1. Procedural Matters
   1.1 Election of Chair
   1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
   1.3 Attendance
   1.4 Apologies
       Martin Kaminsky, Yasmine Luu, Jacob Rodrigo, Reanna Clark
   1.5 Proxies
       Reanna Clark to Aisling Acton
   1.6 Membership
       Appointments to replace Simon Frankland and Wunambi Connor are still pending approval from the Electoral Tribunal.
   1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
   Minutes of meetings 13(16) & 14(16) attached.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
   3.1 University Station
   3.2 People of Colour Conference

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearer Reports
   Attached

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   9.2 Lockheed-Martin

10. Motions Without Notice

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting
    Meeting 16(16), Tuesday September 13th, 11:00 AM, Training Room 1

13. Close
3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 “University Council”

The following motion was voted on after the previous meeting of Council lost quorum. This decision must now be reviewed by a quorate council.

Preamble: University Chancellery Projects and Policy team has reached out to UMSU to endorse the University’s suggested name of the currently unbuild Metro Station. The proposed name is University Station and captures the wild imagination Chancellery is known for. Nonetheless the name is appropriate and I call on Student’s Council to endorse the proposed name. The GSA has also endorsed the name.

Motion:

UMSU supports the University of Melbourne’s proposal to name the new Melbourne Metro Train Station located on Grattan Street the aptly named ‘University Station’.

Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke Secorder: Daniel Sango

3.2 People of Colour Conference

The University provided $5000 in sponsorship for UMSU’s People of Colour Conference, held on the 23rd and 24th of July. The sponsorship funds will be transferred to the Whole of Union budget line. In order for invoices to be processed this expenditure must now be approved by Council.

Motion:

That Council approves expenditure of up to $5000 from the Whole of Union Budget Line for the People of Colour Conference.

Moved: Yan Zhuang Secorder: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

8. Operational Business

8.1 Campaign for Safety on Campus

The issue of Safety on Campus has been one of particular concern in 2016. Following the 2015 NUS Talk About It Survey, where 72.5% of students had experienced sexual assault or some form of sexual harassment, it is important that UMSU is a leading voice in campaigning for a safer campus. This year the University has had a change in reporting procedure and it is important that this procedure and other relevant support services are easily accessible to students. The Women’s Department has been working throughout the year to investigate and to have meaningful discussions about safety on campus, particularly in relation to sexual assault and have created a guide about procedures and support services that are relevant, both on and off campus. Whilst the Women’s department has undertaken most of this work, it is important that this is addressed by all of UMSU rather than just one department.

Motion:

To approve expenditure of up to $2000 from the Whole of Union Budget Line for the production and promotion of the Guide to Sexual Assault on and off Campus and associated materials.

Moved: Adriana Mells Secorder: Tyson Holloway-Clarke
8.2 Media Expenditure

Motion:
1. That Students’ Council approves the expenditure of up to $250 for additional Above Water printing from the Media Special Projects/Events line
2. That Students’ Council approves the expenditure of up to $100 to cater a joint panel with UMSU Disabilities from the Media Special Projects/Events line
3. That Students’ Council approves the expenditure of up to $13000 for Farrago Edition Seven printing from the Media Printing line.
4. That Students’ Council approves the expenditure of up to $11000 for Farrago Edition Eight printing from the Media printing line.
5. That Students’ Council approves the expenditure of up to $500 for the Farrago Edition Seven launch from the Media Special Projects/Events line.

Moved: Caleb Triscari
Seconded:

8.3 People of Colour Department

Motion:
To approve expenditure of up to $1000 for the People of Colour Collective, including expenditure for film screenings, social events and the purchase of assets in preparation for the inauguration of the People of Colour Department in 2017.

Moved: Sarah Xia
Seconded:

8.4 Stop 2 Pub Nights

The Activities Department has been utilising the bar space in Union House for weekly events. This has provided a new social activity for students, and has also prompted many clubs, societies, departments and student groups to start using the space. This has however been a large extra strain on the department as there is excess workload, and financial pressure as this was not budgeted for at the start of the year. Currently, the nights are costing a few hundred dollars a week, which is not sustainable for the department.

Motion:
That $5000 be transferred from the Whole of Union budget line to the Activities Department to be used for events in the bar space.

Moved: Itsi Weinstock
Seconded:

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Solidarity with Bendigo Street Occupation

For the past four months, a number of homeless people (backed by the Homeless Persons Union) have been occupying groups of vacant houses in Parkville and Collingwood that were originally bought by the Victorian government for the East West Link project. The Homeless Persons Union have stated that this is a political protest against the current housing crisis occurring in Melbourne and lack of action from Martin Foley (Victorian Housing Miniser) and demand that all the currently occupied houses put on the public housing registrar instead of for private rentals.
Since the occupation, police have issued multiple eviction notices on the occupants and conducted raids in the houses, offering no assistance to rehouse the occupants except providing a perfunctory list of crisis accommodation centres (most of which are full or unsuitable and unsafe for the occupants). Currently, the Supreme Court is upholding an injunction that prevents evictions until 10:30 am on Wednesday the 24th.

