

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
UNCONFIRMED Minutes
11:00am, Thursday the 27th of April 2017
Meeting 8(17)
Location: Training Room 1, Level 3, Union House

Meeting opened at 11:26am by Yasmine Luu

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Yasmine Luu is elected Chair	
Mover: Yasmine Luu	Seconder: Daniel Beratis
CARRIED	

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils' attended this year (including this one)
Students Council	Alice Smith	Attended	5
Students Council	Gavin Wayne Sittampalam	Attended	6
Students Council	Jesse Krause	Did not attend	4
Students Council	Jesse Paris-Jourdan	Did not attend	5
Students Council	Katherine Nikolaou	Did not attend	4
Students Council	Lia Vassiliadis	Attended	5
Students Council	Louis Devine	Attended	6
Students Council	Lucy Maeve Turton	Attended	6
Students Council	Madison Mooney	Did not attend	2
Students Council	Matthew Lagamba	Did not attend	5
Students Council	Molly Willmott	Attended	7
Students Council	Rachael Davies	Attended	3
Students Council	Tamara Hunt	Did not attend	5
Students Council	Vinu Gunetilleke	Did not attend	2
Students Council	Yifan Mu	Did not attend	6
Students of Colour Rep	Kim Duong	Attended	8
Students with Disabilities Rep	Michael Bhatti	Attended late	2
Graduate Rep	Jacob Rodrigo	Attended	3
Indigenous Rep	Cameron McBroom	Attended	5
International Rep	Tiffany Chui	Did not attend	3

Queer Rep	Daniel Beratis	Attended	8
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Office Bearers

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils' attended this year (including this one)
Activities Officer	Jacinta Cooper	Attended	6
Activities Officer	Lydia Paevere	Did not attend	6
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jessica Peeler	Attended	4
Clubs & Societies Officer	Gulsara Kaplun	Attended	7
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kayley Cuzzubbo	Attended	5
Creative Arts Officer	Harriet Wallace-Mead	Attended	4
Creative Arts Officer	Sara Pascoe	Attended	5
Disabilities Officer	Alston Chu	Did not attend	7
Disabilities Officer	Cassandra Prigg	Attended late	1
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Caley McPherson	Attended	5
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Roger Samuel	Attended	4
Education Officer (Public Affairs)	Sinead Manning	Did not attend	6
Environment Officer	Elizabeth Nicholson	Attended late	7
Environment Officer	Kate Denver-Stevenson	Attended	5
General Secretary	Yasmine Luu	Attended	8
Indigenous Officer	Marley Holloway-Clarke	Attended	3
Indigenous Officer	Wunambi Connor	Attended	7
Media Officer	Alexandra Alvaro	Attended	7
Media Officer	Amie Green	Did not attend	5
Media Officer	James Macaronas	Attended	7
Media Officer	Mary Ntalianis	Did not attend	4
People of Colour Officer	Ella Shi	Attended	6
People of Colour Officer	Hanann Al Daqqa	Did not attend	6
President	Yan Zhuang	Did not attend	3
Queer Officer	Blake Atmaja	Attended	7
Queer Officer	Evelyn Lesh	Attended	4
Victorian College of the Arts Campus Co-ordinator	Nicholas Lam	Did not attend	5
Welfare Officer	Ryan Davey	Attended	6
Welfare Officer	Teresa Gornall	Attended	4
Women's Officer	Hannah Billett	Attended	8

Other: Desiree Cai, Lachlan Blain, Gulliver McLena, Nicholas Kent,

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

1.4 Apologies

Jesse Krause, Tamara Hunt, Sinead Manning, Yifan Mu

1.5 Proxies

Jesse Krause to Amy Bartholomeusz

1.6 Membership

Daniel Lopez and Anjana Abeyratne have resigned from the positions of Education (Public Affairs) Officer and Women’s Officer respectively. Madison Mooney will drop off council if they don’t attend by 11:30am

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented
 Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes for Meeting 7(17)

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes of Meeting 7 as a true and accurate record
 Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising

4. Correspondence

No Correspondence received

5. Office Bearer Reports

Please see attached document: Office Bearer Reports

President	Submitted
Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	No report submitted (1st warning)
Media	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer (Blake Atmaja)	Submitted
Queer (Evelyn Lesh)	Submitted
Welfare	No report submitted (1st warning)
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	No report submitted (1st warning)
Victorian College of the Arts	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

Questions on Notice were received for Yan – What is the Breadth taskforce and what are the recommendations?

