



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes
Friday 6th of August
Meeting 12(21)
Location: Zoom**

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Meeting opened at: 2:05pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Allen Xiao be elected as Chair	Seconded by: Lauren Scott
Mover: Allen Xiao	
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	Kevin Mao	Yes
Students' Council (Indigenous Representative)	Brittney Henderson	Yes
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Clea Porteous Borthwick	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Georgia McCourt	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Janise Qian Yee Sam	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Shreya Bhutani	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Raymond Wu	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Charlotte Macpherson	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Aashi Agarwal	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ethan Alex Georgeou	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Jeremy Cameron	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Harry Black	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Tejasvi Madan	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Sophie Nguyen	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Jennifer Lui	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lauren Scott	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Xavier Dupe	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Scarlett Padden	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Catriona Smith	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Joanna Guelas	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rubina Smith	No

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Jack Buksh	<i>No</i>
General Secretary	Allen Xiao	<i>Yes</i>
Activities Officer	Christos Preovolos	<i>Yes</i>
Activities Officer	Phoebe Chen	<i>No</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Muskaan Hakhu	<i>Yes</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kalyana Vania	<i>Yes</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	<i>Yes</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Merryn Hughes	<i>No</i>
Disabilities Officer	Brigit Doyle	<i>Yes</i>
Disabilities Officer	Lindsay Tupper-Creed	<i>Yes</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Planning Jay Vyn Saw	<i>No</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Jennisha Arnanta	<i>Yes</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Tejas Gandhi	<i>Yes</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Hannah Krasovec	<i>Yes</i>
Environment Officer	VACANT	<i>No</i>
Environment Officer	VACANT	<i>No</i>
Indigenous Officer	Shanysa Jayde McConville	<i>Yes</i>
Media Officer	Lauren Berry	<i>Yes</i>
Media Officer	Pavani Ambagahawattha	<i>Yes</i>
Media Officer	Ailish Hallinan	<i>No</i>
People of Colour Officer	Emily AlRamadhan	<i>No</i>
People of Colour Officer	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Yes</i>
Queer Officer	Amy Bright	<i>No</i>
Queer Officer	Laura Ehrensperger	<i>No</i>
Welfare Officer	Hue Man Dang	<i>Yes</i>
Women's Officer	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Yes</i>
Women's Officer	Mickhaella Ermita	<i>Yes</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>No</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Jamie Kim	<i>Yes</i>
	Leyla Moxham	<i>No</i>

Other: Zhongh Han (CFHC President), Yiming Huang (CFHC Secretary), Phoebe Allen (on behalf of the CEO), James Gallagher, Brendan Laws, Monica Sestito (GSA), Briana Symonds-Manne (proxy for Xavier Dupe), Sam Rath, Tenzin Cohen (proxy for Harry Black)

1.4. Apologies*Office Bearers:*

Merryn Hughes

Ailish Hallinan

Councillors:

Tejasvi Madan

Leave Requests:

Emily AlRamadhan from August 15th-Sept 10th
Jack Buksh for Council 12(21)

Motion 2: To accept the leave requests en bloc

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

1.5. Proxies

Xavier Dupe to Briana Symonds-Manne
Harry Black to Tenzin Cohen
Raymond Wu to Lauren Scott until 2:30pm arrival
Joanna Guelas to Tree Smith
Rubina Smith to Clea Borthwick
Jeremy Cameron to Janise Qian Yee Sam

1.6. Membership

Scarlett Padden, Sophie Nguyen, Jeremy Cameron, and Aashi Agarwal have been appointed to Council.

James Park has resigned as Environment Officer.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes 11(21)

Motion 4: To accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 11(21).

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None declared

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None declared

5. Correspondence

5.1. Correspondence from the Chinese Food Hunters Club

6. Office Bearer Reports

President	Jack Buksh	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Allen Xiao	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities	Christos Preovolos	<i>Submitted</i>
	Phoebe Chen	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs and Societies	Kalyana Vania	<i>Submitted</i>
	Muskaan Hakhu	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	<i>Submitted</i>
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	Laura Ehrensperger	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Welfare	Hue Man Dang	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
	Mickhaella Ermita	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	Leyla Moxham	<i>Submitted</i>
	Jamie Kim	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Not Submitted</i>

Councillors asked the Chair for clarification on James Park's date of resignation, and if it took place before or after Council 11(21). Chair responded that James Park advised of intention to resign on June 22nd, with resignation effective from July 7th.

Tree Smith raised on behalf of Joanna Guelas concern over length and quality of Office Bearer reports. Notes that key activities are not being reported on to enough details and Officers are not often replying to Farrago emails. Hard to understand from students and

councillors what actions and activities the Officers and therefore Student Union are undertaking. Tree Smith agrees with the sentiment that the reporting has been “lacklustre”. Curious to hear from OBs on this. Questioned whether council can hold Office Bearers accountable if reporting is lacking.

Shrishti Chatterjee spoke to their report. The Uni has communicated that their draft policy on sexual misconduct is open for consultation, but they are not showing a commitment to suggestions. Highlighted that the Feminist Action Collective is putting together a submission, invited anyone council to assist if they wished.

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna spoke to their report. Noted that with MUDfest preparations that her and Merryn Hughes did not have much time to dedicate to the reports

Councillors expressed concern for repeated lack of reporting from Phoebe Chen, enquired after their wellbeing. Christos Prevolos had not heard from his Co-Officer in some time and was unsure. Councillors asked Allen Xiao to follow up with Phoebe Chen and ensure she is doing okay.

Tenzin Cohen arrived at 2:15pm.

Motion 5: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en Bloc

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: That Council move in camera at 2:24pm.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 2:24pm.

7. CEO Report

8. Other Reports

8.1. SSAF Report

8.2. Wise Workplace Solutions Report

Council moved out of camera at 2:59pm.

Raymond Wu arrived at 2:30pm

Procedural Motion: To adjourn council for five minutes, and resume at 3:05pm.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

9. Operational Business

9.1. SIG Application – Melbourne Biomedical Science Initiative

9.2. SIG Application - Global Health Masterclass

Motion 10: To approve SIG applications en bloc.

Moved: Jan Sam

Seconded: Raymond Wu

CARRIED

9.3. Disaffiliation Appeal – Chinese Food Hunters Club

The Chair notes there was a motion to overturn the Chinese Food Hunters Club's appeal at Council 11(21). However, the wrong meeting date was provided to the club, meaning that no executive members were present to speak to their case. The Chair apologises profusely and determined that out of procedural fairness the matter be reheard. Opened floor to the Clubs' present executive (the President).

CFHC President, Zhongh Han spoke to the club's appeal. Admitted to facing some difficulties in the past semester and not submitting a membership list, activity report, or attending trainings. Raised a poor handover as a main issue faced. To prove the club was active in the last semester, Zhongh Han provided evidence of club activity via screenshare. Reinforced the club is very active, popular, and culturally significant to students. Club is committed to rectifying past administrative issues.

Motion: To rescind the motion to reject the appeal from Chinese Food Hunters Club at Council 11(21).

Moved: Clea Borthwick

Seconded: Georgia McCourt

Before motion is voted on, Chair opened discussion to speaking list.

C&S Office Bearers spoke to the appeal and their meetings with the club, acknowledged that language can be a significant barrier for many cultural clubs and cause a gap in communication such as with CFHC. Stated that this along with a poor handover to the new executives make for a sympathetic case. In terms of administration, the club's track record is not the best. Council should consider the viability of the club, and their future ability to keep up with required administration.

Discussion that if the appeal is upheld, then disciplinary action should be considered. Tree Smith reminded that Council cannot take disciplinary action against clubs, that is the responsibility of the C&S Committee. Directed councillors to the Plan Language C&S Regulations for further clarification.

Motion 11: To rescind Motion 12 from Council 11(21) and uphold the appeal from Chinese Food Hunters Club.

Moved: Clea Borthwick

Seconded: Georgia McCourt

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. UMSU Endorsement of Stop Menzies Institute

Hannah Krasovec and Monica Sestito spoke to their moving rights.

Discussion was held regarding the continuation of the rally and National Week of Action in person due to a rise of cases, and the importance of online alternatives for campaigning. Not just out of COVID safety, but from an accessibility standpoint to students unable to attend in-person events. The continued importance on in-person campaigning was also emphasised.

Hannah Krasovec and Monica Sestito acceded that the rally cannot go ahead on the planned date and determined that online alternatives for campaigning should be considered. Hannah Krasovec encouraged councillors to attend planning meetings.

Procedural Motion: To move to a vote on the proposed motion.

Moved: Briana Symonds-Manne

CARRIED

Motion 12: To approve the motion as presented.

Moved: Hannah Krasovec

Seconded: Monica Sestito

CARRIED

10.2. August 26 Climate Strike

Briana Symonds-Manne passed their moving rights to Sam Rath.

Sam Rath and Hannah Krasovec spoke to their moving rights.

Discussion around the importance for UMSU to come together on Climate Action, and to whom campaign, and event responsibilities fall with the absence of Environment Officers.

Lauren Scott expressed their sincere hope that Indigenous knowledge will be centred in this Climate Strike. Noted that their support is contingent on the position that no meaningful environmental and social activism on stolen land can occur without decolonisation at its core, and First Nations people fully

included in discussion. Wished for their comment to be minuted regardless of the Movers' response.

Movers indicated that there would be an acknowledgement of country, and that the Indigenous Office and representatives were welcome to speak at the rally.

Brittney Henderson and Lauren Scott both reaffirmed the importance of inclusion of Indigenous involvement and expressed concerns over lack of action/issues that have arisen at past University Climate Strikes. Brittney Henderson wished for the motion to detail the list of actions the organisers would take to better express and protect Indigenous voices. Discussion was held regarding BIPOC safety where police involvement is concerned, and importance of respect for BIPOC people's wariness of police presence.

Lauren Scott wished their comment to be noted in the minutes that acknowledging country is not including Indigenous voices, but a bare minimum. One also needs to create space actively for Indigenous speakers and not expect them to step up in a place where they often feel unsafe and unwelcome. Followed up with sentiments of personal poor experience, feelings of condensation, and being spoken over when raising concern related to Indigenous inclusion.

The safety of road marches was raised by several councillors, and the Movers questioned on whether they would reconsider since the disruption can unfairly impact students going to Uni, and/or risk BIPOC safety. It was to the Mover's understanding that the disruption caused by road marches contribute positively to provoking change, and that solidarity would create safety.

Hannah Krasovec (the Secunder) noted that with current discussion it might be best to defer the motion to allow time for the organisers to incorporate better action plans around BIPOC involvement and safety. Alternatively, were amenable to suggested inclusions to the motion.

The Mover disagreed with the proposal to defer or amend the motion in its current form.

Brittney Henderson wished for their surprise and concern over the disagreement between Movers to be minuted.

Sentiment was felt by some that it would be preferential if the motion was voted on today, and action plans can be developed in the planning stages.

Shrishti Chatterjee wished it to be minuted that those who are voting down the motion as is, are doing so because it has not been amended to include a plan for Indigenous safety and the safety of BIPOC kids who UMSU will be responsible for. Stated that this in no way reflects an inherent rejection of Climate Strikes.

Motion 13: To approve the motion as presented, mover was not amenable to any amendments or deferral.

Moved: Sam Rath

Seconded: Hannah Krasovec

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11. Motions without Notice

11.1. POC x Indigenous Motions

Preamble:

The Indigenous Department and the POC Department are having a themed week to celebrate First Nations and Bla(c)k students. This will be done over 3 days on Week 8 from the 14th-16th of September (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) with multiple events and types of events each day.

Tuesday:

1. Welcome to Country
2. Indigenous dance performance (Djirri Djirri dancers)
3. 'The Quest for Bla(c)k Liberation' Seminar with panel of speakers

Wednesday:

1. Billebary's Walk
2. First Nations geared seminar
3. Alumni/excellence night, inviting past alumni to come and network with current First Nations and Bla(c)k students. *Autonomous event*

Thursday:

1. Spring Cookout: Huge food event at Concrete Lawn with First nations and Bla(c)k caterers invited to be a part of it and give away free food which we would pay for entirely from Whole of Union funds and have a lineup of Djs and musicians to play during the event. Possible distribution of free merchandise. This is on Concrete Lawn with exact location to be confirmed with the university.

For the Cookout we're having Adonai Foods, Mabu Mabu and the Abyssinian distributing food (that is completely paid for). We also hope to have Kee'Ahn and DRMGNW (Neil Morris) perform at the event with Christina Mekonnen DJing in between sets.

11.1 Motion 1

To pass \$7200 from Whole of Union funds to pay for three caterers for the Spring Cookout as part of Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k liberation week (two dishes each with vegan and halal options available).

Mover: Mohamed Hadi

Seconded: Shanyssa McConville

11.2 Motion 2

To pass \$4000 from Whole of Union funds for the performance fee of three artists (1 DJ and 2 performers between each set) for the Spring Cookout as part of Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k liberation week.

Mover: Mohamed Hadi Seconder: Shanysa McConville

11.3 Motion 3

To pass \$3000 from Whole of Union funds to pay for a Welcome to Country and an Indigenous dance performance (Djirri Djirri dancers) to kick off Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k liberation week.

Mover: Shanysa McConville Seconder: Mohamed Hadi

11.4 Motion 4

To pass \$2000 from Whole of Union funds to pay for catering for the Bla(c)k excellence autonomous networking night as part of Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k Liberation Week.

Mover: Shanysa McConville Seconder: Mohamed Hadi

Shanysa McConville and Mohamed Hadi spoke to their moving rights.

Procedural Motion: To vote on the motions en bloc

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 14: To approve the motions en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

12. Other Business

12.1. Officer Bearer contact cards

Mohamed Hadi asked Phoebe Churches if the Office Bearers would be receiving contact cards at any point this year.

Phoebe Churches responded that Office Bearers should be able to get that arranged via Comms. Stated she would follow up that up with Comms & Marketing.

12.2. Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Working Group and feedback on the Policy Consultation to Sexual Harm Response Policy Draft

Shrishti Chatterjee spoke to the upcoming working group. Expressed goal for a submission to the University regarding the sexual misconduct policy to be drafted, from both the Feminist Action Collective and the Working Group.

Invited councillors to attend the upcoming Working Group.

Phoebe Churches expressed that the UMSU Advocacy and Legal Departments will also provide feedback to this document, as they are part of the policy network at the University. Proposed an all of UMSU response, as has been done in the past for policies with large-scale consequences for students. Perhaps a meeting can be arranged outside of the Working Group also, to coordinate and consolidate such a response.

Shrishti Chatterjee supported the notion and will follow up with Phoebe Churches after Council.

12.3. Councillors' Honoraria

Chair asked Phoebe Churches about the status of the sitting fees, and when they would next be distributed to voting Council members.

Phoebe Churches responded that she would take that on notice and will advise the General Secretary soon.

13. Next Meeting

13.1. Schedule for Semester 2

The proposed schedule was circulated to council members, based on availabilities expressed on a WhenIsGood.

1:00pm Friday 20/08

2:00pm Thursday 02/09

1:00pm Friday 17/09

2:00pm Thursday 30/09

1:00pm Friday 15/10

Motion 15: To approve the proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of Semester 2.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

14. Close

Meeting Closed at 4:48pm.

10.1 UMSU Endorsement of Stop the Menzies Institute Campaign

Preamble:

In late 2020, the conservative Liberal Party think tank, the Menzies Research Centre (MRC), finalised a deal with the University of Melbourne to house their Robert Menzies Institute (RMI) in the Old Quad. It is planned to officially open in the East Wing in November 2021.

The MRC is a partisan think tank ideologically and materially supported by the right wing of the Liberal Party. They receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding from the Federal Government. According to Dr Belinda Edwards of UNSW, think tanks such as the MRC try to "win the ideas war by making sure they have more money and resources than their competitors, and they are using taxpayer funds to do it." This is in direct opposition to the needs of the diverse student body at the University of Melbourne, and it does not reflect the principles of equity and academic integrity that the University should promote.

The MRC uses these funds given by governments and big business to hold events, produce publications, and maintain an online presence that promotes an anti-union and socially conservative agenda. Yet, despite their constant appearance in News Corp channels, the MRC has little social media engagement with the student body at the University of Melbourne. The RMI is intended to increase their exposure. In this regard, the MRC's influence is particularly evident on the RMI's board, which includes notorious conservatives such as Peta Credlin, David Kemp and Georgina Downer. These figures have consistently demonstrated strong biases against those who make up the diverse student body at the University of Melbourne.

Supporters of the RMI have attempted to draw a comparison to other prime ministerial libraries, such as the Whitlam Institute in the University of Western Sydney. However, this comparison obfuscates the true nature of the RMI, for no other prime ministerial library or institute is linked to an external, and particularly partisan, think-tank. The bond between the conservative think tank, the MRC, and the RMI therefore compromises claims to the latter being a non-partisan site of scholarship and public engagement. Under the guise of celebrating Menzies' legacy, the RMI instead stands to function as a hub of right-wing propaganda, whose legitimacy derives from its place in the academy. What's more, it is a blatant example of the privatisation of universities and corporate influence on university management.

The Federal Government and wealthy donors are paying university administration \$7.5 million to create the RMI. This only adds insult to the injury facing students, as the same Federal Government slashing public funding for higher education and raising course fees is now pouring funds into the RMI. All the while, this government absolves itself of any responsibility for creating and exacerbating the conditions that make partnerships with think tanks like the MRC possible. We strongly believe that money such as this \$7 million dollars should be spent on our education, not for conservative think tanks on campus.

Too often, due to the squeeze in public funding, universities turn to external organisations to help fund its core functions of research and teaching. Partnerships with external organisations may be necessary in the current climate, but they need to be carefully

considered. The University of Melbourne thus far has only provided a small mention of the RMI in the alumni section of their website, without mentioning the MRC and hence the partisan nature of the project. There has been no consultation with the student body in the approval process, reflecting a distinct lack of good faith communication with stakeholders who stand to be adversely affected by the institute.

As an organisation whose core purpose is to serve and further the interests of students, UMSU should reject the RMI as an attempt by some of the most powerful, hard-right political forces in Australia to purchase a space of scholarly and public interest. This will occur indirectly and directly, with the RMI explicitly setting out to develop curricula, host school visits, inform research, and host exhibitions and forums to promote their conservative agenda.

UMSU unequivocally supports and furthers students' ability to access high-quality, government-funded tertiary education. Such high-quality education is contingent on the extent to which universities function, as they should, as a space for the contest of ideas in a fair, balanced and independent climate. Because of its continued links to the MRC, the RMI is a threat to this core function of universities and, consequently, a threat to students' right to quality, equitable higher education.

UMSU also exists to promote the voices of students in every aspect of university governance. The University has not provided students an opportunity to be consulted in the establishment of the RMI. The institute therefore runs against the spirit and letter of UMSU's mandate. For these reasons, a campaign against the RMI is vital. Just like the notorious Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation, conservative interventions into universities can be defeated when staff and students, with support from their representative bodies, take a stand against the subordination of our conditions of work, study, and research to external organisations. The fact that the organisation involved here sports an explicitly conservative, anti-union agenda, demands that staff and students be unequivocal in the rejection of the RMI.

This institute does not reflect the interests of the diverse body of students at the University of Melbourne. It instead reflects the capacity of private interest groups to purchase a space of public and academic influence at the University of Melbourne, at the expense of the interests and democratic rights of the student body.

GSA Education Officers and UMSU Education have already been working in collaboration on this campaign. At present, GSA, the NTEU, the National Union of Students (NUS) and UMSU Education have officially endorsed the campaign. More than 650 people, most of whom are students at the University of Melbourne, have signed the open letter in opposition to the RMI. The campaign has attracted considerable media coverage in *The Age* and *Overland*, in student publications such as *Farrago* and *Honi Soit* (based at the University of Sydney), and on 3CR radio. UMSU's endorsement would formalise what already promises to be a mass campaign uniting undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, and community supporters.

Platform:

1. UMSU opposes the creation of the Robert Menzies Institute, a partisan project of conservative forces to exert public and scholarly influence.
2. UMSU calls on the Vice-Chancellor, Duncan Maskell, to revoke the contract with the Menzies Research Centre. UMSU calls on the University to release relevant correspondence and papers that detail why the decision was made to support the establishment of the Robert Menzies Institute without wider consultation.
3. UMSU pledges to support the campaign against the Menzies Institute organised by GSA Education Officers and UMSU Education, with support from the NTEU, by using its promotional and financial resources to further the campaign.

Action:

1. UMSU commits to working with GSA to build this campaign to be as big and engaging as possible.
2. UMSU endorses the upcoming [18 August campaign rally](#) and commits to promoting it through the means outlined below.
3. UMSU commits to promoting the campaign and extending its reach by doing the following:
 - a. Make a post on all UMSU social media accounts to communicate the formal endorsement of the campaign
 - b. Make a post on all UMSU social media accounts to encourage the student community to sign the campaign's [open letter](#) and attend the 18 August rally.
 - c. Include information about the campaign, the open letter, and campaign activities in newsletters and other correspondence to UMSU members
 - d. Encourage Council members to sign the campaign's open letter and participate in campaign activities
 - e. Leverage its links to other student associations to build the campaign and its profile

Mover: Hannah Krasovec

Seconder: Monica Sestito

10.2 August 26 Climate Justice Protest:

Preamble:

The climate crisis is raging across the world. Heatwaves in North America, floods in Europe and Asia. These events are unprecedented and killing thousands of people. Meanwhile carbon emissions are still rising. Corporations and governments are letting thousands die so they can keep profiting from fossil fuels. Our university is complicit in this through its partnerships with mining companies like Rio Tinto, arms companies like Lockheed Martin, and \$70 million invested in fossil fuels.

Unimelb Students for Climate Justice has called a protest for 26 August to demand:

- An end to Melbourne Uni's fossil fuel ties
- No new coal, oil or gas
- 100% publicly owned renewables.

The rally will hear speeches from Melbourne Uni activists, before marching to join other students for a central protest at the State Library at 1pm.

Platform:

1. The climate crisis is causing extreme weather and deaths around the world
2. The Australian government as well as Melbourne University are complicit in the fossil fuel industry and the climate crisis
3. Students need to protest to demand urgent action on the climate

Action:

1. UMSU endorses the protest called by Uni Students for Climate Justice
2. UMSU will promote this rally on its weekly email and social media

Moved: Briana Symonds-Manne

Seconded: Hannah Krasovec