

University of Melbourne Student Union



Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 1/11

CONFIRMED

4.00 PM, 18th January 2011

**Location: MUVT 1, Level 3
Union House**

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
 - 1.6.1 Office Bearer Leave of Absences
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes from SC-Elect on 30th November, 2010
- 2.2 Minutes from SC-Elect on 13th December, 2010

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Motions on Notice

- 5.1 Staffing Sub-Committee and Finance Sub-Committee election Report back
- 5.2 UMSU 2011 Operating Budget
- 5.3 Proposed C&S Regulation Changes

6. General Business (Motions without Notice)

7. Next Meeting

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5. Motions on Notice

5.1 Staffing Sub-Committee and Finance Sub-Committee election Report back

Six nominations were received for both Staffing and Finance Sub Committees by the close of the nomination period. This means that no ballot needs to be held and that all who nominated are declared elected. The following Councillors were elected:

Staffing Sub Committee

Nick Jarman
Liz Errol
Richa Deshpande
Ge Zhang
Kara Hadgraft
Jadon Mintern

No Office Bearers nominated for the non-voting position on Staffing Sub Committee.

Finance Sub Committee

Charley Daniel
Grant Ross
David Haidon
Emily Hughes
Grace Mugford
Rachel Walters

Stephanie Field, Clubs and Societies Office Bearer (non- voting)

Motion 1: That the Returning Officer's report be accepted, and the above Students' Councillors and Office Bearers be accepted as the Staffing and Finance Sub Committees for Semester 1, 2011

m. Dominique Ottobre s. Rachael Lim

5.2 UMSU 2011 Operating Budget

Motion 2: That Students' Council endorse and accept the budget as detailed in Appendix 1 as the UMSU 2011 Operating Budget.

m. Rachael Lim s. Dominique Ottobre

5.3 Clubs and Societies Proposed Regulation Changes

Motion 3: To recommend all these Regulation amendments to Students' Council, as recommended by the C&S Committee-Elect on November 26, 2010

m. Stephanie Field s. Cassandra Lutzko

Meeting opened at: 4.15 PM, by President, Rachael Lim

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Rachael Lim chairs this meeting of Students' Council.

Moved: Rachael Lim

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 3: That the agenda be adopted with the addition of President's Summit as Item 6.1 under General Business.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: That the minutes from Meeting 01/10 held on the 30th November 2010 and Meeting 02/11 held on the 13th December 2010 be confirmed *en bloc* as a true and accurate record of those meetings.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

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 Staffing Sub-Committee and Finance Sub-Committee election Report back

Dominique Ottobre spoke to the motion informing Students' Council that six nominations were received for both Staffing and Finance Sub Committees by the close of the nomination period. As a result no ballot was required and that all who nominated are declared elected. The following Councillors were elected:

Staffing Sub Committee

Nick Jarman

Liz Errol

Richa Deshpande

Ge Zhang

Kara Hadgraft

Jadon Mintern

No Office Bearers nominated for the non-voting position on Staffing Sub Committee.

Finance Sub Committee

Charley Daniel

Grant Ross

David Haidon

Emily Hughes

Grace Mugford

Rachel Walters

Stephanie Field, Clubs and Societies Office Bearer (non- voting)

Motion 4: That the Returning Officer's report be accepted, and the above Students' Councillors and Office Bearers be accepted as the Staffing and Finance Sub Committees for Semester 1, 2011

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Rachael Lim

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.2 UMSU 2011 Operating Budget

Rachael Lim spoke to the motion highlighting the consultation that took place in constructing the budget and the importance of passing the budget as honoraria is not currently being paid.

David Haidon expressed concern regarding the \$50,000 allocated to the NUS affiliation budget line and recommended contacting NUS for more information regarding their budgets, expenditure and projects, and read out the following motion:

'That the Secretary contact the NUS President and/or General Secretary to give a brief of current and planned 2011 NUS campaigns especially one that will include Melbourne University students and present the 2011 budget in full to Students' Council at the next Students' Council meeting after the NUS budget is set'

Moved: David Haidon

Seconded: Liz Errol

Lloyd McGeary supports passing a budget but expressed concerns regarding the lower amount set for the Indigenous department and the NUS affiliation allocation, recommending the amount allocated be transferred into the Whole of Union budget line until a decision can be made.

Dominique Ottobre explained she had contacted the NUS General Secretary and requested an outline of their budget process. NUS are still waiting on the budget sub-committee to meet. The General Secretary and Presidents of NUS are happy to attend a Students' Council meeting and speak to the requests outlined in David Haidon's motion.

Liz Errol responds to Lloyd's comments regarding the reduction in the Indigenous budget stating that the Indigenous Office Bearer Kyle Dadleh was consulted and was happy with \$4000, which was \$1000 more than what was requested. Liz also expressed concerns regarding the \$50,000 NUS affiliation allocation and would like to hear from NUS before a final decision is made.

Lloyd McGeary recommends Students' Council holds the NUS affiliation fee at the 2010 level until the NUS President/General Secretary respond.

Jadon Mintern recommends Students Council pass the proposed \$50,000 pending the discussion briefing, and if unsatisfied with the outcomes of the meeting, they can reallocate the money.

David Haidon requests from the Secretary the affiliation deadline.

Dominique Ottobre responds that the NUS Fee Review Committee are still to meet and during that meeting fee levels are decided. Once the invoice is received, UMSU will complete a fee waiver upon which UMSU awaits to see if the fee waiver is approved.

David Haidon makes an amendment to his original motions so that it now reads:

'That the Secretary contact the NUS President and/or General Secretary to give a brief of current and planned 2011 NUS campaigns especially one that will include Melbourne University students and present the 2011 budget in full to Students' Council at the next Students' Council meeting after the NUS budget is set. Also that the \$50,000 allocated to NUS cannot be spent until this meeting happens.'

Moved: David Haidon

Seconded: Liz Errol

Dominique responds that constitutionally once the money is in the budget line it can be spent but in the spirit of the sentiment expressed in the motion the money won't be spent until NUS has met with Students' Council.

Tim Forster tables a motion requesting that that Media Officer's honorarium be paid at the full time rate be added to the agenda as item 5.4.

'That the Media Officers' honorarium be set at 100% of the full time annual rate.'

Moved: Tim Forster

Seconded: Erin Handley

David Haidon requests clarification regarding the honoraria set, Dom responds that Justin Bare (UMSU Manger) has set contingencies in the budget to cater for Media Officers at 100% pay.

Jade Eckhaus, as the elected NUS Queer Officer on campus, stressed the importance of NUS and the campaigns they run and intend to run which include sexual health campaigns, safety on campus for queer students and mental health resource packs. The 2010 NUS non-affiliation meant that elected NUS representative from Melbourne University were not able to attend the NUS conference and represent students as they were elected to do. Disagrees with the David Haidon's motion and recommends that original motion to be passed.

Procedural motion: That the motion be put

Moved: Joshua Anderson

For: 4 Against: 5

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David Haidon responds that the information Jade has provided is exactly the kind of information we want to hear from NUS. Also a budget would be good to see which we never have despite repeated requests.

Geir O'Rourke supports David Haidon's comments and agrees with the importance of properly scrutinising NUS.

David Evans also agrees with transparency and expresses concern regarding Students' Council control over what happens with the money once it has been allocated

Lloyd McGeary reiterates the conditions of the motion being that NUS leadership needs to speak with Students' Council and the NUS needs to present a budget in full before we approve the expenditure

Dom responds that NUS may not be able to provide a budget and NUS affiliation fees cannot be paid regardless due to the timing of Fee Review Sub committees meeting, invoicing and fee waivers being applied for.

Jade Eckhaus asks whether Students' Council seek a NUS 2011 Operating Budget or a 2010 budget with tracked expenditure

Geir O'Rourke responds that both would be preferred particularly how money is actually spent compared to their projections.

Liz Errol states that \$50,000 is a great deal of money out of the UMSU budget, money that could be used by UMSU to represent its own students on campus and create a greater UMSU presence.

Tim Forster supports David Haidon's motion, given the detail UMSU departments provide for their budgets, so should NUS.

Motion 5: That Students' Council endorse and accept the budget as detailed in Appendix 1 as the UMSU 2011 Operating Budget.

Moved: Rachael Lim

Seconded: Dominique Ottobre

For: 6 Against: 1

Abstentions: 2

CARRIED

Motion 6: That the Secretary contact the NUS President and/or General Secretary to give a brief of current and planned 2011 NUS campaigns especially one that will include Melbourne University students and present the 2011 budget in full to Students' Council at the next Students' Council meeting after the NUS budget is set. Also that the \$50,000 allocated to NUS cannot be spent until this meeting happens.

Moved: David Haidon

Seconded: Liz Errol

For: 8 Against: 1

Abstentions: 0

CARRIED

5.3 Clubs and Societies Proposed Regulation Changes

Dominique explains to Students' Council that the motion presented will not be voted on in this meeting but is a formal notice of the regulation change presented to Students' Councils stipulated in the constitution. This is notification of two weeks notices, during which the amendment needs to be communicated to student union members and voted on in the next meeting.

Motion 7: To recommend all these Regulation amendments to Students' Council, as recommended by the C&S Committee-Elect on November 26, 2010

Moved: Stephanie Field

Seconded: Cassandra Lutzko

5.4 Media Officer's Honoraria

David Evans sought clarification regarding the proposed increase in the media officers' honoraria.

Tim Forster spoke to the motion stating that constitutionally there must be 3-4 media officers. In order to be able to get out a minimum of 8 editions, the office bearers have reduced university and work hours for what is effectively a full time position.

Elizabeth Redman spoke to the motion explaining further the tasks that this year's media officers will be engaged in, which includes managing a considerable number of sub-editors, producing a print publication, website, editing, design, event management, and an upcoming radio program.

Motion 8: That the Media Officers' honorarium be set at 100% of the full time annual rate.'

Moved: Tim Forster

Seconded: Erin Handley

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

CARRIED

Agenda Item 6: General Business (Motions without Notice)

6.1 Thank you

Motion 9: That Marijana Bosnjak be thanked for all her amazing work at UMSU and that Students' Council, Office Bearers and past Office Bearers wish her all the best in the future!

Moved: Jesse Overton-Skinner

Seconded: Dominique Ottobre

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

CARRIED

6.2 President's Summit

Rachael Lim spoke to the motion informing Students' Council of her attendance to President's Summit and request for financial assistance in paying for the registration costs. She informed council that she is paying her own accommodation and flights.

Motion 9: That \$250 from the Whole of Union budget line be spent on paying for registration costs for Rachael Lim, UMSU president to attend President's Summit.

Moved: Rachael Lim

Seconded: Dominique Ottobre

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

CARRIED

Agenda Item 7: Next Meeting

Dominique Ottobre proposed to Students' Council that the next meeting be set for Thursday 10th February at 12pm.

Motion 10: That the next Students' Council meeting be held on Thursday 10th February at 12pm with location to be confirmed.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Rachael Lim

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

CARRIED

Next meeting on: Thursday 10th February at 12pm.

Agenda Item 8: Close

Meeting declared closed at: 5.06PM by Rachael Lim

Certified by Chair:

Signed: