

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 01.04.14

Meeting 6

Location: Joe Napolitano Rooms

Union House

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Declan McGonigle be elected Chair

Mover: Declan McGonigle Second:

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Indigenous Rep), Shanley Price, Thomas Hayes, James Bashford, Joe Deng, Sebastian Rheiner, Matthew Thomas, Viki Nie(International Rep), Joanne Zuo, Julijana Todorovic, Jim Smith(Graduate Rep), Eleanor Ryan, Ruby Healer, Simon Farley, Jessica Meng, Daniel Sullivan, Jo Steinle.

Office Bearers: Sarina Murray (Disabilities), Jess Evans (Disabilities), Hannah McCreath (Environments), Zoe Efron (Media), Rachel Withers (Clubs and Societies), Declan McGonigle (President), Dorothy Meng (Queer), Stephanie Kilpatrick (Wom*ns), Sean Watson (Media), Michelle See-Tho (Media), Kevin Hawkins (Media), Adam Galvin (Education Academic), Ella Fabry (Education Public), Annalivia Carli Hannan (Education Public), Caroline Rider (Wom*ns), Madeline Clarke (Indigenous), Elsher Keir (Creative Arts), James Crafti (VCA), Tom Walker (Clubs and Societies), Alexa Thompson (Environments).

Other: James Samartzis, Marcus Sukau, Charles Gerard, Benjamin Zerbe, George Katsaris, Alexander Bell, Mathew Kayzer, Rafael, Stephen Mitas, Bridget Bourke, Lachlan McLean, Nicole Jarrel, Pat Dollard, Jade Eckhaus, David Walters, Michael Coffey, Jeremy Gibson, Emma Dook, Jesse Lambourn, Simon Burns.

1.4 Apologies

Hana Dalton, Sophia, Kinsey, Lewis Rippon

1.5 Proxies

Lewis Rippon to Daniel Sullivan

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 4 March 2014 (see note) & 20 March 2014 (Inquorate)

Motion 3: To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 20th of March as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Council Meeting 4th March motions

The grievance tribunal met, and determined that the meeting of Council on the 4th of March was not constitutionally valid due to a lack of notice, and as a result all motions are annulled and need to be ratified.

NUS Motion:

Motion: That Students' Council approves the payment of the NUS affiliation fee as set by the 2014 Operational Budget.

Mover: Samuel Donnelly

Seconder: Declan McGonigle

Discussion surrounding the extra detail given, whether the fee includes delegates fees (it doesn't and a motion will be passed later in the year for that) as well as a recommendation from Sab Rheiner that any large expenditure be not paid until the minutes are confirmed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the motion be put

Mover: Zoe Efron

CARRIED

Named vote requested

Motion 4: To ratify the motion 'That Students' Council approves the payment of the NUS affiliation fee as set by the 2014 Operational Budget.'

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

FOR: Tyson Holloway-Clarke, Daniel Sullivan (and Lewis Rippon's proxy), Julijana Todorovic, Shanley Price, James Bashford, Jo Steinle, Eleanor Ryan, Jim Smith, Joanne Zuo (with Jessica Meng's proxy), Vicky Nie (with Joe Deng's proxy)

AGAINST: Tom Hayes, Sebastian Rheiner

ABSTENTIONS: Matt Thomas

CARRIED

Regulatory Motions:

C&S Regulation Changes – needs 10 yes votes to pass, due to it being a regulation.

Regulation Changes:

Current:

Affiliation Stage	Date	Actions	Outcome
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<i>Initial Application</i>	Friday 4.30 pm	Initial Applications	How To Start A Club forms

	Week 4 each semester	Close	<p>must be submitted to C&S Office.</p> <p>Any further applications will be held until the next affiliation period.</p>
	Week 5 each semester	C&S Committee considers all Applications	<p>If approved, invitation to draft Constitution issued with meeting times for subsequent two weeks.</p> <p>If denied, advised with reasons, resubmission invited for next affiliation period (second semester applicants may only reapply in the next calendar year).</p>
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Proposed:

Affiliation Stage	Date	Actions	Outcome
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<i>Initial Application</i>	Friday 4.30 pm Week 3 each semester	Initial Applications Close	<p>How To Start A Club forms must be submitted to C&S Office.</p> <p>Any further applications will be held until the next affiliation period.</p>
	Week 4 and 5 each semester	C&S Committee considers all Applications	<p>If approved, invitation to draft Constitution issued with meeting times for subsequent two weeks.</p> <p>If denied, advised with reasons, resubmission invited for next affiliation period (second semester applicants may only reapply in the next calendar year).</p>
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Rationale:

This gives the C&S Committee more flexibility in setting meeting times; particularly when there are a large number of applications and several meetings may be necessary.

Current:

4.1.3 Reasons to Reject Affiliation

The affiliation application will not be accepted on the grounds that:

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- j. it does not contain signatures and legible contact details of 30 Expressions of Interest, all of who must be current University of Melbourne students;

Proposed:

- j. it does not contain signatures and legible contact details of 50 Expressions of Interest, all of who must be current University of Melbourne students;

Rationale:

Increasing the number of expressions of interest makes it somewhat harder to affiliate a club and ensures that it is something students really want.

Current:

Nothing

Proposed:

4.5 Non-Parkville Clubs

4.5.1 Reduced requirements

The following exceptions apply for a club that advises on its application that it is non-Parkville. For a club to be considered non-Parkville, 66% of University of Melbourne students on the expression of interest form must be based at non-Parkville campuses.

- a. The minimum number of expressions of interest is 30.
- b. The C&S Committee may extend the deadlines for the Constitutional meeting/drafting and submission of IGM papers by up to two weeks.
- c. If IGM training cannot be attended the club can request that the C&S Department meets with them to discuss IGM requirements separately. This must be communicated to the C&S Department before the IGM training.
- d. If the application is made in semester one then the C&S Committee can grant an extension for holding the IGM into semester two.

Rational:

Non-Parkville clubs can have enough difficulty affiliating with the current requirements. We do not want to make the proposed changes to make it more difficult for these clubs.

Note: Our intention is to look at Non-Parkville clubs more broadly but this change is priority before the new club applications start so the above change is a start.

Motion 5: To ratify the motion "To approve the previously circulated Clubs and Societies Regulations as listed above" from the meeting on the 4/3/14

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Financial Motions:

Education Collective Expenditure

Motion: To approve the following from Education Budget Line 'Committee':

\$200 for food and beverages

Media Department O-Week reimbursements

Motion: To approve the reimbursements to the following:

To reimburse Sean Watson the following from Media Department Budget line 'Special Projects, Events and Workshops':

\$47.62 for food and beverages

To reimburse Zoe Efron the following from Media Department Budget line 'Promotions':

\$38.00 for posters

To reimburse Kevin Hawkins the following from Media Department Budget line 'Promotions':

\$72.00 for Facebook promotions.

Media Department Launch Party

Motion : To approve the following from Media Budget Line 'Launch Parties':

\$500 for food and beverages

Disabilities Dept. Spending

Motion : To move up to \$500 for the training of the Anxiety Support Facilitators from the Disabilities budget

Motion 6: To move and consider all financial motions from the meeting 4/3/14 en bloc

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 7: To ratify all financial motions from the invalid Council meeting on the 4/3/14

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

Other Motions:

Motion: To confirm the minutes of the 13/2/14 as a true and accurate record

To accept the OBs reports of the 4th of March and the report of the GM en bloc

Motion 8: To move and consider all OB Reports and the confirmation of Minutes from the meeting 4/3/14 en bloc

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 9: To ratify all OB Reports and the confirmation of Minutes from the invalid Council meeting on the 4/3/14

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

Activities and Entertainment

Motion: To direct the General Manager and President of UMSU to investigate models which will see the Entertainment Department more student-focussed and run, with particular focus on the elected Activities Department and that part of the review include spending from Entertainment on non-Parkville campuses. These models are to be presented to Students' Council for further discussion

Mover: Rachel Withers

Secunder: Tom Walker

Motion 10: To ratify the motion "To direct the General Manager and President of UMSU to investigate models which will see the Entertainment Department more student-focussed and run, with particular focus on the elected Activities Department and that part of the review include spending from Entertainment on non-Parkville campuses. These models are to be presented to Students' Council for further discussion" from the invalid Council meeting of the 3/4/14

Mover: Declan McGonigle

CARRIED

SRN Appointments

Preamble: The Student Representative Network (SRN) is a network of students who sit on committees and boards of The University to advocate for student's issues and interests directly with The University. Each year, UMSU appoints representatives to these boards

and committees, while also providing them with training, along with facilitating and co-ordinating meetings of the network to allow students to discuss and co-ordinate their priorities on these committees. To complete the appointment process for these committees, Students' Council needs to endorse the selected nominees.

Motion: That Students' Council endorses the following nominees as UMSU representatives on their corresponding committees:

Academic Programs Committee (APC)	Nellie Montague
Academic Programs Committee (APC)	Hana Dalton
Arts Faculty Board	Julijana Todorivic
Bachelor of Arts Course Standing Committee	Julijana Todorivic
Bachelor of Biomed & Science Course Standing Committee	Manu Juneja
Bachelor of Commerce Course Standing Committee	Thomas Szoka
Bachelor of Environments Course Standing Committee	David Adams
Commerce Faculty Consultative Committee	Jennifer Wang
Fair Trade Steering Committee	Daniel Sullivan
IT Committee	Christopher Uber
Libraries and Academic Resources Committee (LARC)	Michaelean O'Donnell
Mental Health Strategy Working Group	Sarina Murray
OH&S Committee	Alan Thomas
Selection Procedures Committee (SPC)	Adam Galvin
Selection Procedures Committee (SPC)	Awura Owusu
Student Loans and Bursaries Committee	Adam Galvin
Teaching and Learning Development Committee (TALDEC)	Adam Galvin
Teaching and Learning Development Committee (TALDEC)	Jo Steinle
Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee (TALQAC)	Hana Dalton
Sports Council	Tom Hayes
Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee (TALQAC)	Mahfuza Rahman

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Adam Galvin

Motion 11: To ratify the SRN appointments made at the invalid Council meeting on the 4/3/14

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion : To approve the appointment of Bella Vadiveloo and Brendan McDougall to Theatre Board

Mover: Declan McGonigle

Seconder: Sam Donnelly

Motion 12: To ratify the Theatre Board appointments made at the invalid Council meeting on the 4/3/14

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

3.2 Financial Regulations – Tom Hayes (Attached as PDF)

Motion: To adopt the circulated amendments to the financial regulations presented to council.

Mover: Tom Hayes

Seconded: Matt Thomas

Discussion surrounding the motion, and a suggestion that it be incorporated into the Constitution. Tom Hayes withdraws the motion, as a Constitutional Working Group will be formed later in the meeting

3.3 UMSU Policies (attached as PDF)

- Communications and Marketing Policy
- Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Acceptable Conduct Policy
- Privacy Policy

Justin Baré arrives: 12:29pm

Discussion surrounding the policies – were submitted to last years' council after extensive consultation.

Discussion surrounding the Equal Opportunity Laws

12:32 Jade Eckhaus and Ruby Healer left

Discussion about why the UMSU Drug and Alcohol policy doesn't include Tobacco, but does include Alcohol (we can only make policy on things we can control). Discussion about adding this to induction – hasn't been in before as we didn't have the policies.

Amendment to page 8 of the Comms and Marketing Policy requested – that Volunteer Program Directors (ie: Summer School and DM) be allowed to have editing access to the website

This is fine with Justin, and was intended to be in the original.

Motion 13: To pass all the UMSU policies en bloc

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 14: To pass the amended UMSU policies

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports (see below)

Activities Meeting 5

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of

Keegan Barker and Huan Evans

Activities Office Bearers

UMSU
UNIVERSITY
OF MELBOURNE
STUDENT UNION

To Students' Council/Committee

20/03/14

SOUP

The Start of Uni Party was a success with around 700 patrons in total throughout the night. The crowd was very responsible in comparison to the last couple of years. There wasn't any excessive vomiting, no one was sneaking in drinks and water was given out freely throughout the night. Got some very positive feedback straight after the event from some party goers, which was nice. Not all alcohol bought for SOUP was drunk so it will be utilised at our next event, Trivia on Wednesday 26th March.

Next Events

Trivia is planned for Wednesday 26th March in the members lounge of union house. There are an expected 80 students to attend the event. We will have free pizza, beer, cider, soft drink and water on the night. The alcohol for trivia will be kegs unused from SOUP. After Trivia we have cocktail planned for Wednesday 9th April. At the moment it looks like we will be hosting Cocktail Party 1 at Khokolat bar on hardware lane in Melbourne CBD. Tickets for cocktail will start selling on 25th March at the Tuesday BBQ. Since SOUP was such a success we are hoping to sell out cocktail party as well.

Weekly BBQS

We have been in contact with Entertainment in regards to the entertainment schedule for the semester. There has been quite a bit of confusion due to miscommunication and lack of between staff members and office bearers. We are looking into ways to improve this and to improve the understandings around weekly BBQs, as there have been plans to change or cancel them. We have also discussed with the president and general managers our concerns regarding weekly BBQS.

Creative Arts Meeting 5

ARTS OB REPORT:

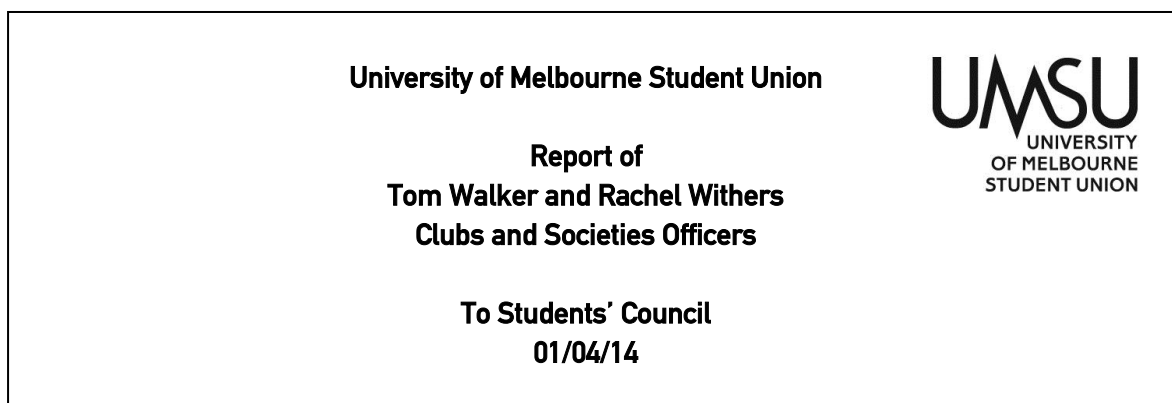
Our Tuesday nights of fun at 6pm in the Arts Lab are going really well! We had great 'Wordplay' sessions in week 1 and 3 where people read out some of their poems and we all did some fun writing exercises together. In week 2 we had our first life drawing session and it was very popular!

Due to the success of the life drawing session as well as running it as part of our Tuesday night programs, we will also be running regular classes every Wednesday from 3-5pm.

With UHT and The Melbourne Film Makers Collaborative- making a program for the collaboration between performance makers and film makers to make new work mentored by Industry professionals- starting in April.

Also working on: diversity week programs about mental health in theatre, Auslan and general arts access.

Clubs Meeting 5 & 6



This report is a compilation of the report we had for the previous inquorate council and what we've done since.

O-Week

We've been dealing with a few issues arising out of O-Week including misbehaving clubs and revising our expo policy.

Camp Safety

The camps this year have gone well. Borrowing of the first aid kits has been popular. We're about to start formalizing the process. Created a survey to which we've asked clubs to distribute to collect information from participants about their experiences on camp. We're spending reasonable amount of time restocking these.

Policy Changes

This semester the table bookings have got out of control with the Info Centre so we are working with them to create a better system. They have got very popular.

Clubs Carnival

We're creating a new event the Club Carnival which will be 11-2pm on Wednesday 2 April, South Lawn. This will be where we have a wide range of clubs 'do whatever it is they do best.' We have been working to get grounds bookings and encouraging clubs to apply to put on an event that really represents what they are about. We've had a number of applications and it should be a great day – we'd extend an invitation for you all to attend.

We have over 30 clubs attending and have providing some with tables, chairs and electricity. There will be a variety of food, drink and other activities. Silent disco, jumping castles, barbeques, food and drink tastings, picnics, discussions and workshops will all feature. It has taken a partially large amount of time to arrange and coordinate all these clubs.

We really hope to see you there!

Applications for Payment

We have spent a little bit of time discussing with UMSU staff how to get money back to clubs from the Applications for Payments. Previously this has taken six to nine months. Our committee has sent a timeline of processing them within two weeks and UMSU staff have agreed to this. Allowing an additional two weeks for finance to process them means that clubs should have the money within a month of submitting an Application for Payment.

Office Time

We've been spending a lot of time in the office answering general club enquiries, talking about the new club affiliation process accepting paperwork and helping clubs solve their problems. It's quite enjoyable doing this, but also takes up a lot of time.

Clubs OBs Report



University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of

Tom Walker and Rachel Withers

Clubs and Societies Officers

To Students Council

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<p>Disabilities: Meeting 6</p> <p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of</p> <p>Sarina Murray and Jess Kapuscinski-Evans</p> <p>Disabilities Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council 20/03/2014</p>	
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Key activities:

Anxiety Support Group:

We have two terrific new support group facilitators being trained up by current facilitator Latifa. We are trying to arrange a private training session for them with Anxiety Recovery centre Victoria, as ARCVic's next workshop in April is completely booked and the next won't be until October

Disability Collective:

Is growing every week and becoming more and more engaged. Students have a wealth of knowledge and experience to bring to the table and will be instrumental in forming and strategizing our upcoming campaigns. We are very concerned about racist treatment of students by the counselling service.

Access tour:

We ran our first access tour of the year during Week 1. Ben from Safer Communities and Natalie from the Disability Liason Unit joined us. One of the more pressing issues in the physical access realm is the Architecture Building causing many footpaths to be blocked off for much of this year—Redmond Berry is already one of the most time-consuming buildings to deal with for wheelchair users.

Review of the Counselling and Health Services:

After hearing innumerable stories of inadequate services for students and negligence on the part of health professionals, we are pushing for a review to be conducted into the practice. We are working with our collective and others to establish a survey for people to take in regard to counsellors both on Cardigan Street and at other bulk billing practices nearby. We will be meeting with wellbeing soon.

Rad Sex and Consent Week:

We will be running our second soiree on the Wednesday evening of Rad Sex and Consent Week. It will be in two parts; the first a talk on sex and disability, followed by a break for people to talk to each other and leave if they need to, before the second part, talking about approaching healthy relationships after unhealthy ones. We have emailed CASA to organise them to speak at the event and give other workshops during the week.

Other Business:

A student with epilepsy in the law faculty is not allowed to go to their classes because the university is titchy about liability. It is pretty terrible. We're on it.

Report to council of Sarina Murray and Jess Kapuscinski-Evans, Disabilities Officers, for Council 1/04/2014.

We are working on two significant Equity Grants with the Disability Liason Unit. More details about this will become public soon.

We have spoken to the director of Wellbeing, Dan Persaud, about setting up more transparency and accountability with the health service and counselling, after numerous complaints from students who have been inadequately treated or further marginalised by the services there. We will be working together to create a survey for people to complete after attending the services to remind the most vulnerable that if an experience was bad, it isn't their fault, and it would be best to seek another doctor.

Another problem has arisen with the news that Access Melbourne is not following up on students whose scholarships were received on the basis of having disabilities, coming from Low SES and/or rural backgrounds, which is causing poor academic and social outcomes for marginalised students.

We have confirmed Disability Employment Services's Virginia Tachos to come and speak at our soiree to be held on May 7 about options available to disabled students to make employment opportunities a lot less scary than the Centrelink model.

This week will be given to writing up the Access Tour and constructing a strategy to advertise our regular events and services in a way that will target students most at need.

We are running an event for students who are having trouble with anxiety but have not yet sought a formal diagnosis during Diversity Week. It usually takes quite a while for students who need help to seek it, and facilitating a dialogue on the issue plays a big role in taking the issue seriously while not stigmatising it.

Welfare Meeting 6

Indigenous Meeting 6 Indigenous Department

The YARN sessions have been going for 2 weeks now, on tuesday afternoons from 2pm in training room 2 and have been fairly well attended. Our department's first ever collective meeting happened thursday night and was a success. On the 19th of March we co-hosted Murrup Barak's Wominjeka event at which they launched their new agenda for reconciliation on campus. A free barbecue, performances, music and speakers were provided and there

was a turnout of around 300. In conjunction with the arts department we ran a once off contemporary Indigenous art discussion on tuesday the 25th of March.

We are now planning for a Songlines performance at the Diversity week nightmarket and a night of short films. We're also organising for reconciliation week, when we'll be screening the film Utopia and having a social event with some speakers. Planning is also underway for us to put together a team for the Indigenous games in September.

We were approached by a club president with concerns that the agenda template they were sent for their club AGM did not have an acknowledgement of country mandated at the start of the meeting. In response we would like to direct the Clubs and Societies officers and/or council to see that every club is instructed to conduct an acknowledgement at the beginning of their AGMs.

Enviro Meeting 5 & 6

- **Report to Council for 1 April 2014**
 - **Environment Department**
 - Submitted by Alexa Thompson, 19 April 2014
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- At the Environment Department, we've been working hard over the first month back at uni – we've held some great events, and we've got more in store!
 - On Monday 17th March, we held our first Play with your Food for the year, and our second on Monday 31st March. This event is a free vegan dinner for uni students, held regularly on Monday evenings. Students help cook and enjoy a meal together, and have the opportunity to talk about environmental matters and other topics during the evening. This year, we are planning to hold Play with your Food fortnightly.
 - We held our first Ride to Uni Breakfast for the year on Tuesday 18th March, down at the VCA campus. We also held the first Parkville Ride to Uni breakfast, on Tuesday 25th March, with a fantastic turnout of 120 people in North Court. This year, the Environment Department is jointly hosting the Ride to Uni Breakfast with Sustainable Campus, the university's sustainability office. The events will follow a similar structure to last year – a free breakfast on Tuesday mornings, 8-10am, for students who have ridden their bike to uni. At the breakfast, we host a bike mechanic who can help fix any bike issues and teach students how to perform basic repairs, and last week the Victoria Police came to the Breakfast to perform free bike engravings.
 - Last Wednesday evening (26 March) we hosted our first in a series of public lectures for the year. Professor Ross Garnaut AO spoke on "the Economics of Climate Change", from 6-7pm in the Physics Building, Laby Theatre. The event had great attendance, and Professor Garnaut equipped the audience to think more critically about the costs of action and inaction on climate change, and the costs associated with policy alternatives currently being debated by the Australian government. Our thanks to Dr. Garnaut for delivering a fantastic, pro bono lecture!
 - On Thursday evening (27 March), 5pm-7pm, we held an "unplugged" festival for Earth Hour. This year, Earth Hour is aiming to raise support for the Great Barrier Reef. With this theme in mind, we held a picnic/festival in North Court (due to wet weather), with food and beer provided, catered by the Food Coop; acoustic music; craft stalls; mural-painting, and the like.

- Finally, we are looking forward to our second public lecture, by former Greens leader and Senator Bob Brown, who will speak TOMORROW about the environmental movement in politics. Mr. Brown will be speaking from 6-7.30pm in the Public Lecture Theatre in Old Arts on Wednesday 2nd April. Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/237407173110043/>.
- We have had successful Committee meetings so far, and have been able to pass our budget and the first few rounds of expenses. We hope these will continue to go well.
- At our weekly collective meetings this year, Wednesdays 12-1pm, we are planning to invite guests each week to speak about how to get involved in environmental organisations around Melbourne.

Report to Council for 20 April 2014

Environment Department

Submitted by Alexa Thompson, 19 April 2014

At the Environment Department, we've been working hard over the past fortnight – to hold our first few events, and plan for some big upcoming ones.

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At our weekly collective meetings this year, Wednesdays 12-1pm, we are planning to invite guests each week to speak about how to get involved in environmental organisations around Melbourne. This week, we are hosting Katie from Quit Coal.

We are preparing for a HUGE week next week.

- Tuesday morning (25 March) will see our first Ride to Uni Breakfast on the Parkville campus.
- Tuesday lunchtime, 12-1.30pm, there is an exciting seminar entitled "The University: Site for Sustainability?", to be held in Old Geology Theatre 1, which we encourage you all to attend.
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Wom*ns Meeting 5

WOM*NS OB REPORT Student's Council five

→ Women's Mentoring Network

On the 12/3 we had 186 sign!! And Steph made one last call for sign ups, which closed on Friday 14/3. It's been slow to progress in terms of the actual event but Steph has been corresponding with people who have signed up, explaining more about the program and also what the Wom*n's Department and UMSU does more broadly. We have the speakers organised for the first and third networking nights. Steph organised two training days for the mentors and will also be following up with a few extra meetings for mentors who couldn't make those days. Legal, Advocacy and the Safer Community Program were able to come along to the mentor trainings and pass on their specific advice and knowledge to the mentors. A really big thank you to Sally Coates. The first networking night was Wednesday 19 March in the Raymond Priestly Room and Ante Room of Union house with catering and beverages. The Second night is now being organised and we are contacting speakers and booking a room. Even if they haven't signed up and aren't in a mentoring group women are still welcome to come to the networking nights. All speakers talk about their experiences and paths to success in terms of their careers and academic progression rather than specifically their field to ensure it is relatable to women from all academic backgrounds.

→ International Women's Day

We organized a full packed day for International Women's Day from a writing workshop, to an intersectionality workshop, to ending the day with a relaxing movie and chat.

→ Wom*n's Action Collective

Due to a conflict with the Disabilities Department we have moved Women's Action Collective one hour earlier; making it 12-1pm on Mondays. Keep updated at [facebook.com/groups/umsu.womyns](https://www.facebook.com/groups/umsu.womyns)

→ We will also be working out some fundraising ideas and activities to raise funds for NOWSA, the Network of Women Students Australia (a conference in July this year held in the beautiful city of Perth). We are hoping to have as many University of Melbourne women students as possible attending the annual event.

→ Rad Sex and Consent Week

A week of sex positive, queer friendly sex education is coming up in week seven (April 13-17). We are calling out to our collectives for article submissions for the week's zine if folks are interested.

- ➔ We also put a call out for the NDA in our Farrago OB report and plan to advertise it through our networks as well.
- ➔ Stitch n Bitch: Reviving it from 2012, Our collective has taken to this weekly event quite well. The past two weeks we have been discussing plans to do collaborative works like patch quilts and clothe swaps in line with the events 'make do and mend' ethos.
- ➔ Women of Colour Collective (WOCC): WoCC are having our first event at the Melbourne Queer Film Festival. Our collective have decided on supporting the film 'Yoshiko and Yuriko', catching up on the 22nd of March. We are also planning for anti-racism workshops both to be hosted at Rad Sex and Consent Week, and the Women's Department's own anti-racism workshops for semester two (to be done in collaboration with the Indigenous Department)

Queer Meeting 5 & 6

OB Report 20.3.14

The Department held a film screening on Monday night which went really well – we had popcorn, beer and snacks, and then discussed the film and another documentary posted to the group in Queery. People have been making connections across the department, which is good to see – some fledgling community has emerged for the new year.

The department has been having discussions surrounding the stigmatisation of trans ppl and sex workers in the university, something we want to prioritise that we can make the wider community more inclusive for ppl otherwise marginalised by mainstream society.

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Queer Department OB Report 1.4.14

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Coming up next week we're redecorating the Queer Space chalk walls, and otherwise are knuckling down with other departments to organise the upcoming Rad Sex and Consent Week, which will have lots of workshops, a publication we're putting together, and a closing party at the end of the week.

VCA

Burnley Meeting 6

Burnley's Café has left over the summer break and a renovation has turned the vacant space back into a student lounge. The Burnley Student Association Department has had its first meeting for 2014 and attendance is expected to grow over the next month. Other than that standard campus-specific issues and general business since 0-week.

Media Meeting 6

Students Council 20/03 Media Report

Edition two has been sent off to the printers. It will arrive on stands early next week. We're planning on taking an initiative on distribution again and setting up a stand on South Lawn early next week to promote the magazine.

We will also be holding a launch party for Edition Two next week. At the moment we're looking at Tuesday at Markov Bar on Drummond Street, but details are yet to be confirmed.

We have recently filmed a promotional video, which will be the first element of our audiovisual broadcasting. We have a podcast recording session this evening (Thursday) where we will begin recording weekly podcasts.

We are looking into setting up two new stands on campus: one in the Conservatorium of Music and one in the ERC.

Media OB Report, Students Council 01/04/2014

Edition two of *Farrago* was released last Monday (March 24th). We were walking around campus during lunch hours a few days last week with our "farrago trolley" and handing magazines to students around campus. At the moment, distribution of edition two is one of our bigger priorities.

Last Tuesday we held a launch party for edition two at Markov Bar in Carlton, which ran smoothly.

We are also working on edition three, with the deadline for submissions approaching this Thursday.

We've finished recording our first podcast, which we are hoping to develop into a weekly 10-15min broadcast. The podcasts will focus on issues raised in the magazine and expand on them.

President Meeting 6

<p style="text-align: center;">Report of Declan McGonigle President To Students' Council 01/03/14</p>
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Key activities:

BIB:

As council members would be aware from previous reports I have made. The university is engaging in a Business Improvement Plan (BIP) which will seek to consolidate services and generate efficiencies with in university admiration. and services. Part of this program has seen the restructure of university services into 9 groups under a single division and is likely to see a centralisation of some roles of faculty students centres. The merging of Melbourne School of Land and Environment into the Science and vet science faculties has also been part of this. I've been doing my best to remain as updated as possible over this program through meetings with members of university council, the provost and through the website the university has set up for BIP and presentations at committees. I will keep council updated were possible over aspects of BIP which do affect students as they become clearer.

Singapore Students:

Students from the Singapore Management University Student Association will be coming to visit us as part of a study trip on the 29th of April. The day will involve them learning from our structure and experiences and all councillors are welcome.

Grievance Tribunal:

As you will be aware the GT met last Monday to resolve an issue with council not being called correctly as the constitution sets out. This was something which I acknowledged in the meeting and was acknowledged at the council in question. You can read the minutes of the meeting attached to the agenda if you so wish. I would like to clarify a few points which have been made somewhat unclear on social media. The GT does not have the power to force action only to provide a recommendation to resolve an issue, we are following the recommendations made by the tribunal to resolve this issue. It was found that council was constitutionally invalid because the agenda was not circulated two days before the meeting and because notice was not displayed on the website. The GT recommended that we ratify motions passed at the meeting in question which will occur at this council meeting.

MUSUL:

MUSUL has written to us informing us of their intentions to undergo a service innovation and improvement plan (SIIP). We found the scope of this plan to be inadequate for a number of reasons and Justin and met with our counterparts at the GSA to discuss this and have outline our concerns and reconditions to MUSUL in an email which we are awaiting a response from. Furthermore I've also written to Trevor (MUSUL CEO) in concern to some misleading information on the uni store website and I'm yet to receive a response.

Growing Esteem:

The University has released the green paper of its updated strategic plan the paper can be downloaded from the university's website and is entitled "growing esteem". The university is calling for submissions from individuals and groups, UMSU will be putting in a submission which I am working on at the moment. If anyone has any ideas and input on this please let me know and I can include them within the UMSU submission.

Committee Meetings:

Since the last council I've also attended a number of committee meetings as well as one on one meeting. Including the student reference group in which i discussed ways in which to improve student's interaction with the university such as improving enrolment and the way students interact with the faculty student centres and 13melb. I've attend a meeting of the student services network in which I was briefed about the potential changes to BIP in student centres. And I've also held a meeting with the director of student services to discuss a range of issues including volunteering, MUSUL and BIP.

Embrace Education:

I meet with Tasmyn and Unimelb student who is involved in coordinating a homework club for refugee students to be tutored by university students. The program has been run at Monash with the support of the MSA for nearly 10years and she was inquiring about how UMSU could support the unimelb chapter she has established. I communicated to her that she was welcome to attend a future council meeting and put a case to receive a one off grant from council to support the organisation.

Miguel Wood:

I've also met with Miguel Wood a Phd student at the University and a former member of UMSU student's council who is working on establishing an app for student elections. The app draws from on election apps used in the U.S and aims to build a border level of engagement and interaction amongst students. He may come to a future council to pitch his idea and present to you he would like the

Secretary

Education Public Meeting 6

Education Public Student Council Report

Education week

The workshops were reasonably successful. We had some great speakers like Jeannie Rea from the NTEU, Deanna from NUS and Student Advocacy. Unfortunately turnout was lower than we had hoped. However, given that it is the first Education Week UMSU has held since 2011 we realise that it is hard to gain student awareness and interest. We hope that in the future with more publicity it could become bigger and better and really engage students in the UMSU education offices.

National Day of Action

The NDA had a really good turnout and it was great to see a variety of students from Melbourne University attend. We started the rally with a free BBQ and speeches on South Lawn and then marched through the University and down Swanston street to join many students from other campuses across Victoria. There was lots of chanting, some great banners and it was just great to see so many vocal and passionate students fighting the cuts. It was also great to see some really positive media coverage. We'd like to thank everyone who attended and helped out in the rally.

Wellness week

We are now planning for Wellness Week for the end of semester, which we will be involved in with the Welfare and Disability offices. We are hoping that wellness week engages lots of students on campus and shows them the importance of taking care of yourself during times of assessment and where to go if you are unwell or not coping. We as the education office plan to run a workshop on tips to not procrastinate and issues around academic misconduct and special consideration with Advocacy and Academic Skills Unit.

Education Academic Meeting 5 & 6

University of Melbourne Student Union

Adam Galvin and Hana Dalton



Education (Academic Affairs) Department

To Students' Council 6/14

1/04/14

Key activities:

SRN: This week we will be running our first SRN meeting, which is an opportunity for students involved in the SRN to meet to discuss their experiences of their first committee meetings, and to discuss ideas and approaches to addressing issues to arise in their committees. We received positive feedback from the student governance training day that was held in week 2, and students have already contacted us about ideas for their specific committees.

Campaigns:

Handbook Entries: Communications has designed posters and stickers for us to promote our survey about the University Handbook. The survey is up on the website, and will allow us to identify matters of concern for students as to the quality of the Handbook, as well as particular faculties or degrees where this is a significant problem. The survey will run for several weeks and will be available on the Education Academic page on the UMSU website. It will also be promoted through various UMSU social media channels. We have been discussing the Handbook on the various committees in which we participate, and are currently liaising with relevant staff members to address the issues.

Assessment during SWOTVAC: We have already received a number of reports of assessment falling in SWOTVAC through our form on the website. Although it is encouraging to see that students are using this service, it is disappointing that some staff members continue to be unaware of, or ignore, the University's policy on this. We consulted Advocacy about how to approach these reports, and have been in touch with the relevant subject coordinators to advise them of their policy breach.

Education Week:

During Education Week, we supported the Education Public department in the running of events. We were encouraged to see such a good turn out for the NDA on Wednesday

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of

Adam Galvin and Hana Dalton

Education (Academic Affairs) Department

To Students' Council 4/14

20/03/14

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STUDENT UNION

Key activities:

SRN: Last week we held a student governance training day to prepare students involved in the SRN for committee participation. The session involved speakers from the University Secretary Department, the Academic Governance Unit and Student Services, as well as from Justin Baré, and past and present student representatives. As well as providing representatives with information and skills, the session also allowed them to ask questions about their roles and meet other students involved in the SRN. The session was well-received

by those who attended, and we would like to thank the UMSU Advocacy & Legal Service for their work in organising this.

Campaigns:

Handbook Entries: We are currently liaising with Communications to develop materials for our campaign around improving the quality of Handbook entries. The aim is to encourage students to report any inaccurate or misleading Handbook entries to us via the form on the Education Academic page on the UMSU website, and also to fill out our survey, which will also appear on the website and which we will be getting students to fill out during Education Week. This will enable us to identify the issues students have with the Handbook as well as any schools or faculties where this issue is particularly prevalent. We have also been working with academic committees & the DVC (Academic) on this matter.

We are also engaging Student Services in relation to the wording on Health Professional Reports (HPRs), which students are required to submit when they are applying for Special Consideration due to illness or injury. Recently, faculties have identified a spate of falsified HPRs and medical certificates obtained online, leading to severe consequences for students found to have submitted them. In an attempt to help alleviate this problem, we are hoping to see the wording on HPR forms changed to specify that students must see a doctor in person to obtain a medical certificate, as there is reason to believe that some students have submitted falsified documents in the past, believing that purchasing them through online “doctors” was legitimate.

Education Week:

We are working with the Education (Public) Department to finalise plans for Education Week next week, which will culminate in the National Day of Action on Wednesday, which we encourage you all to attend.

Motion 15: To accept all OB reports en bloc

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

6. Other Reports

- Justin Baré – UMSU GM

Final accounts for 2013 will be ready soon

Discussion around UMSU Volunteering – Volunteering Coordinator is now vacant.

There is a desire to map out all possible outcomes, programmes and central activities and training required before re-hiring. Request that Council allows a consultant using the money put aside for staffing. Would like the situation resolved in 5 months, as C&S staffing arrangements also finish then

Request that SAG reports get reported to council

Motion 16: To accept Justin Baré’s report to Council

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

- Minutes of the Grievance Tribunal (24/3/14)

Noted – now on website

- Minutes of the Operations Sub Committee (27/03/14)

Noted – now on website

7. Operational Business

Only 1 valid nomination was received for Operations Sub-Committee: Jo Steinle

Motion 17: That Jo Steinle be appointed to the Operations Sub Committee

Mover: Declan McGonigle (Chair)

CARRIED

Ellie Ryan leaves and proxies to James Bashford

8. Motions on Notice

-Setting the SGM

Motion 18: That the UMSU SGM be held on Tuesday the 15th of April at 12:30 in North Court

Mover: Declan McGonigle

Seconder: Adam Galvin

CARRIED

- Enviro Department – Fossil Free Melbourne University – Page 46

Submitted by Environment Department, 27 March 2014

Motion to re-endorse Fossil Free Melbourne University (FFMU)

Preamble:

Fossil Free Melbourne University (FFMU) is a student-led campaign that is calling on the university to declare and divest its investments in fossil fuel companies - companies whose primary business is the exploration, extraction, processing and transportation of fossil fuels - in line with its recorded aspirations towards sustainability. A similar motion passed Students' Council in 2013, the campaign's first year of operation. The endorsement of FFMU by Students' Council allows the campaign to have greater engagement with the university through channels where students have representation with university staff, e.g. the Sustainability Forum and the Academic Board.

Notes: A copy of the Open Letter follows below, and a list of current signatories is available at <http://www.fossilfreemu.org/open-letter/>.

An open letter to the University of Melbourne from members of its community:

In full awareness of the urgent need to act on climate change, we, the undersigned, call on the University to:

1. Investigate and disclose its investments in companies whose primary business is the exploration, extraction, processing and transportation of fossil fuels;
2. Stop any new investments in these companies;
3. Develop a plan to end its investments in the fossil fuel sector within 5 years, with ongoing transparency of its investments.

Climate change is not simply an economic and environmental problem, but an issue of social justice, intergenerational equity, and the viability of future human endeavours. As members of the community of students, staff and alumni of the University of Melbourne, we believe that it is our

moral responsibility to show leadership in combating the global threat of climate change in order to ensure a liveable future for ourselves and all species, and for generations to come.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the World Bank all warn of a four degree Celsius rise in average global temperatures by 2100 if greenhouse gas emissions continue to increase at their current rate. Recent experience of weather extremes and natural disasters here and across the world is only the beginning of a new and more volatile climate regime.

Despite its small population, Australia is a major contributor to the problem of climate change. It is the largest per capita emitter of greenhouse gases globally and among the world's 20 top aggregate emitters based on its domestic emissions alone. Australia is also the world's second largest exporter of coal and, if the emissions embodied in its coal exports are taken into account, Australia is the world's sixth largest direct and indirect emitter of carbon dioxide.

In order to be part of the solution to the threat of global warming, we must diminish our domestic reliance on fossil fuels and replace them with clean, renewable sources of energy. We must also wind back our coal exports. By divesting from its financial involvement in fossil fuel production and export, the University of Melbourne will send a strong leadership message to the wider community that the time of fossil fuel reliance must come to an end.

In addition to the moral imperative for fossil fuel divestment, there are strong financial reasons for such a move. Financial analysts and international organisations such as the World Bank recognise that fossil fuel assets now bear very real and growing financial risks. Climate policies intended to keep global warming below 2 degrees Celsius coupled with increasingly affordable renewable energy technologies will mean that our reliance on fossil fuels as an energy source will diminish rapidly in the future. Fossil fuel resources and associated technologies face a recognised risk of becoming stranded assets. Moving away from fossil fuels is not only an ethical choice but also a smart business move.

The University has pledged to lead by example and to take urgent action in the face of fundamental environmental problems (Talloires Declaration, 1990; Universitas 21, 2009). The University is publicly committed to reducing emissions and reaching carbon neutrality by 2030 (Growing Esteem, 2010). Honouring these commitments is central to maintaining the University's integrity and standing in the community as a trustworthy institution.

We request that the University of Melbourne shows courage and acts as a progressive leader on the Australian and global stage in the area of climate change abatement. We ask that the University divests its financial assets that contribute directly to the success of fossil fuel companies. By doing so, the University of Melbourne would be joining a growing number of

progressive universities and liberal arts colleges in North America that have already committed to becoming fossil free.

Discussion surrounding the fossil free campaign at Melbourne Uni, and its impact on the Uni's shareholding portfolio. There are financially sound alternatives to the current shares held.

2000 students have signed the petition, and over 24 professors and deans have signed the open letter.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the motion be put

Mover: Tom Hayes

CARRIED

Motion 19: That the Students' Council endorses the Fossil Free Melbourne University (FFMU) campaign. To signify this endorsement, that the President and the General Secretary sign the FFMU Open Letter on behalf of the Students' Council."

Mover: Alexa Thompson

Secunder: Hanna McCreath

CARRIED

- Lewis Rippon – University Careers Fair – Page 48

On March 19th the University of Melbourne hosted a careers fair on campus at Wilson Hall and University Hall. Dozens of the corporations and government departments attending have an ongoing history of engaging in environmentally, ethically, socially, and economically unjust activities. Some of the big names included: Australian Secret Intelligence Services, Australian Secret Intelligence Organisation, the Department of Defence, Exxon Mobil, Shell, BP, ANZ, and NAB—a full list can be found below.

Of specific note was the presence of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), who are currently implementing Abbott's cruel "Operation Sovereign Borders" policy of towing back refugee boats to Indonesia. Under the format of the careers fair the university allowed the ADF and these other organisations to appeal to students as viable future employers. Ethical careers in socially just co-operatives and organisations was not a theme.

The university should not be a platform for the blatant abuses of the human rights of refugees. A navy forcing asylum seekers back to danger should not be welcome on our campus. Furthermore, any progressive university should be making efforts to actively provide visibility for ethically, socially, environmentally, and economically just career choices.

Government bodies and corporations that attended:

Accenture , ANZ Bank, Arup , Atlassian Pty Ltd , Aurecon - Engineering , Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation , Australian Secret Intelligence Service , BAE Systems Australia Limited , Beca Pty Ltd - Australia , BP - Australia , Brookfield Multiplex Australasia - Construction & Developments , Built VIC Pty Ltd , Caterpillar of Australia , CGU Insurance - Business Technology Services , Coles - Retail , Corplex Pty Ltd , Cristal Australia Ltd , Deloitte - Australia , Department of Defence - Defence Graduate Office , Department of Environment and Primary Industries - People and Culture , Engineers Australia, Victoria Division , Ericsson Australia Pty Ltd - Graduate Program , Expo Connections , ExxonMobil , Ford Motor Company of Australia , Fortescue Metals Group Ltd , GHD , Golder Associates Pty Ltd , Honeywell Ltd - Automation and Control Solutions , IBM - Australia , Integrated Research - Research & Development , KPMG - Australia , Lend Lease - Building , Mars Australia , Mondelēz International , National Australia Bank, Norman Disney & Young , Optiver , Orica - Australia , OSISOFT Australia Pty Ltd , Pactera Technology International - Australia , Palantir Technologies ,

PricewaterhouseCoopers , Professionals Australia , Redflex Traffic Systems Pty Ltd , Schlumberger Australia Pty Limited , See Hoy Chan Sdn. Berhad Group , Shell , SICK Pty Ltd , Sinclair Knight Merz , Teach For Australia , URS Australia Pty Ltd , VicRoads , Wood & Grieve Engineers , Wood Group PSN , Woodside Energy Ltd. - People Resourcing , WSP

Pat Dollard passes his seconding speaking rights to Jade Eckhaus

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the speaking time be limited to 2 minutes
Mover: Matt Thomas
CARRIED

Discussion surrounding right wing corporations, ethical businesses, civil dialogues and the armed forces.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the speaking time be limited to 1 minutes
Mover: Julijana Todorovic
CARRIED

Jade Eckhaus is named,

Discussion over who writes the letter and more discussion about right wing corporations

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the Motion be put
Mover: Matt Thomas
CARRIED

Motion 20: We move that Students' Council endorses the writing of a letter to the University of Melbourne which (1) details the problems with the way the careers fair was run, and (2) requests that the university engages in a dialogue with UMSU about how future careers fairs can be improved.

Moved by: Daniel Sullivan Seconded by: Pat Dollard
CARRIED

2 Abstentions

9. Motions not on Notice

- Rad Sex and Consent Week

Preamble: Rad Sex and Consent Week has been an event held in conjunction with UMSU Queer and Wom*n's Department for the past 3 years. This event aims to provide resources and education surrounding sex, safety, consent and various other sexual topics which people are often unexposed to throughout their education.

This year Rad Sex and Consent Week will be hosted by UMSU's Disabilities, Queer and Wom*n's Departments. Because of the largeness of Rad Sex and consent week in regards to the event, the range of workshops and the projected turnout, we also expect the event to be more costly.

This event is not only relevant to disabled, queer and wom*n identifying students, but also the student body as a whole in the regards of sexual consent and safety.

Clarification about how much money is in WoU (\$25,000 total). Discussion about what the funding would be used for – mainly venue hire and speakers.

Motion 21: To approve \$2000 from the Whole of Union fund to be spent by the Disabilities, Queer and Wom*n's Department on organising and hosting Rad Sex and Consent Week. Please refer to attached budget form for estimated costs.

Mover: Dorothy Meng

Seconder: Stephanie Kilpatrick

CARRIED

- **Disabilities Dept Motions**

Motion 22: To move \$900 from Disabilities Department, Special Projects Line, to fund Soiree 2: Sex and Disability, on April 16. The first part of this talk will encompass physical disability, while the second half will involve the Centre Against Sexual Assault explaining the process of forming healthy relationships after physically, emotionally or sexually abusive ones, and what to expect. This will fund speakers, food and drink.

Mover: Jess Kapuscinski Evans Second: Dot Meng

CARRIED

Motion 23: To move \$300 from Disabilities Department, Special Projects Line, to contribute to workshops focused on disability and mental illness during Rad Sex and Consent Week

Mover: Jess Kapuscinski Evans Second: Dot Meng

CARRIED

- **Constitutional Working Group**

Motion 24: To establish a Constitutional Working Group and a Standing Orders Working Group, run by the President and General Secretary

Mover: Declan McGonigle Second: Sam Donnelly

CARRIED

- **Wom*ns Department Expenditure**

Motion 25: To allow the Wom*ns Department to spend up to \$300 to reimburse some wom*n their deposit for their NOWSA Registrations

Mover: Steph Kilpatrick Second: Jo Steinle

CARRIED

- **Education Public**

Motion 26: To approve up to \$60 expenditure from the Education Budget Line "SRN" for SRN meeting 1 food.

Mover: Adam Galvin Second: James Bashford

CARRIED

- **Sophie Mirabella**

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To discuss both motions regarding Sophie Mirabella at once

Mover: Declan McGonigle

CARRIED

A speaking list is taken

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That speaking time be limited to 2 minutes

Mover: Matt Thomas

CARRIED

Discussion surrounding Mirabella's policies, and the position she has accepted within the Uni

1:52 Matt Thomas left, proxied to Sab Rheiner

Discussion about UMSU's stance on political issues, and speaking on behalf of the student body. More discussion surrounding Sophie Mirabella's policies and stances. Suggestion that between the Liberal ANZAC motion, and the Socialists motions UMSU looks pretty stupid.

Tom Hayes asks if the Chair will rule motion 27 (below) out as it's disrespectfully worded
Declan McGonigle (Chair) allows the motion to stand

<p>PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the Council move into formal debate Mover: Adam Galvin CARRIED</p>

Continued discussion about Sophie Mirabella's policies, UMSUs political stances and their appropriateness.

**2:06pm James Bashford leaves
Quorum Count Requested
QUORUM LOST, MEETING CLOSED.**

Motions below to be voted on at the next Council on the 16th April

Motion 1:

Last week former Liberal MP Sophie Mirabella was appointed Public Policy Fellow at the University of Melbourne. UMSU condemns the University administration for welcoming this well-known racist and right-wing ideologue onto our campus. While presiding over \$52million in cuts to already underpaid staff and important courses, Glyn Davis has more than enough cash in his pocket to start paying Mirabella's salary for a few lectures a year. Mirabella is so far to the right that she accused Liberal PM Malcolm Fraser of being a "frothing at the mouth Leftie" and lost her safe Liberal seat in Indi last year by preferencing far-right parties, which even Tony Abbot, had the audacity to label as racist. Mirabella infamously refused to attend the apology to Indigenous Australians in 2008, claiming there was not "one truly 'stolen' child" in Victoria, despite the first legislation given the state power to forcibly remove Indigenous Children from their families was passed and used in Victoria. The dispossession and genocide of Indigenous people in the country continues today, with the murderous and horrific NT intervention supported by both major parties. UMSU vehemently opposes these policies and condemns the Education Minister Christopher Pyne's attempts to 'whitewash' Australian history by removing any mention of Indigenous history from the school curriculum. The agenda of normalising racism also served to justify the Australian governments' rejection, torture and murder of refugees. Mirabella's appointment is an ideological assault and a signal from the University Administration that they accept and value this kind of racist, Liberal filth. UMSU endorses the EAG's planned speak out against Mirabella and definitively condemns the Liberal Party

Mover: Ruby Healer

Secunder: Jade Eckhaus

NOT VOTED ON DUE TO LOSS OF QUORUM

Motion 2:

Preamble

On Wednesday 28 March, the University of Melbourne announced that former Liberal MP for Indi, Sophie Mirabella has been employed by the University as a Public Policy Fellow for the School of Social and Political Sciences. Described by head of the School of Social and Political Sciences Professor Adrian Little as a "real coup" for the University, the move to employ Mirabella comes in the face of the Abbot Government's attempts to cut \$2.3 billion from tertiary education, including over \$140 million from the University of

Melbourne. Mirabella’s appointment will see the former MP delivering lectures, assisting students and organising public policy forums and seminars.

A staunch supporter of VSU and opponent of marriage equality, Mirabella has made a number of comments and policy stances that are both racist and xenophobic. In 2007, Mirabella stated that she was a denier of the Stolen Generations, claiming that in her home state of Victoria there was not one “truly stolen child”, and that children taken from their families over the past century had been done so ‘for their own protection’. Mirabelle also made calls in August 2005 for Islamic women to be banned for wearing a headdress when posing for photo identification. In addition to this, Mirabella has been vocal in her support for mandatory detention, labelling four Liberal MPs who crossed the floor in 2005 over the Howard Government’s immigration as “political terrorists” for showing an ounce of humanity. In teaching students Mirabella will espouse and will attempt to influence students with her racist beliefs.

Motion 28: That Students’ Council condemns and formally opposes the appointment of Sophie Mirabella as a research fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences, on the basis that the xenophobic and racist views of Mirabella are unrepresentative of the student body and of detriment to the image of the University. That Students’ Council directs the General Secretary to publish the motion on the UMSU Facebook Page

Mover: Patrick Dollard

Seconder: Daniel Sullivan

- ANZAC Day Wreath

Motion: That UMSU supports ANZAC Day commemorations across Australia, as well as events on campus, which aim to raise funds for the purpose of purchasing a wreath on behalf of the University of Melbourne Student Body to be presented at the Shrine of Remembrance prior to ANZAC Day

Mover: James Samartiz

Seconder: George Katsaris

NOT VOTED ON DUE TO LOSS OF QUORUM

10. Office Bearer Leave

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

13. Close

