

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
UNCONFIRMED Minutes
12:00pm, Thursday the 23rd of November 2017
Meeting 20(17)
Location: Private Dining Room, Mezzanine Level, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:17pm by Daniel Beratis

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Daniel Beratis be elected Chair

Mover: Daniel Beratis Seconder: Matt Simkiss

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So Acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

2. Position	Name	Attended?	Councils' attended this year (including this one)
Students Council	Alice Smith	attended	12/19
Students Council	Gavin Wayne	attended	15/19
Students Council	Matthew Simkiss	attended	9/9
Students Council	Jesse Paris-Jourdan	attended	12/19
Students Council	VACANT		
Students Council	Lucy Maeve Turton	attended	14/19
Students Council	Matthew Lagamba	attended	13/19
Students Council	Molly Willmott	attended	15/19
Students Council	Rachael Davies	attended	8/19
Students Council	Tamara Hunt	did not attend	6/19
Students Council	Lachlan Blain	attended	7/9
Students Council	Yifan Mu	did not attend	10/19
Students Council	Louis Devine	attended	5/6
Students Council	Katie Nikolaou	did not attend	5/6
Students Council	VACANT		
Students of Colour Rep	Kim Duong	attended	13/19
Students with Disabilities Rep	VACANT		
Graduate Rep	VACANT		
Indigenous Rep	Cameron McBroom	did not attend	11/19
International Rep	Tiffany Chui	did not attend	8/19
Queer Rep	Daniel Beratis	attended	19/19

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils' attended this year (including this one)
Activities Officer	Jacinta Cooper	attended	13/19
Activities Officer	Lydia Paevere	attended	12/19
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Jessica Peeler	did not attend	8/19
Clubs & Societies Officer	Gulsara Kaplun	did not attend	11/19
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kayley Cuzzubbo	attended	16/19
Creative Arts Officer	Harriet Wallace-Mead	attended	9/19
Creative Arts Officer	Sara Pascoe	attended	11/19
Disabilities Officer	Alston Chu	attended	16/19
Disabilities Officer	Cassandra Prigg	did not attend	5/19
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Caley McPherson	did not attend	10/19
Education Officer (Academic Affairs)	Roger Samuel	did not attend	11/19
Education Officer (Public Affairs)	Sinead Manning	attended	13/19
Environment Officer	Elizabeth Nicholson	attended	16/19
Environment Officer	Kate Denver-Stevenson	attended	13/19
General Secretary	Yasmine Luu	did not attend	16/19
Indigenous Officer	Marley Holloway-Clarke	attended	9/19
Indigenous Officer	Alexandra Hohoi	did not attend	3/7
Media Officer	Alexandra Alvaro	did not attend	16/19
Media Officer	Amie Green	did not attend	12/19
Media Officer	James Macaronas	attended	16/19
Media Officer	Mary Ntalianis	attended	16/19
People of Colour Officer	Ella Shi	did not attend	12/19
People of Colour Officer	Hanann Al Daqqa	attended	10/19
President	Yan Zhuang	did not attend	11/19
Queer Officer	Blake Atmaja	attended	15/19
Victorian College of the Arts Campus Co-ordinator	Nicholas Lam	attended	9/19
Welfare Officer	Ryan Davey	attended	13/19
Welfare Officer	Teresa Gornall	attended	9/19

Women’s Officer	Hannah Billett	attended	18/19
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Staff: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Goldie Pergl, UMSU Coordinator – Volunteering and Student Representation; Sarah Black, UMSU Administration Officer

2.1 Apologies

Katie Nikolou, Desiree Cai

2.2 Proxies

Desiree Cai to Adriana Mells

Cameron McBroom to Tyson Holloway-Clarke

2.3 Membership

No change

2.4 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes for meeting 19(17)

Gavin asked to correct an improperly attributed statement from Council 19. Whilst does agree with the sentiment the quote referenced was that he was not dating a seventeen year old. He emphasised the importance of correct minuting.

Motion 3: To approve the minutes as a true and accurate record with the above amendment

Mover: Daniel Beratis

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearer Annual Reports

Please see attached document: Office Bearer Reports

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted (3 hours, 12 minutes late)
Environment	Submitted (18 minutes late)
Indigenous	Submitted (87 minutes late)
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted (69 minutes late)

Welfare	Submitted (12 minutes late)
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Submitted

Lizzie wanted to acknowledge that Kate wrote most of the Enviro one

Daniel Beratis moved to split the 2 different types of reports – Annual and general OB reports.

Motion 4: To accept media's OB report
 Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)
 CARRIED

Motion 5: That Council notes the OB's Annual reports and recommendations
 Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)
 CARRIED

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Justin Bare welcomed Sarah Black – the new UMSU Admin officer who will be taking over minuting for council over the next few months.

Justin thanked the 2017 OBs and Councillors for a good year, and wished them the best of luck for the future.

Gavin asked about the progress of the hiring of the new Bar manager. Justin said that the process was hopefully still on track. He will report to council a more definitive position soon when Bar Manager is employed.

Gavin asked about the progress of CA negotiations

Justin indicated that there was no substantive new information

Motion 6: That Students' Council accept the CEO's report and associated recommendations
Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)
 CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Other Reports

7.1 Student Initiative Grant – Austin Hospital

7.2 Student Initiative Grant – Royal Melbourne Hospital

7.3 Student Initiative Grant – Shepparton Rural Ball

7.4 Student Initiative Grant – St. Vincent's Graduation Dinner

Hannah Billet recommended that the incoming Students' Council ask for reports from all grants – regarding the success of the event, and what could've been done better, and the impact the amount given had. This was generally approved of by Councillors present.

Motion 7: To approve the reports for Student Initiative Grants en bloc
 Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)
 CARRIED

7.5 National Young Writers Report

Motion 8: To approve the report for the National Young Writers Report
 Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)
 CARRIED

7.6 Eurovision Expenditure Report

Gavin Wayne asked why the report is being received now? The event was held in May.
Tyson Holloway Clarke indicated that the event had made a significant loss and that this was the reporting mechanism for Council
Molly Willmott said that the report should've been tabled earlier – the event went badly.

Motion 9: That the Eurovision Expenditure Report be accepted

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

7.7 Queer Collaborations Report

Discussion about UMSU paying upfront for QC registration (this occurs when the conference organisers are able to bill UMSU directly for the attendees and is done to reduce the financial burden on grant recipients.

Motion 10: That the Queer Collaborations Report be accepted

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

8. Operational Business

8.1 C&S Regulation amendments

Not enough councillors present to pass these.

Motion 11: To defer the C&S Regulation Amendments to the next Council

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

8.2 Child Safety Policy

Gavin Wayne indicated that his previous comments still stand, but that he can't see a better way to fix it.

Tyson Holloway Clarke asked if the policy will change with the precinct change?

Justin indicated that it should have no bearing.

Motion 12: To approve the Child Safety Policy

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.3 Travel & Conferences Policy

Discussion about the policy.

Molly Willmott indicated that UMSU should be able to give grants up front.

Lizzie Nicolson said that UMSU does that – if the conference organisers are able to issue an invoice to UMSU.

Sinead Manning said that grants are poorly done at UMSU and need to be reviewed.

Justin encouraged all to look at the Financial Regulations which are quite descriptive of what we can and can't pay for upfront – we're unable to give money with no receipt/tax invoice

Hannah – people drop out, value for money

Molly said that she believed UMSU should look further into grants – they need to be accessible and UMSU needs to protect itself as well

Procedural motion: to defer the Motion until the next Council

Mover: Alice Smith

MOTION LOST

Yasmine indicated that as the writer of the policy, she would like it deferred as there were some thing in the policy she'd like tidied.

Procedural motion: to defer the Motion until the next Council

Mover: Yasmine Luu

CARRIED

8.4 Animal Welfare Policy

Camel incident

Yas spoke to her policy – this is a framework and lifts off the relevant legislation

Lucy asked for the firs sentence in item 2.3 be removed. This was amenable.

Motion 13: To adopt the Animal Welfare Policy

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.5 Book Co-Op Memorandum of Understanding

Yasmine indicated that this was for Endorsement only and that the Book Coop hasn't been responding.

