

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 10/11

CONFIRMED

12:00 PM, 16/08/2011

Location: Office Bearers Space, Level 1, Union House

Agenda

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- 4. Correspondence**
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 - 5.3 Education Public Affairs Officers (submitted for 9/11 SC).
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- 6. Standing Committee Reports**
- 7. Motions on Notice**
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 - 7.2 Blazing Textbooks funding proposal
 - 7.3 Prayer Room Motion
 - 7.4 Gender Equality Motion
 - 7.5 Proposed Amendments to C&S Regulations (received by Students' Council on 16 June)
- 8. General Business (Motions without Notice)**
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 10. Close**

Meeting opened at 12:10 pm by Rachael Lim

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Char

Motion 1: That Rachael Lim chair the meeting.

Moved: Rachael Lim

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgment of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

2011 Office Bearers

Dominique Ottobre (Secretary), Rachael Lim (President), Rhin Maes (Queer), Audrey Irish (Education Public), Geir O'Rourke (Media), Mark Kettle (Education Academic), Erin Handley (Media), Elizabeth Redman (Media), Stephanie Field (Clubs and Societies),

2011 Students' Councillors

Jadon Mintern, Maddee Clark, Kara Hadgraft, Phoebe Kelloway, David Haidon, Liqun Yin, Charley Daniel, Elizabeth Errol, Rachel Walters, Bridie Walsh

Absent

2011 Office Bearers

Louis Matthews (VCAMSA), Justin Nott (Arts), Elliot Wall (Education Public), Missy Henderson (Welfare), Cassandra Lutzko (Clubs and Societies), Tim Forster (Media), Liam Hedge (Welfare), Devrim van Dijk (Activities), Jonathon Webb (Activities), Danielle Asciak (Arts), Luke Nicholls (Queer), Katelyn Grimmer (Wom*n's), Maddie Egan (Environment), Esther Bohmer (Wom*n's),

2011 Students' Councillors

Adam Song, David Evans, Nick Jarman, Emily Hughes

Others

Samuel Vero, Stephen Smith

1.4 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Tim Forster, Danielle Asciak

1.5 Proxies

None received.

1.6 Membership

Springer Zhang has resigned from Students' Council and has yet to be ticket appointed.

A number of Office Bearers have applied for a leave of absence for the week starting 5th September to the 9th September in order to campaign in the UMSU Elections. They are:

- Rachael Lim
- Dominique Ottobre
- Jonathon Webb
- Devrim van Dijk
- Erin Handley
- Elizabeth Redman
- Geir O'Rourke
- Tim Forster
- Rhin Maes
- Luke Nicholls

- Audrey Irish
- Elliot Wall
- Mark Kettle
- Esther Bohmer
- Katie Grimmer
- Missy Henderson
- Maddie Egan

Motion 2: That the leaves of absence for those Officers that have applied for them as above be approved.

Moved: Elizabeth Errol

Seconded: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: That Item 7.1 Regular Meeting Schedule be moved to Item 3 on the agenda.
That Item 7.5 Proposed C&S Regulations be moved to Item 7.1 on the agenda.

Moved: Rachael Lim (from the Chair).

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 4: That the now amended agenda be adopted.

Moved: Rachael Lim (from the Chair).

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 5: That the minutes of 16 June 2011 and 02 August 2011 be accepted as true and accurate records of those meetings en bloc.

Moved: Rachael Lim (from the Chair).

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 3: Proposed Regular Meeting Schedule of Students' Council Semester 2

Motion 6: That the Students Council adopt the following regular meeting schedule for Semester 2:

Tuesday 16th August, at 2pm
 Tuesday 30th August, at 12pm
 Tuesday 13th September, at 2pm
 Tuesday 4th October, at 12pm
 Tuesday 18th October, at 2pm
 Tuesday 1st November, at 12pm
 Tuesday 15th November, at 2pm
 Tuesday 29th November, at 12pm
 Tuesday 13th December, at 2pm

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Audrey Irish

Motion 6 was as included within the meeting papers. Dominique, as the mover, amended the motion slightly to reflect that the first meeting mentioned, Tuesday the 16th August, wouldn't happen as this current meeting was occurring two hours before that meeting.

Motion 6: (amended)

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Tuesday 15th November, at 2pm
Tuesday 29th November, at 12pm
Tuesday 13th December, at 2pm

Moved: Dominique Ottobre
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconded: Audrey Irish

Procedural Motion 1: That all remaining Motions on Notice be moved up on the agenda to be dealt with immediately.

Moved: Elizabeth Errol
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 4: Motions on Notice

4.1 Proposed Amendments to C&S Regulations (received by Students' Council on 16 June)

Stephanie Field briefly recapped that the proposed amendments concerning Welcome Back Week Grants were designed to reflect policies instituted at the beginning of each year by the Clubs Committee, and that it would be far easier and fairer for the various clubs and societies to know about them in advance. Similarly, the amendments regarding Logo Usage were proposed in order to clear up confusion for clubs and societies.

Motion 7: That the following amendments to the C&S Regulations be accepted. (please see Appendix 1)

Moved: Stephanie Field
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconded: Cassie Lutzko

4.2 Blazing Textbooks funding proposal

Elizabeth Errol took up seconding rights.

A few questions were raised about UMSU's current association with a radio program that wasn't Blazing Textbooks. Elizabeth Redman explained that Farrago ran a program through SYN, but that it was different enough to the Blazing Textbooks program that it wouldn't be a problem.

David Haidon and Elizabeth Errol mentioned that quite a number of UMSU people were associated with the Blazing Textbooks program and were already promoting programs/events run by UMSU, and that this would continue.

Motion 8: That \$450 be passed from the Whole of Union Fund to Peter Eade, Blazing Textbooks Finance Officer.

Moved: Rachel Barret

Seconded: Elizabeth Errol

CARRIED

For: 7

Ags: 1

Abs:1

Bridie Walsh arrived at 12:24 pm

4.3 Prayer Room Motion

Motion 9: That Students' Council takes all action possible to implement a prayer room in Union House to facilitate the daily prayer requirements of their religious practice.

Moved: Esther Bohmer

Seconded: Liz Errol

Concerns about the prayer room needing to be available for students of all faiths were expressed. The motion was also amended to provide the directive for the motion to the President and Secretary.

Motion 9 (amended): That Students' Council direct the President and Secretary to all action possible to implement a prayer room in Union House to facilitate the daily prayer requirements of their religious practice, and to report back as soon as is practicable.

Moved: Esther Bohmer

Seconded: Liz Errol

CARRIED:

For: 9

Ags: 0

Abs: 1

4.4 Gender Equality Motion

Motion 10: That Students' Council direct the Secretary to put forward a referendum to amend the Constitution in the September elections. The proposed Constitutional change would be to include gender equality representation on UMSU committees, specifically the affirmative action. It would now include that committees must include 3 male members as well as 3 female members (with the exclusion of Wom*n's committee).

Moved: David Evans

Seconded: Stephanie Field

Because David Evans is no longer a student, his moving rights were lost. Stephanie Field took up moving rights. There was no seconder for the motion.

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Moved: Stephanie Field

Seconded:

Concerns were expressed that this motion was sexist in nature, and completely disregarding why Affirmative Action quotas for women existed. Many councillors found it problematic and offensive that such a motion was being put.

Steph explained that she felt the motion was necessary because tickets in elections were often scrambling to find women to fill nominations simply to avoid male candidates being excluded by current Affirmative Action requirements, and that these women could potentially be taking the place of men who were better candidates.

Rhin outlined that if women candidates were being recruited simply for the benefits of Affirmative Action requirements and not being genuinely recruited for their merit then this represented problems within the culture of the particular groups doing this.

Mark Kettle requested that the vote for Motion 10 be named.

Stephanie Field withdrew her moving rights. No one took up moving rights, and so the motion was withdrawn from Students' Council's consideration.

Motion 10 (withdrawn): That Students' Council direct the Secretary to put forward a referendum to amend the Constitution in the September elections. The proposed Constitutional change would be to include gender equality representation on UMSU committees, specifically the affirmative action. It would now include that committees must include 3 male members as well as 3 female members (with the exclusion of Wom*n's committee).

Moved:

Seconded:

WITHDRAWN

Agenda Item 5: Matters Arising from the Minutes

None at this time.

Agenda Item 6: Correspondence

None at this time.

Agenda Item 7: Office Bearer Reports

7.1 Secretary's Report (submitted for SC 9/11)

Dominique spoke briefly to the report, and in particular to the briefing paper provided for Students' Council regarding the MUOSS/UMSU integration. From the questions to the report, Dominique would report back to Council as soon as practicable about the outstanding issues in the MUOSS funding formula, as well as questions about whether or not the provisions could be written so that if MUOSS wishes, at a later stage, to have a paid OB, such changes could be approved without an SGM being called.

Elizabeth Errol left at 12:43 pm and proxied to David Haidon.

Motion 11: That the Secretary's report (submitted for 9/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Rachael Lim
Seconded: Stephanie Field
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Charley Daniel left at 12:46 pm.

Procedural Motion 2: That Education Public report (submitted for 9/11 SC) be considered immediately.
Moved: Audrey Irish
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.2 Education Public Affairs Officers' Report (submitted for SC 9/11)

Audrey spoke to the success of the Counter Course Handbook survey and Education Week, encouraging everyone to get involved with such events into the future.

Motion 12: That the Education Public Affairs Officers' report (submitted for 9/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Rachael Lim
Seconded: Jadon Minter
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural Motion 3: That remaining Office Bearer reports without recommendations be accepted en bloc. This refers to the reports of the Education Academic Affairs Officer, Clubs and Societies Officers and Environment Officer.
Moved: Mark Kettle
CARRIED For: 8 Ags: 1

7.3 Education Academic Affairs Officers' Report (submitted for SC 9/11)

7.4 Clubs and Societies Officers' Report (submitted for SC 9/11)

7.5 Environment Officer's Report (submitted for SC 9/11)

Motion 13: That the Education Academic Affairs Officers' report, Clubs and Societies Officers' report and Environment Officer's report, all submitted for SC 9/11, be accepted.
Moved: Rachael Lim
Seconded: Jadon Minter
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 8: Standing Committee Reports

None at this time.

Agenda Item 9: General Business (Motions without Notice)

David Haidon reminded everyone that MUDFEST was beginning in the next few days, and invited everyone to attend as many events as they would like.

Agenda Item 10: Next Meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday, 30th August, at 12pm, in MUVT 2, Level 3, Union House.

Agenda Item 11: Close

Meeting closed at 12:51 PM by Rachael Lim

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: