

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 3/09

CONFIRMED

2 PM, 12th February 2009

Location: MUVT2, Union House



Agenda

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- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
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6. General Manager Reports

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- 6.2 Issues for UMSU in 2009 (attached)

7. Motions on Notice

- 7.1 That \$1000 be donated from the Whole of Union Fund to the Red Cross Victoria Bushfires Appeal.

That UMSU extends its sympathy and support to the students and staff, who have lost family, friends and homes in the bush fires.

Mover Goldie Pergl Seconder: Katherine Klaus

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting

10. Close

Meeting opened at: 2.09PM, by Secretary Shaun Khoo

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Carla Drakeford and John Shipp nominate for chair

Motion 1: That Carla Drakeford chair the meeting

Moved: by the chair

CARRIED For: 8

Against: 5

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So Acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Office Bearers: Shaun Khoo (Secretary), Carla Drakeford (President), Katherine Klaus (Clubs and Societies), David Liubinas (Activities), Piper O'Dowd (Clubs and Societies), Tim Arnot (Education-Public), Frances Lewis (Education-Public), Chris Summers (Arts), Adelaide Rief (Arts), Gemma Leigh-Dodds (Education-Academic), Sadia Schneider (Education-Public), Chris Kloester (Activities) Bhakthi Puvanenthiran (Media), Cosima Nxy-Stone (Wom*ns), Gillian Kilby (Media)

Students' Council:

Goldie Pergl, Rudolph Hosri, John Shipp, Clinton Markwell, Kyle Dadleh, James Smith, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Dan Musil, Taylor Kendall, Josh Schmidt, Liam Byrne

Other

Gabriel Townsend

Shane Woon

Yoni Cukieman

Sabine Wolf

Andrew Hallam

Robert Anderson-Hunt

Adrian McMillian

Daniel Lopez

Elizabeth Walsh

Louise O'Shea

Simon Gibson

Jade Eckhaus

Jamiel Sabbagh

Steven Chang

Robert Naray

Bruno Friedel

Rachel Kenny

Jesse Overton-Skinner

Jesse Marshall

Justin Baré –UMSU Manager

Candice Cranmer –Minute taker

Absent:

Office Bearers: Laura Harris (Education-Academic), Tristan Clack (Welfare), Stefania Capogreco (Queer), Ezekiel Gould (Queer), Rachel Barrett (Environment), Sam Cossar-Gilbert (Environment), Zoe-Zora Sanders (Media), Yoshua Wakeham (Media), Kyle Lancaster (Indigenous) Ruby Warber (Indigenous)

1.4 Apologies

Phoebe Kelloway

Stephanie Gold

Allegra Renalda

Dominique Ottobre

Onagh Bishop

Virginia Trescowthick

1.5 Proxies

Phoebe Kelloway to
1. Josh Schmidt
2. Liam Byrne
3. Steven Chang

Stephanie Gold to
1. John Shipp
2. Lawrence Frawley
3. James Smith
4. Chris Lewis

Allegra Reinalda to Max Kaiser (not exercised)
Dominique Ottobre to Robert Anderson-Hunt
Onagh Bishop to Adrian McMillan
Virginia Trescowthick to Bruno Friedel

1.6 Membership

Phoebe Kelloway on leave until February 26th 2009.
Evan Wallace has resigned

Motion 2: That Shaun Khoo, secretary, be appointed the Public Officer of UMSU inc.

Moved: Shaun Khoo

Seconded: Jesse Overton-Skinner

For:9 Against: 0

Abstentions:1

CARRIED

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Carla informs Students' Council that the Budget that Students' Council passed in their last meeting is a deficit Budget and therefore unconstitutional. (see attachment)

Discussion to order of agenda order occurs.

Motion 3: That the Gaza motion be discussed as agenda item 4 and the budget be discussed as agenda item 5.

Moved: Liam Byrne

Seconded: Josh Schmidt

For: 5 Against: 10

LOST

Motion 4: That the agenda read:

1. Procedural Matters
2. Confirmation
3. Matters
4. Budget
5. Bushfires (motions on notice)
6. Gaza
7. Students Representative Network
8. Clubs and Societies Regulations
9. General Manager Reports
10. Other Business

Moved: Rob Anderson-Hunt

Seconded: Adrian McMillan

For: 9 Against: 5

Abstentions:1

CARRIED

Motion 5: Discussion of the Bushfire be moved to item 2. on the agenda

Moved: Chris Kloester

Seconded: Katherine Klaus

LAPSED

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 6: That the minutes from Students' Council meeting 2, 29/01/09 be confirmed as a fair and accurate account.

Moved: Robert Anderson-Hunt Seconded: Bruno Friedel

CARRIED

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

Motion 7: That the Voting Accountability Report from the Secretary be accepted.

Moved: Shaun Khoo Seconded: Goldie Pergl

CARRIED

Agenda Item 4: Budget

Carla peaks about deficit budget. A budget that has a 6.62% decrease is circulated.

A speaking list is proposed.

Justin Baré speaks about where the budget is deficit.

Entertainment Budget is discussed.

Justin responds to all questions and clarifies points raised.

Procedural Motion: To put the revised budget

Moved: Josh Schmidt

For: 14 Against: 2

CARRIED

Motion 8: That the 2009 Draft Revised Budget will become effective as the 2009 Operating Budget

Moved: Robert Anderson-Hunt Seconded: Bruno Friedel

For: 9 Against: 6 Abstentions: 1

CARRIED

Motion 9: That we revert back to the budget passed in December 2008 and restore \$35 000 to the Entertainment Department

Moved: Chris Kloester

LAPSED

Agenda Item 5: Motions on Notice -Bushfire Appeal

Motion is read out : That \$1000 be donated from the Whole of Union Fund to the Red Cross Victoria Bushfires Appeal.

That UMSU extends its sympathy and support to the students and staff, who have lost family, friends and homes in the bush fires.

Mover Goldie Pergl

Seconder: Katherine Klaus

Carla Drakeford informs Students' Council of the University's donation of \$100 000 to date.

Chris Kloester speaks of the Students' Council ability to fund raise for this cause and speaks to his motion.

Speaking list drawn up.

Discussion on those effected by the bushfires.

John Shipp asks for a point of clarification.

The Chair clarifies that both Motions will be voted upon and announces a progressive speaking list.

Further discussion about both motions.

Justin Baré leaves at 2.49pm

Procedural Motion: That the motions now be put.

Moved: Adrian McMillan

The University of Melbourne Student Union offers its solidarity to those in Palestine who have suffered from Israel's bombing and denial of basic rights, and to students in Australia affected by Israel's war.

The University of Melbourne Student Union condemns the Australian Government's support for Israel's war and craven refusal to condemn attacks on civilians.

Action:

The University of Melbourne Student Union endorses the cross campus-student solidarity group, Students for Gaza. The University of Melbourne Student Union endorses Palestine Solidarity Week to commence on the 30th of March to demonstrate opposition to the continuing suffering of Palestinians

Moved: Jamiel Sabbah Seconder: Jade Eckhaus

A speaking list is drawn up.

Procedural Motion : That both the mover and seconder of each motion speak to that motion.

Moved: Liam Byrne

For: 15 Against: 1

CARRIED

Procedural Motion : That the speaking time be limited to two minutes

Moved: Bhakthi Puvanenthiran

For: 7 Against: 8

LOST

3.04pm Justin Baré returns

Mover for the motion - Jamiel Sabbah speaks to the motion.

3.07pm Chris Lewis leaves

Seconder for Motion 13 –Jade Eckhaus speaks to the motion.

3.11 pm Sisi Ying leaves

The chair reads the next motion to Students' Council-

Motion 13

Regarding generally the recent events centring on the Gaza Strip in the Israel-Palestine area:

That:

1. While recognising the significant physical and psychological trauma incurred by both sides of this ongoing and terrible conflict, the University of Melbourne Student Union Students' Council (UMSU SC) acknowledges that the Palestinian people have suffered particularly in this conflict and need immediate relief in the form of a permanent ceasefire.
2. UMSU SC does not believe that violence, particularly as protracted as in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is conducive to the development of long-term strategies towards peace in the region.
3. UMSU SC believes that the loss of life, food shortages and service disruption caused by the conflict represents a tragic humanitarian crisis in the area.
4. UMSU SC recognises that those suffering worst from this crisis are predominantly working people, students, children and refugees and holds that these groups need urgent humanitarian relief in order to assuage the effects of the crisis.

5. UMSU SC praises any and all attempts to secure aid for those suffering from the conflict.
6. As such, UMSU SC calls on the Australian government, working through the United Nations, to lend its voice to international pressure calling for a permanent ceasefire and an end to all violent hostilities.
7. UMSU SC calls for the restoration of political and cultural rights in the area, including the right to live without fear on both sides.

Regarding students in Israel and the Palestinian territories:

That:

8. UMSU SC is particularly concerned about the impact of this conflict on both Israeli and Palestinian students from pursuing their studies. UMSU SC continues to advocate that quality, accessible and well-funded higher-education can be a crucial factor in ensuring long-lasting peace. UMSU SC calls for Palestinians and Israelis of student ages to be included in a peaceful conflict resolution process.

Regarding community responses to war and racism:

That:

9. In Australia and the region, UMSU SC supports moves by community and student groups aimed at overcoming racism and prejudice in the pursuit of peace.
10. UMSU SC holds that, in line with its constitutional commitment to opposing racism and militarism, UMSU as an organisation must strive to prevent all forms of incitement to hatred and discrimination, whoever the victim might be.
11. UMSU SC wishes to reiterate its commitment to representing students from all backgrounds and opposing racism and violence in all forms.

Moved: Bruno Friedel

Seconded: Dominique Ottobre

Mover Bruno Friedel speaks to his motion.

In Dominique's absence and as her proxy Robert Anderson-Hunt speaks to this motion.

Mover John Shipp reads the next motion:

Motion 14:

That this Student's Council commits itself to:

- i) delivering essential services for the University of Melbourne students;
- ii) promoting the interests of University of Melbourne students;
- iii) nurturing a lively and engaging cultural atmosphere on campus; and
- iv) using legal means to bring public attention to social and educational issues affecting students,

and as such also commits itself to prudent neutrality on broader political issues that do not affect students, especially, but not limited to, complex international issues such as Arab-Israeli relations.

Moved John Shipp

Seconded: Clinton Markwell

John Shipp speaks to the motion.

A point of order is raised regarding the motion.

The speaking list is adhered to and John Shipp continues to speak to his motion.

Secunder for the motion Clinton Markwell waves his right to speak and passes it to Jesse Overton-Skinner, who speaks to the motion.

3.24pm Dan Musil leaves

Quorum count: 8 – quorum lost

It is noted that Students' Council can consider business for another 30 mins after quorum is lost. The chair reads out the speaking list and discussion continues.

3.24pm Clinton Marwell leaves

3.25pm John Shipp and Justin Baré leave

3.26pm Gillian Kilby leaves

Discussion continues

3.28pm Clinton Markwell and John Shipp return

3.29pm Jamiel Sabbah leaves

Speaking list continues.

Liz Walsh named for swearing.

3.32pm Rudolph Hosri and Jade Eckhaus leave

Tim Arnot moves a procedural motion to be ratified in Students' Council's next meeting

Procedural Motion : To have all members' comments recorded

Moved: Tim Arnot

For: 14

David Liubinas – Suggests that perhaps only the most important comments be recorded.

Is not completely convinced by any of the last motions, agrees more with Motion 13.

Everyone is given a voice on campus. There are many ways for people to express themselves. No one is told not to stop speaking on campus. Passing motions like these, in the past have been divisive – when the Lebanon Motion was passed the Federal police were called in on horseback. This is a divisive issue, the second motion at least should be passed.

Taylor Kendall – Would like to counter that this is a Socialist motion. Considered themselves to be more of queer anarchists and was not about to commit to the Socialist Alternative Movement but did agree with supporting the motion. Questioned ideas of neutrality and non-violence. Many of the discourse surrounding these ideas come from a lack of recognition that the violence has already occurred and continues to occur. Violence should not be advocated but simply telling people to stop fighting is not a solution.

Nor is neutrality-when we start talking about neutrality is when we start talking about not talking at all. To talk about how we are silencing or alienating certain students is utterly false and contradicts and notion of student representative democracy. Agrees with most of what has been spoken about Motion 12.

Gemma Leigh-Dodds- Questions the comments that have been made previously –that Motion 14 was put because they thought that students were hijacking political causes in order to increase membership. Students are political; they should be able to stand up for what they say. Points out hypocrisies of Yes ticket elected on lies about the right wing nature of Yes and promises of gym membership and free beer.

Cosima Nyx-Stone- Believes all proposed motions are problematic. The first motion is simplistic in the extreme, the second is weak and the third is offensive. Being apart of the union, being elected to be a part – is a political act, Melbourne University has had a strong political history, in fact we sheltered people in Union House during several conflicts. Taking a stance is not a new concept. This is a contentious; even the government has come out and is pro-Israel. This is difficult in this current climate, with respect to the Student Services Fee.

It is difficult and there are risks involved but how do you sit back and condone a genocide?
And nobody should be more able to condemn genocide than those who have lived through it.
Speaks of relatives that have been effected by acts of genocide.
The fact that this is not being condemned by bodies that can have some influence is horrific and says how little we have progressed since observing the other genocides which have happened even since the holocaust,
Of the two proposed motions, Motion 12 is possible the better of the two for simple reasons such as demanding that the blockade be lifted. This speaks of the incredible inhumanity of denying people things like clean water and basic necessities.

Chris Summers- Agrees with many of the points raised by Nxy, including that Motion 12 is the best motion put forward. Questions the details of this motion. Would like to know what the \$1000 proposed in the motion will go toward and where and to whom.

David Liubinas- moves for a speaking time of one minute.
For: 9 Against: 4

Bhakthi Puvanenthiran- Agrees Chris' points and with Nxy's analysis of the motions as Motion 12 being simplistic, Motion 13 –soft and Motion 14 as offensive.
Elected as a media representative for the Student Union my position is a commitment to truth rather than balance.

Steven Chang- The world overwhelmingly thinks this is thoroughly a student issue and it was a one-sided attack. In the last few weeks there have been a wave of student occupations - Manchester University in particular. A number of student associations have declared their solidarity. People should definitely vote for Jamiel's motion.

3.52pm Gemma leaves

Tim Arnot- Received an email, early January from a lecturer in the Physiology who was concerned with the lack of action by the Student Union on this issue. If we do not take a stand we are siding with Israel, we have to say no to ambivalent equivocation. We have to take a stand with the Palestinians. In the past two years we have had this horrible economic blockade. We have to take a stand with the Palestinians.

Clinton Marwell – We are not neutral on this issue. The role of the Students' Council is to facilitate services for students, not to preach particular agendas. If you want to raise awareness, by all means do so. But there are avenues to do this such as Amnesty or your own clubs. We are not a forum for public policy. I commend the third motion (Motion 14) to the floor.

Francis Lewis- Plenty of people have talked about why students take up these causes –because of vile anti-Muslim racism that exists in Australia which caused the Cronulla riots. I know, personally that a friend of mine was chased around the campus, had her hijab pulled off and was then called a terrorist. This motion gives students a voice. A problem I have with the second motion (motion 13) is that talks about how Israeli students have suffered. How the hell have they suffered? It's the Universities in Gaza that have been bombed. It is the students in Gaza who can't get to classes in Gaza.

Agenda Item 10: Close

The chair announces that it has been half an hour after losing quorum and declares the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at: 3.58PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

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UNCONFIRMED

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- 2.2 Minutes from 09-12-2008 (inquorate) (attached)
- 2.3 Minutes from 19-12-2008 (inquorate) (attached)
- 2.4 Minutes from 19-12-2008 (inquorate) (attached)
- 2.5 Minutes from 27-01-2009

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Budget

- Information from Justin Baré (attached)
- Entertainment (attached)
- Budget A Proposed Budget -December (attached)
- Budget B Tabled by Liam Byrne (attached)
- Budget C Tabled by Carla Drakeford
- Budget D Tabled by Chris Kloester
- Email from Burnley Student Association President (attached)

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports

6. Other Reports

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Meeting opened at: 5.26 PM, by Carla Drakeford

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Carla Drakeford be elected as chair.

Moved: Shaun Khoo

Seconded: Dominique Ottobre

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So Acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Council: James Smith, Kyle Dadleh, Clinton Markwell, Goldie Pergl, Rudolph Hosri, Sisi Ying, Taylor Kendall, Dan Musil, Onagh Bishop, Liam Byrne, Dominique Ottobre, Ginny Trescowthick.

Office Bearers: Shaun Khoo (Secretary), Carla Drakeford (President) Bhakthi Puvanenthiran (Media), Tim Arnot (Education –Public), Ezekiel Gould (Queer), Stefania Capogreco (Queer), Zoe Zora Sanders (Media), Tristan Clack (Welfare), Francis Lewis (Welfare), Katherine Klaus (Clubs & Societies), Chris Kloester (Activities).

Other:

Charlie Goodman

Sam Rankin

Joel Silver (Austalian Union of Jewish Students- Vic Political Officer)

Jessie Overton Skinner

Bruno Friedel

Ben Coggins

Michael Sanders

David Wilkins (National General Secretary)

Stefie Hinchy (National Education Officer)

Robert Anderson-Hunt

David Haidon (VCASU)

Andrew Hallam

Joshua Torrance

Corinna Chapman

Rachel Kenny

Candice Cranmer (minute taker)

Absent:

Office Bearers: Laura Harris (Education-Academic), Gemma Leigh-Dodds (Education-Academic), Sadia Schneider (Education-Public), Adelaide Reif (Arts), Chris Summers (Arts), David Liubinas (Activities), Rachel Barrett (Environment), Sam Cossar-Gilbert (Environment), Gillian Kilby (Media), Yoshua Wakeham (Media), Kyle Lancaster (Indigenous), Ruby Warber (Indigenous), Cosima Nyx Stone (Wom*ns)

Students Council: Allegra Reinalda, Stephanie Gold, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Josh Schmidt, Evan Wallace, Phoebe Kelloway.

1.4 Apologies

Students' Council

Stephanie Gold

Brendan Thomas-Noone

Josh Schmidt

Evan Wallace (Mature Age Representative)

Office Bearers: Piper O'Dowd (Clubs & Societies)

Carla spoke to Budget (C). She proposed that this budget replace Budget A.
A speaking list is drawn up for Students' Council to ask direct questions about the budgets from their receivers.

5.56 pm Andrew Hallam arrives

Chris Kloester speaks to his Budget (D).

6.06 pm Goldie Pergl leaves and returns at 6.10pm

Carla closes speaking list.
Chris Kloester moves dissent in chair.

Procedural Motion 7: Dissent in the chair.
Moved: Chris Kloester
WITHDRAWN

Shaun Khoo acts as interim Chair as discussion over dissent of Chair occurs.
Chris Kloester withdraws his motion.
Carla Drakeford resumes the Chair.
The speaking list is opened and Chris takes questions.
Extensive speaking list regarding Budgets C and D occurs.
Clarification is sought of Chris' use of the term 'average student' when addressing student representation.
John Shipp calls for a point of order but this is not heard.

Procedural Motion 8: That we vote on a motion regarding the use of the phrase 'average student'.
Moved: from the Chair
LOST For: 8 Against: 8

Speaking list continues – David Wilkins speaks of NUS affiliation.

Procedural Motion 9: That the speaking list be re-opened.
Moved: Charlie Goodman
LOST

6.34 pm Onagh Bishop leaves, proxies to Dominique Ottobre and returns shortly

Further discussion on NUS funding distribution but as speaking list has closed David Wilkins is not able to answer questions at this stage.

Given the time-the building closes at 7pm, Carla Drakeford suggests that the budgets now be put.
Bhakthi Puvanenthiran calls for a procedural vote to put the Budgets.

John Shipp calls for a quorum count.
Members from Students' Council get up to leave but are advised that they can not do so as a procedural motion has been called.

Procedural Motion 10: That Budget C now be put.
Moved: Bhakthi Puvanenthiran
CARRIED For: 10 Against: 6

Conjecture arises to the procedure of the meeting.

Procedural Motion 11: That we hear what David Wilkins response to NUS questions before voting
Moved: Chris Kloester

LOST	For: 6	Against: 10
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Charlie Goodman requested that it be noted that "Students' Councillors were being held against their will".

6.36 pm Kyle Dadleh, Clinton Markwell and James Smith left

Motion 12: That Budget C be adopted.

Moved: Carla Drakeford	Seconded:
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CARRIED	For: 9	Against: 4
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Charlie Goodman queries the Chair's actions and moves dissent in chair.
Charlie Goodman subsequently leaves the meeting and the motions lapses.

Procedural Motion 13: Dissent in the Chair's ruling.

Moved: Charlie Goodman

LAPSED

6.43 pm Charlie Goodman leaves

Chris Kloester calls for Dissent of the Chair. Shaun Khoo takes the Chair.

Security stops meeting to advise the meeting will need to be finished in ten minutes.

Chris spoke to his motion and Carla responded.

Before the motion was put to a vote John Shipp requested a quorum count which was conducted by Shaun.

Procedural Motion 14: Dissent in the chair.
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Moved: Chris Kloester

LAPSED

Quorum lost at 6.47pm

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting on:

Thursday 12th February 2009.

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at: 6.47 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

Operating Budget for 2009 (Budget C)

Department	Distribution
Entertainment	165,292
Advocacy	190,617
C&S Administration	73,418
Total	429,327
Activities	11,787
Arts	15,224
Clubs and Societies (Committee)	68,267
Education (Academic)	14,746
Education (Public)	
Environment	9,307
Indigenous	9,307
Media	63,147
Queer	9,307
Welfare	9,307
Wom*ns	9,307
Burnley	7,532
	227,237
Total	656,564

3.1 Voting Accountability Report

At Students' Council on January 29, the Secretary was directed to investigate the voting of members on Motion 9: "That Students' Council maintain NUS Affiliation of \$65,000" Moved: Onagh Bishop. The Seconder: (Unrecorded).

Procedure: The minutes and the Secretary's notes were used to establish which individuals were voting representatives present at Students' Council and which individuals were exercising proxies.

The following were present or exercising a proxy for the vote (sorted alphabetically by surname):

Onagh Bishop,
Lawrence Frawley (as Clinton Markwell's proxy).
Stephanie Gold,
Rudolph Hosri,
Taylor Kendall
Phoebe Kelloway,
Dan Musil,
Dominique Ottobre (as a voting representative and as Joshua Cusack's proxy),
Goldie Pergl (as a voting representative and as Hanne Watkins' proxy),
Josh Schmidt (as Ruth Braham's proxy),
James Smith,
Evan Wallace (as Louise Boyle's proxy) and
Sisi Ying.

The memories of those present were then consulted in person and by telephone. It was established that Evan Wallace was the individual who abstained. Those who voted affirmatively were confirmed via telephone and the remaining votes were established via elimination. The results:

For	Against	Abstention
1. Onagh Bishop. 2. Ruth Braham via Josh Schmidt. 3. Joshua Cusack via Dominique Ottobre, 4. Rudolph Hosri, 5. Phoebe Kelloway, 6. Dominique Ottobre, 7. Sisi Ying	1. Stephanie Gold, 2. Taylor Kendall, 3. Clinton Markwell via Lawrence Frawley 4. Dan Musil, 5. Goldie Pergl. 6. James Smith, 7. Hanne Watkins via Goldie Pergl	1. Louise Boyle via Evan Wallace

The consistency of the resultant table with the minuted vote (7 For, 7 Against and 1 Abstention) is evidence of the accuracy of this report. This report is also consistent with factional lines.

Shaun Khoo,
UMSU Secretary
9 February 2009

Appointments to University Committees Students' Representative Network

As a representative organisation, UMSU may nominate students to participate in the governance structures of the University. All students are able to apply and be considered for membership of the Students' Representative Network and an appointment to a University Committee.

Staffing Sub-Committee should be convened in order to process the applications. The Quorum for Staffing Sub-Committee is set in the Constitution as 4, independent of the number of voting representatives in its membership.

Motion:

Students' Council opens nominations for 10 minutes of the following positions on Staffing Sub-Committee:

- 6 voting representatives, to be elected by and from the voting representatives of the Students' Council
- One officer (other than the President and Secretary), to be elected by and from the Officers as a non-voting representative.

If there is a ballot the Secretary shall be the returning officer.

Moved: Shaun Khoo, Seconded: Gemma Leigh-Dodds

Applications should also be opened and publicised. A relatively short period of time is required in order for positions to be filled. Under the Constitution, Staffing Sub-Committee may consider appointments to University Committees until after the Summer Break (which ends at the conclusion of first week of teaching in Semester One).

Motion:

Students' Council opens applications for appointments to University Committees and membership of the Students' Representative Network. Students' Council delegates the consideration of these applications to Staffing Sub-Committee. The applications shall be closed at 5pm on Friday the 20th of February and any late applications shall be considered at the discretion of Staffing Sub-Committee. The appointments made shall be effective immediately subject to the applicant accepting the offer of Staffing Sub-Committee.

Moved: Gemma Leigh-Dodds, Seconded: Shaun Khoo

Staffing Sub-Committee should consider the merits of applicants in terms of their experience in relevant areas or in student representation, their motivations and past involvement in student organisations. Staffing Sub-Committee should also give preference to students who are not in office-bearer positions.

Clubs and Societies Regulations 9 February 2009

Regulation Changes

In the C&S Committee Meeting of 28 Jan 09, the committee discussed several changes to the C&S Regulations and they are hereby recommended to Students' Council.

The changes are as follows:

C&S Regulation 7.3.g (fiduciary duty) with the amendment of including all Club Committee members in the provision:

7.3.g a Club's Committee members shall not profit or gain direct personal material benefit from their running of the club.

Addition to 4.2.2 (IGM Reporting)

- Income Tax Status form

Addition to 5.3.4 (AGM Reporting)

- Income Tax Status form
- GST Status form

Amendment of 7.5:

7.5 Taxation

All clubs must report annually to Clubs & Societies regarding their Income Tax and GST status. Clubs are responsible for ensuring compliance with ATO requirements, seeking taxation advice if needed. The club must provide copies to the C&S Administrator of any and all documents submitted to the ATO.

7.5.1 GST

As soon as a club reaches an annual income of \$150,000 they must register with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to pay GST.

7.5.2 Income Tax

A clubs that makes profits exceeding \$416 from non-mutual receipts (that is, non-member income) must register with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to pay income tax.

1.f In these Regulations, Standard Constitution and club Constitutions 'Academic Day' means an Academic Day in the teaching period of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Appendix 1. 20. For all purposes herein, an Academic Day will be considered as a day in the teaching period of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

4.2 The affiliation application will not be accepted on the grounds that:

- 66% or more of the Expressions of Interest are members of another single currently affiliated club (not including Faculty/Departmental clubs);
- the applicant group has been disaffiliated under the terms of *Regulation 6* in the same year the application is made;
- 66% or more of the Expressions of Interest are members of another single club that has been disaffiliated under the terms of *Regulation 6* in the same year the application is made;

4.4.2. The following information must be submitted to the C&S Officer(s) or Administrator within two weeks of the IGM being held:

- Agenda of the IGM
- Minutes of the IGM
- Club Attendance List
- Club Constitution
- Club Executive Officers contact details
- Club membership list

Motion: That the above changes are approved by Students' Council

Moved: Katherine Klaus

Seconded: Piper O'Dowd

Memorandum



To: Carla Drakeford, UMSU President
Shaun Khoo, UMSU Secretary

From: Justin Baré, UMSU Manager

Date: February 9, 2009

Subject: Environmental Health and Safety Committee

Subject to the Facilities and Services Agreement all staff working for UMSU are employed by the MU Student Union Ltd. Accordingly, MUSUL, as the employer, has responsibility for the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) of its employees, which includes staff working with and for UMSU.

Marisa Simanjuntak, UMSU Marketing and Research Officer, has expressed concerns to her EHS representative in relation to the ambient temperature in her office, as well as levels of noise outside her office, particularly between 12 and 2 pm on days during semester. The MUSUL EHS Committee has investigated the issues and recommended that Marisa be relocated to a different office.

UMSU's allocation of office space includes areas occupied by current office-bearers, UMSU staff on Levels 1 (Clubs and Societies and UMSU Administration) and 3 (Student Union Advocacy Service, Entertainment and Hire), the Wom*n's Room, the Queer Space and the Student Resource Room. UMSU's allocation of space is set out in the Facilities and Services Agreement.

For Marisa to be relocated within the existing UMSU allocation it would require either a staff member or an Office Bearer working in Marisa's existing office. It is unclear how the EHS Committee would respond to subsequent complaints in relation to temperature or noise from a staff member or Office Bearer working in that office.

It is unclear whether any Office Bearer would be willing to relocate to the relevant office and on what conditions (i.e. the installation of air conditioning.)

It is also unclear whether there is other space within Union House that may be appropriate and available.

I have advised MUSUL that this is a matter that should be determined in conjunction with Students' Council, and expressed my concern over any resolution that involves another staff member or Office Bearer working in Marisa's current office without modification to the current arrangements.

The advice of Students' Council in relation to this matter would assist in resolving these issues

Justin Baré

UMSU Manager

Memorandum



To: Carla Drakeford, UMSU President
Shaun Khoo, UMSU Secretary

From: Justin Baré, UMSU Manager

Date: February 9, 2009

Subject: Report – Issues for UMSU in 2009

This report will set out a number of key issues that will be relevant to Students' Council in 2009 and which will have a significant bearing for UMSU in 2009 and beyond.

1. Transitional Funding

Background

With the introduction of Voluntary Student Unionism in July 2006 the University introduced Transitional Funding to replace the Amenities and Services Fee. In 2007 the amount distributed was approximately \$5.96 million – a significant reduction from the total pool of ASF revenue. Transitional Funding was provided to UMSU, the MU Student Union Ltd. (MUSUL), the University of Melbourne Postgraduate Association (UMPA) and Melbourne University Sport (MUS). The University also made an allocation to support its childcare operations.

In 2007 negotiations commenced to determine the allocation of Transitional Funding for 2008. As a result of these negotiations MUS was removed from the Transitional Funding process from 2009 and the overall pool of funding was reduced accordingly.

For 2008 UMPA urged the University to adopt of funding model based on graduate and undergraduate student load – that UMPA should be funded for all graduate students and that MUSUL and UMSU be funded solely for undergraduate students.

UMSU opposed this on the basis that:

- UMSU represents all students and provides representation and services to graduate and undergraduate students; and
- A student numbers model was based in the assumption that there was an equivalence in the activities and services of the relevant organisations

As a result the University adopted a modified formula based on student load. The allocations within this process were admitted to be arbitrary. Funding was distributed on the basis of Equivalent Full-Time Student Load (EFTSL), where each EFTSL was funded equally, as set out in the table below.

	Undergraduate EFTSL	Graduate EFTSL
UMPA	-	85%
MUSUL	65%	9.75%
UMSU	35%	5.25%

This led to an outcome that saw UMPA funded at a rate of 2.42:1 per EFTSL relative to UMSU funding. UMSU argued that this outcome was disproportionate and had no bearing to the actual activities of the organisations.

In adopting this formula it was acknowledged that UMSU opposed its application and that Transitional Funding allocations would be reviewed for 2009.

In 2008 UMSU received notice that the University sought to apply the formula again in 2009. UMSU sought a review of this formula as had been previously agreed. As part of its submission UMSU argued again for some form of assessment of actual activity to be relevant to funding. Additionally, UMSU raised the following points:

- That available UMSU information – Club membership, Advocacy service – indicated significant graduate student use or participation and that, if a formula was to be applied – it was implausible that UMSU is only responsible for 5.25% of all activity for graduate students;
- That the distinction between graduate and undergraduate students was not as stark as suggested by UMPA. Increasingly, with the implementation of the Melbourne Model, it was suggested that if any distinction is to be made it would be between coursework students and research students.

These arguments were not tested by the University, although there was a commitment to undertake an audit of activities and participation of recipient organisations to determine more rational funding model. The 2008 formula was replicated in 2008 due to apparent time constraints.

The funding model adopted by the University has had the following outcomes for funding of the relevant organisations. It is important to note that funding for MUOSS shifted to UMSU from MUSUL for 2008 and to allow for ready comparison this has been reflected in revised figures for 2007.

	2007	2008	2009	% Change 2007 - 2009
UMPA	890 000	868 321	950 884	+6.84%
UMSU (including MUOSS)	1 301 000	1 141 567	1 140 794	-12.31%
MUSUL	2 406 000	1 902 612	1 901 322	-20.98%
Children's services	150 000	150 000	153 000	+2%
MUS	1 213 000	987 500	N/A	N/A
Provost fund for "Integration" Activities	N/A	50 000	51 000	N/A
Total	5 960 000	5 050 000	4 197 000	-11.58%¹

Documents prepared and submitted by UMSU throughout these processes are available on request.

¹ For the purpose of this calculation the 2007 allocation to MUS was excluded.

Review and Audit 2009

The University has asked its internal audit office to undertake an audit of the activities of UMPA, UMSU and MUSUL. This process is intended to provide some assessment of the range of activity, service and representation undertaken by the three organisations. It is expected that this will form the basis of distribution of funding from 2010. Although it is unclear if or how the Government will regulate any future compulsory student fee it is likely that the assessment undertaken in 2009 will inform the University's approach to distribution of funding under any new system.

Increases in UMSU's share of University funding will be partly dependent upon an audit outcome that can show that UMSU offers a broad range of representation, programme and service that are accessed by a significant proportion of the entire student body.

2. Administrative Services – MUSUL

Background

In the aftermath of the liquidation of the Melbourne University Student Union Incorporated (MUSUi) the University established MUSUL as a wholly owned subsidiary to take on certain function previously performed by MUSUi. These included the provision of various student services, management and operation of Union House and supporting student amenity generally.

The University also convened an Interim Student Representative Council (ISRC) which had the function of establishing the nature and structure of a new representative organisation. This process culminated in the incorporation of UMSU in November 2005.

UMSU and MUSUL entered into a contractual arrangement - the Facilities and Services Agreement – that governs the inter-organisational relationship. In particular it specifies that MUSUL will provide UMSU with services such as Finance, IT (including internet access), Human Resources, office space and capital equipment (including all office equipment, computers etc.). UMSU does not pay for use of gas, water or electricity.

The Facilities and Services Agreement also requires UMSU to pay 5% of its turnover to MUSUL to partially offset the cost of providing administrative services and infrastructure to UMSU.

MUSUL estimates that the cost of this provision was around \$320 000 in 2008. In 2006 and 2007 the UMSU Budget included payments to MUSUL of around \$30 000 as a contribution to the costs associated with MUSUL's support of UMSU. In 2008 no allocation was made in the UMSU budget.

MUSUL Budget

In 2007 and 2008 MUSUL has returned an operating deficit. For 2009 the MUSUL Board has determined that MUSUL must not operate at a loss.

Accordingly, MUSUL is seeking to control costs and generate income to comply with this direction.

The cost of provision of support to UMSU has been identified as a significant issue for MUSUL in meeting the Board's direction.

Issues

MUSUL has the capacity to insist on UMSU complying with the obligation to pay a fee for administrative services as set out in the Facilities and Services Agreement.

Any payment of this type – even at the levels established in 2006 and 2007 – would have significant operational effects for UMSU. MUSUL has indicated that it wishes to pursue this matter with UMSU, however, is mindful of the operational effect a reduction in expenditure in 2009 would have.

It is pertinent to note that:

- The deliberate division of activities between MUSUL and UMSU was established prior to the incorporation of UMSU by the University's move from an integrated student union structure to the current split structure;
- MUSUL benefits from the levels of activity that UMSU generates within Union House. Income from student union membership, commercial tenancies, MUSUL operated commercial outlets and advertising in and around Union House, is dependent upon numbers of students entering the building. Reductions in levels of activity in Union House would have a negative impact on MUSUL's capacity to generate these forms of income;
- Whilst the estimate of the cost of provision of corporate and administrative services to UMSU may be excessive it is reasonable to suggest that the cost of UMSU undertaking these functions on its own would cost in excess of \$250 000 per year.

Additional Issue

In order to fund the initial operations of the ISRC/UMSU MUSUL provided \$500 000 as an operating loan in 2005. In 2007 the UMSU audit indicated that a component of this loan - \$242 479 – had not been repaid to MUSUL. MUSUL's audit also revealed that there was an amount owing to MUSUL. UMSU has no legal entitlement to these funds.

These funds have been invested by UMSU as part of its cash reserve and 50% of the interest generated by the investment contributes to the operating income of UMSU. MUSUL has indicated its desire to have these funds repaid. This would have some impact on UMSU's income.

2009

Student' Council will need to determine a strategy for responding to MUSUL's likely demands in relation to contribution towards the cost of corporate and administrative services and the repayment of outstanding funds.

These matters are likely to be the subject of negotiation between UMSU and MUSUL in 2009.

3. Other Student Organisations

UMSU's relationships with other student organisations is varied and the resolution of a number of issues by Students' Council in 2009 would be useful.

VCASU

There is an in principal agreement between UMSU and VCASU to merge and create a campus-based department of UMSU at the Southbank campus. VCASU is likely to run out of funds in mid-2009. It would be preferable if any revised structure for UMSU and associated Constitutional change and any other transition arrangements could be finalised by this time.

MUOSS

MUOSS' exact status and relationship with UMSU remains ill-defined. Again, the clarification and formalisation of this relationship, and any associated Constitutional or regulatory change should be undertaken in 2009.

Burnley Student Association Department

In 2006 UMSU passed a Regulation and made Constitutional change to create a Department of UMSU based at the Burnley campus. The current regulations limit the proportion of student union membership fees derived from Burnley students to a level that means that there is little additional income for the Department and little incentive for students at Burnley to promote student union membership. It may be useful to review the current regulation in consultation with the Burnley Student Association Department Committee.

