



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

UNCONFIRMED Minutes

12:00 PM, 25.8.2016

Meeting 15(16)

Location: Training Room 1, 3rd floor Union House

Meeting opened at 12:16pm by Akira Boardman

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Akira Boardman be elected Chair

Mover: Akira Boardman Seconder: James Bashford

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

Millicent Austin-Andrews	Attended
Liam Leyden	Attended
Elizabeth Nicholson	Attended
Martin Kaminsky	Attended
Anneke D'emanuele	Did not attend
Tamara Hunt	Attended
Katie Nikolau	Attended
Reanna Clark	Did not attend
Gulsara Kaplun	Attended
Simon Frankland	Did not attend
Aisling Acton	Did not attend
Daniel Sango	Attended
Ella Shi	Attended
Darcy Thornton	Did not attend
Kate Denver-Stevenson	Attended
Jacob Rodrigo	Did not attend
Xuelan Tang	Did not attend
Cassandra Prigg	Did not attend
Harry Adam	Attended

Office Bearers:

President	Tyson Holloway Clarke	Attended
General Secretary	James Bashford	Attended
Activities	Megan Pollock	Did not attend
Activities	Itsi Weinstock	Attended

Clubs & Societies	Yasmine Luu	Did not attend
Clubs & Societies	Ryan Davey	Did not attend
Creative Arts Officer	Jeanette Tong	Attended
Creative Arts Officer	Joshua Lynzaat	Attended
Education Academic affairs	Tom Crowley	Did not attend
Education Academic affairs	Paul Sakkal	Attended
Education Public Affairs	Akira Boardman	Attended
Education Public Affairs	Dominic Cernaz	Attended
Environment Officer	Anisa Rogers	Did not attend
Environment Officer	Zachary Power	Attended
Media	Caleb Triscari	Attended
Media	Danielle Bagnato	Did not attend
Media	Sebastian Dodds	Did not attend
Media	Baya Ou Yang	Did not attend
Queer	Frances Connors	Attended
Queer	Lotus Ye	Attended
Welfare	Sarah Xia	Attended
Welfare	Yan Zhuang	Attended
Women's Officer	Adriana Mells	Attended
Indigenous	Emily Kayte James	Did not attend
Indigenous	Wunambi Connor	Did not attend
Disabilities	Christian Tsoutsouvas	Did not attend
Disabilities	Jess Kapuscinski-Evans	Attended
VCA Campus Coordinator	Van Rudd	Did not attend
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Erathanos Beretta	Did not attend

Others: Jesse Krause, Jade Eckhaus, Caley McPherson, Liz Peak, Jesse Paris-Jourdan

1.4 Apologies

Martin Kaminsky, Yasmine Luu, Jacob Rodrigo, Reanna Clark

1.5 Proxies

Reanna Clark to Millie Austin-Andrews

Aisling Acton to Jesse Krause to Cass Prigg

Anneke D'emanuele to Jade Eckhaus

1.6 Membership

The Electoral tribunal has approved the appointment of Teresa Gornall to replace Simon Frankland.

The Electoral Tribunal has approved the appointment of Zac Collins-Widders to replace Wunambi Connor.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To amend the agenda to move 9.1, 10.1, 10.4, to follow item 3

Mover: Akira Boardman

Seconder: Harry Adam

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of meetings 13(16) & 14(16) attached.

Motion 3: approve the minutes of meeting 13 and 14 as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Akira Boardman (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 University Station

The following motion was voted on after the previous meeting of Council lost quorum. This decision must now be reviewed by a quorate council.

Preamble: University Chancellery Projects and Policy team has reached out to UMSU to endorse the University's suggested name of the currently unbuilt Metro Station. The proposed name is University Station and captures the wild imagination Chancellery is known for. Nonetheless the name is appropriate and I call on Student's Council to endorse the proposed name. The GSA has also endorsed the name.

Motion: UMSU supports the University of Melbourne's proposal to name the new Melbourne Metro Train Station located on Grattan Street the aptly named 'University Station'.

Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

Seconder: Daniel Sango

Amendment requested to motion "That Students' Council establishes the principle that we include the name Union or a derivative of in the new Student Precinct" by James Bashford

This is amenable to the mover

Motion 4: UMSU supports the University of Melbourne's proposal to name the new Melbourne Metro Train Station located on Grattan Street the aptly named 'University Station'.

That Students' Council establishes the principle that we include the name Union or a derivative of in the new Student Precinct

Mover: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

Seconder: Daniel Sango

CARRIED

3.2 People of Colour Conference

The University provided \$5000 in sponsorship for UMSU's People of Colour Conference, held on the 23rd and 24th of July. The sponsorship funds will be transferred to the Whole of Union budget line. In order for invoices to be processed this expenditure must now be approved by Council.

Tyson Holloway Clarke and Yan Zhuang declared a conflict of interest.

Motion 5: That Council approves expenditure of up to \$5000 from the Whole of Union Budget Line for the People of Colour Conference.

Moved: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconded: Jean Tong

CARRIED

8.1 Solidarity with Bendigo Street Occupation

For the past four months, a number of homeless people (backed by the Homeless Persons Union) have been occupying groups of vacant houses in Parkville and Collingwood that were originally bought by the Victorian government for the East West Link project. The Homeless Persons Union have stated that this is a political protest against the current housing crisis occurring in Melbourne and lack of action from Martin Foley (Victorian Housing Minister) and demand that all the currently occupied houses put on the public housing registrar instead of for private rentals.

Since the occupation, police have issued multiple eviction notices on the occupants and conducted raids in the houses, offering no assistance to rehouse the occupants except providing a perfunctory list of crisis accommodation centres (most of which are full or unsuitable and unsafe for the occupants). Currently, the Supreme Court is upholding an injunction that prevents evictions until 10:30 am on Wednesday the 24th.

Lotus spoke to the motion, reading a letter from the Homeless Persons Union to Council.

Motion 6:

1. UMSU stands in solidarity with the occupants of Parkville and Bendigo Street, which include victims of domestic violence, young children, and LGBT+ people. The majority of occupants have been battling homelessness for years due to lack of resources and public stigma.
2. UMSU condemns both Victorian Housing Minister's actions in calling the police and trying to forcibly displace these people without offering them alternative accommodation, and the Housing Minister's current inaction that have led to a housing crisis where the incidents of homeless have increased by 74 percent in two years
3. Students' Council directs the President to release a statement outlining UMSU's stance and support for the Bendigo St Occupation.

Mover: Lotus Ye

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

8.2 Cancer Council Stall

UMSU has been contacted by the Council Council with a request to hold a fundraising stall in Union House. Exterior vendors are ordinarily charged \$500 to book such stalls in Union House.

Motion 7: That Students’ Council directs that the \$500 booking fee for a stall in Union House be waived for the Cancer Council to hold a fundraising stall.

Moved: James Bashford

Seconded: Tyson Holloway Clarke

CARRIED

10.4 Queer Collaborations Funding

Motion 8: To pass up to \$1200 for Student Grants to go to Queer Collaborations. This funding is for flights, accommodation and tickets to the conference and comes from Queer budget line Special Projects and Events

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Akira Boardman

CARRIED

4. Correspondence

None received

5. Office Bearer Reports

Attached

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	No report submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	No report submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	<i>Submitted late</i>
Indigenous	No report submitted
Media	Submitted
Queer	<i>Submitted late</i>
Welfare	Submitted
Wom*ns	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
VCA	Submitted

Tyson Holloway Clarke spoke to his report.

James Bashford spoke to his report, adding that he had just attended the Human Rights Commission lunch with Kate Jenkins regarding Sexual Assault on campus with Tyson and Adriana

Itsi spoke to his report, further outlining the finance issues with Stop 2 Ed Ac were not present, but Dominic Cernaz requested answers to the following questions/concerns on notice for the next council

- When is the next SRN meeting?
- Concerns about the transparency of the SRN and requests for website updates
- Request for the Flex Ap survey time line and request for who has access to the data

Dom Cernaz spoke to his report – 200 to 300 people attended the NDA, and the workers’ rights booklet looks great

Katie Nikolau asked about the effectiveness of the Facebook sponsored posts – Dom replied that they’ve been getting a few ‘likes’ every day out of the expenditure.

James Bashford asked the Environment OBs to get their minutes to him as soon as possible.

Media requested all the OBs get their reports to Media in a timely fashion, for inclusion into Farrago, and to remember that the editions are published in the future, so to pretend that some events planned had already happened.

It was requested that it be minuted that Caleb Triscari said “You can lie, I don’t care” in regards to the OB reports.

James Bashford asked the Welfare Office about 2 headphones that had been purchased from the Uni Store on the Welfare account.

Sarah Xia said that she had bought one pair for use by collective. James asked Yan if she had bought the other pair for her use. Yan said that it was an office pair.

Motion 9: To accept the tabled OB reports

Mover: Akira Boardman

Seconder: Katie Nikolau

CARRIED

6. General Manager’s Report

Procedural Motion: To move in camera, but allowing Justin Baré, Goldie Pergl and Jess’s Carer to stay

Mover: Akira Boardman

CARRIED

Meeting moved in camera at 12:49pm

During this time Council discussed Corporate Service provision to UMSU, and the recent update from the University

Meeting moved to include strangers at 12:18pm

Justin informed Council that SSAF negotiations had finished and UMSU was waiting for formal approval.

Caleb Triscari asked why Students' Council could not know the exact amounts yet. Justin said that as the amounts are not formally approved and that Council was not in camera any longer then it would be not appropriate to disclose the amounts. Caleb indicated that he wouldn't report on it until it was public.

Justin indicated that there were other media outlets on the campus that might report on it.

Liz Peak apologised on behalf of Parkville Station.

Motion 10: To accept the General Managers' report

Mover: Akira Boardman

CARRIED

7. Other Reports

No other reports

8. Operational Business

8.1 Campaign for Safety on Campus

Postponed to wait for Adriana to attend

8.2 Media Expenditure

Motion 11:

1. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$250 for additional Above Water printing from the Media Special Projects/Events line
2. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$120 to cater a joint panel with UMSU Disabilities from the Media Special Projects/Events line
3. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$13000 for Farrago Edition Seven printing from the Media Printing line.
4. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$11000 for Farrago Edition Eight printing from the Media printing line.
5. That Students' Council approves the expenditure of up to \$500 for the Farrago Edition Seven launch from the Media Special Projects/Events line.

Moved: Caleb Triscari

Seconded: Kate Nikolau

CARRIED

8.1

The issue of Safety on Campus has been one of particular concern in 2016. Following the 2015 NUS Talk About It Survey, where 72.5% of students had experienced sexual assault or some form of sexual harassment, it is important that UMSU is a leading voice in campaigning for a safer campus. This year the University has had a change in reporting procedure and it is important that this procedure and other relevant support services are easily accessible to students. The Women's Department has been working throughout the year to investigate and to have meaningful discussions about safety on campus, particularly in relation to sexual assault and have created a guide about procedures and support services that are relevant, both on and off campus. Whilst the Women's department has undertaken most of this work, it is important that this is addressed by all of UMSU rather than just one department.

Adriana spoke to the motion, indicating it was a university wide publication. Tyson indicated he was going to follow up with the University about funding the publication and that this money would only be used if that funding didn't come through. Councillors were invited to give input into the publication if they wanted

Motion 12: To approve expenditure of up to \$2000 from the Whole of Union Budget Line for the production and promotion of the Guide to Sexual Assault on and off Campus and associated materials.

Moved: Adriana Mells

Seconded: Tyson Holloway-Clarke

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.3 People of Colour Department

Motion 13: To approve expenditure of up to \$1000 for the People of Colour Collective, including expenditure for film screenings, social events and the purchase of assets in preparation for the inauguration of the People of Colour Department in 2017 from the Whole of Union Budget Line.

Moved: Sarah Xia

Seconded: Millicent Austin Andrews

CARRIED

8.4 Stop 2 Pub Nights

The Activities Department has been utilising the bar space in Union House for weekly events. This has provided a new social activity for students, and has also prompted many clubs, societies, departments and student groups to start using the space. This has however been a large extra strain on the department as there is excess workload, and financial pressure as this was not budgeted for at the start of the year. Currently, the nights are costing a few hundred dollars a week, which is not sustainable for the department.

Motion: That \$5000 be transferred from the Whole of Union budget line to the Activities Department to be used for events in the bar space.

Moved: Itsi Weinstock

Seconded: Gulsara Kaplun

Discussion about leaving the Whole of Union Budget line in deficit and the importance of budgeting well – other departments have managed to stay within their budgets

Further discussion about the budgeting of the bar events, and the idea that running a bar should be cost neutral or even beneficial to the budget.

James Bashford asked why Activities were asking for more money given that they have a lot of money left in their budget.

Some Councillors expressed concern at the amount of money being asked for, as well as concern that the money was being completely transferred out of the Whole of Union Budget line to the Activities budget line – most expenditure from the WoU budget line is direct and therefore still under Council's control.

Discussion about clubs on campus, the amount of alcohol events UMSU has, the closure of nearby pubs and the convenience of having a venue on campus.

Itsi asked if Council could identify other budget lines the money could come from and said that these events had not been budgeted for as the Bar was a new opportunity.

Sarah Xia pointed out that this was more money than Council had given to the People of Colour Department for the whole year.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To cut the speaking list during the next speaker

Mover: Caleb Triscari

CARRIED

Councillors again expressed concern at the amount of money being asked for, and asked about cost cutting measures that could be made.

Itsi said that \$5000 wasn't a large amount of money looking at UMSU's budget.

Councillors put forward that \$5000 was a quarter of most departments yearly budgets.

FORESHADOWED MOTION: To approve expenditure of \$2000 from the Contingency budget line and \$1000 from the grants budget line to be used for Bar night events in the bar space.

Mover: James Bashford

Secunder: Millicent Austin Andrews

This was not amenable to the mover

James spoke to the foreshadowed motion highlighting that \$3000 should be enough, and still leaves money in the Whole of Union budget line for student grants later on.

Millie spoke to her seconding rights saying she felt it was important that the money remained in those budget lines until used.

Discussion about whether the money would be enough, and if the amount was appropriate.

MOTION 14: To approve expenditure of \$2000 from the Contingency budget line and \$1000 from the grants budget line to be used for Bar night events in the bar space.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconded: Millicent Austin Andrews

MOTION LOST

Gulsara Kaplun requests an amendment to the foreshadowed motion – To approve expenditure of \$2000 from the Contingency budget line, \$2000 from the Whole of Union budget line and \$1000 from the grants budget line to be used for Bar night events in the bar space.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconded: Harry Adam

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to a vote

Mover: Harry Adam

CARRIED

Akira Boardman asks for a named vote.

Motion 15: To approve expenditure of \$2000 from the Contingency budget line, \$2000 from the Whole of Union budget line and \$1000 from the grants budget line to be used for Bar night events in the bar space.

Mover: Gulsara Kaplun

Seconded: Harry Adam

FOR: Ella Shi, Gulsara Kaplun, Martin Kaminsky, Liam Leyden, Katie Nikolau, Tamara Hunt, Daniel Sango, Harry Adam

AGAINST: Millicent Austin Andrews, Jade Eckhaus (proxy for Anneke), Jesse Krause (Proxy for Aisling), Reanna Clark, Kate Denver-Stevenson, Lizzie Nicholson

CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

Meeting 16(16), Tuesday September 13th, 11:00 AM, Training Room 1

10. Close

Meeting closed at 1:51pm due to loss of quorum