

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 4/10

CONFIRMED

12.00 pm, Tuesday 16th March 2010

Location: Office Bearer Space, Union House

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- 8.2 VCAMSA membership division
- 8.3 Melbourne University Debating Society Sponsorship Proposal
- 8.4 Socialist Alternative Posters
- 8.5 Presidents' Summit registration
- 8.6 Farrago Expenditure

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Meeting schedule

11. Close

Meeting declared open by John Shipp at 12.14AM

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

<p>Motion 1: That John Shipp chair the meeting. Moved: John Shipp CWD</p>

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

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

1.3 Attendance

Students' Council

Rachel Barrett, Tristan Clack, Louis Gregory, Jimmy Jin, Max Kaiser, Kon Moisisdis, Chris Summers, Meredith Treadwell, Kate Turnbull, Suzie Zheng

2010 Office Bearers

John Shipp (Education Academic Officer), Joshua Anderson (Education Public Officer), Rachael Lim (Welfare Officer), Lloyd McGeary (Welfare Officer), Esther Bohmer (Wom*n's Officer), David Haidon (Arts Officer), Ed Yap (Queer Officer), Dan Musil (Environment Officer), Evelyn Daniel (Environment Officer), Rachel Baxendale (Media Officer), Lucas Smith (Media officer, Sarah Laing (Media Officer), Piper O'Dowd (Clubs & Societies Officer), Jidah Clark (Indigenous Officer)

Others

Thomas Daley, Karyan Ng, Tim Arnot, Tim Forster, Cameron Shashall, James Doolan, Tin Li Am, Linqun Richard Li, Dominique Ottobre, Rachael Gore, Dan Meran, Daniel McNamara, Marijana Bosnjak

Absent

Students' Council

Anton Anin, Ming Yang Chen, Linda Gao, Paul Hosri, Frances Lewis, Elizabeth Redman, Stephanie McHenry

2010 Office Bearers

Jesse Overton-Skinner, Lydia Bevege, Rudolph Hosri, Claire Oppermann, Ellena Savage, David Evans, David Mulholland, Jonathan Donagan, Yoni Cuikerman, Shane Woon, Miriam Hamel-Green, Nic Tammens

1.4 Apologies

Jesse Overton-Skinner (President), Lydia Bevege (Secretary), Ellie Savage (Media Officer), Claire Opperman (Queer Officer), Miriam Hamel-Green (Wom*n's Officer), Nick Tammens (Arts Officer), Paul Hosri, Frances Lewis, Ming Yang Chen, Linda Gao, Paul Hosri, Elizabeth Redman

1.5 Proxies

Frances Lewis to Tim Arnot
Linda Gao to Linqun Richard Li
Paul Hosri to Thomas Daley
Elizabeth Redman to Tim Forster
Ming Yang Chen to Jimmy Jin

1.6 Membership

None.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Procedural Motion: That standing orders be suspended to accept Ming Yang Chen's proxy to Jimmy Jin.
Moved: Chair
CWD

Quorum Count: 10

Procedural Motion: That standing orders be suspended and for motions on notice to be amended as below, introducing Play With Your Food Funding as agenda Item 8.3.

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- 8.2 VCAMSA membership division
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Moved: Max Kaiser Seconded: Chris Summers
For: 5 Against: 9
LOST

Procedural Motion: That standing orders be suspended and for Agenda Item 8.4 Socialist Alternative Posters to be moved to Agenda Item 4.

Moved: Tim Arnot
For: 5 Against: 9
LOST

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Motion 2: That Students' Council adopt the agenda.

Moved: Chair
CWD

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: That the minutes from meeting 03/10 held on Thursday 18th February be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Kon Moisisdis Seconded: Jimmy Jin

CWD

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

No Correspondence.

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearer Reports

None.

Agenda Item 6: Standing Committee Reports

None.

Agenda Item 7: Other Reports

None.

Agenda Item 8: Motions on Notice

8.1 Changes to University Student Organisations Statute

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put that 'Students' Council endorses the proposed changes being made to Statute 15.1 Student Organisations and proposed new regulation, 15.1R UMSU Inc'

Moved: Chair

For: 13 Against: 1

CARRIED

Motion 4: That Students' Council endorses the proposed changes being made to Statute 15.1 Student Organisations and proposed new regulation, 15.1R UMSU Inc.

Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner Seconded: Lydia Bevege

For: 10 Against: 0 Abstentions: 4

CARRIED

8.2 VCAMSA membership division

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put that 'Students' Council endorses the proposed membership fee division that directs two thirds of membership fees collected from VCAMSA members to VCAMSA, one sixth to UMSU and one sixth to MUSUL'.

Moved: Chair

For: 14 Against: 0

CWD

Motion 5: That Students' Council endorses the proposed membership fee division that directs two thirds of membership fees collected from VCAMSA members to VCAMSA, one sixth to UMSU and one sixth to MUSUL.

Moved: Chair

For: 14 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0
CWD

8.3 Melbourne University Debating Society Sponsorship Proposal

Daniel McNamara from the Melbourne University Debating Society informed Students' Council that the 2010 Debating Championship being hosted by the University of Melbourne is seeking UMSU support and involvement both financially and as a visible presence.

Esther Bohmer acknowledged the importance of the event but considered the requested amount of \$500 as too high given the financial constraints of UMSU. Chris Summers suggested MUDs approach Clubs & Societies for additional funding as whole of union funding is extremely important to those departments who had their budgets significantly cut this year.

Jimmy Jin requested more information regarding how UMSU support will translate into increased student union membership. Daniel McNamara responded that MUDs actively encourage student union membership. Piper O'Dowd states that MUDs as a Band A club already have a high number of union members.

