



**University of Melbourne Student Union**  
**Meeting of the Students' Council**  
**Agenda**  
**11:30am, Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2018**  
**Meeting 6(18)**  
**Location: Private Dining Room, First Floor, Union House**

**1. Procedural Matters**

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
- 1.4 Apologies  
*Councillors: Kayley Cuzzubbo (from 11:55am)*  
*Office Bearers: Nellie Seale*
- 1.5 Proxies
- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

- 3.1. Minutes of Meeting 4(18), for confirmation
- 3.2. Minutes of Meeting 5(18), for confirmation

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**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	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	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	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. Terms of Reference, Ethical Sponsorship Working Group

8.2. Terms of Reference, Harm Reduction Working Group

**9. Motions on Notice**

9.1. Labour Day Public Holiday

9.2. We Must Act Against Anti-Semitism

**10. Motions Without Notice**

**11. Other Business**

**12. Next Meeting**

**13. Close**

### 9.1. Labour Day Public Holiday

That UMSU condemn the University of Melbourne for failing to recognise Labour Day as a University holiday. This is particularly condemnable as public celebration of the labour movement and mourning of the untold numbers of deaths of Australian workers at work has its source in the 8-hour day movement that began right on our campus.

The University proudly commemorates, in a plaque in Old Quad and in its archives, that stone-masons "downed tools" from the construction of Old Quad and marched on Parliament House. Their victory — 8 hours work, 8 hours rest, and 8 hours recreation — was a landmark in the history of workers' rights in Victoria.

UMSU condemns the University for supporting this monument in plaques and paintings but not in practice. We call on the University to declare Labour Day, as it is recognised in Victoria, to be a University holiday to permit staff and students the day off to respect in practice the victories and challenges of workers here and abroad.

Moved: Toby Silcock

Seconded: Michael Aguilera

### 9.2. We Must Act Against Anti-Semitism

1. Antisemitism is often dismissed as a phenomenon of the past, both in public debate and academic discourse. People mistakenly assume that anti-Semitism is merely historical. The opposite of this is true. 2017 saw a 9.5% rise\* in recorded anti-Semitic incidents and a huge increase in anti-Semitic activity occurring on campuses across Australia.

\*Executive Council of Australian Jewry 2016-2017 Report of Anti-Semitism in Australia (<http://www.ecaj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ECAJ-Antisemitism-Report-2017.pdf>)

2. One such example is the incident which occurred at the University of Melbourne on the first day of the semester. Two men were seen handing out discriminatory leaflets. They allegedly called one student a "faggot" and were seen spitting in front of another student who identified herself as Jewish after she was questioned about her ethnicity.

3. In an increasingly hostile campus environment, it is becoming increasingly difficult to ensure the safety and security of Jewish students. It is vital that the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU), the peak representative body for students at the university, acknowledges and acts to prevent the rise in anti-Semitism, consistent with the motion passed by the National Union of Students in December 2017.

#### **Motion:**

1. UMSU condemns anti-Semitism in all its forms as defined by the globally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. This is the working definition used by both Australian and international Jewish representative bodies. This is also the definition that was adopted by the National Union of Students on 14 December 2017. It states that: *"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"*.

2. UMSU commits to working with the Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS), as the peak representative body for Jewish students on campus in Australia and New Zealand, to

ensure UMSU activist spaces, events, protests and ethno-cultural spaces are inclusive and welcoming of Jewish voices and perspectives. There should be no pre-qualifications necessary for Jewish students to attend and/or feel included.

3. UMSU will formally recognise and publicise January 27, as designated by the United Nations General Assembly, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and work with AUJS in either partnering or sharing material designed to educate and commemorate the atrocities of the Holocaust.

Moved: Raf Ungar