

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Minutes of the Students' Council  
Meeting 7/10**

***CONFIRMED***

**12.00 pm, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**Location: MUVT1, Level 3, Union House**

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**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**7. Other Reports**

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- 8.1 Student Representative Network repeal

**9. Other Business**

**10. Next Meeting**

**11. Close**

**Meeting declared open by Jesse Overton-Skinner at 12:09PM**

**Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters**

**1.1 Election of Chair**

<p><b>Motion 1:</b> That Jesse Overton-Skinner chair the meeting. Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner <b>CWD</b></p>
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**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

Frances Lewis, Kon Moisisdis, Max Kaiser, Rachel Barrett, Chris Summers, Tristan Clack, Linda Gao, Suzie Zheng Ming Yang Chen, Anton Anin, Meredith Treadwell, Louis Gregory, Rachel Walters, Jimmy Jin

2010 Office Bearers

Jesse Overton-Skinner, Lydia Bevege, Rudolph Hosri, Josh Anderson, Dan Musil, Claire Opperman, Nic Tammens Evelyn Daniel, David Haidon, Ed Yap, Jono Donagan, David Mulholland, Rachel Baxendale, Lucas Smith, Ellena Savage, Jimmy Jin, Rachel Lim, David Evans

Others

James Paterson, Lucas Ryan, Jia Qi Song, Noni Sproule, Dominique Ottobre, Mark Kettle, Elliott Wall, Bruno Friedel

**Absent**

Students' Council

Kate Turnbull, Kyle Dadleh, Paul Hosri, Karyan Ng

2010 Office Bearers

John Shipp, Yoni Cukierman, Lloyd McGeary, Esther Bohmer, Miriam Hamel-Green, Sarah Laing, Piper O'Dowd, Jidah Clark, Shane Woon

**1.4 Apologies**

John Shipp, Yoni Cukierman

**1.5 Proxies**

Paul Hosri to James Paterson  
Karyan Ng to Lucas Ryan

## 1.6 Membership

Rachel Walters has replaced Elizabeth Redman on the Independent Media ticket.

## 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**Tristan Clack arrives at 12:19**

**Procedural Motion:** That the QC funding proposal (tabled) be moved to top of Matters Arising from the Minutes) taking into account that Students' Council meeting times always clash with Queer Department events.

**Moved:** Ed Yap                      **Seconded:** Claire Opperman

**FOR:** 7                      **AGAINST:** 8

**LOST**

**Procedural Motion:** That motion on notice 8.1 (SRN) be moved up to 3.1 (Matters Arising from the Minutes).

**Moved:** Louis Gregory                      **Seconded:** Meredith Treadwell

**FOR:** 6                      **AGAINST:** 9

**LOST**

**Procedural Motion:** That the agenda be adopted.

**Moved:** Chair

**FOR:** 9                      **AGAINST:** 6

**CARRIED**

### Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Chris Summers states that the minutes do not record his proxy, although he understands that his proxy was handed out at the last meeting. He requests that his proxy be minuted.

Lydia Bevege apologises for the oversight and undertakes to fix the error in the confirmed minutes.

**Motion 2:** That the minutes from meeting 06/10 held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting, with Chris Summers' proxy noted.

**Moved:** Chair

**CWD**

### Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### 3.1 Media Budget

Lucas Smith speaks to the motion, explaining that the launch party was a real success, with a higher attendance than the last one.

**Motion 3:** That Students' Council approves an amount of \$200 for the Farrago Edition 4 Launch Party. This will be deducted from the Special Projects and Events line of the Media Budget.

**Moved:** Rachel Baxendale

**Seconded:** Lydia Bevege

**CWD**

**Rachel Walters arrives at 12:25**

### 3.2 Beer Band & BBQ/WOMEN OUT FRONT

David Evans amends the motion to approve \$900 instead off \$1300 from whole of union after a revision of costs.

He explains that the Activities and Entertainment Departments cannot fund a BBQ every week, which is why they are seeking funds from Whole of Union.

He says that the Activities Department has been in discussion with the Women's Officers and is pleased that they will be hosting a joint Beer, Band and BBQ Event with the Women's Department.

He encourages all OBs to get involved with the Beer, Band and BBQ Events because they are a great way to raise a Department's profile.

Meredith Treadwell asks how the Women's Department is involved in the event. Evo explains that they are working towards the BBQ featuring a band with a female lead singer (a woman out front).

Chris Summers asks, since there have been several motions of late that take funds out of Whole of Union, if the Council can be provided with an up-to-date figure of how much has been spent and how much has is left in the Whole of Union budget line.

Jesse undertakes to find out how much has been committed to date and to provide Council with that information.

**Motion 4:** That \$1300 from Whole of Union line be transferred to the Entertainment Department to cover part of the costs associated with running the joint Tuesday Beer Band and BBQ Women Out Front with the Women's Department on the 27/4/2010.

**Moved:** David Evans

**Seconded:** Dave-o Mulholland

**FOR:** 14

**AGAINST:** 0

**ABSTENTIONS:** 2

**CARRIED**

### 3.3 Asylum Seekers

**Procedural Motion:** That the following motion not be put:

*UMSU condemns the decision of the Australian Government to freeze the processing of asylum claims of nationals from Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. People from these countries are fleeing torture, abuse and war. The right to seek asylum is protected by the UNHCR. Article 14.1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 states "Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution." Rudd's blatant disregard for this right is even more hypocritical given that he recently increased the number of Australian troops in Afghanistan.*

*UMSU also condemns the reopening of detention centres like Curtin, Pamela Curr from the Asylum Seeker Resource centre called Curtin a "hellhole" and Amnesty International's refugee coordinator said "The Australian Government's decision to reopen the centre in far northwest Australia completely ignore the clear evidence showing that remote detention has an extremely detrimental impact on asylum seekers." Curtin for example is made up of un-air-conditioned airless demountables, located in the middle of the desert where temperatures frequently reach 40 degrees. Also locking up already traumatised people indefinitely, and isolating them from human contact and medical care causes severe psychological damage, including catatonic shock and suicide attempts.*

*UMSU calls on the Rudd government to promptly process all asylum claims. We also demand an end to mandatory detention and the closure of all detention centres.*

*Moved:* Frances Lewis

*Seconded:* Rachel Barrett

**Moved:** Ming Yang Chen

**FOR:** 10

**AGAINST:** 6

**CARRIED**

### Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

No Correspondence.

## **Agenda Item 5: Office Bearer Reports**

Jesse passes the Chair to Lydia to speak to her report.

### **5.1 Presidents' Report**

*I attended the Melbourne Experience Group meeting at which the Melbourne Experience Survey, GoT and other survey results were discussed. It became clear that while many students undertook the survey, not many students actually knew what was being done as an outcome of the survey. While there are many shortfalls indicated by various surveys that have yet to be adequately addressed, there have been a number of areas improved upon as a direct result of feedback. Students are more likely to complete surveys if they believe that their feedback is going to be acted upon, not ignored, by the University.*

*I am working with the Provost to both ensure that all shortfalls highlighted in survey results continue are addressed, and to improve the ways in which survey results and what the University is actually doing to fix them are communicated to students.*

*Speaking of surveys, it would be great if you could remind students to undertake the NUS Quality Survey that I mentioned in my last report- it can be accessed at [www.unistudent.com.au](http://www.unistudent.com.au).*

*It's that time of year again- the audited financial records have been approved by Students' Council and Lydia, Justin and I have signed off on them. Please find preamble and motions below regarding the UMSU 2010 AGM.*

*Please find below motions and information regarding UMSU Event Risk Assessment and Safe Food Handling.*

#### **UMSU AGM 2010 Motions**

*In the past, UMSU AGMs have struggled to reach quorum. We believe that the UMSU AGM should not only be regarded as a legal requirement of an incorporated organisation but a celebration and showcase of all that UMSU has to offer.*

*The AGM provides an exciting opportunity to promote the fantastic work and events run by UMSU Departments and affiliated clubs and societies. Through booking (and if necessary, hiring) tables and sending an invitation to all OBs and affiliated clubs to have a stall at the AGM, we will increase the number of attendees through both club members attending and those who may be interested in joining clubs. Tables would be limited in number and allocated on a first in, best dressed policy, with OBs being given the chance to book a stall before it is open to clubs and societies.*

*It is also an opportunity to offer students a taste of the benefits they could receive as Student Union members, through holding a traditional (but larger than usual) Tuesday BBQ on the day. This is another great incentive for students to attend the AGM.*

*The only way we can ensure that quorum is reached is through a strong publicity campaign. It will be important to publicise via the Membership emails, asking C&S department to email all clubs and societies, using departmental email lists and Facebook groups. In the lead up to the AGM, it will be important to lecture bash, poster and leaflet students and I would encourage all Office Bearers and Councillors to get involved in this process. Rather than the usual begging of students to come and help their union survive, this will be an invitation to get more involved in the union and see what it has to offer (and free food is always well received!).*

***Motion 1: That Students' Council calls the UMSU AGM for 12.50pm Tuesday, 18 May, 2010 at North Court or at another appropriate venue if North Court is unavailable.***

*Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner*

*Seconded: Lydia Bevege*

***Motion 2: That Students' Council approves the funding of the UMSU Annual General Meeting Event (budget attached) of up to \$2,100 from the Whole of Union(Special Projects line).***

*Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner*

*Seconded: Lydia Bevege*

*UMSU AGM PROPOSED BUDGET*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<b><i>Student Union AGM Festival</i></b>	
<i>BBQ ( to go to Entertainment Department to run)</i>	<i>Up to 1600</i>
<i>Equipment hire (mike and speakers)</i>	<i>up to 200</i>
<i>Table hire</i>	<i>Up to 200</i>
<b><i>Total expenditure for UMSU AGM 2010</i></b>	<b><i>2000</i></b>

***Motion 3: That Students' Council appoint Clements Dunne Bell as the auditors for the 2010 financial year.***  
*Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner*  
*Seconded: Lydia Bevege*

Lydia invites discussions around the first three motions about the AGM in Jesse's report.

Noni Sproule says that there must be a location given in the motion where the AGM will be held. Jesse responds that the AGM will take place in North Court.

Max Kaiser argues that the AGM should not require so much extra funding from Whole of Union, and should just be held in conjunction with a regular Beer, Band and BBQ event that has already been scheduled and budgeted for. He also says that UMSU shouldn't be giving people free food at the AGM because it may be construed as incentives to vote.

Dave-o Mulholland says that there is not a Beer, Band and BBQ scheduled on that date and that Activities does not have the enough money to run an extra one, nor feed the extra people that would be expected if the AGM was held concurrently.

**Frances Lewis leaves at 12:35pm, proxies to 1. Liam Byrne, 2. Tim Arnot, 3. Jade Eckhaus, 4. Pheobe Kelloway**

Jimmy Jin commends the motion to the Council, saying that the more festive atmosphere should help to get the meeting quorum, and is a great way to promote all that UMSU has to offer. He says it is a good idea particularly in light of the failed AGM attempts from last year.

**Claire Oppermann leaves at 12:37**

Max Kaiser asks what will happen at the meeting. Jesse responds that there will be two administrative motions that relate to the financials, and that Office Bearers will be given an opportunity to make a report.

Rachel Barrett asks why we cannot just hold the AGM at a regular Beer, Band and BBQ to save money out of Whole of Union. Jesse responds that there are time restraints on when the AGM can be held and that it is important for UMSU to meet the requirements of our legal obligations as an Incorporated entity.

David Haidon says that he has heard from Shaun Khoo that it only costs a \$30 fee to delay holding the AGM and not fulfil UMSU's legal obligations. He says it would make sense to just pay the \$30 and hold the AGM later at a time concurrent with a already scheduled and budgeted for Beer, Band and BBQ event.

Meredith Treadwell agrees that the AGM should be scheduled to tack onto the end of an existing Activities Beer Band and BBQ.

David Haidon reiterates that the \$30 should just be paid in order to save money out of Whole of Union.

Bruno Friedel says this motion is problematic because Council doesn't know exactly how much is left in the Whole of Union fund at the moment.

**Procedural Motion:** That the first three motions on the Presidents' Report pertaining the Annual General Meeting now be put on bloc.

**Moved:** James Paterson

**FOR:** 10      **AGAINST:** 5

**CARRIED**

**Motions 5, 6 and 7:**

That Students' Council calls the UMSU AGM for 12.50pm Tuesday, 18 May, 2010 at North Court or at another appropriate venue if North Court is unavailable.

That Students' Council approves the funding of the UMSU Annual General Meeting Event (budget attached) of up to \$2,100 from the Whole of Union(Special Projects Line).

That Students' Council appoint Clements Dunne Bell as the auditors for the 2010 financial year.

**Moved:** Jesse Overton-Skinner

**Seconded:** Lydia Bevege

**FOR:** 10      **AGAINST:** 5

**CARRIED**

Bruno asks who is taking the minutes. Lydia responds that she is. Bruno says that he would like to see the minute-taker take the minutes in a more visually observable manner.

Jesse speaks to the second part of her report regarding Safe Food Handling.

**Event Risk Assessment and Safe Food Handling at UMSU Departmental Events**

*Given the number of events run by various Departments of UMSU that involve giving away food, it is important that we develop a Safe Food Handling policy. As an interim measure, any Union run event should create and follow a Food Plan as good practice. These should then be kept on file in the event that an UMSU Department needs to demonstrate that the persons running an event have taken due care in following safe food handling practices. Using the Clubs and Societies Food Plan as a guide, there is a draft food plan attached. This would be filled out by a nominated supervisor with a Safe Food Handling certificate of any given union event. This is particularly important because we are aware that the Melbourne City Council has taken a very strong stance regarding this matter.*

*It has also come to my attention that many Union events run by officebearers and/or departments have not undertaken a risk assessment with Marisa. This is a simple process that involves sitting down with Marisa and talking her through an event and she will fill out the Risk Assessment accordingly. If an event is ongoing, officebearers only need to undertake one Risk Assessment per year.*

*While Risk Assessments apply for the entire year, if an office bearer and/or departmental event is ongoing and will be serving food, it should be required that a safe food handling form should be filled out for every event. This both shows that those office bearers and or departments have shown due care and acts as a constant reminder that safe food handling should be practiced at every event.*

**Motion 4:** *That all Office-Bearers or UMSU departmental event coordinators undertake an Event Risk Assessment with Marisa for events. That until a Safe Food Handling Policy can be developed, organisers of Union Events should nominate a supervisor with a Safe Food Handling Certificate to create a Food Plan and ensure that it is implemented at the event. This Food Plan will go on file and be available to anybody who requests it. The process for events then becomes:*

*OBs want to organise or has organised an event*

*--> contact Marisa to check if an ERA has been done for the year. If not, do one.*

--> *If event involves food, relevant risks will be identified and event will need to follow Safe Food Handling guidelines, including completion of the UMSU Safe Food Handling form*  
--> *Marisa will forward copies of the ERA to the OBs and Facilities Manager (standard procedure for all Student Union ERAs)*  
--> *OBs hand in a copy of the ERA with the Safe Food Handling form to Marijana.*

Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner

Seconded: Lydia Bevege

Lydia invites discussion around this area of Jesse's report and its relevant motion.

Max Kaiser asks if there is already a procedure in place for regular events that are run by Office Bearers. Jesse responds that if an event is regular, a Safe Food Handling report must be lodged twice a year.

Rachel Lim asks what measures would have to be in place if this motion passes. Jesse responds that she would work with Marissa Simanjuntak to come up with guidelines that ensure safety and duty of care that Office-Bearers should observe when conducting events.

**Procedural Motion:** That the motion now be put.

Moved: James Paterson

**FOR: 10 AGAINST: 5**

**CARRIED**

**Motion 8:** That all Office-Bearers or UMSU departmental event coordinators undertake an Event Risk Assessment with Marisa for events. That until a Safe Food Handling Policy can be developed, organisers of Union Events should nominate a supervisor with a Safe Food Handling Certificate to create a Food Plan and ensure that it is implemented at the event. This Food Plan will go on file and be available to anybody who requests it. The process for events then becomes:

OBs want to organise or has organised an event

- contact *Marisa to check if an ERA has been done for the year. If not, do one.*
- *If event involves food, relevant risks will be identified and event will need to follow Safe Food Handling guidelines, including completion of the UMSU Safe Food Handling form*
- *Marisa will forward copies of the ERA to the OBs and Facilities Manager (standard procedure for all Student Union ERAs)*
- *OBs hand in a copy of the ERA with the Safe Food Handling form to Marijana.*

Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner

Seconded: Lydia Bevege

**FOR: 12** (Kon Moisisdis, Karyan Ng through Lucas Ryan, Paul Hosri through James Paterson, Louis Gregory, Meredith Treadwell, Anton Anin, Rachel Walters, Jimmy Jin, Tristan Clack, Linda Gao, Suzie Zheng, Ming Yang Chen

**AGAINST: 0**

**ABSTENTIONS: 3** (Chris Summers, Rachel Barrett, Max Kaiser)

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 Secretary's Report

Jesse resumes the Chair.

Lydia says that she has received a motion that the mover wants moved during her report, but says that Office-Bearers are not obliged to move other people's motions during their Report. She says the motion can be moved under Other Business.

Louis Gregory says that the motion should be moved now as it pertains to the Secretary's Report.

Dominique Ottobre, Noni Sproule, Elliott Wall and Meredith Treadwell verbalise agreement with Louis.



Lydia reiterates that Office-Bearers are not obliged to move other people's motions during their Report.

**Procedural Motion:** That the motion now be put that reads:

"That the Secretary be directed to ensure that the agenda be circulated to all OBs and SC's no less than 48 hours before the scheduling of students' council."

Moved: Louis Gregory                      Seconded: Meredith Treadwell

Moved: Max Kaiser

FOR: 6                      AGAINST: 9

LOST

**Procedural Motion:** That the motion not be put.

Moved: James Paterson

FOR: 9                      AGAINST: 6

CARRIED

Lydia speaks to her report.

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- *I have yet to be contacted by the Vice-Chancellor or the Dean of the Faculty of Law regarding their respective appointments to the Grievance Tribunal*
- *In order to find a suitable individual to fill UMSU's appointment to the Grievance Tribunal, I will be placing an advertisement in the University of Melbourne Staff news seeking expressions of interest from University of Melbourne staff who may qualify and be interested in the position*
- *I will also be contacting the Law Institute of Victoria to determine whether they have a newsletter in which a similar advertisement can be placed*

CRRWG

- *Minutes of last meeting are being circulated to councillors today*
- *Invitation for submissions have gone out on website*
- *I am in touch with the Provost's office regarding the possibility of circulating the invitation via a student-wide email*
- *I have been in touch with Farrago in order to arrange an invitation to be published in the next edition*
- *The invitations will be included in the next UMSU membership email update*
- *I am investigating the possibility of disseminating the invitation via the student portal as well*

Jesse invites discussion around the Secretary's Report.

Elliott Wall states that the fact that the agenda for this meeting was only sent out last night gave Councillors and others inadequate time to prepare for the meeting.

Mark Kettle demands that it be minuted that he thinks that the Secretary is not doing her job properly.

Noni Sproule says that the agenda that is mailed out to Councillors is different to the hard copy one that is provided to councillors in the meeting.

Jimmy Jin says that the mailing out of the agenda late was an isolated incident, and that at every single other meeting the Secretary has given adequate notice and mailed out the agenda on time.

Lydia explains that she had sent out the agenda on Friday afternoon, which was well over 48 hours in advance of the meeting, but that due to an email glitch it did not reach its recipients. She was only made aware of this the night before the meeting, hence the reason the agenda was late. She assures Council that it will not happen again. She also explains that Councillors and Office-Bearers often send her motions that they expect to be put on the agenda only a day before the meeting, which is why the hard copy agenda sometimes differs.

Rachel Barrett suggests that Council should suspend Standing Orders before accepting any motions or reports that are not included in the soft copy agenda emailed to councillors because they are not submitted in time.

Lydia agrees that this a good idea, and encourages councillors and Office-Bearers to submit any before the 48 hour period before a meeting.

**Procedural Motion:** That the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Moved: Rachel Lim

**FOR: 12            AGAINST: 3**

**CARRIED**

Jesse says that they forgot to accept the President's Report.

**Procedural Motion:** That the President's Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

#### **5.4 Education Academic Report**

Rudy Hosri speaks to the report.

*This past month, it has been a real struggle to hold a quorate meeting of the Staffing Sub-Committee to confirm SRN appointments. But we have finally done so.*

*The Student Representative Network is possibly one of the most important functions of UMSU, as it gives students an opportunity to monitor and have input into University policy making, and bring possible issues of concern to the attention of the Education (Academic) Officers.*

*We are now laying plans to bring together SRN members, brief and train them so that they can properly perform their new duties. There are a number of University Committee meetings coming up, so any deliberate attempt to delay the appointment process even further due to the squabbles of one faction in particular should not be given satisfaction. That is why efforts to delay the appointment process even further in today's Student Council meeting should be treated with contempt.*

*That one particular faction, having used SRN as a recruitment ground for first-year members and completely politicizing their appointments in the past should not be taken seriously on this matter.*

*On a more happy note, we are in the process of planning for the development of an official policy regarding SRN, as it has been run in a very ad hoc manner in the past, and with little guidance from year to year for new Ed Ac Officers.*

*No recommendations.*

**Procedural Motion:** That the Education Academic Report be accepted.

Moved: Rachel Lim

**FOR: 10            AGAINST: 5**

**CARRIED**

Ed Yap and Meredith Treadwell seek discussion around the procedural motion, which was put and carried before any questions or comments could be made regarding the Education Academic Report.

Jesse responds that there can be no debate around a procedural motion and that the Chair is obliged to put procedural motions whenever they are moved, and if they are carried that that is the will of the council.

Jesse names Noni Sproule, Ed Yap and Meredith Treadwell for being disruptive and rude while OBs are trying to give reports.

Dominique Ottobre calls for a Quorum Count. There are 13 councillors present. QUORUM MAINTAINED

#### 5.4 Education Public Report

Josh Anderson speaks to the report.

*Since the last Students' Council meeting, Education Public has made efforts to promote the NUS Quality of Education survey. Thanks to the help of the Welfare Office, we have sent out a message to all members of the group recommending that they fill out this survey and I hope to have some posters ready to go up soon. I have also been recommending this to all of my friends.*

*With SRN successfully passed only recently, I have been appointed to Selection Procedures Committee and Coursework Examinations Subcommittee. I attended my first committee meeting yesterday and look forward to attending all future meetings.*

*Education Public is also exploring ways to run a campaign around workplace rights. I understand that RMIT had some relevant guest speakers along earlier this year so intend to contact the Education OB at RMIT to find out how successful their campaign was and how we might implement something along those lines here at Melbourne.*

Bruno says that he hopes that the Education Public Officers are liaising with International Students as part the Your Rights at Work Campaign, because it is often International Students who are not aware of their Rights at Work and are most vulnerable to unfair treatment.

Josh Anderson says that they intend to do so.

Bruno asks about the SRN meeting held yesterday, because he says he went past Joe Nap yesterday at midday and couldn't see a meeting.

Josh explains the Bruno that the SRN does not hold its own meetings, but that the SRN is actually a series of appointments to University Committees, and that the meeting he referred to in his Report was the Committee he had been appointed to.

Elliott Wall asks Josh if he is disappointed that it took so long for the SRN appointments to be made.

Josh says that he was not personally troubled, but that the SRN appointments were not part of his responsibilities.

**Procedural Motion:** That the Education Public Report not be accepted until the speaking list on the Report is exhausted.

**Moved:** Dominique Ottobre

**FOR:** 13      **AGAINST:** 2

**CARRIED**

Dominique questions whether Josh and other SRN appointees should be attending the meetings of the Committees they have been appointed to since Students' Council has not confirmed the appointments.

Josh responds that he assumes that his appointment is legitimate.

Bruno agrees with Dominique that since the appointments have not been confirmed by Students' Council that SRN appointees should not be attending meetings.

**Procedural Motion:** That discussion of the SRN network be deferred until Motion on Notice 8.1.

**Moved:** Jimmy Jin

**FOR:** 10      **AGAINST:** 5

**CARRIED**

**Procedural Motion:** That Motion on Notice 8.1 be moved up to be discussed immediately after Office-Bearer Reports.

Moved: Max Kaiser

**FOR: 5                      AGAINST: 10                                      CARRIED**

**Procedural Motion:** That the Education Public Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**FOR: 9                      AGAINST: 0                                      ABSTENTIONS: 6                                      CARRIED**

### **5.5 Welfare Report (delivered verbally)**

Rachel Lim states that the Welfare Department has been very busy and has had an extremely successful few weeks.

She says that the Free Breakfasts are still hugely popular and running under budget.

She says that the English Language Tutoring Service is going extremely well, with heaps of popularity. She explains that the service is like conversation classes for International Students to improve their English in a friendly, no-pressure way. She says she is looking for volunteers to help out, and says that it is a great opportunity to help International Students really settle in by helping them improve their language and meet new people. She says its essentially a bridging service between local and international students, and says that she has learned so much from all the international students she has tutored, and found it very rewarding and worthwhile.

She says she is also working with the Union's advocacy service to see how they can promote the advocacy service better, particularly among International students.

She says she is hoping to get a Welfare stall up at the AGM, with condoms and other pamphlets to help raise awareness about STIs and mental health. She says she is hoping to set up a permanent stand outside her office with that sort of information there too.

She says she is hoping to work with MUOSS to get a multi-cultural forum off the ground.

She says that she is happy to be getting involved in Play With Your Food, and said she particularly enjoyed the meal cooked by Jesse Overton-Skinner at the last Play With Your Food Session.

Dominique asks if you need to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> language to volunteer at the Tutoring Service, and whether there is any formal training for volunteers.

Rachel says you don't have to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> language, and that the Welfare Department provides basic, non-formal training to volunteers. She reiterates that it is a speaking based service, as well as being a social environment, so formal training is not really necessary. She emphasises the fact that the service provides a friendly and social atmosphere, rather than academic training.

**Procedural Motion:** That the Welfare Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

### **5.6 Women's Report**

None received.

### **5.7 Arts Report (delivered verbally)**

David Haidon says that the grants process is going very well, and that the Arts Department has approved about half a dozen grants so far.

He says he and Nic are in discussion with the women's officers to try and get a joint program between the two departments up and running.

He raises a concern about the University increasing the hire costs of their theatres and other performance spaces. Jesse asks how much they are charging. David responds that it can now cost up to \$90-\$100 an hour, with a minimum of 3 hour hire. He says this is adversely impacting on performance and creative arts students.

He says he is trying to broach the topic with buildings and services but has found them quite unresponsive so far. He says he is working with the union theatre board to try to find a solution. Jesse offers to raise the matter with Lowan Sist, but David explains that it has more to do with the University than MUSUL, and that the Union doesn't have performing spaces that meet many of the students' needs.

Dominique asks whether or not it is possible for performing and creative arts students to use the space available at the VCA. David responds that they have not been able to broach the possibility at this stage.

David raises the issue of Mudfest being funded only every second year when it is held, and he thinks that it might be better to fund it every year, with the money being put away in the off-years when Mudfest isn't held, instead of taking a lot of money out of the budget every two years.

Chris Summers says that he agrees regarding the funding of Mudfest annually instead of every second year, and also says that Mudfest should be better communicated to students because it is something that a lot of students would be interested in getting involved in if they know about it.

**Procedural Motion:** That the Arts Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

## **5.8 Activities Report**

Jesse notes that the Activities Officers have had to leave to administer the Tuesday BBQ but draws Council's attention to their report.

*Since last Student Council meeting the Activities Department has been involved in running 2 events. Our cocktail party went ahead well, and we ended up just short of 250 people, which was an excellent final result. This meant we ended up drawing profit from this event, as well as selling about 150 more tickets than last year. The other event that we were involved in was Comedy comp. We had more than 3 times more entries than usual this year, and had the whole members lounge full, with people forced to sit on the ground. 2 more trivia nights are coming up this semester.*

**Procedural Motion:** That the Activities Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

Frances Lewis returns at 1:32

## **5.9 Queer Report and tabled Motion regarding Queer Council**

Ed Yap speaks to the Queer report.

### ***O'Week***

*It was important that the Queer Department have a strong showing at O'Week to reach out to new queers on campus. We felt that we did. Our picnic had a huge attendance, upwards of 60 new queers, and our special guest performers, Godzilla and Mummy Complex, helped us draw in crowds to our very out-of-the-way stall during the Union Carnival Day. We managed to hand out all of the 150 zines that we printed and our badges were a huge hit.*

### ***Queerspace Opening***

*The idea behind the Queerspace Opening was so that queers who had not previously known the existence of such a space because of how secluded it is could be introduced to it and encouraged to use it. We are delighted to inform, again, that the event was quite a success, with 60 new queers in attendance. Godzilla and Mummy Complex performed once again and were popular with the crowd.*

*We feel that the success of both the Picnic and Opening were crucial in attracting new students to our events*

### **Regular Events**

*Our regular events are Queery, Screenqueer and QUACK. Queery is a discussion group on queer theory and queer experiences and this has proved to most popular with 20-30 queers and friends regularly coming to the event. We have shown four movies at Screenqueer and they have attracted similar numbers. QUACK is an activist collective and we're currently in the midst of planning an anti-homophobia/transphobia campaign. (See below)*

### **Liaising**

*We have been doing some serious networking with various queer groups outside of the university such as the {also} foundation, Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria, Melbourne Sexual Health Centre and The Victorian Aids Council. These groups have been kind enough to provide us with resources free-of-charge which will be utilised in future campaigns.*

*We have been collaborating with Queer representatives and officers from Monash, Swinburne, RMIT, Deakin and La Trobe universities in order to strengthen the queer Melbourne student community. We ran an event involving Friday night drinks and attending a large monthly queer party. We estimate that there were at least 150 students in attendance and the night was a big success. We'll continue to work with the Cross-Campus Queer Network to coordinate social events and political campaigns.*

*We were contacted by a bunch of queer students from Biomed to help them set up their own queer group. We had lunch with 10-15 of them yesterday and discussed possible activities that they could run. An outing to the cinema has been planned.*

### **QC**

*We will be taking a delegation of at least 15 students to Queer Collaborations 2010, the annual queer conference which is held in Wollongong this year. We are working to locate the cheapest accommodation possible, and the most cost-effective modes of travel, in cooperation with delegations from other CCQN Melbourne universities. Nevertheless, our budget has not capacity to cover even the base level subsidies that will allow students to attend. Queer students often face challenges in finding housing and employment because of heterosexism and workplace discrimination, and thus end up relying on Government support or in low-paying jobs. Queer delegates will not be able to attend QC if the Queer Department does not receive funding from the Whole of Union.*

*(See QC motion)*

### **Anti-Homophobia/Transphobia Campaign**

*We are currently in the midst of planning for 'International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia'. Our collective is meeting regularly and coming up with ideas for the day. Our project is centred around getting students who might not otherwise think about homophobia and transphobia to consider their impact on those who are affected.*

Ed draws council's attention to the motion regarding Whole of Union funding for participants to Queer Collaborations 2010.

UMSU Queer would like to support an UMSU delegation of 15-20 students in attending the Queer Collaborations (QC) Conference in Wollongong, from the 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2010. We propose:

**That \$1000 from Whole of Union (WoU) funds be allocated to subsidise accommodation and travel to QC 2010.**

**That Queer Committee decide upon exact division of WoU funds among attendees, taking into account whether delegates are union members, and reporting back to Student's Council.**

**That recipients of WoU funds provide reports back to Student's Council of their experiences at QC.**

**Moved: Claire Oppermanm**

**Seconded: Ed Yap**

**Support for the motion:**

QC is an amazing opportunity for queer students to network with the amazing diversity of queer students across the country and to discuss issues and ideas affecting queers. QC is a great social and learning experience

Following from the above, QC is a great place for the Queer Officers and members of the Queer Collective to learn about how other Queer Departments are run throughout the country, the knowledge from which we will be able to use in improving the running of our department.

UMSU Queer is working on fundraising projects so that we can continue to function as an active Department in second semester, however this money will not materialise in time for QC.

The conference has been publicised through our newsletters, once on our facebook group and by announcements at events. Due to the small number of places available, we only publicised QC using the methods mentioned above because we wanted to encourage attendance by students who were already active within the Queer Department.

We will take into account whether delegates are union members when allocating funding, as well as delegate's circumstances and financial need. Subsidy for union members will be up to \$100, and up to \$40 for non-union members. Figures are based on a delegation of 15, but current interest indicates that we may be taking a larger delegation, so these numbers are not concrete. The Queer Department will endeavour to cover variation from these projections, and will not request that WoU do so.

Given the Queer budget this year, if the Department does not receive funding it will not be able to afford to subsidise the delegation in any significant sense. The result will be that economically disadvantaged students who wish to attend QC will be unable to do so.

Only 2 of the 10 early registrations have attended the conference before.

We anticipate requiring a delegation of 15-20 people. Registration is in its earliest stages – 10 students have committed to attending. Given that figure, projections are based on a delegation of 15.

**Financial Details**

**Accommodation**

QC organisers quoted \$250/student as the cheapest accommodation for 5 nights (conference + travel) in Wollongong. This is ludicrous, we are searching for cheaper alternatives and combining with Monash Queer Department to reduce costs. Wollongong is small and hence expensive, we will be camping, or staying in a Youth Hostel.

***Anticipated cost, \$15/student/night(x15 students x5 nights) = \$1,125***

**Travel Costs**

We will be travelling by van or bus, in co-operation with the Monash delegation. Bus costs are not ascertainable at this point. 15 students = 3 cars, or two vans. 8-10hrs of driving by the most direct route. Petrol costs would approximate to \$175/car, \$225/van.

***Anticipated petrol cost, \$525 by car, \$450 by van. Van access will be more challenging and may incur hire costs of \$100+ (hence \$550.) Cars are accessible, hence \$525 is the projected cost.***

*The Queer Committee voted to cover substantial subsidisation of registration costs, which will come to \$650. Residual costs will be passed on to delegates.*

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**Total cost: \$1,125**  
**\$525**

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**\$1,650**  
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These are not ambit claims, but real costs that the Queer Department cannot avoid incurring if it takes students to QC. QC is an annual event and an important part of the national queer student community. The Union exists to enable students to participate in student life, and it would be extremely unjust if those students who live with economic disadvantage were barred from this experience.

The Queer Department cannot afford to cover all of these costs on the existent budget. Funding of \$1000 still leaves us \$650 short, which would be borne for the most part by those delegates who are not subject to financial hardship

- this amount will not be spread thinly. Many queer Melbourne University students are forced to leave home because of unsupportive family environments, are unable to rely on any familial financial support, and experience difficulties in finding affordable housing that is queer-friendly, and employment in workplaces which are not heterosexist, homophobic, transphobic or discriminatory. For the QC delegates, these problems are real - not merely statistical. Six hundred and fifty dollars is the maximum amount that delegates can be expected to cover.

Reporting back to Student's Council will ensure transparency of funding distribution. The Queer Department is doing its utmost to enable and support queer students in engaging fully in uni life, to encourage engagement with the Union - WoU funding for QC is wholly consistent with that aim.

More information about QC can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Queer-Collaborations-Wollongong-2010/105623642805193> and <http://uowallsorts.org>

Jimmy Jin says that since this is a large amount of money and that the motion was only tabled this morning, giving Councillors no time to consider the merits of the motion, that it should be discussed at the next meeting, especially because at the next meeting Jesse will be providing the Council with details of how much is left in the Whole of Union fund.

**Procedural Motion:** That the motion regarding Queer Council be deferred until the next meeting, to be addressed under Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Moved: Jimmy Jin

**FOR: 9**

**AGAINST: 7**

**CARRIED**

## 5.10 Environment Report

Evelyn Daniel speaks to the Report.

### ***O-WEEK***

- *Like all other OB's, held an **information stall** on the Student Services Day, which was really successful: lots of new faces.*
- *Held a **student veggie garden working bee** on the Clubs and Societies day. Dan also introduced himself to all the environment/social justice based clubs and societies (who were signing up members on the day) Again, really successful: lots of new faces and pre-prepared seedlings were handed out for free.*
- *Final day of O-week, a successful 'get-to-know-you' **environment department picnic** was held. Good turn out, to eat food provided by the food-coop and organic beer!*

### ***DURING SEMESTER***

#### ***Environment Collective***

*Held every Monday at 1pm in Graham Cornish Room A, collective meetings have had consistently great numbers (30+) and have been active meetings.*

*Split into two main working groups:*

- *The Climate Action Working Group; and*
- *On-Campus Working Group*

*So far, the **Climate Action Working Group (CAWG)** has:*

- *Organised a rally at Energy and Resources Minister Peter Bachelor's Office in opposition to the Labor Government's expansion on the coal industry.*
- *Participated in the National Day of Action against the proposed Radioactive Waste Dump in the NT.*
- *Collaborated with PEN to organise a Public Forum 'Repower Australia with Renewable Energy' with speakers from 'Beyond Zero Emissions', and 'Build the Mildura Solar Power Plant' campaign.*
- *Lots of great discussions on environmental issues (CPRS, climate change) to keep people coming back to collective!*

*The **On-Campus Working Group** has:*



- *Formed a **Food Growing Group**, which meets every Wednesday lunchtime at the student veggie patch to tend the garden, grow seedling to share with fellow students, encourage sustainable food production, etc.*
- *Held regular **clothes swaps***
- *Supported & monitored expansion of **Wash Against Waste Program***
- *Organised the first of (hopefully) many '**Greening Out**' sessions, fortnightly, relaxed get-togethers, focused on green initiatives on and off campus. These are designed to attract new, interested students to take part in the Environment Collective, and other, inter-campus environment groups.*
- *Invited guest speakers to Collective meetings. This week (week 9) collective welcomed **Ray Thomas, co-ordinator of the Regent Honey Eater project**. Ray discussed some of the details of his project, as well as the general virtues of community action on environmental issues.*
- *Worked solidly on **Sustainability Week**; participating in a **Ride to Uni Breakfast, NGO and Buskers Fair, Play with Your Food** and the workshops '**Theories of Change**' and '**Intro to Bike Mechanics**'. Also organised a **Cloths Swap** during sustainability week.*

### **Committee**

*Have held three successful meeting (quorate, with tea and biscuits!) Our regular meeting time is 1pm every other Wednesday.*

### **Events**

- ***Sustainability Week!** Huge week of sustainability events (22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March) including a **Ride to Uni Breakfast**, several forums (**Social/Economic/Political Aspects of Climate Change** [in partnership with SALP]), workshops (**bike mechanics, theories of change, gender and environmentalism**), film screening, cloths swap, **NGO and buskers fair**.*
- ***Bike Cooperative & Bike Maintenance Workshops** – Bike co-op getting active again. We have held 2 workshops so far, committed to regular workshops.*
- ***Greening Out** – a chill-out/reading/discussion/film gathering with a green twist. One so far, which was successful – more to come. Guests in week 8 included Melissa from UNIFEM, and Pat Hearps from Beyond Zero Emissions.*
- ***Reading Group***

