



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
CONFIRMED Minutes
12:00 PM, 21.4.2016
Meeting 8(16)
Location: Training Room 1, 3rd floor Union House

Meeting opened at 12:09pm by Tyson Holloway-Clarke

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Tyson Holloway-Clarke be elected Chair
 Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke Second: James Bashford
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Councillors:

Millicent Austin-Andrews	<i>Attended</i>
Liam Leyden	<i>Attended</i>
Elizabeth Nicholson	<i>Attended</i>
Martin Kaminsky	<i>Did not attend</i>
Anneke D'emanuele	<i>Attended</i>
Tamara Hunt	<i>Attended</i>
Hayden Michaelides	<i>Attended</i>
Reanna Clark	<i>Attended</i>
Gulsara Kaplun	<i>Attended</i>
Simon Frankland	<i>Attended</i>
Adam Wojcik	<i>Did not attend</i>
Daniel Sango	<i>Did not attend</i>
Ella Shi	<i>Did not attend</i>
Darcy Thornton	<i>Attended</i>
Luke Byrnes	<i>Did not attend</i>
Kelly Smith	<i>Attended</i>
Xuelan Tang	<i>Attended</i>
Wunambi Connor	<i>Attended</i>
Cassandra Prigg	<i>Attended</i>
Harry Adam	<i>Attended</i>

Office Bearers:

President	VACANT	N/A
General Secretary	James Bashford	<i>Attended</i>
Activities	Megan Pollock	<i>Attended</i>
Activities	Itsi Weinstock	<i>Did not attend</i>
Clubs & Societies	Yasmine Luu	<i>Attended</i>

Clubs & Societies	Ryan Davey	<i>Attended</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Jeanette Tong	<i>Attended</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Joshua Lynzaat	<i>Attended</i>
Education Academic affairs	Tom Crowley	<i>Attended</i>
Education Academic affairs	Paul Sakkal	<i>Attended</i>
Education Public Affairs	Akira Boardman	<i>Attended</i>
Education Public Affairs	Dominic Cernaz	<i>Attended</i>
Environment Officer	Anisa Rogers	<i>Attended</i>
Environment Officer	Zachary Power	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Caleb Triscari	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Danielle Bagnato	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Sebastian Dodds	<i>Attended</i>
Media	Baya Ou Yang	<i>Attended</i>
Queer	Frances Connors	<i>Attended</i>
Queer	Lotus Ye	<i>Did not attend</i>
Welfare	Sarah Xia	<i>Did not attend</i>
Welfare	Yan Zhuang	<i>Did not attend</i>
Wom*n Officer	Hien Thuc Nguyen	<i>Did not attend</i>
Wom*n Officer	Adriana Mells	<i>Attended</i>
Indigenous	Tyson Holloway-Clarke	<i>Attended</i>
Indigenous	Emily Kayte James	<i>Attended</i>
Disabilities	Christian Tsoutsouvas	<i>Attended</i>
Disabilities	Jess Kapuscinski-Evans	<i>Attended</i>
VCA Campus Coordinator	Van Rudd	<i>Attended</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Erathanos Beretta	<i>Did not attend</i>

Other: Daniel Dawood (Proxy), Martin Ditmann (Proxy), Xavier Boffa, Stylianos Nikias, Nikhil Sachdev

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

1.4 Apologies

Martin Kaminsky, Sarah Xia, Martin Kaminsky, Ella Shi, Daniel Sango

1.5 Proxies

Martin Kaminsky to Daniel Dawood

Ella Shi to Martin Ditmann

Daniel Sango to Liam Leyden

1.6 Membership

No change

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented

Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes of meeting 7(16) attached

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes as a true and accurate record
 Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Chair)
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

4. Correspondence

4.1 War Memorial Correspondence (attached)

Noted – motion to come

5. Office Bearer Reports

Attached

5.1 President	N/A
5.2 General Secretary	Submitted
5.3 Activities	Submitted
5.4 Clubs & Societies	Submitted
5.5 Creative Arts	Submitted
5.6 Disabilities	Submitted after the Agenda was sent
5.7 Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted after the Agenda was sent
5.8 Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
5.9 Environment	Not submitted
5.10 Indigenous	Submitted
5.11 Media	Submitted
5.12 Queer	Submitted
5.13 Welfare	Submitted
5.14 Wom*ns	Submitted
5.15 Burnley	Not submitted
5.16 VCA	Submitted INCLUDES RECCOMENDATIONS

Creative Arts (Jean) reported back to Council that they had visited the VCA last week, and there was a lot of concern about voting hours down there, and a lack of awareness of the Union.

James reported back in his capacity as Acting President/General Secretary on the Student Precinct and updated those present on the next steps.

Disabilities reported back on their events, and that there had been mixed levels of attendance. Auslan has been very well attended.

Environment reported back on the Fossil Free MU action that had occurred the day before (locking on to barrels filled with concrete, preventing staff from getting into the Raymond Priestley building), and that negotiations were fruitful.

Council gave the action and result a round of applause.

Tom Crowley raised that the Victorian Parliament is looking at changing the legislation around students on University Council and encouraged interested councillors to get in contact with him if they were interested in the changes.

Welfare was congratulated on Stress Less Week.

Adriana invited all present to a screening of the Hunting Ground before Nightmarket

VCA had recommendations:

May 11th NDA Food and Entertainment

That \$1,850 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for food entertainment for the May 11th NDA. (Breakdown: \$600 food and BBQ staff, \$1000 music stage and equipment hire, \$250 for solo musician)

May 11th NDA art materials

That \$200 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for art materials for fellow VCA students to create art for the rally. (Breakdown: \$120 for acrylic paint, \$80 for canvas).

Spoken Word Event

That \$500 be moved from VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for food and beverages and associated costs for holding a Spoken Word event, on a date in the month of June, semester one.

Motion 4: To accept all OB reports and the VCA recommendations

Mover: Tyson Holloway Clarke (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6. Other Reports

12:24pm Gulsara Kaplun arrived

7. General Manager's Report

Justin Baré informed the Council that we had received legal advice regarding the Presidential appointment in the last minute, which would be forwarded to Council post meeting.

He also mentioned that the Legal Consultation Process needed to be extended until the 2nd of May at 5pm as there had been irregularities with the initial meeting scheduled with the directly affected staff member

Motion 5: To accept the General Managers' report

Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Justin asked about the nominations for the Working Group for Corporate Service Provision to Student Organisations. Tom Crowley is the only one who has nominated to date and is very excited about it.

Motion 6: To open nominations for the Working Group for Corporate Service Provision to Student Organisations for women for the next 20 minutes.

Mover: Adriana Mells

Secunder: Akira Boardman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8. Operational Business

8.1 Operations Sub-Committee by-election results

Millicent Austin Andrews elected unopposed

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 ANZAC Day Wreath

Motion: That the UMSU show their support of the ANZAC movement through the small gesture of purchasing a wreath out of the union's expenditure budget.

Mover: Daniel Dawood Seconded: Megan Pollock

Tyson Holloway-Clarke asks to amend the motion with the following.

UMSU deeply respects the sacrifices made by the servicewomen and men, especially those made by members of our University community. In honour of the sacrifices made, UMSU will make a donation in lieu of laying a wreath this ANZAC Day. Two donations of \$100 each will be made out to Legacy Australia and Phoenix Australia: Centre for Posttraumatic Stress Mental Health. While UMSU appreciates the symbolism of laying a wreath in remembrance for all victims of war, and we support any students or members of our community choosing to lay a wreath, we prefer to donate directly to causes directly aid victims of conflict.

Motion: Student's council to move two sums of \$100 from Whole of Union budget line to be donated to Legacy Australia and Phoenix Australia.

Moved: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

Seconded: Adriana Mells

This is amenable to the mover.

Discussion surrounding glorifying war, and the history of ANZAC day

Motion 7: Student's council to move two sums of \$100 from Whole of Union budget line to be donated to Legacy Australia and Phoenix Australia.

Moved: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

Seconded: Adriana Mells

CARRIED

1 Abstention

9.2 Fares Fair PTV Campaign

Motion 8: Victoria is the only state in Australia where full time post-graduate students are not entitled to a public transport concession card. The Graduate Student Association is currently running a campaign, Fares Fair PTV, to get the Victorian Government to entitle all full time post-graduate students to a public transport concession card. The University of Melbourne Student Union recognises the basis of this entitlement is inconsistent with the rules applied to other students and is unfair. The University of Melbourne Student Union endorses the Fares Fair PTV campaign and commits to actively promoting it.

Moved: Kelly Smith

Seconded: Zachary Power

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move items 9.3 – 9.7 en bloc

Mover: Martin Dittmann

CARRIED

Discussion about Above Water costs.

Councillors questioned why extra money was needed, and the expense was not previously budgeted for.

Discussion about subsidising the publication with Advertising. The editors affirmed that advertising would ruin the publication as it is a Creative Writing Anthology.

Council asked how much had been passed from the WoU budget line. Goldie reported that \$5700 had been passed so far this year.

Caleb amended the motion to read:

That Students' Council approves the expenditure of \$2500 from the Media Printing budget line, \$2500 from the Creative Arts Printing line and \$1000 (down from \$1500) from the Whole of Union budget line for the printing of Above Water 2016.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: to exclude Motion 9.6 from the discussion

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

CARRIED

Motion 9: To pass the following:

- **Automatic Deferral Exemption for Media Expenditure**

Preamble: At the first Students Council in December, a motion was passed to automatically defer any motion below \$1000 per budget line to a following Operations Subcommittee. Because the Media Department doesn't have a committee, this means that many motions are deferred to OSC. However, for various reasons, there may not be an OSC in time to approve expenditure, leading to an extended waiting time to be reimbursed.

Motion: That Students' Council approves the exemption of all expenditure motions relating to the Media Department from motion 13 from Students Council meeting 1(16).

- **Chalk for Diversity Expenditure**

Motion: To reimburse the Welfare Department for the cost of providing breakfast at UMSU's Chalk for Diversity event, by moving \$176.75 from the Whole of Union budget line into the Welfare budget.

- **Media Expenditure**

Motion: That Students' Council approves the transfer of \$50 from the Media Printing line (3713) and \$50 from the Media Special Projects and Events line (3839) into the Media stationery line (3356).

- **Rad Sex and Consent Week expenditure**

Preamble: Rad Sex and Consent is a week-long event hosted by the Wom*n's, Queer, Disabilities and Welfare Departments, in 2016 it is being held in week 9. The week is promoted as the 'Sex Ed you never had' it hosts workshops promoting safe and inclusive sex. This year three themes that have been decided upon are: consent, healthy relationships and inclusive sex and romance. The events during Rad Sex and Consent week are open to all students.

Motion: To pass \$1000 from the whole of union budget line for Rad Sex and Consent week to help pay for workshops/speakers which will be split between the Wom*n's, Queer, Disabilities and Welfare departments.

Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Chair)

CARRIED

9.6 Above Water

Preamble: Above Water is a creative writing anthology produced together by the Media and Creative Arts departments. Above Water will be entering its 12th year this year, and we look forward to showcasing the creative talent of the University of Melbourne student community. As this is a cross-departmental project which contributes to the artistic and cultural spheres at the University, we are requesting some funding from the Whole of Union budget line. Funds from the Creative Arts budget which will contribute to the price of printing has already been approved.

Further discussion about the Whole of Union fund, and what spending should come from it. Councillors suggested that reform to the Finance regs needed to occur to include a clear definition of what spending is to come from the Whole of Union Budget line. Justin Baré reminded everyone that this definition is in the current Financial Regulations which Council should be aware of.

Tyson suggested an amendment that was amenable to the mover:

To add *“and that the publication be inclusive of students from other campuses”*

Councillors discussed the possibility of advertising in the future, as well as better budgeting. Yasmine suggested contacting M-ASS who currently have a creative writing competition – they may be able to help.

The larger costs (that of prizes and the launch) of Above Water were discussed.

Councillors expressed concern that these events (like Rad Sex and Consent week) were yearly budget expenses – and perhaps next year, Council should have a specific budget line for these expenses.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: to go to a vote

Mover: Martin Dittmann

CARRIED

Motion 10: That Students' Council approves the expenditure of \$2500 from the Media Printing budget line, \$2000 from the Creative Arts Printing line and \$1000 from the Whole of Union budget line for the printing of Above Water 2016.

Moved: Caleb Triscari

Seconded: Jean Tong

CARRIED

2 Abstentions

PROCEDURAL: To move to the vote for the Working Group

Mover: James Bashford

CARRIED

The Working Group has received 3 nominees – Gulsara Kaplun, Cassandra Prigg and Kelly Smith. Ballots were distributed after a small speech by each nominee.

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Refugee Pledge

The Canberra Refugee Action Committee last month launched the 'Pledge for a Just Refugee Policy'. This Pledge is designed to provide a common platform around which organisations

that support refugee rights can unite, in order to more effectively campaign for a fundamental shift in government policy.

This is especially important heading into a federal election where both major parties remain committed to mandatory detention. Any hope of defeating the most draconian aspects of government refugee policy depends on activist, union and community organisations collaborating to campaign for refugee rights and pressure the government to end its horrific practices.

UMSU has a proud history of supporting refugee rights, and it is vital that this support is reaffirmed.

The text of the Pledge is as follows:

Pledge for a Just Refugee Policy – March 2016

Our Vision

Our aim is for an Australia in which asylum seekers and refugees are treated with dignity and humanity, not with punishment and cruelty. It embodies the values of fairness and generosity towards those who are vulnerable and in need of sanctuary.

The adoption of the five points will positively reshape the narrative that underpins public opinion on refugees and asylum seekers. It will recreate an Australia that upholds its commitment to human rights and leads the world in embracing its international obligations. This is an Australia we can all have pride in.

Five Point Plan - positive solutions for people seeking asylum

Signing the pledge means that you or your organisation stand by the five points contained in the pledge and will work to bring them about.

1. Immediate release and settlement for all those suffering at our hands. This means immediately shutting down offshore centres and without delay bringing all persons seeking asylum and those assessed as refugees to Australia for permanent settlement.
2. End mandatory detention. There should be no detention of asylum seekers. There should be open reception centres, genuinely independently monitored, for health identity and security checks.
3. Raise the refugee intake substantially. Australia must substantially increase the number of people to whom we offer asylum.
4. Safe and just passage of asylum seekers to Australia, with no punishment based on means of arrival. Working with the UNHCR, Australia needs to provide safe alternatives to people seeking asylum with fair and rapid processing of their claims in countries of transit such as Indonesia and Malaysia. Those who are successful in their claims should be flown to Australia for resettlement. There should be no discrimination against people who arrive on our shores by boat seeking asylum. We should not turn back boats containing asylum seekers.
5. Give permanent settlement visas, citizenship with full rights including work and family reunion. Those applying for refugee status should have the full legal rights available to others, such as tourists, including legal review rights. Those accepted should have the same permanent rights as other Australians. Whatever the outcome, there should be no refoulement/deportation to danger.

Motion 11:

1. That UMSU signs onto the Pledge for a Just Refugee Policy.

2. That UMSU promotes its support for the Pledge through its Facebook page and other appropriate means.
3. That Students' Council encourages all UMSU departments to promote UMSU's support for the Pledge.
4. That Students' Council encourages all UMSU departments to separately sign onto the Pledge.

Moved: Anneke Demanuele

Seconded: Akira Boardman

CARRIED

10.2 Additional Media Expenditure

Motion 12:

That Students' Council up to \$60 for chairs and table hire for Radio Fodder outdoor broadcasts from the Media Radio/Video budget line.

That Students Council approves up to \$300 for new headphones from the Media Radio budget line.

Moved: Caleb Triscari

Seconded: Danielle Bagnato

CARRIED

11. Other Business

James Bashford declared Kelly Smith elected to the Working Group

12. Next Meeting

Next meeting is the 28th April

13. Close

Meeting closed at 1:23pm