

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 5/09

CONFIRMED

2 PM, 18 March 2009

Location: MUVT Room 1, Union House



Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

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Scott Bloodworth appointed to be Mature Age Representative.

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3.1 Education Public Report (attached)

3.2 Welfare Report (attached)

3.3 RMIT Motion (attached)

3.4 NUS Queer Campaign

3.5 Gaza Motion (attached)

3.6 Process for Setting Committee Meetings (see Secretary's Report)

3.7 Meeting Schedule (attached)

4. Correspondence

4.1 Cage Free Campus Society (attached)

5. Office Bearer's Reports

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5.2 Secretary's Report

5.3 Education Public 2 (attached)

6. Other Reports

6.1 VCASU Merger Committee

6.2 Finance Sub-Committee Election

7. Motions on Notice

7.1 MUDFest (attached)

"That UMSU, in recognising the membership potential, opportunities for cross-departmental collaboration and widespread benefits to the student community, allocate \$5000 from the Whole of Union fund to the MUDFest Department (Cultural Services) to assist in the running of MUDFest 11, August 10-29 2009"

7.2 Concession Cards (attached)

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting

10. Close

Meeting opened at: 2.20 PM, by Shaun Khoo

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

<p>Motion 1: That Carla Drakeford chair the meeting Moved: Carla Drakeford CARRIED</p>
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1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So Acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Council

Rudolph Hosri, Josh Schmidt, Brendan Thomas-Noone, John Shipp, James Smith, Clinton Markwell, Kyle Dadleh, Dominique Ottobre, Sisi Ying, Phoebe Kelloway, Goldie Pergl, Liam Byrne, Dan Musil (arrives at 2.28pm)

Office Bearers

Shaun Khoo (Secretary), Carla Drakeford (President), Zoe-Zora Sanders (Media), Gillian Kilby (Media), Kyle Lancaster (Indigenous), Ruby Warber (Indigenous), Sam Cossar-Gilbert (Environment), Adelaide Rief (Arts), Chris Summers (Arts), Cosima Nyx Stone (Wom*ns), Stefania Capogreco (Queer), Ezekiel Gould (Queer), Chris Kloester (Activities), David Liubinas (Activities), Frances Lewis (Welfare), Tim Arnot (Education –Public), Laura Harris (Education –Academic), Bhakthi Puvanenthiran (Media)

Others

Jesse Overton-Skinner
Charlie Goodman
Matt Incerti
Jackson Reynolds
David Haidon
Lydia Bevege
Rachael Lim
Sam Rankin

Justin Baré –UMSU General Manager
Candice Cranmer –minute taker

Absent

Students' Council

Taylor Kendall

Office Bearers

Gemma Leigh Dodds (Education –Academic), Sadia Schneider (Education-Public), Tristan Clack (Welfare), Rachel Barrett (Environment), Yoshua Wakeham (Media), Katherine Klaus (Clubs and Societies), Piper O'Dowd (Clubs and Societies)

1.4 Apologies

Stephanie Gold
Onagh Bishop

1.5 Proxies

Stephanie Gold to John Shipp
Onagh Bishop to Dominique Ottobre
Goldie Pergl to Sam Rankin (at 4.02pm)
Rudolph Hosri to Jesse Overton-Skinner (at 4.02pm)

1.6 Membership

Shaun Khoo (Secretary) reports that Scott Bloodworth has been appointed as the Mature Age Representative on Students' Council.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Liam Byrne suggests Agenda Item 6.1 VCASU Merger Committee is moved to Agenda Item 3.1, as VCASU representatives - Jackson Reynolds and David Haidon are present to speak at the meeting. Discussion of Agenda order.

Motion 2: That Agenda Item 6.1 VCASU Merger Committee is moved to Agenda Item 3.1 and that a motion from the Environment Department be added as Agenda Item 8.1

Moved: From the Chair
CARRIED For: 9

Motion 3: To suspend standing orders to allow the inclusion of the Activities Report as Agenda Item 5.4 and the Indigenous Report as Agenda Item 5.5

Moved: From the Chair
CWD

Motion 4: That Agenda Item 3.5 Gaza Motion is moved to Agenda 7.3

Moved: John Shipp

CARRIED For: 5 Against: 3 Abstentions: 4

For: Rudolph Hosri, Stephanie Gold via John Shipp, James Smith, Clinton Markwell, Kyle Dadleh.

Against: Josh Schmidt, Liam Byrne, Phoebe Kelloway

Abstentions: Goldie Pergl, Dominique Ottobre, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Sisi Ying

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7.2 Concession Cards (attached)

7.3 Gaza Motion (attached)

8. Other Business

8.1 Environment –Capital Expenditure

9. Next Meeting

10. Close

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Amendments to Students' Council Meeting 3, 12-12-09, referencing Taylor Kendall's comments to be amended to be expressed as gender neutral pronouns.

Amendments to Students' Council Meeting 4, 06-03-09 –that Chris Lewis (proxy for James Smith) is recorded as leaving the meeting at 4.07pm instead of James Smith.

Motion 5: That the minutes of Students' Council Meeting 4 on 06-03-09, are a true and accurate record.

Moved: From the Chair

CWD

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 VCASU Merger Committee

Discussion about the election of a VCASU Merger Committee occurs

Applications had opened and were now closed - no nominations were received.

The Chair invited voting members of Students' Council to nominate for one of the four positions.

Goldie Pergl and Dominique Ottobre nominate.

Motion 6: That Goldie Pergl and Dominique Ottobre are elected onto the VCASU merger committee

Moved: From the Chair

CARRIED with abstentions from Goldie Pergl and Dominique Ottobre.

The opportunity for voting members of Students' Council to nominate for the Merger Committee in the future is left open.

Jackson Reynolds and David Haidon from VCASU speak of impending closure.

Tim Arnot arrives 2.33pm

Discussion surrounding the merger occurs and Justin Baré is asked to clarify some points about constitutional amendments regarding the merger.

Agenda Item 3.2 Education Public Report (attached)

Tim Arnot speaks to the report and iterates that the recommendations, outlined at the last Students' Council meeting had not been voted upon.

A speaking list is drawn up.

Procedural Motion : That we just talk to the recommendation

Moved: Liam Byrne

CARRIED For: 8 Against: 2 Abstentions: 3

Lengthy discussion via the speaking list occurs regarding the recommendation for Palestinian Solidarity Week.

Tim Arnot is named at 2.50pm.

Jessie Skinner speaks about her attendance at the Education Committee Meeting and especially regarding expenditure relative to this recommendation. She requests that it is noted at Students' Council that at this meeting there were no minutes to be confirmed and receipts for reimbursement were requested but not presented at the meeting.

Speaking list added to and continued.

Procedural Motion: That the speaking list be closed during the next speaker

Moved: David Liubinas

CARRIED For: 10 Against: 4

Clinton Markwell speaks, the speaking list is then closed.

Discussion occurs via the last speakers.

Charlie Goodman seeks to ask two questions but is informed that speaking list has closed.

Procedural Motion: That the speaking list is re-opened to have two questions answered

Moved: Charlie Goodman

CARRIED For: 11 Against: 3

Laura Harris arrives at 2.59pm

Speaking list extended for Tim Arnot to answer Charlie Goodman's questions.

Cosima Nyx Stone leaves at 3.01 pm

A point of order is called to have a list of the clubs that will be included in the Palestinian Solidarity Week.

Procedural Motion: To move to a vote

Moved: Liam Byrne

LOST For: 6 Against: 8

The recommendation from the Education (Public) report, regarding the Gaza Collective is read by the Chair.

Two motions are also raised to be voted upon.

The Chair moves that the recommendation from the Education (Public) be recorded first.

Motion 7: The cross-campus group Students for Palestine (formerly Students for Gaza) is planning a Palestine Solidarity Week to begin on Land Day, 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 \$1000 to the Palestine Solidarity Week, to be taken from the Whole of Union fund.

Moved: Tim Arnot Seconded: Phoebe Kelloway

LOST

For: Phoebe Kelloway, Liam Byrne, Josh Schmidt

Against: Stephanie Gold via John Shipp, James Smith, Clinton Markwell, Kyle Dadleh, Goldie Pergl, Onagh Bishop via Dominique Ottobre, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Sisi Ying

Abstentions: Rudolph Hosri, Dan Musil

Motion 8: A change to the motion of 'Gaza Collective' changing the term 'Political Solidarity Week' to 'Palestinian Cultural Celebration Week' and the event limited to cultural awareness and apolitical stances.

Moved: Rudolph Hosri Seconded: John Shipp

LOST For: 5 Against: 7 Abstentions: 2

Motion 9: Council censures Tim Arnot for referring to an individual in council as a 'racist' and refusing to withdraw this offensive remark.

Moved: Charlie Goodman Seconded: Matt Incerti

The nature of a censure motion is discussed

Procedural Motion: To vote on Motion 9

Moved: Tim Arnot

LOST For: 5 Against: 9

Discussion on this motion occurs and clarification is sought. Charlie Goodman seeks to clarify that this is a motion to recognise/account for behaviour at Students' Council meetings.

Procedural Motion: To put the motion to a vote

Moved:

CARRIED For: 10 Against: 4

Motion 9: Council censures Tim Arnot for referring to an individual in council as a 'racist' and refusing to withdraw this offensive remark.

Moved: Charlie Goodman Seconded: Matt Incerti

CARRIED For: 9 Against: 3 Abstentions: 2

James Smith leaves and proxies to Lydia Bevege at 3.16pm

Tim Arnot reads the second recommendation from the Education (Public) Report (2. Services Fee)
A speaking list is drawn up.

John Shipp leaves at 3.17pm and returns at 3.18pm

Sisi Ying leaves at 3.18pm and returns at 3.22pm

Carla relinquishes the Chair for the duration of the discussion regarding the Services Fee.

Shaun Khoo chairs the meeting. The speaking list is closed at 3.21pm.

Discussion via the speaking list occurs.

Kyle Lancaster and Ruby Warber leave at 3.33pm

Procedural Motion: For the speaking limit to be set to two minutes

Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner

CARRIED For: 10 Against: 3

Discussion continues via the speaking list

Procedural Motion: To use inside-voices
Moved: Goldie Pergl
CARRIED For: 10 Against: 3

Speaking list is closed and exhausted shortly.
The second recommendation from Education (Public) Report is put to a vote.
Carla resumes the Chair.

Motion 10: That Students' Council recognises the continuation of Voluntary Student Unionism under the Rudd government has continued to decimate student unions around the country. The proposed Services Fee is not a repeal of this legislation, but a continuation of the attack on students being able to organise independently, and have a political voice. Students' Council condemns the government for continuing the VSU legislation and demands that any compulsory fee collected from the students must go directly to independent student unions to be used as they see fit.
Moved: from the Chair
LOST
For: Phoebe Kelloway, Liam Byrne, Josh Schmidt, Dan Musil
Against: Rudolph Hosri, Stephanie Gold via John Shipp, James Smith via Lydia Bevege, Clinton Markwell, Kyle Dadleh, Onagh Bishop via Dominique Ottobre, Sisi Ying
Abstentions: Brendan Thomas-Noone and Goldie Pergl

Secretary, Shaun Khoo moves to procedurally skip to Meeting Schedule – Agenda Item 5.2

Ezekiel Gould and Stefania Capogreco leave at 3.43pm

Procedural Motion: That we skip to Meeting Schedule, Secretary Report, Finance Sub Committee then MUDFest
Moved: Shaun Khoo
CARRIED For: 8 Against: 6

Justin Baré returns at 3.45pm

Agenda Item 3.7: Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule development process is explained.

Motion 11: That the devised Meeting Schedule be adopted
Moved: The Chair
CWD

Agenda Item 5.2: Secretary's Report

Secretary, Shaun Khoo speaks to the report and clarifies 'regular' and 'special meeting' procedure. Discussion about alterations to Standing Orders occurs.

Kyle Lancaster leaves 3.55pm

Shaun Khoo speaks to the recommendation 2.1 regarding the UMSU Wiki, set up by Scott Bloodworth, Secretary in 2008.

Motion 12: Students' Council approves the expenditure of \$200 from the Whole of Union Fund to pay the IT consultant fees involved in installing the wiki on the Student Union servers (involving database setup, copying files and server configuration).
Moved: Goldie Pergl Seconded: Brendan Thomas-Noone
CWD

Bhakthi Puvanenthiran arrives at 3.59pm

Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

6.1 Finance Sub-Committee Election

Shaun Khoo reported the results of the Finance Sub-Committee Election, where all positions were elected unopposed.

Motion 13: To accept the report, electing Rudolph Hosri, James Smith, Clinton Markwell and Brendan Thomas-Noone, unopposed voting representatives and Tristan Clack as the non voting representative

Moved: Shaun Khoo

Seconded:

CARRIED

For: 11

Abstentions: 3

**Shaun Khoo and Rudolph Hosri leave at 4.02pm
Goldie Pergl leaves and proxies to Sam Rankin 4.02pm**

Agenda Item 7: Motions on Notice

Agenda Item 7.1 MUDFest

The Arts officers, Adelaide Rief and Chris Summers speak to the MUDFest report (attached)
Discussion regarding the benefits of this event occurs.

Motion 14: That UMSU, in recognising the membership potential, opportunities for cross-departmental collaboration and widespread benefits to the student community, allocate \$5000 from the Whole of Union fund to the MUDFest Department (Cultural Services) to assist in the running of MUDFest 11, August 10-29 2009.

Moved: From the Chair

CWD

Quorum count: 9

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.3 Welfare Report

Frances Lewis speaks to the report.

Discussion and clarification regarding the RMIT Prayer Room Motion for Students' Council occurs.

Motion 15: 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, through 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 2pm 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 a 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
CWD

Seconded: Liam Byrne

Procedural Motion: To put the second motion in the report: "The University of Melbourne Student Union condemns Israel's war on the population 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 condemns the Australian Government and Western Governments around the world for ignoring the plight of the Palestinian people."

Moved: Liam Byrne

LOST

Quorum lost at 4.11 pm

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting on: Tuesday, 31 March at 2pm, in Joe Nap B

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at: 4.11 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

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- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

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- 2.1 Minutes from Meeting on 12-02-2009 (attached)

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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

7. Next Meeting

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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3.2 Clubs & Societies Regulations (attached)

3.3 VCASU Merger

3.4 EHS Committee (attached)

3.5 Issues for UMSU in 2009 (attached)

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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 for references to himself to be set as 'themselves'. 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, James Smith, 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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To Shaun Khoo/Secretary/UMSU/MUSU@STUDENTUNION
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Subject OB report for students council 

Hi Shaun,

Could you please include the below OB report for Ed Public for today's Students Council meeting?

Regards

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Education (Public Affairs) report for Students Council 3/09

Ed (Public) really hit ground running in 2009, particularly with Students for Gaza.

Before O week even started we managed to get over 90 students along to our forum/film screening. Even though I have been an activist for a number of years I don't every recall seeing this many students at a student union event before semester even starts!

This was also an opportunity to introduce the role of the student union early in the year as a body that takes a stand against issues such as war and racism. Since the student union has had difficulty proving its relevance to international students and students from diverse cultural backgrounds we consider it a great success that we have been able to involve the Pakistani Students Society, the Malaysian Students Society, The Arabic Culture Club and the Islamic Students in Students For Gaza and thereby illustrate the relevance of the union.

We have also had regular campus stalls with the Student Union material. To make the student union itself and the departments in it more visible around campus we have created our own 'Join you're Student Union: You're Voice on Campus' posters. These are a good way to counteract the dominant, corporate face of the student union.

We were also proudly part of the NUS contingent at the Gay Pride march since queers need fighting student unions and attacks on our unions are attacks on our ability to take a stand against homophobia and bigotry.

During O Week we petitioned against the blockade of Gaza and collected hundreds of signatures. Additionally 59 students left their details to stay in touch with the Students For

Gaza Collective.

The lecture announcements we did throughout the week about Students for Gaza routinely got rounds of applause and, going around the crowd it was good to see the majority of first years already had or were planning to join their union.

We also had a Student for Gaza film screening on Tuesday which got 80+ people along. Most of these students had never been to a Students For Gaza meeting indicating that there are many new layers of students that we can relate to. The film shown by two women from the Sydney Gaza Defence Committee was a moving expose on the travesties of the recent war.

Finally, Ed Public, following a media release responding to the government's stimulus package, was interviewed by the Melbourne Times. We reported that the \$950 bonus for students was a recognition that students are impacted by poverty and the looming economic crisis without actually addressing the root cause: higher education is severely underfunded, Student Income Support amounts to more than half of the Henderson Poverty Line, the housing crisis and a complete lack of affordable housing continues to squeeze students financially as well as the fact that students are concentrated in low wage industries such as hospitality and retail.

Recommendations:

1. 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

Proposed budget for Palestine Solidarity Week

Income	1,000
Expenditure	
2500 fliers of programme of events on campus during the week	(350)
Publicity	(50)
Equipment hire	(150)
Food	(100)
Event security for the Friday 3 rd April cross-cultural fundraiser dinner	(100)
Flights and accommodation for Anthony Lowenstein to come to Melbourne, cost to be shared with RMITSU and Swinburne Student Union	(200)
Publicity for Palestine film screening, poetry evening and public forum	(50)
Total	(1,000)

2. Services Fee

That Student's Council recognises the continuation of Voluntary Student Unionism under the Rudd government has continued to decimate student unions around the country. The proposed Services Fee is not a repeal of this legislation, but a continuation of the attack on students being able to organise independently, and have a political voice. Students' Council condemns the government for continuing the VSU legislation and demands that any compulsory fee collected from students must go directly to independent student unions to be used as they see fit.

Welfare Officer Report Students Council 4/09. 6.03.09 Frances Lewis

Orientation Week

The Welfare Departments O-Week BBQ was a real success, a great opportunity to let people know about what activities we have planned and argue that people get involved with us. We collected around 50 names on a petition calling for concession cards for International students and postgraduate students. We also started the week with a minor victory – Melbourne University Vice-Chancellor Glyn Davis calling for concession cards to be granted to all full-time students. Davis is hardly a friend of students, so to have someone like him on board is great. It all bodes well for our Action on 27th April which received a good response at our BBQ. I have also been liaising with people from MUOSS and GSA.

The other major success of O-Week was the Students for Gaza film screening on Tuesday. There were around 60 or 70 people, the majority of whom had never been to a Students for Gaza meeting before. The film was an incredibly moving documentary into what really happened to Gaza in January, and it was a real honour to have the maker of the documentary, Ophelia Haragli, come from Sydney to introduce her film. This is a sign of the potential this collective has, and it looks like Palestine Solidarity Week could be a real success. The meeting was also a great way to promote the Student Union and to show that the Union actually does take a stand, supports cultural diversity, and represent all students, not just white students. It was quite telling that many who came were international students who are often ignored by the union.

Sexism

I have been confronting the sexism of Students Council. It is OUTRAGEOUS that people are in the union who do not seem to understand the basic principles of unionism and solidarity, who continue to display sexist attitudes on Students Council and ignore the existence of any students who are not straight males. I will continue to confront anyone who expresses such attitudes. These attitudes have a severe impact on student's welfare at uni making them feel isolated and vulnerable. This inhibits our ability to study effectively.

Welfare Dept events.

I have been in touch with the Queer Department and the Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria for the Sexual Health week to avoid it being hetero-centric, and have received some great info and packs. Unfortunately, no one from the NTEU LHMU or SDA or ASU got back to us regarding the Your Rights at Work Forum. Planning for the International Students Concession Cards campaign continues.

Education issues: Bradley Review and Services Fee.

First, the list of allowable uses for the proposed Services Fee has finally been released. They are:

(a) food and beverages; (b) sports and recreation; (c) clubs and societies; (d) child care; (f) health care; (g) housing; (h) employment; (i) financial services (j) visual arts, performing arts and audio visual media; (k) debating; (l) libraries and reading rooms;

(m) student media; (n) academic support (o) personal accident insurance for students; (p) orientation information; (q) support services for overseas students.

