



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Agenda

Wednesday 4th March, 12:00pm

Meeting 5(20)

Location: Old Dining Room, Union House

Opened at 12:09pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Hannah Buchan as Chair.	
Mover: Hannah Buchan	Seconder: Catriona Smith
Carried	

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

Jess Ferrari-Thomas provided a detailed acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians.

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Councillors

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Allen Xiao	Y	4
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Max Dowell	Y	4
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Andie Moore	Y	3
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Tejas Gandhi	Y	2
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Hayley Kebbell	Y	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Ranogajec	N	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Joshua Bruni	N	1
Students' Council (General Representative)	Christopher Melenhorst	N	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nick Reich	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lachlan Hinds	Y	4

Students' Council (General Representative)	Raiyaan Mahbub	Y	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Felix Sharkey	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Molly Willmott	N	1
Students' Council (General Representative)	Varaidzo Chipunza	Y	5
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hannah Krasovec	N	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Matthew Harper-Gomm	N	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Amal Webhe	N	0
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal	Y	1
Students' Council (General Representative)	Thonya Deverall	Y	5
Students' Council (General Representative)	Catriona Smith	Y	5
Indigenous Committee	Jess Ferrari-Thomas	Y	3

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
President	Hannah Buchan	Y	5
General Secretary	Jack Buksh	Y	4
Activities Officer	India Pinkney	N	1
Clubs & Societies Officer	Jordan Di Natale	Y	5
Disabilities Officer	Hue Man Dang	Y	5
Disabilities Officer	Srishti Chatterjee	Y	3
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlie Joyce	Y	3
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Noni Bridger	N	1
Environment Officer	Olivia Sullivan	N	4
Environment Officer	Sophie Kerrigan	Y	3
Media Officer	Bethany Cherry	Y	4
Media Officer	Amber Meyer	N	3
Media Officer	Sarah Peters	Y	5
Media Officer	Tharidi Walimunige	Y	5
People of Colour Officer	Nicole Nabbout	Y	4
People of Colour Officer	Gurpreet Singh	Y	4
Queer Officer	Ciara O'Sullivan	N	3
Queer Officer	A'bidah Zaid	N	0
Welfare Officer	Declan Kerger	Y	4
Welfare Officer	Natasha Guglielmino	Y	4
Women's Officer	Aria Sunga	N	2
Women's Officer	Naomi Smith	N	2
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Joshua Munro	Y	5
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Georgia Walton Briggs	Y	5

Creative Arts Officer	Emily White	Y	4
Creative Arts Officer	Olivia Bell	Y	5
Activities Officer	Hayley Stanford	Y	3
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	N	1
VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Verity Crane	N	2
VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Hayden Williams	N	3
Indigenous Officer	Shanysa Jayde McConville	N	2
Indigenous Officer	Hope Kuchel	Y	3

Other: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Sarah Black, Administration Officer; Poorya Shaghghi; Haydar Jerew; Joel Millar; Brad Omedres; Emma Dynes; Briana Symonds-Maree; Terence Taylor

1.4. Apologies

Councillors: Amal Whebe, Evvie Ranogajec, Matt Harper

Office Bearers: Aria Sunga, Ciara O'Sullivan, A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni, Noni Bridger, Naomi Smith, Amber Meyer, Shanysa McConville, Hayden Williams, Verity Crane

1.5. Proxies

Amal Whebe to Sneha Challa, Matt Harper to Max Dowell, Evvie Ranogajec to Thonya Deverall

1.6. Membership

Amal Webhe has been appointed as a General Representative.

Masie Strong has resigned as a member of Students' Council.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda be adopted.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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Motion 3: To confirm the previous minutes with the amendments of replacing the word 'affiliation' with 'disaffiliation' and to note that Catriona Smith's name was spelt incorrectly.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None declared.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

5.1. MUR Motorsports RE: Disaffiliation Appeal

Jack Buksh recommended that Council votes to rescind the motion from the last meeting to disaffiliate the club.

Motion 4: To move to rescind the motion to disaffiliate MUR Motorsports.	
Mover: Jack Buksh	Seconder: Tejas Gandhi
Carried	

MUR Motorsports President spoke to the appeal. Jordan Di Natale spoke to the disaffiliation as the C&S OB. Discussion about the appeal.

Points for:

- The two people who were responsible for incorrect activity reporting are no longer members of the club.
- Insufficient evidence to establish breach of affiliation
- A track record that makes disaffiliation not appropriate

Points against:

- Incorrect activity reporting.
- Documents not ready at the time they were required.