Motion 14: To endorse the proposed Book Coop Memorandum of Understanding

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.6 Students' Council Reform Recommendations

Yasmine once again indicated that these were for endorsement only

Justin let Council know that there is likely to be a Governance review in 2018

Procedural motion: to go through amendments one by one

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

1. Teleconferencing

Discussion about whether teleconferencing attendees should count towards quorum.

Justin indicated that UMSU has a skype trolley that could assist with this.

Yasmine said that this is a recommendation to look at it and that the incoming General Secretary would have to work on it further

Molly: regulations about it need to be strict

Motion 15: to accept recommendation in principal but defer until next council

Mover: Daniel Beratis

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.7 NUS Policy

Adriana Mells declares a conflict of interest as she's on NUS National Executive

Alice Smith said that there were no checks and balances in the policy.

Yan indicated that this policy was the result of very long discussions and the rubric ensures the checks and balances.

Matt Simkiss said that the policy was a lot better with rubric

Procedural motion: To pass exit KPIs and other KPIS separately.

Mover: Matt Simkiss

CARRIED

Tyson Holloway Clarke asked Yan how we test these conditions? He indicated he believed that the process was open to issues – what evidence is required?

Molly Willmott said that the “exit KPIs go to disciplining NLS, I mean NUS. What?!They’re very similar”

The above was requested to be minuted by several councillors.

Justin said that KPIs refer to holding National Conference etc but NUS delegates only get accredited after an affiliation fee is paid which means that the policy could be quite circular.

Yan said that it was meant to be National Conference from the previous year.

Procedural Motion: To defer the policy until the next Students’ Council

Mover: Alice Smith

MOTION LOST

Gavin said that the exit KPIs are far too broad – and that the initial statement needs to be far more limited in its scope

Matt asked if this was because there are other reasons that should be exit KPIs?

Yan said that she only included things that are directly relevant to UMSU as a transparency measure

Procedural Motion: to defer the policy until the next Students’ Council

Mover: Molly Willmott

MOTION LOST

Yan said that she was amenable to changing the KPIs to limit them

Tyson asked if this should be going to the next Council.

Justin indicated that as it’s a policy, it doesn’t matter – Policies persist.

Procedural Motion: that the speaking list be closed

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 16: That the NUS Exit KPIs are approved by Students’ Council as a policy

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Adriana Mells Abstains

Motion 17: That the NUS Discretionary KPIs and associated policy are approved by Students’ Council:

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Adriana Mells Abstains

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 ASEN Training Camp

Preamble: The Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN) holds a Training Camp at the beginning of every year for student activists. It is an important opportunity for cross-national networking, up-skilling, learning, teaching, and bonding, as well as a crucial time for environmental and social justice activists to plan for the year ahead together. Every year the Enviro Department sets aside funds to provide grants for Unimelb students and alumni to attend Training Camp. This year Training Camp will be held near Sydney so travel costs will be relatively high. As we haven’t had a quorate Committee meeting since May, we need \$5500 passed from the Enviro Department’s Grants budget line to cover tickets and reimburse for some travel costs.

Motion 18: That Students' Council approve \$5500 from the Grants budget line to fund student tickets to 2018 ASEN Training Camp.

Mover: Lucy Turton

Seconder: Lizzie Nicholson

CARRIED

9.2 Bike Co-Op WD

Motion Withdrawn

9.3 Welfare T-Shirts

Motion 19: That up to \$1000 be passed from the SPECIAL PROJECTS / EVENTS budget line for general welfare volunteer T-Shirts.

Mover: Daniel Beratis

Seconder: Molly Willmott

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Condemning the Bird of the Year contest

Preamble

1. Guardian Australia, the Australian version of UK newspaper The Guardian, has recently begun the poll that stops a nation, called the 'Bird of the Year' contest, in which visitors to the site vote for their favourite (Australian) bird (of the year).
2. This poll offers Australians (as well as those with a working internet connection) an opportunity to indicate which (Australian) bird (of the year) they consider to be bird (of the year), by placing a vote for their most-preferred bird.
3. In recent days, interest in this poll has increased significantly, after its release and promotion by Guardian Australia, as well as word-of-mouth interest spread via social networks such as Twitter.
4. This poll follows a yearly tradition in New Zealand, that being a similar poll for (New Zealand's) bird (of the year), which frequently attracts a wide range of competition and interest on both sides of the Tasman.
5. The similarities extend to the voting system in use, where a person may vote for one and only one bird, or write in a bird of their choice, with no preferences or additional votes allowed.
6. This voting system shows a blatant disregard for the Australian value of numbering available candidates in the order of a voter's preference, and appears to be a capitulation to the insidious forces of the Kiwi value of indicating a vote for a local candidate and a subsequent vote for a national party, the makeup of the nation's Parliament being determined proportionally by the latter as a proportion of vote share.

Motion

1. That UMSU condemns, in the strongest terms, The Guardian Australia for their unAustralian rejection of the preferential ballot in favour of the horrifying, eldritch, terrifying, upsetting and Bad voting system, first-past-the-post.
2. That UMSU affirms the right of all Australians to rank people, places and things, but not necessarily in that order, at any time, at any place, anywhere in this great southern land.
3. That UMSU strongly encourages all Office Bearers to put the Magpie last, because that's where it puts you, **preferencing** first instead **not** Powerful Owl but the true Aussie battler: the humble Bin Chicken (a.k.a. The Australian White Ibis).
4. That UMSU directs the President to either issue a press release to this preamble and motion's effect at the earliest opportunity, or to otherwise sigh very loudly in the general direction of The Guardian Australia's offices two times, shaking her head upon the second time by COB Friday the 8th of December (The last weekday before this poll closes).

5. That UMSU is strongly encouraged (but is not required to) run a similar poll of Australian Birds, using a preferential voting system, every year at this time as a means of protesting the lack of democracy demonstrated by Guardian Australia in the Great Bird Poll of 2017.
6. That UMSU indicate its order of preference for each of these five motions as being {1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 4}.

Moved: Daniel Beratis

Seconded: Molly Willmott

Daniel Beratis cedes his speaking rights to Alice Smith

Alice says that the bin chicken is winning by a healthy margin, and that UMSU needs to get behind this. She condemns a lack of preferential voting.

Molly Willmott spoke to her seconding rights, referencing her own tweet from the 9th of June, that “ FPTP is weak as shit, preferential or die”. She indicates that people should be able to preference anything, anywhere and that preferential voting for birds is a right.

Multiple councillor asked that the ensuing applause be minuted.

Gavin asked about the Animal Welfare policy and if those present were concerned about the objectification of birds.

He asks for an Amendment that we should boycott the contest, and that FPTP is the best This is not amenable to the mover.

Tyson Holloway-Clarke says that Bin chickens are shit and that the wedge tailed eagle should be the selected UMSU bird instead of the humble bin chicken as it is the symbol of Naarm.

This amendment is amenable to the mover.

Matt Simkiss points out this this is a huge waste of Councils’ time.

Procedural Motion: To move to a vote

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 20: 1. That UMSU condemns, in the strongest terms, The Guardian Australia for their unAustralian rejection of the preferential ballot in favour of the horrifying, eldritch, terrifying, upsetting and Bad voting system, first-past-the-post.

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Moved: Daniel Beratis

Seconded: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

Matt Simkiss asks that his dissent be minuted

10.2 Motion without notice – WoU Casual for UHHP

Motion 21: to move \$550 from WoU for a casual at UHHP

Mover: Lydia Pavere

Seconder: Jacinta Cooper

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.3 Motion without notice – Enviro Expenditure

Close AT 1:29

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9.2 Bike Co-Op

Preamble: Earlier this year, Council approved \$7000 from the Special Projects budget line for the Enviro Department to spend on the unforeseen expenditure necessitated to keep the Bike Co-op running smoothly. We forgot to organise the internal transfer of these funds to the Bike Co-op, so the money is still stuck in Whole of Union, while the Bike Co-op needs this funding to move into its new space before it becomes a Volunteering program.

Motion: That Council approve the spending of up to \$7000 for outstanding Bike Co-op expenses, and especially for the relocation to Union House and the new supplies required for this relocation.

Mover: Kate Denver-Stevenson

Seconder: Lizzie Nicholson

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