So, they do not allow space for independent political representation. From what part of that list could the Student Union run campaigns around increases to HECS fees, against militarism or for gay marriage rights? The outline of the legislation also had Minister Ellis repeat her line that “this is not a return to VSU,” and there is absolutely nothing in the legislation stating that universities have any obligation to give any of the money to student bodies. This fee is just an additional tax on students

The government has also responded to the Bradley Review. They announced they will take up Bradley’s suggestion of deregulation, and of funding following students not institutions. This is one of the biggest attacks on education in a long time, meaning under funded and less popular institutions will suffer and less popular yet still important subjects, will be cut. It will be devastating for smaller and rural campuses. They also announced they will remove caps on student enrolments, opening up the way for oversized, cramped, understaffed and under resourced courses. As I have always said the government is no friend of students, so this attack should not come as a surprise. Student Unions around the country must fight this attack and demand that universities

Recommendations

1. UMSU recognizes that many students work long hours on top of their study in order to make ends meet. UMSU therefore condemns the proposed HECS HELP volunteer scheme, as it will only benefit wealthier students and not those who need the HECS fee reduction.
2. UMSU recognises that the Bradley Review does not go far enough to tackle student poverty. It also recognizes that a voucher system, where funding follows students not institutions, will prevent already underfunded universities from receiving crucial resources. UMSU condemns the governments implementation of a deregulated, demand-driven funding scheme. UMSU also calls on the government to
 - a. Lower the age of independence to 18
 - b. Increase the Youth Allowance and Austudy payments to at least match the Henderson Poverty Line of \$370 a week.
 - c. Tie Rent Assistance payments to the CPI index.

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, through 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

"The University of Melbourne Student Union condemns Israel's war on the population 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 condemns the Australian Government and Western governments around the world for ignoring the plight of the Palestinian people".

Moved: Jamiel Sabbagh

Seconded: Liam Byrne

Students' Council Meeting Schedule

Councillor Availability

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10am	4	2	3	0	2
11am	4	3	3	1	3
12pm	4	4	5	1	5
1pm	3	5	4	1	6
2pm	3	6	5	3	7
3pm	3	4	4	3	7
4pm	3	4	3	3	7

Proposed Dates and Times

Semester 1

TUE March 31, 2pm
 Mid-Semester Break, April 10-19

WED April 22, 2pm

FRI May 8, 2pm

TUE May 19, 2pm

WED June 3, 2pm (during SWOTVAC)



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Subject Cage Free Campus Campaign

For Follow Up:  Normal Priority

Dear Shaun,

My name is Katie and I am the president of the Cage Free Campus Society. Last year we began working on a campaign calling for all University of Melbourne eateries to go "cage-free" by ceasing to use battery eggs. Towards the end of 2008, Students' Council unanimously passed a motion of support for our campaign and Scott Bloodworth (2008 UMSU secretary) informed us that a resolution would be presented to the University Council calling for a complete cage-free egg policy on campus. Unfortunately this was not accomplished before the year's end. I am contacting you because we are hoping that this year the new Students' Council will be willing to work with us to proceed with this. I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.
Sincerely
Katelyn Grimmer

President's Report for Students' Council

Wednesday, March 18th

VCASU:

Justin and I have recently been informed by our auditor Andrew Wehrens, that the VCASU is moving to appoint an administrator in the relatively near future. The role of the Administrator is to wind up VCASU and dispose of its assets.

For this reason, it is important to begin the process that Justin and I started in December, of negotiating with the VCASU about their absorption into UMSU. Nominations for the Merger Committee opened and closed, and no nominations were received.

Recommendation 1: That this Students' Council opens and closes the nominations again for the merger committee. Three students will be elected by the end of this Council.

On another note, I have been down to the VCA on Tuesday March 17th and given the VCASU materials to help build the National Day of Action. VCASU has indicated that they will be supporting UMSU in holding the centralized NDA on the Parkville campus on March 25th.

National Day(s) of Action

Campus NDA: Wednesday March 18th

1pm South Lawn Banner painting.

For this event I organized to book South Lawn – the impetus for this action is to get students involved in the campaign. During O-Week, the Education Academic Dept funded a banner painting (the banner reads: UMSU DEMANDS FAIR INCOME SUPPORT). We set up on South Lawn and got students to handprint the banner in solidarity.

We expect that the VCASU will provide some music and we hope that they will come with their own banner to paint.

Slogans to use on March 25th (painted on the 18th) :

“Lindsay! Include Income Support in the May Budget!”

“Students against Dereg”

“Fund it or forget it!”

“Deregulation = homogenization”

“Deregulation was sooo last year (before the crisis)”

“\$900 isn’t good enough – Support our Students!”

Centralised NDA: Wednesday March 25th

1pm Concrete Lawns.

La Trobe, Monash and Victoria Universities are coming down to meet on concrete lawns at 1pm to rally for the centralized action. In the lead up to this, I have put up a lecture bash timetable and script, and I would encourage everyone to help out either by doing a poster run or a lecture bash. It makes the work a lot lighter, since the Education Public Affairs office has done nothing to help further the campaign.

SSAF and Memorandum of Understanding

As many of you would know, the Senate Inquiry into the SSAF occurred on Wednesday 4th of March. The National Union of Students represented the interests of UMSU in supporting the bill, and I wrote a submission to the Senate Inquiry. I’d like to thank the Clubs and Societies department and the Ed Public department for submitting a report from the point of view of their department.

Some things to note:

→ Senator Gavin Marshall came out and said that he would support an amendment that gave the money directly to students. NUS and I are lobbying Labor MPs to support the amendment in caucus.

The SSAF is progressing a lot more slowly than we thought it will – and I fear that it may not be implemented until semester 1 2010.

However, if Senator Marshall’s recommendation is not supported and Universities retain the power to levy and distribute the fee, I feel that UMSU would need a MOU with the University to ensure that the fee cannot be abused by the University to make UMSU act in a certain way to obtain the funds. The Provost agrees with this and we are currently in the process of drafting a MOU to the effect of outlining UMSU and the Universities responsibilities as well as rights and the autonomy of UMSU.

Universities Australia Higher Education Conference

I was a delegate the UA Higher Education Conference from March 4th – 6th in Canberra. The Conference was centre around the Bradley Review and teaching and learning.

I was one of only four undergraduates at the Conference. The President of La Trobe, Lachlan Batchelor, and President and VP of Victoria University also attended. It was a

great experience, and the four of us were able to push for more students to be included in the conference next time, as it was incredibly prohibitive for students to get involved.

At the conference, Julia Gillard DPM made the announcement that the Government would move to a “demand driven system” of funding universities.

Demand Driven System = Voucher Campaign

The Demand Driven System to be introduced in Sem 1 2012 was announced by Gillard at the UA conference on March 4th. In a nut shell:

- Between now and 2012 Universities can negotiate their compacts with a 10% overload (up from 5%) and after 2012 the cap is completely gone ie/
- Regulatory body is to be set up to fund unis based on student numbers
- Cap on fees is set to remain (at this stage)

I am in the process of organizing an informative lecture which will involve Presidents from these student unions

- SRC President and Guild President – La Trobe
- Vice President – Victoria University
- President – Monash University

I am also going to invite a University Senior Executive member to come and speak on behalf of the University. It should be seen as an informative forum where students are encouraged to attend and ask questions. Involving other Presidents from different campuses should help students to contextualize the problem.

Our main focus of this campaign should be ensuring that it is in fact students who have the choice and not the universities deciding what subjects and courses should be offered to boost profitability.

It will be held on **April 7th** (Tuesday in the last week before Semester break).

O-Week

O-week was very positive, and we reached over 5,000 members during O-Week alone (we now have over 5,800). However, we also had some problems that were expressed to me by a number of OBs:

- Too commercialized
- Unions stalls were off to the side and out of the way
- Coke Girls – too inappropriate

I had mentioned that I was going to be putting together a complaint to MUSUL about the selection process of Commercial sponsorship and guidelines they need to follow. If

anyone would like to contribute to this, please send me an email so I can compile a list of feelings that OBs had about the day.

1. Procedure for Setting Committee Meetings

In the Students' Council meeting on Friday, March 6, 2009 the difficulties one department had in setting meetings at appropriate times was discussed and it was suggested that a report on the procedure for setting committee meetings should be produced.

On the 12th of February, an email was sent to the SOB2009 list, which is attached as an appendix 1 which outlined some of the issues regarding having meetings and reporting to meetings.

The normal process for having a committee meeting is as follows:

1. Figure out time, place and agenda for meeting.
2. Forward details to Secretary, ensuring that there is adequate notice to the Secretary and to the Committee.
 - a. Adequate notice to the Secretary is usually 1-2 academic days.
 - b. Adequate notice to your committee is 2 days between the day notice is sent and the day of the meeting for special meetings and 4 days between the day notice is sent and the day of the committee meeting for a regular meeting.
 - c. As a general rule, more notice is better.
3. Notice is sent to your Committee.
4. Ensure papers and reports are available 2 days before the committee meeting for the Secretary to circulate.
5. Attend meeting.

This year I have refused requests to cancel and/or reschedule meetings. This is because:

- It is unfair to representatives who have been rearranging their schedules, including paid employment and study to attend.
- It may be confusing.
- Committee meetings should be open to all students, even if observer rights are rarely exercised, and rescheduling is not conducive to this.
- Student Representatives would be upset with the University if it rescheduled its meetings, especially at short notice. It would be hypocritical for UMSU to do the same.

Amendments to Standing Orders have been on notice for the required period of time. These amendments would allow for clarity in the definition of regular and special meetings.

Recommendation 1.1:

Students' Council adopts the amended Standing Orders as circulated and included as an appendix with this report, including the additional amendment to the typo in Rule 5.4.

If this recommendation is accepted, then it is proposed additionally that the policy included in this report be adopted as well, which has been developed in accordance with expectations representatives have expressed and current practice. It has also been developed to work with the amended Standing Orders.

