



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Confirmed Minutes
11:00 AM, 18.10.2016
Meeting 18(16)
Location: Training Room 1, 3rd floor Union House

Meeting opened at 11:19 by James Bashford

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Caleb Triscari be elected chair
 Moved: Caleb Triscari Seconded: Tamara Hunt
 Carried Without Dissent

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors:

Millicent Austin-Andrews	Did not attend
Liam Leyden	Did not attend
Elizabeth Nicholson	Attended
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	Did not attend
Aisling Acton	Attended
Daniel Sango	Attended
Ella Shi	Attended
Darcy Thornton	Did not attend
Kate Denver-Stevenson	Attended
Jacob Rodrigo	Did not attend
Zac Svenson	Did not attend
Harry Adam	Attended

Office Bearers:

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

Education Academic affairs	Tom Crowley	Attended
Education Academic affairs	Paul Sakkal	Attended
Education Public Affairs	Akira Boardman	Did not attend
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	Did not attend
Queer	Lotus Ye	Attended
Welfare	Sarah Xia	Attended
Welfare	Yan Zhuang	Attended
Women’s Officer	Adriana Mells	Attended
Indigenous	Emily Kayte James	Attended
Indigenous	Wunambi Connor	Attended
Disabilities	Christian Tsoutsouvas	Attended
Disabilities	Jess Kapuscinski-Evans	Attended
VCA Campus Coordinator	Van Rudd	Attended
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Erathanos Beretta	Did not attend

Others:

Fiona Sanders, Roger Samuel, Tim Fraser, Nick Kent, Lydia Paevere, Jacinta Cooper

1.4 Apologies

Jacob Rodrigo, Zac Power, Liam Leyden, Teresa Gornall

1.5 Proxies

Jacob Rodrigo to Gulsara Kaplun

Liam Leyden to Katie Nikolau

Teresa Gornall to Roger Samuel

1.6 Membership

Wunambi Connor has submitted his resignation as Indigenous Officer, effective from October 26th

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was amended to move item 5 (Office Bearer Reports) to the end of the agenda.

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented, with item 5. moved to the end of the agenda.

Moved: James Bashford

Seconded: Caleb Triscari

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of meetings 17(16) were unavailable and will be confirmed at the next meeting of council.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

4.1 RE: Harm Minimisation Initiative

Attached

Gulsara Kaplun spoke to the correspondence before referring to Nick Kent and Tim Fraser from Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Nick thanked Council for their support thus far and addressed the concerns raised by the Provost's letter. SSDP has met with local Police to discuss the provision of the kits, which the police have stated is not illegal.

Nick stated that the University misunderstands the program and the concept of Harm Reduction (as opposed to Harm Minimisation) and asked that SSDP be included in any further discussions with the University so as to contribute their knowledge.

In regards to the specific concerns raised by the provost, Nick and Tim responded:

- All media, correspondence and info packs stress that students are placing themselves at higher legal risk if they bring drugs onto campus.
- Nonetheless it is highly unlikely that students would bring drugs onto campus to test as this is far less private than at their own home.
- Student ID will be required to receive a kit so they will not be distributed to non-students.
- The kits clearly disclose that they are not foolproof and SSDP is lobbying and petitioning for the University to provide its spectrometry facilities in order to provide a truly reliable service.
- The disclaimers have been written with the advice and assistance of the UMSU Legal Service.
- The privacy of students will be maintained as no details of students will be recorded and staff will receive specific training on privacy and discretion.

SSDP reiterated that UMSU is at the forefront of harm reduction in supporting this program and several other student organisations and the wider community are looking to UMSU's leadership. Examples of the kits were also passed around those present.

Lizzie Nicholson referred to the university's concerns over the possibility of a student overdosing after using a kit. SSDP acknowledged that the possibility existed and UMSU would need to have a response prepared in case of this occurring. However, research shows that testing does not encourage drug taking amongst those who aren't already users and actually reduces use amongst those that do.

Ella raised concern over the labelling on the current kits which most prominently feature the word "ecstasy". Nick assured council that this would be covered instead by a large warning and disclaimer sticker.

