



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
UNCONFIRMED Minutes
12:00pm, Thursday the 5th of October 2017
Meeting 18(17)
Location: Private Dining Room, Mezzanine Level, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:21pm by Yasmine Luu

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Yasmine Luu be elected chair
 Mover: Yasmine Luu Second: 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		10/16
Students Council	Gavin Wayne		13/16
Students Council	Matthew Simkiss		6/6
Students Council	Jesse Paris-Jourdan		10/16
Students Council	VACANT		
Students Council	Lucy Maeve Turton		12/16
Students Council	Matthew Lagamba		11/16
Students Council	Molly Willmott		13/16
Students Council	Rachael Davies		6/16
Students Council	Tamara Hunt		6/16
Students Council	Lachlan Blain		6/6
Students Council	Yifan Mu		10/16
Students Council	Louis Devine		3/3
Students Council	Katie Nikolaou		3/3
Students Council	VACANT		
Students of Colour Rep	Kim Duong		11/16
Students with Disabilities Rep	VACANT		
Graduate Rep	VACANT		

Indigenous Rep	Cameron McBroom		11/16
International Rep	Tiffany Chui		7/16
Queer Rep	Daniel Beratis		16/16

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils' attended this year (including this one)
Activities Officer	Jacinta Cooper		11/16
Activities Officer	Lydia Paevere		10/16
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jessica Peeler		7/16
Clubs & Societies Officer	Gulsara Kaplun		10/16
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kayley Cuzzubbo		13/16
Creative Arts Officer	Harriet Wallace-Mead		7/16
Creative Arts Officer	Sara Pascoe		9/16
Disabilities Officer	Alston Chu		13/16
Disabilities Officer	Cassandra Prigg		5/16
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Caley McPherson		8/16
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Roger Samuel		9/16
Education Officer (Public Affairs)	Sinead Manning		11/16
Environment Officer	Elizabeth Nicholson		13/16
Environment Officer	Kate Denver-Stevenson		11/16
General Secretary	Yasmine Luu		14/16
Indigenous Officer	Marley Holloway-Clarke		8/16
Indigenous Officer	Alexandra Hohoi		3/4
Media Officer	Alexandra Alvaro		13/16
Media Officer	Amie Green		11/16
Media Officer	James Macaronas		13/16
Media Officer	Mary Ntalianis		13/16
People of Colour Officer	Ella Shi		11/16
People of Colour Officer	Hanann Al Daqqa		8/16
President	Yan Zhuang		10/16
Queer Officer	Blake Atmaja		12/16
Victorian College of the Arts Campus Co-ordinator	Nicholas Lam		7/16
Welfare Officer	Ryan Davey		12/16
Welfare Officer	Teresa Gornall		7/16
Women's Officer	Hannah Billett		15/16

Other:

Staff: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Goldie Pergl, UMSU Administration and Project Officer

1.4 Apologies

Rachael Davies, Louis Devine

1.5 Proxies

Louis Devine to Kim Duong, Cameron McBroom to Tyson Holloway-Clarke

1.6 Membership

Evelyn Lesh has resigned from the position of Queer Office Bearer.

Desiree Cai is a general rep and Joseph Moore is a graduate rep

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda as presented be adopted.

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes for meeting 17(17)

Gavin Wayne asked why recommendations were presented in order for the sexual assault survey

Yan indicated that the importance of each point was ranked but the whole report was presented so it didn't really matter.

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes of Meeting 17 as a true and accurate record

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

4.1 NUS President

Council noted the report

5. Office Bearer Reports

Please see attached document: Office Bearer Reports

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies (Kayley Cuzzubbo)	Submitted
Clubs & Societies (Gulsara Kaplun)	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted with Recommendations
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted

Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted with Recommendations
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted with Recommendations
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Submitted

The Chair asked if anyone wanted to speak to their report.

Ella Shi said that that there will hopefully be a new Islamic Prayer space on the 3rd floor of Union House.

Caley spoke to the Education Academic Report regarding next year’s exhibition

Yasmine indicated that the she and the HR Manager of UMSU decided to categorise all UMSU (and possible UMSU policies) in a framework to show the gaps and ensure policy is consistent, and thus create an UMSU Policy Framework. Yasmine also let Council know that she got robbed, and has therefore lost some UMSU work on her laptop.

Motion 4: To approve the office bearers reports en bloc

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

6. Chief Executive Officer’s Report

Justin Bare discussed his report, which contained no recommendations

Gavin Wayne asked for an update on the EBA negotiations.

Justin indicated that the required wording of the notice of bargaining rights that was sent out had been changed a few days before ours went out – the details change was of no real substance, but the FWC could hold the whole process void due to the error, so UMSU has re-issued the notice and will ensure that everything proceeds as normal.

Tyson Holloway Clarke asked about the retained funds from MUSUL discussion. Justin has prepared a draft for the UMSU President to consider, is unsure as to whether it has been sent.

Gavin Wayne asked about the Liquor License and the plan moving forward. Justin indicated that he was currently the nominee for the MUSUL license but these Licenses are in the process of being transferred to UMSU. UMSU has determined that there are significant risks with MUSULs current procedure and UMSU will be changing some of the Licenses and procedures. UMSU has previously been keen on opening a Bar in the space, but Council will need to consider the financial cost regarding preparation, staffing and other costs

Justin indicated his informal advice was to employ a bar manager, and then they can assist in quantifying what the costs would be to get the bar up to scratch. He indicated that it will be recommended that this come out of retained UMSU funds, and that once the bar is operational, that the bar runs at a break even (at worst).

Matt Simkiss asked if there's a bar in the new Student Precinct – Justin indicated that we should use the current level 1 bar as a way to refine what we do – this is a long-term plan that will continue to the new student precinct.

Gavin asked about timelines, and the possibility of commencing operations at the start of Semester 1 2018. Justin indicated he believed it will be possible.

Matt Simkiss asked about Clubs and Alcohol under the new liquor license system.

Justin said that MUSUL interpreted the licenses differently to the way we have been advised that we should interpret them. The Bar has a catering licenses – and this has been what clubs have been using (saying that club events are catered events)

UMSU is looking to have a very narrowly defined packaged liquor license – to sell only to clubs and societies – and clubs can then serve (but not sell) alcohol at events. If clubs wish to sell alcohol they will need to get their own temporary license.

Further discussion regarding indirect selling and the ease of getting a temporary liquor license.

Motion 5: To accept the CEO's report

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

7. Other Reports

7.1 Student Initiative Grant - Bendigo Ball Report

7.2 Student Initiative Grant - Cultural Safety Workshop at St. Vincent's Clinical School Report

Students' Council liked the photos submitted by the Bendigo Ball

Motion 6: To accept the reports of Bendigo Ball and Cultural Safety Workshop

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

7.3 Destination Melbourne Report

Procedural Motion: To defer the report

Mover: Gavin Wayne

MOTION LAPSES

Procedural motion: To defer discussion on this until the next Council

Mover: Gavin Wayne

CARRIED

8. Operational Business

8.1 Student Initiative Grant – MD2&3 End of Exams Party

Discussion about what organisations the club receives other support from (GSA).

Gavin Wayne declared a conflict of interest and said that he would abstain on the vote as a Med Student but has no affiliation

Tyson asked where the Austin Hospital was.

Justin asked Tyson why he didn't visit the Austin Hospital when he was President.

Motion 7: to approve funding for \$1000 for the MD2&3 End of Exams Party

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

Gavin Wayne abstained

8.2 Students' Council Reform Report

Yasmine spoke to her report – for Council to note only, no recommendations as yet.

Councillors agreed that Night Council sounded like a good idea.

Ella Shi said that having the President of UMSU International as a non-voting member of Council would be great.

Gavin asked if autonomous reps on council don't advocate for their constituencies – and legally can't do that on a lot of issues – is this an Affirmative Action type of situation, and ensuring that these autonomous groups are represented on council?

Discussion about metrics and how good UMSU is at attracting these groups of people

Tyson Holloway Clarke said that a lot of the autonomous departments typically are coming from a collective and are running for and originating in their collective, so they speak for those, as well as vote for the benefit of UMSU. He said that broader and deeper inclusion of UMSU INTL is appropriate and they should be attending council. He agreed that it was not necessary to have a Graduate Rep on council – graduate reps are represented by GSA.

Matt Simkiss brought up the impact autonomous positions have on quorum and the impact that the autonomous positions have on the council majorities – if a ticket runs for all autonomous positions and wins a slight majority in the elections, their majority is heightened.

Molly Wilmott said that she believes that OBs should not be voting members.

Daniel Beratis said that Council should consider lowering the numbers on council. He indicated that it was difficult to talk about Reward and recognition - as we are at council. Some form of food or in kind something could be offered for council meetings as they go for a super long time.

Yasmine Luu said that a real student came to her with the idea that when a councillor is kicked off it goes to the next on the ballot. Democratic solution.

1:19pm Daniel Beratis left

Multiple Councillors expressed a preference for allowing teleconferencing for Council meetings, as is done at other Student Unions

Many Councillors agreed that fewer council spots mean that spots are more valuable and will help with cultural issue.

Lucy said that there should be harsher penalties for people who don't attend and harsher regulations around attendance.

Councillors also mentioned looking into 2 year rotating terms– so there's a mix of experience and fresh people.

Yas said she was very happy to write changes up, to give to incoming General Secretary, Daniel Beratis

1.28pm Daniel Beratis returned

PROCEDURAL MOTION: to close the speaking list

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to 8.2 after finishing this discussion

Mover: Ella Shi

CARRIED

Motion 8: To direct the General Secretary to distil this document down to a series of suggestions that can then be debated individually, and that teleconferencing be also investigated. The General Secretary asks councillors to submit other suggestions to her before the next Council

Mover: Gavin Wayne

Seconder: Alice Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Rally for Refugees

Preamble:

This meeting of the UMSU Student's Council is gravely concerned by the continuing abuse of human rights of refugees in detention, and is frustrated with the government for not putting an end to their disgraceful policies. In continuing to place refugees in detention where they are denied their basic human rights, despite being globally condemned, the government is emboldening racism and islamophobia in the community.

As students, we are absolutely against the government's fear-mongering around refugees and migrants that is based on false and misguided ideas. It is this exact scapegoating that has contributed to the racist attacks sustained by students of colour and Muslims in recent months, such as the Nazi posters recently found plastered on the Parkville campus.

The Liberals' larger project of using refugees and migrants as scapegoats for the country's problems weakens our unions and movements, and we do not stand for this. The massive costs of running detention centres would be far better spent on tertiary education which is facing \$2.8 billion in cuts from the same Liberal government. Students stand with refugees in the fight against our common enemy, the federal Liberals.

This meeting of the UMSU Student's Council notes that:

- (i) the immigration minister Peter Dutton was defeated by the #LetThemStay movement in his attempt to deport 267 asylum seekers in Australia for medical treatment back to offshore detention in 2016, in which UMSU was involved;
- (ii) Dutton has manipulated the visas of around 100 asylum seekers residing temporarily in Australia, cutting them off government aid and attempting to starve them into submission;
- (iii) the contract between the Australian Government and infrastructure provider Ferrovial to run the Manus Island detention facility expires on 27 October, less than a month from this meeting, after which the detained asylum seekers face an uncertain fate;
- (iv) the refugee deal with the US, which has resettled a mere 50 people so far, is wholly inadequate, gives no answer to the remaining refugees, and is coupled with a decision by the Trump administration to halve the US refugee intake to 45,000;
- (v) after Dutton's announcement on July 19 that the Foxtrot Manus Island centre will be closed, refugees were forced by authorities to move to East Lorengau transit centre and

subsequently deprived of water and power services after they refused to comply with these orders in a show of peaceful protest;

(vi) the recent suspicious death of Iranian refugee Hamed Shamshiripour again demonstrates the systematic deprivation of physical and mental health care to asylum seekers, even in life-threatening cases, including victims of mental illness, pregnant victims of rape and children;

(vii) the experience of refugees demonstrates that resettlement in Papua New Guinea and Nauru is an unfair and unsafe option, exposing them to attacks from locals, homelessness and sexual assault.

