



University of Melbourne Student Union
Special General Meeting
CONFIRMED Minutes
12:45 PM, 5.4.2016
Meeting 1(16)
Location: North Court, Union House, University of Melbourne

Meeting opened at 12:58pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That James Bashford be elected Chair

Mover: Akira Boardman Seconder: Lotus Ye

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

The Chair was advised that there were over 400 students in attendance.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: James Bashford (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Motions on Notice

2.1 Constitutional Amendment – Definitions and Nomenclature

This amendment, developed by the 2015 Queer Officer, proposes to update the definition and use of the word *trans* in the constitution in line with modern context.

Motion 3: To amend the UMSU Constitution to remove the asterisk following the word *trans* and update the definition of *trans*, as per proposal 1 in Appendix 1.

Mover: Lotus Ye

Seconder: Julianna Rozek

CARRIED

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.2 Constitutional Amendment – Noticeboards

This amendment seeks to update anachronistic requirements for documents to be posted on notice boards in Union House given that these noticeboards have been superseded by the internet and will no longer exist if Union House is demolished as planned.

Guy Coward spoke against the motion, outlining that the building is not being demolished soon, and that not many people actually read the website. He regularly reads the noticeboards.

As no one else wanted to speak, the motion was put to a vote.

Motion 4: To amend the UMSU Constitution to remove requirements for documents to be posted to noticeboards in Union House, as per proposal 2 in Appendix 1.

Moved: James Bashford

Seconded: Adriana Mells

CARRIED

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.3 Constitutional Amendment – Burnley Campus Co-ordinator Honoraria

This amendment seeks to introduce an honoraria payment for Burnley Campus Co-ordinator, in line with the honoraria already paid to the VCA Campus Co-ordinator. The Burnley Campus Co-ordinator is currently the only Office Bearer position that does not receive an honorarium.

Julianna and James spoke to the motion

Motion 5: To amend the UMSU Constitution to introduce an honorarium for the position of Burnley Campus Co-ordinator, as per proposal 3 in Appendix 1.

Moved: Julianna Rozek

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.4 Constitutional Amendment – Media Officer Honoraria

This amendment seeks to permanently set media officer honoraria instead of leaving the rate at the digression of Students' Council each year.

Patrick Clearwater asked what the honoraria of other joint offices. James Bashford replied that it was .6 of the total pay

Motion 6: To amend the UMSU Constitution to remove the provision for Media Officer honorarium to be set by Students' Council, as per proposal 4 in Appendix

Moved: Tom Crowley

Seconded: Danielle Bagnato

MOTION LOST

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.5 Constitutional Amendment – Consent

This amendment expands the aims and objectives of both the Queer and Wom*n's departments to include the promotion of consent.

Motion 7: To amend the UMSU Constitution to introduce the promotion of consent to the aims and objectives for the Wom*n's and Queer departments, as per proposal 5 in Appendix 1.

Moved: Adriana Mells

Seconded: Lotus Ye

CARRIED

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.6 Constitutional Amendment – Accessibility Requirements for Meeting Locations

This amendment seeks to ensure meetings held by UMSU are in locations accessible to all students.

Jess Kapuscinski-Evans spoke to the motion

Motion 8: To amend the UMSU Constitution to require meetings are held in accessible locations, as per proposal 6 in Appendix 1.

Moved: Christian Tsoutsouvas

Seconded: Jess Kapuscinski-Evans

CARRIED

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.7 Constitutional Amendment – Gender Specificity Correction

This amendment replaces gendered references in the constitution (her of his) with more inclusive language (their).

Lotus spoke to the motion

Motion 9: To amend the UMSU constitution to replace instances of her and his with their, as per proposal 7 in Appendix 1.

Moved: Lotus Ye

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.8 Constitutional Amendment – Spelling Error

This amendment seeks to correct a spelling error in the current constitution.

Caleb and Sarah both spoke to the motion

Sebastian Dodds spoke against the motion, saying the spelling error was there “to remind us all that we aren’t perfect”

Motion 10: To amend the UMSU Constitution to correct a spelling error, as per proposal 8 in Appendix 1.

Moved: Caleb Triscari

Seconded: Sarah Xia

MOTION LOST

Alex Fielden Abstained

2.8 Constitutional Amendment – Operations Sub-Committee Meetings

This amendment proposes to reduce the required frequency of Operations Sub-Committee meetings as they are currently mandated more frequently than is required.

Sarah and James spoke to the motion

Motion 11: To amend the UMSU Constitution to reduce the required frequency of Operations Sub-Committee meetings from weekly to fortnightly, as per proposal 9 in Appendix 1.

Moved: Sarah Xia

Seconded: James Bashford

CARRIED

Alex Fielden Abstained

3. Close

James Bashford reminded everyone about the student protest on April 13th

James declared the meeting closed at 1:13pm