

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes 8 February 2023, 2:30pm

Special Meeting 1(23)
Location: Room 202, Level 2, Building 168; Zoom

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Meeting opened at 2:37pm

Password: 109440

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair.

Mover: Disha Zutshi Seconded: Rahul Mittal

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	Yes
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 (Nora) Jiang	No
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	No

Students' Council (General Representative)	Isioma Ogwu	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	No
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	In apology
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	Yes

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Hiba Adam	Yes
General Secretary	Disha Zutshi	Yes
Activities Officer	Tvisha Purswani	No
Activities Officer	Arya Kushwaha	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Abbey Crowley	No
Creative Arts Officer	Savier D-Arsie-Marquez	No
Clubs & Societies Officer	Renee Thierry	No
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kimmy Ng	In apology
Disabilities Officer	Jaryd Clifford	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Shuyun (Betty) Zhang	No
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Carlos Lagos Martin	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Mary Kin Chan	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Taj Takahashi	Yes
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	Yes
Environment Officer	James Gallagher	No
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	No
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	No
Media Officer	Weiting Chin	No
Media Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Yes
Media Officer	Josh Davis	Yes
Media Officer	Carmen Chin	No
People of Colour Officer	Mohamed Hadi	Yes
Queer Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Yes
Queer Officer	Sum To Leslie Ho	Yes
Welfare Officer	Ishita Ganeriwala	Yes
Welfare Officer	Yashica Mishra	No
Women's Officer	Ngaire Bogemann	Yes
Women's Officer	Alessandra Soliven	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Rhys Browning	No
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Annalyce Wiebenga	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Jack Doughty	Yes
Southbank Activities Officer	Helen Shen	No
Southbank Education Officer	Zodie Bolic	Yes

Other: Phoebe Churches (interim CEO), Dee Jarrett (Manager, CME), Maya Catic (Manager, HR), Ciara Griffiths (Coordinator, Student Representation), Tim Lippis (Coordinator, Project Administration), Tom Xie (proxy for Nora Jiang), Rahul Mittal (proxy for Edward Wu).

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Kimberley Ng, Helen Shen, Josh Davis

Councillors: Conor Barnes

1.5. Leave of Absence Requests

1.5.1. Josh Davis for Special Council 2(23)

1.6. Proxies

- 1.6.1. Edward Wu is requesting proxy to Rahul Mittal
- 1.6.2. Nora Jiang is requesting proxy to Tom Xie
- 1.6.3. Edison Ngu Nwl is requesting proxy to Inderpreet Singh (After 3pm)
- 1.6.4. Isi Ogwu is requesting proxy to Divyanshi Sati

1.7. Membership

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover:

CARRIED

2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

3. Operational Business

3.1. CEO Recruitment Final Round

Procedural Motion: to move to item 4.1 of the agenda.

Moved: Kevin Li

CARRIED

4. Motions on Notice

4.1. Furnishing of Autonomous Spaces

Preamble:

Ahead of the year commencing in earnest with Summerfest, it is integral that we invest in our autonomous and creative spaces. Whilst the relocation to the Precinct provided the International Lounge, Women's Room, Queer Space, Disabilities Space, POC Space, and Media Space/Fodder Green Room some furnishings, they are not enough to provide the welcoming and comforting environment for our students to fully enjoy what UMSU should have to offer.

In 2022, departments passed their unspent funds into the UMSU Whole of Union for the purpose of updated furnishings for UMSU across the precinct. Due to various factors, these funds were not able to be used by the time the 2023 Budget commenced, meaning the funds were returned to UMSU's reserve. It is proposed therefore, that a portion of these funds are moved back out of reserves for a onceoff re-design project to invest in the autonomous and creative safe spaces, in a genuine co-design effort by students, for students.

Officers, with the assistance of any other interested reps and students, will use Union funds to curate safe and creative spaces with the resources required to fully support students within each area. This project will serve as a long-term investment into the Union's dedication to improving student campus experience and will provide a foundation for representatives and students of future generations to continue to build upon their autonomous and creative spaces, leaving their own mark.

This project will further UMSU's strategic priority of empowering students, by increasing student engagement and participation in increasing UMSU's visibility and presence in the Student Precinct. It will also strengthen our organisation, through investment into student needs and creation of a safe and healthy student spaces. Finally, it will further establish UMSU's brand and commitment to our students in the Student Precinct, by providing spaces that are designed for students, by students.

The UMSU Department Spaces involved in this project are:

- UMSU International
- Women's
- Queer
- Disabilities
- People of Colour, and
- Media

Each Department will draft and provide to Council a proposal of how they will design and transform their spaces, to best reflect their students' requirements. The redesign process will be documented, and a report will be made back to Council following completion. It is proposed that \$60,000 is passed for the project. Each departmental space will be granted a budget of \$7,500 initially, with additional funds available for works that go over-budget or are requiring specialised purchases unique to the department's area of activity. Any leftover funds will be reported back to Council. It is not anticipated that this project will return revenue.

Motion 1:

That Students' Council pass \$60,000 from the reserves into the Whole of Union fund.

Motion 2:

That Students' Council pass \$60,000 from the Whole of Union fund for the purpose of the re-design project of the International, Women's, Queer, Disabilities, People of Colour, and Media spaces. That the recipients of this grant of money will provide a

written report back to Students' Council following project completion. That the recipients warrant they will only use the grant of funds in the manner specified in this motion.

Motion 3: To accept the above motions as presented.

Moved: Arya Kushwaha Seconded: Luv Golecha

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council returned to Item 3.1 of the Agenda.

3.1. CEO Recruitment Final Round

Procedural Motion: to move in camera.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 2:44pm

Melissa arrived at 3pm

Jack Doughty left at 3:30pm

Procedural Motion: to move to a 10-minute break.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 3:44pm

Council re-adjourned at 3:54pm

Council adjourned at 4:44pm

Council re-adjourned at 4:50pm

Motion 4: that Council resolves to appoint Melissa as the CEO of UMSU

Moved: Chair Seconded: Annalyce Wiebenga

FAILED

Motion 5: that Council resolves to appoint Sara Pheasant as the CEO of UMSU

Moved: Chair Seconded: Annalyce Wiebenga

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural Motion: to move out of camera.
Moved: Chair
CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 5:00pm

- 4. Other Business
- 5. Next Meeting
- 6. Close

Meeting closed at 5:03pm