

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 4/11

CONFIRMED

12:30 PM, 05 April 2011

Location: MUVT 2, 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
 - 1.6.1 The following student representatives have been terminated due to failure to renew their Student Union membership in a timely manner:
 - 1.6.1.1 Kyle Dadleh (Indigenous Office Bearer)
 - 1.6.2 The following student representatives have applied for leave from Students' Council:
 - 1.6.2.1 Grant Ross from 07/02/2011 to 22/03/2011 inclusive (7 weeks).
 - 1.6.3 Ge Zhang has resigned from Students' Council. Liam Byrne has been ticket appointed.
- 1.7 Adoption of change of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes from SC 18 January, 2011
- 2.2 Minutes from SC 10 February, 2011 (inquorate)
- 2.3 Minutes from SC 14 March, 2011 (inquorate)

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

- 4.1 NUS Office Bearers
- 4.2 Report from General Manager, Justin Barè

5. Office Bearers' Reports

- 5.1 President (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.2 Secretary (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.3 Education Academic Officer (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.4 Education Public Affairs Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.5 Activities Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.6 Arts Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.7 Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.8 Environment Officer (submitted for 2/11 SC)

- 5.9 Media Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.10 Queer Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.11 Welfare Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.12 Wom*ns Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- 5.13 President (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.14 Secretary (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.15 Education Academic Officer (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.16 Education Public Affairs Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.17 Activities Officers (not submitted)
- 5.18 Arts Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.19 Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.20 Environment Officer (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.21 Media Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.22 Queer Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.23 Welfare Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.24 Wom*n's Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- 5.25 President (submitted for 4/11 SC)
- 5.26 Secretary (submitted for 4/11 SC)
- 5.27 Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 4/11 SC)
- 5.28 Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 4/11 SC)
- 5.29 Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 4/11 SC)
- 5.30 Environment Officer (submitted for 4/11 SC)
- 5.31 Wom*n's Officers (submitted for 4/11 SC)

6. Standing Committee Reports

- 6.1 Staffing Sub-Committee
- 6.2 Finance Sub-Committee

7. Motions on Notice

- 7.1 Media Department Budget
- 7.2 C&S Regulation Changes (notice given 10/02/2011)
- 7.3 Proposed C&S Regulation Changes (notice given 10/02/2011)
- 7.4 Play With Your Food cutlery
- 7.5 Regular Meeting Schedule

8. General Business (Motions without Notice)

9. Next Meeting

10. Close

Meeting opened at: 12:45 PM, by Dominique Ottobre (Secretary)

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Dominique Ottobre chair the meeting.
 Moved: Dominique Ottobre
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

We acknowledge that this meeting takes place on the land of Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and honour their elders past and present.

1.3 Attendance

2011 Office-Bearers

Dominique Ottobre (Secretary), Tim Forster (Media), Elizabeth Redman (Media), Erin Handley (Media), Geir O'Rourke (Media), Mark Kettle (Education Academic), Maddie Egan (Environment), Rhiannon Maes (Queer), Katelyn Grimmer (Wom*n's), Esther Bohmer (Wom*n's), Cassie Lutzko (Clubs & Societies), Stephanie Field (Clubs & Societies), Missy Henderson (Welfare), Justin Nott (Arts)

2011 Students' Councillors

Liz Errol, Liam Byrne, Grace Mugford, David Haidon, Springer Zhang, Liqun Yin, Kara Hadgraft, Adam Song, Charley Daniel, Nick Jarman, Rachel Walters

Others

Noni Sproule, Bridie Walsh, Patrick Sheehan, Jesse Marshall, Justin Bare, Abby-Sian Gide

Absent

2011 Office-Bearers

Rachael Lim (President), Audrey Irish (Education Public), Elliot Wall (Education Public), Liam Hedge (Welfare), Jonathan Webb (Activities), Devrim van Dijk (Activities), Danielle Asciak (Arts), Luke Nicholls (Queer)

2011 Students' Councillors

David Evans, Grant Ross, Richa Deshpande, Jadon Mintern, Emily Hughes, Daniel Baker

1.4 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Rachael Lim, Audrey Irish, Elliot Wall, Emily Hughes, Jadon Mintern, Grant Ross, Richa Deshpande

1.5 Proxies

The following proxies were received by the due time, and so automatically accepted:

Emily Hughes to Kara Hadgraft

Grant Ross to Nick Jarman

Richa Deshpande to Charley Daniel

The following proxies were received late:

Jadon Mintern to Grace Mugford

Motion 2: That the standing orders be suspended in order to accept Jadon Mintern's late proxy.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre (from the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.6 Membership

1.6.1 The following student representatives have been terminated due to failure to renew their Student Union membership in a timely manner:

Kyle Dadleh (Indigenous Office Bearer)

1.6.2 The following student representatives have applied for leave from Students' Council:

Grant Ross from 07/02/2011 to 22/03/2011 inclusive (7 weeks).

As this period has now lapsed, the leave consideration will not be considered.

1.6.3 Ge Zhang has resigned from Students' Council. Liam Byrne had been ticket appointed.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: That the agenda be amended as follows, and adopted.

Item 7.5 be moved to Item 2
Item 7.1 moved to Item 3
Item 7.2 and 7.3 (collectively) moved to Item 4
Item 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 moved to Item 6
Item 4 moved to Item 7
Item 6 be moved to Item 8
Agenda continues.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre (from the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

12:49PM Adam Song arrives.

Agenda Item 2: Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion 4: That the Students Council adopt the following regular meeting schedule for Semester 1:

Tuesday 5th April, at 12pm
Thursday 21st April, at 4pm
Tuesday 3rd May, at 12pm
Thursday 19th May, at 4pm
Tuesday 31st May at 12pm
Thursday 16th June, at 4pm

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Rachael Lim

FOR: 9 AGAINST: 4
CARRIED

Agenda Item 3: Media Department Budget

Motion 5: That the Students Council endorse and accept the budget as proposed in the Finance Sub-Committee meeting minutes, included in the meeting papers.

Moved: Tim Forster

Seconded: Rachael Walters

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 4: Proposed C&S Regulation Changes

Motion 6: That the proposed C&S Regulation changes given on 10/02/2011, is included in the meeting papers be accepted by Students' Council.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre (from the Chair)

FOR: 11

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 2

CARRIED

Agenda Item 5: Office-Bearers Reports

Dominique welcomed questions from the Students' Council pertaining to the Office Bearers reports to the appropriate Office Bearers. Questions were asked about the International Students Rights Campaign and the Student Experience Fair. It was pointed out that it doesn't mention in the reports information about "dogdy" practices within Union House in relation to International Students. Farrago editors answered saying that reports are being addressed by MUSUL to see if they received any evidence of actual complaints around International Students rights were received, and then forwarded on to appropriate holders.

Motion 7: That all Office Bearer reports without recommendations be accepted, and that all reports with recommendations (listed here) be carried over to the next meeting.

Reports withheld:

- President (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 2/11 SC)
- Queer Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)
- Welfare Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC)

Moved: Dominique Ottobre (From the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 6: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 8: That the minutes from Meetings 01/11, 02/11 and 03/11 held on 18th January, 10th February and 14th March 2011 be confirmed as true and accurate records of the meetings.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre (From the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 7: Correspondence

7.1 NUS Office Bearers

The NUS National President and National General Secretary were in attendance at this meeting to continue discussion about the NUS 2011 Operating Budget and the function of NUS, and what this means for UMSU, as was discussed in the previous Students' Council meeting (declared inquorate).

Discussion was held between NUS representatives and the Students' Council regarding the NUS 2011 Operating Budget (distributed in the last Students' Council meeting) and the summary of total amounts contributed by other unions and the nature of campaigns. Questions were encouraged.

Liz Errol asked the NUS Officers: Does NUS understand and account for the fact that MUSUL and UMSU are separate entities, and the financial split that entails?

The NUS Officers answered that yes, they do. They considered all factors when they develop these rates, and take into consideration that the MUSUL budget and UMSU budget differ greatly. The rate UMSU is required to pay is based on the UMSU Budget, not MUSUL. Sydney University has a similar operating system to MUSUL & UMSU, and that is taken into consideration in a similar way.

Charley asked if NUS can provide a full financial record from NUS to UMSU. NUS answered that the NUS Operating Budget 2011 was distributed at the last Students' Council meeting, and copies of this are available for viewing on the NUS website under finances.

Charley asked whether NUS supports giving minority opinions a chance to be heard, as UMSU delegates were apparently not allowed to vote at the most recent national conference held. She also asked if this was a reflection on NUS being currently more concerned about the money than it is the students?

NUS Officers responded that the national conference is for anyone who has a view and opinion to be able to express these, however it is not NUS policy to allow delegates from any organisation to vote if they have not paid their fees, which UMSU had not (for 2010).

Dominique included that in 2010, NUS budgeted the UMSU affiliate fee at \$50,000, which was then decreased to \$37,000 due a decision of Students' Council. NUS accepted this decreased affiliation fee from UMSU under the special circumstances that lead to its decrease, however this amount was never paid, because the UMSU President and Secretary at the time never signed the cheque. This money went into the UMSU reserves.

NUS officers mentioned that there have been significant changes made to their constitution, regulations and policies, with strict time lines put in place for invoices to be sent to campuses and

deadlines made clear about when fee-wavers would be accepted, as well as when fees are due. Similarly, there is an increased effort from NUS to be in better communication with their members.

Tim asked whether NUS had the union affiliation fee rates from all other Universities and the percentage of students at the Universities that are union members.

NUS officers responded that it is too difficult to get and keep track of all other union rates, but this is taken into consideration when developing their budget. The best way to get hold of this information is to contact the individual Universities directly to find out.

Liz Errol asked what sort of representation do campuses and organisations get that cannot afford affiliation fees?

NUS Officers responded that even though campuses and organisations that are not affiliated are not entitled to vote at the National Conference, the NUS Officers still make as much effort as they can in engaging with students from such campuses, and are still the peak representatives for those students.

Liz Errol asked about changes that could occur to improve the communication and services of NUS to campuses – could it become compulsory for a student from every university to be a part of NUS? NUS answered that, at the moment, every National Office Bearer must make contact with their campus counterparts, and where there are none, the most relevant Officer. NUS make an effort to visit Student Unions to gauge their individual situation, what their facilities are like and to give an opportunity to ask and answer any questions.

Liam stated that that campus engagement is extremely important and should be encouraged. NUS has played an important part in developing student representation, and could benefit from responding to the needs on campus and from getting involved.

Liz Errol questioned whether or not NUS included all students at all campuses as much as they could?

NUS responded saying that there is an enormous effort to ensure communication with all campuses was as much as possible, and similarly, to involve as many students in all campaigns as possible.

Charley asked – The UMSU financial budget is very tight, what is the minimum amount that UMSU would have to pay for affiliation?

NUS responded that this was discussed at previous Students' Council meeting. The budget of NUS each year is dependent on affiliation fees from campuses. UMSU is budgeted for \$50,000 this year, which is a \$10,000 decrease from 2 years ago. If there is a further decrease in the UMSU fee, there is a high possibility that other campuses will request a decreased fee also. The NUS Officers cannot say what an appropriate fee is or will be, and whether a decreased fee will be accepted. This is the purview of the NUS Fee Review Committee, a sub-committee of the NUS National Executive, and it is their responsibility to accept or decline proposed affiliation fees from all student organisations, based on the information provided to them.

Tim inquired whether or not researchers were budgeted for in the NUS 2011 Operating budget, and how this benefits UMSU and other affiliates?

NUS responded that they are in high demand to provide a student voice and student perspective on a range of issues, and researchers are necessary to facilitate this. Researchers are staff members, so they are independent from any political group. Mark Kettle included that he values the importance of NUS having researchers available, as UMSU does not have any, and the NUS researchers have provided assistance to student organisations when required.

7.2 Report from General Manager, Justin Barè

Justin Barè explains that this report was prepared for the last Students' Council meeting, which was declared inquorate. The review of MUSUL is ongoing and the timeframe for implementation to completion is unknown. Once there is a revised structure, UMSU will have to respond to the review, with implications for UMSU in mind. Justin also detailed his attendance at a conference based

around student advising , and reported that a number of things are going on in the University and around campus that include and intersect with UMSU, and may hold potential benefits for UMSU. The UMSU 2010 Audit is complete, and the financial reports for the year should be available soon. Justin then welcomed any questions.

1:53 PM Liz Errol leaves, proxy to David Haidon

Liam asked: What is happening with UMSU Indigenous Representation? Is there any outcome?

Justin responded that the CIE has been contacted, and we are still awaiting a response.

Mark responded that he has received a nominee for Indigenous representation on an SRN committee.

1:55 PM Adam Song leaves, proxy to Springer

Agenda Item 8: Standing Committee Reports

8.1 Staffing Sub-Committee

Motion 9: That the recommendations made by the inquorate Staffing Sub-Committee meetings be adopted and upheld, and that the minutes from the 10th February 2011 and 22nd February 2011 are accepted as a true and accurate record of those meetings.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre (From the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.2 Finance Sub-Committee

Motion 10: That the minutes from the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2011, be confirmed as a true and accurate records.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre (From the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1:59 PM Nick leaves

Meeting declared inquorate at 02:00pm by Dominique Ottobre.

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting on: The next Students' Council meeting will be held on Thursday 21st April, 2011 at 4:00pm.

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at: 02:00 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: