

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

***UNCONFIRMED* Minutes**

12 PM, 17 12 2013

Meeting 23/13

**Location: Training Room 1&2,
Level 3, 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

Secunder: Zoe Efron

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Michelle See-Tho, Zoe Efron, Jeremy Gibson, Adam Galvin, Joanna Jellie, Jim Smith, Bridget Bourke

OBs: Melinda Keys (Clubs and Societies), Daniel Hanna (Activities), Tom Walker (Clubs and Societies), Galih Pangestu (Queer), James Crafti (VCA), Sally Whyte (Media), Kara Hadgraft (President), Stephen Smith (General Secretary)

Observers: Daniel Sullivan, Tom Hayes, Patrick Clearwater, Jeremy Ratcliffe, Julijana Todorovic, Bec Nissen, Rachel Withers, Pat Dollard

Staff: Goldie Pergl, Justin Baré

1.4 Apologies

Vicky Fysh, Annalivia Carli Hannan, Matthew Lesh, Kerk Chee Yee

Eric Gardiner is also absent, but does not apologise.

1.5 Proxies

Annalivia Carli Hannan to Adam Galvin to Jim Smith

Kerk Chee Yee to Sam Donnelly (expires as Sam is not present)

1.6 Membership

Joanna Jellie and Bridget Bourke elected unopposed in by-election to Operations Sub-Committee

Jim Smith (Stand Up!) appointed as Mature Age Representative following a count-back election.

Justin Boyd, Sam Templeton, Maddee Ryan, Ellie Ryan, Dot Meng, and Maddee Clark have resigned.

New general representative position and new position for Students with Disabilities (both vacant)

Zoe Efron of the 'Vote for Pedro' ticket has been elected to Students' Council via count back to replace Belinda O'Connor of Activate.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented, with an addition to include the Membership paper under Other Reports

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes from meeting on October 22

2.2 Minutes from inquorate meeting on November 28

Motion 3: To accept the minutes of the 22/10/13 and the 28/11/13 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

Talking Library by Emily Connors – Grant Application

Emily has asked for a \$200 grant to for her project entitled "Talking Library"

Motion 4: to grant Emily Connors \$200 out of budget line Grants for her project "Talking Library"

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

5. Office Bearers' Reports

All OB Reports are to be taken as read, apart from ones with Recommendations, which are as follows.

Media Department

Motion 5: That Students' Council approves expenditure of \$231 for binding costs of the 2013 Farrago's and \$42.50 for award for the Fitzpatrick Awards

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

General Secretary

Motion 6: That Students' Council endorses Michele Brooks as its nominee to the Grievance Tribunal and empowers the General Secretary and/or General Manager to offer her the position.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Secunder: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED

Motion 7: That Students' Council accepts the amendments to the Standing Orders.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Secunder: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 8: That Students' Council accepts the amendments to the Financial Regulations, Student Newspaper Policy, Student Representative Network Policy, and the Advisory Groups Policy *en bloc*.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Secunder: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED

Motion 9: That Students' Council endorses the changes to the Clubs and Societies Regulations, separate to those changes in motions on notice, and directs the General Secretary to communicate these changes to the C&S Committee for ratification.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Secunder: Tom Walker

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 10: That Students' Council endorses the proposed recommendations to the Electoral Regulations and directs the General Secretary to communicate them to the Electoral Tribunal.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Secunder: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Also presented were the Inaugural General Secretary awards for Eagerness (for the council members who attended the most council meetings)

Award for the most eager General Member: Jade Eckhaus

Award for the most eager Office Bearer: Kara Hadgraft

Award for most eager Councillor: Adam Galvin.

Awardees were given a small prize and a certificate.

Motion 11: To accept OB reports en bloc

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

6. Standing Committee Reports

No report.

7. Other Reports

General Manager – Justin Baré

Production and Technical Services Review

As Justin was running late, it was proposed that his section of the report be done when he was in attendance later.

Change Management Plan – Communications and Marketing

Kara outlined the changes detailed in the Plan. Main points include the (currently unfilled) position of Multimedia Co-ordinator to be made redundant, and the resulting budget to be split between increasing the current Graphic Designer to Full Time, adding another graphic Designer at 0.4 time fraction, adding a Social Media Intern and a Part Time Marketing and Events assistant. A web designer retainer will also be paid out of this.

Motion 12: To endorse the Communications and Marketing Change Management Plan

Mover: Kara Hadgraft Seconder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Membership Proposal

Kara outlined the proposed Membership plan for UMSU. Currently UMSU is the only Union in Victoria that doesn't have an additional membership program. Starting a Membership program now is beneficial as people will get used to the idea of membership, and it will currently be a cost neutral program. No Union Services will be restricted as part of this program – only additions for members will occur, such as a Diary (which will also be used as a promo tool), as well as some freebies around campus.

All students will be able to vote and attend AGM's and do everything they can do now with the Union.

Zoe Efron asks if the suggested price of \$22 (\$20 + \$2 GST can be amended to \$20 including GST)

This is amenable to Kara Hadgraft as the mover.

Motion 13: To accept the Membership Proposal for 2014, with the amendment that Membership be charged at \$20 inclusive of GST.

Mover: Kara Hadgraft Seconder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8. Motions on Notice

8.1 Clubs and Societies Regulations Amendment (1)

Motion 14: Motion: That Students' Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Clubs and Societies Regulations as recommended by the Clubs and Societies Committee on 9 October 2013.

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.2 Clubs and Societies Regulations Amendment (2)

Amendment to state that Clubs have to have 2 events per semester, with 10 UniMelb students present at the event.

The C&S Department will use Grant applications to ensure that this occurs.

James Crafti believes this is unfair for VCA Clubs.

Recommendation from Kara that the C&S Department should explore other regulations for off-campus clubs (so, not Parkville campus).

Stephen informs Council he will be working on developing new requirements for clubs on campuses other than Parkville in 2014, in his capacity as a member of the C&S Committee.

This is met with the general agreement of those present.

Motion 15: That Students' Council adopt the proposed amendments to the Clubs and Societies Regulations as recommended by the Clubs and Societies Committee on 1 November 2013

Mover: Tom Walker

Seconder: Patrick Clearwater

CARRIED

8.3 VCESS Funding

Preamble: The VCE Summer School (VCESS) is a unique program that is designed to provide affordable and equitable education access for students from secondary schools that are disadvantaged or under-represented in the Victorian tertiary system. VCESS is run by students, for students, and recruits volunteer tutors who are undergoing tertiary studies themselves. This is advantageous to the program, as many of the tutors have only recently completed secondary school and are therefore able to provide useful, in-depth knowledge on what lies ahead for these students. Since VCESS tutors are volunteers it means that the program can be run at only a small cost to the secondary students participating.

For a number of years VCESS has been the beneficiary of a large amount of University funding, which was \$40 000 for the 2013 program. Unfortunately, this area of funding has been reallocated at the University level and is not available for the 2014 program. While some corporate sponsorship has been found (thanks to NAB for donating \$10 000) and the amount of support from the Union has increased – VCESS was budgeted \$10 000 at the beginning of the year – this still does not match our previous level of funding.

We ask that Students' Council grants VCESS a further \$3200. This would be used to discount the cost of the upcoming Tutor Camp by \$40 per tutor based on having 80 tutors attend. Most tutors are University of Melbourne students who will be volunteering their time to the program in January. It would be great to be able to reduce the amount that they have to pay for a weekend where we are able to train tutors and gain the opportunity to get to know most of them.

Motion 16: That Students' Council grants \$3200 from budget line 3531 GRANTS to VCESS to subsidise the cost for the tutor training camp.

Moved: Tom Walker

Seconded: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

12:58 – Justin Baré arrives – so Council moves to item 7.

7. Justin Baré's report – Production and Technical Services Review

As per the Change Management Plan that was accepted by Students' Council in 2012, a review of the Production and Technical Services of UMSU has been undertaken by Merryn Carter. This report is attached.

This report is just a report that contains recommendations, none of which Council are voting on today – it's just for noting. To go on from here, a proposal needs to be made addressing these recommendations. After this proposal is made, it may be necessary to start an organisational change process, or it may not – depends on the proposal.

Motion 17: To empower the General Manager, Justin Baré and 2014 UMSU President, Declan McGonigle to prepare a response to the review, to be delivered to Students Council in 2014.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

UMSU/MUSUL Facilities and Services Agreement

Patrick Clearwater left at 1:03pm

In November 2005 UMSU was created, with MUSUL also created as a kind of 'parent' body. The initial FSA, which is still valid today, contained things such as UMSU having to present all its budgets to MUSUL for approval, MUSUL to get money to then give to UMSU from the Uni, and with no processes to monitor service provision or remedy deficient services.

The UMSU environment since then has changed – MUSUL now provides less, and UMSU has taken over some of the processes and services that MUSUL used to do.

In early 2013, Kara wrote to MUSUL board to request a new FSA, and board delegated that position to Trevor White (MUSUL CEO).

Kara, Phoebe Churches and Justin have worked on these negotiations on behalf of UMSU, and things have progressed to a point where the agreement could come to council.

MUSUL has agreed to the idea of annual service reviews, so UMSU proposed a schedule in which this could happen. MUSUL didn't like the proposed schedule, so UMSU asked if MUSUL could provide a proposed schedule. The date for which this was going to occur was quite some time ago – and MUSUL has failed to propose or inform us of a time line in which this will occur.

MUSUL has now decided to undertake an internal consultation into what a service review will look like. We are unable to sign off on the agreement until we have this information.

MUSUL's SSAF agreement with the University stipulates it needs to review its' SSAF related expenditure so this would be an ideal way of doing this.

James Crafti highlighted the issues with service provision at VCA – they have no computer, and until 2 weeks ago, no printer. There is an eagerness to purchase these items out of the budget.

Justin advises that this is not advisable – as we have money to run student facing things, and MUSUL has money to support us in that – to spend money

1. Amend the budget to allocate \$16,000 to Destination Melbourne, so reducing the Surplus line of the budget by that amount.
2. Authorise and direct the President to negotiate with the University of Melbourne to transfer Destination Melbourne to UMSU.
3. Authorise the President and General Secretary, in consultation with the General Manager, to appoint up to two Directors of Destination Melbourne.

Moved: Kara Hadgraft

Seconded: Stephen Smith

CARRIED

8.6 Movie Screen Covers

UMSU needs to purchase covers for the UMSU Movie screens for various reasons – OHS and longevity of our assets being the main ones.

Motion 22: That Students' Council passes up to \$4500 for moving cases for the UMSU inflatable movie screen system, from budget line Whole of Union.

Moved: Stephen Smith

Seconded: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED

Procedural motion: To move to all finance related motions before other motions due to time constraints

Mover: Kara Hadgraft (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 23: That Students' Council pass \$600 from the Enviro Budget Special Projects and Events to go towards professionally printed flyers, stickers and postcards for the Fossil Free MU Campaign

Mover: Vicky Fysh

Secunder: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED

Motion 24: That Students Council approves up to \$3500 from UMSU WoU for the reprint of the C&S Clubs Guide for Semester 2, 2013

Mover: Stephen Smith

Secunder: Kara Hadgraft

CARRIED

Motion 25: To spend \$190 from the Welfare Budget on waffle irons with a combined capacity of 4 waffles at a time

Mover: Adam Galvin

Secunder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Extended conversation about waffle quantities, committee hilarity, waffles vs. pancakes and the neediness of Council when it comes to waffles.

Motion 26: That Students' Council purchases a Camera, Microphone and accessories for use of the OB's up to the combined cost of \$2500 from the UMSU WoU budget line

Mover: Zoe Efron

Secunder: Michelle See Tho

CARRIED

Motion 27: To pass up to \$1000 for more Farrago Distribution stands as well as request for a review for where they exist on campus

Mover: Zoe Efron

Secunder: Michelle See Tho

CARRIED

8.7 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, tunnelling 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. This will also displace numerous Melbourne University Sporting Teams practise areas.

Motion 30: 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

CARRIED

8.8 Defend Abortion Rights

Preamble: The election of the Abbott government, and the subsequent self-appointment of Tony Abbott as women's minister, heralds a dangerous new period for women's rights in Australia. One area of major concern is access to abortion. Abbott has repeatedly declared his opposition to abortion, describing it as the 'easy way out' of an 'awkward situation', and comparing the 'abortion situation in this country' to the Holocaust, and his government now controls funding of and access to abortion services nationally.

On October 12, those wishing to re-criminalise abortion and deny women the right to control their own bodies held their annual "March for the Babies", led by Liberal Party MP Bernie Finn. Pro-choice activists organised a counter demonstration, defending women's rights.

Discussion surrounding Council's ability to sanction the Liberal Club

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the motion be put

Mover: Adam Galvin

CARRIED

Motion 31:

1. That Students' Council congratulates and supports pro-choice activists for their lively counter-demonstration defending every woman's right to control their own body.
2. That Students' Council condemns those who attended the anti-woman, anti-choice 'March for the Babies'.
3. That Students' Council condemns the Melbourne University Liberal Club for attending the sexist, anti-choice 'March for the Babies' and reaffirms that UMSU stands against sexism.

Mover: Jade Eckhaus
CARRIED

Seconder: Jeremy Galvin

**Zoe Efron left – 1:56 pm.
QUORUM LOST**