

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

2:00 PM, 7.12.2016

Meeting 2(17)

Location: Private Dining Room, Mezzanine Floor, Union House

Meeting opened at 2:14pm by Tom Crowley

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Tom Crowley as chair
 Mover: Tom Crowley Second: Lachlan Blain
 CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

Students Council	Alice Smith	Attended
Students Council	Gavin Wayne Sittampalam	Attended
Students Council	Jesse Krause	Did not attend
Students Council	Jesse Paris-Jourdan	Attended
Students Council	Katherine Nikolaou	Attended
Students Council	Lia Vassiliadis	Attended
Students Council	Louis Devine	Attended
Students Council	Lucy Maeve Turton	Attended
Students Council	Madison Mooney	Attended
Students Council	Matthew Lagamba	Attended
Students Council	Molly Willmott	Attended
Students Council	Rachael Davies	Apologies
Students Council	Tamara Hunt	Attended
Students Council	Vinu Gunetilleke	Attended
Students Council	Yifan Mu	Attended
Students of Colour Rep	Kim Duong	Attended
Students with Disabilities Rep	Michael Bhatti	Apologies
Graduate Rep	Jacob Rodrigo	Apologies
Indigenous Rep	Cameron McBroom	Apologies
International Rep	Tiffany Chui	Did not attend
Queer Rep	Daniel Beratis	Attended

Office Bearers

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

Other

Anneke Demanuele, Patrick Clearwater, Lachlan Blain, Tyson Holloway-Clarke, Jeanette Tong

Staff

Justin Baré (UMSU General Manager), Goldie Pergl (UMSU Administration and Project Officer), Fiona Sanders (Clubs & Societies Coordinator)

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Michael Bhatti, Jacob Rodrigo, Rachael Davies

Office Bearers: Harriet Wallace-Mead, Jessica Peeler, Kayley Cuzzubbo, Cassandra Prigg

1.5 Proxies

Jacob Rodrigo to Tamara Hunt, Michael Bhatti to Lachlan Blain, Rachael Davies to Kim Duong, Cameron Mcbroom to Tyson Holloway-Clarke

1.6 Membership

1.6.1 Anjana Abeyratne leave of absence

1.6.2 Nicholas Lam leave of absence

Motion 2: To approve both Anjana and Nicholas' leave of absence en bloc

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Katie Nikolaou

CARRIED

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the agenda as presented

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Katie Nikolaou

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 4: To confirm the minutes from meetings 19(16) & 1(17) as a true and accurate record of what occurred, with the correction of Lachlan Blain's name

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Lachlan Blain

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move items 10.2 2016 Activities Budget and 10.4 No to Racism and Facism on Campus! up immediately

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Lucy Turton

CARRIED

10.2 Activities Budget

Motion 5:

1. That up to \$2000 be moved from the Special Projects Weeks line to buy Activities branded bottle openers for O Week

(This is in addition to the \$1000 that has already been moved by the 2016 Activities committee for the bottle openers. After looking at quotes this value needed to be revised and increased.)

2. That up to \$1800 be moved from the Special Projects Weeks line to pay for RSA and SFH training for Activities volunteers

3. That up to \$50 be moved from the Special Projects Weeks line to buy 10 blade style bottle openers for Tuesday BBQs and other events with bottled beverages throughout the year.

That up to \$500 be moved from the Special Projects Weeks line to buy Activities Costumes, specifically a new 'Tobias Trunk' costume and elephant onesies for carnival days to promote the department.

That up to \$900 be moved from the Special Projects Weeks line to buy Activities branded Caps and Aprons for BBQs and other events throughout the year.

Mover: Lydia Paevere

Seconder: Chair

CARRIED

10.4 No to Racism and Facism on Campus!

Fascist posters have been seen around campus, on bollards and walls, spreading a racist, fascist and xenophobic message.

These posters follow previous racist messaging on campus with chalk messages proclaiming to want to protect free speech and stop mosques from being built.

As a union that is represents students’ rights and fight for progressive demands, UMSU cannot allow these posters be put up unopposed

Motion:

Platform

1. UMSU opposes all messages of racism, islamophobia, xenophobia and fascism.
2. UMSU supports all Muslim students to feel comfortable to express their religion and cultural identity at university.
3. UMSU stands against anti-semitism and all other forms of racism.
4. UMSU will always oppose fascist movements, on and off campus.

Action Points

1. UMSU will produce posters with an anti-racist and anti-racist message, such as 'University of Melbourne Student Union says no to racism and fascism'
2. UMSU will pay for these posters to be professionally printed a0 size and put up on bollards and streets surrounding and in Parkville.

Mover: Lia Vassiliadis

Secoder: Molly Willmott

Tom Crowley asks that the mover specifies what Budget line the money is to come out of, and the amount requested - \$600 from the 2016 Whole of Union. This is amenable to the mover.

Discussion surrounding the symbolism of these posters, and the need at this time of year.

Councillors discussed the wording of the posters – with discussion around making the posters positive and inclusive, and not emboldening the people behind the original posters.

Councillors expressed a desire to post positive messages of love, similar to the chalking earlier in the year.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To close the speaking list as it currently stands

Mover: Tom Crowley

CARRIED

Discussion about UMSU’s role in opposing fascism, and the election results thought the world.

Further discussion about the cost of such posters – Tyson Holloway Clarke asked that the amount be upped to \$1000 from the Whole of Union Budget line. This was amenable to the mover.

Ella Shi (People of Colour OB) asked that people don’t share the original posters around - it only gives them more publicity. She suggested that the People of Colour office collaborate on the wording of the posters.

Tamara Hunt suggested that the motion be amended to include that the People of Colour Officers should write the posters. This was amenable to the mover.

Anneke amended the motion to read that the actions be completed by the 20th of December.

Motion 6:

That UMSU

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2. UMSU will pay up to \$1000 for these posters to be professionally printed a0 size and put up on bollards and streets surrounding and in Parkville.
3. The wording of these posters will be determined by the People of Colour OBs
4. The above actions are to be completed by the 20th of December

Mover: Lia Vassiliadis

Seconder: Molly Willmott

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Operations Sub-Committee Election

Yas alerted everyone that the positions had been elected unopposed and congratulated Alice, Daniel, Louis, Rachel and Jesse on their election.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Office Bearer Reports

Attached

President	No report submitted
Secretary	Submitted
Activities	No report submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	No report submitted
Disabilities	No report submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	No report submitted
Media	No report submitted
People of Colour	No report submitted
Queer	No report submitted
Welfare	No report submitted
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	No report submitted
VCA	No report submitted

The Environment OBs report included the recommendation: *We recommend that UMSU publicly rejects this proposed destruction of parts of the Systems Garden based on the culturally, scientific and*

educational value the garden holds for the community of Melbourne University. Furthermore, we direct the President and General Secretary to use their meetings with the Chancellery to convey our disappointment in this proposed plan.

Motion 7: To accept the Office Bearers reports and associated recommendations

Mover: Tom Crowley

CARRIED

6. General Manager's Report

Tom Crowley outlined the process of making the UMSU budget, which is presented to Council by the UMSU GM. He encouraged Council to stick to the bigger picture of the budget, and not get stuck into the nitty gritty of individual budget lines.

The budget is to be discussed in 2 parts – the general aspects of the budget, and then the staffing sections (which will be in camera).

Copies of the 2017 budget document were handed out to members of council.

Justin Baré gave an overview of the budget process this year – which started in August. The budget presented is evidence based, and based on consultation with staff, incoming student reps and the outgoing President and General Secretary.

He outlined how far the organisation had come – in 2011, UMSU had a turnover of 1.6 million dollars – in 2017, the estimated turnover will be 7.3 million dollars. This is reflected in the way this budget has been devised – with more input from staff and elected representatives.

Both Yan and Yas spoke to their moving and seconding rights. Yan outlined that this document was a more transparent better way of making the budget. Yas commended the ideas from OBs and staff within the document.

The discussion was broken up into particular budget subjects, with each discussion culminating in a vote on the suggested amendment.

NUS Allocation

Discussion surrounding the current \$30,000 allocation to the National Union of Students. Anneke called for an increase the NUS Budget to at least \$75,0000.

Discussion about the effectiveness of the National Union of Students. Discussion about the percentage of the budget that goes to the NUS, and why it has decreased with the increase in SSAF. Discussion surrounding demonstrations and campaigns.

Questions regarding the allocation of the 'Student Unionism Campaign Support' budget line and a request for a clarification of what that line was for.

Yan responded directly to the question, outlining that it was a budget line that included money that could be spent on supporting a particular campaign, whether it be run by NUS or not.

Lizzie Nicholson asked if part of that money could go towards UMSU ASEAN membership as the National Enviro Officer traditionally doesn't engage with campus OBs, so they all pay an affiliation to ASEAN. Yan indicated that this was the type of thing that Council should consider coming out of the line.

Tyson expressed concern that the budget cut may hurt some of the good things that come out of NUS – like the Talk About It survey. He indicated frustration in the NUS Indigenous Office – as it has been non-functional in recent years.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the speaking time be limited to 2 minutes

Mover: Daniel Beratis

CARRIED

Anneke moved to amend the budget motion so that \$10,000 from the Whole of Union Budget line and \$30,000 from the Student Unionism Campaign Support budget line be moved to the NUS Affiliations budget line.

Further discussion about the pro's and cons of the NUS.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to a vote

Mover: Katie Nikolaou

Motion 8: That \$10,000 from the Whole of Union Budget line and \$30,000 from the Student Unionism Campaign Support budget line be moved to the NUS Affiliations budget line in the 2017 Budget

Mover: Anneke D'emanuele

Seconded: Molly Wilmott

MOTION FAILED

This means that the Budget motion will not include these changes.

Alice Smith asked if UMSU had money saved somewhere. Justin outline the status of the UMSU reserves.

Gavin Sittampalam asked why Councillors had been given such a short time with the budget before Council. Justin indicated that Council was informed of the timelines of when the Budget would be prepared and chose today as the Council date.

As Justin had to leave soon, Council resolved to discuss staffing issues.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Council move in camera with the exception of Justin Baré, Goldie Pergl and Tom Crowley

Mover: Tom Crowley

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 3:46pm

During this time Council discussed the staffing parts of the budget

Council moved to include strangers at 3:53pm

Molly Willmott asked that there might be an autonomous department media fund in future (instead of allocating money to the different autonomous for publications). She also asked if Club funding per club would be raised as Clubs was getting an increase in their budget. Justin responded directly saying that there was a formula around the Club grant allocations that is entrenched in Regulation, and that would determine the club funding allocations.

Summer School (VCESS)

Yan suggested an amendment to the budget – that \$20,000 be moved from the Whole of Union budget line to the VCESS Budget line.

She spoke to her moving rights, indicating that they needed more money or they would have to raise their fees to attend the program.

Tyson spoke against the motion, saying that he was not in favour of the extra money being added to their budget, and that there had been a level or organisation within the program meaning that some sponsorship offers hadn't been taken up. He suggested that the \$20,000 be provided in the form of underwriting, not a grant. Any money that was not used out of the \$20,000 would have to be returned to the Whole of Union Budget line in July 2017, and a report on the programme presented to Students' Council.

This was not amenable to the mover.

Discussion about Councils' funding of VCESS in 2016 – they had just received ~\$5000 from Council for their camp. Discussion around the VCESS program and use of SSAF for funding the program.