**Motion:**

1. **UMSU stands in solidarity with the occupants of Parkville and Bendigo Street, which include victims of domestic violence, young children, and LGBT+ people. The majority of occupants have been battling homelessness for years due to lack of resources and public stigma.**

2. **UMSU condemns both Victorian Housing Minister’s actions in calling the police and trying to forcibly displace these people without offering them alternative accommodation, and the Housing Minister’s current inaction that have led to a housing crisis where the incidents of homelessness have increased by 74 percent in two years.**

3. **Students’ Council directs the President to release a statement outlining UMSU’s stance and support for the Bendigo St Occupation.**

Mover: Lotus Ye Seconded: James Bashford

9.2 **Lockheed Martin**

The military industrial complex is in fact just that, complex. It describes the informal relationship between militaries, government and the weapons and defense industries. Where a military exists, a government funds it and an industry flourishes. As an organisation UMSU is constitutionally bound to oppose militarism, for good reason. War and the violence of war are abhorrent and needlessly disrupts the lives of millions. Lockheed Martin, Boeing and other aerospace and defense organisations are complicit in the ongoing conflicts of the present. That being said we cannot claim to be agnostic of the relationship between science, industry and the military. Nor can we claim to be ignorant to the ethical implications. This arrangement is not imaginary or fantasy. In the same lifetime a person like Wernher von Braun could both be a member of the SS and responsible for developing Nazi weapons whilst also being recognised as an exceptional American and one of the key scientists that delivered a man on the moon. I imagine this is not the answer that many people wanted or are willing to accept. In many respects it is not an answer but another question. Students should feel free to pursue the most rewarding careers they can make available to them. For some it will be in mining or other environmentally destructive industries. For others it will be in developing technologies that will become weaponised.

Whilst our students and alum will endeavour on a wide variety of career pathways and open a great many door with their work and research, UMSU must take a stand against militarism and the situation at hand. Make no mistake, the STELaRLab (Science, Technology, Engineering Leadership & Research Laboratory) will be employed with the necessary research and development for a new wave of weapons technologies on behalf of Lockheed Martin and the United States Military. In line with the current trajectory of the American military organisations like Lockheed Martin are directly engaged with what has been characterised with developing technologies to satisfy a Third Offset Strategy.

In late 2014 the U.S. Department of Defense launched the Defense Innovation Initiative with a broader interest in robotics, artificial intelligence, automated defense systems, miniaturisation, surveillance, computing, reconnaissance and weapons flight. All these areas speak to the growing technological and military
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competitiveness between the U.S., Russia, and China. Developed as a direct response to the closing of the defense gap between Russia, China and the U.S., the DII is both a covert arms race and a goldmine for private defense organisations. With the explicit tactic of including privately owned corporations in the long term research and development and thus the flow of funding, it becomes clear that this is boon for both the militaries of the world but also for the weapon smiths that rely on their business. Described by Wing Commander Phil Arms of the Australian Defense Forces as an ‘opportunity for the ADF’ and that ‘Given the DoD’s commitment to its Asian rebalance, Australia is well placed to benefit…’ this is seemingly less about defense and more about business.

Understanding the STELaRLab’s place in the broader military industrial complex is important, as a community our apathy and ignorance makes us complicit in violent consequences in the years to come. History does not stay the judgement of bystanders and a failure to at least speak out and be heard is a condemnation on our organisation and our community.

Our creations, our works are powerful. They are of the highest quality and shape our respective global fields. It was by no mere coincidence or mistake that the University of Melbourne was targeted by Lockheed Martin. We are recognised as one of the global leaders for research and the city of Melbourne is a city that nurtures such excellence. With such remarkable power comes an even greater responsibility to ourselves, to the stakeholders in our work and in the global community. As a community we have the opportunity to be humbled in recognition but stalwart in rejection. In the business of war, we will not take part. I sincerely hope that our community does not regret our choices, especially those choices we cannot take back.

At UMSU we implore students and members of our community to seriously consider the ethical realities of their chosen field and profession and encourage students that feel strongly to make their voices heard.

Motion:

1. Students Council reiterates its commitment to opposing violence through militarism and denounces the collaboration between the University of Melbourne and Lockheed Martin in respect to the establishment of the STELaRLab and in defense research.

2. Students Council declares that research conducted at the University of Melbourne should be considered against the highest ethical standards and that until demonstrated otherwise that military research conducted in partnership with defense companies like Lockheed Martin are not ethically sound.

3. Furthermore Students Council declares that research conducted at the University of Melbourne should be conducted in the interest of a better and more peaceful society. Students Council emphasises in the strongest terms that the power of science and education should be harnessed for the betterment of all people and not in the interest of militaristic outcomes, especially not those of a foreign military force or national interest.

4. To call on Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) James McCluskey to clarify the ongoing relationship Lockheed Martin and the University of Melbourne share and the exact nature of their collaborations. Additionally to demonstrate that research and development stemming from this collaboration will not be responsible for ending the lives of any persons or facilitating an ongoing military technology race.

5. To call on the Vice-Chancellor Glyn Davis to speak to the University of Melbourne’s position in respect to the development of weapons technologies.
and involvement in the weapons industry. Additionally, to show cause for the engagement the University has with the ongoing U.S. Department of Defense’s Defense Innovation Initiative by proxy of an ongoing relationship with Lockheed Martin. Finally to consider and speak to the risk that the University of Melbourne takes in further developing automated weapons systems that will not be accountable to us but we will be accountable to.

6. To call on the Honourable Premier for Victoria Daniel Andrews to clarify how research and investment in military research and development in Victoria is ethically sound and in the best interests of both the Victorian and University of Melbourne community. Additionally how supporting the Defense Innovation Initiative by proxy of endorsing the University of Melbourne and Lockheed Martin collaboration came to be decided and the reasoning behind such a move.

7. To call on the Honourable Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science Greg Hunt to explain and provide insight into the strategic necessity for Australia to opt into working with the U.S. D.o.D on the DII. Additionally to provide clarity as to how such an apparent necessity is balanced against the ethics of weapons manufacturing and the research and development of these technologies. Finally to answer to what extent will the University of Melbourne be complicit in the development of technologies that Australia will not control and that will be used to inflict death and destruction.

Mover: Tyson Holloway-Cla rke        Seconded: