

Minutes of the Students' Council

Meeting 8/11

CONFIRMED

4:00 PM, 16/06/2011

Location: MUVT 1, Level 3, Union House

Agenda

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8. General Business (Motions without Notice)

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Meeting opened at 4:11 PM by Dominique Ottobre

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Char

<p>Motion 1: That Dominique Ottobre chair the meeting. Moved: Dominique Ottobre CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT</p>

1.2 Acknowledgment of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

2011 Office Bearers

Dominique Ottobre (Secretary), Erin Handley (Media), Tim Forster (Media), Mark Kettle (Education Academic), Liam Hedge (Welfare), Devrim van Dijk (Activites), Jonathon Webb (Activities), Stephanie Field (Clubs and Societies), Danielle Ascjak (Arts), Rhin Maes (Queer), Maddie Egan (Environment), Luke Nicholls (Queer), Rachael Lim (President), Geir O'Rourke (Media), Audrey Irish (Education Public).

2011 Students' Councillors

Jadon Mintern, Charley Daniel, Rachel Walters, Bridie Walsh, David Evans, David Haidon, Liz Errol, Liam Byrne, Nick Jarman, Kara Hadgraft.

Absent

2011 Office Bearers

Louis Matthews (VCAMSA), Justin Nott (Arts), Elliot Wall (Education Public), Missy Henderson (Welfare), Elizabeth Redman (Media), Cassandra Lutzko (Clubs and Societies), Esther Bohmer (Wom*n's), Katelyn Grimmer (Wom*n's)

2011 Students' Councillors

Adam Song, Liqun Yin, Springer Zhang, Emily Hughes.

1.4 Apologies

The following apologies were received:

Elizabeth Redman, Elliot Wall, Springer Zhang

1.5 Proxies

No proxies were received.

1.6 Membership

The following people have been terminated from Students' Council for failing to attend one in three meetings of the regular meeting schedule, and are in the process of being ticket appointed:

Grant Ross, Richa Deshpande, Daniel Baker.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda be adopted.
Moved: Dominique Ottobre (from the Chair)
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Tim requested that the minutes be amended so that attendees of the National Young Writers' Festival receiving UMSU funding would be encouraged to become Student Union members, not "given the spiel".

Dominique responded that the amendment would be made.

Motion 3: That the minutes from the 31st May be accepted as true and accurate records of those meetings.
Moved: Mark Kettle
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT
Seconded: Steph Field

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

None at this time.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

None at this time.

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearer Reports

5.1 President's Report (submitted for 2/11 SC).

The recommendation contained within the report was accepted at the last meeting of Students' Council. Rachael had nothing further to add to the report.

Motion 4: That the Presidents' Report (submitted for 2/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Steph Field
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT
Seconded: Tim Forster

5.2 Clubs & Societies Officers' Report (submitted for 2/11 SC).

The recommendation contained within the report is no longer necessary as the proposed changes to the Regulations were accepted at a previous Students' Council meeting.

Motion 5: That the Clubs & Societies Officers' Report (submitted for 2/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Rachael Lim
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT
Seconded: David Evans

5.3 Queer Officers' Report (submitted for 3/11 SC).

The recommendation contained within the report speaks to the possibility of UMSU investing in its own Audio-Visual equipment, such as a projector, etc, instead of hiring the same from Entertainment, as the cost of hiring can be quite expensive.

Kara Hadgraft arrived at 4:20pm

David Evans mentioned that, from his experience as working for Entertainment, that the cost of purchasing the equipment would likely be around \$1500, and that it is cheaper for UMSU departments to hire the equipment instead of purchasing, as this hiring also includes set up and assistance if required.

Rachael Lim added that she had already had similar discussions with Entertainment, and that they were looking to not charge OBs in the future, but currently had to, and that UMSU generated a lot of income from such arrangements. David Evans added that the money, whilst being charged to UMSU, was coming back to UMSU through this process.

