



**University of Melbourne Student Union**  
**Meeting of the Students' Council**  
**UNCONFIRMED Minutes**  
**12:00 PM, 17.3.2016**  
**Meeting 6(16)**  
**Location: Training Room 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Union House**

Opened at 12:08 by Akira Boardman

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Akira Boardman be elected Chair

Mover: Akira Boardman      Second: James Baker

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>Attended</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>Attended</i>
Simon Frankland	<i>Did not attend</i>
Adam Wojcik	<i>Did not attend</i>
Daniel Sango	<i>Did not attend</i>
Ella Shi	<i>Attended</i>
Darcy Thornton	<i>Did not attend</i>
Luke Byrnes	<i>Did not attend</i>
Kelly Smith	<i>Attended</i>
Xuelan Tang	<i>Attended</i>
Wunambi Connor	<i>Attended</i>
Cassandra Prigg	<i>Did not attend</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>Attended</i>

Creative Arts Officer	Joshua Lynzaat	<i>Attended</i>
Education Academic affairs	Tom Crowley	<i>Did not attend</i>
Education Academic affairs	Paul Sakkal	<i>Attended</i>
Education Public Affairs	Akira Boardman	<i>Attended</i>
Education Public Affairs	Dominic Cernaz	<i>Attended</i>
Environment Officer	Anisa Rogers	<i>Attended</i>
Environment Officer	Zachary Power	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Caleb Triscari	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Danielle Bagnato	<i>Did not attend</i>
Media	Sebastian Dodds	<i>Did not attend</i>
Media	Baya Ou Yang	<i>Did not attend</i>
Queer	Frances Connors	<i>Did not attend</i>
Queer	Lotus Ye	<i>Did not attend</i>
Welfare	Sarah Xia	<i>Did not attend</i>
Welfare	Yan Zhuang	<i>Attended</i>
Wom*n Officer	Hien Thuc Nguyen	<i>Did not attend</i>
Wom*n Officer	Adriana Mells	<i>Attended</i>
Indigenous	Tyson Holloway-Clarke	<i>Attended</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>Did not attend</i>

Other: Martin Ditmann, Liz Peak

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

1.4 Apologies

Tom Crowley, Eranthos Beretta, Yan Zhuang, Sarah Xia, Cassandra Prigg, Daniel Sango

1.5 Proxies

Daniel Sango to Liam Leyden

Cassandra Prigg to Millie Austin-Andrews

1.6 Membership

Adam Wojcik has resigned; a ticket appointment is pending approval from the electoral tribunal

Office Bearer leave: James Baker, April 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

Motion 3: To accept James Bakers' leave application from April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconder: James Bashford

CARRIED

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: to adopt the agenda as presented

Mover: Akira Boardman (Chair)

CARRIED

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of meeting 5(16) attached

Motion 4: To confirm the minutes of meeting 5 as a true and accurate record  
 Mover: Akira Boardman (Chair)  
 CARRIED

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

**4. Correspondence**

**5. Office Bearer Reports**

Attached

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Wom*ns	Submitted
Burnley	No report submitted
VCA	Submitted

Motion 5: To accept all submitted OB reports  
 Mover: Akira Boardman (Chair)  
 CARRIED

**6. General Manager’s Report**

12:22pm Adriana Mells left

See attached report

Justin spoke to his report, outlining

- There has been no response received from MUSUL regarding UMSUs follow up of the financial irregularities reported on at the last council;
- **Updates on Collective Bargaining** – following last council, Justin has requested more information on the status of the Collective Bargaining – a meeting has been arranged for today
- **Legal Service Report**

Report back included the below recommendation:

*It is recommended that:*

- Council accept this report;
- Council directs the General Manager to develop a staffing model to support the future operation of the Legal Service that addresses the issues raised in the Discussion Paper and gives due weight to the report of the Working Group; and
- Council consider any staffing model prior to authorising the commencement of a formal consultation process should that be required by the MU Student Union Ltd. Collective Agreement.

- **RSA at SOUP**

Discussion about RSA at SOUP. Concerns raised, and will be investigated, in accordance with the UMSU drug and alcohol policy

- **Changes to all UMSU positions descriptions**

Current Position Descriptions for UMSU staff comply with a template prepared by the Human Resources, MUSUL Services. This template includes a description of both UMSU and MUSUL and makes statements in relation to UMSU staff and MUSUL policy that has the potential to cause confusion.

In order to address this issue and to make UMSU Position Descriptions clearer a set of Guiding Principles for Staff has been prepared to be inserted into the PD template. The revised text is intended to make a clearer link between the objectives of UMSU – as established in the Constitution – and the principles that staff should observe to fulfil their roles.

*Recommendations: It is recommended that Council endorse the proposed text and its incorporation into all UMSU Position Descriptions.*

- **UMSU's Disability Action Plan**

Discussion around the creation of the UMSU DAP.

**Motion 6:** That the DAP working group consist of the  
Disabilities OBs (or nominees)  
Disability Rep on Council  
President or nominees  
2 Staff representatives (GM's nominees)

Mover: James Bashford

Secunder: James Baker

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**PROCEDURAL MOTION:** That Students' Council move in camera, with the exception of Goldie Pergl, Justin Baré and Jess's Carer

Mover: Akira Boardman

CARRIED

**Council moved in camera at 12:36pm**

During this time, Council discussed the remainder of the GM's report. This included the tabling of a confidential document – the MUSUL Board Report on Future Direction. The GM and President were directed to draft a response for Council to consider.

12:46pm – Tom Crowley Left

**Motion 7:** That Students Council accepts Justin Baré's report to Council and the recommendations within

Mover: Akira Boardman (Chair)

CARRUED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council continued in camera to discuss the UMSU Bar Proposal

1:18pm James Baker left

## 7. Other Reports

7.1 In camera discussion of UMSU Bar Proposal

During this time, Council passed a motion directing the Students Working Group to re-engage with the consultants on some facets of the bar proposal, and directed the GM to write a PD for the position of Bar Manager

1.28pm Adriana Mells returned

1:56pm Itsi Weinstock left

**Council moved to include strangers at 1:56pm**

**8. Operational Business**

None

**9. Motions on Notice**

9.1 Pool Table funding for Wangaratta

Students that study Medicine at a variety of locations throughout the state have a distinct lack of services provided to them, whilst they also pay their SSAF. One of the students that is currently studying at Wangaratta in the clinical school there has contacted me in regards to purchasing a pool table. They wish to be partly funded for this pool table. There are above 30 students who live in accommodation here, and due to this I believe it is reasonable to give them some of their SSAF money back.

This is in special consideration due to the amount of response the UMSU survey receives from medical students about their lack of access to UMSU.

**Motion 8:** To move up to \$1000 from the Whole of Union budget line, for the funding of a pool table to be situated within the student accommodation at Wangaratta.

Moved: James Baker                      Seconded: Gulsara Kaplun

CARRIED

9.2 Stress Less Week Dance Classes

The UMSU Welfare and Wom\*n's Departments are jointly organising dance classes for Stress Less Week, which will be a great way to engage students in the student union and fitness activities. We are looking at charging a small nominal fee for tickets to the dance classes in Grand Buffet Hall, but otherwise hope that Council can subsidise the cost of dance classes so that class prices are low and accessible.

**Motion 9:** That Students' Council pass up to \$1000 from the Whole of Union budget line to subsidise the cost of dance classes for Stress Less Week.

Mover: Sarah Xia                              Seconder: Adriana Mells

CARRIED

9.3 Save CSIRO Jobs Campaign

**Motion 9:** The Turnbull government has made significant funding cuts to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) which will prevent the continuation of critical climate science and environmental research. The University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) recognises that these cuts diminish the global climate science research effort and Australia’s adaption and mitigation capacity. Accordingly, UMSU disapproves of these funding cuts and endorses the Save CSIRO Jobs Campaign and signs onto support the following public statement “Science is vital to tackling climate change. We call on Malcom Turnbull to restore CSIRO climate science and fully fund public science in Australia”, approving the display of the UMSU logo on the statement and other campaign materials.

Mover: Zachary Power

Seconder: Megan Pollock

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

#### 9.4 Regular Meeting Schedule – Amendment

The regular meeting schedule currently includes a meeting for April 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM, while the SGM has been called for 12:45 PM on the same day. An amendment to the regular meeting schedule will avoid this clash.

**Motion 10:** To reschedule Meeting 7(16) of Students’ Council (currently scheduled at 12:00 PM, Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>) to 11:00 AM on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Moved: James Bashford

Seconded: Sarah Xia

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

### 10. Motions Without Notice

#### 10.1 Caution – Federal Budget to Target Students!

Despite a groundswell of public opposition that has seen fee deregulation defeated twice in the Senate, the Turnbull Liberal Government remains determined to target Australian students. Recent comments from federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham make it clear that regardless of when the Federal Budget is announced this May, students are in the crosshairs.

While Universities Australia research shows that 1 in 5 students occasionally skip meals because they can’t afford food, Minister Birmingham told a \$200 a head dinner for the organisation’s annual conference that higher costs for students were “necessary to support budget sustainability”.

The Government’s obsessive plans for burdening students with debt include:

A 20% funding cut from the higher education sector. This will starve Universities of crucial funding, and lead to further staff cuts and deterioration of the quality of higher education.

A 10% increase to HECS. The government wants to reduce their contribution to our degrees, withdrawing 10% of funding and taking it out of student’s pockets. Shifting the costs from the government to students does not fix the crisis in higher ed funding.

Deregulation is still looming in the background. The Liberals have refused to fully walk away from their failed policy for \$100,000 degrees. With the Green’s and Liberal’s working together to change senate voting rules and pave the way to a double dissolution election, the risk of a conservative senate majority that would pass fee deregulation is now greater than ever.

Modelling from the National Tertiary Education Union shows that these changes would lead to a 25% increase in the cost of a degree. This increase is a blatant attack on the accessibility of higher education, hitting the people at the bottom the hardest.

Higher Education has been in a state of limbo for far too long but the current government have shown that their only ideas for reform are to tax uni students into greater debt.

Students from across the country are continuing to protest against these changes. The next National Union of Students rally will be on the 13th of April at 2pm at the State Library of Victoria. UMSU will lead a University of Melbourne contingent from 12:30 on South Lawn. The NTEU has announced its support of the rally and directed members not to penalise students for missing class to attend the rally.

**Motion 11:** That this meeting of Students' Council:

- (i) Notes its concern about the government's higher education policy following the comments of Education Minister Simon Birmingham at the Universities Australia Conference
- (ii) Notes the danger of the government introducing a 10% hike to HECS fees alongside a 20% funding cut to the higher education sector
- (iii) Notes its concern that deregulation of university fees remains Liberal party policy
- (iv) Reaffirms UMSU's commitment to campaign for free and accessible government-funded education
- (v) To this end, endorses the National Union of Students protest on April 13th and commits to providing appropriate support for the rally and campaign
- (vi) Directs the President to release a statement in line with this motion and to ensure this is communicated to students through the UMSU newsletter and social media

Moved: Akira Boardman

Seconded: James Baker

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 10.2 Safe Schools Coalition

The Safe School's coalition faces homophobic attacks and a concerted campaign to defund the program by Liberal backbenchers. "Future teachers at The University of Melbourne have shown great support for the program and are disappointed the program has been subject to ridicule by Liberal Party backbenchers and the press," shared Masters of Teaching student Jamiel Sabbagh.

**Motion 11:** UMSU's student council supports the Safe School Coalition and recognises its important role in working with staff and students in creating a safe and inclusive environment for same-sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and parents.

Moved: Akira Boardman

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

## 11. Other Business

### VCA motions not on notice

#### 11.1 Shoulder Bags

Motion 12: That \$975 be moved from VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay Boost Promotions for 500 VCASA O-Day shoulder bags that were already ordered and given to VCA-MCM students on O-Day, 2016.

Mover: Tyson Holloway Clark

Seconded: Lizzie Nicholson

CARRIED

**PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move the next 4 motions en bloc**

**Mover: Akira Boardman (Chair)**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 13**

**Yoga**

That \$1, 040 be moved from VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for 13 yoga sessions in semester 1. (That's \$80 per session x 13 sessions)

**National Day of Action**

That \$4800 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for entertainment, BBQ and other necessary requirements for the NUS National Day of Action on April 13th. In terms of the cost breakdown, staging equipment including a marquee with labour costs equals around \$3500, with \$500 for entertainment and \$750 for BBQ and drinks.

**VCA Fortnightly Student Film Screenings**

That \$500 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for a series of student film screenings throughout the semester. It is hoped the events will be fortnightly. Although the date for these are yet to be confirmed because the VCA Faculty is still undergoing the renovation process that will allow the films to be screened in a darkened room, and also to have the screen and projector properly installed. The money will go towards a small amount of catering for each event.

**Reconciliation Week**

That \$200 be moved from VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for a Reconciliation Week forum at the VCA with the support of the Wilin Centre. Reconciliation week runs from May 27<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, so a date for this forum will be set between these dates. The money will go towards light refreshments.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconder: Haydn Michaelides

**CARRIED**

**12. Next Meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

**13. Close**

Meeting closed at 2:09pm