

#### University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Monday 20 February 2023, 1pm Meeting 4(23) Location: Level 4 Lecture Theatre, Building 168

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### Meeting opened at 1:13pm

### 1. Procedural Matters

#### 1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair.

Mover: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Luv Golecha

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	Reham Elzeiny	No
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Edison Wei Long Ngu	Yes
International Student Representative on	Luv Pravin Golecha	Yes
Students' Council		
Graduate Student Representative on Students'	Nan Jiang	Yes
Council		
Southbank Student Representative on Students'	N/A	N/A
Council		
Students' Council (General Representative)	Benjamin Cronshaw	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Edward Wu	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Thompson	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Inderpreet Singh	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Isabella Beiraghi	Leave Request

Students' Council (General Representative)	Isioma Ogwu	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mohan Kwatra	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Raphael Duffy	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Senaya (Sam) Rathnaweera	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Watey Diep	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Conor Barnes	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	Yes

# **Office Bearers**

PresidentHiba AdamYesGeneral SecretaryDisha ZutshiYesActivities OfficerTvisha PurswaniOn LeaveActivities OfficerArya KushwahaYesCreative Arts OfficerAbbey CrowleyLeave RequestCreative Arts OfficerSavier D-Arsie-MarquezYesClubs & Societies OfficerRenee ThierryYesClubs & Societies OfficerJaryd CliffordYesDisabilities OfficerJaryd CliffordYesDisabilities OfficerShuyun (Betty) ZhangResignedEducation (Academic Affairs) OfficerCarlos Lagos MartinYesEducation (Academic Affairs) OfficerTaj TakahashiYesEducation (Public Affairs) OfficerTaj TakahashiYesEnvironment OfficerJarwes GallagherLeave RequestIndigenous OfficerBrittney HendersonYesIndigenous OfficerJosh DavisYesMedia OfficerJosh DavisYesMedia OfficerSum To Leslie HoYesMedia OfficerSum To Leslie HoYesPeople of Colour OfficerSum To Leslie HoYesQueer OfficerSum To Leslie HoYesWelfare OfficerYashica MishraYesWelfare OfficerNagiare BogemannYesSouthbank Campus Co-ordinatorAnalyce WiebengaYesSouthbank Campus Co-ordinatorJack DoughtyYesSouthbank Education OfficerKalse KoungYesSouthbank Education OfficerKodie BolicYes <th>Department</th> <th>Full name</th> <th>Attended?</th>	Department	Full name	Attended?
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	Southbank Education Officer	Zodie Bolic	Yes

Other: Dee Jarret (acting CEO), Ciara Griffiths (Coordinator, SR), Tim Lippis (Administrative Project Coordinator), Caitlin Kane (VCESS Director), Lucy Bourchier (FMAA Representative), Shin En (FMAA Representative), Tom Xie (Observer), Lachlan Gallagher (Observer).

# 1.4. Apologies

**Raphael Duffy** 

## **1.5. Leave of Absence Requests**

*For Council 4(23):* Abbey Crowley, Weiting Chen, Kimberley Ng, Emma Dynes, James Gallaghar, Rhys Browning, Isabella Beiraghi

Motion 2: To accept the leave requests.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

### 1.6. Proxies

- 1.6.1. Reham Elzeiny proxies to Divyanshi Sati
- 1.6.2. Isi Ogwu proxies to Kevin Li

### 1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Betty Zhang has resigned as Disabilities Officer

## 1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

## 2.1. Minutes 18(22)

#### 2.2. Minutes 1(23)

Need to note if Disha appointment was CARRIED or FAILED

#### 2.3. Minutes 2(23)

#### 2.4. Minutes 3(23)

Zodie Bolic's conflicts of interest were not noted, these will be sent to Ciara Griffiths for inclusion on the Conflicts of Interest register.

#### 2.5. Special Meeting 1(23)

Alessandra Soliven needs to be added to the attendance table.

Marcie was not present.

Motion 4: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record, with noted amendments. Moved: Chair CARRIED

## 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

# 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### 5. Correspondence

#### 6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Hiba Adam	Submitted
General Secretary	Disha Zutshi	Submitted
Activities Officer	Tvisha Purswani	On Leave
Activities Officer	Arya Kushwaha	Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Abbey Crowley	Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Savier D-Arsie-Marquez	Not Submitted
Clubs & Societies Officer	Renee Thierry	Submitted
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Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Jack Doughty	Submitted
Southbank Activities Officer	Helen Shen	Submitted
Southbank Education Officer	Zodie Bolic	Submitted

Luv Golecha asked for a verbal report of Savier D'Arsie-Marquez. Savier provided verbal report, have been working on Mudfest, been struggling to convene their committee. Is working with the General Secretary regarding managing committee attendance.

Seconded: Kevin Li

Motion 5: To accept the OB Reports Moved: Divyanshi Sati CARRIED

# 7. CEO Report

Motion 6: To accept the CEO's report and note the reports held within.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

### 8. Other Reports

### 8.1. UMSUi Update

### 8.2. CME Report

### 8.3. VCE Summer School

VCESS Director, Caitlin Kane, gave an update on the Summer School, a larger report giving a dull debrief on the program in 2023 is to come.

#### 9. Operational Business

#### 9.1. Operations Sub-Committee

Gen Sec gave report on recent OpSub actions.

#### 9.2. SIG Applications

9.2.1. SIG Application for Planning Saw of \$750

Motion 7: To grant Planning Saw a SIG of \$750 for their project.		
Moved: Luv Golecha	Seconded: Kevin Li	
CARRIED		

#### 9.3. FMAA Disaffiliation

Chair invited representatives of the FMAA society, Shin En and Lucy Bourchier, to speak to the appeal.

Club representatives spoke to their appeal. They requested that the disaffiliation be reduced to a 12month probation period. Felt that FMAA have held a good track record for good financial records and transparency for the past 30 years, and have previously never committed financial misconduct. They also are independently

audited every year and are happy to provide these audit results to C&S in future years. Their society is nationwide, and the Melbourne branch handles all the financial reporting for the whole organisation, leading to some confusion with what gets reported to UMSU.

Noted belief that the disaffiliation ruling is an extreme petition, and that less extreme disciplinary measures such as probation or suspension of grants should have been enacted first, before being escalated to a full disaffiliation.

Chair invited C&S Officer to speak to the C&S Committee decision. Renee raised the chain of communication held with the club, and opportunities provided to rectify their reporting. Noted to Council that the club had been misreporting hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of funds and sponsorship agreements, which was an extreme level of financial mismanagement. The club had not responded to several attempts at communication.

Club responded, claimed that the communications they received from UMSU came over the Christmas and holiday period, so a lot of it was missed as members of the club were unavailable, leading them to also missing their hearing with the C&S Committee.

Councillors raised concerns over the club's attitude towards their financial requirements and responsibilities towards UMSU, and how their approach may change in the future if their petition is upheld. Questioned if there are serious enough about remaining accountable to UMSU.

**Procedural Motion:** to move to a 5-minute break.

Moved: Luv

CARRIED

### Council adjourned at 1:50pm Council re-adjourned at 1:55pm

Councillors asked of C&S Officer what the options for disciplinary action are for the club, Renee provided options.

Motion 8: to uphold the C&S Committees petition to disaffiliate FMAA.		
Moved: Renee Thierry	Seconded: Ngaire Bogemann	
FAILED		

Motion 9: To put FMAA on 12-month probation, suspend grants for 12 months, and require the club to make monthly financial reports to the C&S Committee

Moved: Luv Golecha

Seconded: Divyanshi Sati

CARRIED

### 10. Motions on Notice

Procedural Motion: To consider motions 10.1 and 10.2 en bloc.

Moved: Harley Lewis

CARRIED

### 10.1. Indigenous Department Motion

Motion 10: That council approves \$1500 from the Indigenous Department's Events-General Budget line for the purpose of the Welcome Blak event. Funds will cover food and drink/alcohol.

Moved: Brittney Henderson

Seconded: Harley Lewis

CARRIED

## **10.2.** Indigenous Department Motion

Motion 11: That council approves \$500 from the Indigenous Department's Events-General Budget line for the purpose of a Merch design competition. The funds will cover the cost of a prize for the winning student.

Mover: Brittney Henderson

Seconded: Harley Lewis

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To consider motions 10.3-10.6 en bloc.

Moved: Josh Davis

CARRIED

#### 10.3. Media

Motion 12: That the Students' Council approves budgetary delegation to the Operations SubCommittee of up to \$3,000 for all Media Department budget lines and periods.

Moved: Josh Davis Seconded: Xiaole Zhan

CARRIED

#### 10.4. Media

Motion 13: To pass \$1450 from Period 1 of the Radio budget line of the Media Department's budget to pay for Radio Fodder's annual AirTime Pro subscription. AirTime Pro is the software that allows us to broadcast on the internet.

Moved: Josh Davis

Seconded: Xiaole Zhan

CARRIED

## 10.5. Media

Motion 14: To pass \$1000 from Period 3 of the Subscriptions and Literature budget line of the Media Department's budget to pay for our annual Issuu subscription, which hosts the online copies of all Media publications.

This money was previously moved from Period 1 of this line to Period 3 at the 10 Jan OpSub, but was not passed for expenditure.

Moved: Josh Davis

Seconded: Xiaole Zhan

CARRIED

# 10.6. Media

Motion 15: To pass \$1500 from Period 2 of the Events > Food and Beverages budget line and \$233 from Period 2 of the Events > General budget line of the Media Department to pay for the *Farrago Edition 1: Renaissance Launch* event.

Moved: Josh Davis

Seconded: Xiaole Zhan

CARRIED

# 10.7. Government decision of re-opening of Nauru detention centre

## Preamble:

The federal government has recently authorised the re-opening of the Nauru detention centre to process and asylum seekers. The re-opening of this detention centre is a horrific move by the government, as many of the detainees are subjected to horrible conditions, little to no medical aid and prolonged detention with no hope for a resolution. This decision has been condemned by multiple organisations such as the ASRC and the Human Rights Law Center.

Betelhem Tebubu, human rights activist and survivor of offshore processing on Nauru said: "It is shocking, I was expecting good news, we were excited about this new Government and now we are just getting this destructive news. It is very sad, I was expecting things were going to get better. I feel very sad, sad for the people held on Nauru."

"The conditions in Nauru are horrible, we lost our future our dreams were stolen, and now this contract. People should be signing resettlement papers, not contracts. It is ten years and people are still there. They should be free, not hiring a new company. Give people a proper life and give medical treatment." Ogy Simic, acting Director of Advocacy and Campaigns at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC), said: "The rotten and cruel system of indefinite arbitrary detention of people who seek asylum by sea and offshore processing has denied rights and destroyed lives, it should come as no surprise that the only company willing to run it is a for-profit prison company that 'traffics in human captivity for profit.'"

# Stances:

- 1. UMSU condemns the Federal Labor government on its decision to re-open the Nauru detention centre.
- 2. UMSU condemns the Labor government's attempts to introduce Migration Amendment (Aggregate Sentence) Bill 2023, which seeks to will force people recently released from immigration detention back into detention.
- 3. UMSU stands in solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees in detention and calls for their release.

## Actions:

- 1. To direct the President and POC Officer to write and publish a joint statement on the aforementioned points on UMSU social media.
- Councillors and Officers are encouraged to sign the petition demanding per menant residency for those who came by boat: <u>https://www.aph.gov.au/epetitions/petition/EN4784?fbclid=PAAaZFeBPDOUg\_z</u> WUdO8bhDM0TrSwOT9GstnTWIIeEPflkUVImnm5fnlbpItA

Moved: Mohamed Hadi

Seconded: Hiba Adam

CARRIED

# **11. Motions without Notice**

## 11.1. International Working Women's' Day

### Preamble:

International Working Women's Day (IWWD) is a continuation of a long and radical tradition of feminist action. As the femme liberation movement becomes increasingly corporatised and pink-washed, it is important to honour and remember its staunch origins despite the neoliberalisation of feminism - and, in doing so, to rally. IWWD sees women, non-binary and gender diverse people, along with allies, coming together at the grassroots level to demand economic, social and political liberation from a patriarchy that seeks to undermine and repress women and nonbinary people as a class. Though rights for women and other gender diverse people has progressed since the first IWWD was held, recent attacks on basic freedoms, such as the right to abortion with the overturning of Roe v Wade, make it obvious that the fight is far from over. Even here in Victoria, where abortion is nominally legal, access to abortion is far from safe, free and on demand. Those seeking reproductive healthcare who live in regional areas suffer from a lack of local services and healthcare providers, meaning many are forced to travel to bigger cities or even interstate at great financial and emotional cost. The importance of intersectional and radical action of feminist movements in inciting and securing meaningful resistance against the patriarchy has become blatantly clear. In understanding the importance of actively opposing transphobia, colonialism, racism, homophobia, ableism and orientalism in this Organisation's activism, we strengthen our activism and become better equipped to advocate for students on this IWWD and beyond.

## Action:

- UMSU endorses the International Working Women's Day March on the 8th of March, 2023 as organised by We Are Union Women
- UMSU commits to organising a contingent to the International Working Women's Day March to be led by the UMSU Women's Department
- UMSU will promote the International Working Women's Day March on its social media and newsletter.
- UMSU acknowledges the increase in harmful TERF and SWERF presence at recent IWWD rallies, and reaffirms that UMSU stands against transphobia and discrimination against sex workers both at this event and within the femme liberation movement.

Moved: Alessandra Soliven Seconded: Ngaire Bogemann CARRIED

# 12. Other Business

# 13. Next Meeting

When2Meet will be sent around for organizing Semester 1 councils.

# 14. Close

# Meeting closed at 2:14pm