

**University of Melbourne Student Union**  
**Meeting of the Students' Council**  
**CONFIRMED Minutes**  
**10:00am, Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2017**  
**Meeting 5(17)**  
**Location: Training Rooms 1&2, Level 3, Union House**

**Meeting opened at 10:15 by Yasmine Luu**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Yasmine Luu be elected Chair  
 Mover: Yasmine Luu                      Seconder: Daniel Beratis  
**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

**Councillors**

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

**Office Bearers**

Activities Officer	Jacinta Cooper	Attended
Activities Officer	Lydia Paevere	Attended
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jessica Peeler	Did not attend
Clubs & Societies Officer	Gulsara Kaplun	Did not attend
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kayley Cuzzubbo	Attended
Creative Arts Officer	Harriet Wallace-Mead	Attended
Creative Arts Officer	Sara Pascoe	Attended
Disabilities Officer	Alston Chu	Attended
Disabilities Officer	Cassandra Prigg	Did not attend
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Caley McPherson	Did not attend
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Roger Samuel	Did not attend
Education Officer (Public Affairs)	Daniel Lopez	Attended
Education Officer (Public Affairs)	Sinead Manning	Did not attend
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	Did not attend
Media Officer	Amie Green	Attended
Media Officer	James Macaronas	Attended
Media Officer	Mary Ntalianis	Attended
People of Colour Officer	Ella Shi	Did not attend
People of Colour Officer	Hanann Al Daqqa	Attended
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	Attended
Welfare Officer	Ryan Davey	Attended
Welfare Officer	Teresa Gornall	Did not attend
Women’s Officer	Anjana Abeyratne	Attended
Women’s Officer	Hannah Billett	Attended

Other: Itsi Weinstock, Lachlan Blain, Zhen Xian Kong, Vinu Guetilleke, Marcelo Diaz, Desiree Cai,  
 Staff: Justin Baré (UMSU GM), Goldie Pergl (Admin and Project Officer)

**1.4 Apologies**

**Councillors:** Rachael Davies, Alice Smith, Louis Devine, Jacob Rodrigo, Katie Nikolaou

**Officers:** Ella Shi, Gulsara Kaplun, Jessica Peeler

1.5 Proxies

Alice Smith to Molly Willmott, Louis Devine to Tamara Hunt, Rachael Davies to Kim Duong, Jacob Rodrigo to Lachlan Blaine, Katie Nikolaou to Gavin Sittampalam

1.6 Membership

No Change

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 of meeting 3(17)

Minutes of meeting 4(17)

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes of meeting 3 and 4 as a true and accurate record  
 Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)  
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None arising

**4. Correspondence**

None arising

**5. Office Bearer Reports**

*Please see attached document: Office Bearer Reports*

President	Submitted
Secretary	Submitted WITH UPDATES
Activities	Submitted WITH UPDATES
Clubs & Societies	Submitted WITH UPDATES
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted WITH UPDATES
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted WITH UPDATES
Environment	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women's	Submitted



CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.2 Sleepover Expenditure – Updated

*Preamble:*

Last time we had money passed through student’s council, we were unable to use most of it due to the wording of the motions and the amounts that were passed. We passed significantly more than needed for the comedy act, and more than required for the band but we specified ‘sex on toast’ as the band and as they were unable to perform we were unable to use that money passed. We spent \$2500 less than we had passed on entertainment in total. We passed less than we required for security, however, so are asking for \$300 extra than we initially did to cover this. This event was a whole of union event so we believe that there are some costs that should be paid for from whole of union. As we used less than we anticipated for the entertainment, we are asking Students’ Council to pass money from whole of union to pay for some other costs that were utilised by all departments. These are outlined below:

Motion 7:

1. To pass an additional \$300 (on top of the already passed \$4200) from whole of union to pay for security at Union House Sleepover
2. To pass up to \$3000 from whole of union to pay for the band at Union House Sleepover
3. To pass up to \$1200 from whole of union to pay for BBQ dinner at Union House Sleepover
4. To pass up to \$2500 from whole of union to pay for cleaners at Union House Sleepover
5. To pass up to \$300 from whole of union to pay for Rowden White library staff at Union House Sleepover

Mover: Lydia Paevere

Seconder: Jacinta Cooper

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.3 Harm Reduction

*Preamble:*

Australians are some of the highest users of illegal drugs, with 41.8% of Australians aged 14 years and over using illicit drugs in their lifetime. Drugs consumed in Australia are among the most dangerous in the world due to huge variances in purity and a high incidence of toxic adulterants.