Dominique asked Luke and Rhin if they would be prepared to get a quote for similar equipment as a starting point for UMSU considering purchasing its own equipment. Liz Errol also suggested that Luke and Rhin talk to Entertainment about the possibility of alternative options. She then tabled the following motion, directed at Luke and Rhin assisting:

Motion 6: We discuss alternative projector hire options with the hire department:
eg: reduced rate, quota of free hires per year, free hire, including a quote to purchase own equipment.

Moved: Liz Errol

Seconded: Luke Nicholls

CARRIED

For: 9

Against: 0

Abs: 1

Motion 7: That the Queer Officers' Report (submitted for 3/11 SC) be accepted.

Moved: Liam Byrne

Seconded: David Haidon

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.4 Welfare Officers' Report (submitted for 3/11 SC).

There were some questions for the Welfare Officers about the nature of the 'independent' funding they were looking to get to subsidise the English Language Program, and whether this independent funding meant from within the Union, or external to it. Liam Hedge responded that it would primarily involve funding from within the union, ie the Whole of Union fund, but could involve sponsors or other sources of funding, and that he would draft a motion to bring to the next Students' Council.

Motion 8: That the Welfare Officers' Report (submitted for 3/11 SC) be accepted.

Moved: Rachael Lim

Seconded: Steph Field

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.5 Arts Officers' Report (submitted for 5/11 SC).

The Arts Officers spoke briefly to their report, encouraging everyone to get involved with MUDFEST, and also mentioned that the intended launch of Above Water, in collaboration with the Media department, had been pushed back to September because of MUDFEST time constraints.

Motion 9: That the Arts Officers' Report (submitted for 5/11 SC) be accepted.

Moved: David Haidon

Seconded: Tim Forster

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.6 President's Report (submitted for 6/11 SC).

Rachael spoke briefly to joint submission that UMSU and MUOSS had made to the University's planned Student Services Review, and will keep Council updated on its progression.

Motion 10: That the President's Report (submitted for 6/11 SC) be accepted.

Moved: Steph Field

Seconded: David Evans

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.7 Secretary's Report (submitted for 6/11 SC).

Dominique spoke mainly to the planned Safety on Campus review, updating the Council that the review would also encompass some information that had been made available in the NUS Womens' Department's Talk About It – Safer Universities Blueprint campaign, and that some of the

contacts required to undertake our review at UniMelb were a little slow to respond as everyone is on holidays.

There were some queries about the action point involving contacting the CIE, or Murrup Barak, in regards to involving Indigenous Students in a review of the current UMSU model of Indigenous Student representation, as UMSU is currently without an Indigenous Officer or committee. Dominique replied that she and Justin Bare would continue to contact Murrup Barak to move the process along, and that contact had also been made with the NUS Indigenous Officer.

Motion 11: That the Secretary's Report (submitted for 6/11 SC) be accepted. Moved: Steph Field CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT	Seconded: Tim Forster
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5.8 Activities Officers' Report (submitted for 6/11 SC).

The Activities Officers' spoke briefly to their report, and tabled a motion to replace the recommendation contained within their report. The motion read:

Motion 12: That, in recognising the importance the Tuesday Beer Bands and BBQs program plays in potentially achieving quorum for the UMSU General Meetings, that Students' Council endorse the approval of \$900 from the Whole of Union line to be transferred to the Entertainment Department on the proviso that it is utilised to assist in achieving quorum at the UMSU SGM, which is anticipated to take place in the second semester of 2011, and consider the integration of MUOSS and UMSU. The nature of the spending will be determined at a later point. Moved: Devrim van Dijk	Seconded: Jonathon Webb
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This motion has been included after the Activities Officers became aware of the need to have an SGM in the second semester of 2011 to consider the integration UMSU and MUOSS, and that the Entertainment program provided a good opportunity to do so. The money would be used to bolster the program, and provide an incentive to get the required number of members present for the SGM. At this stage, the SGM has not been scheduled.

Questions were raised about the amount of money in the Whole of Union line, and whether or not there would be other requests for money out of the Whole of Union line. Liz Errol asked if the motion could be deferred until second semester.

Dominique responded that the Whole of Union currently contained a little less than \$3000, and that it was important for this motion to pass in order to secure the funding that UMSU would need to put on a successful SGM.

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CARRIED	For: 7	Against: 0	Abs: 3

Motion 13: That the Activities Officers' Report (submitted for 6/11 SC) be accepted. Moved: Steph Field	Seconded: Mark Kettle		
CARRIED	For: 8	Against: 0	Abs: 2

5.9 Media Officers' Report (submitted for 6/11 SC).

Tim Forster spoke briefly to the report, adding that the computers that the Media Department utilised were old, and due to MUSUL's policy of replacing computers every 5 years, were likely to remain in the office for at least another 2 years. The recommendation contained within the report was removed, as it was mostly a bit of fun, and not seriously requesting that anyone donate computers to the Media department.

Motion 14: That the Media Officers' Report (submitted for 6/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Steph Field
Seconded: Rachael Walters
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Dominique moved from the Chair that all reports without recommendations be accepted en bloc, with the exception of any reports from Officers that had not already spoken to a report within this meeting.

Procedural Motion 1: That all reports without recommendations, with the exception of reports where the Officers had not spoken previously in this meeting, be accepted en bloc. This motion applied to 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.17,
Moved: Dominique Ottobre
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 15: That the reports under 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.17 be accepted en bloc.
Moved: Dominique Ottobre (from the Chair)
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Nick Jarman left at 4:58m pm, and proxied his vote to Charley Daniel.

5.13 Education Public Affairs Officers' Report (submitted for 8/11 SC).

Elliot spoke to the Counter Course Survey for the Counter Course Handbook, and received a few questions about the number of responses gathered already, and when the website would go live. Audrey answered that at this point there were over 100 surveys completed, and that the website was being done in collaboration with Communications, but there was a slight delay with the MUSUL review and fewer staff in Communications.

Motion 15: That the Education Public Affairs Officers' Report (submitted for 8/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Steph Field
Seconded: Tim Forster
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Procedural Motion 2: To move to consider the leave of absence request that has just been tabled.
Moved: Tim Forster
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 16: That Rachel Walters be granted a leave of absence from June 21st until August 15th, because she is going overseas.
Moved: Rachel Walters
Seconded: Tim Forster
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.14 Education Academic Affairs Officers' Report (submitted for 8/11 SC).

Mark spoke briefly to his report, but received no questions.

Rachel Walters left at 5:03 pm.

Motion 17: That the Education Academic Affairs Officers' Report (submitted for 8/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Steph Field
Seconded: Cassie Lutzko
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.15 Environment Officer's Report (submitted for 8/11 SC).

Maddie spoke briefly to her report, encouraging anyone that is interested to contact her about going to the Students of Sustainability conference.

Motion 18: That the Environment Officer's Report (submitted for 8/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Steph Field
Seconded: David Haidon
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.16 Clubs & Societies Officers' Report (submitted for 8/11 SC).

Cassie spoke briefly to the nature of the proposed regulation changes attached to the report, which Students Council has been notified of, beginning the required two-week notification period as of this meeting. She explained that the proposed regulation changes were endorsed by the Clubs and Societies Committee, and concerned proper use of the UMSU logo as well as Welcome Back Week grants. The proposed changes will be considered at a later Students' Council, once the two-week notification period has been fulfilled.

Motion 19: That the Clubs & Societies Officers' Report (submitted for 8/11 SC) be accepted.
Moved: Mark Kettle
Seconded: Rachael Lim
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 6: Standing Committee Reports

None at this time.

Agenda Item 7: Motions on Notice

Procedural Motion 3: To move item 7.5 to 7.1.
Moved: Dominique Ottobre
CARRIED For: 7

Against: 2

7.1 NTEU Motion

Liam Byrne briefed Students' Council about the proposed staffing cuts being made at the Uni Libraries, and of the NTEU's campaign, tabling the motion below pledging UMSU's support for the NTEU campaign, as the staffing cuts will have an effect on students ability to access library services and support from library staff.

Motion 19:

The University of Melbourne Student Union opposes the planned staff cuts at the Baillieu and ERC libraries. Students value the service provided by staff at these libraries. We support the NTEU campaign to prevent these cuts from taking place and will support the proposed action during second semester. If library management want to respond to changes in library service, they should do so by actually consulting with staff, students and unions first.

Students Council endorses the NTEU campaign opposing staff cuts at the Baillieu and ERC libraries, and will invite the NTEU to place the UMSU logo on any posters and other materials that are part of this campaign, after consultation with the Education Public Affairs Department.

Students Council directs the UMSU Education Public Affairs Department to communicate the content of this motion to the NTEU branch on campus.

Moved: Liam Byrne

Seconded: Dominique Ottobre

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.2 Printing for Mandarin International Students' Your Rights at Work fliers

Motion 20:

That Students' Council approve up to \$500 from the Whole of Union line to be spent on publishing Mandarin language International Students' Rights at Work fliers in the same design that has been formulated by the Communications unit.

Moved: Rachael Lim

Seconded: Liam Hedge

Rachael Lim explained that the motion was asking for the printing of fliers in Mandarin as it was one of the main first languages spoken by the International Students that the campaign is targeted at.

Questions were asked about whether or not the fliers could be printed in other languages, such as Indonesian, which is also spoken by a large number of UniMelb International Students. Rachael responded that that would be fine, provided a translator could be found, and amended the motion:

Motion 20 (amended):

That Students' Council approve up to \$500 from the Whole of Union line to be spent on publishing Mandarin language International Students' Rights at Work fliers, and any other language deemed necessary, in the same design that has been formulated by the Communications unit.

Moved: Rachael Lim

Seconded: Liam Hedge

CARRIED

For: 7

Against: 0

Abs: 3

7.3 Blazing Textbooks funding proposal

Blazing Textbooks funding proposal for student unions

Blazing Textbooks is a student run radio program broadcast at 12:30pm every Saturday from 3CR community radio. The show has been running since 2007 and covers a broad range of student and higher education issues. Blazing Textbooks interviews local and international students about their views and experiences and has provided valuable publicity for student initiatives and unions. The program also regularly has guests from the AEU, NTEU and student unions. Blazing Textbooks supports student unionism and encourages student participation.

Benefits to union members and the student community

- *promoting union membership*
- *promoting student causes and campaigns*
- *increased visibility of student issues*
- *giving a voice to students*
- *providing students with the opportunity to learn radio broadcasting skills.*

Funding

Blazing Textbooks is required to raise \$900 in order to stay on air for this year. This money goes directly to the cost of running and maintaining the 3CR studios. The collective is approaching student organisations for support as well as doing fund-raising activities to meet this cost and continue broadcasting.

Motion 21: That \$450 be passed from the Whole of Union Fund to Peter Eade, Blazing Textbooks Finance Officer.

Moved: Rachel Barrett

Seconded: Rhin Maes

Rachel Barret briefed the Council on the nature of the request, and provided some background information about the Blazing Textbooks program (as above).

Tim raised some concerns about 3CR billing a program to be on air, as it did not seem like something that should fit with a community radio program, and suggested whether or not the program could move to SYN, where such a fee is not required.

Charley raised concerns that the program did not directly benefit University of Melbourne students, and why UMSU alone was being asked to contribute.

Rachel Barrett responded that other student unions were being approached, and that it did benefit students, as it a student oriented program and contains a lot of student-focused content. She also added that because 3CR was not a commercial radio station they needed to bill people to remain on-air/continue to be affiliates in order to maintain and continue to operate the station.

Liam Byrne left at 5:24m pm, and proxied his vote to Liz Errol

The meeting was declared inquorate at 5:26pm, although discussion continued.

Questions were also raised about whether UMSU could be promoted during the program, if we were to endorse the funding, and whether there was a deadline for the program to pay 3CR in order to continue to be aired.

Meeting closed at 5:32 PM by Dominique Ottobre

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

At this stage no further meetings have been scheduled.

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at 5:32 PM by Dominique Ottobre

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: