

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students' Council**

**CONFIRMED Minutes**

**12 PM, 12 09 2013**

**Meeting 17/13**

**Location: OB Space, Level 1,  
Union House**

**Meeting opened at 12:09 by Stephen Smith**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Kara Hadgraft be elected Chair

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Adam Galvin

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Obs: Stephen Smith (Secretary), Galih Pangestu (Queer), Sally Whyte (Media), Emma Koehn (Media), Josiah Lulham (Creative Arts), Eric Gardiner (Creative Arts), Amy Jenkins (Wom\*n's), Lindsey Motteram (Welfare), Stephanie Met (Education Public), John Lister (Education Public), Sarah McColl (Media), Kara Hadgraft (President), Tom Walker (Clubs and Societies), Melinda Keys (Clubs and Societies), Joshua Haigh (Activities), Daniel Hanna (Activities), Victoria Fysh (Environment), Bridget Chappell (Environment), Jessica Van Zuylenkom (Queer)

Councillors: Charlie Cartney, Adam Galvin, Hana Dalton, Jeremy Gibson, Bridget Bourke, Belinda O'Connor, Maddee Clark, Sarina Murray, Kerk Chee Yee, Jess Evans

Observers: Rafael Tudehope, Dylan Pedersen, Nicholas Warland, Andrew O'Shea, Tom Hayes, Sab Reinehr, Matt Thomas, Pat Dollard, Hanna McCreath, Alexa Thompson

Staff: Justin Baré, Goldie Pergl

1.4 Apologies

Annalivia Carli-Hannan, Meg Watson, Leah Ji

1.5 Proxies

Annalivia Carli Hannan to Hana Dalton

1.6 Membership

Xiayou Frank Feng has dropped off council due to non-attendance  
Chelsea Jang has also dropped off council due to non-attendance,  
and no ticket appointment has been made in the allocated time –  
therefore a count back was run and Joanna Jellie has been  
appointed to Council

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda as presented be adopted.

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

2.1 Minutes from meeting on 27 August

**Motion 3:** That the minutes as presented be accepted as a true and accurate record

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

**4. Correspondence**

MUOSS Regulations were tabled from their recent AGM. These will be sent around, and are tabled for discussion at the next Students' Council

**5. Office Bearers' Reports**

**President: Kara Hadgraft**

- An UMSU Auditor has been chosen (with the GSA and MUSUL)

**Motion 4:** That Moore Stephens be confirmed by Students' Council as the UMSU Auditor for 3 years, starting 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

**Secretary: Stephen Smith**

- Many OB's have not submitted their minutes – see below Motion.
- Recommendation to make the role of the Secretary expand to include more financial reporting to Council and Students – monthly reports to Council and Quarterly to the website (if available).
- Recommendation for a Students' Council Facebook Page – to be administered by the Secretary – to make sure people can be informed of Council decisions.

Motion 5: To accept the following recommendations of the Secretary, Stephen Smith:

-That Students' Council directs all Office Bearers to email all of the confirmed minutes and records of their relevant committees to the

Secretary to be published on the website before the next meeting of the Students' Council.

-That Students' Council acknowledges concerns raised by students surrounding the lack of publically available financial information, beyond the financial report published following the Annual General Meeting, and endorses expanding the role of the Secretary to include further financial reporting responsibilities.

-That Students' Council endorses the Secretary creating an UMSU Students' Council Facebook page.

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

Education Public: John Lister and Steph Met

- Stress Less Week, in Week 10. Puppies and hopefully kittens will be there, as well as workshops for counselling, and mental health awareness
- Also working on NTEU Strike

Clubs & Societies: Tom Walker and Melinda Keys

- C&S has a new staff member, Ben – he's there Tuesday to Thursday, and he's lovely.
- 44 new club applications, with 36 initially approved for affiliation – heading towards the 200 clubs mark
- Issues with room bookings
- Clubs Trivia night was fabulous
- Ran the Clubs expo at Open Day – 16 clubs attended
- OB's requested advice from council re:RSA at club events. Problem still occurring – and Council seems unwilling to make a regulation about it.

Indigenous: Kyle Webb

- Stress Less Week involvement
- Sending people to the Indigenous Games
- Organised some performers for Festival of Nations
- Staff at Murrup Barak are currently undertaking significant turnover – already problems with understaffing

Environment: Vicky Fysh

- GM Food Awareness week – has gone really well
- VCA Events – also run really well, is good to do stuff at VCA as UMSU doesn't have a physical presence down there.
- Enviro Collective starting up at Burnley
- Uni Community Garden going super well
- Fossil Free MU going really well – endorsement by the NTEU at Melbourne Uni

Arts: Eric Gardiner

- Have been working on the plethora of MudFest invoices

- Perusing professional pathways for MudFest work
- Set aside money for an award for MudFest works so they can go on further
- Wordplay up and running again (October 15<sup>th</sup>)

Welfare: Lindsey Motteram

- RU OK Day Brekkie went really well – ran with the Safer Communities Program
- Stress Less week planning with Education
- Mental Health volunteers – calling for more, so the program is really well set up for 2014

Activities: Daniel Hanna

- Oktoberfest – food provided by 130 Degrees
- Burnley will assist, EMS will perform
- Ran the Bar at the C&S Trivia night, went really well
- Band Comp on Wednesday in the Members Lounge
- Comedy Comp coming up soon

Request from Councillors and Officers that Comedy Comp contestants and comedians are all briefed on sexism and made to understand that comedy surrounding this is not welcome. Activities to work with Womyns on a policy/briefing document

Media: Emma Kohen

- Proof reading this arvo
- Election Dissection finished, in conjunction with Election Watch
- Recommendation – Goldie to look at specs for the purchase of a trolley for all OB's to use – the MUSUL ones aren't great, and are often not available.

Queer: Galih Pangestu

- Gender Recognition in Uni's is going well
- Rad Sex and Consent went really well
- Working on the NUS Trans-awareness campaign
- Report your lecturer pilot is working and receiving information from students.

Motion 6: To adopt the following Recommendations:

reimburse Galih Pangestu up to \$450 from Budget Line Food & Beverages for the purchase of food and drinks at the Queer Department Start of Semester Drinks.

up to \$200 from Budget Line Special Projects/Events For the purchase of items for Rad Sex & Consent Week tearoom.

up to \$600 from Budget Line Food & Beverages for the purchase of refreshments for the Rad Sex & Consent Week Closing Party.

up to \$100 from Budget Line Special Projects/Events to be donated to non-profit organisations providing us with facilitators.

up to \$330 from Budget Line Special Projects/Events payable to the facilitators of the workshops, for every workshop they present/facilitate.

up to \$600 from Budget Line Food & Beverages for the purchase of refreshments for the Rad Sex & Consent Week Closing Party.

up to \$200 from Budget Line QueerSpace Refurbishment for the purchase of boardgames and cardgames to keep in the QueerSpace

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

**Wom\*ns: Amy Jenkins**

- Rad Sex and Consent Week went well
- Ladies who lunch with ladies is ongoing and going well
- Women's Mentoring Network Networking Session was last night – went really well
- Running a Women's health care session with MUOSS and the Health Service on sexual health and self care
- Judy's Punch relaunch at MudFest – call out for editors

Motion 7: To accept all OB reports en bloc

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

Operations Sub Committee has met once, to move money around in the Farrago budget

**7. Other Reports**

Justin Baré – Office space – as we'll have a new Disabilities office, we'll need to move some offices around.

Recommendation to move the C&S Office to the Student Resource Space, and the Disabilities office to the current C&S Office. Justin and Clubs Admin to be in the Old IT Space

Councillors and OB's request that signage be very clear for both areas.

Motion 8: That Students' Council endorses the move of the C&S Office to the Resource Room, and the Disabilities Office to the C&S office.

Mover: Kara Hadgraft

Secunder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED

## 8. Motions on Notice

### 8.1 VCASA Grants

James Crafti is not present – so Jade Eckhaus speaks to the motion

Discussion around the use of funds for assessed work – potential to unfairly benefit some students.

Kara asks for an amendment

Motion 9: That we add 5) No funds to be used for the material costs of an assessed piece of work

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 10: That Students' Council endorses VCASA authorising grants using the following formula, conditions, and guidelines, with the above addition (Motion 9):

1 student = up to \$20

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14 students+ = up to \$1000

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2. Projects/activities that involve students from a variety of departments will receive preference.
3. Projects that enhance student life on campus will receive preference.
4. Should be in line with the stated social values of the student association will be preferred

All grants must also adhere to the following conditions:

1. Acknowledgement will be given to UMSU and VCASA on promotional.
2. No funds will be used to promote sexism, racism, queer or homophobia, militarism, or religious discrimination.
3. The funds will be used in the manner represented and the UMSU will be provided with a report.
4. VCASA also receives a written report explaining how the funds have been used.

Mover: James Crafti

Secunder: Jade Eckhaus

CARRIED

### 8.2 Indigenous University Games

Motion 10: That Students' Council approves for \$6,000 from Indigenous budget line University Games to assist with funding for students to attend University Games.

Mover: Kyle Webb

Secunder: Maddee Clark

CARRIED

8.3 Refugee Rights Rally Endorsement

**Quorum Count Requested – 9 Councillors present, so Quorum still ok**

**12:59 Charlie Cartney left**

**QUORUM LOST**

**Petitioned Operations Sub Committee to deal with Media Financial  
motion called for immediate start.**

**Meeting closed at 1pm**

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Second:

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### **8.3 Refugee Rights Rally Endorsement**

Preamble: Last Friday the Rudd government announced a horrendous attack on refugees that exceeds the worst of the Howard era. Under this new policy no asylum seeker arriving by boat will ever be resettled in Australia – they will instead be sent offshore to Papua New Guinea for processing before being resettled outside of Australia, even if found to be a 'genuine' refugee. This latest declaration is not only an instance of horrific racism that will destroy thousands of lives, but also amounts to a violation of the Refugee Convention as the federal government shirks all international responsibility.

Action: That Students' Council condemns the Rudd government's latest attack on refugees, and endorses the campaign against this policy.

Mover: Kim Doyle

Second: Ruby Healer

### **8.4 Fossil Fuel MU Campaign Endorsement**

Motion: That Students' Council endorses the Fossil Free MU campaign spearheaded by the UMSU Environment Department.

Mover: Vicky Fysh

Second: Bridget Chappell



### **8.5 Fossil Fuel MU Letter**

Motion: That Students' Council direct the President and Secretary to sign the Fossil Free MU open letter (see appendix 1), on behalf of UMSU, regarding a commitment by the University to divest from fossil fuels.

Mover: Vicky Fysh

Secunder: Bridget Chappell

### **8.6 Opposing the East-West Link**

Preamble: The East West Link is a proposed toll road in Melbourne. The first stage of this road would run from the city end of the Eastern Freeway, tunneling underneath Alexandra Parade and emerging in Royal Park to connect to Citylink near Flemington. It would take approximately five years and at least \$6-8 billion to construct, being funded through a Public Private Partnership (PPP).

The Victorian Government is a proponent of this road and has stated it intends to sign contracts committing to the construction of the road before the 2014 Victorian Election. Federal Opposition Leader Tony Abbott is also supportive of the project and has pledged \$1.5b to it if elected, despite the project having not yet been assessed by Infrastructure Australia, the statutory body that advises the Federal Government on major infrastructure issues.

The East West Link is opposed by the Victorian Opposition and Greens, Yarra, Darebin and Moonee Valley City Councils, and a number of groups such as the Public Transport Users Association and Protectors of Public Land Victoria.

Criticisms of the project include that it has not yet been shown to have a positive cost-benefit ratio, its massive cost will indefinitely delay needed investment in public transport, and it will cause social and environmental damage along the project corridor.

In addition, the Victorian Government has been criticised for prioritising a major road project ahead of public transport projects promised at the 2010 election, for refusing to release the business case for the project, and for enacting legislation to expedite the project's approvals process and reduce public consultation.

Motion: That Students' Council formally oppose the construction of the East West Link and call on the Victorian Government to invest instead in public transport, and that the UMSU President advocate to the University that it adopt a similar position.

Moved: Alexander Sheko

Seconded: John Lister

## Appendix 1

### Fossil Free Melbourne University Open Letter

Climate Change is not simply an environmental problem, but an issue of social justice, intergenerational equity, and the viability of future human endeavours. As an academic community of students, staff and alumni at the University of Melbourne, Australia's leading university, we believe that it is our moral responsibility to face this challenge in order to ensure a liveable future for ourselves and for generations to come.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the International Energy Agency, and many other influential institutions are warning of a 4 degree Celsius rise in global temperatures if greenhouse gas emissions are allowed to increase at their current rates. Recent experience of weather extremes and natural disasters here and across the world are only the beginning of a new and more volatile climate regime.

Despite Australia's small population, we are among the world's 20 top emitters and one of two largest coal exporters. We must wind back our exports of cheap coal because they are currently hindering the global drive for renewable energy. We must diminish our reliance on fossil fuels and replace them with clean, renewable sources of energy. Only then will Australia be part of the solution.

We encourage the University of Melbourne to act as a progressive leader on the Australian stage in the area of climate change abatement. The University has pledged to lead by example and to take urgent action in the face of fundamental environmental problems (Talloires Declaration, 1990, Universitas 21, 2009). There can be no doubt that climate change qualifies as such a problem. Moreover, the University has publicly committed to reducing emissions and reaching carbon neutrality by 2030 (Growing Esteem, 2010). Honouring these commitments is central to the maintenance of trust between the community and the University.

In full awareness of the urgent need to act on climate change and in light of the University's sustainability commitments, we call on the University to:

- 1) Investigate and disclose the full carbon exposure of its investments;
- 2) Stop any new investments in fossil fuel extraction;
- 3) Develop a plan to move its portfolio away from fossil fuels towards cleaner solutions, with ongoing and full transparency of its investments.

Signed,

Kara Hadgraft  
President  
UMSU Inc.

Stephen Smith  
Secretary  
UMSU Inc.

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Meeting opened at 12:09pm by Stephen Smith

**9. Procedural Matters**

1.8 Election of Chair

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Seconder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

1.9 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.10 Attendance

Councillors: Adam Galvin, Bridget Bourke, Jess Evans, Matthew Lesh\*, James Duncan\*, Sarina Murray, Hana Dalton, Annalivia Carli Hannan, Justin Boyd

Obs: Eric Gardiner (Creative Arts), Mercedes Marsh (Wom\*n's), Melinda Keys (Clubs and Societies), Jessica Van Zuylekom (Queer), Josiah Lulham (Creative Arts), John Lister (Education Public), Sarah McColl (Media), Emma Koehn (Media), Meg Watson (Media), Declan McGonigle (Education Academic), Joshua Haigh (Activities), Daniel Hanna (Activities), Victoria Fysh (Environment), Kyle Webb (Indigenous), Kara Hadgraft (President), Stephen Smith (Secretary)

Observers: Rachel Withers, Daniel Sullivan, Alexander Sheko, Simon Liley, Matt Incerti, Patrick Clearwater, Tom Hayes, Stefan Eracleous, Rafael Tudehope

Staff: Goldie Pergl, Justin Baré

\*attended for under 10 minutes

1.11 Apologies

Charlie Cartney, Jeremy Gibson, Yinging Ong, Belle O'Connor, Lindsey Motteram

1.12 Proxies

Belle O'Connor > Maddee Clark > Alice Dawes (none of whom in attendance)

1.13 Membership

Alice Dawes replaces Alice Dawes

1.14 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

## 10. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes from inquorate meeting on 15 August and the quorate meeting on 6 August.

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, and the 15<sup>th</sup> of August as a true and accurate record of the proceedings

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

## 11. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

## 12. Correspondence

Simon Liley – report back on grant.

Simon received a \$500 grant from UMSU to travel to Bangalore. Money provided was for in-country costs, and a small portion of airfares. The project (Pollinate Fellowship) was a successful venture.

More information and the whole report is available from the Secretary.

## 13. Office Bearers' Reports

### President: Kara Hadgraft

- Involved in the Host Program Review – recent volunteering for Open Day and O'week was a big success, would like to continue on an ongoing basis. In discussions with the Uni
- Discussions with the Uni about Town Hall meetings – has a potential to impact on Courses and the Uni more than the Melbourne Model
- UMSU/MUSUL agreements are progressing
- NDA was a success

### Secretary: Stephen Smith

- Constitutional Review is with Greta at the moment – will get a draft tomorrow
- Has been writing policies – some of which council is looking at today
- Looking at Constitutional Change to the Secretary position – involving greater financial responsibility and accountability.

Recommendation of Stephen's report to endorse changing the role of Secretary.

**Education Academic: Declan McGonigle**

- Academic Board has been doing work regarding optional resits of assessment for the last subject of a students' degree. There remains confusion regarding how students would apply for this.
- Has worked on the NDA – very successful

**12:15 Matt Lesh leaves, proxying to Stefan Eracleous**

**QUORUM LOST**

**Education Public: John Lister**

- NDA stuff
- Has been working on the "Unlock your vote" campaign
- Stress Less Week planning

Kara asks for a Quorum Count.

**12:17 - James Duncan leaves, proxying to Rafael Tadehope**

As Quorum has been lost, it's requested that people ring any councillors they believe may be still on campus. The meeting can continue for 30 minutes after quorum is lost, but with all motions passed needing re-passing at the next meeting.

Kara distributes a report into the moving of OB offices due to the new Disabilities office – Council will be asked to make a decision next council into where things are moving. It's a very short timeframe, and no building works can be done. Aiming for less moving within office.

**Meeting closed at 12:21pm**

**Next Council on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.**

Members of Operations Sub Committee petitioned for an immediate meeting to deal with any financial motions that could be seen to.