

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Students' Council Elect

Meeting 1/10

CONFIRMED

5:30 PM, 30 November 2010

**Location: MUVT 1, Level 3
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

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Motions on Notice

- 5.1 Roles and responsibilities of councillors
- 5.2 Opening of nominations for Staffing Sub-Committee and Finance Sub-Committee
- 5.3 Budget
- 5.4 Student Representative Network

6. General Business (Motions without Notice)

7. Next Meeting

8. Close

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

The 2010 Media Officers tabled a motion concerning the 2010 Media Department budget. The motion would come under Motions on Notice as 5.5

Motion 3: That 5.5 become 5.1, and all other motions are numbered accordingly.

Moved: Lloyd McGeary Seconded: Charley Daniel

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 4: That the agenda be adopted.

Moved from the chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

No previous minutes to confirm.

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

Not applicable at this time.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

No correspondence has been received.

Agenda Item 5: Motions on Notice

5.1 2010 Media Officers motion concerning 2010 Media Department Budget

The motion was tabled by Rachel Baxendale, a 2010 Media Officer. The motion concerns monies spent by the 2010 Media Department, for which the officers have not been reimbursed, due to failure of the 2010 Students' Council to have a quorate meeting in which to approve the monies spent.

Dave Evans questions whether or not Students' Council elect, in its capacity as directors of the 2011 UMSU Operating Budget, can pass this motion, which is concerned with the 2010 UMSU Budget.

Justin Bare explained that the 2010 Media Officers came to him to request if this was at all possible, in light of repeated attempts by the 2010 Students' Council to have a quorate meeting in order to approve payments that the 2010 Media Officers had made. Technically speaking, there does not exist a mechanism by which this expenditure can be made, where Students' Council continues to fail to get quorum, and the media department's budget can only be approved by Students' Council, as there is no media committee. Justin recommended that Students' Council elect approve this expenditure, because otherwise the 2010 Media Officers would be personally liable for the spent monies.

Procedural Motion: That the motion be put.

Moved: Lloyd McGeary

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 5:

That \$2000 from the 2010 Farrago printing budget be passed to fund printing of Above Water.

That \$1000 from the "special projects" and "printing" budget lines of the 2010 Farrago budget be approved for expenditure on the Farrago Fitzpatrick awards night.

That \$600 from the 2010 Farrago "website" budget line be approved from expenditure on InDesign training for the 2011 Media Officers.

Moved: Rachel Baxendale

Seconded: Lucas Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.2 Roles and responsibilities of councillors.

Justin Bare, Fiona Sanders, Marijana Bosnjak and the Secretary-elect Dominique Ottobre have compiled a pack for Students' Councillors with information applicable to the position, as well as helpful information and copies of the Constitution, regulations, etc. The Secretary-elect requested that Students' Councillors collect their packs at the end of the meeting.

Justin Bare mentioned that similar information packs will be made available to the 2011 Office Bearers at the upcoming induction on Tuesday, 7th December, and invited Students' Councillors to attend the induction if they wished to do so.

5.3 Opening of nominations for Staffing Sub Committee and Finance Sub Committee.

Dominique Ottobre briefly explained the roles of both the Staffing and Finance Sub Committees, and the restrictions on the committees.

Motion 6:

That nominations open for the Staffing Sub Committee and Finance Sub Committee of Students' Council as of 6:30pm on Tuesday, 30th November, 2010. Nominations will close at 5pm on Thursday, 2nd December, 2010. Should a ballot for these positions be required, it will be held at the next meeting of Students' Council elect. Nominations are to be made in writing to the Secretary-elect at d.ottobre@union.unimelb.edu.au

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Mark Kettle

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.4 UMSU 2011 Operating Budget.

Jesse Overton-Skinner began discussion, by provided Students' Council with some background to the current budget negotiations, outlining that meetings had been had between the Provost, the GSA, UMSU and MUSUL.

Justin Bare continued discussion, detailing how a transitional funding agreement had been entered into with the University following the introduction of VSU. This agreement designed to continue to maintain funding for essential student services and representation. However, the agreement was also based on UMSU's funding as tied to representation solely of undergraduate students, and UMPA's (now GSA's) as representatives of postgraduate students, which is a premise UMSU still refutes. UMSU has requested that funding be instead based on activities utilised by students, and which organisations provide those activities and services. Justin and Jesse also provided further information about conversations with the Provost about the negotiations. Because these negotiations were stalled, there was no budget to present to council because the exact dollar figure UMSU would be received is unknown. However, UMSU can expect an increase.

David Haidon asked how much we would be paying MUSUL in 2011 in the form of corporate charges. Rachael Lim answered that we would not be paying MUSUL corporate charges in 2011 because of successful negotiations at MUSUL board. Justin Bare provided some information on what corporate charges were, and why we would have been expected to pay them.

5.5 Student Representative Network (SRN)

2011 Education Academic Officer Elect Mark Kettle explained briefly what the SRN was, and which committees UMSU would be represented on. Mark also explains that a full list of committee was yet unavailable because of a breakdown in communication with the University Secretary in 2010.

Mark puts Motion 7 (below, and some discussion was had about it).

Dave Evans asks why nominations need close for the SRN so early (on the 7th of December). Jesse Overton Skinner explains that we need to know who is on these committees ASAP because the University will be preparing papers and beginning meetings before the academic school year.

Charley Daniel inquires in the closing date could be after exam results were released instead. Jesse Overton Skinner again reiterates her above answer, and Mark Kettle also adds that the positions can be reopened if necessary.

Motion 7:

That Students' Council opens nominations for the 2011 Student Representative Network (SRN) immediately and retrospectively accept nominations from the previous expression of interest forms currently available on the UMSU Education: Public Affairs webpage. Nominations will close Tuesday 7th December, 2010 at 12 pm. The 2011 Education Academic Officer, 2010 President, 2010 Education Public Affairs officer Joshua Anderson, 2011 President and 2011 Secretary do all possible to promote the nominations, including Union members email, Advocacy networks and all other union avenues.

Moved: Mark Kettle

Seconded: Jesse Overton Skinner

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 6: General Business (Motions without Notice)

Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting

Students' Council directed the Secretary Elect, Dominique Ottobre, to find a time and day that was convenient to as many members of council as possible for the next meeting to occur.

Next meeting on: To be advised and requested by Students' Council.

Agenda Item 8: Close

Meeting closed at: 6:24 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: