED

Molly: Host Program Directors are now employed by the Union.

Christopher: Under the SP&E line, there isn't a detailed breakdown.

Justin: A significant expense will be coffee vouchers for students participating.

Tree asked a question about types of employment.

Justin: If we have part time work we need to have a minimum of 8 hrs per week. Mentoring doesn't have this so they will be employed as casual staff. VCESS has honoraria as a more appropriate payment due to the nature of the work, this is after legal consultation. We are trying to reduce the instances where people are employed in casual positions.

### **Student Rep Departments**

#### **Activities**

Molly: What is the Twilight Festival? I believe it's in place of Sleepover? And what about ticket prices between students and non-students?

Tree: Last year they had Greta Ray and Jack River, and attendance was better with live music. This is rebranding Sleepover.

Christopher: SoUP – did the OBs have strategies in mind to increase awareness?

Tree: We sat down with Rory to increase engagement. We put another \$5,000 onto SoUP and will employ a DJ.

Lachlan: This is not a sufficient breakdown to show where Bands, Bevs and BBQs is spent.

Questions around RSA.

Justin: Alcohol at UMSU events is at the Ida Bar and staff is responsible for the serving of alcohol. OBs need to consider what kind of event they want and what it encourages but alcohol safety is around the bar staff.

Procedural: To move into camera.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 1:43pm/

Procedural to move out of camera.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 1:45pm.

Tree: To speak to the increase for Bands and Bevs, it's the biggest student engagement activity. Liam struggled to get some bands due to the cost. Having extra money is so they can draw in at least one big artist. They also give opportunities to smaller Melbourne bands and student bands.

Raiyan: Activities SP&E - what does this refer to?

Tree: Oktoberfest, Trivia, all of those.

### **Clubs and Societies**

Jordan: It's very similar to last year but there are extra additions for the Commencement Ceremony.

Mark: You've indicated that a second Clubs day may be held.

Jordan: Most likely in week 1 or 2 if the Clubs Committee agrees.

Tree: There may be associated costs with the movement of the Clubs Carnival in week 0 and the noise in the car park. A little bit extra funding may be required to ensure accessibility.

### **Creative Arts**

No discussion.

### **Disabilities**

Srishti: This year the department will take a different spin. We will be creating strong partnerships and working with the People of Colour Department.



Jack: In regard to workshops and paying for them, how will you avoid conflict of interest?

Srishti: The committee will be checking the applications. We will be following a similar format to how POC ran the anti-racism workshop.

Jack: It's hard to make payments to people who aren't staff as it's for ambiguous work.

Justin: This will be discussed at induction. If you are in a situation where you want to pay someone to do something, you must speak to Goldie first and she will provide you with advice on how to make payment of that kind. As an organisation we have a process in place to allocate funds appropriately.

Molly: I think it's great you engage with groups like Origin. Do you plan to run any campaigns? What are activism grants?

Hue Man: One of the things we'll be introducing next year is an access inclusion working group. I think there's a lot of issues with accessibility and disability. Activism grants – those grants are similar to what POC did this year. They allow visibility and space to run their ideas.

Molly: This is for the creation of activism campaigns?

Hue Man: Not for attendance at protests but for banners etc.

Srishti discussed office space.

Max: I advise caution with renaming the collective. I take issue with the itemisation of the collective budget. I am disappointed that there aren't many outward facing Disability campaigns.

Noni: I advise caution in changing the name of the department. What is the process for the activism grants?

Hue Man: That's something we'll talk to Goldie about to make sure they're transparent.

Tree: I want to ask about the budget line "imprint".

Hue Man: It's actually a 2 line budget.

Reece: Student Council is approving the whole allocation to departments, further breakdowns are subject to departmental committees.

Joshua Bruni: I ran the Winterfest stall on behalf of Lucy and a lot of people came up to me and asked about who the department caters for, they thought it was only about physical disabilities.

Gurpreet: Activism grants clarification – why can't it be done through the department directly instead of giving it to external people?

Srishti: We believe it should come from bottom up, different people have different skills.

Molly: No OB can employ anyone, ever.

Gurpreet: Compensation will be in gift cards and stuff like that, not money.

Max: Activism grants – concerned about you being passive here. I'd also like to examine the collective you're running, you've got five. I find it peculiar you don't have any Womens, Indigenous or People of Colour collectives.

Procedural to limit speaking time to 30 seconds

Moved: Tree Smith

FAILED

Procedural to limit speaking time to 45 seconds

Moved: Tree Smith

FAILED

Max: Clarification – volunteering is not emotional labour.

Reece: We have 2 amendments:

That the Disabilities budget be amended to remove ‘payment’ to students who run anti-ableism workshops, but are rather offered gifts in exchange for volunteering their time.

Moved: Max Dowell

Seconded: Hannah Krasovec

Justin: I want to provide some guidance in terms of this discussion. There’s nothing necessarily illegal about paying students.

Procedural to suspend standing orders and continue for another half hour without a break.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

Justin: It’s important to understand that this is a complex issue. It is plausible to pay students in certain circumstances but using the appropriate mechanism. It’s important that OBs come to us first to discuss making payments to students in order to ensure that UMSU’s legal obligations are met.

Mark: It should be noted that we should focus on the budget allocation, not other issues.

Srishti: Emotionally is defined as using your emotions to fit the requirement of the work you are doing. Anything that emotionally affects them means that they are doing emotional labour.

VOTE on the amendment: That the Disabilities budget be amended to remove ‘payment’ to students who run anti-ableism workshops, but are rather offered gifts in exchange for volunteering their time.

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Amendment: To remove the renaming of the ‘spill the disabiliTea’ collective – terrible connotation.

Moved: Jordan PN

Seconded: Nicole

Tree: The name has been used in the past and this is not relevant to the budget. This is just a working title and this will be taken up by the collective.

Procedural to move to a vote.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

VOTE on the amendment: To remove the renaming of the ‘spill the disabiliTea’ collective.

CARRIED

Break at 2:41pm

Council reopened 2:54pm

Christopher Melenhorst left.

### **Education**

OBs spoke about the events that will run.

Tree: About the camp, what were the engagement numbers and what will you be doing to increase the numbers?

Discussion around this.

Procedural to limit speaking time to 45 seconds.

Moved: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

Eleanor: With the allocation of grants, the union as a whole is already supplying funding to NUS.

Georgia: NUS affiliation is for membership but from Education it's for things like flights and accommodation. Last year money had to be moved from different budget lines to cover the expenses. The camp has a capacity for 100 people and the price of the camp doesn't change according to the numbers.

Mark: In terms of self catering and safe food handling, who will receive safe food handling?

Georgia: OBs and volunteers will complete safe food handling.

Tree: The cost of an individual camper this year was equal to 1.5 of every SSAF payment.

Charlie: This year the Education Department ran a campaign to record law lectures. It didn't get the support required in the law faculty.

### **Environment**

Sophie gave an overview. She said that the budget has been reduced as it wasn't fully spent in the last years. She said that the department would like to have a zine and that SP&E has been reduced.

Tree: How many zines?

Sophie: Around 500-1000 copies depending on the advice we get from UMSU staff. In previous years the department ran the Summerfest store and an event. Last year it was juts a picnic. We've increased the Summerfest budget line because we want a picnic and Green Screen. Film rights are expensive. We also plan to bring in a tiny house.

Mark: On the SP line, there isn't much detail.

Procedural to change speaking time to a minute and a half for OBs to respond to questions.

Mover: Sophie

CARRIED

Amendment - To defer this discussion to another council.

### **Indigenous**

Tree: I have some questions from Chris. They've allocated \$22,000 for Under Bunjil.

Reece: They publish more than one issue in a year.

### **Media**

Joshua Bruni: Last year the Media Department allocated a lot of money towards events but the collective attendance has gone down significantly despite the money being allocated. How are you getting this engagement back again?

Bethany: We are very aware there's been a decrease in engagement in the collective. We'll focus on diversifying events. We want to target people from outside the collective to increase involvement.

Molly asked for the Radio Fodder listener numbers.

Sarah: We haven't been given the numbers but we can look it up for you.

Tree: From Chris: Who will run the training workshops, volunteers?

Bethany: The collective will have people specialising in these areas and they will run them.

Gurpreet asked why Print Graphics is used and called them a scab shop.

We are planning to print at Print Graphics based on history and good experiences in using them.

Annalise: How do you plan on engaging the Southbank campus in the coming year?

Sarah: I got in contact with Eric Gardener to make sure there are more events down there.

Joshua Bruni: I'm aware the major problem is you don't have a quote. Is there a way, Jack or Reece to allocate some of the budget to an increase in costs of printing to use a unionised printer?

Reece: If you have the time to research and find similar quotes, there is a way for it to happen this year.

Bethany: Some of us are a little uneducated of what a scab shop is. We just looked it up. We would rather use a unionised shop and will look into it.

Discussion around decrease in print numbers.

Verity gave speaking rights to Hayden.

Hayden: I've never seen a copy of Farrago distributed at Southbank. There is an increase in the number of design students. How do you plan to help engagement?

Sarah: That's something we want to start talking about.

Bethany: A lot of student at Southbank don't know we have a Media Department. We will change that. I'm a student who studies at Southbank.

Molly: I'm glad that online content is picking up.

Motion 9: To direct the Media Department OBs to produce the Radio Fodder listenership numbers by the end of semester 1.

Moved" Molly Willmott

Seconded: Thonya Deverall

Mark: Listener numbers aren't the only way to assess the value of Radio Fodder.

Molly: We pay SSAF, SSAF pays for Radio Fodder.

Bethany: Please don't put value on numbers.

VOTE on: To direct the Media Department OBs to produce the Radio Fodder listenership numbers by the end of semester 1.  
CARRIED

Justin: I think there's a lot of important conversations happening. The question is whether the proposed budget allocation is sufficient to meet its constitutional role. It's the committee's job to discuss whether specific allocations are satisfactory.

Procedural to discuss the Womens budget first.

Moved: Aria Sunga

CARRIED

Procedural to discuss Welfare budget immediately after.

Moved: Natasha Guglielmino

CARRIED

### **Womens**

Aria: In SP&E, there's an amount that's incorrect, it's meant to be \$7,000.

### **Welfare**

Natasha: The increase to the budget comes from increasing breakfast.

Mark:

- Food bank and resource bank – with expansion what are the specifics of the storage?
- Mental Health Campaign - \$1500 – specific outcomes would be good to know
- Breakfast – allocated \$1100 a week but you said you were spending \$1300 a week. The casual staff member at breakfast, are they to replace OBs?

Tash: There's some storage in the kitchen we have started using this year. We'd store the food packs in the kitchen.

Declan: It's difficult to map out the exact outcomes of the Mental Health Campaign right now.

Tash: We decided to lower the budget as we put money to food packs and we'll buy food on sale.

Casuals – running of the breakfast is a very intensive task. The OBs might be doing breakfast 3 hrs per day, then doing food orders. Our time is wearing thin. We need assistance so we can run campaigns etc.

Procedural to suspend standing orders.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

To accept Joshua Bruni's proxy to Hayley K

Procedural to reinstate standing orders.

Moved Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

Tree: What's the hiring process going to look like for that? It's an increase in the budget.

Tash: We talked to Goldie and UMSU casuals are the best way to go. From our conversations with Goldie, she said add this to the budget.

Molly: When we run Safer Partying Initiative, we need to make sure that this is run as an UMSU event

Mark: I don't see how the increase in budget is justified when there are volunteers. Breakfast is not an ad hoc event, it's a regular planned event. There is the ethical question of allocating extra funds to some departments but not others. What is Justin's word on this?

Justin: That doesn't mean that people might be employed in other capacities that are voluntary. There will be different accountability and higher responsibility for people in paid positions.

Mark: Is there's a view transitioning from casuals to something ongoing?

Justin: I'm not sure of the specific breakdown, it won't necessarily be one person doing the same thing every week.

Raiyan: They already have a volunteer system in place.

Tash: This will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> year and I can confidently say that the number of volunteers fluctuates and you can't count on them solely.

Motion 10: Amendment to freeze \$9,000 from the Regular Events budget line of the Welfare department pending a) a clear outline of the expected rights and responsibilities of the role in contrast to existing volunteers and b) council approval of outline.

Moved: Mark Yin

Seconder: Raiyaan Mahbub

Mark and Raiyaan spoke to the motion.

Molly: We have a well structured casual pool. We're not asking for PDs for bar staff.

Procedural to move to a vote.

Moved: Molly

CARRIED

Vote: on Amendment to freeze \$9,000 from the Regular Events budget line of the Welfare department pending a) a clear outline of the expected rights and responsibilities of the role in contrast to existing volunteers and b) council approval of outline.  
For: 4, Against:12  
FAILED

**People of Colour**

Gurpreet: We love collectives and have two more. We redistributed money from Myriad to fund those collectives. It's the same overall amount. We cut office maintenance line - I have a screwdriver with me, I can do maintenance myself. We don't need to spend money on that.

Mark: It's nice that the collective budget line is looking healthier. I want to increase that budget line.

Motion 11: To increase the Collectives budget line of the People of Colour Department to \$16,520 from Whole of Union.

Moved: Mark Yin

Seconded: Ciara O'Sullivam

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion: That the People of Colour Department OBs clarify who is welcome to attend the Migrants Workers' Collective and include this in the budget.

Moved: Reece Moir

Seconded: Eleanor Watson

Gurpreet: At this stage it would be autonomous. It's a much needed campaign and I'd encourage everyone to come.

Vote on: That the People of Colour Department OBs clarify who is welcome to attend the Migrants Workers' Collective and include this in the budget.  
  
FAILED

**Queer**

Ciara outlined the Queer budget submission. Queer has a lot of traffic which is why budget has increased.

Molly: What's the go with bubble teas?

Ciara: We're looking into options such as making own bubble teas, finding retailers who recycle. We are aware of the environmental aspect.

Hannah: If accessibility is your primary concern and G&Ts is your flagship event, Ida is not accessible.

Ciara: Food is provided, it's literally one drink, it's more discussion based. I would argue that it's more accessible for some. There are different set of accessibility requirements.

Eleanor: You're not taking into account how important it is for queer students to interact.

Queer space is too small and gets crowded. G&Ts is an event where students can socialise and there just happens to be a drink involved.

Council moved to a break at 4:40pm

Council resumed at 4:54pm

Tree: I was wondering if Queer spent all their budget this year or if you would know.

Srishti: I don't see the problem with G&Ts, plus they have a one drink policy.

Molly: The issue with G&Ts is the vibe of it. The name insinuates it's an event around drinking. That it's in a bar insinuates it's an event around drinking.

Motion 12: to direct Queer OBs to investigate alternate events.

Motion 12: To direct the Queer Department OBs to ensure that every second G&Ts w LGBTs is non alcoholic and out of the bar.

Moved: Molly Willmott

Seconder: Hannah K

Procedural to move straight to vote

Moved: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

VOTE on: To direct the Queer Department OBs to ensure that every second G&Ts w LGBTs is non alcoholic and out of the bar.

For: 10, Against: 7

CARRIED

### **Southbank**

Hayden spoke about the Southbank budget and about getting a community garden started. He said that the total figure in the budget is equivalent to last year.

Annalise: do you have any idea what student engagement might look like?

Hayden: More design students moved over so it could bid well.

Tree: Chris: will the BBQs run this year?

Hayden: we have two OBs this year. We're not as integrated as Parkville but Brody and I work well together.



Procedural to suspend Standing Orders

Moved: Reece Moir

CARRIED

Motion 13: To accept Hayley Kebbell's proxy to Lachlan Hinds.

### **Burnley**

Jack spoke for the Burnley budget as the OB was absent. Jack said that the OB is very keen to be involved.

Reece said that Burnley currently has no committee and will make recommendations to Council to pass all their expenditure.

Motion 14: To approve the Budget Memorandum with the amendments:

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED

#### 8.3 Student Initiative Grant Reports, Numerous

Motion 15: To approve the Student Initiative Reports en bloc.

Moved: Molly Willmott

Seconded: Tree Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

#### 8.4 Financial Regulations

Unable to cover this as Council was not in quorum.

#### 8.5 Standing Orders

#### 8.6 Council Charter

#### 8.7 Regulations for Student Representatives

#### 8.8 Electoral Regulations

#### 8.9 Clubs & Societies Regulations

#### 8.10 CEO Contract Oversight Cttee

#### 8.11 Office Bearer leave: *Gurpreet Singh 01 Dec 2019 – 02 Jan 2020*

Motion 16: To approve the leave.

Moved: Reece Moir (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

### **9. Motions on Notice**

9.1 Get those animals off those horses: condemning police brutality at IMARC

Moved: Molly Willmott

Seconded: Hannah K

Molly spoke to her moving rights. Action point 2 is too broad. What does “support” mean?  
Change of “support” to “solidarity”.

ACAB

Hannah spoke to her seconding rights. She said many got attacked, including members of student departments.

Reece: move to a vote.

CWD

## **10. Motions Without Notice**

None

## **11. Other Business**

Echo what Jack says and encouraged Councillors to attend and not just send proxies.

## **12. Next Meeting**

TBA

## **13. Close**

Closed at 5:32pm

### **9.1 Get those animals off those horses: condemning police brutality at IMARC**

From October 28-31st, protesters blockaded the international mining and resources conference (IMARC), rallying against the climate criminals of the mining and resources industry. A conference part sponsored by the university of Melbourne.

The demonstration was organised as a peaceful blockade of the conference. However, from the get go the actions of police were excessive and endangered protesters.

Protesters were run over by police horses, with one breaking both her legs. Others we're grabbed and shoved unprovoked, while some were pepper sprayed at point blank range. There were over 50 arrests that week, with people from the blockade grabbed and detained without provocation.

A farrago reporter was also pepper sprayed for reporting away from the blockade.

Some of those who experienced this were University of Melbourne students, including some outgoing and incoming members of our students council. It is shameful that our university sponsored a conference that saw active police brutality.

A police officer attending wrote “eat a dick hippy” on his body cam to taunt protesters. There were reports that a police officer at the centre of an indigenous woman’s death in custody was attending, and the actions of police on one day of the blockade were so excessive protesters witnessed other police pull them back.

This is police brutality - excessive violence used by police as control. But ultimately this brutality is happening every single day. Indigenous Australians and people of colour in our community are significantly more likely to be injured or killed by police and there is no justice.

Ultimately, the Government is enabling this. And they should be held responsible for the violence shown by police.

Those arrested in the protests are now facing legal consequences. A shameful display of suppressing democracy and the right to protest.

**Platform**

1. That UMSU condemns police brutality in any form
2. That UMSU condemns the university of Melbourne for their sponsorship of the conference
3. That UMSU supports the right to protest without fear of violence or excessive force
4. That UMSU condemns the Victorian labor government of their role in allowing for such violence and their subsequent defence of police actions
5. That UMSU offers their support to all those arrested or injured by police as they await court

**Actions**

1. That the contents of this motion be released as a presidents news by the 2020 president
2. That UMSU investigate ways to support university of Melbourne students affected by the actions of police during Imarc

**Moved: Molly Willmott**

**Seconded:**