

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Agenda

2:00pm, Friday the 23rd of January, 2017

Meeting 4(18)

Location: Training Room 1, Third Floor, Union House

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Stephanie Zhang

1.5 Proxies

Stephanie Zhang to Katie Doherty

1.6 Membership

Anneke d'Emanuele has been appointed to Students' Council.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes of Students' Council, Meeting 3(18)

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1. Indigenous Budget Submission

3.2. NUS National Conference Grant Recipient Reports

3.3. Student Initiative Grant, Report – UMMSS 2/3 EoX Party

Correspondence has indicated that: "total attendance was 250, total income was \$10.2k (including the grant) and total expenses were \$12.7k".

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearer Reports

5.1. Please see the attached document: Office Bearer Reports.

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Not submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Not submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Not submitted

Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Not submitted

5.2. Please see the attached document: Office Bearer Recommendations.

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report (*in confidence*)

7. Other Reports

8. Operational Business

8.1. Working Groups, Terms of Reference Drafts

8.2. UMSU Financial Reports (*in confidence*)

8.3. Travel and Conferences Policy

9. Motions on Notice

9.1. VCA Summerfest

9.2. VCA BBQs

9.3. Sexual Assault Support Flyers

9.4. Education Artist Payment

9.5. Palm Sunday 2018

9.6. Activities St. Patrick's Day Expenditure

10. Motions Without Notice

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

TBA

13. Close

9.1. VCA Summerfest

That up to \$10,000 be moved from the VCASA Orientation budget line to be spent on executing and logistics of the VCA SummerFest.

Moved: Nicholas Lam

9.2. VCA BBQs

That \$15,000 be moved from the VCASA BBQ budget line to be spent on providing BBQs, for free, to the VCA students, once a semester week, to be spent throughout the academic year.

Moved: Nicholas Lam

9.3. Sexual Assault Support Flyers

For Summerfest 2000 flyers with support information for sexual assault were printed and distributed. In light of the sexual assault report and ongoing concerns about student safety on campus, we thought it appropriate to print off this information and ensure it was easily accessible and available to students- new and returning, for o-week.

Motion: That \$372 be passed for printing of sexual assault resource flyers for Summerfest.

Moved: Desiree Cai

9.4. Education Artist Payment

That \$325 be passed from the Education Department's Campaigns, Special Projects & Events budget line to pay artist Sarah Adkins for her work in designing materials for last year's Cadmus campaign.

Moved: Conor Clements

Seconded: Alice Smith

9.5. Palm Sunday 2018

This meeting of UMSU Students' Council notes

1. that Nauru and Manus Island are not safe for asylum seekers or refugees
2. that conditions of those refugees and asylum seekers detained on Manus Island, Nauru and Christmas Island detention centres are intolerable, have led to the deaths of Reza Barati, Hamid Khazaei, Kamil Hussain and Faysal Ishak Ahmed, and continue to destroy systematically the lives of parents and children;
3. that thousands of refugees and asylum seekers are currently detained in centres around Australia or in community detention, their lives being put on hold while conditions in these centres progressively worsen.
4. that the detrimental effects of long term detention as well as long-term uncertainty about one's visa status are well known for both children and adults;
5. that the detention of refugees and asylum seekers offshore has become politically untenable, given opinion polls showing that a majority of the population in a number of states condemn the policies of mandatory detention, and that the Papua New Guinean judiciary has declared the detention of refugees on Manus Island unlawful, and ordered the camp be closed;

6. that mass demonstrations towards the end of 2018 against the withdrawal of food, water and electricity from refugees on Manus Island, and the relocation of refugee to hostile areas of Papua New Guinea, manifested public outrage against the government's current refugee policy;
7. that the Australian government's refusal to allow Manus detainees to be settled in New Zealand demonstrates a lack of commitment to a humane refugee policy;
8. that the Australian government has the ability to bring all those refugees and asylum seekers in offshore detention to Australia, and could do so immediately should they choose to.
9. That this year's Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees protest on March 25 comes at crucial time given the political challenge of sustaining the policies of mandatory detention.

Motion: We therefore declare our complete opposition to the detention of asylum seekers and refugees both offshore and onshore.

Accordingly we:

1. call on the government to close the camps, and to bring all those detained therein to Australia immediately;
2. will provide appropriate moral, financial and material support for the refugee campaign, in particular for the Palm Sunday demonstration on March 25;
3. will endorse a contingent of students to meet before the rally and attend the rally together.

9.6. Activities St. Patrick's Day Expenditure

That up to \$1000 be passed out of the Activities Special Projects budget line [3839] to pay the deposit for dinner for St Patrick's Day from 'Pig in a Box'.