



**University of Melbourne Student Union**  
**Meeting of the Students' Council**  
**CONFIRMED Minutes**  
**11:00am, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017**  
**Meeting 3(17)**  
**Location: Training Room 2, Third Floor, Union House**

**Meeting opened at 11:17am by Yasmine Luu**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Yasmine Luu be elected Chair	
Mover: Yasmine Luu	Seconder: James Macaronas
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	Attended
Students Council	Jesse Paris-Jourdan	Attended
Students Council	Katherine Nikolaou	Did not attend
Students Council	Lia Vassiliadis	Attended
Students Council	Louis Devine	Attended
Students Council	Lucy Maeve Turton	Did not attend
Students Council	Madison Mooney	Did not attend
Students Council	Matthew Lagamba	Attended
Students Council	Molly Willmott	Attended
Students Council	Rachael Davies	Did not attend
Students Council	Tamara Hunt	Did not attend
Students Council	Vinu Gunetilleke	Did not attend
Students Council	Yifan Mu	Did not attend
Students of Colour Rep	Kim Duong	Attended
Students with Disabilities Rep	Michael Bhatti	Did not attend
Graduate Rep	Jacob Rodrigo	Did not attend
Indigenous Rep	Cameron McBroom	Attended
International Rep	Tiffany Chui	Did not attend
Queer Rep	Daniel Beratis	Attended

**Office Bearers**

Activities Officer	Jacinta Cooper	Did not attend
Activities Officer	Lydia Paevere	Attended
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jessica Peeler	Attended
Clubs & Societies Officer	Gulsara Kaplun	Attended
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kayley Cuzzubbo	Attended
Creative Arts Officer	Harriet Wallace-Mead	Did not attend
Creative Arts Officer	Sara Pascoe	Attended
Disabilities Officer	Alston Chu	Attended
Disabilities Officer	Cassandra Prigg	Did not attend
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Caley McPherson	Attended
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Roger Samuel	Did not attend
Education Officer (Public Affairs)	Daniel Lopez	Did not attend
Education Officer (Public Affairs)	Sinead Manning	Attended
Environment Officer	Elizabeth Nicholson	Attended
Environment Officer	Kate Denver-Stevenson	Did not attend
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	Did not attend
President	Yan Zhuang	Did not attend
Queer Officer	Blake Atmaja	Attended
Queer Officer	Evelyn Lesh	Did not attend
Victorian College of the Arts Campus Co-ordinator	Nicholas Lam	Did not attend
Welfare Officer	Ryan Davey	Did not attend
Welfare Officer	Teresa Gornall	Attended
Women's Officer	Anjana Abeyratne	Did not attend
Women's Officer	Hannah Billett	Attended

Other: Desiree Cai, Lachlan Blair, Robert Narai, Jonathon Tree, Caleb Triscari,

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

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Michael Bhatti, Rachael Davies, Tamara Hunt, Jacob Rodrigo

Officers: Cassandra Prigg, Roger Samuel, Jacinta Cooper, Yan Zhuang, Ryan Davey, Daniel Lopez

1.5 Proxies

Michael Bhatti to Lachlan Blain, Jacob Rodrigo to Matthew Lagamba, Tamra Hunt to Kim Duong

1.6 Membership

No change

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented

Mover: Yasmine Luu

Second: Caleb Triscari

CARRIED

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of meeting 2(17)

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes of meeting 2/2017 as a true and accurate record

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

3.1 NUS National Conference Grant Recipients Reports

*Please see attached document: NUS NatCon Grant Recipient Reports*

No discussion occurred

Motion 4: To accept the submitted reports from the Nat Con Grant Recipient Reports

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

**4. Correspondence**

4.1 Delft University of Technology

**From:** Lucas Pijnacker Hordijk

**Subject:** TU Delft Student Council Research Trip

Dear,

*I am writing to you on behalf of the Central Student Council of Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), located in Delft, The Netherlands.*