(viii) rallies like the upcoming one on October 8th have a crucial role in breaking the bipartisan parliamentary consensus on refugee cruelty, by continuing to escalate the pressure on the Labor Party to end the cruelty of mandatory detention and boat turnbacks.

We therefore:

(i) condemn Peter Dutton’s callous and racist treatment of refugees on Manus and Nauru, and in Australia;

(ii) call on the government to shut the detention centres on Manus and Nauru immediately and resettle the asylum seekers safely in Australia;

(iii) call on the Victorian government to go beyond its stated guarantee of temporary income support for the affected refugees, and protect them from any attempt at deportation;

(iv) reaffirm our promise to provide moral, financial and material support for the refugee campaign to Bring Them Here;

(v) endorse the Rally for Refugees on the 8th October 2017;

(vi) resolve to host an UMSU contingent to said rally, and direct UMSU to publicise this contingent via all available channels, including hosting the contingent event on Facebook;

(vii) direct the President to release a statement to these ends.

Mover: Ella Shi

Seconder: Guong Jie

Jie spoke to seconding rights. Talked about the US refugee issues. Discussed changing the bipartisan consensus on refugee detention and the importance of the rally.

Gavin indicated he would abstain as the UMSU president can already autonomously support this.

Lucy Turton asked what support has been given for oral, financial and material support for the refugee campaign to Bring Them Here already by UMSU.

Hannah Billett supports the values behind the motion, conversation about ideological motions. As a motion, it should have an action with it – not just support for an ideology we already agree with.

PROCEDURAL: To move to the vote

Mover: Katie Nicholau

CARRIED

Motion 9: We therefore:

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(iii) call on the Victorian government to go beyond its stated guarantee of temporary income support for the affected refugees, and protect them from any attempt at deportation;

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(vii) direct the President to release a statement to these ends.

Mover: Ella Shi

Secunder: Guong Jie

CARRIED

Gavin Wayne abstained

10. Motions on Notice

9.1 Cadmus? Not on my campus!

Motion 10: The “Cadmus? Not on my campus!” campaign is launching in week 10. This is a whole-of-union campaign. In administering this campaign, there are expected costs for (1) advertising, (2) promotional materials, and (3) volunteer rewards. In light of this, we would like to pass up to \$1000 for the 'Cadmus? Not on my campus!' campaign from the Campaigns budget line.

Mover: Yan Zhuang

Secunder:

Yan spoke to her moving rights – they need money for the campaign

Alice Smith asked what the money would be spent on.

Yan indicated that it would be spent on facebook ads and coffee vouchers for Volunteers

Tyson Holloway Clarke declared a conflict of interest due to his membership of University Council. He indicated he will abstain on this vote.

Hannah Billett asked why the funds were not coming from the Education Committee and if the Education Committee has endorsed the campaign.

PROCEDURAL: to defer this matter until tabled questions are answered

Mover: Molly Willmott

MOTION LOST

PROCEDURAL MOTION: that this matter be deferred to an Operations Sub Committee meeting and to wait for the above answers

Mover: Alice Smith

CARRIED

1.55pm - Yan Zhuang left

9.2 Climates – Women Leading Change

Preamble:

Climates is an Australian not-for-profit focused on building the capacity of communities in the Australia-Pacific region to take accountability for and address our climate challenges together. Climate change is one of the most significant environmental challenges threatening the well-being of our communities and ecosystems, and it requires urgent action.

Australians are responsible for a large portion of global greenhouses gasses on a per capita basis, which is already having far reaching and disproportionate impacts on the most disadvantaged communities in our region. Recent efforts to strengthen climate change mitigation have been hindered by political uncertainty, because of a disempowered and under-informed electorate. Through bilateral project support in the Pacific islands and hosting events that boost public awareness, Climates champions collaboration between different parties to respond to the threat of climate change.

Climates hosted its first panel discussion on 26 September, *Women Leading Change: Fresh Faces in the Climate Discussion* at the University of Melbourne’s Copland Theatre. The event provided a platform for students at the University of Melbourne and the wider Melbourne community to hear fresh perspectives on how climate change might impact our communities from five women who are leading on climate action. With an attendance of over 330 people, we engaged a large group of students and the Melbourne community on the issues surrounding climate change. The discussion sought to promote gender diversity, multiculturalism, and underline the important role that women are playing in the field of climate change. Panellists included Chyloe Kurdas from AFL Women’s, Danielle Dal Cortivo CEO of Asthma Foundation of Victoria, Kate Fitzgerald Director at Emergency Management Victoria, Megan Flynn Head of Environment and Carbon Strategy at Qantas and Noemi Cummings from the Ethnic Community Council of Victoria.

Audio Visual equipment was an essential component to hosting this event in a professional manner that will allow Climates to begin to host a series of panel events. However, the \$880 price was a significant barrier for our volunteer reliant organisation.

Further, our panel involved a late change when an Indigenous panellist became unavailable. Reconciliation between Traditional custodians and others is deeply embedded into Climates’ ethos as an organisation. Therefore, in the absence of an Indigenous representative Climates sought to engage a Wurundjeri Elder to present an official Welcome to Country. This increased our event costs by a further \$540.

We would appreciate your consideration in providing funding for these two amounts to support Climates in cost recovery.

Motion:

That Students' Council pass \$1,420.00 from the Campaigns budget line for Audio Visual equipment and costs associated with the Welcome to Country for the *Women Leading Change: Fresh Faces in the Panel Discussion* event held on the 26th September.

Mover: Gemma Cooke

Secunder: Lizzie Nicholson

1:57 pm - Yan returned

Multiple councillors asked why this was not initially budgeted for and noted that it was a paid event.

Gemma indicated that they paid for tree hire, flowers and panellists

Discussion about the initial grant – UMSU has not received the report yet.

Yasmine Luu suggests postponing this matter until after the report has gone in.

Tyson asked if Climates can bear the costs of this and reiterates that council should defer until more documentation is given.

Gemma indicated that they made over \$4000 on the night.

Procedural motion: to defer matter to the next Students' Council and to direct Climates to get their report in before then

Mover: Alice

CARRIED

Procedural motion: To move to Motions without notice (Environment Expenditure and NUS Grants)

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

Motions Without Notice:

Environment Expenditure:

Motion 11: to approve the spending of up to:

- \$600 for climates networking events from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$75 for the licensing rights for the film "Rocking the Foundations" from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$300 for food for Green Screen events from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$1200 for food and materials, parts and tools for the bike coop from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$1500 for decals and fit out cost of the new Bike Co-op space from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$500 for the Community Garden to buy supplies from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$300 for Lockout Lockheed stickers from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$200 for food and equipment for the Lockout Lockheed forum from the environment special projects budget line.
- \$2000 for ASEN affiliation from the environment ASEN affiliation budget line

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

Gavin Wayne requests that his vote against the above motion be noted due to the plane on the stickers being not a Lockheed Martin plane.

NUS GRANTS

Motion 10: To move \$3000 from the Campaigns budget line for the purposes of grants to the NUS National Conference. The process of grant allocation will be conducted as follows:

- Grants will be allocated on financial need as well as priority to first time attendees. Reports will be submitted to the incumbent Education Committee of 2017 for Consideration.
- Grants will be conditional on applicants submitting a report one month after the end of National Conference. In the event of the report being rejected applicants should be notified and given a week to resubmit their reports. In the event an applicant fails to meet the deadline of submission, they may be required to refund, and excluded from consideration for further subsidies and potentially facing further repercussions such as UMSU seeking to recover the subsidy funds given to them. These requirements will be communicated to applicants at the time of application
- A panel consisting of at least 2 officers from the Education Department, President and General Secretary and one additional Office Bearer will determine grant allocation anonymously. In the event that an Office Bearer sitting on the panel wishes to apply for a subsidy themselves, they will be deemed ineligible to sit on the panel while considering their application
- The link for student applications for subsidies will be advertised on UMSU Social Media, the UMSU newsletter and the Education Department Facebook Page.

Mover: Dan Beratis

Secunder: Kim Duong

CARRIED

Procedural motion: to defer all other business to the next meeting of Students' Council

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

Meeting Closed at 2.11pm