Meeting Notifications Policy

Committee meetings are an important part of the governance of UMSU. The department's priorities and activities are set and discussed within these meetings so it is important that they are a democratic forum.

Every representative on an UMSU Committee has the right to:

- Receive adequate notice, as set out in the Constitution, of the time, date and location of a meeting.
 - Rule 88.1 of the Constitution requires four academic days between the day notice is sent and the day the meeting is held for a regular meeting.
 - Rule 88.2 of the Constitution requires two academic days between the day notice is sent and the day the meeting is held for a regular meeting, unless more than half the voting representatives of the committee notify the Secretary that they believe a meeting should be held with less notice.
 - These rules apply to Committee meetings in accordance with Rule 100.1 of the Constitution.
- Be consulted by the relevant Officer regarding the setting of the time, date and location of a meeting and the setting of a meeting schedule.
- Be included in the decision-making of the Committee.

For meetings which are not set on the meeting schedule or otherwise held according to the direction of the Committee, Officers, as part of their duties, shall consult with all the representatives on their committees regarding availabilities for meetings. The time, date and location of meetings should then be passed on to the Secretary such that adequate notice can be sent.

Recommendation 1.2:

Students' Council adopts the Meeting Notifications Policy.

2. UMSU Wiki

IT Services have, at my request, been investigating how the UMSU Wiki (melbournecommons) which was set up by the previous Secretary, Scott Bloodworth, can be transferred on to the Union servers. This would allow the wiki to be more fully integrated into the Student Union online experience. If the wiki is

transferred, it will be using the MediaWiki engine, the same engine behind the more familiar Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia>). This is a change from the previous TWiki engine.

The melbournecommons.info was hosted externally and involves an ongoing cost. The domain has been cancelled.

Transferring the wiki to the Union server involves an initial cost of \$200, but it is not anticipated that there will be any additional cost in subsequent years. This money is required to pay a consultant to install the MediaWiki engine on the Union servers, such that it does not interfere with textpattern, which is foundation of the website at present. The cost of data storage and maintenance will become part of the rest of the Student Union IT infrastructure. Transferring to the Union server is the ideal way to continue the wiki as it is cheaper and more effective.

Recommendation 2.1:

Students' Council approves the expenditure of \$200 from the Whole of Union Fund to pay the IT Consultant fees involved in installing the wiki on the Student Union servers (involving database setup, copying files and server configuration).

3. Candidate University Funds

The University of Melbourne has over 250 different funds, which provide for varying purposes. It may be possible in some instances for UMSU Departments to apply to the University for additional funds for specific purposes. These funds are established through philanthropic gifts and bequests. One conspicuous example of philanthropy in the Student Union is the Rowden White Library. An examination of the University's funds reveals the following candidates.

Two examples:

R7.44 Lockie Bequest – Mary Anne Margaret Lockie left a bequest to the University for the advancement of Literature in Australia. It may be possible for the Arts Department to apply to the University to receive additional funding for Above Water, which is an annual publication of literary work.

R7.99 G.M. Rollason Fund – Geoffrey Mallin Rollason gave the University funds which are to be applied for University purposes as the Vice-Chancellor directs. It may be possible for Departments running events to apply for funding from the VC.

4. Grant Applications

I am currently reviewing Financial Regulations with the aim of clarifying and standardising the grants process for departments, in consultation with the General Manager, Justin Baré and anyone else who would like to have input. It is hoped that a standard grants process can be developed (with exceptions for the Arts Department and the Clubs & Societies Department), which takes into account criteria, recording of rationales for decisions and reporting from grant recipients.

Once this review is complete the proposed amendments will be put on notice for the consideration of Students' Council, in accordance with the Constitution.

5. Delegation to Finance Sub-Committee

At the last Students' Council issues were briefly discussed involving compensating MUSUL for administrative and other services and UMSU's debt to MUSUL. Students' Council is yet to take any action with respect to these issues and so it is proposed that Students' Council

Recommendation 5.1:

Students' Council directs Finance Sub-Committee to prepare an options paper and recommendations in relation to UMSU's financial arrangements with MU Student Union Ltd, in particular, regarding compensation for administrative and other services and UMSU's debt to MUSUL. Finance Sub-Committee should also present a review of UMSU's investment strategy.

Recommendation 5.2:

Students' Council gives a Standing Delegation to Finance Sub-Committee to approve expenditure of UMSU monies in accordance with the Constitution and this delegation shall expire June 30, 2009.

6. Annual General Meeting

The AGM is required to fulfil UMSU's legal obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. UMSU is required to hold the AGM before the end of May in order to for auditor's reports and other matters to be received.

Past convention has been to hold the AGM a short time prior to a band playing. In such a setting, a quorum is present long enough for the business of the AGM to be disposed of. Peter Combe is playing on Tuesday, 5 May and it is anticipated that this will draw a sufficiently large crowd.

Recommendation 6.1:

UMSU holds its AGM at 12.30pm on Tuesday, 5 May. The agenda shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, business which fulfils UMSU's obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

7. Annual Elections and Electoral Regulations

The General Manager's reports have previously raised the issue of the Electoral Regulations. I will be working on some amendments with Justin Baré which respond to issues raised in the Returning Officer's report and issues encountered during normal operation. I invite anyone to discuss the direction and nature of such amendments with Justin and myself before April 15.

UMSU does not have the power to make Electoral Regulations, but may recommend amendments to the Electoral Tribunal.

Appendix 1: Officer Reporting and Committee Guidelines (12 February, 2009)

Dear Officers,

This email discusses your responsibilities as an office-bearer under the Constitution and Regulations. I recommend that you read it.

Reporting

Reports must be submitted at regular meetings, which are meetings set on a schedule at the start of each semester.

Reports must be submitted in writing and must be circulated at least two academic days before the meeting.

In short, you don't need to report to Students' Council until Semester starts or we change the regulations to require you to and when you do report, get it ready well before the meeting.

Committees

Reporting guidelines apply for Committee meetings as well. For your agenda you should either prepare one yourself and submit it to me for circulation (preferable) or request assistance in the preparation of your agenda, in which case you should be able to discuss with me what items you would like to include on it.

You must report to your committees during regular meetings (meetings set on a schedule at the start of semester).

The agenda and papers for committee meetings should be prepared and submitted for circulation at least two academic days before the meeting (preferably more; I don't live on my email unlike some people who own iPhones/Blackberries).

I consider it the responsibility of the department officers to book rooms for meetings.

Minutes

You should take minutes or co-opt someone to your committee to take minutes or if I am able to attend your committee meeting, ask me to take minutes. Your minutes can have as much or as little detail as you like, so long as they record what happened and what decisions are made. Candice has already circulate (sic) minutes templates and if you have lost them, check the shared drive.

Once you have completed the minutes, you should have them signed by the chair of the meeting (certified as a true copy), printed single sided for display in the cabinets downstairs. Also, a soft copy should be submitted to me for distribution online. These are the minutes which will be submitted for confirmation at the next meeting.

BUDGETS

You are probably developing or redeveloping your department budget at the moment. I strongly recommend seeking the advice and support of Justin Bare. Justin will be able to provide you with resources, including past spending patterns and his support will ensure that your department does not pass a budget where the numbers do not add up or important considerations are overlooked.

You should have your budget prepared and ready for circulation at least two academic days before the committee meeting which will consider it.

As a general rule, more notice is better.

Committee Meeting Checklist

1. Room booking and time given to Secretary (to send notice).
2. Agenda and papers prepared and submitted for circulation at least two days before meeting.
 - If the meeting is regular, papers include a report.
 - If you are budgeting, make Justin earn his money and help you.
3. Minutes taken during meeting
4. Minutes typed up using templates, certified as a true copy by the chair and submitted to secretary for distribution.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and I hope that it assists you in your duties.

Regards,
Shaun Khoo
Secretary
University of Melbourne Student Union

UMSU Standing Orders

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1. Status

- 1.1 All meetings of the Students' Council or body thereof shall be conducted in accordance with these Standing Orders, which shall be construed in accordance with the Constitution, as laid out in Constitutional clause 95.
- 1.2 The provisions laid out in these Standing Orders shall apply to meetings of the Committees, with the following amendments:
 - 1.2.1 the word "Committee" shall be substituted for the words "Students' Council";
 - 1.2.2 the words "Committee Representative" shall be substituted for the words "Students' Council Representative" wherever appropriate;
 - 1.2.3 the words "Officer(s)" shall be substituted for the word "Secretary" if the Secretary is not present at the meeting of the Committee;
 - 1.2.4 three voting Representatives of a Committee may request the calling of a meeting of that Committee;
 - 1.2.5 the reporting schedule of rule 10 shall include a written report from the Officer(s) responsible to that Committee only.
- 1.3 The provisions laid out in these Standing Orders shall apply to meetings of the Finance Sub-Committee and Staffing Sub-Committee, with the following amendments:
 - 1.3.1 if the Secretary receives a requisition signed by two voting Representatives of a Sub-Committee stating the business proposed for a meeting, the Secretary must give notice of a meeting of that Sub-Committee to be held within a week of receiving the requisition;
 - 1.3.2 the quorum for the Sub-Committees is four voting Representatives; and
 - 1.3.3 the reporting schedule of rule 10 shall be suspended.

2. Casual Vacancies

- 2.1 A person ceases to be an Officer or other Representative of Students' Council if the person, without leave granted by resolution of Students' Council, fails on three consecutive occasions to attend at or within thirty minutes after the time specified for the commencement of a meeting (other than a special meeting) of Students' Council.
- 2.2 A meeting that fails to reach quorum shall be considered a meeting for the purpose of this rule.
- 2.3 A leave of absence does not disrupt a Representative's consecutive attendance requirement.

3. Regular Meetings

- 3.1 Meetings shall, subject to the presence of a quorum, start at the time set out on the notice, and shall, subject to the discretion of the meeting, continue until all business on the Agenda is disposed of.
- 3.2 The Students' Council must meet at least once each calendar month and must meet at least once every two weeks during first and second Semesters.
- 3.3 A regular meeting is a meeting held in accordance with the meeting schedule or is otherwise a part of the regular program.

- 3.3.1 The Students' Council may delegate to the Secretary the power to set meetings on the regular program during periods not covered by the meeting schedule and may determine the conditions of this delegation.
- 3.4 At the first meeting in each Semester, a meeting schedule must be set, such that there is, as far as possible, no overlap with the meeting schedule of any Committee.
- 3.5 All Representatives attending any meeting shall sign the attendance sheet.
- 3.6 Meetings must be held on University grounds at locations generally accessible to Students.
- 3.7 A meeting of the Students' Council cannot be held at or adjourned on the same day to a place other than that given in the notice of meeting.
- 3.8 Any adjournment of a meeting to a different day must be notified to all the Representatives of the Students' Council.
- 3.9 The Order of Business shall be the order in which it appears in the Agenda, followed by such business as may be proposed at the meeting.
- 3.10 This order may be departed from by a simple majority vote of the meeting.
- 3.11 All meetings, after a duration of two hours of continuous sitting, shall adjourn for a period of 10 minutes, unless otherwise resolved by the meeting.

4. Notice of Regular Meetings

- 4.1 The Secretary is responsible for giving notice of meetings.
- 4.2 The Secretary shall issue the notice for a regular Students' Council or Committee meeting at least four Academic days before the meeting is to be held.
- 4.3 Notice must be given to Members of UMSU or Representatives on the Students' Council must be given:
 - 4.3.1 to each Representative by sending it to the email address notified by that Representative to the Secretary of UMSU. If no email address has been notified by a Representative, this obligation will not apply in relation to that Representative;
 - 4.3.2 by posting the notice on the UMSU website; and
 - 4.3.3 by posting the notice on a prominent notice board in Union House.

5. Special Meetings

- 5.1 Special meetings are meetings held outside of the regular program.
- 5.2 A special meeting shall be held when:
 - 5.2.1 at least four voting representatives request in writing or by email that one be held; or
 - 5.2.2 Students' Council directs that a special meeting be held.
- 5.3 A request for a special meeting must include an item or items of business for the meeting.
- 5.4 A special meeting shall be conducted as a regular meeting excepting that:
 - 5.4.1 the usual reporting schedule of rule 10 shall be suspended; and
 - 5.4.2 only the item(s) referred to in the request for the special meeting shall be set on the agenda. No other item(s) may be considered at the special meeting.

6. Notice of Special Meetings

- 6.1 The Secretary must issue the notice for a special Students' Council meeting not later than the end of the second day after the day on which the direction of the Students' Council or the necessary number of requests is received by the Secretary, unless more than half of the voting Representatives of the Students' Council notify the Secretary in writing or by email that they believe that a meeting should be held with less notice.
 - 6.2 Notice must be in the manner set out in rule 4.3.
- #### **7. Quorum**
- 7.1 The quorum required for a Students' Council meeting is the next integer greater than half the number of voting Representatives of that body then in office.
 - 7.2 A person exercising a proxy is not to be counted in determining whether a quorum is present.
 - 7.3 If no quorum is present within 30 minutes of the starting time set out on the notice, the meeting shall lapse.
 - 7.4 All business on the Agenda of the lapsed meeting shall be included on the Agenda of the next meeting and shall take precedence over new business.
 - 7.5 If a meeting has commenced but loses quorum, the meeting may continue to consider business for up to 30 minutes, although any decisions made during this period must be ratified by a quorate meeting.
 - 7.6 If a quorum is not again present within the 30 minutes the meeting lapses.

8. Agenda

- 8.1 The agenda shall be the responsibility of the Secretary.
- 8.2 The agenda for each regular meeting of Students' Council shall appear as set out in Appendix 1. The agenda for each special meeting shall appear as set out in Appendix 2.
- 8.3 The agenda and all relevant documentation shall be circulated at least two days before the meeting is to be held.

9. The Chair

- 9.1 At the commencement of each Students' Council meeting the Secretary shall open nominations for Chair, to be elected by simple majority by voting Representatives present. In the event of a tie, the Chair shall be chosen by lot.
- 9.2 The Chair shall be responsible for keeping the meeting in order.
- 9.3 The Chair shall not otherwise take part in debate, to do so the Chair should relinquish her/his position prior to the start of the debate.
- 9.4 The Chair does not have a casting vote in addition to any deliberative vote.
- 9.5 The Chair will only have a deliberative vote if the chair is a voting Representative.
- 9.6 When the Chair speaks all other Representatives shall be silent and may only be interrupted by a point of order.
- 9.7 At least every second Chair shall be a woman, excepting if no woman is willing to chair the meeting.
- 9.8 The Chair may name any person who disrupts the meeting, which shall be recorded in the minutes.

- 9.9 Any person named three times during a meeting must not be recognised by the Chair and must immediately leave the meeting, subject to rule 9.10 and 9.11.
- 9.10 The Chair may withdraw a naming if satisfied that the person named will not disrupt the meeting again.
- 9.11 Any Representative named three times may proxy their vote before leaving the meeting.
- 9.12 The Chair of the meeting shall rule upon all matters of procedure which are not detailed in the Constitution or any regulations thereof.
- 9.13 The Chair of the meeting shall, subject to appeal to the meeting and in the manner set out in rule 15, interpret these Standing Orders.

10. Reports

- 10.1 There shall be reports at each regular meeting from:
- 10.1.1 President;
 - 10.1.2 Secretary;
 - 10.1.3 Activities Officer(s);
 - 10.1.4 Arts Officer(s);
 - 10.1.5 Clubs and Societies Officer(s);
 - 10.1.6 Education Academic Affairs Officer(s);
 - 10.1.7 Education Public Affairs Officer(s);
 - 10.1.8 Environment Officer(s);
 - 10.1.9 Indigenous Officer(s);
 - 10.1.10 Media Officer(s);
 - 10.1.11 Queer Officer(s);
 - 10.1.12 Welfare Officer(s); and
 - 10.1.13 Wom*n's Officer(s).
- 10.2 There shall be reports at each meeting from:
- 10.2.1 Finance Sub-Committee, which shall be given by the Secretary;
 - 10.2.2 Staffing Sub-Committee, which shall be given by the Secretary;
 - 10.2.3 any sub-committee formed by Students' Council; and
 - 10.2.4 any body or person that has received a delegation of power from the Students' Council.
- 10.3 There shall be reports requested at the meeting of Students' Council following the meeting of the relevant body from all Student Representatives on University Council, Academic Board and from the Chairperson of the Melbourne University Student Amenities and Services Committee.
- 10.4 There shall be a written report from the Office Manager each month.
- 10.5 All reports must be submitted in writing or they will not be considered.
- 10.6 Reports shall be discussed by the Meeting only if they are presented to the Secretary and made available to Representatives at least two Academic days prior to the commencement of the meeting.

- 10.7 Each report and any recommendations contained within shall be discussed by way of reception, adoption, rejection or referral back of the report or any part thereof.
- 10.8 Any report which was not available at the required time shall not be considered by the Meeting.

11. Motions

- 11.1 All decisions of Students' Council shall be in the form of motions.
- 11.2 Motions shall be affirmative in nature.
- 11.3 All motions must be put in writing in the form set out in Appendix 3 and handed to the Chair before being spoken to.
- 11.4 The Chair may refuse to recognise unwritten motions.
- 11.5 All motions must have a mover and a seconder.
- 11.6 The Chair may rule out any motion
- 11.6.1 disrespectfully worded;
 - 11.6.2 substantially restating a resolution previously adopted;
 - 11.6.3 inconsistent with the Constitution or the Standing Orders; or
 - 11.6.4 otherwise out of order.
- 11.7 A mover or seconder of a motion may withdraw his/her moving or seconding at any stage before the motion is voted upon.
- 11.8 A motion may be withdrawn by the mover without the consent of the seconder but in such event, the seconder shall have a primary option to move the motion as originally proposed.
- 11.9 In the event of a motion being withdrawn by both mover and seconder, the Chair shall ask whether any other Representative wishes to take up the moving/seconding.
- 11.10 The withdrawal of the moving and /or seconding shall be recorded in the minutes.
- 11.11 Motions arising out of any debate may be foreshadowed at any time.
- 11.12 Foreshadowed motions shall be considered, unless the meeting resolves otherwise, in the order in which they were foreshadowed, and at the conclusion of the debate during which they were foreshadowed.
- 11.13 If any proposed motion appears to the Chair to be ungrammatical or ambiguous, or not in correct form otherwise, s/he may decline to accept it until the mover rewords it accordingly.
- 11.14 Before putting any question, the Chair shall read it or cause it to be read to the meeting.
- 11.15 The Chair shall, when reasonably requested to do so by any Representative, read or cause to be read the motion, amendment and/or foreshadowed amendments before the Chair. Such requests shall not be made while any speaker has the floor.
- 11.16 The mover of a motion may accept an amendment in which case it becomes part of the motion.

12. Rescission of Motions

12.1 No motion for rescission of any resolution of the Students' Council shall be carried unless the Representatives present vote affirmatively to rescind the resolution with the same majority needed to carry the original motion.

12.2 Any rescission motion must be recorded in the minutes.

12.3 If a rescission motion is lost, it may be moved again at a later meeting.

13. Amendments

13.1 An amendment may be moved at any time prior to the mover of original motion exercising his/her right of reply by striking out certain words and/or adding certain words.

13.2 All amendments must be put in writing in the form set out in Appendix 3 and handed to the Chair before being spoken to, unless leave is given by the meeting.

13.3 The Chair may rule out any amendment

13.3.1 disrespectfully worded;

13.3.2 substantially restating a resolution previously adopted;

13.3.3 inconsistent with the Constitution or the Standing Orders; or

13.3.3 otherwise out of order.

13.4 When an amendment is before the Chair, discussion shall be confined to that amendment.

13.5 Foreshadowed amendments shall be considered, unless the meeting resolves otherwise, in the order in which they were foreshadowed, and at the conclusion of the debate during which they were foreshadowed.

14. Procedural Motions

14.1 Procedural motions shall be put immediately, without debate, amendment or adjournment, except by ruling of the Chair.

14.2 Unless required elsewhere in these Standing Orders, procedural motions shall require a majority of Representatives present to be carried.

14.3 The Chair may of his/her own volition put a procedural motion.

14.4 Any Representative may raise a point of order, which shall take precedence over all other business. The point must be raised at the time the alleged irregularity occurred. An explanation or contradiction shall not constitute a point of order.

14.5 Any member disagreeing with the Chair's ruling on a point of order may move dissent in the Chair, as per rule 15.

14.6 A Representative who has not already participated in the debate may at any time, whether another speaker has the floor or not, move "That the question be now put". The mover of the motion shall retain his/her right of reply. If an amendment is before the Chair, the closure motion shall be deemed to close the debate on the amendment only.

14.7 A Representative may at any time move, "That the speaker be no longer heard" or, "That the speaker be heard for a further limited period only". No other motion, except the closure motion or a motion dealing with the speaker's time, shall be moved while a speaker has the floor.

14.8 During the discussion of a motion (but not an amendment), a Representative who has not already participated in the debate on the motion may move, "That the question be not now put". This motion shall be open to debate, and shall be

debated together with the original motion. If carried, the original motion shall not be dealt with further. If lost, the original motion shall be put forthwith, subject to the mover's right of reply. The motion may be foreshadowed while an amendment is before the Chair, but in no case shall it be put till all amendments have been disposed of.

14.9 A Representative may at any time move, "That strangers be excluded". This motion which if accepted by the Chair may be open to debate. The effect of this motion shall be to require non-Representatives, and/or non-Members to leave the meeting.

14.10 Further example procedural motions are contained in Appendix 4.

15. Dissent in the Chair

15.1 Any ruling by the Chair may be challenged by the motion "That the meeting dissents from the Chair's ruling".

15.2 Upon this motion being moved the Chair must be vacated and the Secretary shall Chair the debate, including the vote.

15.2.1 If the Secretary is the Chair when a motion of dissent is ruled, then the President shall Chair the debate and the vote.

15.3 The mover must, in speaking to the motion, propose an alternative ruling.

15.4 The Chair, whose ruling has been challenged, may reply.

15.5 The motion must then be put to the vote with no further discussion.

15.6 If this motion is carried, the alternative ruling proposed takes effect.

15.7 If this motion is lost, the Chair's ruling stands.

15.8 The Chair whose ruling was challenged resumes the Chair as soon as the motion of dissent has been voted on.

15.9 At any stage of the meeting, a Representative may move the motion "That the Chair does not possess the confidence of this meeting".

15.10 Upon this motion being moved the Chair must be vacated and the Secretary shall Chair the debate, including the vote.

15.10.1 If the Secretary is the Chair when a motion of dissent is ruled, then the President shall chair the debate and the vote.

15.11 The mover of the motion of dissent must speak to the motion, and the Chair in whom confidence is questioned, may reply. Debate may then take place.

15.12 If this motion is carried, the Secretary must conduct the election of a new Chair.

15.13 If this motion is lost, the Chair may resume his/her responsibility for the meeting.

16. Committee Debate

16.1 In Committee Debate, discussion shall be on a specific agenda item, but not restricted to a formal motion or amendment.

16.2 Representatives shall respect the authority of the Chair at all times.

16.3 Representatives shall address remarks to the Chair in restrained and courteous language, speak relevantly to the matter under discussion, not use offensive or objectionable language, not behave in a disorderly manner and shall respect the authority of the Chair at all times.

- 16.4 In Committee Debate, the Chair shall have general control of the meeting, but notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders, Representatives may speak more than once but not for more than five minutes at a time and there may be several propositions before the meeting.
- 16.5 If the Chair rules any language objectionable, the speaker shall forthwith withdraw it and apologise.
- 16.6 Once three male Representatives have spoken in a row, the Chair shall give priority to any woman who wishes to speak, provided she has not already spoken in that debate.

17. Formal Debate

- 17.1 The meeting may resolve "That the meeting move into Formal Debate".
- 17.2 Discussion must be to a motion or amendment duly moved and seconded.
- 17.3 Every Representative desiring to speak shall address her/himself to the Chair, and may only speak once called upon by the Chair.
- 17.4 The mover shall have six minutes to present argument in support of his or her motion and three minutes to reply once all other speakers have been heard.
- 17.5 The seconder of such motion and all subsequent speakers shall be limited to three minutes in which to speak on the motion or amendment.
- 17.6 Representatives may only speak once to any given motion or amendment (other than to move procedural motions), unless by way of personal explanation, with leave of the meeting or to exercise his/her right of reply, which reply shall close the debate.
- 17.7 When an amendment is before the Chair discussion shall be confined to that amendment. No further amendment shall be put until the amendment before the Chair has been disposed of.
- 17.8 The Chair shall decide the right of priority in speaking, and shall as far as practicable call on speakers for and against a motion or amendment alternatively, subject to the right of the seconder to speak immediately after the mover.
- 17.9 If two consecutive speakers have both argued for or against a motion or amendment, and there is no Representative wishing to argue the opposite view, or, in the case of a motion, to move an amendment, the motion or amendment shall (subject, in the case of a motion, to the right of the mover's right of reply) be put without further debate.
- 17.10 Notwithstanding rule 17.11 speakers must speak alternately for or against the motion; no further speakers against a motion shall be heard if there are no further speakers for, and vice versa.
- 17.11 Speakers may, instead of speaking for or against the motion, request clarification from the mover or seconder of the motion in the form of a question.
- 17.12 In all other respects, Formal Debate shall follow the rules laid out in rules 16.2, 16.3, 16.5 and 16.6.

18. Voting

- 18.1 All voting Representatives of Students' Council shall have one vote.
- 18.2 The consent of a majority of the voting Representatives present is necessary for decisions of meetings of the Students' Council, unless otherwise required by these Standing Orders or the Constitution.

- 18.3 The Chair may accept motions to which there is no dissent as carried without putting them to a vote. If a Representative expresses dissent, the motion must then be put to a vote.
- 18.4 In the event of an equality of votes, the motion will be defeated and the status quo shall be maintained.
- 18.5 Voting shall be by show of hands, except where otherwise provided for in the Constitution or these Standing Orders.
- 18.6 The Chairperson shall determine the result by asking:
- 18.6.1 for those in favour of the motion
 - 18.6.2 for those against the motion
 - 18.6.3 for those abstaining
- 18.7 The Chairperson may see that a motion is carried.
- 18.8 A recount will be held if a third of those voting support such a demand, the result of which will be final.
- 18.8.1 During a recount access to the meeting place shall be closed and only those participating in the original count may participate in the recount.
- 18.9 If any Representative feels very strongly about a motion that has been carried despite his/her opposition, s/he is entitled to request that his/her dissent be recorded in the minutes. This request must be made immediately the result is declared.
- 18.10 At the request of two voting Representatives, the Chair may direct that the vote be taken by secret ballot of those present, the returning officer for which shall be the Secretary.

19. Proxies

- 19.1 A voting Representative of the Students' Council may appoint another Member of UMSU as their proxy for a single meeting, but no Member may hold more than one proxy.
- 19.2 Officers cannot hold proxies.
- 19.3 A voting Representative may only appoint a proxy for more than one meeting if the voting Representative has been granted leave of absence by the Students' Council, and may name up to four persons to take the proxied vote.
- 19.4 Notwithstanding rule 19.5, in order to be valid the proxy must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least one hour before the commencement of the meeting and contain the information as set out in Appendix 5.
- 19.5 If a Representative that needs to leave during a meeting, the Chair may accept a written proxy containing the same information as set in Appendix 4.
- 19.6 A proxy has the same rights as an elected Representative, except that a proxy may not proxy.

20. Observers

- 20.1 Observers who are Students at the University have full speaking, moving and seconding rights at all meetings.
- 20.1.1 Observers who are part-time or full-time staff of UMSU, MUSUL or the University may be subject to limited speaking rights at the discretion of the chair or the council.

20.2 Other observers may be granted speaking rights at the discretion of the Chair.

21. Sub-Committees

- 21.1 A meeting of Students' Council may form a sub-committee formed from Representatives, by motion, which shall include its terms of reference, and any delegated powers of Students' Council.
- 21.2 The sub-committee shall exist until the next regular meeting of the Students' Council, at which meeting, any delegations of power may be renewed.
- 21.3 All decisions of the sub-committee shall be reported to the next regular meeting of the Students' Council.

22. Delegations

- 22.1 A meeting may choose to delegate any of its powers, excepting those laid out in C134.
- 22.2 All delegations must be in the form of a motion.
- 22.3 All delegation must be reported to the next regular meeting of the Students' Council.
- 22.4 No Committee or Sub-Committee may delegate its power.

23. Leave of Absence

- 23.1 Leave of absence may be granted by Students' Council by motion "That leave of absence be granted...".
- 23.2 Leave of absence may only be granted retrospectively if documented evidence is produced of the circumstances which prevented the timely application for a leave of absence, and no leave of absence may be granted if the person was absent at three consecutive meetings as laid out in rule 2.
- 23.3 Not more than three months' leave may be granted to any person in a calendar year.
- 23.4 Leave of absence must not be granted for any period shorter than one week.

24. Minutes

- 24.1 Minutes shall be the responsibility of the Secretary.
- 24.2 Minutes must be taken and kept of all Students' Council meetings detailing:
- 24.2.1 the meeting was duly convened, held and closed;
 - 24.2.2 all Representatives present at the meeting, and whether they were in attendance within thirty minutes of the commencement of the meeting
 - 24.2.3 all proceedings recorded as having taken place at the meeting;
 - 24.2.4 all elections or appointments purporting to have been made at the meeting; and
 - 24.2.5 all motions or resolutions purporting to have been duly moved and seconded at the meeting, their mover and seconder and whether they were carried or lost.
- 24.3 On the motion to confirm the Minutes no question except as to their accuracy shall be raised.
- 24.4 A declaration by the Chair that a question has been carried or lost and an entry to that effect in the minutes shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number of votes recorded for or against the question.

