

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 20.05.14

Meeting 10

Union House

Meeting opened at 12:14 by Sam Donnelly

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Stephanie Kilpatrick be elected Chair

Mover: Sam Donnelly

Seconder: Eleanor Ryan

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

OBs: Stephanie Kilpatrick (Wom*ns'), Hanna McCreath (Environments), Adam Galvin (Education Academic), Michelle See-tho (Media), Sophia Liu (Welfare), Mick Roe (Creative Arts), Elsher Keir (Creative Arts) Annaliva Carli Hannan (Education Public), Hana Dalton (Education Academic), Madeline Clarke (Indigenous), Sarina Murray (Disabilities), Sean Watcon (Media), Kevin Hawkins (Media), Ella Fabry (Education Public), Cin Templeton (Queer), Alexa Thompson (Environments), Kyle Webb (Indigenous) James Crafti (VCA), Samuel Donnelly (General Secretary).

Councillors: Tyson Holloway Clare (Indigenous Representative), Daniel Sullivan, Simon Farley, Thomas Hayes, Sebastian Reinehr, Shanley Price, Jo Steinle, James Bashford, Jim Smith (Graduate Representative), Jessica Meng, Eleanor Ryan.

Others: Bridget Bourke, Pat Dollard, Jade Eckhaus, Thomas Mudie, Rebekah Drake, Michael Coffey

1.4 Apologies

Lewis Rippon, Joanne Zuo, Viki Nie, Jo Deng, Julijana Todorovic

1.5 Proxies

Joanne Zuo to Thomas Mudie, Jo Deng to Rebekah Drake, Viki Nie to Jessica Meng, Lewis Rippon to Daniel Sullivan.

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda, changing 'motions on notice' to 'motions without notice' as there was no notice given to council of any of them

Mover: Steph Kilpatrick (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- See appendix for minutes form 8.05.2014

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes of the 8.05.14 as a true and accurate record

Mover: Steph Kilpatrick (Chair)

CARRIED

Discussion around the adding of minutes to the website. Sam Donnelly says he will have the minutes up as soon as possible

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Returning Officers Recommendations
 - Report from the Operations Sub-Committee

Recommendation 1:

Queer Department and Self determination

Verbal Instruction:

Amend 33.2 to read "...with a verbal instruction that "Queer includes those persons who identify as being within the category of Queer. Only students who identify as queer can vote for these positions"

33. ISSUING OF BALLOT PAPERS

33.1. Before a voter is issued with a ballot paper, the Polling Clerk must:

33.1.1. obtain the voter's Student number and check it against the roll;

33.1.2. ask to see photographic identification of the voter;

33.1.3. initial the ballot paper;

33.1.4. cross the voter's name off the electoral roll;

33.2. Once a voter has been crossed off the electoral roll they will be issued with a ballot paper with a verbal instruction that "Queer includes those persons who identify as being within the category of Queer. Only students who identify as Queer can vote for these positions"

Ballot Papers:

Explanation: to ensure the Queer Ballot is clearly defined and marked

32. BALLOT PAPERS

32.1. The form of ballot papers for each election shall be determined by the Returning Officer subject to requirements of these Regulations

32.2. Elections for more than one position may be included on one page of the ballot paper.

32.3. The Returning Officer must arrange for the printing of ballot papers. A count must be kept of all ballot papers distributed to polling booths and issued to postal voters.

32.4 – The ballot for all Queer positions must not be attached to any other ballot, and must include the following words in a prominent location on the ballot: Only persons who identify as being within the category of Queer (includes, but is not limited to, being same-sex attracted, homosexual, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, intersex, Trans*, or sex and/or gender diverse) can vote for these positions

Returning Officers' Recommendation 2:

Social Media

**** Amend 28.6 to require "Please recycle" only on printed material***

Explanation: only recyclable materials can be recycled

28.6. All material authorised by the Returning Officer must have the words ~~'Please Recycle'~~ and 'Published by' followed by the name and Student number of a Student who is to be publisher displayed on it and every copy of it that is distributed or displayed. The words 'Please Recycle' must be on all material printed on paper products

**** Add 28.9 "Where material has been authorised, it may be republished in different formats (including electronically) without being separately authorised, as long the change in format does not alter the content or message originally authorised, and the material carries the publisher and authorisation lines required by these Regulations."***

Explanation: Allows candidates to republished unchanged authorised material

**** Add 28.10 "The creation of pages, websites, social media accounts, online public fora relating to the election need to be authorised by the Returning Officer, and carry the authorisation described in R28.5 and R28.6."***

Explanation: This was what OSC wanted, and provides a base of online authorisation

**** Add 28.11 "In online media (particularly social media) where it is customary to post short updates, then separate authorisation and the authorisation and publishing lines in R28.5 and R28.6, are not required***

when:

(a) the item is limited to encouragement to vote for a particular candidate and/or ticket and does not introduce any new material beyond what has already been authorised;

(b) the item does not comment on any opposing candidate or ticket; and

(c) the item is clearly identified as being posted by a particular candidate or ticket, and contains a link to or appears on the main site of that candidate or ticket which has itself been authorised."

Explanation: basically copied from Ruling (2) of 2012.

**** Add 28.12 "The Returning Officer may ban the use of specific online sites or social media services for election material."***

Explanation: allow the RO to ban Twitter if they want (possibly necessary as too difficult to monitor effectively)

Speaking list opened for discussion

Tom Hayes suggests that banning facebook be exempted from these regs, as facebook is good. Asks that an amendment to the regs be suggested to that 28.12 reads "The Returning Officer may ban the use of specific online sites or social media services *except for facebook* for election material"

Discussion surrounding appropriateness of the addition of facebook to the suggested regulations and possible complications in the future surrounding these regs with the changing of Social Media sites.

James Crafti suggests further amendment, that 28.12 read

- Organise students to call the offices of these MP's in an attempt to pressure them.
- Set up stalls on South Lawn asking students to call their offices.
- Buy pre-paid phones to reduce costs to students.
- This council individually call John Madigan's Office immediately after the meeting.
- Organise lunch time call sessions with food and phones provided.
- Organise an email campaign to be sent to their office's to pressure them.
- Start a social media campaign directly targeting Family First and John Madigan.
- To make a representation to the National Union of Students to do the same on other campuses targeting Nick Xenophone and Palmer United Senators.
- To make representations to John Madigans Office on our behalf with petitions.

Moved: Matthew Thomas

Seconded:

MOTION POSTPONED

Mover not present

4. Correspondence

Nil

5. Office Bearers' Reports (see below)

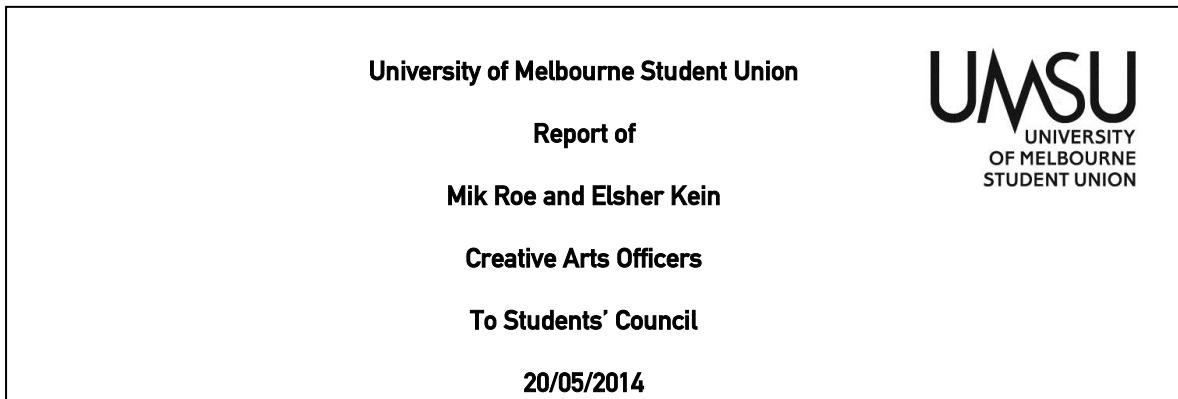
Activities

No report received, officers not present

Burnley

No report received, officers not present

Creative Arts



We've started some free impro workshops and physical theatre workshops. We received funding (4,000) from CCRAAG to run arts access training and Auslan classes for actors, with the condition that we work towards making it a permanent program with the Disability Liaison Unit! We've started planning and recruiting student artists for a few things next semester like a digital arts exhibition at the George Paton and the week 4 pop up arts fest.

Clubs

No report received, officers not present

Disabilities

Collective is going well, events well attended.

Would like to raise an issue with the artwork on some posters produced by an affiliated UHT Club. The poster has come to the attention of the Disabilities Dept and the Creative Arts department due to numerous complaints from students.

The posters are advertising a play called 'Abortion' and picture the silhouette of a pregnant woman, with the inside of the bump cut out in the shape of a foetus, and an umbilical cord with a dangling attached red foetus. The stall in Union House plays videos of babies crying, and the supporting pictures are of fetuses covered in blood.

Below is a written explanation from Sarina (Disabilities co-OB)

Yesterday afternoon a serious issue became apparent when the advertising for a play called Abortion started receiving a large number of complaints aimed as broadly as the Info Desk, Union House Theatre, the Creative Arts Officers and myself. After 5 yesterday afternoon Elsher, myself and eventually Goldie had a meeting with the head of this theatre group, AOTU, asking them to amend their advertising to avoid triggering students with their very graphic posters, and place trigger warnings for their play in promotional material. We were very respectful and professional. The language we used was based on the constitution and Union House standards which they were in clear breach of. We specified that we were not asking them to change the content of their play in any way. I also made the specification, using accessible language, that the problem isn't people being 'uncomfortable' but that the discomfort is based upon post-traumatic stress. The AOTU was not amenable.

Trigger is a clinical term. When a person confronts their trigger unexpectedly, it releases a huge flood of stress hormones into their system and thoroughly contravenes the constitution's aim of students experiencing their education and university life without discrimination on the basis of mental illness or gender (Statement of purposes, 6 and 7). Abortion is very likely issue to cause huge problems for people at this university. The Disabilities Department showed a documentary earlier this year called The Punk Singer, in which its subject Kathleen Hanna spoke briefly about the abortion she had when she was 15, without such she never would have been capable of going to university. Young, bright women being put in that position is something very applicable to a large number of women at this university. This is now being thrown in their faces.

This has a further impact on disabled students being confronted with the information. Pro-choice for disabled people, who have had forced abortions or forced sterilisations, or have been heavily pressured to do so. This is similar to issues faced by women marginalised by their race. Choice is something these women may not be given. This advertising is therefore even more likely to negatively affect women marginalised in more than one way.

The third problem is that it may actively contribute to people who have recently had abortions forming post-traumatic stress. The only proven preventative measure for women who have faced sexual trauma, to not develop, PTSD is to have as much control as possible over their recovery. This rips that control away from them.

We condemn their behaviour and will be taking further action.

Justin Baré recommends talking to UHT about the issue.

Discussion about regulation of UHT Clubs.

1:01pm James Bashford left, proxied to Jo Steinle

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To pass the written reports and the Disability spoken report

Mover: Steph Kilpatrick (Chair)

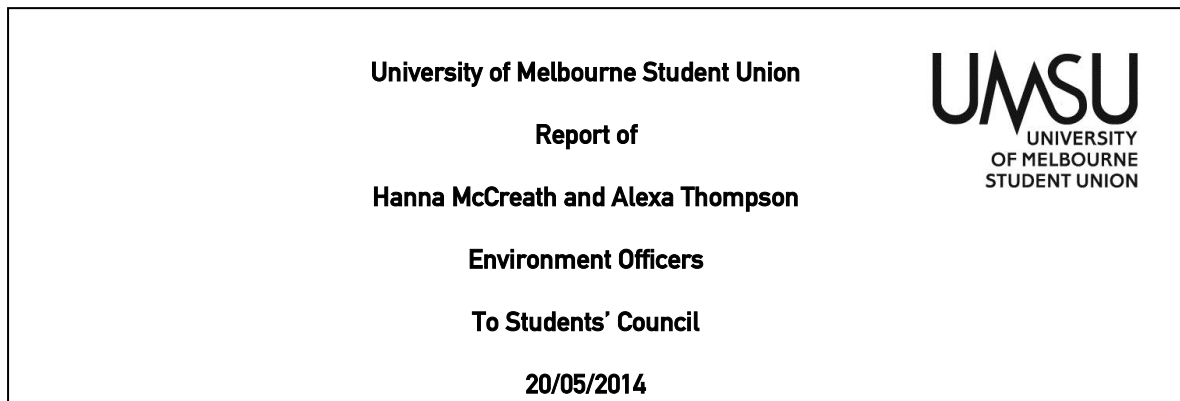
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Education Academic

Education Public

Organising the NDA, and the build to the NDA.

Enviro



The Environment Department has had a very busy fortnight, which included our regular events 'Play with your Food', 'Ride to Uni Breakfast', and our first Film Night. We also held a Students of Sustainability information session, and have been organising reimbursements for this event.

We also participated in the C14HACK, and event organised by the Postgraduate Student Environment network. The challenges were really interesting, and some fantastic initiatives have been proposed. We look forward to continuing to work with PEN throughout the year.

On Wednesday, we assisted in the organisation of the Fair Trade Market, as part of Fair Trade Fortnight. This was great event, organised in collaboration with Sustainable Campus and the Fair Trade Steering Committee, and featured a number of stall holders and prizes. We were very happy with the number of people who came along.

On Thursday, we joined with the Queer Department to hold a queer history bicycle tour and afternoon tea, which we really enjoyed being a part of.

Our Divestment Forum, featuring Bill McKibben was on Thursday evening, and was a fantastic opportunity for students and staff to ask questions of our three panellists. Fossil Free MU gained a number of petition signatures and new volunteers as a result.

This fortnight has really been one of collaboration with other departments and groups on campus, something that we hope to continue more throughout the rest of the year.


Indigenous Have been working on the Reconciliation Action Plan with Murrup Barak

Media Edition 4 is at the printer. Launch party is next week

President No report received, officer not present

Queer No report received, officer not present

Secretary

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UMSU International

UMSU International held their elections two weeks ago, and I would like extend my congratulations to all successful candidates, as well as those who were not successful, contests of ideas keep the organisations strong. International students are a key group to UMSU, and our work representing students would be incomplete without their representation and engagement.


Federal Budget

The Abbotts budget looks to be one of the worst for students in a long time. Not only has the higher education sector been targeted, but also there are attacks tabled to youth welfare, including youth allowance, and Centrelink access. A budget that attacks students is no friend of UMSU, and I would encourage departments to use this announcement to inform any campaigns to be run later on in the year.

National Union of Students

NUS has been organising actions on campuses as well as nationally in order to publically express student frustration over the changes to the sector, I would encourage all councillors and students to attend the action nationally on the 21st of May.

Welfare

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of</p> <p>Kinsey Li and Sophia Liu</p> <p>UMSU Students' Council 10/2014</p>	
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Welfare Officers

To Students' Council

20/05/2014

Wellness Week

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with Wellness Week. It was a great success. The healthy breakfast received a lot of positive feedback, and students really enjoyed talking to the nutritionist regarding healthy food options. The Stress Less Puppies went really well, with lots of students being able to participate. All our workshops ran well, and we were able to arrange some last minute replacements where cancellations occurred. Finally the group fitness classes, yoga and Zumba, held in north court were really successful too. A big congratulations to all the other departments who contributed, and a big thank you to all our lovely welfare volunteers for your continued help.

Union House Sleep-In

In an attempt to draw attention to the horrific levels of youth homelessness and student poverty UMSU Welfare will be hosting a sleep-in at union house sometime soon.

Food Bank

Working off models used at different unions and institutions UMSU Welfare will be setting up a food bank to help out struggling students with their food costs. We will be taking donations soon. There is potential for working with the Food Co-Op.


Language Exchange

Our language exchange program is up and running, allowing students from different linguistic backgrounds to get together and help each other learn and share their languages.

Regular Events

We are continuing all our regular events. The free breakfasts have been growing all semester, we now feed around 300 students every morning. Our fitness classes are also continuing to book out, and our collective has grown a lot from previous years.

Wom*ns

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of</p> <p>Stephanie Kilpatrick and Caroline Rider</p> <p>Wom*ns' Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council</p> <p>20/05/2014</p>	
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VCA

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Report of

James Crafti

VCASA Coordinator

To Students' Council

20/05/2014

Key activities:

BIP.

We have been running awareness raising campaigns around cuts to university funding both as a result of the universities "Business Improvement Plan" and as a result of the cut to government funding. We have been meeting with both the manager of the VCA Student Centre and the Dean both of whom argue that BIP will both save the university money and make things easier for students. However they refused to provide us with any details on what would be cut and did mention that a lot of the cuts are premised on not spending money on the risk of things going wrong, instead presuming that the majority of students will be able to navigate online systems easily. Of course this can also be read as, if the system doesn't work for you, there will be little support available.

Horror Budget

We have been campaigning against the cuts to higher education since the start of the year, but with Abbott's horror budget now finally revealed, more and more students are becoming interested in getting involved in the campaign. The VCA SA has organised lecture announcements in all departments about the budget and have a new interactive display photo of Tony Abbott being punched in the face from his student days, that we are having students be photographed with.

As well as being engaged with the national day of action VCA SA has been supporting and promoting several of the other anti-budget actions such as the rally for Medicare happening on May 30. VCA SA has also been promoting many other campaigns including the equal marriage campaign and the campaign against the East/West Link.

Indigenous Rights

The VCA student association and the Wilin Centre (VCA's indigenous unit) have both expressed our dismay at the appointment of Mirabella to Melbourne University. We want as many students as possible to know her history and to ensure that if she ever comes down to VCA she will be as welcome there as the welcome she received yesterday at Parkville.

We are running a film screening of Utopia with the Wilin Centre at the end of reconciliation week. Deborah Cheetham the head of the Wilin Centre will be introducing the film and talking about the Mirabella appointment.

We are also in contact with the family of Mr Targan* who was VCA's first ever Indigenous officer and an amazing artist and activist at VCA. Sadly he died last month and we are finding an appropriate way to honour him on campus.

**This has been edited by the minute taker at the request of the UMSU Indigenous Department, out of respect to past and present Indigenous peoples.*

UMSU and VCA

VCA SA continues to not only encourage but requests that OB departments run activity at the VCA. VCAr programs have long contact hours and it is usually impractical for VCA student association to make it to Parkville based events.

While some departments have run events down at the VCA, and we have done our best to acquire rooms for them, these events have been frequently subject to cancelations or zero attendance (at least from VCA students) due to a lack of publicity ie. posters and leaflets being distributed at the VCA. VCA SA is happy to put up posters but we need them in advance of an event.

It is also of concern to us that UMSU entertainment is refusing to spend money on VCA events because we have our own budget. That budget is spread across multiple campaigns and activities we run in the absence of many of the activities run by OB's at Parkville.

It cannot also cover recreational activity funded through the SSAF up at Parkville from the sports centre, to the Rowden White Library or the hundreds of thousands allocated to the entertainment department.

While the VCASA campus coordinator is formally invited to participate in the Entertainment Advisory Group, the fact that UMSU staff refuse to fund any entertainment down at the VCA is a BIG issue (one that we seek to rectify see recommendations).

An example of this is the Entertainment Department is cancelling the battle of the bands because they have already found a way for student bands to get involved at Parkville. Which is great for Parkville but VCA would like that entertainment, however UMSU staff are refusing to direct that funding to a VCA battle of the bands, instead saying they want to roll it into the general bands budget at Parkville.

It should be noted that prior to the VCA being merged with Parkville, there was an annual battle of the bands competition held at VCA run by the student union that was extremely popular.

However on a brighter note after a year of functioning we now have 2 working office computers, a phone and a photocopier. However the photocopier is being replaced with a better one and there seems to be some blockage between UMSU and MUSUL on this issue. We hope this can be resolved shortly.

Recommendations

1. That UMSU directs the entertainment department of UMSU to run (and pay for) some events at Burnley and VCA campuses every year.
2. These events should be run in consultation with the Burnley Student Association and VCA Student Association
3. UMSU directs the entertainment department to run a battle of the bands competition held at VCA early in second semester and to allocate approximately the same amount of funds to it as they would if the event was to be held at Parkville.

Discussion surrounding the recommendations put. Adam Galvin suggest a change to the word 'directs' to 'advises'. This is amendable to James (VCA Campus Co-ordinator)

Discussion and questions about the VCA Department's budget, specifically the \$11,000 printing allocation and grants procedure. VCA has a grants policy.

Maddee Clark, Indigenous OB points out the lack of respect from the written use of the name of a deceased indigenous person, by James Crafti in his OB report to council. Request from UMSU Indigenous OB's that the person in questions' name be redacted, and his last name included in the report only out of respect to the deceased's family and to Aboriginal people who may read the minutes or be present in council. Requested that in future, council adopts a procedure of using only the last name of deceased Aboriginal people and offer a warning to Aboriginal people in the room that there is a deceased person named, in observance of widely used cultural protocols.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the recommendations be put

Mover: James Crafti

LOST

As the 30 minutes after quorum lost is up, the Meeting Closes at 1:17pm