David Haidon suggested a split between Students' Council and C&S. Piper responded that C&S are no longer able to fund such club initiatives due to budgetary constraints. Dominique Ottobre suggested approaching other departments such as Activities for funding.

Meredith Treadwell sought clarification regarding what projected profits would that be used for. Daniel McNamara responded that profits could go to subsidising participant registrations, the provision of healthy foods and reusable water bottles. Max Kaiser stated that \$500 could be better spent on departments but believes the event should be supported but in a more symbolic fashion. Rachael Lim recommended that the registration fees be lowered for student union members as a union membership incentive.

Max Kaiser proposed an amended foreshadowed motion where Students' Council funds MUDS for \$100 instead of \$500.

Procedural Motion: That standing orders be suspended to accept Elizabeth Redman's proxy via text message to Tim Forster.

Moved: Chair

CWD

Quorum Count: 10

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put that '\$500 be given by the Students' Council on behalf of UMSU to assist in covering the costs of the Australian Intersociety Debating Championships 2010, to be hosted by Melbourne University Debating Society'.

Moved: Chair

For: 15 Against: 0

CWD

Motion 6: That \$500 be given by the Students' Council on behalf of UMSU to assist in covering the costs of the Australian Intersociety Debating Championships 2010, to be hosted by Melbourne University Debating Society.

Moved: Daniel McNamara

Seconded: Piper O'Dowd

For: 0 Against: 15 Abstentions: 0

Defeated without dissent

Foreshadowed motion: That \$100 from the whole union fund be given to MUDS for the 2010 Debating Championships.
Moved: Max Kaiser Seconded: Chris Summers
For: 14 Against: 1 Abstentions: 1
CARRIED

Jidah Clarke departed at 1.05pm

8.4 Socialist Alternative Posters

Kon Moisisdis stated that there is an issue with political organisations stating that they and their events are 'supported by UMSU' as indicated on Socialist Alternative posters, when no political organisation should have the support of the whole of student union.

Tim Arnot stated that the issue of UMSU signage on Socialist Alternative posters was raised during O-Week where clubs are required to display the UMSU logo with the words 'affiliated to'. However an early print run of posters with the old logo and wording was distributed which was brought to the attention of the C&S committee. Tim Arnot objected to Students' Council dealing with this error as a partisan issue where C&S being non-partisan are the appropriate space to deal with this issue. Tim Arnot supported voting this motion down based on partisan motives.

Procedural Motion: That the motion not be put that 'both the Socialist Alternative Club affiliated to UMSU and the Socialist Alternative Organisation be informed that they may not put up posters or distribute material that states that they are supported or in anyway endorsed by UMSU without following due process of seeking approval of Students' Council or relevant departmental committees'.
Moved: Chair
For: 16 Against: 0
CWD

8.5 Presidents' Summit registration

Presidents' Summit Registration was approved by Finance Sub-Committee (FSC) on 15/3/10

8.6 Farrago Expenditure

Farrago Expenditure for launch parties one and two were approved by FSC on 15/3/10

Piper O'Dowd departs at 1.10pm
Linqun Richard Li departs at 1.10pm
Jimmy Jin departs at 1.10pm
Tristan Clack departs at 1.10pm
Suzie Zheng departs at 1.10pm
Thomas Daley departs at 1.10pm

Quorum Count: Quorum Lost

Agenda Item 9: Other Business

9.1 Play With Your Food funding

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put and ratified at the next Students' Council Meeting, with amendment to the motion to read 'whole of union'
Moved: Max Kaiser Seconded: Tim Forster
CWD

Esther Bohmer reminded Students' Council that Play With Your Food is a free vegetarian dinner operating on Monday evenings, a service which is for many students is the difference between having a meal and not having a meal. Tim Forster stressed the importance of whole of union funding Play With Your Food as it targets the entire student body. Some support should also come from Welfare.

Dominique Ottobre requested a budget breakdown for Play With Your Food.

Procedural Motion: That the motion, as amended by the mover, be put 'That \$750 be authorised for expenditure by UMSU OBs to be spent on gas hire and groceries for Play With Your Food from the whole of union line'.

Moved: Chair

For: 7 Against: 0

CWD

Motion 7: That \$750 be authorised for expenditure by UMSU OBs to be spent on gas hire and groceries for Play With Your Food from the whole of union line.

Moved: Max Kaiser

Seconded: Tim Forster

For: 7 Against: 0

CWD

9.2 Bullying, Harassment & Discrimination

Esther Bohmer expressed concern over recent events in the UMSU office that involved guests of OBs entering the offices of other OBs uninvited and in an intimidating fashion, resulting in OBs feeling unsafe and vulnerable. The advice given to OBs to keep doors closed and write a log of events is deemed inadequate. Esther stressed that OBs are responsible for the behaviour of their guests as well as their own, and is seeking support from Students' Council to deal with the issue before it becomes more serious.

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put 'That UMSU Students' Council discuss at the next Council meeting in Matters Arising from the Minutes the problem arising from bullying in the UMSU office.'

Moved: Chair

CWD

Motion 8: That UMSU Students' Council discuss at the next Council meeting in Matters Arising from the Minutes the problem arising from bullying in the UMSU office.'

Moved: David Haidon

Seconded: Esther Bohmer

CWD

9.3 Burnley Students' Association

The President of the Burnley Students Association expressed his disappointment regarding the inadequate funding of BSA this year. An explanation of the funding decision was requested with concern that the BSA was unaware of the December meeting where the 2010 budget was ratified. The BSA have requested that their budget be reinstated to 2007 levels. Concern was also regarding BSA accessibility to funds being less than VCAMSA.

Agenda Item 10: Next Meeting

Next meeting cannot be scheduled as President and Secretary are not present.

Agenda Item 11: Close

Meeting closed at: 1.28PM

Motions without notice to carry over to next meeting

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: