

University of Melbourne Student Union
 Meeting of the Students' Council
 CONFIRMED Minutes
 11:30am, Thursday the 22nd of March, 2018
 Meeting 6(18)
 Location: Private Dining Room, First Floor, Union House

Meeting opened at 11:41am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Daniel Beratis be elected Chair.

Mover: Daniel Beratis

Seconder: Desiree Cai

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils attended this year (including this one)
Students Council	Blake Atmaja	attended	5/6
Students Council	Noni Bridger	did not attend	5/6
Students Council	Kayley Cuzzubbo	attended	6/6
Students Council	Hannah Buchan	attended	5/6
Students Council	Jacob Sacher	attended	6/6
Students Council	Rajan DOMINIC Roque ILAGAN	attended	5/6
Students Council	Catriona Smith	attended	6/6
Students Council	Elizabeth Tembo	attended	4/6
Students Council	Rory O'Kane	attended	4/6
Students Council	Stephanie Zhang	attended	5/6
Students Council	Jessica Miller	did not attend	3/6
Students Council	VACANT		
Students Council	Anneke Demanuele	attended	2/3
Students Council	Melinda Suter	did not attend	2/5
Students Council	Nick Reich	did not attend	2/5
Students of Colour Rep	Hanady Kaik	attended	3/6
Queer Rep	Katie Doherty	attended	6/6
Disability Rep	Adriana Mells	attended	5/6

Indigenous Rep	Serena Rae Thompson	attended	3/6
International Rep	Annie Liew	attended	3/6
Graduate Rep	VACANT		

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils attended this year (including this one)
President	Desiree Cai	attended	6/6
General Secretary	Daniel Beratis	attended	6/6
Ed Ac	Alice Smith	attended	5/6
Ed Ac	Toby Silcock	attended	4/6
Ed Pub	Conor William James Clements	did not attend	5/6
Ed Pub			
Welfare	Cecilia Widjojo	attended	4/6
Welfare	Michael Aguilera	attended	6/6
Activities Officer	Alex Fielden	did not attend	4/6
Activities Officer	Jordan Tochner	did not attend	5/6
C and S Officer	Nellie Seale	did not attend	4/6
C and S Officer	Matthew Simkiss	attended	6/6
Creative Arts	Freya McGrath	attended	4/6
Creative Arts	Ashleigh Morris	attended	4/6
VCACC	Nicholas Lam	did not attend	2/6
Media Officer	Jesse Paris-Jourdan	attended	6/6
Media Officer	Esther Le Couteur	attended	5/6
Media Officer	Ashleigh Barraclough	attended	6/6
Media Officer	Monique O'Rafferty	attended	6/6
Disabilities Officer	Jacinta Dowe	attended	4/6
Disabilities Officer	Hien Ngyuen	did not attend	5/6
Indigenous Officer	Alexandra Hohoi	attended	4/6
Indigenous Officer			
Environment Officer	Callum Simpson	attended	5/6
Environment Officer	Lucy Turton	attended	4/6
Queer Officer	Elinor Mills	attended	4/6
Queer Officer	Amelia Reeves	attended	4/6
Burnley Campus Coordinator	James Barclay	attended	4/6
People of Colour Officer	Reem Faiq	attended	4/6
People of Colour Officer	Hiruni Walimunige	attended	5/6
Creative Arts Officer	Ashleigh Morris	attended	5/6
Womens	Molly Willmott	did not attend	4/6
Womens	Kareena Dhaliwal	did not attend	3/6

Other: Mandy Meyerson, Rafael Ungar

Staff: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Goldie Pergl, UMSU Coordinator – Volunteering and Student Representation; Sarah Black, UMSU Administration Officer

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Kayley Cuzzubbo (from 11:55am), Hannah Buchan (from 12:00pm), Noni Bridger, Nick Reich

Office Bearers: Nellie Seale

1.5 Proxies

Hannah Buchan to Rajan Dominic Roque Ilagan (when absent), Noni Bridger to Elizabeth Tembo

A proxy of Nick Reich to Anneke Demanuele was received less than one hour prior to Council's scheduled commencement, and must be accepted by Council.

Procedural motion: To suspend standing orders to accept the late proxy

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

1.6 Membership

Travis Hughes has resigned as a member of Students' Council.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move 10.1 Radical Education Week at this time.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

10.1. Radical Education Week

Radical Education Week is happening next week at both Unimelb and Monash after its inaugural success last year. For those who don't know what it is/why it's important, it's a week of workshops, discussions, and events focused on radical topics you won't learn at University, as well as radical ideas about education, teaching, and learning. It's a great opportunity for students and staff to learn, as well as empowering people to practice their teaching and facilitation skills. This year we have a tonne of UMSU Departments doing workshops and helping out, including People of Colour, Education, Disabilities, Queer, Creative Arts, and Welfare. Although we've been organising and planning Rad Ed Week for months, due to the large number of Departments and autonomous groups involved we've only been able to confirm the needs of some of the workshop facilitators very recently, so that's why this motion is coming to Council so soon before the week itself.

As it's a cross-departmental, whole of union event, we are hoping to have the costs for speakers from autonomous departments reimbursed for their work, from the Whole of Union budget line. The specifics of these costs are predicted to be as follows:

- \$1000 (Grade A Speaker Fee) for a PoC Muslim critical race theory academic to run a workshop about tokenism in University curriculums organised by the People of Colour Department
- \$1000 for a Wurundjeri person to hold a Welcome to Country on Monday morning to open the week
- \$800 for a speaker organised by the Disabilities Department to run a workshop about radical, non-capitalist disability pride
- \$200 for a student performance artist organised by the Creative Arts Department to perform a piece during the week

We think it is absolutely essential to pay students, academics, and speakers from marginalised groups, for their time and labour, and pay them well. We also want to note that a large portion of the Whole of Union/Campaigns funds went unspent last year, so UMSU is definitely in a comfortable position to be able to afford these costs for a really important cause!

Motion 3: To pass up to \$3000 from the Whole of Union budget line to pay Radical Education Week speakers, artists, and facilitators.	
Mover: Lucy Turton	Seconder: Callum Simpson
CARRIED	

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes of Meeting 4(18), for confirmation

Motion 3: To reconcile the attendance of the minutes to reflect that Hanady Kaik did not attend 0/4 times and that the minutes of Council meeting 4 are a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	
Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)	
CARRIED	

2.2. Minutes of Meeting 5(18), for confirmation

Motion 4: That the minutes of Council meeting 5 are a true and accurate record of the proceedings.	
Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)	
CARRIED	

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising

4. Correspondence

No 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.

Daniel Beratis added to his report that the Operations sub-committee met on Monday.

Discussion about letter to ANU. Anneke pointed out that Desiree Cai's name was on the letter but that Desiree was not aware that she was added to it. Desiree clarified that the letter did not have her support and that she has requested her name be removed.

Discussion about CADMUS. Alice Smith: "There's one lecturer that froths CADMUS."

Motion 5: To accept the Office Bearer Reports.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 6: To accept the Office Bearer Recommendations.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 11:53am

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

Justin Baré spoke to his report.

Motion 7: To accept the CEO's report.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 11:59am

7. Other Reports

No other reports.

8. Operational Business

Procedural Motion: To discuss the operational business points en bloc.

Mover: Daniel Beratis: Chair

CARRIED

8.1. Terms of Reference, Ethical Sponsorship Working Group

8.2. Terms of Reference, Harm Reduction Working Group

Motion 8: To move to accept and establish operational business points en bloc.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

9. Motions on Notice

9.1. Labour Day Public Holiday

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.

Mover: Toby Silcock

Seconded: Michael Aguilera

Kayley Cuzzubbo left at 12:00

Michael Aguilera proposed an amendment that the President writes a letter to the University in regard to this motion. This was amendable to the President.

Catriona Smith mentioned that this may not be organisationally functional, citing moving tutorial schedules as an example.

Justin Baré pointed out some issues to consider:

- Impact on Enterprise Agreement – UMSU is open to provide support while the University is open.
- There may be interference with the University timetable, which could impact teaching periods or periods of assessments.
- University staff receive days in lieu for working on Labour Day and other public holidays when the University remains open.

Lucy Turton and Callum Simpson left at 12:05pm

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Mover: Toby Silcock

Seconded: Michael Aguilera

MOTION LOST

9.2. We Must Act Against Anti-Semitism

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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

Desiree Cai spoke in favour of the motion. She suggested an amendment on point 2, to remove the phrase “ethno-cultural spaces” due to conflicts with the UMSU constitution’s definitions of People of Colour. This was amenable to the mover.

Des also asked that the sentence “There should be no pre-qualifications necessary for Jewish students to attend and/or feel included” be removed as there are pre-qualifications existing within UMSU for some autonomous spaces (eg: Womens, Queer).

This was also amenable to the mover.

Motion 10:

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Mover: Raf Ungar

Seconder: Jacob Sacher

10. Other Business

No other business

11. Next Meeting

10am 10th April 2018, Training Room 1.

12. Close

Meeting closed at 12:11pm