Motion 5: To uphold the disaffiliation of MUR Motorsports.	
Mover: Jordan Di Natale	Seconder: Catriona Smith
Failed	

6. 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>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>Submitted</i>
	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs)	Georgia Walton Briggs	<i>Submitted</i>
	Joshua Munro	<i>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</i>
	Amber Meyer	<i>Submitted</i>
	Sarah Peters	<i>Submitted</i>
	Tharidi Walimunige	<i>Submitted, with recommendations</i>
People of Colour	Gurpreet Singh	<i>Submitted</i>
	Nicole Nabbout	<i>Submitted</i>

Queer	Ciara O'Sullivan	<i>Submitted</i>
	A'Bidah Zaid	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare	Natasha Guglielmino	<i>Not submitted</i>
	Declan Kerger	<i>Not submitted</i>
Women's	Naomi Smith	<i>Submitted</i>
	Aria Sunga	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	Verity Crane	<i>Not submitted</i>
	Hayden Williams	<i>Not submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Submitted</i>

Sarah Peters spoke to the report, mentioned Farrago launch being a success.

Hannah Buchan spoke to her report, emphasising Summerfest and the change of holding it over one day.

Main points following questions from Councillors:

Welfare Department:

There has been a reduction in the engagement of volunteers.

Commencement Ceremony:

- Student feedback hasn't been considered by the University yet.
- There was a consensus that the University carpark was not an ideal place to accommodate the clubs.
- There will be a review of how Summerfest was run, surveys will provide feedback.

Disability Department:

A Mac computer was moved from the Disabilities Space to the Disabilities Office as it was required to work on the zine. There was discussion around this being a transparency issue and whether the replacement computer in the Disability Space has the same accessibility options.

Procedural to move to a vote on the Office Bearer reports.

Mover: Andie Moore

Carried

Motion 6: To move OB Reports en bloc including Recommendations.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

Procedural to move in camera

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

Council moved in camera at 1:25pm

7. CEO Report

Justin spoke to his report.

Motion 7: To accept the CEO's report.

Mover: Hannach Buchan (Chair)

Carried

Procedural to move out of camera.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

Council moved out of camera at 1:29pm

8. Operational Business

Procedural to move items 8.1-8.4 en bloc.

Mover: Jack Buksh

Carried

8.1. Western Clinical School Class of 2020 Graduation Dinner SIG Grant

8.2. UMMSS SIG Grant

8.3. MD Student Conference SIG Grant

8.4. Artifact Australia SIG Grant

Motion 8: To move items 8.1-8.4 en bloc.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Indigenous Students Society Welcome Drinks

Jess Ferrari-Thomas seconded this motion as Shanysa McConville was not present.

Motion 9: To accept this motion.

Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

9.2 Direct all Office Bearers to attend the March 13th National Day of Climate Action rally at Melbourne Uni

Secunder was Thonya Deverall as the motion did not have a seconder.

Andie Moore proposed an amendment to the motion, adding 'provided accessibility needs do not impede to do so'. This was amenable to the mover.

Procedural to move to a vote.

Mover: Catriona Smith

Carried

Motion 10: To accept the motion with the amendment.

Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Environment/land rights motion

Motion 11: To suspend the standing orders to accept Felix Sharkey proxy to Hannah Krasovec.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

Discussion around the motion and putting motions on notice. It was noted that any student may bring a motion to Council.

Procedural to move straight to a vote.

Mover: Andie Moore

Carried

Motion 12: To stand in solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en struggle.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

10.2 Radical Climate Movement

Mover and seconder spoke to their moving rights, followed by a discussion around the role of the Student Union.

Hannah Krasovec proposed an amendment in wording - to replace 'The role of the Student Union should not be...', with 'Student Union should focus on organising students to fight for their rights'. This was amenable to the mover.

Procedural to move to a vote.

Mover: Hayley Kebbell

Carried

Motion 13: To accept the motion.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

10.3 Open Nominations for Grievances and Disputes Tribunal

To open expressions of interest for Grievance and Dispute Panel, closing at 5pm, Wednesday 11th March.

Mover: Jack Buksh

Seconder: Lachlan Hinds

Motion 14: To accept the motion.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

10.4

Mover: Max Dowell

Seconder: Nick Reich

Procedural to suspend standing orders due to 2 hours having elapsed but the Council meeting nearing the end.

Mover: Jack Buksh

Seconder: Jordan Di Natale

Carried

Discussion around this motion.

Gurpreet proposed amendments to the motion:

1. Change wording to 'UMSU affirms its stance that ACAB...'
2. UMSU supports the abolition of the police force

Procedural to move to vote.

Hayley Kebbell

Carried

Motion 15: To accept the motion with the amendments.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

10.5 Motion about the legalisation of abortion in Argentina

Procedural to move to vote.