*Every year the Executive Board of the TU Delft sends us, their Student Council, to universities abroad to conduct a certain research project. The conclusions of this research are used to advise the Executive Board in future investments and international collaborations. Over the last few years, we have visited Singapore, Canada, South-Korea and Scandinavia and during these visits the council has done research on themes such as student facilities, student support, collaboration between universities, and Entrepreneurship. Last year, we've visited South Korea to investigate innovative education programs and the use of MOOC's.*

*This year, the main topic of research will be growing universities and their future. The last few years, the number of students attending the TU Delft had increased by over 40%. Of course, this is a fortunate development, but it also creates a few challenges. For example, can you still guarantee the same level of education for a larger number of students? Can you still offer the same facilities? And, what is the role of Online Education in supporting this growth?*

*The main goal of this research will be to assess the effects of growth on the working principles of the university and to define what aspects are important for a growing university to develop into a healthy, well-functioning and progressive university. To make a good assessment it is necessary to have a view*

*on how large universities handle large numbers of students. Therefore, we were hoping that we could pay you a visit!*

*The University of Melbourne is very large and we would be delighted if you could share your views on large scale education with us!*

*We are planning on travelling to Australia between the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> of February. Is it possible for us to drop by one of these days?*

*We hope that you are willing help us in our research and are looking forward to your reply!*

*On Behalf of the TU Delft Student Council,*

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Ellard Volmer & Lucas Pijnacker Hordijk*

Council discussed the above, and asked Yasmine to welcome them to UMSU

## 5. Office Bearer Reports

*Please see attached document: Office Bearer Reports*

President	Submitted
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 <i>with recommendations</i>
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
VCA	Submitted

The Chair took questions for each report.

Clubs and Societies: Questions regarding the new University Camp rules

Gulsara responded, outlining that the Uni had requested that all camps be over 18 events only. The C&S Department agreed with this request. The department however is concerned about the job that has been advertised via Students@Work, and is uncomfortable with the reach and appropriateness of the PD. Gulsara said that she was uncomfortable with the idea of paying a student \$1100 to attend a camp, when all camp leaders (who attend for free) have a higher level of training.

Creative Arts spoke to their report, highlighting the botanical drawing a Burnley and a collaboration with Media

Environment Department spoke to their report outlining that the Universities' Sustainability Plan went up 15 minutes prior to the meeting, and that UMSU has put a statement up on the website about its scope and priorities.

Indigenous Department outlined that they were reevaluating their plans as they've been informed that their cohort has increased by 20%.

Media's report included the following recommendations:

*The Media Office asks that council pass \$12,500 from our Farrago budget line for edition one printing.*

### **Farrago Edition Two**

The Media Officers have opened submissions for Edition Two of *Farrago*. Sub Club and Graphics Club are two events that occur per print cycle that we run for our volunteers.

*The Media Office asks that council pass \$50 from our Special Projects/Events budget line to provide snacks at each of these events.*

*Snacks and drinks for the volunteer training sessions and social events cost the Media Office \$220 which we are asking council to pass from our Special Projects/Events budget line.*

*The Media Office asks that council pass \$500 from our Special Projects/Events budget line to provide materials for zine-making, snacks for our volunteers and pizza and drinks at our open mic night.*

Womens outlined the delay in the Sexual Assault Survey release date (now expected in June), as well as that Anju is still on leave.

Motion 5: To accept OB recommendations and reports en bloc

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

## **6. General Manager's Report**

Justin apologised for the lack of a written report – he'd been on leave for the 2 weeks prior to Council.

Justin updated Council on the corporate services transition process from MUSUL to the University. He outlined the major changes likely to occur soon –the transfer of Staff from MUSUL to UMSU, the revised reporting arrangements of the General Manager, questions surrounding IT provision and hardware provision.

Discussion about the operating costs previously born by MUSUL – will UMSU be expected to foot this additional bill out of existing funds? Justin responded that the existing SSAF agreement is for activities that UMSU undertook at the end of 2016 – which didn't include the additional activities. He suggested there would be additional negotiation with the University surrounding this.

Further discussion around timelines.

Motion 6: To accept the General Managers' verbal report

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

## **7. Operational Business**

### **8.1 Clubs & Societies Regulation Amendment**

*Please see attached: Clubs & Societies Regulation Amendment*

Council did not have the required amount of Councillors to discuss/vote on these changes – discussion deferred

### **8.2 Business Plan for the bar**

*Please see attached: UMSU Bar Business Plan & UMSU Bar Business Plan – Worst case scenario*

Postponed to later in the meeting

### **7.1 National Union of Students National Conference Delegate Reports**

*Please see attached: NUS NatCon Delegate Reports*

Council discussed the reports submitted by some of the UMSU Delegates – Yan Zhuang and Sinead Manning.

Sinead's report contained the following recommendations, which lead the discussion

**Recommendations**

1. *That Students Council lobbies the NUS National Conference to allow student media to film proceedings, with an opt-out option during autonomous chapters.*
2. *That Students Council support and work alongside Caleb Triscari in his role as Campus Representative.*

*That Students Council establish an NUS Working Group. This group will consist of the University of Melbourne's campus rep, this year's delegates, the UMSU General Secretary or nominee, and President or nominee. The purpose of the working group would be to examine the continuing relationship between UMSU and the NUS before presenting Students Council with a report of their findings in six months.*

Council discussed the pros and cons of the National Union of Students generally. Discussion around the contents of the delegate reports, and the differing experiences had by attendees of the conference.

Discussion about the recommendation for a NUS Working Group.

Discussion about the make-up of the Working Group – concern raised that NUS was not involved in the working group. Concern then raised that involving NUS Officers would be a conflict of interest.

Clarification that Working Group would be reporting to Students Council. Caleb was asked to clarify his role. Caleb said that as UniMelb NUS Campus Representative, he would have a non voting position on the committee, and would act as Chair.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to item 9.1 and defer discussion of NUS until after Item 9

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

**8. Motions on Notice**

9.1 Welfare Guide additional expenditure

*Preamble:*

The Welfare department received a quote from the University of Melbourne Student Union's Communications Department for the Welfare Guides. Last year it was 3,000 copies for \$1,780.00 (\$178.00 GST = \$1,958.00).

The quote we received this year was: 3,000 copies for \$1,950.00 (\$195.00 GST = \$2,145.00). Unfortunately, we were unaware that printing costs would rise so exponentially so we only budgeted \$1800. We require an additional \$150 for our order of the Welfare Pocket Guide.

*Motion 7:* That \$150.00 be moved from Welfare budget line Summerfestival Showbags to Welfare Guide 2017.

Mover: Teresa Gornall

Secunder: Gulsara Kaplun

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.2 Summerfest T-Shirts

*Motion 8:* To pass \$400.00 from the Whole of Union budget line for Summerfest t-shirts for the Office Bearers.

Mover: Yasmine Luu

Secunder: Gulsara Kaplun

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.3 Meet your Reps Trivia

*Preamble:*

The event “Meet your Elected Reps”, which was held during O-Week 2016, was good in theory but lacked real student engagement, with many of the participants only there for free pizza. We believe it should be shaken up a bit, and add a more interactive element to this event. This is why, we’re hoping to run a trivia – The Trivia to the Uni-verse.

This event will include; an opening by the President, rounds related to UMSU and University life (eg. Coffee cup round, rounds pertaining directly to UMSU departments, and how much SSAF round), pizza and office bearers and UMSU volunteers joining tables with students.

*Motion 9:* That up to \$1500.00 be passed from the Whole of Union Budget Line to fund the Trivia to the Uni-verse. This money is to be used for the purchase of pizza and AV equipment. If, in the event of leftover money, the funds will be used for UMSU branded decorations and prizes.

Mover: Yasmine Luu

Secunder: Molly Wilmott

CARRIED

9.4 Sleepover

*Preamble:*

The UMSU Sleepover is an opportunity for students that can’t attend orientation camps or 18+ events, to learn and engage with UMSU. The sleepover is a whole of union event, where every student department and staff department will be holding an event for 600+ students.

The sleepover will require some extra entertainment and security costs that can’t be covered by the student or staff departments.

The Security required for the evening is as followed:

5 security between 7pm-1am to cover the five doors on the ground floor

5 between 10pm - 4am to have 3 people spread over floors 1-3 and two on the door of the bar (till 1am then they will move to watch two of the doors)

3 between 1am - 7am to watch the remaining three doors

5 between 4am and 9am, two people on the doors and the remaining three to be on levels 1-3 for the night.

This totals (13 guards \* 6hrs + 5 guards \* 5hrs) \*\$40/hr

Discussion about whether it would be an event for all ages. Activities confirmed that it was an all ages event, with certain areas that had alcohol

*Motion 10:* To pass up to \$4000 from whole of union to pay for the band Sex on Toast to perform at the Sleepover from 9pm.

To pass up to \$2000 from whole of union to pay for two comedy acts to perform at the Sleepover. The two acts are looking to be Clara Cupcakes and Nick Nicholas (comedic magician).

To pass up to \$4200 for security for the whole building for the duration of the Sleepover.

Mover: Lydia Paevere

Secunder: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

9.5 NUS Survey

*Preamble:*A common remark against the National Conference is that it represents a select group of students and not a national population. In order to engage students on a national, a grassroots, intersectional approach to information gathering is required to ensure that UMSU’s approach to the NUS is representative of the University of Melbourne student body.

Discussion about the type of questions this survey would be asking, the risks of being unrepresentative.

Discussion about engagement with NUS, and whose responsibility it is to get students to engage with NUS.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to a vote

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

*Motion 11:* That Students' Council endorses the creation of a survey designed to source feedback on the National Union of Students from the University of Melbourne student body spearheaded by Caleb Triscari, NUS Campus Representative. The survey will have three objectives:

To understand the extent to which NUS campaigns reach students.

To understand student views on student unionism and the expectations of a national body.

To understand student views on the operations of the NUS, including the National Conference and National Executive.

That Students' Council approves expenditure of up to \$200 for a prize to a random student who submits to the survey.

Mover: Caleb Triscari

Secunder: Sinead Manning

CARRIED

#### 9.6 NUS Presidential Summit Funding

*Preamble:*

The NUS Presidential Summit is a yearly conference run by NUS to provide union presidents the opportunity to learn about planned campaigns for the year and facilitate the relationship between National Office Bearers and UMSU Office bearers. In the past couple of years, there has been an UMSU delegate in attendance every year, either the President or General Secretary. The \$800 will cover the cost of registration (\$500) and travel costs (more expensive than usual, in the lead up to Australia Day and Chinese New Year). While it is acknowledged that this would ideally have been passed by Council before the money having been spent, registration details had not been made available at the time of last Student's Council.

*Motion 12:* For council to reimburse Yan Zhuang up to \$800 to cover the cost of travel to and registration for the National Union of Students' Presidential Summit, and transfer this amount from the Whole of Union to 'travel on union business'.

Mover: Yasmine Luu

Secunder: Sinead Manning

CARRIED

#### 9.7 Automatic Deferral to Operations Sub-Committee

*Preamble:* Students' Council, as the peak body of the University of Melbourne Student Union, is responsible for setting the overall direction of an organisation with a budget in excess of \$7 million. Following the success from 2016's Operations Sub-Committee, where minor expenditure was deferred to this committee, Students' Council was given more time to discuss and debate motions of higher importance for the organisation.

Caleb asked for an amendment to exclude Media from this, as Media don't have their own committee. This was amenable to the mover.

*Motion 13:* That any motion presented to Students' Council for expenditure up to and including \$1000 automatically be deferred to the next meeting of Operations Sub Committee, where a delegation has been made allowing this expenditure to be considered by the subcommittee.

Council may choose to make exceptions to this automatic deferral in exceptional circumstance or where Operations Subcommittee is not expected to meet in time for the expenditure to be made. The UMSU Media Department is exempt from this rule.

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

### 9. Motions Without Notice

#### Clubs Expenditure



Motion 14: To move \$6100 from the advertising budget and \$1300 from the Clubs Orientation budget for the Clubs Guides

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move back to the discussion on NUS delegated

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

#### 7.1 National Union of Students National Conference Delegate Reports (cont)

Discussion about committees and stacking. Councillors expressed concern that certain positions/people weren't invited to the Working Group. Sinead explained that the Working Group is open to all University of Melbourne Students, but that only delegates elected at the 2016 elections, the UMSU president (or nominee) and UMSU General Secretary (or nominee) would have voting rights.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the speaking list be closed

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

Ella Shi asked if having an autonomous Rep on the Working Group would be amenable to the mover. Sinead indicated that it would be amenable.

Jesse Krause and Sara Pascoe left at 12:37pm

Further discussion on the UniMelb NUS Rep's ability to vote on the Working Group. Caleb indicated that he would be Chairing only, and not have a vote.

Motion 14: To accept Yan's report without recommendations

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

Sinead asked to amend her recommendation to read

*That Students Council establish an NUS Working Group. This group will consist of the University of Melbourne's campus rep as a non-voting member, and Chair; this year's delegates, the UMSU General Secretary or nominee, and President or nominee and one representative of the autonomous departments of UMSU as voting members. Members of NUS Executive who are also University of Melbourne Students are non-voting members of the Working Group. The purpose of the working group would be to examine the continuing relationship between UMSU and the NUS before presenting Students Council with a report of their findings in six months.*

Lia Vassilidis asked to amend the motion that Anneke D'emanuele and Adriana Mells were on the list of voting members.

This was not amenable to the mover. This becomes a Foreshadowed Motion.

Lizzie Nicholson asked that Environment get a voting spot on the Working Group also, as they currently have no representation from NUS.

This was amenable to the mover.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to a vote

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

Motion 15: To accept Sinead Manning's NUS Delegate report, and recommendations listed here:  
*That Students Council lobbies the NUS National Conference to allow student media to film proceedings, with an opt-out option during autonomous chapters.  
That Students Council support and work alongside Caleb Triscari in his role as Campus Representative.*

*That Students Council establish an NUS Working Group. This group will consist of:*

- the University of Melbourne’s campus rep as a non-voting member and Chair;*
- this year’s NUS delegates (elected at the 2016 election) as voting members.*
- the UMSU General Secretary or nominee as a voting member*
- the UMSU President or nominee as a voting member*
- one representative of the UMSU autonomous departments as a voting member*
- one representative from the UMSU Environment Department as a voting member*

*Members of NUS Executive who are also University of Melbourne Students are non-voting members of the Working Group. The purpose of the working group would be to examine the continuing relationship between UMSU and the NUS before presenting Students Council with a report of their findings in six months.*

*Mover: Sinead Manning*

*Seconder: Yasmine Luu*

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 Business Plan for the bar**

*Please see attached: UMSU Bar Business Plan & UMSU Bar Business Plan – Worst case scenario*

Council expressed a desire for a bar. Councillors had a number of issues with the presented UMSU Bar Business Plan – specifically, no options/pricing for hire of infrastructure (given the limited lifespan of the building), no options for a cheaper start up, and a lack of support for penalty rates.

Yasmine said she would investigate further options surrounding the bar and present back to Council in the near future.

## **10. Other Business**

No other business

## **11. Next Meeting**

TBC

## **12. Close**

Meeting Closed at 12:59pm