



<p><b>University of Melbourne Student Union</b>  <b>Meeting of the Students' Council</b>  <b>CONFIRMED Minutes</b>  <b>12:00 PM, 6.10.2016</b>  <b>Meeting 17(16)</b>  <b>Location: Training Room 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Union House</b></p>
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**Meeting opened at 12:06 by Sarah Xia**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Sarah Xia be elected Chair	
Mover: Sarah Xia	Seconder: James Bashford
CARRIED	

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

**Councillors**

Millicent Austin-Andrews	Did not attend
Liam Leyden	Attended
Elizabeth Nicholson	Did not attend
Martin Kaminsky	Did not attend
Anneke D'emanuele	Did not attend
Tamara Hunt	Attended
Katie Nikolau	Attended
Reanna Clark	Attended
Gulsara Kaplun	Attended
Teresa Gornall	Attended
Aisling Acton	Attended
Daniel Sango	Did not attend
Ella Shi	Attended
Darcy Thornton	Did not attend
Kate Denver-Stevenson	Attended
Jacob Rodrigo	Attended
Zac Svenson	Attended
Harry Adam	Attended

**Office Bearers:**

President	Tyson Holloway Clarke	Attended
General Secretary	James Bashford	Attended
Activities	Megan Pollock	Attended
Activities	Itsi Weinstock	Attended
Clubs & Societies	Yasmine Luu	Attended
Clubs & Societies	Ryan Davey	Did not attend
Creative Arts Officer	Jeanette Tong	Did not attend
Creative Arts Officer	Joshua Lynzaat	Attended
Education Academic affairs	Tom Crowley	Attended

Education Academic affairs	Paul Sakkal	Did not attend
Education Public Affairs	Akira Boardman	Attended
Education Public Affairs	Dominic Cernaz	Attended
Environment Officer	Anisa Rogers	Attended
Environment Officer	Zachary Power	Did not attend
Media	Caleb Triscari	Attended
Media	Danielle Bagnato	Attended
Media	Sebastian Dodds	Attended
Media	Baya Ou Yang	Attended
Queer	Frances Connors	Attended
Queer	Lotus Ye	Did not attend
Welfare	Sarah Xia	Attended
Welfare	Yan Zhuang	Attended
Women’s Officer	Adriana Mells	Did not attend
Indigenous	Emily Kayte James	Attended
Indigenous	Wunambi Connor	Attended
Disabilities	Christian Tsoutsouvas	Attended
Disabilities	Jess Kapuscinski-Evans	Attended
VCA Campus Coordinator	Van Rudd	Did not attend
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Erathanos Beretta	Attended

Others: Phoebe Churches, Tim Fraser, Nick Kent, Lydia Pavere, Jacinta Cooper

1.4 Apologies

Zac Power, Martin Kaminsky, Millie Austin-Andrews, Daniel Sango

1.5 Proxies

Millie Austin Andrews to Aisling Acton

Daniel Sango to Katie Nikolaou, then Liam Leyden, Gulsara Kaplun

1.6 Membership

Darcy Thornton has now missed four consecutive meetings and his membership has lapsed.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda as presented be adopted  
 Mover: Sarah Xia    Seconder: Anneke D’emanuele  
 CARRIED

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of meeting 16(16) attached

Motion 3: To amend the movers of motions 4 and 5 and to confirm the remaining minutes as a true and accurate record  
 Mover: Aneeke D’emanuele    Seconder: Harry Adam  
 CARRIED

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The following are matters arising from the previous meeting, where quorum lapsed but the meeting continued for 30 minutes (as is allowed in the Standing Orders). All motions passed in this 30 minutes need to be ratified by a quorate Students' Council to be valid.

### 3.1 Harm Minimisation (ratification)

Tyson spoke about the significant media interest that had occurred after the last council meeting regarding the decision, and praised the Student for Sustainable Drug Policy.

Further discussion ensued about the kits, the timeline for availability and the legal documentation that would be with the kits.

The following motion was passed at the previous meeting of council after it lost quorum, and must now be ratified by a quorate meeting.

*From the Minutes 16 (2016)*

*Motion 7: The students' council resolves to implement this drug harm reduction program in the lead-up to the summer festival season, and endorses the distribution of packs of relevant information and reagent test kits at the Union House information desk. Students Council understands the limitations surrounding this testing, and affirms that all distribution will be accompanied by a verbal discussion.*

*The students' council acknowledges the limitations of reagent kits as a test method for drug purity and adulteration, and will therefore work toward making more accurate and effective tests available.*

*The students' council therefore calls upon the University of Melbourne to explore providing access to gas chromatography facilities for this purpose.*

*Moved: Gulsara Kaplun*

*Seconded: Yasmine Luu*

*Carried*

Motion 4: Students' Council ratifies the motion 7 from meeting 16(16) and additionally approves expenditure of up to \$1000 to fund the harm minimisation kits and associated materials.

Moved: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

### 3.2 Australian Sustainable Development Goals Summit (ratification)

The following motion was passed at the previous meeting of council after it lost quorum, and must now be ratified by a quorate meeting.

*Motion 8: To sign the pledge for the Australian Sustainable Development Goals Summit*

*Mover: James Bashford*

*Secunder: Tom Crowley*

*CARRIED*

**Motion 5:** Students' Council ratifies Motion 8 from meeting 16(16).

Moved: James Bashford

Seconded: Tamara Hunt

CARRIED

### 3.3 MUDS Funding Request

Tyson explained to Council the change to CCRAAG funding that had occurred recently and how it was impacting on MUDS. He indicated that C&S was hoping

to instigate a long term solution to some liquidity issues by starting an underwriting process.

Councillors recommended that MUDS apply for additional SSAF funding in the first funding round in 2016.

### 3.4 Carlton Breweries Picket

The following motion was passed at the previous meeting of council after it lost quorum, and must now be ratified by a quorate meeting.

This meeting of the UMSU Student's Council notes:

- (i) that 55 maintenance workers at Carlton and United Breweries (CUB) in Abbotsford were sacked in late June 2016 sacked and offered to be re-hired as contractors with a 65% pay cut,
- (ii) that the workers and supporting unions including the ETU, AMWU, CFMEU and NUW have maintained a picket at the brewery since, entering their 11th week,
- (iii) that the workers intend to maintain their picket until such time as CUB offers them their jobs back on the original terms,
- (iv) that unions have called for a boycott of CUB products, and a growing number of pubs and bars nationwide are following suit,
- (v) that CUB's owners, SABMiller, are a multi-billion dollar international beer conglomerate and known tax evaders,
- (vi) that the UMSU Education Public Officers and other UMSU representatives have previously visited the picket line to express UMSU's solidarity.

Notes:

- A full list of CUB products may be found on the company website at <http://cub.com.au>
- The Electrical Trades Union (ETU) have produced material on their Facebook page which may be useful for display

#### **Motion:**

UMSU condemns this vicious attack on workers and their unions, and demands that CUB immediately reinstate the 55 on their original pay and conditions. UMSU supports the picket and is heartened by the support it has received from fellow workers and the community.

Acting in solidarity, Students' Council resolves to:

- (i) ban the sale of CUB products (including but not limited to Victoria Bitter, Carlton Draught and Crown Lager) at outlets under its jurisdiction, such as the Stop 2 Pub Nights, until the dispute is resolved;
- (ii) where such a ban is in place, prominently display information about the CUB picket to explain the ban, as well as a donation box for the picketing workers;
- (iii) contact other pubs and bars on campus to do the same;
- (iv) recommend that clubs do not purchase CUB products for functions until such time as the dispute is resolved;
- (v) publicise the picket on social media, email and on campus, to encourage students to visit and show solidarity, and to organise a second visit with a sizeable student contingent.

Moved: Anneke D'emanuele

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

**Motion 6:** Students' Council ratifies Motion 5 from meeting 16(16).

Moved: Anneke D'emanuele

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

### 3.5 Let SCA Stay

This meeting of the UMSU Student's Council opposes the plans for Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) in the "Draft Change Proposal" (DCA) by University of Sydney administrators, which propose that:

- jewellery, ceramics and glassmaking will be outright scrapped
- 60% of SCA academic and technical staff are to be cut
- there will be no Bachelor of Visual Arts enrolments for 2017
- ongoing SCA students will be crammed into the Camperdown campus in 2017

In addition, this meeting notes that:

- (i) SCA students are leading a sustained campaign against this attack, including a legal challenge against USyd, a one-day strike of students and staff on Aug 17, over 5000 petition signatures and an ultimatum delivered last week promising to escalate if USyd did not withdraw the cuts,
- (ii) SCA students have since begun a peaceful indefinite occupation of the SCA Admin building,
- (iii) this attack is the latest in a long line of cuts and restructures brought about by USyd's University Economic Model, similar to UniMelb's Flexible Academic Program,
- (iv) despite claiming to still be in a process of consultation, that USyd administrators are already pressuring some staff to be made redundant,
- (v) the recent strike and occupation are historically unprecedented actions at SCA, following in the footsteps of the student strikes that resulted in the creation of the USyd Political Economy Department in the 1970s.

#### **Motion:**

UMSU expresses its solidarity with the students at SCA and roundly condemns Vice-Chancellor Michael Spence and USyd administrators for pressing this neoliberal attack. It is evident that no lessons have been learned after VC Spence and his ilk were made to back down on fee deregulation after massive student opposition.

The Council resolves to:

- (i) support the LET SCA STAY campaign and its demands, and stands in solidarity with the occupiers and their supporters;
- (ii) communicate this support publicly on social media, including Facebook and the weekly UMSU email digest;
- (iii) donate a proposed \$200 to the occupation fund;
- (iv) call upon the National Union of Students to affirm the LET SCA STAY demands and provide financial support;
- (v) remain vigilant against similar tactics employed by UniMelb administrators in the Business Improvement Program, the Flexible Academic Program, and the

impending demolition of Union House under the Student Precinct development project.

Moved: Akira Boardman

Seconded: Anneke D’emanuele

**Motion 7:** Students’ Council ratifies Motion 6 from meeting 16(16).  
 Moved: Anneke D’emanuele                      Seconded: James Bashford  
**CARRIED**

Clarification was sought as to which budget line the expenditure would come from. It was suggested that it come from the Campaigns Budget line

**4. Correspondence**

None

**5. Office Bearer Reports**

Attached

President		Submitted <b>with recommendations</b>
General Secretary		Submitted
Activities		Submitted
Clubs & Societies		Submitted
Creative Arts		Submitted
Disabilities		Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)		<i>Submitted late</i>
Education (Public Affairs)		Submitted <b>with recommendations</b>
Environment	Zac Power	No report submitted
	Anisa Rogers	Submitted
Indigenous		No report submitted
Media		Submitted
Queer		<i>Submitted but not distributed</i>
Welfare	Sarah Xia	Submitted <b>with recommendation</b>
	Yan Zhuang	Submitted
Women’s		Submitted

President:

Tyson spoke to his report – highlighting his recommendation regarding the Later Law Student Network.

Recommendation: The specific changes concerning family violence come out of a submission to the Law Faculty from the Later Law Student Network. My recommendation to Council is that we both recognise and commend the Later Law Student Network and its members for a well developed submission and commit to working with them to improve access to Special Consideration.

Education Academic:

Tom Crowley and Paul Sakkal were not present for their report, but Anneke asked to put 2 questions on notice to them

- Why were we not told about the closure of the CCP at VCA?
- Tom Crowley is on the board at VCA – why didn’t he prevent this occurring or alert students to mobilise?

### 12:34: Tom Crowley arrived

Anneke asked if she could re-ask the questions regarding the CCP – Tom indicated that there was no forewarning that he had access to.

Education Public

Had 2 recommendations with their report:

1. To move \$2000 from the Campaigns and Special Projects Line of the Education Department budget be moved to purchase coffee food and giveaways for the SWOTVAC Support Stall.
2. To move \$2000 from the Campaigns and Special Projects Line of the Education Department budget be moved to purchase more booklets about rights at work.

Environment:

Anisa spoke to her Enviro report. She was unsure as to why Zac hadn't submitted his own report and said that he had missed collective meetings for about a month.

James Bashford confirmed that Zac was aware that he was submitting separate reports.

Queer

Spoke to their report, which was submitted late and not distributed

Welfare – Sarah Xia

Sarah Xia ceded the chair to Akira Boardman as she wished to speak to her report.