Ryan Davey left at 11:47 AM, Tom Crowley left at 11:48 AM

James Bashford suggested that SSDP accompany Tyson to a meeting being planned with Deputy Vice-Chancellor Sue Elliot to discuss the program. He noted it was unsurprising the Uni would seek to distance itself from the program but doesn't appear likely to take any action against UMSU if it continues.

No motion was moved but a report back on the meeting and progress was requested for the next meeting of council.

6. General Manager's Report

No report submitted

7. Other Reports

Nil

8. Operational Business

8.1 Media Expenditure

Motion 3:

That Students' Council approves expenditure of up to \$70 from the Media Radio/Video line for the reimbursal of video props.

Moved by Caleb Triscari

Seconded by Sebastian Dodds

CWD

Nick Kent and Tim Fraser left at 11:51 AM

8.2 Commonwealth Bank BBQ

The Commonwealth Bank is seeking to book North Court early next semester for a promotional BBQ, for which UMSU would charge between \$500-800 +GST (depending on the day of booking). Given the myriad ethical issues with the Commonwealth Bank's business practices, the Communications and Marketing manager has referred this request to the President and General Secretary, and we have chosen to take this discussion to Council for a decision.

Anisa spoke about the importance of UMSU taking an ethical stance, particularly in light of its past stances and support for the Fossil Free campaign.

James moved a motion for Council to reject the Commonwealth Bank request.

Gulsara suggested an amendment to encourage further discussion on the topic in the development of an ethical sponsorship policy, which was amenable.

Tom Crowley returned at 11:50 AM

Motion 4:

That Students' Council reject the Commonwealth Bank's request for a promotional BBQ on North Court and encourage further discussion and development of a policy dealing with ethical sponsorship.

Moved: James Bashford

Seconded: Anisa Rogers

Carried

8.3 Sexual Health

Sarah explained that the purchase of sexual health products was intended for exam support showbags and could purchase at least \$1000 condoms as well as other products (dams, lube etc.). Itsi asked if it was possible to get free condoms from manufacturers. Adriana and Sarah both explained that unlike clubs which receive free promotional condoms for camps and O-Week, as UMSU departments require a constant year-long supply, companies are usually unwilling to provide free products.

Motion 5:

That up to \$700 is passed from the Welfare Special Project and Events budget line for sexual health products, including but not limited to condoms and personal lubricant.

Mover: Sarah Xia

Seconder: James Bashford

Carried

9. Motions on Notice

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 NatCon Grants

Motion:

1. To move \$1000 from the Printing line of the Education Departments Budget into the Grants budget line of the Education Department.
2. To move \$1000 from the Photocopying/Paper costs line of the Education Departments Budget into the Grants budget line of the Education Department.
3. To move \$2700 from the Grants Budget line of the Education Department for the purpose of grants to NUS National Conference. The process of grant\ allocation will be conducted as follows:
 - 3.1 Grants will be allocated on financial need as well as priority given to first time attendees. Reports will be submitted to the incumbent Education Committee of 2017 for consideration.
 - 3.2 Grants will be conditional on applicants submitting a report one month after the end of National Conference.
 - a. In the event of a report being rejects, applicants shall be notified and given a week to resubmit their report.
 - b. In the event an applicant fails to meet the deadline of submission, they may be required to refund any excluded from consideration for further subsidies, and potentially facing further repercussions such as UMSU seeking to recover the subsidy funds given to them. These requirements will be communicated to applicants at the time of application.
 - 3.3 A panel consisting of at least two Office Bearers from the Education Department, President and General Secretary will determine grant allocation anonymously.
 - a. In the event that an Office Bearer sitting on the panel wishes to apply for a subsidy themselves, they will be deemed ineligible to sit on the panel whilst considering their applications.
 - 3.4 The link for applications for subsidies will be listed on social media, the UMSU newsletter and the Education Department Facebook page.
 - a. Application will be open till Wednesday 5:00PM November 8
 - b. The panel convening the following day, Thursday November 9.

Moved: Dom Cernaz

Seconded: James Bashford

Dom spoke to his moving rights, James elaborated that the conference would likely be held from 11-16 December with observer registration (excluding accommodation) at \$200, requiring some subsidy to support students wishing to attend. This is in line with UMSU's practice for the last few years, last year grants were provided to students from a range of factions and non-factional students.

Tom Crowley objected to the 1/8th of the Education Budget going towards these grants to a conference he sees as not relevant to the education of students, unlike Education Conference which he did not object to providing grants for.

Reanna Clark left at 12:00 PM

PROCEEDURAL MOTION: That Council recognises that the greatest whole integer after 8.5 is 9.

Moved: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconded: Itsi Weinstock

Carried

Ella enquired about how much was left in the education budget and what else was planned.

Tom responded that around \$15000 has been spent and other upcoming expenditure included a Swot-Vac support stall.

Van said that supporting grants in general is vital given the rates of student poverty.

Daniel Sango asked how the grants and attendance at the conference will improve the experience of students.

Dom responded with the importance of discussing policy and ideas at the conference. Sarah explained the benefits she had received and the value she had gotten out of attending. She explained it was particularly beneficial for those involved in autonomous departments. James added that observers are able to discuss and draft policy.

Tom Crowley stated that he had seen few genuine outcomes for students from the conference and that if autonomous groups saw benefit from the conference than they should fund grants themselves and objected to the funding coming from the Education Department.

Procedural Motion: To proceed straight to a vote

Moved: Tamra

Seconded: Harry

Motion Failed

James amended the motion to approved just the \$700 remaining in the education department grants budget and \$1000 from Whole of Union, which was amenable to Dom.

Tamra Hunt left at 12:14 PM and proxied to Harry Adam

Meeting declared inquorate at 12:14 PM

Council is allowed to continue for 30 minutes after the meeting is declared inquorate. All motions voted on need to be confirmed at the next quorate meeting of Council. As students from “Students for Sensible Drug Policy” were in attendance, it was decided that Council would hear their proposal in the 30 minutes remaining. Motions on Notice

Discussion continued on item 10.1. Sarah objected to Tom’s assertion that autonomous departments should shoulder the funding when the POC department does not have any funding at present. Without grants disadvantaged students would be locked out from attending.

Ella suggested an amendment that an additional OB sit on the selection panel who is not an education officer, which was amenable. Dom and James also agreed to remove points a & b from point 3.4.

Harry suggested an amendment that applicants should have to attend council to be reviewed by council, which was not ammenable.

Motion 6:

1. To move \$1000 from Whole of Union into the Grants budget line of the Education Department.
2. To move \$1700 from the Grants Budget line of the Education Department for the purpose of grants to NUS National Conference. The process of grant allocation will be conducted as follows:
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Moved: Dom Cernaz

Seconded: James Bashford

Motion Failed

10.2 Working While Studying Campaign Partnership Agreement

Attached

Motion 7:

That Students Council directs Tyson Holloway-Clarke to sign the Working While Studying Campaign Partnership Agreement proposed by the Annabelle LEE Jia Wen from Malaysian Progressives in Australia.

Moved: Dom Cernaz

Seconded: James Bashford

Carried

10.3 Corkman Pub

The historically significant Corkman Pub was built in 1857 and was one of the earliest extant buildings in Carlton. It was knocked down on the 16th of October following a suspicious fire on the 8th. The heritage listed pub was demolished without a permit. This was even after a “Stop Work Order” was issued on Saturday morning, before the demolition was completed on Sunday. Further, given that the Pub was heritage listed, it is unclear whether demolition at any time would have been allowed.

Motion 8:

Due to the significance of this building, both to the residents of Carlton and the students of this University, Student's Council resolves to:

- (i.) Condemn the actions of the developers who ordered the demolition as unlawful and in violation of Council protections.
- (ii.) Express its support for the coalition of Melbourne University students and concerned citizens who have begun a campaign to resurrect the Corkman pub, and to encourage UMSU departments to circulate the petition that this group has produced.
- (iii.) Call upon the Melbourne City Council to order that the developers pay for the full restoration of the building, and that no further development of the site in violation of Council protections should be allowed to take place.
- (iv.) Call for the Melbourne City Council to launch a public inquiry into the demolition of this building for profit and the need for stronger protections of Melbourne landmarks in general.

Moved: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconded: Harry Adam

Carried

Meeting closed at 12:38 PM