



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
UNCONFIRMED Minutes
12:00 PM, 1.3.2016
Meeting 5(16)
Location: Training Room 2, 3rd floor Union House

Meeting opened at 12:12pm by James Baker

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That James Baker be elected Chair
 Mover: James Baker Second: Haydn Michaelides
 CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Councillors:

Millicent Austin-Andrews	<i>Did not attend</i>
Liam Leyden	<i>Attended</i>
Elizabeth Nicholson	<i>Attended</i>
Martin Kaminsky	<i>Did not attend</i>
Anneke D'emanuele	<i>Attended</i>
Tamara Hunt	<i>Attended</i>
Hayden Michaelides	<i>Attended</i>
Reanna Clark	<i>Did not attend</i>
Gulsara Kaplun	<i>Did not attend</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>Did not attend</i>
Kelly Smith	<i>Did not attend</i>
Xuelan Tang	<i>Attended</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>Did not attend</i>
Activities	Itsi Weinstock	<i>Did not attend</i>
Clubs & Societies	Yasmine Luu	<i>Did not attend</i>

Clubs & Societies	Ryan Davey	<i>Attended</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Jeanette Tong	<i>Attended</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Joshua Lynzaat	<i>Attended</i>
Education Academic affairs	Tom Crowley	<i>Attended</i>
Education Academic affairs	Paul Sakkal	<i>Attended</i>
Education Public Affairs	Akira Boardman	<i>Attended</i>
Education Public Affairs	Dominic Cernaz	<i>Did not attend</i>
Environment Officer	Anisa Rogers	<i>Attended</i>
Environment Officer	Zachary Power	<i>Did not attend</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>Attended</i>
Welfare	Sarah Xia	<i>Attended</i>
Welfare	Yan Zhuang	<i>Attended</i>
Wom*n Officer	Hien Thuc Nguyen	<i>Attended</i>
Wom*n Officer	Adriana Mells	<i>Attended</i>
Indigenous	Tyson Holloway-Clarke	<i>Attended</i>
Indigenous	Emily Kayte James	<i>Did not attend</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: Patrick Clearwater, Liz Peak, Roger Samuel, Adam Wojcik, Martin Ditmann

Staff: Goldie Pergl (UMSU Admin), Justin Baré (UMSU GM)

1.4 Apologies

Reanna Clark, Yasmine Luu, Kelly Smith, Millicent Austin-Andrews, Zac Power, Martin Kaminsky, Gulsara Kaplun

1.5 Proxies

Kelly Smith to Roger Samuel

Reanna Clark to Adam Wojcik

Millicent Austin-Andrews to Cassandra Prigg

Gulsara Kaplun to Daniel Sango

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented

M: James Baker (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Bashford: CWG last year proposed 80% change. This (100%) has not been discussed by the CWG. Need consensus

Danielle: workload has gone up. if pay goes down then we get paid less.

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put

Mover: Sarah Xia

CARRIED

Motion 7: To amend the UMSU constitution so that Media OBs honoraria is fixed at 1.0 of the full time honoraria at the next SGM.

Mover: James Baker Secoder: Tom Crowley

CARRIED

3.5 Constitutional Change – Consent

See attached document “Suggested Changes to the UMSU Constitution”

Motion 8: That Student’s Council endorses these proposed changes to the UMSU Constitution.

Mover: James Baker

Secoder: Adriana Mells

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3.6 Constitutional Change – Accessibility Requirements for Meeting Locations

See attached document “Suggested Changes to the UMSU Constitution”

Motion 9: That Student’s Council endorses these proposed changes to the UMSU Constitution.

Mover: James Baker

Secoder: Adriana Mells

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3.7 Constitutional Change – Gender Specificity Correction

See attached document “Suggested Changes to the UMSU Constitution”

Motion 10: That Student’s Council endorses these proposed changes to the UMSU Constitution.

Mover: Adam Wojcik

Secoder: Cassandra Prigg

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3.8 Constitutional Change – Spelling Error

See attached document “Suggested Changes to the UMSU Constitution”

Motion 11: That Student’s Council endorses these proposed changes to the UMSU Constitution.

Mover: James Baker

Secoder: Caleb Triscari

CARRIED

Daniel Sango abstains

3.9 Constitutional Change – Operations Sub-Committee Meetings

See attached document “Suggested Changes to the UMSU Constitution”

Motion 12: That Student’s Council endorses these proposed changes to the UMSU Constitution.

Mover: James Bashford

Second: Adriana Mells

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3.10 Special General Meeting and Constitutional Working Group

Under the Constitution, Special General Meetings are called by the General Secretary by direction of Students’ Council or by petition of at least 1% of students. An SGM requires 21 days notice, including 5 academic days.

Motion 13:

1. Students’ Council directs the General Secretary to call a Special General Meeting to consider proposed constitutional changes as endorsed by Students’ Council.

2. Students’ Council directs the General Secretary to convene a constitutional working group, aiming to develop further proposals for constitutional change, in time for an additional SGM later in Semester 1, in the following areas:

- The establishment of a People of Colour department
- Strengthening affirmative action mechanisms
- Office Bearer honoraria

Mover: James Baker

Second: Haydn Michaelides

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3.11 Sexual Health

Motion : That Council pass up to \$400 from the Welfare Department’s Special Projects and Events line for sexual health products such as condoms and personal lubricant.

Mover: Sarah Xia

Second: James Bashford

Deferred to Operations Sub Committee as under \$1000

3. Correspondence

4. Office Bearer Reports

Attached

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted (with updates)
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted (with updates)
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted (with updates)
Media	Submitted (with updates)

Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Wom*ns	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
VCA	No report submitted (final warning)*

James Baker spoke about the successes of O’week and the new UMSU video about UMSU’s services – now on YouTube

Adam Wojcik requested a minimum standard for OB reports, or a template as some reports weren’t very comprehensive.

12:43 Ryan Davey and Adriana Mells left

Congratulations were given to the Radio Show on the Fodder put on by the Disabilities OBs – Jess and Christian

Education Public are doing a stall to get student feedback about Stop 1.

Eranthos from Burnley expressed thanks to James Bashford for coming down to Burnley to assist with Committee

12:49 Frances Connors and Lotus Ye left

Van Rudd from VCA campus hadn’t submitted a written report so talked briefly about what has been happening at VCA. Van said that his department wasn’t told about O’week locations for VCA O’week so couldn’t do anything for O’week

James Bashford asked why the Printing budget at VCA was set to \$8000.

Van responded that the VCA campus has a focus on printing, as in previous years

Councillors expressed concern at the lack of events in O’week, and the lack of VCA Committee meetings prior to today.

James Baker said that he was aware both Communications and Orientation Directors tried to contact the VCA Department but with no response. Van could not recall if he had been emailed by the Orientation Directors or the Communications Unit regarding O’week.

Discussion about exactly how many sheets of paper \$8000 worth of printing entails.

Discussion about why the VCA’s show bags for O’week had Marxism 2015 flyers in them. Councillors raised many questions about the VCA’s role in promoting Socialist Alternative, and why this is deemed appropriate by the VCA committee.

Councillors expressed concern that the VCA printing budget seems to have priority over events for students such as Yoga.

Council requested a detailed plan of what VCA plans to print with students’ money.

Van agreed this would be a good idea.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to the next item in the Agenda
 Mover: Tyson Holloway Clarke
 CARRIED

Motion 14: To accept written OB reports
 Mover: James Baker (Chair)

CARRIED

5. General Manager's Report

Justin Baré spoke to his report, outlining

- The University's Flexible Academic Programming Project and UMSU's Response discussion paper, prepared by Advocacy
- An update on the Bar Project –expecting the consultant's report today. Council will need to decide what money should be spent on the project

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Students' Council moves to exclude strangers with the exception of Goldie Pergl, Justin Baré and Jess Evans' Carer to discuss an addition to the General Managers' report

Mover: James Baker

Seconder: James Bashford

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council moved in camera at 1:08pm

During this time Council discussed an addition to Justin Baré's report to Council.

Motion 15: To accept this supplementary report as part of the General Managers' report

Mover: James Baker

Seconder: Tom Crowley

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Students' Council moves to include strangers

Mover: James Baker

Seconder: James Bashford

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 16: To accept the GM's report as a whole

Mover: James Baker

Seconder: Erathanos Beretta

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6.1 Discussion of Facilities and Services Agreement Survey Results

Council discussed the results of the latest Facilities and Services Agreement survey.

Many OBs and Councillors expressed exasperation at the service level provided by MUSUL.

Discussion surrounding other options for service provision for UMSU, and the possibilities of terminating Facilities and Services agreement.

Discussion about staff welfare and stress resulting from low standards of service.

Tyson Holloway Clarke said "We should terminate the agreement for the good of the welfare of UMSU's staff and OBs – MUSUL is holding back UMSU."

Justin Baré reiterated that the motion requests discussion with MUSUL, not termination.

1:24pm: Cassandra Prigg, Akira Boardman and Van Rudd left

Patrick Clearwater returned

Councillors raised concerns about the accountability of MUSUL's SSAF funding and expressed unease that the Uni is not raising the low levels of service with us proactively.

1:26pm: Cassandra Prigg returned

Councillors asked about previous responses to poor performance from MUSUL and noted their concern that this is the second survey with poor results, and there has been no information, responses, or recommendations received by UMSU.

6.2 Motion on Facilities Services Agreement

Background:

UMSU and MUSUL Services entered into the Facilities and Services Agreement in February 2015. This Agreement documents the relationship between UMSU and MUSUL Services, and establishes the terms governing corporate service provision between the two organisations. The Agreement sets out agreed service standards and processes for the assessment of corporate service provision.

The Agreement includes processes that allow either party to seek improvement to service provision and that govern the termination of the Agreement.

Students' Council notes the following:

1. In March 2015 results of the initial annual service user assessment survey were published and indicated that MUSUL's corporate service provision to UMSU did not meet agreed service standards;
2. That MUSUL Services has neither acknowledged these survey results nor identified any proposal to UMSU that outlines strategies or actions to improve service provision to meet agreed standards;
3. That MUSUL Services and the University engaged consultants to undertake a Service Continuous improvement and innovation Program and a Review of MUSUL's Future Strategic Direction;
4. That Final Reports associated with each of these reviews were provided to MUSUL Services/the University in late November 2015;
5. That, as of February 26, 2016, no information has been provided to UMSU by MUSUL Services or the University in relation to the findings of these Reviews, or to establish how UMSU will be engaged in participating in the formulation of appropriate responses.
6. That UMSU has refrained from pursuing concerns in relation to the quality of corporate service provision by MUSUL Services while these Review processes were underway;
7. In November 2015 the second annual service user assessment survey was conducted and results indicated that MUSUL Services' service provision continued to fall short of agreed service standards;
8. That MUSUL Services has neither acknowledged the outcomes of this survey nor identified any strategies or actions to ensure that corporate service provision meets agreed standards.

Motion 17:

Students' Council reaffirms its commitment that corporate service provision should meet the agreed service standards contained in the Facilities and Services Agreement, and acknowledges that MUSUL Services' compliance with these standards is critical to UMSU's good function.

Students' Council is deeply concerned that current, documented levels of corporate service provision to UMSU by MUSUL Services has an adverse impact on the capacity of UMSU staff to provide support to student representatives, and on UMSU generally in its provision of services to students. Students' Council notes that the results of the Annual User Assessment

Surveys indicate there has been a prolonged period where corporate service provision by MUSUL Services has not met the agreed service standards.

Students' Council holds significant concern that neither MUSUL Services nor the University of Melbourne has any plan to address critical issues in the provision of corporate services to UMSU by MUSUL Services.

Students' Council directs the General Manager to commence exploration of alternative arrangements to govern corporate service provision to UMSU. These include, but are not limited to:

- Commencing discussions with MUSUL Services in relation to the provision of corporate services and compliance with the Facilities and Services Agreement;
- Asking MUSUL Services to “show cause” as to why the Facilities and Services Agreement should not be terminated;
- Commencing discussions with the University in relation to the potential termination of the Facilities and Services Agreement;
- Commence discussions with the University in relation to actions that will be taken to ensure MUSUL Services complies with its SSAF funding obligations;
- Commencing discussions with the University in relation to alternate models of corporate service provision to UMSU; and,
- Identifying alternate models of corporate service provision to UMSU and reporting on these to Council.

Any determination to terminate the Facilities and Services Agreement will be made by Students' Council.

Moved: James Baker

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1:30pm: Daniel Sango leaves

6. Other Reports

7. Operational Business

8. Motions on Notice

9. 9.1 Farrago Launch Party (Additional Expenditure)

Motion: That Students' Council approves an additional expenditure of \$100 for the Farrago Edition One launch party from the Media Special Projects and Events budget line.

Moved: Caleb Triscari

Seconded:

WITHDRAWN

9.2 2015 Farrago Binding

Motion: That Students' Council approves the expenditure of \$400 for binding 2015 Farragos from the Media Printing budget line.

Moved: Caleb Triscari

Seconded:

Deferred to Operations Sub Committee

9.3 Farrago Posters

- (i) call on the government not to send any asylum seeker or refugee to Manus Island or Nauru;
- (ii) call on the state government to not cooperate with any attempt by the Federal government to return any of the 267 to Nauru;
- (iii) will provide appropriate moral, financial and material support for the campaign by community and refugee advocacy groups to prevent asylum seekers being returned to Manus Island and Nauru;
- (iv) declare solidarity with the houses of worship throughout Australia offering sanctuary;
- (v) in memory of our union's past sheltering of East Timorese refugees and anti-war activists from forcible removal, offer the Union House building as sanctuary for the 267, and are prepared to mobilise the university community to defend that sanctuary.
- (vi) endorses the Palm Sunday rally for refugees on the 20th of March
- (vii) direct the President to release a statement drafted in conjunction with the Campus Refugee Rights Club supporting the Let Them Stay campaign.

Moved: Anisa Rogers

Seconded: James Bashford

Many Councillors expressed thanks to the Campus Refugee Rights Group for bringing this motion to Council.

Discussion about offering Union House as a false hope – we aren't in an ideal situation to house people. Discussion about asking the University and colleges to assist as required

Tyson Holloway Clarke suggests an amendment to the Motion

(vi) should sanctuary be required, to call on the University and colleges to offer their facilities as sanctuary

This was amenable to the mover.

James Bashford clarified there was no money approval attached to this motion and that any expenses wouldn't come from the SSAF anyway

Discussion about the #letthemstay message.

James Bashford suggests an amendment:

To direct the President to release a statement drafted in conjunction with the Campus Refugee Rights Club supporting the Let Them Stay campaign.

This was amenable to the mover.

Motion 18: This meeting of UMSU Students' Council notes

- (i) that 267 asylum seekers, including 91 children (37 of whom are babies born in Australia; and 36 at school) are presently in Australia having been brought here by the immigration department from offshore detention centre of Manus Island and Nauru;
- (ii) that they were brought for medical attention and mental health treatment that was not available on Nauru or Manus Island;
- (iii) that they have spent around two years in detention and have not been processed;
- (iv) that the detrimental effects of long term detention are well known for both children and adults;
- (v) that Nauru and Manus Island are not safe for asylum seekers or refugees;

- (vi) that five state and territory leaders, including Labor leaders in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia have called on the Turnbull government not to return the 267 to Nauru;
(vii) that various houses of worship nationwide have placed themselves in legal and physical danger to offer sanctuary to the 267

We further note that the Immigration Minister, Peter Dutton has stated that he expects this group of asylum seekers including the 72 children may soon be sent back to Nauru. We therefore declare our complete opposition to any asylum seeker, or refugee, presently in Australia being sent to Nauru or Manus Island;

Accordingly we:

- (i) call on the government not to send any asylum seeker or refugee to Manus Island or Nauru;
(ii) call on the state government to not cooperate with any attempt by the Federal government to return any of the 267 to Nauru;
(iii) will provide appropriate moral, financial and material support for the campaign by community and refugee advocacy groups to prevent asylum seekers being returned to Manus Island and Nauru;
(iv) declare solidarity with the houses of worship throughout Australia offering sanctuary;
(v) in memory of our union's past sheltering of East Timorese refugees and anti-war activists from forcible removal, offer the Union House building as sanctuary for the 267, and are prepared to mobilise the university community to defend that sanctuary.
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Mover: Anisa Rogers

Secunder: James Bashford

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

12. Other Business

No other business

13. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 17th, 12:00 PM. Training Room 2, 3rd Floor, Union House

14. Close

Close at 1:43pm