

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
UNCONFIRMED Minutes
11:00 AM, 1.12.2016
Meeting 1/16
Location: Training Rooms, 3rd floor Union House
Meeting opened at 11:07 by James Baker
1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That James Baker be elected Chair

Mover: James Baker

Seconder: Hayden Michaelides

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Councillors:

Millicent Austin-Andrews	<i>Attended</i>
Liam Leyden	<i>Attended</i>
Elizabeth Nicholson	<i>Apology</i>
Martin Kaminsky	<i>Attended</i>
Anneke D'emanuele	<i>Attended</i>
Tamara Hunt	<i>Attended</i>
Hayden Michaelides	<i>Attended</i>
Reanna Clark	<i>Attended</i>
Gulsara Kaplun	<i>Apology</i>
Simon Frankland	<i>Attended</i>
Adam Wojcik	<i>Attended</i>
Daniel Sango	<i>Attended</i>
Ella Shi	<i>Attended</i>
Darcy Thornton	<i>Attended</i>
Luke Byrnes	<i>Apology</i>
Kelly Smith	<i>Attended</i>
Xuelan Tang	<i>Apology</i>
Wunambi Connor	<i>Attended</i>
Cassandra Prigg	<i>Attended</i>
Harry Adam	<i>Attended</i>

Office Bearers:

President	James Baker	<i>Attended</i>
General Secretary	James Bashford	<i>Attended</i>
Activities	Megan Pollock	<i>Attended</i>
Activities	Itsi Weinstock	<i>Attended</i>
Clubs & Societies	Yasmine Luu	<i>Attended</i>
Clubs & Societies	Ryan Davey	<i>Attended</i>

Creative Arts Officer	Jeanette Tong	<i>Apology</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Joshua Lynzaat	<i>Attended</i>
Education Academic affairs	Tom Crowley	<i>Attended</i>
Education Academic affairs	Paul Sakkal	<i>Did not attend</i>
Education Public Affairs	Akira Boardman	<i>Attended</i>
Education Public Affairs	Dominic Cernaz	<i>Apology</i>
Environment Officer	Anisa Rogers	<i>Did not attend</i>
Environment Officer	Zachary Power	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Caleb Triscari	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Danielle Bagnato	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Sebastian Dodds	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Baya Ou Yang	<i>Attended</i>
Queer	Frances Connors	<i>Attended</i>
Queer	Lotus Ye	<i>Apology</i>
Welfare	Sarah Xia	<i>Attended</i>
Welfare	Yan Zhuang	<i>Apology</i>
Wom*n Officer	Hien Thuc Nguyen	<i>Attended</i>
Wom*n Officer	Adriana Mells	<i>Attended</i>
Indigenous	Tyson Holloway-Clarke	<i>Did not attend</i>
Indigenous	Emily Kayte James	<i>Attended</i>
Disabilities	Christian Tsoutsouvas	<i>Attended</i>
Disabilities	Jess Kapuscinski-Evans	<i>Attended</i>
VCA Campus Coordinator	Van Rudd	<i>Attended</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Erathanos Beretta	<i>Attended</i>

Other: Jeremy Nudel, Pat Dollard, Alston Chu, Martin Dittmann, Ali Hogg
 Staff: Justin Baré (UMSU GM), Goldie Pergl (UMSU Admin & Project Officer)

1.4 Apologies

Gulsara Kaplun, Lotus Ye, Jeanette Tong, Yan Zhuang, Dominic Cernaz, Xue Lan Tan, Luke Brynes, Lizzie Nicholson

1.5 Proxies

Gulsara Kaplun to Hayden Michaelides

Luke Brynes to Alston Chu

Lizzie Nicholson to Pat Dollard

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: James Baker (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: That the previous minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record

Mover: James Baker (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

4. Other Reports

4.1 Students' Council Induction

Associate Professor Helen Anderson, University of Melbourne Law Faculty

Helen spoke at length to the Students' Council, outlining their roles and legal responsibilities under the Corporations Act as board members of the organisation.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Burnley Budget 2016 Request

Noted

5.2 Budget Memorandum from Justin Baré

Noted. Discussion to take place under 9.1

6. Office Bearers' Reports

Nil

7. General Manager's Report

Justin Baré addressed the council, outlining their specific legal responsibilities and outlining their role in the organisation – that of overarching responsibility and strategic direction

8. Operational Business

8.1 Election of Operations Sub Committee

The Operations Sub-Committee is elected each year, consisting of 5 members elected by and from Students' Council. Affirmative Action applies and at least 2 members elected must identify as a woman.

Motion 4:

To appoint Fiona Sanders as Returning Officer for the election of Operations Sub-Committee

To open nominations for councillors to Operations Sub-Committee, to be sent to the returning officer and to close nominations at the close of business of Students' Council

To conduct the ballot for Operations Sub Committee at the close of business, with ballots to be counted on 2.12.2016

Mover: James Bashford

Seconded: Caleb Triscari

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 2016 UMSU Budget

Motion: That Students' Council:

1. adopts the proposed budget as the University of Melbourne Student Union budget for 2016;
2. fixes the honoraria for the Media Officers at 1.0 × the full time rate for the term 1 Dec 2015 — 30 Nov 2016;
3. requires that \$5,000 in the overall Media budget allocation be set aside for the publication of Judy's Punch.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconded: James Baker

Procedural motion: That there be a 15 minute break to consider the budget

Mover: Zac Power

Seconder: Itsi Weinstock

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council resumed at 12:13pm

Caleb Triscari requests an amendment – that item 3 be taken out of the motion, and that Judy's Punch be a separate line in the Students Council Budget line. This is amenable to the mover.

Anneke requests that the VCE budget be increased to \$35,000 and requests a named vote.

James Bashford asks where that extra money will come from.

Anneke suggests that the money could come out of Volunteering Programme Destination Melbourne.

Erathanos Beretta seconds Anneke's motion.

Discussion surrounding the removal of the 'off campus budget line' from 2015 – as there were no Burnley reps last year, the money went in to an off campus line that all off campus groups could use. As there is now representation at Burnley, this budget line has gone, and off campus groups are to be directed to the Whole of Union Fund.

Procedural motion: that the speaking time be limited to 2 minutes

Mover: James Baker

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Discussion about VCA sovereignty, and the ability to run events and activities at different campuses.

Procedural vote: To put the motion

Mover: Pat Dollard

CARRIED

Motion 5: That the VCA Department Budget is raised to \$35,000 total

Mover: Anneke D'emanuele

Seconder: Erathanos Beretta

MOTION LOST

Named vote requested:

For: Anneke D'emanuele

Against: Darcy Thornton, Harry Adam, Tamara Hunt, Kelly Smith, Simon Frankland, Millicent Austin-Andrews, Reanna Clark, Martin Kaminsky, Daniel Sango, Liam Leyden, Hayden Michaelides

No Abstentions

Erathanos (Burnley Campus Coordinator) raised the issue of Burnley funding, and requested \$5000 more in the Burnley budget line. There have been more students than ever before getting involved in the Department, and there have just been massive staffing cuts.

Discussion about the student numbers at both Burnley (500) and VCA (1500). Further discussion about the appropriateness of non-autonomous groups running autonomous collectives and activities. Discussion regarding the Whole of Union budget line and further recommendations that should VCA or Burnley run out of money, that they ask for further funds from the Whole of Union Budget line.

Motion 6: That \$5000 be moved from the Whole of Union budget line to the Burnley Budget line

Mover: Erathanos Beretta

Seconder: Anneke D'emanuele

MOTION LOST

5 Abstentions

Martin Ditmann requests that a motion be passed directing all departments to run at least 1 even at a non-Parkville campus each semester. Discussion of this motion is moved to "Other Business" as a Point of Order.

Further discussion of the Budget motion, specifically the NUS allocation.

Tom Crowley calls for a budget policy to guide this process in the future.

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put

Mover: Haydn Michaelides

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 7: That Students' Council:

1. adopts the proposed budget as the University of Melbourne Student Union budget for 2016;
2. fixes the honoraria for the Media Officers at 1.0 × the full time rate for the term 1 Dec 2015 — 30 Nov 2016;

Mover: James Bashford

Seconded: James Baker

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move to item 10.1, Video Equipment and then to item 9.2

Mover: Caleb Triscari

CARRIED

Motion 8: That Students' Council approves up to \$1500 from the 2015 Whole of Union budget line to assist the set up of a video department. Purchases will include, but are not limited to:

Shoulder Mount (hand held mount) + Steadycam Rig (\$400)

Soft Box (\$50)

Halo for Camera (\$70)

Green Screen (\$60)

Boom + Dead Cat (Faux Fur) (\$150)

Portable Recording Mixer (\$300)

XLR adaptor + Cabling (\$100)

Misc (Stationery, white boards for storyboarding, bean bags for outdoor broadcasting, Powerboards)

Mover: Caleb Triscari

Secoder: Sebastian Dodds

CARRIED

9.2 SSAF

Students have faced yet another attack on our education as cross-bench senators have introduced an anti-SSAF motion in the federal senate. Thankfully this motion was defeated by a large majority when put to a vote, however the cross-benchers and government MP's that voted in favour are cause for concern that SSAF continues to be under threat. In the few short years since it was introduced, the Student Services and Amenities Fee has brought great benefits to students. Of the relatively small proportion received by UMSU, students have benefitted from:

- Free legal advice and advocacy
- Strong, well-resourced representation across the University
- One of the country's largest clubs communities
- An unrivalled campus entertainment program
- A vibrant student theatre and arts community
- Life changing support for minority groups
- Dedicated representation for wom*n, queer, disabled and indigenous students.
- Free food and other vital necessities for students in need
- Mentoring, volunteering, tutoring, activism, training and much more
- SSAF is vital for the student experience. Without it, Universities will be forced to choose between either letting campus life wither, as it did during VSU, or to reallocate funding that would otherwise be spent on teaching and learning.

Discussion surrounding affiliated Club use of such a logo – will have to go through Clubs Committee – this motion doesn't specify that they must use it yet.

Motion 9

1. UMSU Students' Council reaffirms its support for the Student Services Amenities Fee and declares its opposition to any moves that would require annual ballots to approve the existence of SSAF and the catastrophic uncertainty this would cause.
2. UMSU reaffirms its commitment to student control of student affairs.
3. UMSU Students' Council believes that student organisations should directly receive a large percentage of SSAF to ensure students have maximal say over how the SSAF is spent; students should always be consulted on the breakdown of the SSAF between organisations.
4. UMSU commits to work with the National Union of Students, National Tertiary Education Union and Universities to campaign in defence of the SSAF
5. Students' Council directs that all publications (including Farrago), designs and communications from across the organisation, including student representative and staffing departments, are to clearly display a "Funded by SSAF" logo or slogan where relevant, to ensure students are informed of the benefits of their SSAF contribution.

Mover: James Bashford Seconder: Akira Boardman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.3 UMSU Promotional Materials

UMSU Students' Council can currently access the remainder of the 2015 budget. This money will soon be locked into reserves, but until then can instead be invested into promotional materials for the benefit of UMSU.

Motion 10:

Students' Council approves expenditure of up to \$5000 from the 2015 Whole of Union budget for the purchase of promotional materials including but not limited to shirts, aprons, signage, banners and merchandise. These materials are to include a logo or slogan promoting the SSAF.

Mover: James Baker Seconder: Itsi Weinstock

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.4 VCASA Projection Screen

Motion 11: That \$400 be moved from Whole of Union budget line to pay for a projector screen to accompany the new VCASA digital projector. The screen (Tauris 110" Pull Down Projector Screen) will be fixed in the student lounge near the new union office and will be available (as per the projector) to students who have booked the room.

Mover: Van Rudd Seconder: Anneke D'emanuele

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural motion: To extend the time that council can run without a break for 30 minutes

Mover: James Baker

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.5 VCASA Landline

Motion: That \$130 be moved from Whole of Union budget line to pay for a landline office phone (Uniden VP100 VoIP Phone) for the new VCASA office.

Discussion about UMSU paying this expenditure – may be a MUSUL expense. Justin Baré (UMSU GM) suggest amending the motion to allow for expenditure if its not a MUSUL expense.

Motion 12: That \$130 be moved from Whole of Union budget line to pay for a landline office phone (Uniden VP100 VoIP Phone) for the new VCASA office if required.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Hayden Michaelides

CARRIED

9.6 Standing Deferral of small expenditure

Students' Council, as the peak body of the University of Melbourne Student Union, is responsible for setting the overall direction of an organisation with a budget in excess of \$4 million. Notwithstanding this, Council's time is too often spent debating motions pertaining to minor expenditure which are better dealt with by departmental committees or operational subcommittee. By automatically deferring small items of expenditure to operations subcommittee this year, Council can ensure that it's time is spent on discussions of higher importance to the organisation.

Motion 13:

That any motion presented to Students' Council for expenditure up to and including \$1000 automatically be deferred to the next meeting of Operations Sub Committee, where a delegation has been made allowing this expenditure to be considered by the subcommittee.

Council may choose to make exceptions to this automatic deferral in exceptional circumstance or where Operations Subcommittee is not expected to meet in time for the expenditure to be made.

Students' Council will review the effectiveness of this measure over the course of the year to determine whether it should continue.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Itsi Weinstock

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1:14pm – Alston Chu leaves

10. Motions Without Notice

Off Campus events

Motion 14: That all UMSU Departments are required to have at least one event or a specific campaign at a non-Parkville campus per semester. Students' Council directs James Bashford, UMSU General Secretary to write a policy outlining this procedure in consultation with the Campus Coordinators

Mover: Martin Dittmann

Seconder: James Baker

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

TBC

13. Close

Meeting Close at 1:21 pm

The Operations Sub Committee election was counted on the 3rd of December, 2015 by Fiona Sanders and Goldie Pergl.

In order of election:

1. Tamara Hunt
2. Gulsara Kaplun
3. Adam Wojcik
4. Darcy Thornton
5. Ella Shi