Mover: Hannah Krasovec

Carried

Motion 16: To accept the motion.

Mover: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Carried

11. Other Business

Jack Buksh reminded that anyone bullying OBs online will be dealt with by UMSU's procedures.

12. Next Meeting

6(20) - Monday, 16th March 1pm

13. Close

Council closed at 2:23pm.

Motions on Notice

9.1 Indigenous Students Society Welcome Drinks

Motion: To pass \$500 from the Social Projects and Grants Budget line for the Indigenous Students Society Welcome Drinks

Moved: Hope Kuchel

Seconded: Shanysa McConville

9.2 Direct all Office Bearers to attend the March 13th National Day of Climate Action rally at Melbourne Uni

Preamble: On Friday March 13th students from across the country will be walking out of class to protest our government and universities in action on climate change. Students from the University of Melbourne will be coming together at 11:30am on concrete lawns to protest our university's lack of action on climate change before joining the Victorian state contingent at the State Library. There is no UMSU on a dead planet and we should be banding together to demand our university take significant and prompt action on this issue.

Action: As Students' Council we direct all UMSU Office Bearers to attend the Melbourne University rally

Moved: Sophie Kerrigan

Seconded: Felix Sharkey

Motions Without Notice

10.1 MOTION IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE WET'SUWET'EN STRUGGLE

Plans to build a US\$4.98bn Coastal GasLink gas pipeline project in British Columbia have been disrupted by a blockade camp established by a Wet'suwet'en clan, Union'ot'en. The Indigenous landowners have been struggling for over a year to protect their territory from various extractive companies who are trying to destroy it for profit. On the 10 February, the Trudeau government sent in Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who attacked one of the barricades of this camp. Dozens of Indigenous matriarchs were arrested. It is increasingly clear that the police and the government are on the side of big business when it comes to the environment.

In response, for the past few weeks, Canada has been disrupted by tens of thousands of activists in major cities to fight for the environment. Indigenous and environmental activists have occupied railways and have forced Via Rail, the country's intercity service, to shut down the entire network. Canadian National, a freight carrier, has ceased most of its operations as well. Supporters in Vancouver blockaded the largest port in the harbour city for four days. Activists have targeted politicians' offices and shut down the legislature to British Columbia. The local branch of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union came to the demonstrators with a message of support and union members refused to cross the picket, causing the entire port to shut down.

This incredible display of solidarity from all sections of society is inspiring. It shows the links being drawn between climate change protesters and Indigenous land protectors. Despite the media trying to encourage anger towards the blockades, tens of thousands of people have come out in support. Most important this that the solidarity actions are being led by the youth all around the country. In Australia, in our fights for climate justice and land rights we can learn lots of this struggle, especially as the climate protests become more popular in Australia.

Platform

UMSU recognises that the fight for environment is tied up with the fight for indigenous struggles particularly land rights

UMSU recognises that the environment is an important mobilising issue for young people all around the world and commits to supporting and promoting climate activism in Melbourne

Action

UMSU will take a solidarity photo to distribute to protesters on the ground via the internet

UMSU will make a public statement in solidarity

Moved: Nick Reich

Seconded: Emma Dynes

10.2 UMSU needs to lead a radical climate movement.

Platform:

The need for a mass, radical climate movement is more stark than ever. The devastating bushfire season just passed shows that the climate crisis is not a hypothetical future, but a reality that is already upon us.

Clearly, the Liberal Party is too committed to business interests to take any action on climate.

However, Labor are also firmly wedded to the fossil fuel industry. Their recent announcement of a target of net-zero emissions by 2050 is far too little too late. Albanese also stated that Australia, the largest coal exporter in the world, would continue to export coal long after 2050, showing that the ALP is not willing to take any action that would limit the profits of mining corporations.

Instead of looking to parliament, UMSU must recognise the need to build a mass movement on the streets. The role of the Student Union should not be to run concerts or give student discounts, it should be to organise students to fight for their rights. Right now, that means helping to build the radical climate movement that is developing on campuses around the country.

Uni Students for Climate Justice is leading that movement. It called nationwide rallies of 100,000 people during the bushfire crisis, and is organising the March 13 Uni Student Climate Strike. UMSU should help build this movement and provide support to all the actions it calls.

Platform:

UMSU recognises that both major parties are unwilling to take meaningful action on climate.

UMSU recognises its role is to organise students to fight for their rights.

UMSU recognises the need for a mass, radical climate movement.

UMSU supports the Uni Students for Climate Justice movement.

Actions:

UMSU will provide material support to all future Uni Students for Climate Justice protests.

UMSU will promote all future Uni Students for Climate Justice protests, on campus and on social media.

Moved: Nick Reich

10.3 Open Expressions of Interest for Grievance and Disputes Tribunal

To open at Students' Council and close them on Wednesday the 11th of March at 5pm.

10.4 No Cops on Campus

Preamble:

At the STEM fair all was quiet, but students were presently surprised by a visit from everybody's favourite state-sanctioned thugs in blue. Whilst UMSU supports all who come to university to educate and better themselves it is clear that their presence was not so much academic but to instead intimidate and silence any dissent amongst students who so selfishly want to safeguard their future existence on this planet. Indeed, the criminals at the helm of Rio Tinto and Exxon Mobil, knowing full well their complicit role in the climate crisis have demanded protection in their quest to deceive ambitious students into accepting a career in destroying the planet wholesale, and the state has seen fit to once again provide its thugs to protect the interests of capital rather than that of the so-called people it claims to represent. The fact that the police were present not to protect students but rather multi-national corporations is simply another indication of the moribund decay of the neoliberal order into a police state.

These corporations, who have an established history of disregarding indigenous sovereignty, cracking down on activists with disproportionate vigour and outright supporting fascist regimes contrasts strongly with their glib, greenwashed rhetoric, which misleads students into getting jobs with employers who actively profit from plundering our futures.

Fortunately, a broad coalition of students staged a snap action to call out this intimidation and prompted a retreat of these brutes guarding the careers fair, but not before a brief visit to Union House. It is not our place to say the purpose of this, but the presence of the police inside a student space with a history of activism further demonstrates their only purpose today was to intimidate and silence student voices, and their occupation of our space is clearly a hostile gesture that must be resisted.

Platform:

- UMSU acknowledges the climate crisis as one of the paramount issues of our time, being a profound existential threat that demands immediate and radical action.
- UMSU acknowledges the role of private corporations, in tandem with the state, in driving this crisis, accelerating our collective demise in the ruthless pursuit of short-term profit.
- UMSU demands the provision of green jobs and a just transition, and encourages the university to be judicious in support of this goal by setting renewable targets and ensuring it only endorses employees who share this goal.
- UMSU recognises Victoria police as mere thugs who brutalise any dissent against the corporate oligarchy, whose actions like that seen at IMARC last year results in state-sanctioned

violence against peaceful protest in addition to the systemic racism, sexism, homophobia and ableism they uphold.

Action:

- UMSU condemns the university for their passive support of climate criminals like Rio Tinto and Exxon Mobil, and strongly recommends they cease any further promotion the fossil fuel industry as anything other than a (literal) dead end.
- UMSU shall call out the university's hypocritical approach to sustainability, noting that their words in support of green jobs and climate action ring hollow when they uncritically platform these vile corporations.
- UMSU condemns Rio Tinto and Exxon Mobil themselves, for so generously giving students the opportunity to participate in their own doom.
- UMSU reiterates that cops have no place on campus; their presence is unwelcome and serves only to silence legitimate criticism and re-traumatise victims of police brutality, particularly minorities who experience their oppression on a daily basis.

Moved by: Max Dowell

Seconded: Nick Riech

10.5 Motion about the legalisation of abortion in Argentina

Preamble

Argentina is on track to become the first major country in Latin America to legalise abortion.

This is off the back of years of defiant mass protests in the streets that have mobilised millions across the country — radicals in Argentina are showing the world how to win demands.

The campaign includes more than 350 organisations fighting for legal, safe, and free abortion in public hospitals — an essential demand in a country where a woman dies every two days from illegally administered abortions. Abortion is illegal in most of Latin America, predominantly a Roman Catholic region. The practice was banned in 1921. Terminations in Argentina are restricted only to cases of rape or if the pregnancy is considered dangerous. Criminalising abortion has meant that many women have to seek abortions through illegal means, putting their health and lives at risk.

Argentinian women have not just accepted this injustice. The fight to legalise abortion has created one of the most biggest radical feminist movements in the world. The movement is often called a 'purple tide' a radicalising, anti-capitalist feminist movement that not only protests against lack of abortion rights but also against austerity, imperialism and sexism.

Argentina shows that we need mass, radical movements to win even the most basic civil rights.

Platform:

1. UMSU stands in solidarity with the activists of the abortion rights movement as it continues in Argentina.
2. UMSU fully supports the struggle for abortion rights in Australia including struggles against the Religious Exemptions Bill which will make it more difficult for women to have access to abortions.
3. USM stands against police brutality, state violence, and structural sexism all around the world.

Action:

1. UMSU will put out a statement of support for the Argentinian protest movement.