4. Electoral Regulations

The UMSU Electoral Regulations have not been subject to significant assessment since their introduction in 2006. It may be appropriate to undertake a process of this type in the first half of 2009.

It would be advisable for such a process to be completed by the end of May, so that the tender process can be commenced in sufficient time prior to the beginning of the election period.

Justin Baré

UMSU Manager

Carla Drakeford/President/UMSU/MUSU To
cc
12/02/2009 11:27 AM Subject Re: UMSU Budget

Dear Student Councillors and Office Bearers;

It has just come to my attention that the budget passed by Students' Council (29/01/2009) creates a deficit budget of \$19 593. This is a problem as it is unconstitutional for UMSU to pass a deficit budget.

There will be a motion at SC that proposes we address this by reducing each department and the NUS affiliation line by 8.62%. This proportional decrease in funding will mean that UMSU will support a break-even budget in 2009. Please familiarise yourself with the attached revised budget figures following a proportionate spread of the deficit across all departmental and affiliation lines. I

This is an error that has occurred at all levels of the budget drafting process. The lack of scrutiny of the figures at all levels has meant that this has not been picked up for some weeks.

Attached to this email is the revised draft budget, which shows the figures with the 8.62% decrease. This is essentially the same budget as has already been passed. I think it is important to note that a budgeting process is never infallible, and that this does not make a dramatic difference to the overall budget.

Justin will be attending the meeting and is prepared to answer questions. Beneath is a copy of the email Justin sent to me, notifying me of the problem.

Regards,

Carla Drakeford

Dear Carla,

I have been looking over the budget that was endorsed by Student Council at its meeting last week and there appears to be a difficulty.

The reductions to the Entertainment budget included reductions in the income to the Hire Department - through reduction in programming and, therefore, equipment hire. This meant that the overall amount that was available to be redistributed was \$14 585.

The budget endorsed by Student Council, as you will see in the attached file, includes a deficit of \$19 593. This is prohibited by the Constitution.

For illustrative purposes I have prepared a revised Departmental allocation (Column N) that allows UMSU to break even and spreads the reduced expenditure proportionately across representative departments. The reduction is 8.62%.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Thanks,

Justin

UMSU Inc

Student Council (Exec)
Division: 70 Dept: 710

Operating budget for 2009

A/c code	Proposed Budget 2009	2008	
Income			
1001 Transition Funding	1,140,794		
University Grant	25,000		
Membership Fees	220,000		
Interest	45,000		
1901 Other	10,000		
Transfer of Operating Surplus (Hire)	27,919		
Advertising & Sponsorship	42,000		
Total Income	1,510,713	1,588,571	95.10%
Salaries & Oncosts			
3001 Permanent Salaries (incl w/cover)	(185,351)		
3011 Honouraria (incl w/cover)	(277,952)		
3071 Contract (temp) Staff	0		
3021 Casuals (incl loading & oncosts)	0		
3041 Superannuation	(43,204)		
3101 Redundancy	(11,768)		
Total Salary costs	(518,275)	(519,535)	99.76%
Non salary expenses			
3161 Training & Development (Office Bearers)			
3201 Administrative (Corporate) Services			
3203 Legal Costs			
3231 Advertising			
3233 Promotional Activities			
3352 Consumables			
3356 Stationery	(3,000)		
3531 Grants/Student Initiatives			
3533 Research			
3561 Insurance costs	(80,000)		
3591 Lease - Photocopier/Printer	(3,600)		
3592 Lease - Copier Charges	(2,500)		
3623 Room Hire			
3656 Travel Costs			
3687 Staff Amenities			
3712 Photocopying			
Paper costs			
3713 Printing & Production Costs (incl bind)	(500)		
3741 Postage	(150)		
3743 Telephone costs	(2,500)		
3772 Memberships/Subscriptions			
3775 Reference Materials			
3802 Equipment (expensed <\$1,000)			
3839 National Union of Students	(60,642)		
3847 Election Expenses	(57,000)		
3848 AGM Expenses			
3849 Special Activity Weeks			
3850 Grants to Committees/Departments			
3844 Special Projects/Events (Whole of U)	(12,000)		
3839 Transfer to MUOSS	(120,000)		
Audit Fees	(9,216)		
Total non-salary expenses	(351,108)	(338,107)	103.85%
Total Expenses	(869,383)		
SC Surplus/Defecit	641,330		
UMSU Surplus(Defecit)	(15,236)		

	2008	2009	2009 Revised
Entertainment	(224,488)	(165,292)	(165,292)
Advocacy	(192,509)	(190,617)	(190,617)
C& S Admin	(66,037)	(73,418)	(73,418)
	(483,034)	(429,328)	(429,328)
Activities	5.60% (13,784)	(11,787)	(10,997)
Arts	6.81% (16,766)	(15,224)	(14,203)
Clubs & Societies (Committee)	28.05% (69,045)	(68,267)	(63,690)
Education (Academic)	3.33% (8,198)	(5,439)	(5,074)
Education (Public)	3.33% (8,198)	(9,307)	(8,683)
Environment	4.34% (10,693)	(9,307)	(8,683)
Indigenous	4.34% (10,693)	(9,307)	(8,683)
Media	27.81% (68,454)	(63,147)	(58,913)
Queer	4.34% (10,693)	(9,307)	(8,683)
Welfare	4.34% (10,693)	(9,307)	(8,683)
Women's	4.34% (10,693)	(9,307)	(8,683)
Burnley	3.33% (8,198)	(7,532)	(7,027)
	(246,108)	(227,238)	(212,003)
	(729,142)	(656,566)	(641,331)