

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Agenda

Friday February 5th 2021 2:00PM

Meeting 3(21)

Location: Zoom

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Password: 051228

Council opened at 2:03pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion1: To elect Ciara O'Sullivan as Chair

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

Sec: Brittney Henderson

CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Kevin Mao	Y	3
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Clea Porteus Borthwick	Y	2
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Georgia McCourt	Y	3
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Janise Sam Qian Yee	Y	1
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Shreya Bhutani	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Raymond Wu	Y	3

isaStudents' Council (General Representative)	Andoni Fischer	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Devindee Nugawela	N	1
Students' Council (General Representative)	Jennifer Lui	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Xinling Lu	N	0
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rubina Smith	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Joanna Guelas	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Catriona Smith	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Xavier Dupe	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Alex Wood	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Charlotte Macpherson	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	VACANT	N	0
Students' Council (General Representative)	Sian Tjia Hennessy	N	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ethan Alex Georgeou	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	VACANT	N	0
Students' Council (Indigenous Representative)	Brittney Henderson	Y	3

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
President	Jack Buksh	Y	2
General Secretary	Ciara O'Sullivan	Y	3

Activities Officer	Christos Preovolos	Y	3
Activities Officer	Phoebe Chen	Y	3
Clubs & Societies Officer	Muskaan Hakhu	Y	3
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kalyana Vania	Y	3
Disabilities Officer	Brigit Doyle	Y	2
Disabilities Officer	Lindsay Tupper-Creed	Y	3
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Tejas Gandhi	Y	3
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Hannah Krasovec	Y	3
Environment Officer	James Park	Y	3
Environment Officer	Ann Nguyen	Y	3
Media Officer	Lauren Berry	Y	3
Media Officer	Pavani Ambagahawattha	Y	3
Media Officer	Ailish Hallinan	Y	3
People of Colour Officer	Emily AlRamadhan	Y	3
People of Colour Officer	Mohamed Hadi	Y	3
Queer Officer	Amy Bright	Y	2
Queer Officer	Laura Ehrensperger	N	2
Welfare Officer	Allen Xiao	Y	3
Welfare Officer	Hue Man Dang	Y	3
Women's Officer	Srishti Chatterjee	Y	2
Women's Officer	Mickhaella Ermita	Y	3
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Planning Jay Vyn Saw	Y	3
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Jennisha Arnanta	Y	3
Creative Arts Officer	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	Y	3
Creative Arts Officer	Merryn Hughes	N	1
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	Y	2
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	William Hall	Y	1
Indigenous Officer	Shanysa Jayde McConville	Y	2
Indigenous Officer	Hope Kuchel	Y	2

Others: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Sarah Black, Administration officer; Jessie; Jamie Kim; Thonya Deverall; Sophie Nguyen; Max Dowell; Georgia McCourt; Isabelle Horton; Julian Petito;

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Ann Nguyen, Laura Ehrensperger

Councillors: Xinling Lu (Leave), Devindee Nugawela

1.5. Proxies

Devindee Nugawela to Tejasvi Madan, Xinling Lu to Archit Agrawal, Sian Tjia Hennessy to Thonya Deverall

1.6. Membership

Zill-e Rahim and Lachlan Hinds have resigned as Gen Rep on Council

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt agenda as presented
 Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)
 CARRIED

Procedural to change the agenda to have the two refugee motions discussed prior to the OB reports.
 Mover: Xavier Dupe
 FAILED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes 2(21)

Motion 3: To confirm the previous minutes as a true and accurate record.
 Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)
 CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No

5. Correspondence

No

6. Office Bearer Reports

President	Jack Buksh	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Ciara O'Sullivan	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities	Christos Preovolos	<i>Submitted</i>
	Phoebe Chen	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs and Societies	Kalyana Vania	<i>Submitted</i>
	Muskaan Hakhu	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	<i>Submitted</i>
	Merryn Hughes	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities	Lindsay Tupper-Creed	<i>Submitted</i>
	Brigit Doyle	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs)	Jennisha Arnanta	<i>Submitted</i>
	Planning Jay Vynn Saw	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs)	Hannah Krasovec	<i>Submitted</i>

	Tejas Gandhi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment	Ann Nguyen	<i>Submitted</i>
	James Park	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous	Hope Kuchel	<i>Submitted</i>
	Shanysa McConville	<i>Submitted</i>
Media	Lauren Berry	<i>Submitted</i>
	Ailish Hallinan	<i>Submitted</i>
	Pavani Ambagahawatta	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Submitted</i>
	Emily AlRamadhan	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Queer	Amy Bright	<i>Submitted</i>
	Laura Ehrensperger	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare	Hue Man Dang	<i>Submitted</i>
	Allen Xiao	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
	Mickhaella Ermita	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	William Hall	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Submitted</i>

Brittney Henderson expressed that several OB reports misspelt her name and requested that this be amended. Ciara advised that she will amend the spelling mistakes prior to posting them.

Annalyce Wiebenga asked the Queer Department whether the Southbank Queer Collective will run weekly or bi weekly, as the report says differently to what was agreed. Amy Bright responded that this was a mistake and that it will run bi-weekly.

Motion 4: To accept OB Reports en bloc.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to move in camera.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 2:13pm

7. CEO Report

During this time, the CEO Report was discussed, as were EBA negotiations.

Motion 5: To accept the CEO Report

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to move out of camera

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 2:31pm

8. Other Reports

None

9. Operational Business

9.1. Confirmation of Operations Sub-Committee Nominations

Ciara O'Sullivan advised that only 5 timely nominations have been received so there will be no election.

Motion 6: To confirm OpSub nominees.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

9.2. Translation Working Group

Catriona Smith asked what languages these will be.

Ciara O'Sullivan advised that the working group will determine this.

Motion 7: To accept the terms of reference.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to move in camera.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 2:36pm

9.3. Budget Memorandum

Jack Buksh said that UMSU is in the strongest position of any student union right now.

Discussion followed about a protest for freeing refugees which was happening later in the day.

Procedural to move to discussion about the budget.

Mover: Janise Sam

CARRIED

Procedural to discuss *affiliations* first.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Thonya Deverall stated that NTEU is an important affiliation.

Jack Buksh: \$72,000 will be going to NUS.

Archit Agrawal: There is a lot more that NUS needs to be doing.

We have a responsibility to do more than just the bare minimum to support NUS. I'd like to move we increase affiliation budget line by \$10,000 to \$95,000.

Xavier Dupe: UMSU should be giving as much as it can afford for affiliation to NUS.

Procedural to suspend Standing Orders

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

Carried

Catriona Smith suggested a condition of reporting being involved in the motion for NUS.

Archit Agrawal said that he agrees with Catriona but that KPIs may promote anti union ideology across the country rather than help NUS.

Catriona Smith: I don't understand why you think KPIs would ever destroy unionism, just making sure the money is used well. Even basic goals like "it's towards campaigns".

Archit Agrawal: My concern is that if every union sets KPIs, it will be impossible for NUS to meet them and then it would work against them.

Jack Buksh: We have an NUS representative. UMSU affiliates to NUS but is represented by its delegates. It'll be impossible for NUS to enforce all KPIs but that's something for delegates, not for us.

Proposed amendment to motion from Archit: To move to increase the Affiliations budget line in the Student Council budget to \$95,000 and direct the President and

General Secretary to work on the KPIs and bring it back to the next Council for approval.

Procedural to move to a vote.

Mover: Brittney Henderson

CARRIED

Motion 8: To accept the amended motion.

Mover: Archit Agrawal

Seconder: Raymond Wu

CARRIED

Ciara: We now move to *Introduction, Management Strategic Plan, Assumptions Informing the Budget*.

Justin: UMSU International – this refers to 2021 expenditure.

Janise Yee: I'd like to amend the budget about backpay for UMSU International:

Motion to amend the budget to reflect the UMSU guarantees that backpay will be extended to the beginning of the UMSU INTL 2020-2021 Committee's terms (Aug 2020)

Justin Baré clarified that there's no expenditure allocated for this purpose at this time. In terms of amending the budget, there's no figure to amend or change.

Archit Agrawal: Not paying UMSU International students is exploitative. I am proposing this motion:

To recognise the need to work on UMSU INTL's honoraria, and that UMSU INTL office bearers have been unfairly treated by UMSU, as their work has gone unnoticed for far too long.

During these negotiations, UMSU will remain committed to ensuring that UMSU INTL's autonomy and their department's work is not negatively affected in any way.

UMSU is committed to honouring the UMSU X UMSU INTL agreement signed in September 2019, working to ensure that the history of UMSU INTL and MUOSS are preserved, and the need for independent international student movements at this University is recognised.

Procedural to move the two motions en bloc

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 9: To move the two motions en bloc.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Staff Budgets:

Andoni Fischer: How is the Destination Melbourne process going?

Justin Baré: That work is underway and progressing.

Archit Agrawal: Is there a reason behind money not being allocated specifically?

Justin Baré: There's actually \$7,500 for casual wages and a program budget which is in the summary. Due to the residential program not running, a lot of the costs are removed.

Andoni Fischer: Under the Budget Summary, under the Student Council section, which staff were included in this expense?

Justin Baré: all OBs, Sarah's salary costs, my salary costs, sitting fees for Student Council.

Student Budgets:

Ciara O'Sullivan clarified that the role of Council is to determine how much each Department gets, but it is not the role to determine how that money will be spent, that's for the individual Committees.

Procedural to discuss the Education and Activities budgets until after Burnley.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Kalyana Vania: our budget is more or less the same as last year.

Catriona Smith: have you discussed grants caps for each club?

Kalyana Vania: The Committee recommended that there be no decrease for a grants cap. Recommended \$2,000 cap per semester.

CREATIVE ARTS

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna: We thought it'd be safer to keep things online.

DISABILITIES

Lindsay Tupper-Creed: we'll be putting in a lot of work to do as many events as we can but we don't expect them to be as expensive as they have been in the past due to the situation.

ENVIRONMENT

Ethan Georgeou: Noticed decrease in campaign line

James Park: We will still work closely with departments and organisations to facilitate campaigns.

INDIGENOUS

Shanysa: it's smaller than last year's one, due to covid, but it's all there in the document.

MUDFEST

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna: It will be conducted in August. There is still a lot to determine how it will be run. We have a smaller amount listed in revenue.

Procedural for Council to take a 15-minute break at 4pm.

Mover: Georgia McCourt

CARRIED

MEDIA

Ailish Hallinan: There's a line submitted in red, the figure that's in there has been put together in consultation with Dee from Communications. We've made significant reductions to the budget.

PEOPLE OF COLOUR

No discussion

QUEER

Amy Bright: We will run the Southbank Collective. No change to the total allocation.

Ethan Georgiou: I think there's a typo – it says \$12,000 for G&Ts.

Amy Bright: That should be \$1,000.

Ciara O'Sullivan: We'll consider that amended in the budget.

Catriona Smith: Are you running CAMP magazine this year?

Amy Bright: Yes, we plan to run it in semester 2 and it will be budgeted in the semester 2 budget.

Ethan Georgeou: collective budget is low, \$20 per week.

Amy Bright: For the Queer and Disabilities collective we've allocated \$20 per week. The other collectives share from a pool, they have about \$20 per week as well.

SOUTHBANK

Will Hall: there are some items in there that may not be going ahead in semester 1 anymore, but we'll leave it up to Committee.

WELFARE

No major discussion.

Council moved to break at 3:57pm

Council resumed at 4:15pm

WOMENS

The OBs clarified that the budget is \$50,000 with a decrease.

No discussion.

BURNLEY

No discussion.

EDUCATION

Rubina Smith: How many people are you expecting to fund who can go to Ed Con?

Hannah Krasovec: I don't have the exact numbers here but I can try to get back to you.

Georgia McCourt: Are you estimating around 20 people?

Hannah Krasovec: I would say so, maybe even more.

Jack Buksh: In the past, there have been 40, 50 people go. There is a policy that guides the grants.

Procedural to suspend Standing Orders

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to accept a proxy: Ethan Georgeou to Max Dowell.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to close the speaking list and proceed.

Mover: Janise Yee

CARRIED

ACTIVITIES

Phoebe Chen: We have been able to reduce the costs because many of our events have been cancelled due to covid.

Catriona Smth: Bands and Bevs budget line - how do you plan to get big events with such a small budget?

Phoebe Chen: Because we're doing it fortnightly, the budget should still cover the bands.

Procedural to suspend Standing Orders

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to accept a proxy: Sophie Nguyen to Thonya Deverall

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna: There is \$500 for an origami workshop in collaboration with Creative Arts but we weren't consulted.

Allen Xiao: These funds are for reimbursing students. Food and drinks will also be factored.

Tree: is there a replacement for Bands and Bevs?

Allen Xiao: Food provisions will be adequate, and committee will decide.

Procedural to close the speaking list

Janise Yee

CARRIED

STUDENTS COUNCIL BUDGET

Motion 10: To approve the Budget Memorandum.

Mover: Jack Buksh

Second: Archit Agrawal

CARRIED

Proc to move out of camera.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 4:46pm

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. 2020 Southbank Yearbook

Motion 11: To approve the motion.

Mover: William Hall

Second: Jack Buksh

CARRIED

Procedural to cede Chair to Jack Buksh.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

10.2. End Racism and Know Your Rights Booklet

Ciara O'Sullivan provided more context on this motion: Communications didn't receive an official job in Basecamp. The amount asked won't cover the cost. She asked Education if they would like to decrease the amount of copies of the Know Your Rights booklets.

Srishti Chatterjee: Who is writing this anti-racism booklet

Tejas Gandhi explained that for the anti-racism booklet, they looked at online and offline resources to collaborate.

Mohamed Hadi expressed concern that People of Colour and Indigenous Depts were not consulted and don't know what's included in these booklets.

Procedural to move to defer this motion.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED

Procedural to move Chair back to Ciara.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED

11. Motions without Notice

11.1. Park Hotel Prison Protestor Fines

11.2. Victory for Park Hotel Refugees but the Fight to Free Them All Continue

11.3. Cut All Ties with Arms Manufacturers

Procedural to move items 11.1-11.3 to the next Council as the mover is not present.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

11.4. Stand with Democracy in Myanmar

Motion 12: To approve the motion.

Mov: Mohamed Hadi

Seconder: Muskaan Hakhu

CARRIED

11.5. Solidarity with Indian Farmer's Unions

Emily AlRamadhan: We will be holding a vigil to commemorate the farmers. The budget will go towards candles and a megaphone.

Archit Agrawal: This event is not only for Indian students, everyone is encouraged to turn up.
Gurpreet Singh: Democracy in India is already dead. This motion hasn't acknowledged that most of the people killed by police have been indigenous people of Punjab.
I'd like to move an amendment to this motion:

'a) recognise that these farm bills have once again specifically targeted Punjab and Sikhs' and b) 'to support the Sikh farmers call to fight against the Indian state itself rather than one government only'

Srishti proposed an amendment:

UMSU stands in solidarity with Dalit and Adivasi labourers within the farmers' movement, who have historically been erased and sidelined instead of being centred in the movement.

Srishti Chatterjee's amendment was amenable to the movers.

Procedural to suspend standing orders.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to accept a proxy: Georgia McCourt to Andoni Fischer

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to move to a vote on Gurpreet's amendment.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Gurpreet Singh was named twice by Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair) for language. He was named a third time for disrupting the meeting, and was removed from the meeting by Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair).

Procedural to move to a vote

Mover: Srishti Chatterjee

CARRIED

Motion 13: To approve the motion.

Mover: Emily AlRamadhan

Seconded: Archit Agrawal

CARRIED

Ciara stated that her role as Chair is to keep order of the meeting and that all her actions are in line with the Standing Orders.

Procedural to move speaking list

Janise Yee

CARRIED

12. Other Business

None.

13. Next Meeting

TBD

14. Close

Council closed at 5:32pm

10.1 2020 Southbank Yearbook

Preamble

In November 2020 the Southbank Committee approved expenditure of up to \$1000.00 for the printing of a catalogue and yearbook for the graduating Visual Arts Painting cohort, following the university's refusal to do so. The expenditure was approved, however due to administrative errors, the payment was not made from UMSU before the end of 2020.

Evelyn Pohl, one of the graduating students, went ahead and paid the printing costs at \$412.50 with the expectation she would be reimbursed. Given this expenditure was approved before the start of 2021 OB's term, we ask that these funds come from the union's budget as opposed to our expenditure for Semester 1, 2021.

Motion: That Students Council moves \$412.50 from the union's budget for the reimbursement of Evelyn Pohl, graduating fine arts student, for the printing costs associated with a catalogue yearbook.

Mover: Will Hall

10.2 End Racism + Know Your Rights Booklet

Preamble:

The End Racism booklet will serve as an Anti-Racism toolkit and will be bold in its honesty. It is crucial to educate people about Anti-Racism and Allyship as lack of sufficient resources and underfunding directly impacts academic progress of students. This contributes to the achievement gap which highlights the vast differences in academic performance across racial lines. Thus, the ultimate aim of this booklet is to dismantle the discrimination it brings to the education system. This booklet is also aligned with our End Racism campaign.

The booklet will have approximately 16 pages including a cover, and A5 size dimensions. The booklet unpacks the effects of racism on BIPOC students and aims to amplify the experiences of BIPOC. It consists of an educational resource list and highlights the importance of unlearning, acknowledging and allyship. One of the main focuses of this booklet is to educate students about intersectionality and inclusivity. It also guides students on accountability and responsibility. The booklet will also list action items to stand in solidarity with the fight against Racism.

The Know Your Rights booklet is the second booklet we want to produce. This booklet has been produced in the past by the Education Department, including last year. It includes key information on the Education Department, including the differences between Education Academic and Education Public. It also provides information on UMSU Advocacy and Legal, which is extremely important for us and for students, so they know where to go when an issue arises. It will also provide information on what the Education Department will be doing this year (eg. campaigns, collectives), and how to get involved. Additionally, it provides information on your rights at work and university (hence the booklet title). We will be updating sections of the booklet to make it relevant for 2021. Like the End Racism booklet, the Know Your Rights booklet will be printed in A5 and will be around 30 pages in length.

We will be printing 3330 copies of the End Racism Booklet, as UMSU will be producing 3330 tote bags for Summerfest and we want every student to receive a copy. We will be printing 500 copies of the Know Your Rights booklet so we can distribute these at the on campus stall. We have been advised by UMSU that we shouldn't produce more than 500 for the Know Your Rights booklet because there will be limited foot traffic this year. These booklets will be provided at the summerfest and will be displayed around the common areas at campus such as the Union House and Stop 1 when campus reopens.

Motion: To move \$2000 from Orientation Budget line for the printing of the End Racism and Know Your Rights booklets.

Moved by: Tejas Gandhi

Seconded by: Hannah Krasovec

14.1. Park Hotel Prison Protestor Fines

Over 40 of the refugees locked up in the Park Hotel have been freed. The protests outside the Park Hotel organised by the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism, Refugee Action Collective, and others, have been indispensable in forcing the government to release these people into the community. Shamefully however, Victoria Police has issued fines of thousands of dollars to activists trying to expose this crime occurring in the heart of Melbourne.

Platform:

1. Protesting is essential to winning the rights of refugees to freedom, citizenship and government support
2. As the representative of students, UMSU is an activist body that has a responsibility to organise and support left-wing protests.

Action

3. UMSU will donate \$1000 to Campaign Against Racism and Fascism to pay fines incurred through refugee protests
4. UMSU will donate \$1000 to Refugee Action Collective to pay fines incurred through refugee protests

14.2. Victory for Park Hotel Refugees but the Fight to Free Them All Continues

Preamble

Last week 46 refugees were given bridging visas and after 8 years of indefinite detention, they were released from their hotel prison on Swanston street.

Mostafa Azimitabar, one of the men detained in Park Hotel, called the day he was released, "the most beautiful day of my life". "For eight years, I was under a lot of pressure, torture, trauma and sadness, Now I am completely free. I feel like a new person." He said.

While 46 of the men imprisoned in Park Hotel have been released into the community on bridging visas, there are still 12 refugees in the hotel who have no idea if they will ever be released or remain in indefinite limbo. The release of some men and not others is yet another act of cruelty in the endless torture the Australian government inflicts on refugees.

A Bridging Visa is temporary, meaning the men who have been released will face the possibility of deportation in six months which makes it very difficult to find housing and work. The next step for the campaign is to demand that all refugees be settled in Australia permanently with adequate government support.

There are a number of groups that have been organising in solidarity with the Park Hotel Refugees. With both the Liberal Party and the ALP firmly for the indefinite detention of refugees, it will require mass protests or ordinary people to push towards real change. Daily protests have been called by 'Our Daily Protest outside Park Hotel' and weekly Friday protests by the 'Campaign against Racism and Fascism.' These protests are essential for building resistance to Australia's disgusting torture regime for refugees And demanding not only are all refugees released but are provided with government support and free housing.

Platform

UMSU supports the demand to settle ALL refugees in Australia permanently.

UMSU supports the demand for financial support and free housing be made available to released refugees in Victoria by the Dan Andrews Government.

UMSU recognises building protest action as an important factor in this latest victory for refugees.

Action

UMSU will provide material support to building future refugee rallies such as printing and encourage students to attend the rallies through their official UMSU social media pages and UMSU events.

UMSU will call on Melbourne University, a billion dollar institution, to provide free education to the Men released from Park Hotel with the desire to study.

14.3. Cut All Ties with Arms Manufacturers

The World Health Organisation has recently announced that their collaboration with Melbourne University's infectious disease researchers has been compromised by the University's links to weapons manufacturers.

University of Melbourne collaborates with Lockheed Martin through the STElarLAB, a facility that the university uses to funnel engineering students into producing weapons that maim and kill.

Lockheed Martin profits from mass murder. Their missiles have rained down on schoolchildren in Yemen, while their fighter jets terrorise civilians in the skies over Iraq. Worse still, they are directly involved in the production of nuclear weapons- which have the capacity to destroy the entire human population many times over.

Collaborating with weapons manufacturers is the most violent symptom of our for-profit education system, which prioritises corporate research and collaboration over quality learning. Student activist campaigns like Books not Bombs have organised in the past to attempt to force the university to cut ties. Staff members like Tilman Ruff, who has campaigned for nuclear disarmament, have spoken out about Melbourne University's role in perpetuating the production of weapons of mass murder.

Platform

1. UMSU, standing in the tradition of the student union movement, opposes all forms of militarism
2. UMSU calls on the University of Melbourne to immediately cut all ties with weapons manufacturers
3. UMSU calls for the STElarLAB to be immediately closed

Action

4. UMSU will release a statement condemning all links between the university and weapons manufacturers
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6. UMSU will give support to staff and student activist campaign groups which attempt to sever the university's ties to arms manufacture

14.4. Stand with Democracy in Myanmar

Preamble:

On Monday morning, Military in Myanmar detained newly elected civilian government officials including the nation's State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the President U Win Myint, several elected officials and activists in a coup attempt. Then, the military declared a "state of emergency" and announced that they would remain in power for one year. The internet and phone lines were also disrupted nationwide on that day. This came after the NLD (National League for Democracy) party won the 2020 general election in a landslide in November. The military and its backed party- USDP (The Union Solidarity and Development Party), immediately claimed the elections were fraudulent, though foreign observers and the nation's electoral commission declared there had been no significant problems.

This represents a blow to democratic reforms in Myanmar. Therefore, we ask UMSU to strongly condemn the action of Myanmar's military and stands with the people of Myanmar in this difficult time.

Platform:

- UMSU affirms its solidarity with the citizen led government of Myanmar
- UMSU stands against the military coup executed by Myanmar's army and any form of militaristic and anti-democratic governments
- UMSU urges the military to follow the rule of law, and to release those detained
- UMSU supports all the civil servants who are participating in civil disobedience protest in Myanmar

Action:

- UMSU will post a statement drafted by the University of Melbourne Myanmar Student Association and People of Colour department and include the petition. Petition link: <http://chnng.it/dFLhKZyQCg>

Mover: Mohamed Hadi

Secunder: Myo Mon San

14.5. Solidarity with Indian Farmer's Unions

CW: mentions of murder, death, and police brutality

The Indian government, led by the Hindu Nationalist Bhartiya Janta Party, is cracking down on the hundreds of thousands of farmers protesting at the New Delhi border since November 2020. Police in riot gear and paramilitary troops have recently started heavy fortification of three camps around New Delhi. They are building concrete barriers, digging TRENCHES, and cementing metal NAILS in the roads, in effect cutting off entry and exit to the sites. The supply of food and water has been halted in an attempt to starve them out.

Almost 200 farmers have died protesting in the streets of New Delhi and even more have gone missing due to police detention. On January 26, India's Republic Day, the police attacked hundreds of protestors with tear gas and murdered one peaceful protester.

The farmers have had all internet and messaging services blocked at the protest sites to prevent the flow of information to and from the protestors. The government has further attempted to disable the social media handle of the farmer unions, news websites, independent journalists, and civilians trying to cover the farmers for more than 12 hours on Monday after the government said users were posting content inciting violence.

Modi Government is now directly attacking any individuals who are trying to raise awareness about the issue. They have asked Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to take down any posts that the government believes are spreading misinformation or inciting violence, making these companies complicit in the brutal assault against the rights of Indian farmers. We believe it is now time for us to fight back on all fronts.

A candlelight vigil will be held to express sorrow and commemorate the farmers who have perished during the agitation or have gone missing; to condemn and bring awareness to the human rights violation by the Indian Government against peaceful farmers; and to bring awareness to the cause of the farmers and their fight against the implementation of anti-worker agricultural reforms. This will be held at Federation Square on 7th February, at 7:30pm. We want to support them by financing some items needed such as candles and a megaphone speaker.

This event will not provide a platform to any Indian political parties and will instead attempt to condemn them for their silence on these issues. This event will not provide a platform for extremist views of any religion.

Motion: To pass up to \$200 from the 'Special Projects and Events' budget line of the People of Colour department budget to fund the purchasing of candles and a megaphone for the Candlelight Vigil for Indian Farmers.

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