Meetings of the Students’ Council

UNCONFIRMED Minutes
4:00 PM, 16.11.2016
Meeting 19(16)
Location: Training Room 1, 3rd floor Union House

1. Procedural Matters
   1.1 Election of Chair
   1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
   1.3 Attendance
   1.4 Apologies
      Reanna Clark, Gulsara Kaplun, Jacob Rodrigo, Katie Nikolaou, Aisling Acton, Anneke D’emanuele, Tamar Hunt
   1.5 Proxies
      Reanna Clark to Molly Willmott, Aisling Acton
      Gulsara Kaplun to Daniel Sango, Harry Adam
      Jacob Rodrigo to Harry Adam
      Katie Nikolaou to Daniel Sango
      Aisling Acton to Desiree Cai
      Anneke D’emanuele to Jade Eckhaus
      Tamara Hunt to Sinead Manning
   1.6 Membership
      After missing three consecutive meetings, the memberships of Millicent Austin-Andrews and Martin Kaminsky have expired.
   1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
   Minutes of meetings 17(16) and 18(16) attached.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
   3.1 NatCon Grants
   3.2 Working While Studying Campaign Partnership Agreement (ratification)
   3.3 Corkman Pub (ratification)
   3.4 VCA OB Report Recommendation

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearer Reports
   5.1 Annual Reports

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7. Other Reports

8. Operational Business

8.1 Standing Orders Proposed Changes

8.2 Procedures for Student Reps Proposed Changes

8.3 Electoral Regulations Proposed Changes

8.4 C&S Regulations Proposed Changes (for discussion)
9. **Motions on Notice**
   9.1 VCA Orientation Camp

10. **Motions Without Notice**
    10.1 Indigenous Department Expenditure

11. **Other Business**
    11.1 Harm Reduction/Pill Testing Progress

12. **Next Meeting**
    This is the last scheduled meeting of the current Council. Students' Council-Elect will hold its first meeting on November 30th.

13. **Close**
3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 NatCon Grants

Motion 6 of the previous meeting of council failed after the meeting lost quorum. It has subsequently been amended as below.

**Motion 6:**

1. To move $1000 from Whole of Union into the Grants budget line of the Education Department.

2. To move $1700 from the Grants Budget line of the Education Department for the purpose of grants to NUS National Conference. The process of grant allocation will be conducted as follows:

   2.1 Grants will be allocated on financial need as well as priority given to first time attendees. Reports will be submitted to the incumbent Education Committee of 2017 for consideration.

   2.2 Grants will be conditional on applicants submitting a report one month after the end of National Conference.

   a. In the event of a report being rejects, applicants shall be notified and given a week to resubmit their report.

   b. In the event an applicant fails to meet the deadline of submission, they may be required to refund any excluded from consideration for further subsidies, and potentially facing further repercussions such as UMSU seeking to recover the subsidy funds given to them. These requirements will be communicated to applicants at the time of application.

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Moved: Dom Cernaz          Seconded: James Bashford

Motion Failed
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Moved: Akira Boardman  
Seconded: Tom Crowley

3.2 Working While Studying Campaign Partnership Agreement (ratification)

The following motion was passed by the last meeting of Council after losing quorum, and must now be ratified in order to take effect.

**Motion 7:**
That Students Council directs Tyson Holloway-Clarke to sign the Working While Studying Campaign Partnership Agreement proposed by the Annabelle LEE Jia Wen from Malaysian Progressives in Australia.

Moved: Dom Cernaz  
Seconded: James Bashford

Carried

Motion:
That Students’ Council ratifies motion 7 of meeting 18(16)

Mover:  
Seconder:

3.1 Corkman Pub (ratification)

The following motion was passed by the last meeting of Council after losing quorum, and must now be ratified in order to take effect.

**Motion 8:**
Due to the significance of this building, both to the residents of Carlton and the students of this University, Student’s Council resolves to:

(i.) Condemn the actions of the developers who ordered the demolition as unlawful and in violation of Council protections.

(ii.) Express its support for the coalition of Melbourne University students and concerned citizens who have begun a campaign to resurrect the Corkman pub, and to encourage UMSU departments to circulate the petition that this group has produced.
(iii.) Call upon the Melbourne City Council to order that the developers pay for the full restoration of the building, and that no further development of the site in violation of Council protections should be allowed to take place.

(iv.) Call for the Melbourne City Council to launch a public inquiry into the demolition of this building for profit and the need for stronger protections of Melbourne landmarks in general.

Moved: Gulsara Kaplun  
Seconded: Harry Adam

Carried

**Motion:**

That Students’ Council ratifies motion 8 of meeting 18(16).

Mover:  
Seconder:

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### 3.1 VCA OB Report Recommendation

On Tuesday night, Oct 11th, VCASA will be holding a spoken word event at the VCA’s Grant St Theatre. Two renowned poets will be performing and students with university ID will also be able to perform once they register on the night. It should be an exciting night of poetry and possibly loaded with anger because students may indeed speak of the Dean of the VCA’s decision to cease the running of the Centre for Cultural Partnerships CCP. Last year we ran a similar event in the Student Lounge, but for this one we have decided to run it in the Grant St Theatre to make the Slam more significant for VCA and MCM students which requires an in house technician for sound.

**Motion:**

That $300 come from the VCA Dept Special Events Line to cover the costs of a sound technician and room setup on the VCASA Student Slam night.

Mover: Van Rudd  
Seconder:

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### 8. Operational Business

#### 8.1 Standing Orders Proposed Changes

See attached document

**Motion:**

That Students’ Council adopts the proposed changes.

Mover: James Bashford  
Seconder:

#### 8.2 Procedures for Student Reps Proposed Changes

See attached document

**Motion:**

That Students’ Council adopts the proposed changes.

Mover: James Bashford  
Seconder:

#### 8.3 Electoral Regulations Proposed Changes

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**Motion:**

That Students’ Council recommends that the Electoral Tribunal adopt the proposed changes.
Mover: James Bashford  Seconder:

8.4 C&S Regulations Proposed Changes (for discussion)
See attached document

9. Motions on notice

9.1 VCA Orientation Camp
Student run camps are a cornerstone of the University experience and is a great way for new students to make meaningful relationships and get the lowdown on the union. Currently, no orientation camp is run with the main focus being for students at the Victorian College of the Arts Campus.

The VCA Camp is the creation of Christopher King, President of the Film & Television Students Society and 2017 General Committee Member for VCA. This camp has overwhelming support from the VCA Community as well as the committee for 2017. Discussions between the current and future VCA Coordinator have occurred, and it was agreed that it was possible to use what was left in the budget to be used for camp, only after all VCA expenditures have been paid.

This camp will be held in 2017 the weekend before O-Week, and it is understood that this budget is for 2016 events. If Students’ Council were to approve this motion, the money will only pay for the urgent deposit of the campsite (needed by the end of the year) and to cheapen the tickets to make the camp more accessible to all students. The campsite satisfies all accessibility needs and will be catered for everyone.

Although this is a camp run under Clubs & Societies it will be marketed as a VCA camp, for VCA students, with UMSU and VCASA branding. The campsite will be fitted with UMSU advertising and it will be made very clear the services available to students. This is an excellent opportunity for UMSU to engage directly with VCA students.

Motion:
To approve $3000 or the leftover funds in the VCA budget line (whichever is smaller), for the deposit of the VCA Camp at PGL’s Campaspe Downs Camp in Kyneton.

Mover: Yasmine Luu  Seconded: Ryan Davey

10. Motions without notice

10.1 Indigenous Department Expenditure

Motion:
1. The Indigenous department would like to pass up to $1500.00 for student leadership grants from their special events and projects budget line. This cost has been sponsored in full by Murrup Barak Institute for Indigenous Development. The grants are for students who have offered assistance at multiple events during the semester and have shown outstanding leadership. The grants will be given to eight students with each student receiving $185.00.

2. The Indigenous Department would like to pass up to $50.00 from our special projects and events budget line to the printing budget line in order to successfully complete the archiving process.

Moved: Emily Kate James  Seconded: Wunambi Connor
10.2 Opposing Staff and Service Cuts

The University of Melbourne has recently announced a package of 11 restructures to various departments and services, amounting to dozens of job cuts and the slashing of essential student services. All career consultants with Melbourne Careers are facing redundancy, meaning that the only career advice students will be able to access is that of the general student advisors, who have no relevant expertise or qualifications. The Academic Skills service is being gutted, with only a handful of Advisor positions remaining to service students.

The list of restructures goes on, and comes at a time when student fees are at an all-time high, and the extensive investment in new construction and renovation projects demonstrates that the University’s financial status is far from dire.

The National Tertiary Education Union branch has launched a campaign against the proposed restructures, and it is incumbent on UMSU to support this campaign - both to offer solidarity to staff under attack, and to defend essential student services.

Motion:
1. That the President will publish a statement outlining UMSU’s opposition to the University’s restructures.
2. The UMSU’s opposition to the restructures be published on the UMSU Facebook page.
3. That the Education (Academic Affairs) and Education (Public Affairs) Officers will liaise with the NTEU about the campaign against the restructures.
4. Students’ Council directs all officebearers to attend the NTEU’s end of year event on December 1 to show support for staff.

Moved: Anneke D’emaneule  Seconded: James Bashford