

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 8/09

CONFIRMED

2 PM, 22 April 2009

Location: Graham Cornish A/B, Union House



Agenda

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- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
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- 2.2 Minutes from Meeting on 20-04-2009

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- 3.2 Gaza Motion
- 3.3 Indigenous Department Vandalism Motion
- 3.4 General Meeting

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- 5.1 President
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- 5.7 Education Public Affairs
- 5.8 Environment
- 5.9 Indigenous
- 5.10 Media
- 5.11 Queer
- 5.12 Welfare

5.13 Wom*n

6. Standing Committee Reports

6.1 Staffing Sub-Committee

6.2 Finance Sub-Committee

7. Other Reports

8. Motions on Notice

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

11. Close

Meeting opened at: 2.08 PM, by Carla Drakeford

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Carla Drakeford should chair the meeting.

Moved: Carla Drakeford

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So Acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Council

Liam Byrne, Josh Schmidt, Phoebe Kelloway, Taylor Kendall, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Clinton Markwell, Kyle Dadleh, Jesse Overton-Skinner, Rudolph Hosri, Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre, Goldie Pergl, Sisi Ying.

Office Bearers

Carla Drakeford (President), Shaun Khoo (Secretary), Tim Arnot (Education-Public), Frances Lewis (Welfare) Rachel Barrett (Environment), David Liubinas (Activities), Adelaide Rief (Arts), Zoe Sanders (Media), Gillian Kilby (Media), Bhakthi Puvanenthiran (Media), Katherine Klaus (Clubs and Societies), Piper O'Dowd (Clubs and Societies), Ruby Warber (Indigenous), Sam Cossar-Gilbert (Environment)

Others

John Shipp

Andrew Hallam

Jackson Reynolds (VCASU)

David Haidon (VCASU)

Kaitlin Ferris

Jonathan Donagan

Absent

Students' Council

Zoe Edwards, Scott Bloodworth, Dan Musil, James Smith, Stephanie Gold

Office Bearers

Chris Kloester (Activities), Chris Summers (Arts), Laura Harris (Education-Academic), Gemma Leigh-Dodds (Education-Academic), Sadia Schneider (Education-Public), Kyle Lancaster (Indigenous), Tristan Clack (Welfare), Cosima Nyx Mathews (Wom*ns), Yoshua Wakeham (Media), Stefania Capogreco (Queer), Ezekial Gould (Queer).

1.4 Apologies

Laura Harris, Dan Musil, Scott Bloodworth, Zoe Edwards, James Smith

1.5 Proxies

Zoe Edwards to Dominique Ottobre, Scott Bloodworth to Kaitlin Ferris, Dan Musil to Taylor Kendall (late), James Smith to Andrew Hallam (late).

Motion 2: That Standing Orders be now suspended to accept late proxies.

Moved: John Shipp

Seconded: Taylor Kendall

CARRIED

Upon leaving:

Clinton Markwell to John Shipp

Goldie Pergl to Sam Rankin

Rudolph Hosri to Jesse Overton-Skinner

Onagh Bishop to Bruno Friedel

Josh Schmidt to Liam Byrne

1.6 Membership

Nothing to report

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

There were several proposed amendments to the agenda. The first amendment suspended Standing Orders to allow the VCASU Merger Committee report to be tabled. Carla Drakeford apologised for its late submission.

Motion 3: That Standing Orders be now suspended to include the VCASU Merger Committee report at 6.3.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

CWD

Liam Byrne suggested that the VCASU Merger Committee report should be discussed sooner and that transitional funding should be included on the agenda.

Motion 4: To move the VCASU Merger Committee report to 2.1 and to add Transitional Funding at 2.2.

Moved: Liam Byrne

CWD

Clinton Markwell moves that the Gaza Motion should be set later in the agenda. A named vote is requested.

Motion 5: To move the Gaza Motion to 6.4

Moved: Clinton Markwell

LOST For: 4 Against: 12

For: Jesse Overton-Skinner, Kyle Dadleh, James Smith via Andrew Hallam and Clinton Markwell.

Against: Dominique Ottobre, Zoe Edwards via Dominique Ottobre, Onagh Bishop, Scott Bloodworth via Kaitlin Ferris, Goldie Pergl, Rudolph Hosri, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Taylor Kendall, Dan Musil via Taylor Kendall, Phoebe Kelloway, Josh Schmidt and Liam Byrne.

David Liubinas requests that the Activities report be heard sooner.

Motion 6: To move the Activities report to before Correspondence.

Moved: David Liubinas

CWD

Dominique Ottobre moves that the Finance Sub-Committee report be heard sooner.

Motion 7: To move the Finance Sub-Committee report to 3.1
Moved: Dominique Ottobre
CWD

The Agenda will now read as follows:

- 2 Merger and Funding Reports**
 - 2.1 VCASU Merger Committee
 - 2.2 Transitional Funding
- 3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
 - 3.1 Minutes from Meeting on 31-03-2009
 - 3.2 Minutes from Meeting on 20-04-2009
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- 8 Standing Committee Reports**
 - 8.1 Staffing Sub-Committee
- 9. Other Reports**
- 10. Motions on Notice**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Next Meeting**
- 13. Close**

Agenda Item 2: Merger and Funding Reports

Agenda Item 2.1 VCASU Merger Committee

Clinton Markwell leaves at 2.26pm, proxying to John Shipp.

Carla Drakeford spoke to the report, thanking Students' Council for allowing it to be discussed. David Haidon encouraged UMSU to have an SGM to amend the Constitution. A lengthy discussion regarding process and merger logistics takes place.

Sisi Ying arrives at 2.38pm.

Rudolph Hosri leaves at 2.46pm, proxying to Jesse Overton-Skinner.

It is proposed that a special meeting on Monday morning should consider the amendments.

Procedural Motion: That the motion be now put.
Moved: John Shipp
CWD

Motion 8: That Students' Council directs the UMSU General Manager to table the proposed Constitutional changes to the UMSU Students' Council by Friday 24 April. Furthermore, that a special meeting of Council meet at 11am on Monday 27 April to endorse the changes, and pass a motion to set a Special General Meeting to consider the changes that complies with constitutional requirements.
Moved: Onagh Bishop Seconded: David Haidon
CWD

Agenda Item 2.2 Transitional Funding

Carla Drakeford reported on discussions with the Office of the Provost and the University's intentions to collect approximately \$8.2 million from Student Services Fees, half of which would be distributed to University services such as Wellbeing Services and half of which would be distributed to MU Student Union Limited, UMSU and the Graduate Student Association. A lengthy discussion takes place regarding control of the funds, UMSU's relationship with the GSA during transitional funding negotiations, audits and communication within UMSU.

Motion 9: UMSU supports the full independence of the Graduate Students Association, and the GSA's control of all its current operations.

UMSU should have the right to full independence as a representative of the student political voice on campus, and as a provider of student services, No body that is not democratically elected by and accountable to the student population should hold this right.

Moved: Liam Byrne Seconded: Phoebe Kelloway

Goldie Pergl left at 3.14pm, proxying to Sam Rankin

Liam Byrne subsequently amends his motion.

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Representatives of UMSU to Melbourne University be guided by this motion in all negotiations with the University Administration.

Moved: Liam Byrne Seconded: Phoebe Kelloway

LAPSED

During discussion a procedural motion was put to allow Onagh Bishop to respond to Liam Byrne's comments regarding comments Onagh had made previously.

Procedural Motion: To allow Onagh Bishop to respond.

Moved: Liam Byrne

CARRIED For: 13 Against: 4

Onagh argued that her position was misrepresented and sought to clarify.

Some representatives expressed concern that they do not have enough information to make a decision on this motion.

Procedural Motion: To defer this motion to the next regular meeting.

Moved: David Liubinas

CARRIED For: 14 Against: 3

Agenda Item 3: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Agenda Item 3.1 Minutes from Meeting on 31-03-2009

Onagh Bishop left at 3.40pm, proxying to Bruno Friedel.

Procedural Motion: To restrict speaking time to 1 minute.

Moved: David Liubinas

CARRIED For: 14 Against: 3

Dominique Ottobre would like Gemma Leigh-Dodd's request regarding petition student numbers to be recorded. Frances' name is incorrectly spelt. Jesse Overton-Skinner also queries the spelling of her name.

Motion 10: That the minutes of the meeting on 31-03-2009 be confirmed with the amendments discussed here

Moved: Bhakthi Puvanenthiran Seconded: David Liubinas

CARRIED

Agenda Item 3.2 Minutes from Meeting on 20-04-2009

On page 2, the manner of the wording of the petition was not actually discussed. Sam Cossar-Gilbert also suggests that the minutes should be amended such that the SGM was cancelled and another called rather than moved.

Motion 11: That the minutes of the meeting on 20-04-2009 be confirmed with the amendments discussed here

Moved: David Liubinas Seconded: Bhakthi Puvanenthiran

CARRIED For: 12 Against: 0 Abstentions: 5

Agenda Item 4: Matters Arising from the Minutes

Agenda Item 4.1 Finance Sub-Committee

Dominique Ottobre points out that Clinton Markwell and Rudolph Hosri had been accidentally elected to both Staffing and Finance Sub-Committees in violation of rule 142 of the Constitution. Shaun Khoo responds that rule 178 of the Constitution validates acts where it is afterwards discovered that there was a defect in a person's election and that in the past where this has happened the person concerned was contacted and asked to resign from one of their positions.

Some discussion also took place regarding the use of money for security at the General Meeting which was subsequently cancelled.

Motion 12: To open nominations for 4 positions on Finance Sub-Committee to close at the next meeting.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre Seconded:

LAPSED

Josh Schmidt left at 3.50pm, proxying to Liam Byrne.

Quorum Count – 9

QUORUM LOST

Agenda Item 13: Close

Meeting closed at: 3.50 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

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 - Zoe Edwards appointed
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

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- 2.1 Minutes from the Meeting on 18-03-09 (attached)

3. Appeals Against Committee Decision

- 3.1 Education Committee and Students for Palestine (attached)
- 3.2 Welfare Committee and Students for Palestine (attached)

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 4.1 NUS Queer Campaign (attached)
- 4.2 Cage Free Campus Society Correspondence (attached)
- 4.3 Concession Cards Motions (attached)
- 4.4 Gaza Motion (attached)
- 4.5 Environment Department Capital Expenditure

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- 6.12 Wom*ns

7. Standing Committee Reports

- 7.1 Staffing Sub-Committee
- 7.2 Finance Sub Committee (yet to meet)
- 7.3 VCASU Merger Committee

8. Motions on Notice

- 8.1 That UMSU condemns the actions of the Office Bearers who have posted without permission on the Indigenous Departments office window. This action represents an impingement on the rights of the office, a breach of section 11 of Union House Rules and shall not be tolerated. UMSU supports the Indigenous Department's right to convey any legal political message it so chooses that is within the regulations of the Union's constitution.
Moved: Sean Armistead
Seconded: Kyle Dadleh

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

11. Close

Meeting opened at: 2.20 PM, by Secretary Shaun Khoo

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

Meeting Papers, UMSU Standing Orders and Environment Office Bearer's Report are circulated.

1.1 Election of Chair

<p>Motion 1: That Carla Drakeford chair the meeting Moved: Shaun Khoo CARRIED</p>

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Council

Brendan Thomas-Noone, Josh Schmidt, Phoebe Kelloway, Dan Musil, Taylor Kendall, Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre, Clinton Markwell, James Smith, John Shipp, Stephanie Gold, Kyle Dadleh, Goldie Pergl, Sisi Ying, Liam Byrne (at 3.25pm)

Office Bearers

Piper O'Dowd (Clubs and Societies), Yoshua Wakeham (Media), Gillian Kilby (Media), Zoe Sanders (Media), Rachel Barrett (Environment), Sam Cossar-Gilbert (Environment), Gemma Leigh-Dodds (Education-Academic), Laura Harris (Education-Academic), Carla Drakeford (President), Chris Kloester (Activities), Tristan Clack (Welfare), David Liubinas (Activities), Shaun Khoo (Secretary), Cosima Nyx Mathews (Wom*ns), Kyle Lancaster (Indigenous), Tim Arnot (Education -Public),

Francis Lewis (Welfare), Bhakthi Puvanenthiran (Media), Katherine Klaus (Clubs and Societies), Sadia Schneider at 2.40pm (Education-Public),

Others

Catherine McInnis
Katelyn Grimmer
Bruno Friedel
Jesse Overton-Skinner
Matt Incerti
Miranda Kiraly
Jackson Renolds
Josh Anderson
Astrid Høgestøl
Jenny Munt
Jonathan Donagan
Jonathan Hisbert
Rowan Duncan
Alexander Davis
Patrick Clearwater
Ollie Walsh
Daniel Baker
Nina Flanagan
Tim Forster
Max Kaiser (at 4.02pm)
Sam Rankin
Evan Wallace
Candice Cranmer (minute taker)

Absent

Office Bearers

Adelaide Rief (Arts), Stefania Capogreco (Queer), Ezekiel Gould (Queer)

1.4 Apologies

Scott Bloodworth, Zoe Edwards
Chris Summers (Arts)

1.5 Proxies

Liam Byrne to Phoebe Kelloway
Scott Bloodworth to Bruno Friedel
Zoe Edwards to Onagh Bishop
Rudolph Hosri to Jesse Overton-Skinner

Upon leaving:

Goldie Pergl to Sam Rankin
Evan Wallace to Mathew Incerti
James Smith to John Shipp
Sisi Ying to Evan Wallace

1.6 Membership

Zoe Edwards appointed to Students' Council

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Several people make their intention to speak know. The Chair devises a speaking list - discussion and suggestions for agenda order occur.

Motion 1: That Agenda Item 5 Correspondence is moved to Agenda Item 3

Moved: Goldie Pergl

CARRIED For: 11 Against: 4

Motion 2: That Agenda Item 4.4 Gaza Motion is moved to Agenda Item 8.2

Moved: John Shipp

LOST For: 6 Against: 10

Motion 3: That the Environment Office Bearer Report be added as Agenda Item 6.13

Moved: Rachel Barrett

CWD

Brendan Thomas-Noone announces to Students' Council that he is filming for a T.V program and there will be cameras outside, after the meeting if any one would like to say a few words.

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Moved: Sean Armistead
Seconded: Kyle Dadleh

9 Other Business

10 Next Meeting

11 Close

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes (Minutes from the Meeting on 18-03-09)

The following amendments are requested:

Page 7 – Kyle Lancaster left at 3.55pm not Kyle Dadleh

Francis Lewis's name is spelt incorrectly once in the document

It is to be noted that Dominique Ottobre and Goldie Pergl abstained from voting on the Motion that appointed them to the VCASU Merger Committee.

<p>Motion 4: That the minutes from Meeting 5, 18-03-09 of Students' Council be accepted as a true and accurate record Moved: Goldie Pergl Seconded: Brendan Thomas-Noone CWD</p>

Agenda Item 3: Correspondence

The Chair directs Secretary, Shaun Khoo to speak to the petition document - which seeks to uphold the appeals against the decisions of the Welfare and Education Committee Meetings (has circulated with some of the papers).

Piper O'Dowd leaves at 3.37pm and returns at 3.38pm

<p>Procedural Motion: To suspend Standing Orders to consider Correspondence Moved: John Shipp CARRIED For: 11 Against: 5</p>
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Secretary Shaun Khoo reads the petition in full.

Sadia Schneider arrives at 2.40pm

Discussion on who should answer questions regarding this petition occurs and a speaking list is drawn up.

<p>Procedural Motion: To keep this speaking list for general discussion Moved: Phoebe Kelloway CWD</p>
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Rudolph Hosri leaves and proxies to Jesse Overton-Skinner at 2.47pm

Onagh Bishop seeks to reject the appeal on constitutional grounds regarding time frame of its circulation and drafts a motion, seconded by Bruno Fridel which is then read by the Chair. Discussion on Appeal's constitutional validity occurs.

<p>Procedural Motion: To put the motion to a vote</p>
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Moved: LOST	For: 7	Against: 9
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Further discussion on appeals process and conditions as stated in the constitution.
Shaun Khoo reads from the constitution regarding the appeals process.

Procedural Motion: To put the motion to a vote Moved: Jessie Overton-Skinner CARRIED	For: 16	Against: 1
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Motion 5: The Education Committee Appeal be rejected due to lack of certainty to Student Councillors as to whether the Education Committee Appeal was received. Moved: Onagh Bishop CARRIED	For: 9	Seconded: Bruno Friedel Against: 8
For: Josh Schmidt, Liam Byrne via Phoebe Kelloway, Phoebe Kelloway, Dan Musil, Taylor Kendall, Scott Bloodworth via Bruno Friedel, Zoe Edwards via Onagh Bishop, Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre, Against: Brendan Thomas-Noone, James Smith Clinton Markwell, Stephanie Gold, Sisi Ying, Rudolph Hosri via Jesse Overton-Skinner		

Point of Order is called for regarding validity of this motion.
Chris Kloester calls for Dissent in the Chair's Ruling.
Secretary Shaun Khoo takes the Chair.
Discussion about this ruling occurs through the Chair, who seeks to put it to a vote.

Motion 6: Dissent in Chair's ruling Moved: Chris Kloester LOST	For: 7	Against: 10
For: Rudolph Hosri via Jesse Overton-Skinner, Sisi Ying, Goldie Pergl, Kyle Dadleh, Stephanie Gold, James Smith, Clinton Markwell Against: Brendan Thomas-Noone, Josh Schmidt, Liam Byrne via Phoebe Kelloway, Dan Musil, Taylor Kendall, Scott Bloodworth via Bruno Friedel, Zoe Edwards via Onagh Bishop, Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre		

The Chair is returned to Carla Drakeford

James Smith leaves and proxies to John Shipp at 3.09pm

Quorum count -11 voting members –the meeting continues

Agenda Item 4.2 Welfare Committee and Students for Palestine

Charlie Goodman leaves at 3.10pm
Sisi Ying leaves and proxies to Evan Wallace at 3.10pm

Francis Lewis speaks to the Welfare Committee and Students for Palestine document (attached).

Extensive speaking list drawn up.

Liam Byrne arrives at 3.25pm

Quorum count 3.25pm - still quorate –the meeting continues

Goldie Pergl leaves and proxies to Sam Rankin at 3.27pm
Kyle Lancaster leaves at 3.28pm

Discussion via the speaking list continues

Cosima Nyx Stone leaves at 3.35pm

Discussion via the speaking list continues

Quorum count -12- meeting continues, the Chair reads the extensive speaking list which continues accordingly.

Francis Lewis leaves at 3.46pm and returns at 3.48pm

Cosima Nyx Stone returns at 3.50pm

Katherine Klaus leaves at 3.51pm

Procedural Motion: To close the speaking list

Moved: Sam Cossar-Gilbert

CARRIED For: 10 Against: 7

Evan Wallace leaves at 3.54pm

Sam Cossar-Gilbert leaves at 3.56pm

The Chair reads a motion received from (mover) Onagh Bishop and seconded by Gemma Leigh-Dodds - to Students' Council and closes the speaking list.

The Chair reads another motion received by (mover) John Shipp and seconded by Kyle Dadleh.

The speaking list continues.

Bhakthi Puvanenthiran leaves at 4.13pm

The Chair, receives a foreshadowed motion from (mover) Josh Schmidt, seconded by Phoebe Kelloway.

Procedural Motion: To put the motions to a vote

Moved: John Shipp

CARRIED For: 9 Against: 7

Motion 7: That the Welfare Committee Appeal be upheld

Moved: John Shipp Seconded: Kyle Dadleh

LOST For: 6 Against: 9 Abstentions: 1

For: Rudolph Hosri via Jesse Overton-Skinner, Sam Rankin, Kyle Dadleh, James Smith via John Shipp, Stephanie Gold, Clinton Markwell via Miranda Kiraly,

Against: Dominique Ottobre, Zoe Edwards via Onagh Bishop, Onagh Bishop, Scott Bloodworth via Bruno Friedel, Taylor Kendall, Dan Musil, Phoebe Kelloway, Josh Schmidt, Liam Byrne

Abstentions: Brendan Thomas-Noone

Procedural Motion: To suspend standing orders so as the foreshadowed motion does not have to be voted upon.

Moved: John Shipp

LOST For: 6 Against: 10

Foreshadowed Motion: That the Appeal pertaining to the Welfare Committee be dismissed

Moved: Josh Schmidt Seconded: Phoebe Kelloway

CARRIED For: 9 Against: 6 Abstentions: 1

For: Dominique Ottobre, Zoe Edwards via Onagh Bishop, Onagh Bishop, Scott Bloodworth via Bruno Friedel, Taylor Kendall, Dan Musil, Phoebe Kelloway, Josh Schmidt, Liam Byrne

Against: Rudolph Hosri via Jesse Overton-Skinner, Sam Rankin, Kyle Dadleh, James Smith via John Shipp, Stephanie Gold, Clinton Markwell via Miranda Kiraly,

Abstentions: Brendan Thomas-Noone

Onagh Bishop speaks to the motion moved by her and seconded by Gemma Leigh-Dodds (motion 8)

Procedural Motion: For the motion to now be put

Moved: John Shipp

CARRIED For: 12 Against: 4

Motion 8: In light of the intense debate that these appeals have ignited, the Student Council asks the Welfare Officers to call a special meeting as soon as possible to seek clarification as to the additional moneys requested (approximately 300) and discuss safeguards for security for the week as well as clarifying the diversity of the clubs and organisations involved.

Moved: Onagh Bishop Seconded: Gemma Leigh-Dodds

CARRIED For: 11 Against: 3 Abstentions: 2

For: Scott Bloodworth via Bruno Friedel, Brendan Thomas-Noone, Zoe Edwards via Onagh Bishop, Onagh Bishop, Dominique Ottobre, Clinton Markwell via Miranda Kiraly, Stephanie Gold, James Smith via John Shipp, Kyle Dadleh, Goldie Pergl via Sam Rankin, Rudolph Hosri via Jesse Overton-Skinner

Against: Josh Schmidt, Phoebe Kelloway, Liam Byrne

Abstentions: Taylor Kendall, Dan Musil

Agenda Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes

Agenda Item 5.1 NUS Queer Campaign

Liam Byrne speaks to the Motion to Endorse NUS 'Statement for Equality' (attached)

Motion 9: UMSU Students' Council endorses the NUS National Queer Offices 'Statement for Equality'

Moved: Liam Byrne

Seconded: Ezekiel Gould

CWD

Sadia Schneider and David Liubinas leave at 4.35pm

Agenda Item 5.2 Cage Free Campus Society Correspondence

Carla Drakeford speaks of her correspondence with Katelyn Grimmer of the Cage Free Campus Society and invites Katelyn (who has left the meeting) back to speak at the next Students' Council meeting.

Quorum count -9 members –the meeting continues.

Agenda Item 5.3 Concession Cards Motion

Tristan Clack speaks to the Concession Card Amendment Motion (attached).

The Chair reads the motion:

Motion 10: UMSU recommends the abolishment of section 2.20DA of the 'public transport amendment act of 2007' on the grounds that it unfairly discriminates against postgraduate and international students. UMSU further endorses the public rally on

Moved: Tristan Clack

Seconded: Francis Lewis

CWD with amendments

Quorum count -10

Stephanie Gold and Kyle Dadleh left at 4.42pm

Quorum count 8 –Quorum lost

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting on: 2pm, Wednesday April 22 in Graham Cornish A/B

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at: 4.42pm PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

University of Melbourne Student Union

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3. Proposed Dismissal of April 21 General Meeting

4. Proposed Direction of a General Meeting

5. Next Meeting

6. Close

(3) To dismiss the Special General Meeting called for the 21st of April at 12pm for North Court, on the basis that the meeting is unconstitutional.

(4) That Students' Council call a constitutional Special General Meeting to discuss what is called for in the Uphold the Appeals petition and other properly constituted business.

Meeting opened at: 11.21AM, by Carla Drakeford

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Carla Drakeford chair the meeting
Moved: Carla Drakeford
CWD

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

Students Council:

Dominique Ottobre, Onagh Bishop, Zoe Edwards, Liam Byrne, Josh Schmidt, Phoebe Kelloway, Taylor Kendall, Scott Bloodworth, Dan Musil, Brendan Thomas-Noone.

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Other

Adam McMillan
Bruno Friedel
Candice Cranmer (minute taker)

Absent

Students Council:

Sisi Ying, Jesse Overton-Skinner, Stephanie Gold, Rudolph Hosri, Clinton Markwell, James Smith, Kyle Dadleh, Goldie Pergl

Office Bearers:

Sadia Schneider (Education-Public), Tristan Clack (Welfare), Chris Summers (Arts), Chris Kloester (Activities), David Liubinas (Activities), Stefania Capogreco (Queer), Ezekiel Gould (Queer), Katherine Klaus (Clubs and Societies), Piper O'Dowd (Clubs and Societies), Kyle Lancaster (Indigenous), Ruby Warber (Indigenous), Cosima Nyx Stone (Wom*ns)

1.4 Apologies

Goldie Pergl

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

Jessie Overton Skinner has been elected as a representative on Students' Council via the Count Back Election.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Discussion on agenda order occurs.

Motion 2: That the Agenda Item 2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes (2.1 Minutes from Meeting on 31/03/09) is moved down and becomes Agenda Item 4.

Moved: Onagh Bishop

Seconded: Dominique Ottobre

CARRIED

Agenda Item 2: Proposed Dismissal of April 21 General Meeting

The Chair invites the mover and seconder of the motion – To dismiss the Special General Meeting called for the 21st of April at 12pm for North Court, on the basis that the meeting is unconstitutional – to speak to the motion.

As the motion has no specific mover and seconder, the Chair opens a speaking list and invites all speakers.

Extensive speaking list is drawn up and the following issues are raised and discussed:

- The constitutional validity of the petition and the Secretary's role in its dissemination (tabled - Meeting 6)
- The accessibility of the petition listing all students' names.
- The manner in which the petition is worded.
- The appropriateness of the venue selected for the General Meeting
- The discrepancies between the presented petition and the motions presented as a result.

Possible solutions raised and discussed:

- Moving the Special General Meeting to a later date
- Selecting an indoors venue.

The Chair reads the speaking list (12.05pm)

Procedural Motion: That the speaking list be closed during the next speaker
Moved: Onagh Bishop
CWD

Speaking list continues until it is exhausted.
The Chair moves to put the motions

Motion 3: To dismiss the Special General Meeting called for the 21st of April at 12pm for North Court, on the basis that the meeting is unconstitutional
Moved: Taylor Kendall Seconder: Dominique Ottobre
CARRIED For: 9 Abstentions: 1

Motion 4: That Students' Council call a constitutional Special General Meeting to discuss what is called for in the Uphold the Appeals petition and other properly constituted business.
Moved: Taylor Kendall Seconded: Dominique Ottobre
CWD

Scott Bloodworth calls for a quorum count -10

Discussion on constitutional process of calling a Special General Meeting occurs.

Motion 5: A special General Meeting be held on the week beginning May 4th in a lecture theatre at a time and a date to be determined on Wednesday April 22nd's meeting of Student Council.
Moved: Onagh Bishop Seconded: Dominique Ottobre
CWD

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting: 2pm, Wednesday 22nd, Graham Cornish A/B

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at: 12.16 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

Matters Arising from the Minutes Unresolved Motions

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

Indigenous Department Vandalism Motion

That UMSU condemns the actions of Office Bearers who have posted without permission on the Indigenous Departments office window. This action represents an impingement on the rights of the office, a breach of section 11 of Union House Rules and shall not be tolerated. UMSU supports the Indigenous Department's right to convey any legal political message it so chooses that is within the regulations of the Union's constitution.

Moved: Sean Armistead

Seconded: Kyle Dadleh

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.

Secretary's Report



1. Regulations and Policy.

On 18 March Students' Councillors requested further clarification regarding proposed amendments to Standing Orders.

Rule 3.3 now reads:

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.

This is because previously rule 3.3 restated requirements already set out in rule 85 of the Constitution. The amendment to rule 3.3 creates two types of regular meeting (regular program or meeting schedule).

Rule 3.3.1 does not create any new powers for the Secretary and effectively reduces the power of the Secretary. It is possible under current conditions the interpret meetings not set explicitly as special meetings as regular meetings as the Constitution overrides Regulations. The ambiguities in the interpretation of the regular/special meeting distinction arise not from the Constitution, but from the Constitution interpreted in the context of Standing Orders.

Rule 3.3.1 seeks to alter current convention which leaves the Secretary to set meeting times and dates outside of the semesterly meeting schedule. The word 'may' implies that the Secretary does not automatically have the power to make executive decisions to set meeting times (except perhaps in the case of a newly elected Students' Council that is yet to meet for the first time). The power of Students' Council to govern its program of meetings is foregrounded by rule 3.3.1 which diminishes the power of the Secretary to act unilaterally. Additionally, the regulatory environment of UMSU Inc. is much different to that of MUSU Inc. and is clearly designed to prevent unilateral action.

Rule 5.1 and 5.2 are amended:

Rule 5.1 previously defined special meetings as those not on the regular programme of meetings set at the start of each semester.

Rule 5.2 previously defined a special meeting as held when four voting representatives requested a meeting. This contradicts with 5.1 since a meeting could be outside of the regular programme set at the start of each semester yet not be held at the request of at least four voting representatives.

The rules now read:

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.

This amendment aims to clearly define a special meeting, the conditions under which special meetings are held and to remove contradictions.

Rule 5.4 is amended to correct a typo (by to be).

Rule 8.2 is amended to include reference to a new appendix which sets out a model agenda for a Special Meeting. This model agenda is consistent with the current rule 5.4.2 of Standing Orders which does not allow for business other than that included in the request for a special meeting to be set on the agenda.

Rules 11.3, 13.2, 14,10, 19.4 and (thanks to Dominique for pointing this out) 19.5 are amended to renumber appendices.

Rules 26.8 and 26.9 are new, added to further clarify definitions. The definition of 'meeting schedule' is consistent with rule 84 of the Constitution and rule 26.9 defines regular program against the criteria for a special meeting. This leaves no meeting uncategorised.

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.

Recommendation 1.1:

Students' Council adopts the amended Standing Orders as circulated including the amendment to the typo in rule 5.4 and the originally omitted renumbering of appendices in rule 19.5.

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 special 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.

Proposed Amendments to Procedures for Student Representatives

Proposed amendments were circulated to Students' Council members detailing amendments to the Regulations.

Rule 1.1 of Procedures for Student Representatives previously referred to C152 and C153 which presently relates to Meetings of the Staffing Sub-Committee and Budget Process. This has been updated to refer to C155 and C156 which refer to Regulations other than Electoral Regulations and the Provisions of Regulations.

Rule 3.2 is amended to capitalise the 't' of 'the' at the beginning of the sentence.

Rule 10.3 read 'The UMSU logo shall appear in Appendix A' and has been amended to read "... shall appear as in Appendix A".

Rule 14 has been added to allow the Indigenous, Queer and Wom*n's departments to appoint a Committee Secretary from their restricted constituency when the Secretary is not a member of that restricted constituency. It does not require the committees to do so, but does so to increase the level of autonomy available to that committee.

Rule 15 sets out a process for the election of Finance and Staffing Sub-Committees, consistent with the Constitutional requirement to elect these committees before their term commences (C141) and sets out a process for this election. Students' Council(-elect) may determine the conduct of the election or may allow it to follow the regulations.

Rule 16 sets out a process for the appointment of the Students' Representative Network and outlines some basic rights and responsibilities for representatives. In conjunction with rule 15 it is hoped that these amendments will allow for a longer opening of applications and more time for Staffing Sub-Committee to meet and consider applications. That applications for SRN should be opened and considered by Staffing Sub-Committee seems to be a relatively uncontroversial convention and therefore it seems reasonable for the process to be automatic.

Recommendation 1.3:

Students' Council adopts the amendments to Procedures for Student Representatives.

2. Delegation to Finance Sub-Committee

Students' Council is yet to take any action with respect to the issues of UMSU's debt to MUSUL and administrative services. It is proposed that Students' Council should delegate the consideration of financial matters to Finance Sub-Committee.

Recommendation 2.1:

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.

3. 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.

4. Other Activities

I would like to acknowledge IT Services and Communications for their roles in establishing the Wiki and Raise an Issue mechanism on the website.

- Student Union Wiki installed – <http://union.unimelb.edu.au/wiki/>
- Raise an Issue – <http://union.unimelb.edu.au/issue/>
The Raise and Issue form is available online and in paper form. It allows for issues to be raised in an accountable and transparent manner with student representatives.

When an issue is raised, the Secretary shall refer the issue to the relevant Department or representative for a response and post the issue online.

If a student has left their contact details they will be responded to via email. If they have not left their contact details the paper forms include a receipt with a unique issue number which can then be used to help to find the issue online.

- Ongoing review of regulations
- Ordinary administrative functions.
- Clarification regarding Grievance Tribunal.
- Grievance Tribunal

The Constitution provides for UMSU to have an Electoral and a Grievance Tribunal. At present, the Electoral Tribunal is functional but the status of the Grievance Tribunal is less clear.

On the 11th of March, the Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the Melbourne Law School were contacted via email to enquire as to whether there was an appointee from each to the Grievance Tribunal.

On the 19th of March, the Vice-Chancellor appointed Mr Chris Penman, Vice-Principal and General Counsel of the University, to the UMSU Grievance Tribunal as the Vice-Chancellor's nominee and confirmed his ongoing appointment to the UMSU Electoral Tribunal.

Activities OB report number 1.

Well. Epic start to the year.

To start with, we decided that we needed to have a massive presence on campus, which would flow on to our events throughout the year. We figured the best way to do this is to run the activities department more like other clubs and societies on campus. This helps in that it gets us... Jaffys!

We have Jaffys! This year we have a great bunch of first years that pretty much live in our office, and are more than willing to help us out by handing out entertainment guides and other promotional materials dressed up as Igor the elephant, Santa or ride a unicycle around.

The fact that Communications refuses to allow us to put our entertainment guide on the stands in union house also means that we have been forced to go out and talk to students one on one, which has helped a lot. The activities card has also been a hit too, in which we sell for \$2 to union members only to break even on printing costs. So we have been pushing ourselves to go out there and meet more union members and convince others to join up. If anyone on council/OB/ committee wants a card, come grab one off us in the office for free.

The Band/BBQ has also gone extremely well, largely due to our massive advertising push, great bands to start the year, and that its still early on in which people are still enjoying uni life. We are running out of drinks by 1:20, vegetarian food by 1:35 because we simply don't have enough money for this. AH WELL, no matter.

Trivia night. Another hit. Last years had 10 to 11 tables of 6. This year we expanded it to 20 tables of 6. It clashed with an event that a lot of our usual crowd attended instead, so we were a little worried that we would not get a good crowd. We ended up selling all tables, with the majority of people there never having been to an UMSU Activities event before this year, which we are really proud of. A festival ChillCity sponsored us, giving us free tickets to give to the winning team, and U bar gave us drink vouchers for second place. There was a door charge of \$5 that went to the bushfire appeal. We raised \$400 dollars.

Facebook/ Youtube push.

Our facebook group has doubled in a month, largely due to it being active, having O'camp and other event details ran by clubs.

We also expanded into Youtube. I'm sure some of you have seen our Ghetto productions. The first went well with a lot of views, the second hasn't had as many, but we will be making the next one more fun.

We are now starting to advertise our cocktail night, which is on the 8th of April. Tickets are on sale now from the information desk.

\$25 for union members. We are starting to plan our next event....

The Neon Blizzard Blowout happening on the 29th of April.

Oh yeh, we are hoping to have a party in the old Melbourne Jail.

That would be cool. Logistical nightmare... but so cool.

Dave and Chris.

Arts Department – Office Bearers Report

The Arts Department has been focused on organising *Framed*, the annual photography and visual media competition, as well as running collective meetings, workshops, and continuing to lay the groundwork for the second semester behemoth, MUDFest 11.

Framed

Framed has traditionally been run by the Arts Department as a photography competition. This year, we have reenergised the format and introduced short film, animation and digital media into the mix.

In line with this broader approach, we have decided to move *Framed* out of a traditional gallery space and into a more public space; somewhere students are likely to see and appreciate the exhibition without necessarily having had the intention to do so. We have chosen the landing between the Ground Floor and First Floor of Union House to exhibit still photography and the windows of the (very generous) Activities and Clubs and Societies offices to install TV screens which will display short films and animation.

We will also be using the LCD screens through Union House to display entries.

Framed has previously been promoted heavily as a 'competition' with expensive prizes, however, this is also something we have been keen to sidestep. While we will still be offering prizes donated by our sponsors, we are more interested in offering mentorships to assist in the development of future work, hopefully for MUDFest. We see this as being a continued benefit to both the selected students, the Arts Department and the Student Union.

Collective

This year we are hoping to build collective into a strong, collaborative, inclusive space where people can come and talk about their art, get advice and share skills with those around them. In order to facilitate this we have begun sending out a weekly email with news from the Arts Department as well as opportunities and events in Melbourne.

Our first Collective meeting was attended by around 10 people and although this was a good start, we realised that the format of the collective needed to change in order to engage and interest more students. With this in mind we organised a creative writing workshop to be included in the next meeting.

Chris ran the workshop, with small exercises designed to get people thinking about the place of memory and personal identity in their writing. We're happy to report that the workshop was a great success with over 20 people attending. We have also had some great feedback and requests for some kind of writers group to be initiated. We're working on how, when and where this can happen. Our next collective meeting will be on Thursday 2nd April and will focus on ideas and inspiration for the upcoming *Framed* competition.

MUDFEST

We are having weekly meetings with the director of the festival, David Ryding, to keep up to date on all his work in securing funding, planning and programming what will be an amazing

three weeks in August. We have also decided that our main contribution to the festival will be in producing and programming the festival club. This will be an amazing opportunity for the broader university community to be involved in the festival and we'll be looking to work closely with the other departments, especially Clubs to realise this. We would also like to encourage the other OB's to think about what kind of involvement they would like to have in the festival, perhaps in organising an event, or participating in a night at the club.

Clubs and Societies Office Bearers' Report

Clubs and Societies since the start of semester has been running Information Sessions for club executives, advising them on how to self-assess their tax status, how to apply for grants and how to be careful that they are meeting their duty of care ("how to not get sued"). We have also been holding AGM training.

The office has also been wading through the various membership lists and assigning clubs to bands for funding purposes, and ensuring that each club has 30+ members, and at least two executives that are UMSU members.

As directed by the committee the OBs have been trying to get certificates of currency from 5 pubs in the area. I am sad to say this has not been successful, with Naughton's Hotel refusing outright to provide one, but did allow me to look at their insurance policy, and Piper managing to obtain one from the Prince Alfred Hotel. We have so far been unsuccessful in obtaining any more and I would recommend that we end this task. We have also been attempting to obtain a locksmith's quote for two lockers that have a key-lock, have been locked with said key, and have passed into the possession of Clubs without said key.



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Subject revised and updated ed report; please use this version

Education (Academic) Report

1/4/09

The first few weeks of semester have been extremely busy in the Education office.

Education Embassy:

In second week back, we held an Education Support Stall for a few days. The 'Education Embassy' was designed to provide assistance and some level of course guidance to students struggling to understand the direction of their degree. The embassy was made highly visible and was as widely publicised as we could. While some students approached the embassy for a chat and advice on subject section, overall, the result was lacklustre. This was not actually surprising, as exam support stalls are similarly an important service the union provides but in reality low in student engagement.

In future it may be better to incorporate the embassy as part of O week, so there is already an engaged student body moving around union house. Secondly, it may be a good idea to establish separate education support embassy's for each faculty and situate it close to the faculty centre, rather than centrally in South Court. Improving our publicity and promotion strategy will also be key.

SRN:

Finally, appointing the SRN is almost completed. The bureaucracy hurdles were a nightmare and compiling an up to date list of committees proved to be more difficult than expected. Unfortunately, neither the University Secretariat nor the lists from previous years had faculty Course Standing Committees listed. This meant that they were not included in potential committees students could nominate for in their SRN applications. However, this could actually prove to be a positive, as a separate and faculty specific drive for student reps can be focused on by the ed-ac department in the coming weeks.

The Student Staffing committee met last Tuesday to select candidates, and those that were successful will be notified shortly. We are also liaising with Peter McPhee to attend the training seminar to be held late this week

University Committees:

Both Laura and I have been attending several different university committees, some of which were waiting to be filled by SRN applicants. Generally, all committees have been

focusing on trying to consolidate and brace themselves for the anticipated budget difficulties in light of the GFC.

Also, during the last Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee meeting, Gillian Luck, Vice-Principal and Academic Registrar, spoke at length about improving Student Centres and student advice. One of the proposed models was to involve 3rd year students in assisting new students at busy times of the year to unload the stress on Student Centres. This is something we are going to follow up with Gillian as it correlates nicely with the aims and purpose of Education Embassy, and it may be a way to integrate both Education Academic's and the University's initiatives in the interests of improving student support.

In future:

- We are setting a number of student forums to be held across the rest of Semester. It is hoped this maintains regular contact with the wider student population as well as some level of accountability.


The Education Academic department is looking at collaborating with the Environment Office to see if a book and academic resource exchange program can be established to be operating by Semester 2. We are currently looking into the feasibility and possible spaces for the exchange.

Committee Appeal:

Appeals by committee members (who did not attend on the day but proxied to others), against a democratically decided and voted motion is regrettable. Unfortunately, this appeal is just one in a string of attempts to obstruct the efficiency of the Education department. One attempt was to deliberately obstruct governance by pulling quorum. This action has resulted in office bearers personally bearing costs as they are forced over the timely period in which reimbursements – for on campus and student run campaigns and events - can be made. In this particular instance I will not speak directly for or against the substance of the motion, but would like to point out, as chair of the committee meeting on the day in question, that the motion was discussed at length. I can assure Students Council that the debate at the education committee allowed every member present to have their voices heard and concerns raised. Most, including proxied members, spoke at least twice. The fact that the meeting went for over an hour and half further demonstrates the substantial time allocated to discussion. Further, as a result of the discussion, the Education Public Affairs officers were going to follow up on the discussed issue of club inclusivity. In short, procedurally, all steps were taken to ensure debate was fulsome and the minutes reflect this. Therefore any allegation that the motion was carried unethically is entirely incorrect.

Tim
Arnot/Education/UMSU/M
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06/03/2009 01:13 PM

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.

Environment Office Bearers' Report

Rachel Barrett Sam Cossar-Gilbert

Environment Collective Meetings

Collective meetings have been well attended by enthusiastic members both new and old. The meeting hour has been divided into time for a different workshop/activity each week organised by collective members and the remainder of the time for working groups to form and organise.

Sustainable Food Group

This group has secured garden patches and a green house for a student run vegetable garden on campus and plan to start planting next week. The group has also organised for free seeds to be available to students through the Environment Office.

Melbourne University Bike Co-Op

The Bike Co-Op has received vast amounts of interest from students and continues its quest to get a space to operate from. Bike workshops have been run on and off campus and a series of bike mechanics courses will take place throughout the year.

Environmental Education Group

This working group aims to open channels of information and publicise ways in which students can be involved in environmental campaigns. A zine to this effect, which will also link the various environment groups on campus and provide opportunities for student contributions, is in the works.

Climate Action Group

Members of this working group were involved in the CPRS actions that took place on Friday 27th March at various MPs' offices around Melbourne. The following day some members travelled to the Latrobe Valley at five am to participate in an action to highlight the inefficacy of turning of lights to stop climate change (Earth Hour was to happen the same evening) and attempt to 'turn off' a coal-fired power station instead.

Students of Sustainability (SoS)

SoS will be held in Melbourne this year, at Monash, Clayton. Collective members have been involved in the cross-campus organising network for the conference in July.

Ride-to-Uni-Breakfasts

One such event has been organised so far, in conjunction with the Bike Co-Op who put on a workshop along side the breakfast table. The Breakfast was success and attracted several new members to be involved with the Environment Department.

Motion 1

That Students' Council approve the spending of the Environment Committee of sum of \$100 on and electric frying pan, a toaster and a kettle to be used for the 'Ride-to- Uni-Breakfasts' put on by the Environment Department.

Motion 2

That \$1000 be authorised to reimburse UMSU officer bearers for buying food for Play with Your Food and to pay UMSU entertainment for gas, to be taken from the Whole of Union line.

Indigenous Department Report

The Indigenous Department has over the last fortnight have been involved in four events which have been a great success. Our diversity week BBQ was a great success with many students getting involved with the indigenous presenters at the event which promoted tolerance within the University, with our department focusing on the indigenous students. Our second event was a get together for the indigenous students to meet the staff and other students interested in helping with indigenous issues, this event was held at Noosh in the CBD and was regarded by all to be a fantastic success. Our lawn bowling event had to have the venue changed at the last minute due to issues of over-crowding but a lunch was held in its place and had a very strong turnout and was a great gathering for the students to speak to us regarding issues at the university. Tristan Clack from the welfare department allowed us to join the sexual health week event that he had organised which allowed us to educate indigenous students on sexual health.

MEDIA OFFICERS' REPORT

31ST MARCH 2009

Gillian Kilby, Bhakthi Puvanenthiran, Zoe Sanders & Yoshua Wakeham

1. **Edition 2** was released on Monday, March 23rd. Of the 5000 copies we printed, around 3500 have been distributed so far. Response so far has been positive.
2. **Media collective meetings** continue to be well patronised. As well as sourcing content at meetings, we have been seeking opinions on a range of Media department responsibilities, including the new Media policy (see below), cover ideas for Edition 3, and launch parties.
3. Our cross-campus newspaper (now online), **The Worm**, continues to move forward: at the moment we're trying to organise web hosting and a URL. As this is not solely an UMSU venture, we won't be hosting the site on the union servers, though Communications are assisting us in getting the site running.
4. For our **Edition 3 launch party**, we are currently negotiating with Cinema Nova to get an exclusive, private pre-release film screening in exchange for advertising. Film and date are yet to be confirmed, but we're aiming to have about 100 people there, and you're all invited.
5. We've been working in collaboration with the Secretary to develop a new **Media policy**, to clarify some ambiguous areas of the Constitution. The policy will address a range of issues, including editorial freedom, journalistic ethics, and complaints procedures. A draft of the policy will shortly be available on the union website, and we will be seeking feedback from all students and other interested parties.
6. We have recently been in talks with the **Triple Helix** Science in Society Review, a student-run undergraduate publication on campus, about using Media Department resources to increase the journal's visibility and profile on campus. Though details are still being finalised, this might involve giving them advertising space in *Farrago*, alerting the Media Collective to the possibility of getting published in Triple Helix, providing a link to Triple Helix on our website, and giving the journal's staff general guidance where required.
7. **Recommendations**
 - a. We held our Edition 1 launch party on the 27th of February; the Media Officers spent \$200 of their own money on a bar tab. **Recommendation:** the approval of \$200 from the Media Department Promotional Activities line to reimburse the Officers.

Welfare Report for Students Council on 31st March

Frances Lewis

I continue to liaise with reps from the Youth Disability Advocacy Service around attendant carer funding and am investigating what further I can do to raise awareness of the issue. It is appalling that students with physical disabilities requiring a fulltime carer are denied funding for the carer, meaning they are denied access to university unless they can pay for the carer themselves.

I also have been liaising with the GSA and MUOSS around concession card campaign which is going really well. This is vital as more reports come out of the discrimination and harassment (including physical assault) of international students, the high cost of public transport just being one aspect.

I attended the National Union of Students National Day of Action. It was an absolute farce; outside people from both sides of the Labor Party, there was basically no one. It is hardly surprising given that all we have heard from Labor Students is support for Rudd. It is dishonest to say you are running a campaign to scrap VSU when you have been campaigning *for* Rudds new Services Fee, which as we know will go straight to the University Admin and has no guarantees that student bodies will see any of it or that it can be used for political campaigns to represent students interests. This is a fee that represents a continuation of political VSU and the political silencing of students. Maybe if the Labor students weren't so interested in their careers and getting a cushy office job in a MPs office, they might actually run a critical campaign that forces the government to improve the living standards of students.

I also continue to be involved in the Students for Palestine collective, with Palestine Solidarity Week looking to be real success. However there appear to be students here in the Student Union with no union principles who support the slaughter of Palestinians, with my committees decision to fund a BBQ and PA system for the week being appealed. It is thoroughly undemocratic that a minority can block a decision made by a democratically elected body. It is also preventing me from following my job requirements of tackling racism. In the current climate celebrating Arabic culture is a vital way to show the relevance of the union to students who have generally not seen the point of the union. The Welfare Department is NOT a service provider but a campaign body to campaign around racism, discrimination and to promote diversity and tolerance.

Recommendation 1:

UMSU recognises that students with physical disabilities requiring a full-time attendant carer receive federal funding for such a carer during school. UMSU also recognises that these students stop receiving this funding when entering tertiary education, and that this is a major barrier to these students attending university and gaining tertiary qualifications. Therefore UMSU calls on the Rudd Government to provide funding for attendant carers for students undertaking any kind of tertiary study.

Recommendation 2:

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.

Welfare OB report – Tristan Clack

There has been a lot of activity in the Welfare Department since taking office on January 5th. These include but are not limited to: -

- * Advocating and negotiating for affordable student housing. This has come through forming the University Student Housing Co-operative (USHCo) project and pursuing talks with figures from the DHS, Office of Housing, Yarra Community Housing, the State Treasury, Minister for Housing the Hon Richard Wynne and other land stake holders. Many sites and options are being discussed along with funding arrangements.

- * Setting up the Sexual Health Awareness Campaigns which have been crafted to hit their respective target audiences. For example: local students (most of whom would have received the safe sex message through school) required a reminder, this came in the form of free sexual health packs being handed out and promoted at Tuesday Beer, Band and Barbeque. To reach the international student population (this is the group that is most vulnerable as many of them have not received the safe sex message and as a result either have no information or misinformation such as “the pill makes you permanently infertile”) we are setting up (with the Universities Wellbeing Services) information sessions in University Square, International House and other international student accommodation providers with a health promotions nurse. We will supply sexual health packs, similar to the ones supplied at the bands and barbeques. The way it is being pitched at the target audience is that this session will help you get the most out of your study and life management skills, because if it is just a sexual health session the message will be too blunt, ergo it won't get through.

- * Laying the ground work in the “Concessions Cards For All Students” campaign, in the form of assisting with the filming of a short advertisement, assisting with the design of posters and forming a face book group. In the near future we will be organizing a forum and inviting key people to come and speak about the problem and what are the possible solutions.

- * Operating and rolling out breakfast club since week 3 by myself as we didn't have a budget approved (it was scheduled to start from week 1). I was able to start because the food co-op extended a line of credit to the welfare department. Since speaking with wellbeing services, they are prepared to provide assistance in the form of staff and free food from week 7. I have to say I have been disappointed with the lack of support from my fellow office-bearer and committee on this initiative. Lack of quorum prevented breakfast club from starting earlier, because I didn't have access to a budget.

- * Preparation for mental health week is starting with the sourcing of materials and health professions and organizations to get involved.

I have had a very busy three months working on Welfare issues, and look forward to another nine. I would like to thank in particular Shaun Khoo, Evan Wallace, Sisi Ying, Charlie Goodman, Kyle Dadleh and Ruby Warber for their assistance with my work in this time.

Students Council Meeting 22 April Welfare OB Report [Frances Lewis]

Firstly, the concession card Day of Action, to demand travel concessions for international and postgraduate students is next Wednesday, 29th April. I think it is vital that everyone comes along to show their support. I have been liaising with the president of the GSA and MUOSS to make sure this is as successful as possible, and have been staffing information stalls collecting petitions and letting people know about Wednesday's action. There is also going to be a forum on the issue, with some state government officials agreeing to come and speak, it will be a great opportunity to grill them as to why precisely they deny travel concessions to such a large section of the student population.

I am also trying to get a campaign around Attendant Carer funding for tertiary students started. I think it outrageous that students miss out on higher education because they don't receive funding for a carer, without whom they cannot physically attend classes or study. Therefore I have the recommendation below, but also a attempting to spread a survey being undertaken by YouthLaw, alongside YDAS (Youth Disability Advocacy Service), to determine the full effect of this on students.

I also continue to be involved in Students for Palestine, with our hugely successful Palestine Solidarity Week last month. Countless people came to look at the exhibition, outlining the history of the creation of Israel on Palestinian land and the frequent massacres and atrocities committed by Israel against the Palestinians and their neighbours such as Lebanon. The music, the shisha pipe and the halal barbeque created a real atmosphere. It was wonderful to see the Melbourne University Islamic Society (UMIS) host a stall at the event.. The event showed to students involved in UMIS that the union does not buy into the stereotyping of Muslims prevalent in the media. Given the On Wednesday 180 people turned up to hear Antony Loewenstein speak. A prominent Jewish critic of Israel, he spoke on the need for more Jewish people to feel confident to oppose Israel's actions, and how there is nothing anti-Semitic about criticising Israel's military attacks on innocent civilians. The week finished with the Feast, attended by over 300 people, who enjoyed amazing home-cooked middle eastern food, a live oud performance (a traditional middle eastern instrument) and comedy from one of the "Salam Café" crew. It was great to have so many people celebrating a culture that is being destroyed and denigrated on a daily basis. It is outrageous that people in the union are still attempting to block funding for such a cultural awareness event, particularly when as Welfare Officer my job involves tackling racism. Perhaps I should only concern myself with white, English speaking students and ignore the vast number of Muslim and Arab students on campus who suffer racism, discrimination and harassment here on campus and around the city.

Recommendation 1:

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Finance Sub-Committee Report



According to Financial Regulations (rule 5.1) the Finance Sub-Committee shall have a standing delegation from Students' Council for approving expenditure of non-Departmental UMSU monies of an amount not greater than \$500 per transaction.

On 7 April Finance Sub-Committee met and resolved matters relating to the Media Department which had been included in the Media Report. While convention has occasionally seen Media Department matters determined by Finance Sub-Committee it appears that this may have been a procedural irregularity. However, the Financial Regulations most likely specify non-departmental expenditure to avoid interfering with the business of a Committee and the Media Department does not have a Committee. Perhaps Students' Council can clarify whether Finance Sub-Committee may approve Media Department expenditure where the Media Report is not attended to during Students' Council meetings.

Finance Sub-Committee also approved funds for extra security services personnel to attend and support the April 21 General Meeting.

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee

Meeting 1/09

UNCONFIRMED

12 PM, 7 April 2009

Location: Student Office-Bearer's Space, Union House



Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

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

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 No previous minutes

3. Media Department

- 3.1 Stationery Materials
- 3.2 Promotional Activities
- 3.3 *The Worm* Website

4. General Meeting (April 21)

- 4.1 Security

5. Other Business

6. Next Meeting

7. Close

Meeting opened at: 12.20 PM, by Shaun Khoo

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That be Shaun Khoo elected Chair.

Moved: Shaun Khoo

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Brendan Thomas-Noone, Clinton Markwell, James Smith, Rudolph Hosri, Shaun Khoo, Lauren Henderson (Facilities Manager, Building Services)

Absent

Carla Drakeford, Tristan Clack

1.4 Apologies

Tristan Clack

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda.

Moved: from Chair

CARRIED

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

No previous minutes.

Agenda Item 3: Media Department

Media Department expenditure was not attended to in the recent Students' Council.

3.1 Stationery Materials

The Media Department requires the approval of funding for stationery used to purchase cover materials.

Motion 3: That the Committee approves \$38.54 from the Stationery line of the Media Department to go towards recouping costs for the purchase of cover materials for Edition 2.

Moved: Brendan Thomas-Noone Seconded: Shaun Khoo

CARRIED

3.2 Promotional Activities

The Media Department requires the approval of funding for the Edition 1 launch party.

Motion 4: That the Committee approves \$200.00 from the Promotional Activities line to go towards recouping bar tab costs from the Edition 1 launch party held at Naughton's Hotel on 27th of February.

Moved: Brendan Thomas-Noone Seconded: Shaun Khoo

CARRIED

3.3 The Worm Website

The Worm needs a website.

Motion 5: The committee approves \$70 from The Worm line of the Media Dept budget to go towards to set up costs for The Worm's website.

Moved: Brendan Thomas-Noone Seconded: Shaun Khoo

CARRIED

Agenda Item 4: General Meeting (April 21)

4.1 Security

The General Meeting on April 21 is highly controversial, involving proposed regulatory amendments and the proposed suspension of Onagh Bishop. Regular Bands and Barbecues involve a minimal security presence. Building Services has been consulted about the possible need for additional security.

Lauren Henderson is invited to speak. Discussion covers the need for security, entry points. Two security guards can be brought in for \$224.

Motion 6: That Finance Sub-Committee approves \$224 from the Whole of Union line for the payment of security fees for the General Meeting in North Court on April 21.

Moved: Shaun Khoo Seconded: James Smith

CARRIED

Agenda Item 5: Other business

No other business

Agenda Item 6: Next Meeting

Agenda Item 7: Close

Thank you for coming.

Meeting closed at: 12.30 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: