



University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 7/11

CONFIRMED

12:00 PM, 31/05/2011

Location: MUVT 1, 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
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes from SC 5 April, 2011
- 2.2 Minutes from SC 21 April, 2011 (inquorate)
- 2.3 Minutes from SC 19 May 2011 (inquorate)

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports

- 5.1 President (submitted for 2/11 SC).
- 5.2 Clubs & Societies Officer (submitted for 2/11 SC).
- 5.3 Queer Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC).
- 5.4 Welfare Officers (submitted for 3/11 SC).
- 5.5 Arts Officers (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.6 Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.7 Environment Officer (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.8 Media Officers (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.9 Welfare Officers (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.10 President (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.11 Secretary (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.12 Education Academic Affairs Officer (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.13 Education Public Affairs Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.14 Activities Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.15 Arts Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).

- 5.16 Clubs & Societies Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
 - 5.17 Environment Officer (submitted for 6/11 SC).
 - 5.18 Media Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
 - 5.19 Wom*n's Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
 - 5.20 President (submitted for 7/11SC).
- 6. Standing Committee Reports**
- 7. Motions on Notice**
- 7.1 Play With Your Food cutlery
 - 7.2 Printing for Mandarin International Students' Your Rights at Work fliers
 - 7.3 Media Department Expenditure
 - 7.4 Blazing Textbooks funding proposal
- 8. General Business (Motions without Notice)**
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 10. Close**

Meeting opened at 12:17 PM by Rachael Lim

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Char

<p>Motion 1: That Rachel Lim chair the meeting. Moved: Rachael Lim CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT</p>
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1.2 Acknowledgment of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

2011 Office Bearers

Dominique Ottobre (Secretary), Erin Handley (Media), Stephanie Field (Clubs and Societies), Elliot Wall (Education Public), Devrim van Dijk (Activities), Jonathon Webb (Activities), Maddie Egan (Environment), Tim Forster (Media), Rachael Lim (President), Missy Henderson (Welfare), Elizabeth Redman (Media), Cassandra Lutzko (Clubs and Societies), Liam Hedge (Welfare), Esther Bohmer (Wom*n's), Mark Kettle (Education Academic)

2011 Students' Councillors

Jadon Mintern, Kara Hadgraft, Charley Daniel, David Haidon, Liqun Yin, Rachel Walters, Springer Zhang, Liz Errol, Liam Byrne, Emily Hughes, David Evans, Bridie Walsh

Absent

2011 Office Bearers

Louis Matthews (VCAMSA), Luke Nicholls (Queer), Justin Nott (Arts), Danielle Asciak (Arts), Geir O'Rourke (Media), Audrey Irish (Education Public), Rhin Maes (Queer), Katelyn Grimmer (Wom*n's).

2011 Students' Councillors

Nick Jarman, Adam Song, Richa Deshpande, Grant Ross, Daniel Baker

1.4 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Danielle Asciak

1.5 Proxies

No proxies were received.

1.6 Membership

Grace Mugford has resigned from Students' Council, and has been replaced by Bridie Walsh.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda be adopted.

Moved: Rachael Lim (from the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: That the minutes from the 5th April, 21st April and 19th May be accepted en bloc as true and accurate records of those meetings.

Moved: Rachael Lim

Seconded: Emily Hughes

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

None at this time.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

Dominique notified the Council that she had received an email from Lesley Hall, Executive Assistant to the CEO of MUSUL, Clemens Unger, notifying UMSU that a proposal for UMSU to take responsibility and management for the Student Union Legal Service from MUSUL would be coming. Dominique advised that it would be a good time for Council to discuss the idea, in light of the coming proposal and the MUSUL organizational review, which was currently taking place. She proposed the following motion:

Motion 4: That Students' Council agree in principle to UMSU taking responsibility for management of the Student Union Legal Service subsequent to ongoing discussions between MUSUL and UMSU to resolve any relevant issues.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Rachael Lim

Dominique then asked UMSU General Manager Justin Bare to make comment, and provide some background information for Students' Council.

Justin spoke briefly, stating that UMSU, at this time, was not in receipt of any proposal, which would encompass many of the finer details associated with a proposal of this sort, including funding, operation of the service, etc. Justin mentioned that this motion, if passed by Students' Council, would not be binding upon UMSU, but would enable further discussions to be had between UMSU and MUSUL. Justin said that he would brief on the general scope of the organisational review later in the meeting.

Liam Byrne requested that Justin brief the Council on the organisational review, as it encompassed and would impact upon UMSU taking responsibility for the Legal Service.

Justin briefed the council that the organisational review was considering changing key elements of MUSUL, which would, because of UMSU's relationship with MUSUL, impact upon UMSU in some way. UMSU had also been identified as stakeholder's in this process. Justin said it was incumbent

upon the HR manager and the CEO to brief Students' Councillors and Office Bearers about the review, and its impact upon UMSU. This briefing is necessary in order to provide student representatives with enough time and information to adequately participate in the process.

The detail of the proposed restructure includes a change in the Senior Management Team of MUSUL. The consultation process is set to begin the week of the 6th of June, and the CEO is required to take into account all feedback garnered from the consultation period.

Liz Errol arrived at 12:20pm

The key changes, at this stage, appear to be a discontinuation of Functions, the Uni Store and the Arts Lab, as well as some reorganization including the shifting of the Student Computing Centre into the responsibility of Cultural Services, and some redundancies in Communications and Marketing. There will also be changes to the SMT and some reporting lines. Staff will be provided with more detail in the consultation period, which will be circulated to Student Representatives as soon as available. There is some confusion around whether or not some staff will be made redundant or demoted.

Liam had a number of concerns that he requested be addressed. He noted that the lack of information made available to student representatives was concerning. He asked if the proposed discontinuation of services were indicative of what would happen to other services, in particular Advocacy, as well as whether or not there were any far reaching redundancies outside of the SMT.

Springer Zhang arrived at 12:25pm

Justin answered firstly, that the Advocacy service would remain untouched because its operations were under the purview of UMSU, and not MUSUL, so the restructure would not impact Advocacy in this way. He also stated that in the absence of detail, we would need to look to securing the necessary information through contact with the HR manager and CEO. In terms of redundancies, Justin outlined those that would most likely occur in the Functions department, as well as the Arts Lab, some in Communications, Finance, and possibly some other regions.

Liz Errol noted that it was open for all students to make comment/give feedback directly to the HR Manager/CEO.

Justin outlined that in terms of making information available to student representatives, he and Dominique had contacted the HR Manager trying to arrange a briefing for those interested.

Tim Forster moved a procedural that the current discussion be suspended so that Council could consider Item 7.3.

<p>Procedural Motion 1: That Students' Council suspend discussion on the current item to consider Item 7.3</p>

<p>Moved: Tim Forster</p>

<p>CARRIED</p>

<p>For: 10</p>

<p>Against: 1</p>

Agenda Item 7: Motions on Notice

7.3 Media Department Expenditure

Tim Forster and Elizabeth Redman briefed council on the nature of the motion, which would cover some expenditure for the Media Department for a number of things, including accommodation for Media Collective at the National Young Writers' Festival.

Esther Bohmer asked whether or not the funding would be going to Student Union members only, and if not, asked the Media Officers to encourage all those attending to become Student Union members, as their accommodation will be paid for by the Student Union.

Tim responded that all those attending would be encouraged to become Student Union members, if they weren't already.

Motion 5:

That the following expenditure be approved:

1. The expenditure of \$200 from the Events line of the Media budget for the Edition 4 Farrago launch party.
2. The expenditure of \$1000 from the Accommodation for Media Collective at National Young Writers' Festival line of the Media budget for the accommodation for the media collective at the National Young Writers' Festival in Newcastle (29 September to 3 October).
3. The expenditure of \$150 from the Promotions line of the Media budget for prizes to be given to people who complete Farrago's feedback survey.
4. The expenditure of \$1000 from the Training line of the Media budget for InDesign and Photoshop training for subeditors and members of the Media Collective.
5. The expenditure of \$400 from the Radio line of the Media budget for radio training at SYN for two editors and two subeditors.

Moved: Tim Forster

Seconded Erin Handley

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence (Continued)

Emily Hughes asked if there was a timeline available for this process.

Justin responded that MUSUL had put a timeline in place, for the consultation period to be finished and the final proposal to be brought to MUSUL Board on the 8th of July.

Liam Byrne asked what UMSU's response was.

Justin responded that in order for UMSU to be able to formulate a response, MUSUL would need to provide UMSU with the necessary information – that which has and will be provided to staff. Without this, UMSU would be unable to formulate a proper and informed response. This response could also be informed by or in collaboration with that of the UMSU staff.

Esther Bohmer outlined that this process is not ideal for students as the consultation period occurs primarily in the assessment period. She inquired as to whether the consultation period was fixed, or whether or not we could request it be flexible or even changed?

Justin responded that it was unlikely as the timeline has been made to meet the 8th July Board meeting, but that there was no harm in requesting a change as such.

Liz Errol inquired whether or not Board was open for anyone to attend. Dominique responded that it was not.

Liam Byrne proposed a motion.

Motion 6:

Students' Council requests a meeting with MUSUL Senior Management to discuss MUSUL review within 3 weeks.

Students' Council requests MUSUL extend the consultation period to the beginning of Semester 2 to allow the greatest possible student consultation.

That all information of the review received by the UMSU MUSUL representatives be passed on to Students' Council.

Moved: Liam Byrne

Seconded: David Haidon

Dominique responded that the information given to MUSUL Board members (herself and Rachael Lim) would not be distributed to student representatives as to do so would be to breach the fiduciary duty, and place UMSU in a compromised position.

Dominique proposed an amendment to Liam's motion.

Proposed Amendment 1:

Students' Council requests a meeting with MUSUL HR manager and the CEO to discuss the proposed restructure in 3 weeks.

Students' Council requests MUSUL extend the consultation period to the beginning of Semester 2 to allow the greatest possible student consultation.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Liam accepted incorporating the amendment as replacing the first two sentences of his motion, but did not accept the omission of the last sentence.

Liam's motion is amended.

Motion 6 (amended):

Students' Council requests a meeting with MUSUL HR manager and the CEO to discuss the proposed restructure in 3 weeks.

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That all information of the review received by the UMSU MUSUL representatives be passed on to Students' Council.

Moved: Liam Byrne

Seconded: David Haidon

Dominique then moved the amendment as a separate motion.

Motion 7:

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Students' Council requests MUSUL extend the consultation period to the beginning of Semester 2 to allow the greatest possible student consultation.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Mark Kettle

Charley moved a procedural:

Procedural Motion 2: That the motions be put.

Moved: Charley Daniel

LOST

For: 4

Against: 7

David Evans arrived at 1:15pm

Conversation continued around the above outlined points.

Liz Errol proxied to David Haidon upon leaving at 1:25pm

Esther tabled a motion.

Motion 8:

Students' Council requires all information gathered to date by MUSUL which is relevant to the MUSUL restructure, in particular the information relevant to staff redundancy proposals, changes

to student services, and; changes to commercial operations likely to affect students' experiences on campus.

Moved: Esther Bohmer

Seconded: Liz Errol

Procedural Motion 3: That Esther's motion be put.

Moved: Esther Bohmer

CARRIED

For: 12

Against: 0

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Moved: Esther Bohmer

Seconded: Liz Errol

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Jadon Mintern inquired as to whether or not the restructure was occurring with internal or external consultants.

Justin replied that it was a process that involved both. Not consultants, per say, but people external to the organization, such as the NTEU and LHMU, were consulted where necessary, to satisfy the requirements of the EBA.

Procedural Motion 4: That the motions be put.

Moved: Mark Kettle

CARRIED

For: 7

Against: 5

Rachel Walters proxied to Emily Hughes upon leaving at 1:40pm

Motion 4: That Students' Council agree in principle to UMSU taking responsibility for management of the Student Union Legal Service subsequent to ongoing discussions between MUSUL and UMSU to resolve any relevant issues.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Rachael Lim

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

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Students' Council requests a meeting with MUSUL HR manager and the CEO to discuss the proposed restructure in 3 weeks.

Students' Council requests MUSUL extend the consultation period to the beginning of Semester 2 to allow the greatest possible student consultation.

That all information of the review received by the UMSU MUSUL representatives be passed on to Students' Council.

Moved: Liam Byrne

Seconded: David Haidon

LOST

For: 6

Ags: 6

Abs: 0

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Students' Council requests MUSUL extend the consultation period to the beginning of Semester 2 to allow the greatest possible student consultation.

Moved: Dominique Ottobre

Seconded: Mark Kettle

CARRIED

For: 11

Ags: 1

Abs: 0

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearers' Reports

Motion 8: That all Office Bearer reports without recommendations, or that are not those of the President or Secretary be accepted en bloc. They are as follows:

- 5.6 Clubs and Societies Officers (submitted for 5/11 SC)
- 5.7 Environment Officer (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.8 Media Officers (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.9 Welfare Officers (submitted for 5/11 SC).
- 5.12 Education Academic Affairs Officer (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.13 Education Public Affairs Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.15 Arts Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.16 Clubs and Societies Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.17 Environment Officer (submitted for 6/11 SC).
- 5.19 Wom*n's Officers (submitted for 6/11 SC).

Moved: Rachael Lim (from the Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Bridie Walsh proxied to Kara Hadgraft upon leaving at 1:47pm

5.1 President's Report

Rachel spoke briefly to her report, and moved that the recommendation in her report be accepted.

Motion 9: That the UMSU General Manager, Justin Bare, organise an Advocacy training session for Office Bearers so that they are trained for involvement in the Peer Support Program.

Moved: Rachael Lim

Seconded: Emily Hughes

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Esther Bohmer began to make enquiries to the Student Services Review, in terms of where UMSU's response was at, and if UMSU would be participating in the NTEU campaign.

Rachael responded that UMSU had put in a submission, and that it had been received and discussed with Neil Robinson. She also noted that UMSU had participated in the NTEU campaign, particularly Elliot Wall, Audrey Irish, Mark Kettle, and the Education Collective.

Charley Daniel left at at 1:51pm.

Quorum was lost. The meeting was declared closed at 1:52pm by Rachel Lim.

Agenda Item 8: General Business (Motions without Notice)

The following motions were tabled following the close of the meeting, and will be discussed at the next Students' Council.

Motion 10: 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

Motion 11: 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

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting: 4pm, Thursday 16th June, in MUVT 1, Level 3, Union House.

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at 1:52 PM by Rachael Lim

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: