



**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Minutes of the Students' Council Elect**

**Meeting 2/09**

***CONFIRMED***

**2.00 pm, Monday 30th November 2009**

**Location: Graeme Cornish A/B, Union House**

**Agenda**

**1. Procedural Matters**

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
- 1.4 Apologies
- 1.5 Proxies
- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**4. Correspondence**

**5. Standing Committee Reports**

- 5.1 Returning Officer's Report (Staffing & Finance Sub-Committee Elections)

**6. Other Reports**

**7. Motions on Notice**

- 7.1 Approval of Office-Bearer Leave
- 7.2 Empowerment of Staffing Sub-Committee to elect student representatives for the Student Representation Network (SRN)
- 7.3 Acceptance of MUSUL Corporate Charges Agreement
- 7.4 Adoption of draft UMSU Operating Budget 2010

**8. Other Business**

**9. Next Meeting**

**10. Close**

**Meeting declared open by President-elect, Jesse Overton-Skinner at 2.10pm**

**Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters**

**1.1 Election of Chair**

**Motion 1:** That Jesse Overton-Skinner chair the meeting.

Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner

**CARRIED**

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners**

We acknowledge that this meeting takes place on the land of Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and honour their elders past and present.

**1.3 Attendance**

Students' Council-elect

Anton Anin, Rachel Barrett, Louis Gregory, Jimmy Jin, Max Kaiser, Frances Lewis, Stephanie McHenry, Kon Moisisdis, Meredith Treadwell, Kate Turnbull, Suzie Zheng, Chris Summers, Tristan Clack, Ming Yang Chen

2010 Office Bearers

Jesse Overton-Skinner (President), Lydia Bevege (Secretary), John Shipp (Education Academic Officer), Yoni Cuikerman (Education Public Officer), Rachael Lim (Welfare Officer), Esther Bohmer (Wom\*n's Officer), Miriam Hamel-Green (Wom\*n's Officer), David Haidon (Arts Officer), Nick Tammens (Arts Officer), David Evans (Activities Officer), David Mulholland (Activities Officer), Ed Yap (Queer Officer), Evelyn Daniel (Environment Officer), Rachel Baxendale (Media Officer), Jonathan Donagan (Clubs & Societies Officer), Piper O'Dowd (Clubs & Societies Officer).

Others

Kyle Dadleh, Zoe Sanders, Adelaide Rief, Noni Sproule, Tom Hopwood, Mark Kettle, Charlie Goodman, James Kingston, Shaun Khoo, Thomas Daley, Sam Rankin, Justin Bare, Marijana Bosnjak

**Absent**

Students' Council-elect

Paul Hosri, Elizabeth Redman, Linda Gao

2010 Office Bearers

Rudolph Hosri, Joshua Anderson, Lloyd McGeary, Claire Oppermann, Dan Musil, Sarah Laing, Ellena Savage, Lucas Smith, Jidah Clark

**1.4 Apologies**

Josh Anderson, Lloyd McGeary, Ellie Savage, Lucas Smith, Sarah Laing, Rudy Hosri, Claire Opperman, Paul Hosri, Shane Woon

**1.5 Proxies**

Elizabeth Redman to Zoe Sanders

Paul Hosri to Tom Daley

Linda Gao to Suzie Zheng

Ming Yang Chen to Jimmy Jin before 3:17 (Ming Yang arrived at 3:17pm)

Meredith Treadwell to Noni Sproule after 2:30 (Meredith left at 2:30)

Anton Anin to Kon Moisisdis after 3:23 (Anton left at 3:23)

## 1.6 Membership

None.

## 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Jesse Overton-Skinner proposes the tabling of the updated draft UMSU Operating Budget 2010.

**Procedural Motion:** That standing orders be suspended to allow for the revised draft UMSU Operating Budget 2010 to be accepted into the meeting papers.

Moved: Chair

**For: 16**

**Against: 1**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2:** That Students' Council adopt the agenda.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

### Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Motion 3:**

That the minutes from meetings on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 be confirmed as true and accurate record of the meeting, with the following amendments – Kon Moisisis as being in attendance and Yoni Cuikerman as an apology.

Moved: John Shipp

Seconded: Kon Moisisis

**CWD**

### Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

### Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

No Correspondence.

### Agenda Item 5: Standing Committee Reports

It was noted that the Returning Officer's Report for the Sub-committee elections had been circulated.

**Motion 4:**

That the Returning Officer's Report for the Staffing & Finance Sub-Committee Elections be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

### Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

None.

## Agenda Item 7: Motions on Notice

### 7.1 Approval of Office-Bearer Leave

#### Motion 5:

That Students' Council approves the leave of the following Office Bearers, for the specified period below:

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Claire Oppermann | 1st January – 25th January, 2010   |
| David Mulholland | 11th January – 11th February, 2010 |
| Joshua Anderson  | 1st January – 1st February, 2010   |
| Lydia Bevege     | 11th January – 31st January, 2010  |
| Lloyd McGeary    | 1st February – 4th March, 2010     |
| Evelyn Daniel    | 25th January – 28th February, 2010 |
| Nick Tammens     | 1st January- 31st January, 2010    |
| Ellie Savage     | 19th January – 10th February, 2010 |
| David Haidon     | 1st January – 12th January, 2010   |

Moved: Lydia Bevege

Seconded: Jesse Overton-Skinner

**CWD**

### 7.2 Empowerment of Staffing Sub-Committee to elect student representatives for the Student Representation Network (SRN)

#### Motion 6:

That Students' Council-elect empowers the Staffing Sub-Committee to select, from the applications received by the UMSU Secretary, student representatives for the Student Representative Network.

Moved: John Shipp

Seconded: Jesse Overton-Skinner

**CWD**

### 7.3 Acceptance of MUSUL Corporate Charges Agreement

The Chair invites Justin Bare, UMSU Manager to brief the Council on the UMSU and MUSUL contractual agreement and past negotiations.

**Rachael Lim arrives at 2.18pm**

**Procedural Motion:** That the Council moves into a formal debate mode to discuss the motion.

Moved: John Shipp

**For: 11**

**Against: 6**

**CARRIED**

A speaking list is taken to discuss Motion 7.

Speakers for Motion 7 state that the \$70,000 upper limit, though high, is a reasonable outcome given that there is the potential to pay more, and that renegotiation for less is not possible.

**Procedural Motion:** That Speakers be limited to 3 minutes for the remainder of the discussion.

Moved: John Shipp

**For: 11**

**Against: 6**

**CARRIED**

Speakers against Motion 7 argue that the FSA terminating in 2010 coupled with the Services & Amenities Bill are reasons to maintain lower MUSUL charges. The increased charges have impacted upon activists departments which have taken a budget blow.

Question is put to the Chair regarding how the additional MUSUL charges are being accommodated. The Chair responds that \$70,000 is comprised of \$20,500 from UMSU and MUOSS income (10% of MUOSS' budget), and \$49,500 from reserves. Increased expenditure has also been forecast due to the establishment of the VCA student association.

**Motion 7:**

That Students' Council-elect accepts the MUSUL Corporate Charges Agreement 2010, negotiated with MUSUL by UMSU President Carla Drakeford and UMSU President-elect Jesse Overton-Skinner, which specifies that UMSU will pay MUSUL \$70,000 for the provision of corporate services.

Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner

Seconded: Paul Hosri

For: 12

Against: 2

Abstentions: 3

**CARRIED**

#### **7.4 Adoption of draft UMSU Operating Budget 2010**

A speaking list is taken to discuss Motion 8.

Jesse Overton-Skinner reads the motion and hands the Chair over to Lydia Bevege for Agenda Item 7.4.

Speakers for Motion 8 state the draft budget responds to increased expenditure and ensures the delivery of an electoral mandate, with increases in funding to Advocacy, Activities, and Clubs & Societies and Entertainment budgets. In developing the budget, 2008 spending was investigated. Clubs and Societies and Entertainment as these departments exceeded their spending in 2009 and require additional funding. The speakers support the increases to the Activities department as this department actively encourages student union membership and increases union profits. The speakers defend increases to welfare budget which is intended to absorb the cost of Free Breakfast programs. A transfer from reserves has meant modest cuts to departments and NUS but activist departments may be able to revert to whole of union funding for special projects through Students' Council. The speakers oppose accusations of cuts being politically motivated and points out that Synergy Office Bearers have also born cuts to their budgets.

#### **Meredith Treadwell proxies to Noni Sproule at 2.30pm**

Speakers against Motion 8 express concerns over the uneven distribution of budget cuts across the activist departments that are deemed to be crippling and compromise the autonomy of the activist departments. The speakers oppose the drastic cuts to departments that provide representation for otherwise marginalised students. In 2009 activist budgets sustained significant cuts and with a further 60% cut to the Queer budget it will be harder to represent Queer students. The 2010 budget is not reflective of 2008 spending and speakers express concern over having to approach students' council for additional funding with non-queer and non-women making decision on behalf of queer and female students. The speakers question the \$50,000 for NUS affiliation. Cuts to the Indigenous Department suggest this department is not a priority and opposes the requirement to lobby Students' Council for additional funding. The speakers also raised concerns regarding the limited funding to Burnley and the extent to which the budget is Parkville-centric.

**Ed Yap leaves at 2.59pm**

Jesse Overton-Skinner addresses the issue of a Parkville centred budget and explains the decision to reduce funding to the Indigenous department. Jesse Overton-Skinner states that there were no partisan motives to the budget and that all officers have been consulted with in developing the budget.

Noni Sproule moves that \$20,500 to be transferred from reserves and distributed evenly across the Wom\*n's, Queer, Environment and Indigenous departments.

Max Kaiser moves that \$20,000 to be transferred from the \$50,000 allocated towards NUS affiliation and distributed evenly across activist department Environment, Indigenous, Queer and Wom\*n's .

