

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 8.05.14

Meeting 9

Training Rooms, 3rd Floor, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:12pm by Hana Dalton

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Hana Dalton be elected Chair

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Julijana Todorovic

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

OBs: Hana Dalton (Education Academic), Samuel Donnelly (Secretary), Stephanie Kilpatrick (Wom*ns'), Declan McGonigle (President), Kyle Webb (Indigenous), Caroline Rider (Wom*ns'), Madeline Clarke (Indigenous), Annalivia Carli Hannan (Education Public), Dorothy Meng (Queer), Ella Fabry (Education Public), Cin Templeton (Queer), Alexa Thompson (Environments), Sarina Murray (Disabilities), Huan Evans (Activities) Keegan Barker (Activities), Elsher Kein (Creative Arts) Jess Kapuscinski-Evans (Disabilities), Tom Walker (Clubs and Societies), Rachel Withers (Clubs and Societies), Mik Roe (Creative Arts).

Councillors:

James Bashford, Eleanor Ryan, Shanley Price, Jo Steinle, Daniel Sullivan, Lewis Rippon (Queer Representative), Tyson Holloway Clarke (Indigenous Representative), Jim Smith (Graduate Representative), Thomas Hayes, Julijana Todorovic, Joanne Zuo, Viki Nie (International Representative), Simon Farley.

Other:

Rebkah Drake (Proxy for Joe Deng), Simon Burns, James Samartzis (Proxy for Sebastian Reinehr)

1.4 Apologies

Hanna McCreath, Joe Deng, Sebastian Reinehr

1.5 Proxies

Jessica Meng to Isabelle Kingshott and Joanne Zuo.

Joe Deng to Rebeka Drake.

Motion 2: to suspend Standing Orders to accept Sab Reinehr's proxy to James Samartzis

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda as presented

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 29th April 2014, see appendix for minutes.

Motion 4: To confirm the previous minutes as a true and accurate record

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Disabilities Department Change of Expenditure

Motion: To redirect \$200 from the Disabilities department 'Special Projects and Events' to be paid as a donation to the Domestic Violence Resource Centre Victoria.

Moved: Jess Kapuscinski-Evans

Seconded: Sarina Murray

CARRIED

4. Correspondence

4 recommendations to Council from the 2013 ROs.

1 refers to self-determination and the queer rep votes, 2 refers to Social Media and the regs. 3 refers to the duration of the ROs appointment and 4 refers to the MUOSS/UMSU:INTL regs.

Council discussed the recommendations briefly, then agreed that bringing firm recommendations to the OSC and then to Council would be a better way of doing things

Motion 5: To defer discussion of the ROs recommendations to the next meeting of the Operations Sub Committee where the Queer Department will present recommendations about Recommendation 1 and further discussion will be held on the other recommendations. The results of these discussions are to be brought to council for final approval.

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED


5. Office Bearers' Reports (see below)

Activities no report tabled & OBs not present

Creative Arts

Working with the DIG Collective, and students at the VCA with grants. Also looking at giving access training to staff in SWAT VAC

Clubs

<p style="text-align: center;">University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Tom Walker and Rachel Withers Clubs and Societies Officers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To Students' Council 8 May 2014</p>	
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The main focus of the last week has been New Clubs. Rachel ran the IGM training for our new clubs to teach them about democracy and our processes to set them up for success. Been meeting with clubs that require non-standard constitutions to discuss them and made them fit within our regulations. We've also started attending the IGMs as C&S Reps and Returning Officers as well as setting up a system so our committee can help us out with all 23 of them.

Additionally we've help the C&S Staff do some applications for payment and have worked with the committee to be a little stricter with grant applications to minimize the amount of office time that is spent on them. As well as sheparding all these new clubs we're going to look at the process for an online clubs system to help with grants and training.

Disabilities:

Waiting on the Federal Budget to plan our next steps

Welfare

<p style="text-align: center;">University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Kinsey Li and Sophia Liu Welfare Officers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To Students' Council 8/05/14</p>	
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Wellness Week

This week has been wellness week, a combined effort between, Wellness at Melbourne, the Education Public and Disabilities Departments, the GSA and of course, us UMSU Welfare. The week has focused on making sure students are staying healthy, both physically and mentally. Including workshops around anxiety and laughter to our healthy breakfast and naturally the puppies, Wellness Week is the largest week for the Welfare department this year, save O-Week, and has taken a lot of planning and time.


Language Connect

Building on the success of previous programs, Language connect will be up and running shortly. It aims to partner people who have come to university without English as a first language with students studying or interested in learning languages that are more familiar to them. In effect, a linguistic buddy program.

Food Bank

1 in 5 students go without at least one meal a day because they simply can't afford it. UMSU Welfare is setting up a food bank, so student can donate food for those on campus who really need it.


Indigenous

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of</p> <p>Madeline Clarke and Kyle Webb</p> <p>Indigenous Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council</p> <p>8/05/14</p>	
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We held a Diversity week short film screening, and had Songlines Skin Choir perform at the Night Market. We've been running our new collective for over a month now which has been going well. We've funded some Indigenous students to go to the Koorie Youth Summit (8th and 9th May in Melbourne). We're also working with Indigenous representatives from Tasmania and Sydney to create a national network of Indigenous Representatives.

Planning is underway for Reconciliation week, when we'll be working on two events with the Campus Refugee Rights Club and Murrup Barak on a screening of Utopia and a discussion forum on reconciliation and anti-racism. Organising is also underway for the Indigenous games in Perth in September, which we hope to send a full team to.

Enviro

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of</p> <p>Hanna McCreath and Alexa Thompson</p> <p>Environment Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council</p> <p>8/05/14</p>	
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Since mid-semester break, we've been planning for a host of upcoming events on the Environment Department's calendar:

On Wednesday 7 May, we will hold another Ride to Uni Breakfast on the Parkville campus; these always attract regulars and newcomers, and are an important way to celebrate cycling as a sustainable mode of transport.

Also on Wednesday 7 May, we will be holding an information session for the Students of Sustainability Conference, to be held in Canberra in July, at 12pm in Training Room 1. University of Melbourne students have a long history of participating in this conference, and the Environment Department will give grants to interested students to subsidise the costs of attending, so that students can learn more about sustainability issues, and network with students from different universities who may have started their own sustainability projects.

On Thursday 8 May, the Environment Department Film Night will screen Promised Land, a film starring Matt Damon, about a community rocked by a gas fracking project, from 4.15-6.25pm in the Arts West building.

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th, the Environment Department is supporting the #C14 Hack event, hosted by the Postgraduate Environment Network, where students will workshop five specific issues related to improving sustainability on campus in small groups – with prizes for the best idea.

On Wednesday 14th March, we'll be supporting the Fair Trade Market in North Court, as part of Fair Trade Fortnight at university. Students will have the chance to sample Fair Trade products (chocolate and coffee), and collect vouchers to redeem a free coffee from Fair Trade vendors on campus.

Finally, on Thursday 15 May, we will be hosting a public lecture delivered by American environmentalist Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org and the Fossil Free Universities campaign. Bill has video-recorded a lecture specifically for the University of Melbourne, responding to questions from University of Melbourne students. His lecture will be followed by a panel discussion with representatives from 350 Australia and more – don't miss this one if you're interested in finding out more about campus divestment.

Wom*ns

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Report of

Stephanie Kilpatrick and Caroline Rider

Wom*ns Officers

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NOWSA

We currently have 13 definite attendees and 2 highly likely to attend depending on money. We are doing on final call out through the newsletter but they may not get the same amount of prioritized funding as the women who did meet our internal deadline.

NOWSA Fundraising has been quite successful. We raised 352.55 initially along with another 418.55 yesterday. It was originally thought we hadn't made our target of 350 as we didn't actually sell that much, most likely because we were more out of the way then last time and competing with wellness week. However, We have a large number of bric a brac, clothes and shoes left over and so we will hopefully be having a third fundraiser just with these items next week in north court when we will hopefully receive more walk through/ people walking by that will be interested. We also have a fourth fundraiser planned in week 12 outside the ballieu library, hopefully selling soup, nutritional snacks and so on to get all the hard studying people on their way to study a bit of a boost of energy. Our conservative estimate/ aim for the final two fundraisers is to raise \$400 total.

My thanks to all those OBs who came along to help out with setting up, helping at the stalls, donating, advertising and packing up. It was great to have so many OBs lending their support.

Women's Mentoring Network

The second networking night was during Rad Sex and Consent week and so many people were tired and had been busier during the day so we didn't get many in attendance. Our speaker also had to cancel due to personal reasons but we managed to get two speakers at the last minute to fill in. We had about 20 people over the night. The benefit to this, though, was that many people got to have long, personal, in depth conversations with the speakers and with other attendees making it a good chance for in depth networking.

The Third night has been organised for next Monday night and been advertised through Environments groups. It will again be on second floor from 6-8pm with the wonderful Yvonne Meng coming and talking to the group.

Other Business

-We have had a number of transwomen contacting us. It's been great to meet them and have them coming along to events. We welcome anyone who identifies as a woman to come to our events and the room. We hope that this message is clear and welcome any advice on how to be more clearly trans inclusive.

- Steph has started looking ahead to semester two and started thinking about our campaigns for semester two, hopefully revitalizing.

-Geoff Shaw has released a terrible message today about wanting to change the abortion laws in Victoria. Geoff Shaw claimed they were the "worst in the world". Shaw says he is standing up for women while trying to take away women's autonomy. The department greatly disagrees with Shaw and his stance. We look forward to working with the NUS Women's officer, women's officers from other universities and women all around the state to fight against the changes Shaw has proposed.

Queer

Organising a queer history cycling tour, a Queer buddy program and hopefully a Queer Ball, Wizard of Oz themed.

VCA no report tabled & OBs not present


Burnley no report tabled & OBs not present

Media no report tabled & OBs not present

President

Working on deregulation issues. Met with the VC, and there will now be a student reference group to discuss changes in the University. Talked to the media about the impact of the State budget on UniMelb – regarding the train station now not being built in Parkville. Is away next week – is at a Uni Conference in Glasgow.

Secretary

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of</p> <p>Samuel Donnelly</p> <p>General Secretary</p> <p>To Students' Council</p> <p>8/05/14</p>	
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UMSU International Elections

UMSU international will be holding their elections from the 7th – 9th of May, voting is from 12-5 each day in the Union House Theatre and the FBE Building. A huge thank you to the outgoing team, and good luck for all students participating in this year's elections. International students make up a significant portion of students at Melbourne University, and making sure they have access to passionate student representation is critical.

Wellness Week

Wellness week is being held this week, and is a perfect example of how departments can cooperate to engage students traditionally outside the UMSU sphere. I encourage all departments to consider opportunities to engage with other departments and expand on the traditional events and activities of the union.

National Union of Students

NUS has planned another day of action on the 21st of May, the recent commission of audit has proved especially problematic for students, not only because of the looming cuts to higher education, but also due to the cuts to welfare, and particularly youth welfare. I encourage all students to attend and support the work being done by both the NSU and UMSU to support students at this time.

Committees

A reminder that once committee minutes have been confirmed to send them through so I can upload them to the website. I still have received no minutes from the VCA Department.

Recommendations:

That Council directs the VCA Co-ordinator to send through all minutes of meetings held this year

Education Public

May 14th is the action at Raymond Priestly re: deregulation

May 29th if the NDA

Campaigning re: Education cuts and have also been involved in wellness week.

Discussion about hindering traffic on the protest, and swearing. It was asked that “protests are great for protesting” (Adam Galvin) be minuted.

Education Academic tabled

Motion 6: To approve the OBs reports en bloc

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED

6. Other Reports

- General Managers Report

Motion 7: That the UMSU Students’ Council moves *in camera* to discuss the following

Mover: Declan McGonigle

Seconder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

12:55 – Students’ Council moves in camera.

Motion 8: That Students’ Council notes that there are significant ongoing issues in the relationship between UMSU and MUSUL that impair the efficient operation of UMSU, and prevent UMSU from engaging in strategic planning to support student representation and engagement. Students’ Council directs the President and the General Manager to continue to pursue UMSU’s interests.

Students’ Council directs the President to address underlying issues with the CEO of MUSUL with particular reference to:

The lack of clear and timely communication

Failure to meet timelines established by MUSUL

MUSUL’s obligations in relation to the Facilities and Services Agreement and Capital Expenditure

Students’ Council directs the President to request a definitive response and demonstration of progress by MUSUL by Friday May 30. Should the President determine that significant progress has not been made by MUSUL then the President is directed to raise issues of MUSUL’s performance with the Board of MUSUL.

Mover: Declan McGonigle

Seconder: Sam Donnelly

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1:20 – Students’ Council moves out of camera

7. Motions on Notice

8.1 Creative Arts Department Expenditure

Motion 9: To pass \$360 from the Creative Arts Department's budget line 'special projects and events' for tickets for 12 students to attend 'Night on Bald Mountain' performance + lecture on the 13th of May.

Moved: Elsher Kein

Seconded: Mick Roe

CARRIED

8.2 Wellness Week

Preamble: From Monday 5th to Friday 9th, UMSU will be hosting Wellness week. A combined event between the Disabilities, Education and Welfare departments. The week focuses on students' mental and physical health, ensuring students feel safe, happy and well on campus. The week is building off last year's Stress Less week which successfully engaged a large number of students with the departments of the union and UMSU as a whole.

Motion 10: To pass the following from 'Whole of Union' for wellness week expenses:

\$100 for a Zumba instructor.

\$625 for fencing.

\$420 for stage and equipment.

Up to \$250 for a nutritionist.

Moved: Sophia Liu

Seconded: Samuel Donnelly

CARRIED

8.3 Education Public Department Expenditure

Motion 11: To pass the following from budget line "campaigns":

\$150 paid advertising for deregulation campaign.

\$250 for materials for the Snap Action and National Day of Action on the 14th and 21st.

Moved: Ella Fabry

Seconded: Annalivia Carli Hannan

CARRIED

8.4 Education Public Department Expenditure

Motion 12: To reimburse Annalivia Carli Hannan \$30 for materials bought for Education Collective from budget line "collective".

Moved: Ella Fabry

Seconded: Annalivia Carli Hannan

CARRIED

8.5 NOWSA/EdCon Expenditure

Motion: To move \$1000 from budget line 'Conferences' to the Wom*ns's Department budget line 'Conferences' for NOWSA expenditure, and \$3000 from the 'Grants' budget line to the Education Department budget line 'Conferences' for EdCon expenditure.

Moved: Stephanie Kilpatrick

Seconded: Ella Fabry

Steph and Ella spoke to their moving rights. About 45 people are going to Ed Con, with approximate costs of \$100 registration per person, plus flights, plus accommodation etc. The Education Department usually has Equity grants, but due to the amount of people attending this year and the location of the conference (Perth) more money is required.

Request that \$2000 be taken out of the Conferences line for NOWSA, an increase of \$1000.

Discussion about number of people going to Ed Con (45) and NOWSA (16)

There's a request from Maddee that the motion now read: To move \$3000 from the 'Grants' budget line to the Education Department budget line 'Conferences' for EdCon expenditure.

This is amenable to the mover.

Motion 13: : To move \$3000 from the 'Grants' budget line to the Education Department budget line 'Conferences' for EdCon expenditure

Mover: Stephanie Kilpatrick

Seconded: Ella Fabry

CARRIED

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To now discuss the NOWSA part of the previous motion

Mover: Lewis Rippon

CARRIED

Motion proposed by Steph Kilpatrick and Ella Dyson- To move \$1000 from budget line 'Conferences' to the Wom*ns's Department budget line 'Conferences' for NOWSA expenditure,

Caroline Ridler moves to amend the motion to include an extra \$1000 from the Whole of Union budget - this is not amenable to the mover.

Discussion surrounding costs per person for NOWSA – it's approximately \$760 per person.

Discussion surrounding UMSU's financial regs- a 2/3 majority of council needs to be achieved for this amendment to the original motion to pass.

A named vote is requested

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the amendment be put.

Mover: Tom Walker

CARRIED

Motion 14: To amend the motion put forward by Steph Kilpatrick and Ella Dyson to read “To move \$1000 from budget line ‘Conferences’ and \$1000 from the Whole of Union line to the Wom*ns’s Department budget line ‘Conferences’ for NOWSA expenditure.

Mover: Caroline Ridler

Seconder: Maddee Clarke

MOTION FAILS

FOR: Tyson Holloway-Clarke, Lewis Rippon, Joe Deng (by proxy), Daniel Sullivan, Ruby Healer

AGAINST: Tom Hayes, Jim Smith, Simon Farley, Shanley Price, Eleanor Ryan

ABSTENTIONS: James Bashford, Jo Steinle, Julijana Todorovic

Motion 15: To move \$1000 from budget line ‘Conferences’ to the Wom*ns’s Department budget line ‘Conferences’ for NOWSA expenditure.

Mover: Stephanie Kilpatrick

Seconder: Ella Dyson

CARRIED

2:12 Jo Steinle leaves

QUORUM LOST

8. Close