

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 4/09

CONFIRMED

2 PM, 6th March 2009

Location: Graham Cornish A/B, Union House



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- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
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- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

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- 3.1 SRN: Appointments to University Committees
- 3.2 Clubs & Societies Regulations (attached)
- 3.3 EHS Committee (attached)
- 3.4 Issues for UMSU in 2009 (attached)

4. Constitutional Obligations

- 4.1 Setting a Meeting Schedule

5. Motions on Notice

6. Other Business

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8. Close

Meeting opened at: 2.24 PM, by Secretary, Shaun Khoo

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Bhakthi Puvanenthiran nominates for chair.

Motion 1: That Bhakthi Puvanenthiran chair the meeting.

Moved: Bhakthi Puvanenthiran

Seconded: Shaun Khoo

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Office Bearers: Shaun Khoo (Secretary), Tristan Clack (Welfare), Yoshua Wakeham (Media), Zoe Sanders (Media), Adelaide Rief (Arts), Gemma Leigh-Dodds (Education-Academic), Laura Harris (Education-Academic), Frances Lewis (Welfare), Tim Arnot (Education-Public), Bhakthi Puvanenthiran (Media)

Students' Council:

Kyle Dadleh, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Clinton Markwell, Stephanie Gold, Goldie Pergl, Sisi Ying, Liam Byrne, Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre, Taylor Kendall, Paul Coats (President, GSA), Dan Musil, Phoebe Kelloway, Josh Schmidt

Other

Jesse Overton-Skinner
Chris Lewis
Lydia Bevege
Robert Naray
Charlie Goodman

Absent

Office Bearers: Carla Drakeford (President), Sadia Schneider (Education-Public), Stefania Capogreco (Queer), Ezekiel Gould (Queer), Rachel Barrett (Environment), Sam Cossar-Gilbert (Environment), Gillian Kilby (Media), Cosima Nyx Stone (Wom*ns), Chris Kloester (Activities), David Liubinas (Activities), Chris Summers (Arts)

Students' Council:

Rudolph Hosri, James Smith

1.4 Apologies

Rudolph Hosri,
James Smith

1.5 Proxies

Rudolph Hosri to Jesse Overton-Skinner
James Smith to Chris Lewis

1.6 Membership

Josh Cusack was appointed, but then resigned
Allegra Reinalda's position was terminated because she was not a Student Union member

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

It was agreed that SRN matters were very urgent. Other items of business were also added, including the VCASU merger, RMIT Prayer Room, a Guide for Muslim Students and NUS Queer Campaign.

The Agenda would now read:

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Motion 2: That the amended agenda be adopted

Moved: from the Chair

CARRIED

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes from Meeting on 12-02-2009

Some amendments were discussed. Jesse's name and Jade Eckhaus' names were spelt incorrectly. Proxies shall be de facto apologies. Taylor would like to be referred to using gender-neutral language. Someone in the attendance, Elizabeth Was should be Elizabeth Walsh.

Motion 3: That the minutes from 12-02-2009 be confirmed with the amendments noted here.

Moved: from the Chair

CARRIED

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 SRN: Appointments to University Committees

Gemma Leigh-Dodds spoke to the item and its urgency. She explained that the Students' Representative Network involved students sitting on university committees and representing student interests and that there were currently no students doing so. Onagh Bishop discussed the process used last year, where formal notice was sent out and appointments were considered by Staffing Sub-Committee.

In response to a question regarding the process for SRN & Sub-Committees, Shaun Khoo responded that he was working on some regulations with the Education-Academic Officers to make the process more consistent from year to year.

Motion 4: That Students' Council follow the below process for appointments to Finance and Staffing Sub-Committees.

1. Nominations for Staffing Sub-Committee open 06-03-2009 at 2.40pm and close at 3.05pm and are to be directed to the Secretary.

2. Nominations for Finance Sub-Committee open 06-03-2009 at 2.40pm and close at 5pm the Business Day before the next Students' Council and are to be directed to the Secretary.

3. That the opening of nominations, and their deadline be announced over the Students' Council list today.

4. That Students' Council delegates the consideration of SRN Applications to the Staffing Sub-Committee

Moved: Onagh Bishop Seconded: Goldie Pergl

CARRIED

The matter was returned to later in the meeting after the close of nominations. The Secretary reported that there were five nominations for voting representative positions and one nomination for the non-voting representative position, therefore all were elected unopposed.

Motion 5: That the Secretary's report be accepted that the following are elected to Staffing Sub-Committee.
Voting Representatives: Dominique Ottobre, Goldie Pergl, Onagh Bishop, Clinton Markwell, Rudolph Hosri (all unopposed).
Non-voting Representative: Laura Harris (unopposed)
Moved: Shaun Khoo Seconded: Jesse Overton-Skinner
CARRIED

3.2 Clubs & Societies Regulations

There was some discussion on the content of the regulations, which involved tax laws set by the government. Assistance for registration with the ATO is available for Clubs including a user-friendly process and professional staff assistance.

Motion 6: That the regulations be accepted.
Moved: from the Chair
CARRIED

3.3 VCASU Merger

Dominique Ottobre spoke to the merger between UMSU and VCASU. Motions are asking for representatives to nominate for a Sub-Committee position. Extensive discussion takes place regarding the process for the VCASU merger. Dominique withdraws her seconding of a motion Carla Drakeford had moved that was included in the papers.

Chris Lewis left at an unrecorded time.

Motion 7: Nominations be opened for the three positions on the merger committee to be held by voting members of council. Nominations to close at the end of the meeting and announced (if uncontested) by the end of the meeting, or, if contested, to go to a vote at the next council meeting.
Moved: Carla Drakeford Seconded: Dominique Ottobre (withdrawn)
WITHDRAWN

Motion 8: That Students' Council endorse the creation of VCASU Merger Committee. This committee will consist of the President of UMSU, the President of VCASU (as co-chairs), the Secretaries of UMSU and VCASU and three voting members of UMSU Students' Council and VCASU Students Council.
Moved: Carla Drakeford Seconded: Dominique Ottobre
CARRIED

Onagh moves that nominations shall open immediately and close on March 10.

Motion 9: That the nominations open today for the VCASU merger sub committee, to be advised to all Students' Councillors today over email and closing at 12pm on Tuesday, 10th March, 2009.
Moved: Onagh Bishop Seconded: Dominique Ottobre
For: Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre, Taylor Kendall, Dan Musil, Goldie Pergl, Sisi Ying, Rudolph Hosri via Jesse Overton-Skinner, Stephanie Gold, Kyle Dadleh, Clinton Markwell, Brendan Thomas-Noone.
Against: Liam Byrne, Phoebe Kelloway, Josh Schmidt
CARRIED

Josh Schmidt moved that a Special General Meeting should be held to consider the necessary constitutional amendments. The timeline for constitutional amendments involved a legal requirement to send notice for the General Meeting, along with the proposed changes, at least 21 days before the meeting.

Motion 10: That UMSU holds a Special General Meeting on the 6th of April, 2009, to consider the necessary constitutional amendments for the UMSU/VCASU merger.
Moved: Josh Schmidt Seconded: Liam Byrne
For: Liam Byrne, Phoebe Kelloway, Josh Schmidt

Against: Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre, Taylor Kendall, Dan Musil, Goldie Pergl, Sisi Ying, Rudolph Hosri via Jesse Overton-Skinner, Stephanie Gold, Kyle Dadleh, Clinton Markwell, Brendan Thomas-Noone.
LOST

The meeting returned to item 3.1 to receive the report on the election of Staffing Sub-Committee. Additional amendments to the agenda were adopted, including the Media Budget and Officer reports, such that item 4 read:

4. Constitutional Obligations

- 4.1** Media Budget
- 4.2** Setting a Meeting Schedule
- 4.3** Education-Public Report
- 4.4** Welfare Report

3.4 EHS Committee

Chris Lewis returned at an unrecorded time.

Shaun Khoo noted that since the report had been brought to a previous meeting of Students' Council, where it was not discussed, the matter had been resolved. The resolution was described in a report included in the papers, dated March 4.

3.5 Issues for UMSU in 2009

Shaun Khoo spoke to the item and discussed some of the business within it. He noted that an options paper had been circulated to MUOSS and that he had met with the President of the BSA Department that morning. Significant financial matters regarding MUSUL were also noted.

Agenda Item 4: Constitutional Obligations

4.1 Media Budget

Zoe Sanders discussed the activities provided for in the Media Budget, including This is Not Art (T.I.N.A.) and printing for the cross-campus broadsheet, *The Worm*. A \$90 miscalculation was pointed out and this was added to the telephone line.

The Budget now read:

Income	
Transfer from Students' Council	58,913
Expenditure	
<i>Above Water</i>	(2,000)
Travel to T.I.N.A.	(1,000)
Photocopying/Paper Costs	(73)
Postage	(150)
Printing for <i>The Worm</i>	(1000)
Printing	(52,500)
Promotional Activities	(1000)
Special Projects and Events	(500)
Stationery	(100)
Telephone	(290)
Website	(200)
Total	(58,913)

Motion 11: That Students' Council adopt the Media Department budget.
Moved: Zoe Sanders Seconded: Brendan Thomas-Noone
CARRIED

4.2 Setting a Meeting Schedule

A meeting schedule is discussed, which should be staggered. It was suggested that a meeting schedule should rotate to ensure everyone was able to attend meetings and that this schedule should be based on the availabilities of councillors.

Motion 12: That all Students' Councillors and Office Bearers provide their availability to Shaun to allow him to bring a meeting schedule to the next meeting.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre Seconded: Shaun Khoo

For: 10 Against: 3 Abstention: 1

CARRIED

4.3 Education-Public Report

Jesse Overton-Skinner queried as to why none of the Education Officers were at the Education Committee meeting that morning.

Tim Arnot spoke to his report, which included the following motion:

Motion 13: The cross-campus group, Students for Palestine (formerly Students for Gaza), is planning a Palestine Solidarity Week to begin on Land Day, Monday 30th March. To support this series of cultural and awareness-raising events on campus and to help celebrate various Middle-Eastern and Muslim cultures, the Students' Council allocates \$1,000 to the Palestine Solidarity Week, to be taken from the Whole of Union fund

Moved: Tim Arnot Seconded: Phoebe Kelloway

LAPSED

There is extensive discussion, which questions whether the money should come from the Whole of Union fund or department budgets and what kind of message it would send depending on where the money came from.

Kyle Dadleh, Chris Lewis, Clinton Markwell, Stephanie Gold and Sisi Ying leave at 4.07 pm.

A quorum count is conducted and finds the meeting to be still quorate.

**Goldie Pergl leaves at 4.07 pm.
QUORUM LOST**

4.4 Welfare Report

Agenda Item 5: Motions on Notice

5.1 RMIT Prayer Room

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

6.1 NUS Queer Campaign

6.2 Guide for Muslim Students

After quorum was lost Paul Coats spoke to the item. The Graduate Student Association (GSA) bought the rights to a Guide for Muslim Students from Victoria University and is revising the guide. Paul is seeking financial support from UMSU and he reports that the GSA has already contributed \$2000.

Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting

Items of business remaining from this meeting:

Education-Public Report, Welfare Report, RMIT Motion, NUS Queer Campaign, Gaza Motion and Process for Setting Committee Meeting times.

Next meeting on:

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at: 4.17 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

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4. Students' Representative Network

- 4.1 Appointments to University Committee (attached)

5. Clubs and Societies Regulations

- 5.1 Recommended Changes from C&S Committee (attached)

6. General Manager Reports

- 6.1 Environmental Health and Safety Committee (attached)
- 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 Was

Louise O'Shea

Simon Gibson

Jade Eekhow

Jamiel Sabbagh

Steven Chang

Robert Naray

Bruno Friedel

Rachel Kenny

Jessie 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

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 excersied)
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

Seconded:

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

For: 8 Against: 7

CARRIED

Motion 10: That \$1000 be donated from the Whole of Union Fund to the Red Cross Victorian Bushfires Appeal.

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

Moved: Goldie Pergl

Seconded: Katherine Klaus

CWD

Chris Kloester requests that all names are recorded for this vote.

Motion 11: That Students' Council directs all departments to fundraise a minimum of \$1000 to be directly contributed to the Red Cross Bushfire Appeal with the condition that the \$1000 be made up by each department's individual budgets should the \$1000 fail to be raised through fundraising.

Moved: Chris Kloester

Seconded: David Liubinas

For: James Smith, Clinton Markwell, Kyle Dadleh, Stephanie Gold via John Shipp, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Goldie Pergl, Sisi Ying, Rudolph Hosri.

Against: Liam Byrne, Virginia Trescowthick via Bruno Friedel, Dominique Ottobre via Robert Anderson-Hunt, Onagh Bishop via Adrian McMillan, Dan Musil, Taylor Kendall, Josh Schmidt and Phoebe Kelloway via Josh Schmidt.

LOST

2.54pm Chris Kloester leaves

A quorum count is requested. Quorum 10, the meeting continues.

**2.56pm Josh Schmidt leaves. Phoebe's proxy goes to Liam Byrne.
Josh Schmidt's proxy goes to Steven Chang**

Agenda Item 6: Gaza

Motion 12 is read out to Students' Council by the Chair with introduction and demands.

Platform:

Israel's invasion of the Gaza strip was the most violent attack on Gaza since 1967. The University of Melbourne Student Union opposes all racism and oppression and hence is opposed to the deaths and destruction caused by Israel's aggression. The University of Melbourne Student Union recognises that the current ceasefire will not end the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza, and calls for an end to the collective punishment of the Gazan population through military raids, bombing and intimidation. Additionally the University of Melbourne Student Union demands that the blockade be lifted. We show solidarity with the victims of Israel's attack and demand the Federal Labour Government call for an immediate end to Israel's aggression. Also, in light of recent allegations by Amnesty International of Israel's use of White Phosphorous on civilian populations we demand the Israeli state be charged with committing war crimes.

Policy:

The University of Melbourne Student Union condemns Israel's aggression towards the Palestinian people.

The University of Melbourne Student Union calls for Israel to withdraw all ground forces from the border of Gaza.

The University of Melbourne Student Union calls for Israel to lift the blockade of Gaza's borders and allow the passage of all food, fuel and medical supplies.

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 Seconded: Jade Eehkow

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

Secunder for Motion 13 –Jade Eehkow 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.

Seconder for the motion Clinton Markwell waves his right to speak and passes it to Jessie 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 Eehkow 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 himself to be more of a queer anarchist 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:

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: March 4, 2009

Subject: Environmental Health and Safety Committee

In my report to Students' Council's last meeting I raised an issue in relation to the office currently occupied by UMSU Marketing and Research Officer, Marisa Simanjuntak.

I subsequently had correspondence with Office-Bearers in relation to this issue.

On Monday February 25 a meeting was held in relation to this issue and a resolution was agreed that will not require any office movement for Office-Bearers.

Marisa will be relocated permanently to an office located with the Student Union Advocacy and Legal Services on Level 3. This office is currently occupied by Regalia but will become vacant upon the completion of the redevelopment of the Basement in the middle of this year.

In the interim Marisa will use an office also on Level 3 which is currently occupied by the Directors of the VCE Summer School. This should be available by the third week of March.

If Marisa is to be relocated prior to this time she will temporarily occupy the space adjacent to the offices of the Arts Officers and the UMSU Manager.

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

MEDIA BUDGET PROPOSAL 2009

MARCH 6TH 2009

Based upon the approved budget of \$58,913.00, the media department proposes allocating the funds into the following budget lines.

<i>Above Water</i>	\$2,000.00
Travel to T.I.N.A.	\$1,000.00
Photocopying/Paper costs	\$73.00
Postage	\$150.00
Printing for <i>The Worm</i>	\$1,000.00
Printing	\$52,500.00
Promotional Activities	\$1,000.00
Special Projects and Events	\$500.00
Stationary	\$100.00
Telephone	\$200.00
Website	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$58,913.00



Carla Drakeford
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04/03/2009 12:34 PM

To secretary@union.unimelb.edu.au

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Subject Motion on Notice

History:  This message has been forwarded.

Hi Shaun

Please include this motion on notice in the council papers...

Preamble:

This committee will have the responsibility of negotiating a merger between the two student unions. I have had much contact with the VCASU and they are happy with this model and are confident it is the best way to go ahead. This form of committee will ensure that voting members of council will have a direct input into the new model of the department of the VCA, and so there is more transparency and accountability, rather than power being concentrated in the hands of the president and secretary.

This committee will require some work, perhaps one meeting a fortnight, as time is an issue. Student Councillors should nominate and be aware that there are certain commitments with this merger committee.

All other OBs and Student Councillors are welcome to participate and collaborate with their ideas.

Motion 1:

That students council endorse the creation of VCASU Merger Committee. This committee will consist of the President of UMSU, the President of VCASU (as co-chairs), the Secretaries of UMSU and VCASU and three voting members of UMSU Students Council and VCASU Students Council.

Motion 2:

I move that nominations be opened for the three positions on the merger committee to be held by voting members of council. Nominations to close at the end of the meeting and announced (if uncontested) by the end of the meeting, or, if contested, to go to a vote at the next council meeting.



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06/03/2009 10:51 AM

Subject Motion for students concil

Shaun

Can you please include the following motion for todays Students Council .

Regards
Liam Byrne
NUS National Queer Officer

RMIT Prayer Room Motion for Students Council

In 2007 Melbourne University demolished the Islamic prayer space on campus without guaranteeing another space for Islamic students to practice their faith. UMSU played a key role, though the submissions process, alongside the Islamic Students Society in ensuring that a space would eventually be guaranteed on campus for Islamic Students.

RMIT has taken away the Islamic prayer room on their campus, and have refused to provide any other facilities for the use of Islamic Students. UMSU condemns this racist attack, and supports the campaign at RMIT for an Islamic prayer room.

UMSU:

1. Condemns RMIT for refusing to return the Islamic prayer room for use by Islamic Students.
2. Endorses the 'Right the Wrong, Return the Prayer Room' campaign being conducted by the Islamic Society at RMIT.
3. Endorses the Public Protest to " Give us a Fair Go, Right the Wrong! Return the Prayer Room! will be held on Monday 23rd March 2009 on Bowen St from 2:00PM onwards with a march to the state library and VC office.
4. Endorses any demonstrations, forums, or other actions that the RMIT Islamic students hold as part of this campaign.

Students Council directs the UMSU President to submit this motion in a press release to all major media outlets, and to write a letter to Professor Margaret Gardener AO, the Vice Chancellor of RMIT, expressing our support for the Islamic Prayer room at RMIT to be returned to the Islamic students.

Moved: Frances Lewis
Seconded: Liam Byrne