### **Other**

- *Have worked in conjunction with the **Wom\*n's** department to develop and facilitate '**De-mysoginising the Environment Movement**' workshops. 2 workshops held so far, more to come.*

*Helping to co-ordinate*

- ***Book Cooperative** (/permanent clothes swap/ book co-op book club)*
- ***Play With Your Food***

*Constantly encouraging and advertising University environment initiatives: ie. lectures, forums, workshops and activities by Student Ambassador Leadership Program (SALP) (Sustainability collective), etc.*

### **OFF CAMPUS**

- *Attended **Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN) Training Camp** in January, to network with other environment **OB's** from around Australia and to learn/share skills for the year ahead.*
- *Very involved in the **Cross Campus Environment Network (CCEN)**, which represents Victorian Universities. Co organised a **fundraiser** and multi-university **Skill-share Camp** at Riddles Creek.*

**Procedural Motion:** That the Environment Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

Linda Gao leaves at 1:48, proxies to Ming Yang Chen

## 5.11 Media

Rachel Baxendale speaks to the Report.

*All has largely gone according to plan in the Media Office so far this year. We've put together three editions of Farrago, containing work from a wide variety of contributors, and a fourth will be out at the beginning of Week Eleven. We plan to publish five editions in second semester.*

*We've run regular Media Collective meetings and proofreading sessions and held two launch parties, with a third scheduled for next week. We've also expanded distribution to parts of campus Farrago sometimes didn't get to in the past, such as the Med Building, VCA and various campus cafes. Advertising revenue has been much greater than at the same time last year (partly because the negative impact of the Global Financial Crisis has largely passed).*

*Most excitingly, from our point of view at least, we finally have an extensive, interactive website that has gone live this week. Comparable student publications have spent several thousand dollars on the type of website we've had built. Thanks to the generosity and determination of Archana Kumar, who at Elizabeth Redman's insistence designed the site for us, and to the Union Communications Department's Alex Hammond and Lachlan Conn, the Union's senior web designer, who did considerable work to set the site up, make it compatible with existing Union sites, and teach us how to use it, we've been able to create our site at minimal cost to the Farrago budget. The site will allow us to publish news, reviews and other time-sensitive articles immediately, and greatly increase interaction with our readership, as they'll be able to comment directly on articles (though comments will be moderated for offensive content).*

*Plans for the Union's creative writing anthology, Above Water are well underway, in conjunction with the Arts Office. Advertisements seeking submissions have been put in Farrago and on the Union website, we've organised a prize through STA Travel (travel to the National Young Writers' Festival in September), and we've been in touch with the Age Melbourne Writers' Festival organisers about holding the launch at MWF, as has been done in previous years.*

*We've also been in touch with the NYWF organisers (2009 Media Officer Bhakthi Puvanenthiran being one of them) about plans for this year's festival in Newcastle. At this stage we've applied to be part of several workshops and panels, and to encourage sub-editors and contributors to attend, as has happened in previous years.*

**Procedural Motion:** That the Media Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

CWD

Lucas Smith leaves at 1:52

## 5.12 Clubs and Societies

Jono Donogan says that it has been a very busy time for the Clubs and Societies Officers due to a lot of Clubs holding their AGMs at around this time of year. He says that they are starting to get rid of the backlog of AGM paperwork which will help things to run more smoothly and efficiently.

Ellie Savage leaves at 1:52

He says that the University is making changes to the campus alcohol policy – they are in the process of reviewing the policies but that changes have already been enacted. He and Jesse have met with the academic registrar and property and campus services regarding the policy – which is that alcohol can only be served between 12 and 2pm and after 5pm due to noise complaints and mess.

He says that the decision was made without any consultation with UMSU and without even alerting UMSU to the change.

He says that apart from that, C&S have been holding AGM Training for Club executives.

Dominique asks whether the AGM training session that is being conducted during the UMSU AGM will be moved. Jono replies that he is not sure but that he will look into it.

Dominique asks whether there is actually anything UMSU can do with regards to the campus alcohol policy. Jono responds that UMSU as a representative organisation can lobby the University for a better outcome for students.

Kon asks what will happen if Clubs ignore the rule and continue to serve alcohol outside the hours specified. Jono responds that those involved could have action taken against them under the General Misconduct Statute.

Jesse state that the University policy doesn't address the real issue, which is that security doesn't communicate noise/mess complaints to the people who are involved, which means that they cannot take steps to rectify the situation.

**Procedural Motion:** That the Clubs and Societies Report be accepted.

Moved: Chair

**CWD**

### **5.13 Indigenous Report**

None received.

### **5.14 VCA Campus Co-ordinator Report**

None received.

Frances Lewis leaves at 2:03

## **Agenda Item 6: Standing Committee Reports**

### **6.1 Staffing Sub-Committee**

Lydia says that Staffing Sub-Committee Minutes were circulated to Councillors at the last meeting.

Dominique says that her councillors did not receive them, and that they should not be confirmed until they are emailed to Councillors.

Lydia says she will email them to Councillors ahead of the next meeting.

**Procedural Motion:** That the minutes of the Staffing Sub-Committee meeting not be confirmed until the next meeting.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

**CWD**

Max Kaiser leaves at 2:03

Lydia Bevege calls for a Quorum Count. There are 10 councillors present. **QUORUM MAINTAINED**

Chris Summers leaves at 2:04

**QUORUM LOST**

## **Agenda Item 10: Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 4.15pm.

## **Agenda Item 11: Close**

**Meeting closed at: 2.05pm**