24.5 Minutes of the meeting certified as a true copy by the Chair of the meeting must be displayed as soon as possible after a meeting on the UMSU website and on a prominent notice board in Union House.

- 24.6 Minutes of the meeting as confirmed by any subsequent Students' Council meeting must be displayed on the UMSU website and on a prominent notice board in Union House.
- 24.7 Meeting minutes and documents tabled at meetings must be made available for Students to inspect both online on the UMSU website and in person.
- 24.8 Copies of the minutes are to be distributed to all Representatives before any subsequent meeting.

25. Standing Orders

- 25.1 Standing Orders can only be made or altered by a two thirds majority.
- 25.2 Alterations to Standing Orders shall only be made by the meeting after 14 days notice of the amendment(s) has been given:
- 25.2.1 by email to all Representatives of the Students' Council;
 - 25.2.2 on the UMSU website; and
 - 25.2.3 by posting a notice on a prominent notice board in Union House,
- 25.3 To suspend Standing Orders a motion, "that the Standing Orders be now suspended" must be carried by a two thirds majority.
- 25.4 To suspend the rules of debate a motion, "that the rules of debate be now suspended" must be carried by a two thirds majority.
- 25.5 Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, any decision made by a validly-constituted meeting shall not be void by reason only of a departure from these Standing Orders which was not detected until after the decision had been made.
- 25.6 All matters not dealt with in the above Standing Orders shall be governed by the customary procedure at meetings.

26. Definitions

- 26.1 All definitions as they appear in the Constitution shall have the same meaning in these Standing Orders.
- 26.2 "May" and "Shall" Usage
- 26.2.1 Where in these Standing Orders the word "may" is used in conferring a power, it is to be interpreted to imply that that the power so conferred can be exercised or not at discretion. Where in a regulation the word "shall" is used in conferring a power it is to be interpreted to mean that the power must be used.
- 26.3 'leave' is the unanimous consent of all Representatives; one objection is fatal. No discussion can take place on a request for leave.
- 26.4 'the Union' means UMSU Incorporated.
- 26.5 'procedural motions' relate to the conduct of meetings, including but not limited to the rulings of the chairperson, points of order, indicating discrepancies in meeting process, adding items to the agenda, or any other matter pertaining to meeting process.
- 26.6 'simple majority' means a motion where the number of votes for the motion are more than the number of votes against.

- 26.7 'in writing' means documents taking the form of a letter or email.
- 26.8 'meeting schedule' means the schedule set at the first meeting of the Students' Council in each semester.
- 26.9 The 'regular program' includes meetings set on the meeting schedule or any meeting outside of the meeting schedule which is not requested by at least four voting representatives or directed to be held as a special meeting.

Appendix 1: Agenda for Regular Meetings

The agenda at each regular meeting of Students' Council shall include the following:

- 1. Procedural Matters**
 - 1.1 Election of Chairperson
 - 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
 - 1.3 Attendance
 - 1.4 Apologies
 - 1.5 Proxies
 - 1.6 Membership
 - 1.7 Adoption of Agenda
- 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**
- 4. Correspondence**
- 5. Office Bearers' Reports**
 - 5.1 President
 - 5.2 Secretary
 - 5.3 Education Academic Officer
 - 5.4 Education Public Affairs Officer
 - 5.5 Activities Officer
 - 5.6 Arts Officer
 - 5.7 Clubs and Societies Officer
 - 5.8 Environment Officer
 - 5.9 Indigenous Officer
 - 5.10 Media Officer
 - 5.11 Queer Officer
 - 5.12 Welfare Officer
 - 5.13 Wom*n's Officer
- 6. Standing Committee Reports**
 - 6.1 Finance Sub-Committee
 - 6.2 Staffing Sub-Committee
- 7. Other Reports**
 - 7.1 Other Student Representatives
- 8. Motions on Notice**
- 9. General Business (Motions without Notice)**
- 10. Next Meeting**
- 11. Close**

Appendix 2: Agenda for Special Meetings

The agenda at each special meeting of Students' Council shall include the following:

- 1. Procedural Matters**
 - 1.1 Election of Chairperson
 - 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
 - 1.3 Attendance
 - 1.4 Apologies
 - 1.5 Proxies
 - 1.6 Membership
- 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
- 3. Requested Item(s) of Business**
- 4. Motions on Notice**
- 5. Next Meeting**
- 6. Close**

Appendix 3: Form of Motions

The form for motions and amendments of meetings of Students' Council shall include:

- the date of the meeting;
- the location of the meeting;
- the words of the procedural or substantive motion or amendment, which shall start with "That...";
- the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment;
- the name of the Chair who is governing the meeting; and
- whether the motion is carried or lost.

Appendix 4: Example Procedural Motions

The following is a non-exhaustive list of procedural motions:

That the speaker be no longer heard, or that the speaker be heard for a limited time only, or, during formal debate, that the speaker's time be extended. These motions may be moved while another person is speaking.

That the meeting time be extended.

That the meeting be adjourned.

That the meeting move from committee debate to formal debate, or vice versa.

That these Standing Orders be suspended.

That a Student or person have their speaking (or attendance) rights revoked. These motions, or special motions as appropriate, must only be moved to prevent disruption of meetings, and may be moved while another person is speaking.

Appendix 5: Form of Proxies

Proxies given to the Secretary one hour prior to a meeting, or to the Chair during a meeting must contain the following:

who is giving the proxy;

who is to be the proxy (in the case that more than one person is named as proxy, listed in order);

date effective until (if leave has been granted to the Representative granting the proxy);

the signature of the elected Representative; and

any requirements or restrictions on the use of the proxy.



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Melbourne University's Student Arts Festival
10th August – 29th August

About MUDFEST

Held biennially by the MUSUL, MUDFEST is a three week dynamic arts festival that is directed to showcase the creative spirit, artistic energy and cultural expression of Melbourne University Students. The festival features the latest in visual art, dance and movement, sound installations, film, theatre, multimedia, creative writing, music, comedy, fashion and the inevitable collisions between art forms that emerge. The festival showcases original, daring and innovative works that represent the political, social and cultural concerns of student artists through a diverse and exciting range of art forms.

Originally the Melbourne University Drama festival, MUDFEST has grown from a small drama festival first staged in 1990 featuring eleven student written and directed plays, to a significant, vibrant multi-arts and culture festival. The festival now boasts an average of 80 arts projects per festival, involving over 1500 students as festival artists, showcasing the creative work of young people, emerging and professional Victorian artists to a community audience of over 3000.

MUDFEST is run by MUSUL and is an independent department underneath the Cultural services umbrella, employing one part-time staff member on a 10 month contract.

The Challenge for 2009

MUDFEST has grown each year from its humble beginnings but unfortunately has grown beyond the resources of the MUSUL. Where in the past MUDFEST has had the resources to provide mentorships, employed publicists, curated special events that provided profile to the festival as a whole and built a unique club space for the festival, MUDFEST11 has only the resources to provide an umbrella for student events to happen within.

The challenge set for MUDFEST 10 was to attract outside Arts funding and Philanthropy, Unfortunately history has shown this unachievable for a number of reasons. Firstly funding bodies do not recognise the Union as an arts organisation, thinking mostly it is a well resourced part of a very well resourced institution. Thus the target was never reached, although the programming continued. MUDFEST 10 had a production manager, an admin officer and a publicist. The lack of projected income as well as the increased infrastructure meant that the Union had to invest \$70 000 into the festival. An amount they will not invest, and to be frank, with appropriate programming and better use of resources they don't need to.

I have been appointed with the understanding that outside Arts monies will be limited, if any, and that the festival needs to not grow to the point of being unfinancial or MUDFEST will be a thing of the past. MUSUL will support MUDFEST by an inclusion of \$21 000. Any speculative funding money that is not achieved will not be covered by the Union. Other monies will be sourced through CCRAAG funding from the university, as well as a possible investment by the Theatre Board. Added to this MUDFEST has an



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advertising target of \$5000 and a further cash sponsorship target of \$7500, challenging as these targets will be in today's current economic climate.

All of these monies will enable the festival to keep employing the Director and to print the publicity materials for the festival. Nothing else.

What UMSU whole of festival funding can provide

MUDFEST's request of \$5000 will be a key contribution to the health of the festival and will go towards

1. Supportive environment

At present there are no resources to ensure the quality of the support is the highest for the students, to ensure they benefit from the experience as a development opportunity not just as a chance to put work on. While second and third years will make use of the opportunities for MUDFEST, first years will be relegated to being only audience members, without specific programming which allows for their involvement. Added to this the lack of staff time, with only one staff member, will mean the Director will have little if any time for creative development meetings with students. Time which has proven highly beneficial in past MUDFESTs.

2. Festival Club

A key part of MUDFEST10 was the Festival Club, *the muddy ponds –duck club*. The club was programmed in conjunction with the Arts Officers, with many clubs and associations getting programming time within this unique venue. During MUDFEST 10 the Environment Collective, the Media Collective, the Welfare Collective, the Queer collective and the Activities Collective all had night for their own use within the clubs programming.

This space has been successfully refunded with Theatre Board but to a limited schedule. With further running it will be available for more wide usage by clubs and societies. If funding is increased, the MUDFEST club will again be curated by the Arts Officers with many opportunities for wider usage by Clubs and associations.. The MUDFEST club will be a powerful tool for making MUDFEST a vibrant festival for all of the students not just the theatre goers and visual art lovers.

3. Extended programming

While largely populated by students work, MUDFEST has historically used special events both to attract more attention to the festival as a whole, to provide a platform for involvement for individuals who are not part of production teams and to foster new works for future festivals.

Pencilled in special programs for 2009 are

a) *Muddy Shorts*

Muddy shorts is MUDFEST's showcase of short, experimental work with snippets of theatre, film, comedy, performance, visual arts and puppetry and all that lies between. Part performance, part



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installation, *Muddy shorts* challenges the creator to devise short, edgy and provocative new works which combine art forms

Since MUDFEST began in 1990 the short work format has been a popular component of the festival. In MUDFEST4, (1995) four short works were presented, in 1997, there were six and in 1999, nine new works. The Muddy Shorts program has emerged as a strong, innovative and switched on component of the festival and an incubator for future works beyond MUDFEST.

b) *Flashing ya assets*

A mini animation festival within the festival, *flashin ya assets* will challenge filmmakers, animaters and new media artists to create short punchy new works no more than minute long to catch the attention of the passer bys. *Flashin ya assets* will spread across the University campuses digital displays, to be shown at random times throughout the day.

c) *Shoot out*

A ultimate challenge for filmmakers, in 24 hours to go from concept to creation with a screening at the end of it The *Shoot Out* challenges filmmakers to trust their courage, imagination and determination by making a 7-minute film in just 24 hours with the whole film to be edited in camera with several locations, props and lines also having to be included within the film

d) *Hidden Spaces*

Hidden Spaces will be lurking in Melbourne Universities alleys, laneways, corners, cul de sacs and other forgotten places, creating an equal parts surprising and discrete web of installations, artwork and icons that will lead students and visitors alike on a walking tour through the more unusual nooks of Melbourne University.

Please note none of the above programming ideas will be happening without further funding. At present MUDFEST's only output will be printing, and distributing, a program for the student arts that is grouped within the three weeks of MUDFEST.



MOTIONS:

1. Gaza motion for Students' Council

The University of Melbourne Student Union condemns Israel's war on the population 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 condemns the Australian Government and Western governments around the world for ignoring the plight of the Palestinian people.

Moved: Sadia Schneider

Seconded: Taylor Kendall

2. 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

3. Motion to endorse NUS 'Statement for Equality'

Five Years After the Ban on Same-Sex Marriage – It's Time for Equal Rights

In 2004 the Howard Government, with the backing of the Australian Labor Party, introduced the Marriage Act to formally ban equal relationship rights in Australia for same-sex couples.

This ban on same-sex marriage and other relationship rights that flow from the right to marry, formally entrenched the inequality of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex people, before the law.

The Rudd government has insisted on maintaining this ban on equal rights.

Earlier this year the Federal Attorney General of the Rudd Government, Robert McClelland wrote to Australian Marriage Equality, that this discrimination "reflects the widely held view in the community that marriage is between a man and a woman".

Five years after the introduction of the ban on Same-Sex marriage, it is time for this injustice to stop.

A nationwide Galaxy Poll published in June 2007 found that 57% of Australians support Same-Sex marriage. It is time for the Rudd Labor Government to stop making excuses and to repeal the ban on equal relationship rights.

Since the election of the Rudd government there have been many reforms at both a state and federal level that recognise the discrimination that LGBTI people face.

These reforms are welcome, but are still short of full legal equality.

LGBTI people are not second class citizens, and it is time that the Government stops treating us as such.

We, the undersigned groups, organisations, and individuals, endorse this call for equal relationships now – It's time!

Moved: Phoebe Kelloway

Seconded: Liam Byrne

Education (Public Affairs) report for Students' Council 5.09

Students for Palestine

Since last Students' Council meeting, we've continued to have successes with our collective, Students for Palestine. Last meeting, attended by around 30 students, we voted to change the name from Students for Gaza to Students for Palestine to give the collective more of an ongoing feel. While it was formed largely in response to the violence waged on the Palestinians in summer, the collective doesn't want to limit itself to campaigning only around Gaza, when Palestinians in both Gaza and the West Bank are oppressed. The Israeli government recently announced its plans to double the number of illegal settlements in East Jerusalem, and continue to encroach on the minuscule amount of land they allow Palestinians to live on, as well as demolishing untold numbers of Palestinian houses in the West Bank, and the collective wants to broaden the campaign from just around the issue of the war on Gaza.

The Students for Palestine collective has also voted on a list of aims for the group to be cohered around. They read:

"Students for Palestine seeks to educate and mobilise university students and staff and the broader community to campaign for justice for the Palestinian people.

Students for Palestine aims include:

The **right of self determination** for the Palestinian people.

The **right of return** of the Palestinian people.

The immediate withdrawal of the Israeli state from Palestinian land and the dismantling of all Israeli settlements.

Opposition to the oppression and dispossession suffered by the Palestinian people.

Opposition to Israel's occupation and its aggression against neighbouring states.

Opposition to the **political, economic and military support given by all governments to the Israeli state**, in particular Australia and United States.

Opposition to **anti- Jewish and anti- Islamic prejudice**.

Opposition to the **apartheid and Zionist nature** of the Israeli state.

Students for Palestine supports the international campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions against the Israeli state.

Students for Palestine attempts to gain support from trade unions, student unions and guilds for justice for the Palestinian people.”

The Ed Public office is gearing up for Palestine Solidarity Week (March 30 – April 3), and we’re planning a number of exciting events throughout the week. We’ve scheduled a bazaar/carnival event for Tuesday lunchtime on the Union Lawns, with a chance for all the groups involved or interested to have stalls. We’re also pleased to announce Jewish journalist and author Antony Loewenstein, founder of the Independent Australian Jewish Voices and author of My Israel Question. He’ll be speaking at 6pm on Wednesday 1st.

We’ve also got planned an open-air 1hr Arabic lesson with a Palestinian lecturer of Arabic, a film screening, political theatre, displays of Palestinian artwork and much more. The week will be culminating in a feast on Friday 3rd at 6pm in the Members’ Lounge, with Melbourne hiphop outfit the Brothahood, comedy by the makers of Salaam Café on SBS, Palestinian dance troupe Rozana, traditional Middle-Eastern food and non-alcoholic drinks, and an auction of Palestinian artwork to raise money for a hospital in Gaza.

Services fee

We have seen a full year of Labor government and it has continued with the Liberal Government’s policy of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU). The Ed public office considers the Labor Government’s proposed Services Fee not as any kind of solution to VSU, but its continuation. VSU was never about attacking student services, but first and foremost about attacking students’ ability to organise collectively and politically. Over a full third of Student Unions around the country have collapsed and the Government has stood by and allowed this to happen. The Labor Government has a list of prescribed activities and services that the proposed services fee may be spent on, and explicitly prohibits spending on political campaigns such as opposing HECS increases, to something like the very successful NUS campaign of 2008 for gay marriage rights which gathered over 30,000 signatures. The services which have been allowed for funding by the services fee include such things as child care and legal aid, which should be provided by the university anyway! The Ed public office demands that any fee collected from students must go immediately to student unions, guilds and representative councils to be used as they see fit.

Deregulation of Higher Education

In the atmosphere of VSU and the attacks on students, the Labor Government has proposed to overhaul the Higher Education system. The Government has proposed to deregulate university places and remove caps on allocations for degrees, while stating that funding will follow the student, not institution. This is an attack on students' ability to access quality education and is another step towards the formation of a two-tier higher education system. The Government, if it is actually committed to fully-funded, accessible quality education, must immediately replace all the government funding stripped under 11 years of Liberal government. After a year of Labor in office, we have seen only piecemeal verbal offerings and no tangible commitment to students whatsoever.

Recommendations:

1. 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: Sadia Schneider

Proposed budget for Palestine Solidarity Week

Income	1,000
Expenditure	
2500 fliers of programme of events on campus during the week	(350)
Publicity	(50)
Equipment hire	(150)
Food	(100)
Event security for the Friday 3 rd April cross-cultural fundraiser dinner	(100)
Flights and accommodation for Antony Loewenstein to come to Melbourne, cost to be shared with RMITSU and Swinburne Student Union	(200)
Publicity for Palestine film screening, poetry evening and public forum	(50)
Total	(1,000)

2. a) UMSU recognizes that Howard's Voluntary Student Unionism policy was an attack on student's ability to politically organise. The heart of student unions is as a political voice for all students and VSU was always about silencing students' political voice. UMSU recognizes that the proposed services fee has no guarantee it can be used for political activities such as opposing HECS increases or to support abortion rights. Minister Kate Ellis has specifically stated "Let me be clear – the Bill is not a return to compulsory student unionism." UMSU therefore calls for all of the proposed Services Fee to be handed over to UMSU with no restrictions on usage.

b) Students Council directs the President of UMSU to issue press releases to indicate the above.

Moved: Sadia Schneider

Seconded: Tim Arnot

3. a) The Government's proposal for a deregulation of university placements and the removal of caps on allocations for degrees is an attack on students' ability to access quality education and is another step towards the formation of a two-tier higher education system. UMSU recognises that the Labor Government's proposal will adversely affect students, particularly in rural and regional areas, where the universities will continue to be underfunded with this new policy. UMSU demands the Labor government commits to accessible, quality education by funding higher education directly, replacing the billions of dollars of Government funding stripped by 11 years of Liberal government.

b) Students' Council directs the President of UMSU to issue press releases to indicate the above.

Moved: Tim Arnot

Seconded: Sadia Schneider

Concession card amendment motion

Economic argument

The Victorian state government receives additional \$22 million dollars¹ in revenue by enforcing the rule that postgraduates and the international students must pay full fares. The government stated it needed the additional funds for signaling infrastructure and maintenance programs; so far these proposals have not come to fruition.

Also of note is that international students bring in \$3.0billion to the Victorian local economy² (in 2005/06 economic year), then why we discouraging them coming here by over taxing them by changing full fares for the projects that have never happened. Why we discriminating? Why can't international students and postgraduates get concession tickets while other local students are buying concession tickets?

Moral Argument

More than half of the students at the University of Melbourne do not qualify for the Victorian public transport (VPT) concession card. Victoria is the only state that denies concessions to post graduate students and the only one of two (the other being NSW) that does not extend concessions to international students. We already have the support of the Vice-chancellor and Provost as demonstrated in *The Age* on page 6 (25/2/2009) an article by Farrah Tomazin ("Uni backs equal fares for students"). Glyn Davis is quoted (indirectly, at least) calling for an end to the "two-tier system".

Motion

UMSU recommends the abolishment of section 2.20DA of the 'public transport amendment act of 2007' on the grounds unfairly discriminates against postgraduates and the international students.

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