Indigenous (Wunambi Connor) gave a verbal report outlining progress on Under Bunjil, and Indigenous Games as well as a new initiative with the outdoor gallery in the proposed precinct space.

Welfare (Ryan Davey) gave a verbal report outlining the activities planned for Stress Less Week, Mental Health day and a Penalty Rates campaign. They're also working at refining regular events.

Burnley (Jess Peeler) gave an additional verbal report about the loss of the undergraduate degree at Burnley. Council noted the course's uniqueness and the lack of appropriate student consultation.

Motion 4: To approve all OB reports and recommendations, including expenditure from Activities, VCA and Media.

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

6. General Manager's Report

Procedural motion: That Students Council move in camera with the exception of Goldie Pergl and Justin Baré

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council moved in camera at 11:40am.

Michael Bhatti arrived at 11:53am

Cameron McBroom left at 11:59pm

During this time, Council discussed matters involving the Liquor License transfer, the EBA and the new HR Policy framework, and moved to accept the General Managers' report and recommendations

Council moved out of camera at 12:05pm

7. Other Reports

No other reports

8. Operational Business

8.1 Book Co-Op Proposal

Procedural motion: to defer discussion of the proposal until the end of the meeting due to time restraints.

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Financial Assistance for Queer Collaborations conference

Preamble

The Queer Collaborations student conference (QC) is held during July of each year, with the host university changing on a yearly basis. This year, QC will be held from July 10-15 at the University of Wollongong.

The Queer Department has historically subsidised the cost to students of attending QC, making the conference more accessible to any queer student who wishes to attend, but does not have the means to do so. Although the Queer Department set an increased the budget for this financial assistance for 2017, interest has been significantly higher as well, likely because the Queer Officers in 2015 and 2016 did not focus heavily on QC. Consequently, most current queer students have no direct knowledge of the conference, and getting them to commit to that unknown may be more challenging, so we are aiming to lower the barrier to entry for the event. To this end, the Queer Department would ideally like to simplify and centralise the

organisation for attendees, by being directly responsible for as much of the conference registration, accommodation and travel arrangements as possible.

We have estimated the maximum cost for each attendee at \$580 per student (including travel expenses), or at most \$380 for some students who are making alternative travel arrangements. Of this, we hope to cover 75-85% of the cost per student, depending on final numbers, with a goal of subsidising at least 10 attendees (including queer officers) out of approximately 15 in total. The current Queer Department budget for this is \$2500, which falls far short of this goal.

Queer Collaborations is an extremely important event for queer students across Australia. It provides numerous opportunities for networking, collaboration, learning, sharing of skills/knowledge, and community support that otherwise would not exist for many marginalised young queer people. Being part of QC each year helps us to maintain our connections with the wider queer student community, as well as keeping our collective educated and up-to-date on queer issues. It also provides an invaluable opportunity for self-expression and exploration of identity, for those who are unable to be open about their queer identities in their home life. Consequently, support for students wishing to attend is a major accessibility concern – preferably, nobody should be denied the significant value of QC on the basis that they are unable to pay.

Motion That up to \$3000 from the Whole of Union budget line be allocated to the Queer Department to subsidise travel, accommodation and registration expenses for Queer Collaborations 2017, for students whose financial situation may otherwise prevent them from attending.

Councillors asked questions surrounding the appropriateness of funding coming from Whole of Union compared to the department budget, how the attendees would be chosen, and that the process is fair to all departments who go to conferences. Many departments suggested they too would like funding from Whole of Union for conferences. Hannah Billet reported her Department had budgeted up to \$4000 for NOWSA, to send up to 10 people.

12:15pm – Cassandra Prigg arrived

A reporting mechanism for attendees was requested – this was amenable to the mover.

Motion 5: That up to \$3000 from the Whole of Union budget line be allocated to the Queer Department to subsidise travel, accommodation and registration expenses for Queer Collaborations 2017, for students whose financial situation may otherwise prevent them from attending.

That those chosen for the grants to attend QC be required to report back to the General Secretary and the Queer Office Bearers about the overall benefit to students, as well as what they learnt/gained from the conference

Mover: Evelyn Lesh

Secunder: Blake Atmaja

CARRIED

9.2 Eurovision Spectacular Expenditure

Preamble:

We are asking Students' Council to pass money from the Whole of Union budget line to pay for costs that were unforeseen in the initial outlining of the event budgeting. We were unaware when budgeting that the South Lawn carpark would be available for the event, and there are a number of costs associated with obtaining permits since this is the first time that UMSU has held an event in this space. This expenditure will potentially benefit all UMSU departments in future, as laying the groundwork now will ensure that it is much easier and cheaper to access the space in future for student events.

Discussion about the need for a POPE and surveyor – the University has events in the underground carpark all the time, why does UMSU need to get it resurveyed?

Gulsara responded that the University has previously used a temporary occupancy permit, which Council has advised should not be used for events in the carpark.

Gavin Sittampalam and Jacob Rodrigo queried the actual ongoing benefit to UMSU – Gulsara mentioned that the carpark may be unusable in the near future so the benefit of getting this surveyed may only be for this year.

Discussion about alternate locations for the event – Gulsara stated that Concrete Lawns would involve \$10,000 - \$15,000 worth of marquees and North Court would involve about \$5000 of fencing, so budget wise, the underground carpark isn't that bad. The Grand Buffet Hall is not being considered as it's booked, and is not a desirable or exciting venue for students.

Yasmine Luu requested that it be minuted that Cassandra Prigg asked "are we allowed to just have glitter boobs to wear, will I be able to get in?"

Motion 6: To pass \$2500 from Whole of Union to pay for a POPE application, to be submitted to the City of Melbourne Council.

To pass up to \$3000 from Whole of Union to pay for extra staff at AV Melbourne due to their understaffing at the moment, in the interest of expedition and time.

To pass up to \$1000 from Whole of Union to pay for a building surveyor to survey the underground car park, in the interest of both this event and events that will be held in the space in the future.

Mover: Blake Atmaja
CARRIED

Secunder: Gulsara Kaplun
Jacob Rodrigo Abstained

9.3 Harm Reduction Conference

Motion: Student's Council moves to reaffirm commitment to the Harm Reduction Program, the first of its kind.

The Student's Council accepts the invitation of Harm Reduction International for a Poster Presentation at the HR International Conference 2017 in Montreal, May 14th-17th regarding UMSU's developing Harm Reduction Program, as applied for by Students for Sensible Drug Policy UniMelb.

The Student's Council moves to approve expenditure of \$3000 to send one member of the Working Group to present and garner international support, from the Whole of Union Budget line. The amount is to cover flights and travel expenses, and the Conference registration fee of £625 (~\$1065), offered in kind by Conference organisers at the early bird price for presenters from high-income nations.

Nick Kent (Students for Sustainable Drug Policy) and Gulsara Kaplun (C&S OB) said that they would move and second the motion respectively.

Nick spoke to his moving rights, outlining that the conference and UMSU Policy was a world first, and that attending this conference would be an excellent way of getting feedback and international support.

Lia Vassiliadis asked about the immediate benefits of spending this money on this conference. Gulsara said that it was a unique way of getting feedback on our policy.

Molly Wilmott stated concerns giving this much money to a single student, and asked how the attendee would be chosen, and the cost and effect benefit to UMSU.

Yasmine Luu reminded everyone that UMSU currently does not have a policy or a program for Harm Minimisation, and that there is a Working Group to determine and create these.

Councillors asked why attendance at the conference is preferable, and not asking people by Skype.

Many Councillors expressed their reluctance at spending \$3000 on sending one person to a conference, when there are programs on campus that could be better funded.

Gavin Sittampalam asked that the first clause in the motion (Student's Council moves to reaffirm commitment to the Harm Reduction Program, the first of its kind) be removed as Council has repeatedly affirmed and reaffirmed this in 2017. This was amenable to the mover. Gavin asked if the grant was to SSDP, or for an UMSU attendee to attend, and if it was actually UMSU responding to the invitation, or the SSDP, or Nicholas Kent. He recommended the motion include a method of picking the attendee.

Nicholas Kent said that given the person who put the application in and who organised the SSDP group was him, he hadn't thought of a process to pick an attendee.

Gavin asked why SSDP hadn't gone to C&S for funding. Gulsara said that Clubs does not do grants for this type of activity.

1:10pm Desiree Cai and Teresa Gornall left, and Lizzie Nicholson arrived

PROCEDURAL: To move to a vote

Mover: Kim Duong

CARRIED

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MOTION LOST

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Media

Motion 8: To approve \$300 from Media's Radio Fodder budget code to pay for accommodation in Canberra for our budget special

Mover: Alex Alvaro

Secunder: Daniel Beratis

CARRIED

8.1 Book Coop

Motion 9: To accept Yasmine's report on the Book Coop and accept the recommendations.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Secunder: Jacob Rodrigo

CARRIED

11. Other Business

No other business

12. Next Meeting

9th May, 10am, Training Room 1

13. Close

Meeting closed at 1:19pm