Yas suggested funding some of the expenses out of this year's Whole of Union.

This was not amenable to the mover.

Motion 9: That \$20,000 be moved out of the Whole of Union Fund to be moved into the VCESS Budget line

9.1 Banks on Campus

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Despite the desperate need to prevent global warming, and the havoc being wreaked on our land, water, air, health and communities, Australian banks continue to play a critical role in supporting the fossil fuel industry.

Acts like refusing funding from institutions that fund fossil fuel projects can contribute to the global campaign to delegitimise the business models of companies that continue to use both public and investors' money to search for more coal, oil and gas that cannot safely be burned if we wish to have safe and liveable climate future. In determining these banks, Market Forces have compiled an extensive list of banks' investments which can be found here (<https://www.marketforces.org.au/banks/compare>), this will mainly effect the big 4 banks in Australia, Commonwealth Bank, NAB, ANZ and Westpac

Motion 13:

To move that O-Week (Summerfest) will not be sponsored by or feature any banks that fund fossil fuel companies.

Moved: Kate Denver-Stevenson

Seconded: Lizzie Nicholson

CARRIED

Jesse Paris-Jordan abstained

9.2 Sustainable Sponsorship & Advertising on Campus

While the main focus of the policy is to prevent companies like Commonwealth Bank from being able to advertise on campus during times like O-week, the working group will explore other ways that UMSU and the University engages with companies that we consider unethical or unsustainable.

- Membership: The working group will consist of the Environment Officers and at least two other office bearers or members of students council. Membership will also be open to other members of the campus community
- The working group will reach out to experienced staff members and relevant groups of students on campus for whom this policy might affect.

It was requested that the new Marketing and Sponsorship staff member be added to the working group. This was amenable to the movers.

Motion 14:

To move that a working group to investigate and develop policy around the promotion of unsustainable and unethical companies on campus be formed

Moved: Kate Denver-Stevenson

Seconded: Lizzie Nicholson

CARRIED

8. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Solidarity with Fremantle Council's Australian Day alternative event

Debate over Australia Day celebrations was recently reignited in mainstream media as a result of Fremantle City council's decision to shift its celebrations from January 26th to January 28th. This decision follows the council's choice in August to cancel their fireworks display planned for January 26th. The council's One Day event will be a culturally-inclusive alternative to traditional Australia Day celebrations and follows years of protests and petitions over celebrations on the date, including those urging Triple J to shift their annual countdown 'The Hottest 100'. The decision has been met with opposition including the government's decision in early December to ban the council from holding citizenship ceremonies on the Australia Day alternative day. The tradition of having Australia Day as a national holiday on January 26th is a recent one and was not consistently upheld by all states and territories as a public holiday until 1994.

Motion 15:

That UMSU shows its support for Fremantle City Council in their decision to hold alternative Australia Day celebrations on a date that is more culturally inclusive. That UMSU condemn the

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Action points

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- 2 UMSU will pay for these posters to be professionally printed a0 size and put up on bollards and streets surrounding and in parkville.

Mover: Anneke D'emanuele

Seconder: Molly Wilmott

CARRIED

10.5 Support Anti-Donald Trump protest

Preamble

The election of Donald Trump in the US elections represents a turn to the right in global politics. His election will not only be disastrous for workers, minorities, woman and more in America but also gives confidence to right wing movements and politicians globally.

In Australia this is seen by Pauline Hanson drinking champagne on the lawns of Parliament House to celebrate, Prime Minister Malcom Turnbull being one of the first world leaders to congratulate trump, an increase in racist and xenophobic rhetoric from liberal politicians, and a group of right wing and fascists calling a demonstration to celebrate Trump's victory.

In light of this, as well as the extraordinary protests against Trump in the US, which have been continuing since the moment Trump's victory was announced, activists in Melbourne have called a demonstration against Trump to coincide with his inauguration, as well as to coincide with the demonstration planned at Trump's actual inauguration.

Tom Crowley asks if the mover is amenable to changing "UMSU departments will advertise the demonstration via their social media channels and email lists and do all possible to attend the demonstration" to "UMSU Departments are strongly encouraged..."

Anneke says that this appears to be the 'new right wing consensus', and 'for shame' and agrees to the amendment.

Discussion regarding Trumps' actions, election and the state of US politics. Further discussion of right wing politics, their place in a Union and diversity.

Discussion regarding Margaret Thatcher

PROCEDURAL MOTION: to move to a vote

Mover: Katie Nicholau

CARRIED

Motion 19:

Platform

1. UMSU stands firmly opposed to President Elect Donald Trump.
2. UMSU recognises and opposes the array of right wing forces in Australia, including the Liberal government, Pauline Hanson and fascist groupings like the United Patriots Front, who have gained a confidence boost out of Trump's election.
3. UMSU recognises the positive role a protest against Trump can play in countering those forces and making sure a new right wing consensus doesn't become mainstream.

Action points

1. UMSU will produce / use posters already created to advertise the demonstration, on the 21st of Jan at the state library at 12pm
2. UMSU will advertise the demonstration via the weekly email, and put it on the calendar

3. Farrago will also add it to their calendar and Parkville will be contacted by the general secretary requesting they also advertise the demonstration.
4. UMSU departments are strongly encouraged to advertise the demonstration via their social media channels and email lists and do all possible to attend the demonstration.

Mover: Anneke D'emanuele

Seconder: Alice Smith

CARRIED

10:6 CUB55

In June this year Carlton United Breweries unfairly sacked 55 of their maintenance workers and offered to rehire hire them at 35% of their original pay. These workers stood up for fair pay and conditions, and commenced a strike that lasted nearly 180 days. A combined effort by the ETU and the AMWU has seen successful negotiations with CUB resulting in the CUB 55 being able to return to work with all of their demands met. This is due in part by the pressure placed on CUB by those involved in the union movement and beyond in the boycott of CUB products. This result, along with the strike by Polar Fresh workers earlier this year, exemplifies the continuing power and success of strike action and the union movement in protecting worker's rights.

Motion 20:

To congratulate those involved in the Battle of the Brewery Campaign and commend the CUB 55 in their commitment to fair work and recognise the sacrifices they made by going on strike for six months.

Moved: Alice Smith

Seconded: Anneke D'emanuele

CARRIED

10.7 UMSU Consultants

Motion: That Council approves to, given the substantial nature of these relationships, their status as an organisation-wide matter, their ability to substantially impact organisational activity and the need for due oversight, Students' Council directs that any engagement or payment by any part of UMSU for consultancies, external audits, or affiliations with other organisations must be approved by it or the Operations Sub-Committee, in addition to the usual due process mechanism, with full knowledge of the maximal amount being passed, the processes of deciding that and the organisations being engaged, for the entirety of its 2016-2017 term.

Mover: Tamara Hunt

Seconder: Yan Zhuang

Yan and Tamara both spoke to the motion, outlining that there was no proper process, and that this would ensure clarity in the process. Yan said it was a safeguard against staff being dodgy.

Tyson Holloway Clarke asked for an amendment to the motion, that "where deemed appropriate by the GM" be added. This was amenable to the mover

Discussion about the necessity of the motion.

Lizzie Nicholson said that this was not a decision to be taken lightly, and that there should be policy and procedure backing any decision of this type.

Motion 21: To direct the President to seek further information from the General Manager about the current process for appointing consultancies, external audits, or affiliations with other organisations.

Mover: Tom Crowley (Chair)

CARRIED

10.8 Recycled Paper

Motion 22: To direct all departments of UMSU to use ethically sourced, recycled paper when printing a publication

Mover: Yas Luu

Secunder: Kate Denver-Stephenson

CARRIED

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

11. Close

Meeting closed at 5:21pm