



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Agenda

10:00am, the 8th of May, 2018

Meeting 9(18)

Location: Training Room 1, Third Floor, Union Houes

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
- 1.4 Apologies
- 1.5 Proxies
- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 2.1. Minutes of Meeting 8(18), for confirmation

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

- 4.1. FOI Decision Letter (Education Public, see 5.1.)

5. Office Bearer Reports

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

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Late
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Not submitted
Media	Late
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted

Welfare	Submitted
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Vacant

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. Student Initiative Grant Application, Moovin' Health Rural Ball

8.2. Student Initiative Grant Application, Moovin' Health Rural Ball Accommodation

8.3. Student Initiative Grant Application, Rural Clinical School Taste Of Events

8.4. Student Initiative Grant Application, *By end of day, Wednesday*

8.5. Terms of Reference, People of Colour in the Media Office Working Group

9. Motions on Notice

9.1. UMSU Supports the NTEU Strike

10. Motions Without Notice

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

11:30am, Thursday the 24th of May

13. Close

8.5. People of Colour in the Media Office Working Group

Motion: That a People of Colour in the Media Office Working Group be set up. The terms of reference are attached.

Moved: Jesse Paris-Jourdan

Seconded: Reem Faiq

9.1. UMSU Supports the NTEU Strike

Since February 2017, negotiations have been taking place between University of Melbourne management and local National Tertiary Education Union over the creation of a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA). These negotiations have yielded little results, in no small part due to University obstructionism and an inability for their representatives to bargain in good faith. One of the many actions from the University that displays this is their refusal to offer staff a small pay rise as is customary during such a drawn out negotiation process.

The University is clearly motivated to reduce the bargaining power of the NTEU on campus—this is best exemplified by their demand to split the current EBA into one for academic staff and one for professional staff. This divide-and-conquer mentality to bargaining will serve as a pretext to the University being able to rearrange services such as Stop 1 at will with little regard to the job security of people in those areas, before coming for academic staff, who will have little support left.

It's important to recognise the effect that some of the changes proposed by the University will have on students, too. The removal of student-to-student ratios, for example, will result in increased class sizes, which means more work for teachers and less time for students to interact with them. Here we can see that there is a clear link between the interests of students, and the interests of staff, which are currently on the line.

With that in mind, NTEU members recently voted in favour of stopping work from 9am-1pm on May 9th, (and attending the Change the Rules rally instead) as a beginning to pressure the University to back off from their more insidious demands, as well as to begin considering more suggestions from the NTEU. This strike action needs to support of both staff and students if it is to succeed.

Motion:

1. UMSU supports the NTEU and University staff in fighting for fairer conditions at the University of Melbourne.
2. UMSU will stand in solidarity with all NTEU industrial action that is taken to improve the terms of their EBA.
3. Students' Council directs Office Bearers and Councillors to attend and participate in the NTEU action on Wednesday the 9th, 9am, at gate 4 (Monash Road Entrance), and join the NTEU/UMSU contingent to the Change the Rules Rally (from 10am-1pm that same day) unless they have work, significant personal reasons, or classes for which both their attendance would be marked and attendance is required under the handbook.
4. Student's Council directs office-bearers to use their department social media channels, opportunities at events, and other means within their responsibilities to publicise and inform students about why we should stand in solidarity with staff in their industrial action, and encourage them not to attend classes, and to attend rallies or picket lines.

Moved: Conor Clements

Seconded: Toby Silcock