

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students' Council**

**Agenda**

**12 PM, 8th May 2012**

**Meeting 9**

**Location: MUVT Training  
Union House**

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- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
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***UNCONFIRMED Minutes***

**12 PM, 8th May 2012**

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**12:30pm – no quorum reached, however quorum was likely to be reached by 12:35pm.**

Due to this, Students' council petitioned for an emergency meeting to occur, starting at 12:40pm. This required 10 Students' Council signatories to sign a form stating that 'the undersigned call an emergency Students' Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at 12:40 pm and to carry over proxies from the meeting before'.

This was signed by Mercedes Marsh, Xuerui Ren, Ada Zhang, Jason Lim, Michael Sabiljak, Steven Burak, Patrick Clearwater, Bridie Walsh, Stephen Smith and Stephanie Met.

The signed petition is available on request from the Secretary, Sam Vero. He can be contacted at [secretary@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:secretary@union.unimelb.edu.au) should you wish to see it.

**Emergency Meeting petitioned by 10 Students Councillors  
Meeting opened at 12:40**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

**Motion 1:** That Mark Kettle be elected Chair

Mover: Mark Kettle

Seconder: Steph Field

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Students' Councillors: Mercedes Marsh, Xuerui Ren, Ada Zhang, Jason Lim, Michael Sabiljak, Steven Burak, Patrick Clearwater, Bridie Walsh, Stephen Smith and Stephanie Met, Esther Bohmer

Office Bearers: Sam Vero, Luke Nicholls, Katie Grimmer, Isabelle Kingshott, Quinn Oakley, Steph Field, Vicky Smith, Scott Whinfield, Max Denton, Mark Kettle, Amy Jenkins, Kara Hadgraft, Ayesha Cain, Louis Gregory

Other: Samuel Donnely, Charley Daniel, Kon Moisisdis, Brody Viney, Zoe Efron, Erin Handley,

1.4 Apologies

Jacob Battista, Lachlan Russel

1.5 Proxies

**SAM – PLEASE ADD IN HERE**

1.6 Membership

No membership issues

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 2:** To adopt the agenda, moving items 8.3, 8.4, 8.1 and 8.2 to just after Item 4: Correspondence due to councillors needing to leave and urgent items in the Motions on Notice.

Mover: Mark Kettle (Chair)

CARRIED

1 Against

## **2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

2.1 Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

**Motion 3:** To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record, correcting the spelling of Louis Gregory, Steven Burak and Nick Kotzman's names.

Mover: Mark Kettle (Chair)

CARRIED

2 Abstentions

## **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

## **4. Correspondence**

None

## 8. Motions on Notice

### 8.3 Fair Trade Fair

Ayeesha Cain spoke to the motion. \$250 is requested from the Education Office Special Projects and Events Budget Line for electricity and connection costs for the Fair Trade Fair, held in North Court.

Patrick Clearwater asks if the Clubs involved applied for a grant from Clubs and Societies.

Ayeesha responds that they did but it was handed in too late.

Charley Daniel asks why this money is being decided through council instead of through Education Committee

Ayeesha responds that it's been difficult to get quorum, so there's been no meeting to get the money.

Kon Moisisdis asks why the amount is so high just for electricity.

Ayeesha responds that there are set up costs for the electricity to happen.

Mark clarifies that all money paid is going to AV@Melbourne, so in effect we're paying ourselves.

Steven Burak asks why the money is coming from the Education Committee budget and not through Welfare or Whole of Union.

Isabelle Kingshott agrees it should not be taken from the Education Committee Budget.

Michael Sabiljak puts forward that Fair Trade is not relevant to Uni Students, that it's bad for farmers, and that he hopes 'Ayeesha sleeps well at night'.

Ayeesha asks that the last statement be minuted.

Zoe Efron says that as a member of Education Committee, it's been really difficult to get quorum, and that she supports the money coming from the budget.

Steven Burak suggests that the money comes from the Whole of Union Budget line instead.

This is amenable to the mover.

Motion 3: To move \$250 from the Whole of Union budget line to pay for Electricity and Setup costs for the Fair Trade Fair.

Mover: Mark Kettle (Chair)

CARRIED

4 Against

### 8.4 Union House Signage

Signage has been purchased for the front of the Union offices. A person is needed to put it up, and UMSU needs to pay for the signage.

Zoe Efron asks why we're allowing \$150 for the installation when it has been quoted at \$120

Mark replies that this is just in case we get charged extra, and any surplus just stays in the budget line.

Michael Sabiljak asks why UMSU is spending money on signage when there isn't much money around and whether this is relevant to students.

Mark and Zoe both put forward that it is in the students' interests to know where the Union offices are, so they can contact them. This signage will assist with this.

Motion 4: That Students Council approves the spending of \$400 for the purchase of signage and \$150 (We've been quoted \$120) for the installation of vinyl signage for the UMSU offices from the Whole of Union Budget line

Mover: Mark Kettle

Second: Anna Morrison

CARRIED

2 Against, 1 Abstention

8.1 Sam Vero requests that this item be discussed at the next meeting, as there are time constraints.

**12:50 Esther Bohmer left**

8.2 Sam Vero spoke to the motion to adopt the SRN Policy.

Michael Sabiljak puts forward that this is an important reform, and will assist with transparency in the Union

Kara Hadgraft agrees that a policy would be an excellent idea, and that it's good to have framework for such an important part of the Union. However, she says she can't support the motion as there hasn't been enough process to get to the policy, and not enough input from the OB's concerned.

Isabelle Kingshott asks what Kara's specific problems are with the policy.

Kara responds that there are many, and would like a chance to go through them when there is more time.

Mark outlines that the policy originated last year, and that many of the issues raised are difficult to deal with – students don't know their timetables as early as this policy expects, and there are now provisions with Advocacy to assist with some of these things.

**12:54 Patrick Clearwater left**

**A Quorum count is called for – there are 8 remaining Councillors in the room.**

**Quorum is lost, however, Michael Sabiljak requests that the discussion be continued for up to 30 minutes, as is allowable under Standing Orders.**

Isabelle Kingshott outlines the importance that a larger group of people choose who is on the SRN and that it is very important that this policy goes through today and that timetabling is a ridiculous reason to not pass the motion. She asks why the choosing committee was so small.

Mark responds and says that it is the responsibility of the Secretary to call the Staffing Sub-committee to appoint these positions and that this was not done.

Michael Sabiljak raises concerns that if this is not passed today then it will never be passed. Asks for an assurance that it will be dealt with before next semester.

Kara Hadgraft responds saying that it would be great to have this put at the next council, but she would like to have some input and collaboration on the policy. Delaying it until the next meeting still gives it time to go through before 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester.

Sam says he is happy to have this discussion at the first meeting of next semester.

**Meeting Closes 12:59pm**