

Students' Council (General Representative)	Felix Sharkey	Y	12
Students' Council (General Representative)	VACANT		
Students' Council (General Representative)	Varaidzo Chipunza	Y	16
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hannah Krasovec	Y	13
Students' Council (General Representative)	Matthew Harper-Gomm	Y	14
Students' Council (General Representative)	VACANT	Y	
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rubina Smith	Y	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Thonya Deverall	Y	15
Students' Council (General Representative)	Catriona Smith	Y	15
Indigenous Committee	Jess Ferrari-Thomas	Y	11

2.1. Apologies

Office Bearers: Natasha Guglielmino

Councillors: Nick Reich, Hannah Krasovec

Leave of Absence Requests:

Office Bearers:

- *Natasha Guglielmino Council 20(20)*
- *Olivia Bell Council 20(20)*

Councillors:

- *Nick Reich Council 20(20)*

Motion 2: To accept the Leave of Absence Requests
Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)
CARRIED

2.2. Proxies

Joshua Bruni to Andie Moore when not on call.

Motion 3: To accept the Proxies
Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)
CARRIED

2.3. Membership

Emma Dynes has resigned as a member of Students' Council.

2.4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 4: that the Agenda as presented be adopted
Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)
CARRIED

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes 19(20)

Not yet available

4. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

Nil new conflicts

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

6. Correspondence

Nil

7. Office Bearer Reports

President	Hannah Buchan	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Jack Buksh	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities	India Pinkney	<i>Submitted</i>
	Hayley Stanford	<i>Not submitted</i>
Clubs and Societies	Jordan Di Natale	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts	Emily White	<i>Submitted</i>
	Olivia Bell	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities	Hue Man Dang	<i>Not submitted</i>
	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs)	Georgia Walton Briggs	<i>Submitted</i>
	Joshua Munro	<i>Not submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs)	Charlie Joyce	<i>Submitted</i>
	Noni Bridger	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment	Sophie Kerrigan	<i>Submitted</i>
	Olivia Sullivan	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous	Hope Kuchel	<i>Submitted</i>
	Shanysa McConville	<i>Submitted, with recommendations</i>
Media	Bethany Cherry	<i>Submitted, with recommendations</i>
	Amber Meyer	<i>Submitted</i>
	Sarah Peters	<i>Submitted</i>
	Tharidi Walimunige	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour	Gurpreet Singh	<i>Not submitted</i>
	Nicole Nabbout	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer	Ciara O'Sullivan	<i>Submitted</i>
	A'Bidah Zaid Shirbeeni	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare	Natasha Guglielmino	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's	Naomi Smith	<i>Submitted</i>
	Aria Sunga	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	Verity Crane	<i>Not submitted</i>
	Hayden Williams	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Submitted</i>

Sarah Peters spoke to their report regarding the Farrago Movie night – wasn't well attended due to the fact it was at the same time as the AFL Grand Final.

Questions were invited from the floor

Andie Moore asked Hannah Buchan for a breakdown of the Reference Group?

Hannah indicated it was a Unimelb group so there would be UMSU representation and uni staff.

Raveena asked about the fit to sit policy – asking for the significant changes?

Hannah said that people used to be able to be referred to committees and the committee could have any one on it. The people in these committees now need to have relevant mental health training as well as training in dealing with students with mental health issues. It also removes the option of the uni being able to request an independent medical assessment and that the uni has to follow health plans – not just see them as suggestions.

Justin indicated the policy is better than it was, but still isn't great.

Chris Melenhorst asked Hayley (Activities) for a verbal report

Hayley said they'd had some really good bands recently, and that Oktoberfest trivia was sorted. The steins have just arrived which means there will be a delay but that's to be expected with AusPost during COVID

Signups are going well for the t-shirts and trivia.

Allen Xiao asked Jordan about the Clubs regulation changes that are being reviewed and an additional question regarding voting for Clubs Council.

Jordan said he just fixed up wording that was ambiguous about Clubs Committee. Regarding Clubs Council – the RO is in charge of the election, and will be communicating about that. Nominations are open during the Council and then there will be a ballot after.

Chris indicated that he believed it would be a postal election. He also said that there are a whole raft of changes to the regulations – lots of fixes that are just part of the Constitutional Review, as well as additions about good faith dealing with Clubs. Students' Council saw those changes at the beginning of the year.

Allen Xiao asked about what the COVIDSafe plan for Clubs would be like?

Jordan said that the plan has been circulated to Clubs Committee and already approved and put in place.

Tree asked about previous questions on notice regarding Advocacy and Disabilities and wanted confirmation that the Disabilities Department is not giving advice on Special Consideration.

Srishti said they'd been answering emails and directing students to Advocacy, but it involves other things that they'd link people on to. Things like connecting students to CAPS, as well as helping students who are not comfortable with reaching out to Advocacy themselves.

Andie Moore asked Georgia from Education Academic if they'd had time to start conversations about the internal review being made public?

Georgia was an apology so this question will be taken on notice for next meeting.

Srishti asked People of Colour regarding submission closing for Myriad – it's on the 2nd of November. When is the sub editor process being finalised?

Gurpreet said that process had been finalised.

Motion 5: To move the OB reports en block

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: that Council move in camera

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera

During this time Council discussed and approved the CEO's report, and noted the company's financial reports.

8. Other Reports

8.1. Ethical Printing Report

Chris Melenhorst asked if anyone had strong opinions on the report.

Bethany Cherry thanked Justin for putting together the thorough report. She said that this wasn't hugely useful as the figures all relate to pre COVID printing numbers, and don't take into account lower numbers and postage.

Jack noted that this report was regarding the long term Farrago printing as well as the short term.

Bethany says they were not contacted by Communications regarding this at all.

Sarah Peters said that they didn't hear from Dee – they didn't see the report until it went to Council. They also asked if any decision made this year would impact next year, and if it would impact other Departments.

Bethany said that Print Graphics are unionised as they have Union members, regardless of what the relevant Union says.

Justin indicated that he believes a unionised workplace means that the workplace has a formalised union structure or representation – so a delegate or a shop steward and that this be recognised by the relevant Union.

Chris agreed with Justin and said that our standards of unionism should be higher than just allowing people to be members.

Chris asked how Comms would know the specs for printing if they didn't contact Media.

Felix said that asking an employer if they allow union members on site and receiving a yes does not mean the company is ethical.

He asked if Media would be happy with any of the options presented.

Sarah said it was amenable in the long run, but in the short run it would be difficult.

Bethany said McPhersons only does offset, not digital media. Loud Media don't have the technology to print Farrago. She said she couldn't answer this right now.

Hannah said it was wild that we've been having this discussion since March. It has been made clear by Council that PrintGraphics is not an option and that we're moving to a different company. It's time to work towards doing this. We've had a number of investigations – we just need to pick one, and move on.

Thonya agreed with Hannah – saying they have a lot of respect for Media, but we raised this in 2019 and at the first ever council. This is the second last council. We just need to change it, as requested.

Andie said that there are broader structural issues at play here, hence why it's playing out at Council. Council should be for governance, not for every day issues. They said they weren't comfortable picking an individual one – just direct the OBs to pick one of those offered.

Jack said Council can direct them to look at any of those printers. He said that Media has a different relationship with Council as they don't have a Committee.

Andie asked if this would be standardised.

Jack said it would make sense for that to be part of the motion.

Motion: To direct the Media Department to choose a suitable printer from the report and to print the final 2020 Farrago printer with the chosen printer.

Mover: Chris Melenhorst Seconder: Thonya Deverall

Bethany said they're happy with this motion however it should include other departments and what if their chosen printer can not do everything?

Chris said that if there's a unique specification later on that can't be dealt with by that printer, that someone else in the list can probably do it.

Justin Bare apologized to Council – Communications has indicated that they did not get in contact with Media as requested.

Justin Bare said the Council should not lock the Union into using one printer – some printers can do things faster etc – but that our financial regulations mean that we need to be making ethical choices.

Sarah said it's not up to us to decide who next years' team prints with. It would be useful if other departments could send their specs in to Dee so we can accommodate any of them.

Bethany said that we've been with PrintGraphics for 12 years. They are price competitive and we've worked with them for a long time.

Procedural Motion: To move to a vote

Mover: Bethany Cherry

CARRIED

Motion 7: To direct the Media Department to choose a suitable printer from the report provided and to print the final 2020 Farrago printer with the chosen printer.

Mover: Chris Melenhorst Seconder: Thonya Deverall

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Operational Business

Nil

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Fight Cuts

Procedural motion: To suspend the Standing Orders to let Lachie XXX to proxy to Vee XXX

Mover: Jack Buksh

CARRIED

Platform:

Dan Tehans bill that will see an overall loss in funding to Universities has passed in the senate. The decrease in government funding and changes to the cap on fees means that student fees for humanities degrees could increase by 113%. However, the University of Melbourne is not obliged to pass on these fee increases to students.

UMSU demands that the University of Melbourne, a multi-million-dollar institution, does not place the onus of decreased government funding onto its students and staff by cutting courses.

UMSU also demands absolutely no fee increases for students in all subjects.

Students intend to fight for this demand and will not rely on the administration to heed to our demands without a fight.

Motion UMSU will organise students to continue to fight against the fee increases and intends to do everything necessary to ensure that the cost of education does not increase.

Moved: James Gallagher

Seconded: Briana Symonds Maree

James spoke to his moving rights.

This is a vital motion regarding the campaign against these cuts. The Bill doesn't implement the fee hikes at all, so we now need to pressure the University to not pass these cuts on to students.

Briana said that we really need to implement this – we need to protest these changes and need to keep pressure on the Uni to ensure they don't pass these cuts on.

Motion 8: UMSU will organise students to continue to fight against the fee increases and intends to do everything necessary to ensure that the cost of education does not increase.

Moved: James Gallagher

Seconded: Briana Symonds Maree

CARRIED

11. Motions Without Notice

11.1 UMSU congratulates Aotearoa Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on her re-election

CW: child removals, colonisation

The University of Melbourne Student Union congratulates Jacinda Ardern on her re-election as Prime Minister of Aotearoa (New Zealand). In an unprecedented landslide, the Labour Party secured 49.15%, winning a majority in its own right with four seats to spare. This is the largest victory ever seen under proportional representation in Aotearoa, and arguably New Zealand Labour's largest ever electoral victory.

Voters decisively chose a progressive response to the pandemic over the politics of precarity and insecurity, with the National Party coming second in the party vote across all the South Island, and seeing swings against them that saw longstanding National MPs dethroned.

While this win is a great moment for progressive politics, there remains a lot of work to be done: although the last three years has seen commitments to climate action, outlawing zero hour contracts, renter's rights, regulating property speculation and addressing child poverty, inequality remains rife, with a broken industrial relations system, teacher's strikes, pollution, the Ihumātao evictions, soaring rent and house prices, and systematic child removals and police violence have overshadowed a lot of these policies.

Actions:

1. UMSU student's council congratulates Jacinda Ardern and the Labour Party on their re-election;
2. UMSU student's council calls on the incoming Labour government to make strong moves to honour Te Tiriti O Waitangi, uphold the sovereign rights of Tangata Whenua, and address systematic injustice in the New Zealand detention and criminal systems via decarceration;
3. UMSU student's council stands in solidarity with Aotearoa's trade union movement, and calls on the incoming government to amend legislation to give unprecedented power to unions to fight for working people in their workplaces;
4. UMSU's student's council calls on the incoming government to take a proactive approach on housing to ensure everyone has the right to a safe, healthy and affordable home;
5. UMSU's student's council directs the UMSU President to write to the Prime Minister's office, expressing congratulations, and encouraging her to take up the following priorities.

Moved: Andie Moore

Seconded: Srishti Chatterjee

Andie spoke to their moving rights, saying this was a huge victory in New Zealand terms, but also more work needs to be done regarding the sovereign rights of Tangata Whenua, and address systematic injustice in the New Zealand detention and criminal systems via decarceration;

Hannah said that she thought that it was a weird motion and probably inappropriate for UMSU to be doing – there are several things that the Labour party have done really badly in New Zealand and she didn't think it was appropriate to send congratulations to another country's leader for winning – Council wouldn't do this for an Australian election, so it seems odd to do this for New Zealand. She stated that UMSU can support movements without idolising a leader in another country, and while she supports all the demands, we need to stop congratulating left wing parties for doing the bare minimum.

Multiple councillors spoke against this motion.

Lucas suggested an amendment: To remove action point 1 and replace action point 5 with a statement UMSU will publicly express solidarity with the very important movements for indigenous

land rights, the considerable rise in workers struggles (particularly nurses and teachers) and the massive student climate protests which have been waged against the Ardern Government in the last few years. These real movements are pushing society to the left, not the Labour movement.

Andie Moore asked to withdraw the motion.

12. Other Business

13. Next Meeting

TBA

14. Close

Meeting closed at 1:21pm