**Ming Yen Chen arrives at 3.17pm**

**Procedural Motion:** That speaking time be limited to 1 minute to discuss amendments to the substantive motion.

Moved: Lydia Bevege

**For: 10**

**Against: 7**

**CARRIED**

**Procedural Motion:** That the vote for the two proposed amendments and the substantive motion be taken together.

Moved: Lydia Bevege

**For: 10**

**Against: 7**

**CARRIED**

The Chair allows for movers to speak to their motion.

**Anton Anin proxies to Kon Moisisidis at 3.23pm**

Speakers against Motion 8 state that the activist departments provide vital support and advocacy and are constitutionally autonomous departments. These departments also bring in members and have been responsible for many successful projects. The current budget does not allow for any innovation. *Activate* have a monopoly on these departments because voters want strong autonomous representation. Membership statistics indicate that many join student unions for ideological reasons and the autonomous activist departments carry out these ideals.

Question is put forth to the Chair seeking clarification in regards to the allocation of advertising and sponsorship surplus from Farrago and Orientation sponsorship. Justin Bare responds that advertising and sponsorship surplus is unallocated and Students' Council have discretion over the spending of the surplus.

The Chair informs Council that foreshadowed motions will lapse and read like amendments as the motions were not supplied with budgets attached.

**Amendment 1**

That \$20,500 be taken from reserves due to the necessity to fund the autonomous departments for representation and advocacy. This would restore the four activist departments to \$8,500 each: Wom\*n's department to \$8,500, Queer department to \$8,500, Environment department to \$8,500 and Indigenous department to \$8,500.

Moved: Noni Sproule

Seconded: Esther Bohmer

**For:** Meredith Treadwell through Noni Sproule, Louis Gregory, Rachel Barrett, Frances Lewis, Chris Summers, Max Kaiser (6)

**Against:** Suzie Zheng, Linda Gao through Suzie Zheng, Paul Hosri through Tom Daley, Kon Moisisdis, Anton Anin through Kon Moisisdis, Tristan Clack, Kate Turnbull, Ming Yang Chen, Jimmy Jin, Stephanie McHenry (10)

**Abstentions:** Elizabeth Redman through Zoe Sanders (1)

**LOST**

**Amendment 2**

That \$20,000 be taken out of the NUS budget line and distributed evenly amongst the Environment, Indigenous, Queer and Wom\*n's departments.

Moved: Max Kaiser

Seconded: Rachel Barrett

**For:** Max Kaiser, Rachel Barrett, Chris Summers, Elizabeth Redman through Zoe Sanders (4)

**Against:** Suzie Zheng, Linda Gao through Suzie Zheng, Paul Hosri through Tom Daley, Kate Turnbull, Jimmy Jin, Ming Yang Chen, Tristan Clack, Stephanie McHenry (8)

**Abstentions:** Meredith Treadwell through Noni Sproule, Louis Gregory, Kon Moisisdis, Anton Anin through Kon Moisisdis, Frances Lewis (5)

**LOST**

**Motion 8:**

That Students' Council-elect adopt the draft UMSU Operating Budget 2010 prepared by the President-elect.

Moved: Jesse-Overton Skinner

Seconded: Stephanie McHenry

**For:** Suzie Zheng, Stephanie McHenry, Paul Hosri through Tom Daley, Kon Moisisdis, Anton Anin through Kon Moisisdis, Jimmy Jin, Tristan Clack, Ming Yang Chen, Kate Turnbull, Linda Gao through Suzie Zheng (10)

**Against:** Meredith Treadwell through Noni Sproule, Louis Gregory, Max Kaiser, Rachel Barrett, Frances Lewis, Chris Summers, Elizabeth Redman through Zoe Sanders (7)

**CARRIED**

**Agenda Item 8: Other Business**

**8.1 2010 Orientation**

Jesse Overton-Skinner requests Office Bearers and Students' Council email Lydia Bevege or herself with if interested in getting involved in UMSU Orientation.

**8.2 Increases to Advocacy Funding**

Lydia Bevege informs the Council that increases to funding for Advocacy are for the Peer Support Program and the Exam Support Stall will also be funded out of this.

**8.3 Office Bearer Induction**

Justin Bare reminds Council of the upcoming Office Bearer Induction, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 1pm in the MUVT training rooms.

**8.4. NUS Interest**

Noni Sproule enquires of the \$7000 locked away in an NUS legal fund for 20 years, which has accumulated interest and is now valued at \$12,000. The Chair informs the Council that \$3000 will remain with NUS, with the remaining \$9,000 absorbed by the rest of the budget. The \$9,000 income has been factored into budget line item 'Other Income' and has been evenly distributed across the budget.

**8.5 Office Bearer Leave of Absence**

Justin Bare requests Office Bearers who had their leave approved by Students' Council to complete an Office Bearer Leave of Absence form.

**Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled for some time in January 2010.

**Agenda Item 10: Close**

**Meeting closed at: 3.45pm**

**Certified by Chair:**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**