Sarah raised some issues that occurred at the Week 9 breakfast – issues with food handling and volunteer management. Sarah said that Yan was supposed to run that breakfast but hadn't – instead leaving it to volunteers to run, who were understaffed and ran the breakfast badly.

Sarah's report included a recommendation: To direct Yan Zhuang to issue a public apology to the Week 9 volunteers and the members of the Welfare Collective for her conduct, and to direct Yan Zhuang to attend the Week 11 breakfast that she is responsible for organising and overseeing.

Yan responded to direct questioning, saying that she was unable to attend due to issues outside of her control, and that she tried to get other OBs to run the Breakfast but was unable to at the last minute. She indicated that she was aware there were problems but hadn't gotten any direct complaints and that she felt that it wasn't appropriate for council to direct her to publicly apologise.

Tyson asked if the OB reports had separate expenditure or different expenditure. Sarah clarified that each OB had put the expenditure they were responsible for.

Discussion surrounding the event and the issues with location and volunteer management. Councillors expressed a sentiment that next time it would be preferable to cancel the breakfast should such a situation occur again.

Procedural Motion: To vote on Sarah Xia's Welfare report separately

Mover: Tamara Hunt

CARRIED

Numerous Councillors expressed discomfort at the direction the conversation was going in. Councillors suggested that while the situation was not ideal and a serious issue, that there seemed to be personal grievances attached to the issue.

Procedural Motion: To end the discussion and move to a vote on the section of the report with associated recommendations concerning the week 9 breakfast only

Mover: Jacob Rodrigo

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: That Students' Council move into Formal Debate

Mover: Sarah Xia

MOTION LOST

Motion 8: To reject the parts of Sarah Xia's Welfare report (including recommendation) regarding the Week 9 breakfast

Mover: Jacob Rodrigo

CARRIED

Ella Shi and Jacob Rodrigo left at 12:54

Welfare Yan Zhuang

Sarah Xia asked what Yan was going to do with some mouldy boxes in the office. Yan said she would clean them or throw them out.

Womens: Adriana was not present, but Akira noted that Adriana wanted to thank Aimee for her fabulous work on Judy's Punch.

Burnley: raised that more people had voted in the elections, but there were lines at peak voting times which may have hampered people to vote.

Motion 9: To accept the rest of the OB reports en bloc

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Kate Denver-Stevenson

CARRIED

Akira Boardman cedes the chair back to Sarah Xia

Procedural motion: To move to items 8.1, 9 and 10 after the General Managers report

Mover: Anneke D'emanuele

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: That Students' Council moves in camera, with the exception of Goldie Pergl and Jess' carer

Mover: Tyson Holloway Clarke

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 12:58 and moved to include strangers at 01:03pm

## 8.1 Media Expenditure

### Motion 10:

1. That Students' Council approves expenditure of up to \$500 from the Media Special Projects & Events line for the Farrago Edition Eight Launch party
2. That Students' Council approves expenditure of up to \$400 from the Media Special Projects & Events line for a Wordplay event.
3. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$400 from the Media Printing line for the binding of Farrago 2016.
4. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 from the Media Special Projects and Events for the Fitzpatrick Awards Evening.



5. That Students' Council approves the transfer of \$4000 from the Media Special Projects and Events line (3839) to the Media Printing line (3713).

6. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$100 from the Media Special Projects and Events for event marketing and advertising.

Moved: Caleb Triscari

Seconded: Baya Ou Yang

CARRIED

### 9.1 Save the CCP!

On Thursday 22 September, the Dean of the VCA and MCM, Barry Conyngham, announced via email to faculty, staff and affected students of his decision to close the Centre for Cultural Partnerships (CCP), effective December 31, 2016.

CCP is Australia's only dedicated graduate teaching and research centre for community and socially-engaged arts practice. It offers specialised graduate programs that attract both local and international students and researchers. CCP trains artists to make work with a social conscience.

The centre is currently comprised of 40 Masters student, 35 MFA and PhD candidates, 4.5 core staff and up to 10 casual staff. It has graduated hundreds of exceptional postgraduate students since opening in 2005.

This unforeseen move by the Dean will do considerable damage to students, to the VCA, to the arts and broader community.

#### **Motion:**

UMSU opposes the cutting of the CCP as:

- Cutting CCP guts the arts
- The Dean is erasing the future of socially engaged art
- VCA is losing Australia's only centre for community and socially engaged art
- We lose an institutional home for socially-engaged and transdisciplinary artists
- Cutting CCP severs ties between artist/researchers and the wider community

UMSU condemns the behavior of the university administration:

- Misconduct in cutting the CCP
- Failing to meet with and consult with students
- Disregarding the emotional, financial and academic repercussions that students will face
- Misleading international students who have only recently moved to Australia to take part in the course
- Failing to provide secure employment to the teaching staff at CCP

Action Points:

1. UMSU commits to supporting any and all actions taken by the Save CCP campaign
2. UMSU departments and offices will share and promote the facebook page and take every effort to attending any actions called by Save CCP
3. Students Council will take a photo of solidarity to send to the CCP students

4. UMSU will give financial support of \$750 to the Save CCP campaign
5. All departments and offices will sign and share the online petition found here - <https://www.change.org/p/save-the-centre-for-cultural-partnerships-vca>

Moved: Anneke D'emanuele

Seconded: Frances Connors

Anneke spoke to the motion, talking about the nature of the CCP and the circumstances of it being cut. They noted the financial component of the motion - students have been paying for the protest out of their own pocket.

Anneke asked Tom Crowley why he did not alert anyone to the changes as he is on the Academic Board of the VCA MCM committee.

Tom Crowley responded saying it wasn't on the Agenda of the meeting, and was brought without notice. He spoke to how he has been working with students on the campaign, and has been working with Advocacy to identify if any breaches of University Policy have occurred.

#### **1:10pm Harry left and proxies to Tamra**

Gulsara Kaplun suggested an amendment to the motion – that Action Point 4 read “up to \$750 to the save CCP campaign from the Education Department Budget”

This was amenable to the mover.

1:18pm Yasmine Luu left

Gulsara Kaplun suggested an additional amendment to the motion – that the word “encourage” is added to the start of point 2. This is not amenable to the mover.

Gulsara asked if “strongly encourage” would be a better addition. This was amenable to the mover.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to a vote

Mover: Tyson Holloway Clarke

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

#### **Motion 11:**

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-Failing to provide secure employment to the teaching staff at CCP

Action Points:

- UMSU commits to supporting any and all actions taken by the Save CCP campaign
- UMSU departments and offices are strongly encouraged will share and promote the facebook page and take every effort to attending any actions called by Save CCP
- Students Council will take a photo of solidarity to send to the CCP students
- UMSU will give financial support of up to \$750 to the Save CCP campaign from the Education Department Budget Line.
- All departments and offices will sign and share the online petition found here - <https://www.change.org/p/save-the-centre-for-cultural-partnerships-vca>

Moved: Anneke D'emanuele                      Seconded: Frances Connors

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**1:23 pm Reanna and Kate leave**

**QUORUM LOST**

**Meeting can continue for up to 30 minutes before lapsing.**

10.1 – Motion not on Notice

Welfare day of Action

UMSU endorses the NUS welfare department day of action, taking place October 19 2pm at the state library

The action is highlighting the governments unfair treatment of students and youth, specifically the PaTH program, cuts to dole payments, potential expansion of the basics card.

UMSU recognises the government has been attacking students since the abbot governments 2014 budget and maintains a commitment to opposing all cuts that effect students adversely.

Action points:

All departments will advertise the demonstration on their facebook and social media channels.

Office bearers and councilers will attend the demonstration

Coms will make and distribute a poster advertising the rally.

Both Anneke and Sarah spoke to their moving and seconding rights.

Tamara Hunt suggests amending to add “Strongly encourage” to action points 1 and 2. This is amenable to the mover

Tyson Holloway Clarke suggests amending point 3 to “direct welfare and Education Departments to liaise with Communications to create a posters advertising the event. This is also amenable to the mover.

**Motion 12:**

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Action Points:

1. Strongly Encourage all departments to add the demonstration on their FaceBook and social media channels
2. Strongly encourages OBs and Councillors attend the demonstration
3. Directs Education or Welfare to liase with Communications to make and distribute a poster advertising the rally

Mover: Sarah Xia

Seconder: Anneke D'emanuele

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Meeting closed at 1:28pm