These issues disproportionately affect young people, with people aged 20-29 being more likely to have used illicit drugs than other age group.

The summer festival season has been marked by a number of high profile hospitalisations and deaths related to the consumption of drugs, which have highlighted the need for a broad approach to harm reduction that includes not only the provision of rudimentary pill testing kits, but also information relating to contraindications and safer practices surrounding the consumption of drugs.

Instead of treating drug use as a complex health issue with societal and structural factors, Victoria Police and the Andrews government have reduced it to a criminal issue that can only be dealt with by suppression and force. Zero-tolerance policies cause active harm to individuals and communities in a way that is unhelpful and potentially devastating. Access to high quality methods of testing and information about safer drug-taking practices empowers Australians to make informed choices about their health and behaviour.

For our drug harm reduction program to make the maximum positive impact possible on the wellbeing of our students, we need to combine the provision of reagent kits with robust educational and informational resources, as well as political action to enact high-level change.

*Motion*

1. That UMSU affirms its commitment to holistic, judgment-free and evidence-based approaches to drug harm reduction.
2. That UMSU implement a series of education sessions, available to all students at no cost, outlining steps that they can take reduce the harms associated with drug use
3. That UMSU run a campaign calling for high quality pill testing facilities such as gas chromatography mass-spectrometry to be made available to the public
4. That UMSU make a submission to the *Parliamentary Inquiry into Drug Law Reform* expressing the above

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun  
NOT VOTED ON

Secunder:

Discussion regarding timelines of the Parliamentary Enquiry.  
Gavin Sittampalam asked to see the evidence for the evidence based approaches mentioned in the motion below. Further discussion about the methods of educating students regarding harm reduction – a website was suggested as a way of reducing stigma.

Motion 8: To defer the motion on Harm Reduction until the mover is present  
Mover: Yasmine Luu  
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**10.1 Media Expenditure**

Motion 9: To pass money from the Media Budget for the following;  
Posters for Edition One - \$70 from Printing Budget Line  
Posters for Edition Two - \$50 from Printing Budget Line  
Radio Fodder Badges - \$100 from Radio Fodder Budget Line  
Radio Fodder Bookmarks - \$118 from Radio Fodder Budget Line  
3 x SD Cards - \$40 from Farrago Video Budget Line  
Battery Charger - \$99 from Farrago Video Budget Line  
Honoraria for Web Officer - \$1000 from Farrago Online Budget Line  
Facebook promotion - \$100 from Farrago Online Budget Line  
Edition Two Launch - \$500 from Launch Parties Budget Line

Mover: Mary Ntalianis

Secunder: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**10.2 Environment Expenditure**

Motion 10: To pass the following form the Environment Budget  
To pass up to \$400 for craft and materials for fossil free events  
To pass up to \$200 for Bike Co-op Breakfast food  
To pass up to \$250 for Green Screen pizza in Semester 1  
To pass up to \$80 for cakes from food co-op for events in Semester 1.

Mover: Lizzie Nicholson

Secunder: Lucy Turton

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**10.3 Lockheed Martin**

*Preamble:*

Last year Students Council passed a motion which reiterated UMSU's commitment to opposing violence through militarism and denounces the collaboration between the University of Melbourne and Lockheed Martin in respect to the establishment of the STELaRLab.

Student's council declared the imperative of research conducted at the University of Melbourne to be considered against the highest ethical standards, and in the interest of a better and more peaceful society.

Four further motions called on Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) James McCluskey, the Vice-Chancellor Glyn Davis, the Honourable Premier for Victoria Daniel Andrews and the Honourable Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science Greg Hunt to provide insight to the nature of the partnership, more detail can be read about this in previous minutes.

A growing group of students are organising to inform the University of Melbourne community about the nature of the collaboration with Lockheed Martin, and are building a movement to 'Lockout Lockheed'. The specific demands of the group are:

- To terminate all current or forthcoming contracts, partnerships and any other working relationships between the University and Lockheed Martin.
- To pledge to exclude arms manufacturers, weaponry research and other companies dealing in warfare from all of the University's current and future business, financial and research relationship.

Councillors discussed the ethical considerations of having Lockheed Martin at the University, and the negative connotations the company had. Councillors also considered that this would give many Aeronautical Science students many opportunities that they otherwise would not have. Discussion about the Engineering Faculty's' funding.

Motion 11:

- We implore President Yan Zhuang to request a meeting between DVC(R) Prof James McCluskey and student representatives from Lockout Lockheed.
- We encourage student representatives to bring up the University's relationship with Lockheed Martin in their next regular meeting with Chancellery.

Mover: Lizzie Nicholson

Seconder: Lucy Turton

CARRIED  
abstained

Gavin Sittampalam, Jacob Rodrigo and Tiffany Chui

## 6. General Managers Report

*Please see attached: General Manager's report, Events Facilitation Proposal, and MUSUL-UMSU Event Booking and Planning*

Justin discussed the transfer of Business from MUSUL to UMSU, the recommendation of a new staff member for event facilitation and the name changes for Union House rooms that have been recommended by the University "because the Grand Buffet Hall is not particularly grand and we don't have buffets".

Councillors asked about the new Event Facilitator and its impact on current staff roles. Justin replied that there should be no impact on anyone's PD due to the new staff member.

Discussion about the Asset register – Justin confirmed this would be handled by the University's asset register system as part of the transfer of business.

Further discussion about the new room names. Councillors asked why the Private Dining room was to be renamed the Boardroom. Justin replied that it was "because when we go to council, we're bored"

The changes are listed below:

- Union Hall (instead of Grand Buffet Hall)

- Boardroom (instead of Private Dining Room)
- Lounge (instead of Ante Room)

Motion 12: To accept the General Managers report

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 8. Operational Business

### 8.1 UMSU Child Safety Policy

*Please see attached: UMSU Child Safety Policy*

Discussion regarding UMSU's need for the policy and compliance with the law. Gavin Sittampalam raised a number of questions about when the policy applies, and who the policy applies to. He raised concern regarding the idea of anyone on council who is in a relationship with an under 18-year-old would be against the policy. Gavin wanted it noted that he was not dating a 17-year-old. Justin advised that the law is quite blunt – if there was a councillor in that position, it might mean they'd have to pick. Discussion about rad sex and consent week, and the availability of the policy to International Students.

Justin and Yas both suggested that the motion be deferred so Council can be provided with more information.

Motion 13: to defer the Child Safety Policy

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

### 8.2 Clubs & Societies Regulation Amendment

*Please see attached: Clubs & Societies Regulation Amendment*

Councillors expressed concern with the removal of the need for a Working with Children Check for camps with under 18-year-old students.

Discussion about the legal liability, and the advice given. Justin Baré suggested that the legal advice be provided to council in writing.

Motion 14: To defer the Clubs and Societies Regulation Amendment to the next Council meeting

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

### 8.4 Proposed Students' Council Schedule

Motion 15: To approve the Students Council schedule for Semester 1, 2017 as follows: Week 2 - Tuesday the 7th of March 2017 at 10AM

Week 4 - Thursday the 23rd of March 2017 at 11AM

Week 6 - Tuesday the 4th of April 2017 at 10AM

Week 8 - Thursday the 27th of April 2017 at 11AM

Week 10 - Tuesday the 9th of May 2017 at 10AM

Week 12 - Thursday the 25th of May 2017 at 11AM

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)



CARRIED

## 9. Motions Without Notice

### 10.1 Music Culture on Campus

Itsi Weinstock presented a paper regarding the Creation of a Music Working Group on campus, the role of which would be “to examine ways of improving musical culture on campus, with the aim of developing a model of a centralised music program that UMSU can provide.”

The membership of the working Group will comprise of members of the UMSU music clubs:

- Apollo Health Music Society
- Biomedicine Students’ Orchestra
- Chinese Music Group
- Choral Society
- Engineering Music Society
- Music Students’ Society
- Ring of Choir

Also

- The UMSU President or nominee
- The UMSU General Secretary or nominee

Discussion about the need for such a working group and the scope. Council requested that the Activities, VCA and Creative Arts OBs be added as members of the Working Group – this was amenable.

Daniel Beratis asked who had voting rights – Itsi outlined that all decisions would be made by consensus only, and by members of the Working Group. The Working Group will report to Council before the end of Semester 1.

Justin Baré suggested that the Working Group should come up with the Terms of reference themselves, and should report back to Council with them for approval. This was amenable to the mover.

Motion 16: That UMSU Students’ Council endorses the creation of a Music Culture on Campus Working Group.

This Working Group will report back to council when the Terms of Reference have been discussed and decided upon by the Working Group

Mover: Yasmine Luu (Chair)

CARRIED

## 10. Other Business

No other business

## 11. Next Meeting

Thursday the 23rd of March 2017 at 11AM

## 12. Close

Meeting closed at 11:19am