

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Agenda
10:00am, the 10th of July, 2018
Meeting 12(18)
Location: Joe Napolitano A, 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: Hannah Buchan, Elizabeth Tembo, Stephanie Zhang, Noni Bridger

Office Bearers: Alexandra Hohoi, Alexander Fielden, Elinor Mills, Hien Nguyen

1.5 Proxies

Hannah Buchan to Rajan Dominic Roque Ilagan

Jacob Sacher to Kayley Cuzzubbo, Katie Doherty, Blake Atmaja or Catriona Smith under SO 19.2

1.6 Membership

Annie Liew has resigned as International Representative on Students' Council. Horace Wong and Cameron Doig have been appointed International and Graduate Representatives on Students' Council, respectively. Hilary Ekins has been appointed VCA Campus Coordinator.

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes of Meeting 10(18), for confirmation

2.2. Minutes of Meeting 11(18), for confirmation

2.3. Minutes of Special Meeting 1(18), for confirmation

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Meeting 10(18), Ratification

4.2. Student Initiative Grant Application, Rural Ball Accommodation

5. Correspondence

5.1. Yasmine Luu

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. 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	Not submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Not submitted

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

7. Chief Executive Officer’s Report (*in confidence*)

7.1. Financial Reports, May 2018

7.2. Response, Rowden White Library and Arts Programs Review Report

8. Other Reports

9. Operational Business

9.1. Student Initiative Grant Application, WILDFIRE Bendigo Ball

9.2. Student Initiative Grant Application, MY Talent

9.3. Student Initiative Grant Application, Graduate Education Society

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Use and Control of Student Data Working Group

10.2. Oppose the Far Right and its Sympathisers, Boycott Arcadia

10.3. Support the NTEU, Support the Library staff

10.4. Myriad Magazine

10.5. G08 Student Leaders’ Conference

10.6. Support for Farrago

10.7. UMSU Supports Students of Sustainability (SoS)

11. Motions Without Notice

12. Other Business

13. Next Meeting

TBA

14. Close

10.1. Use and Control of Student Data Working Group

Motion: That the UCSDWG be established.

Moved: Toby Silcock

Seconded: Alice Smith

10.2. Oppose the Far Right and its Sympathisers, Boycott Arcadia

Platform:

1. That this student council reasserts its constitutional commitment to standing in opposition to militarism, nationalism, and discrimination on the basis of race, colour, sex, gender identity, religion, and national or social origin
2. This student council notes that the aims, and ideals of far-right, and fascist groups are in fundamental opposition to the aforementioned constitutional commitments.
3. That this student council condemns the Australian Liberty Alliance (ALA)'s far-right politics,
4. That this student council condemns the ALA's choice to nominate for the seat of Caulfield an associate of far-right figures including a man convicted of the anti-semitic harassment of a Rabbi, gangs associated with far-right ultraviolence, figures who have called in public fora for pictures of Hitler to be displayed in every Australian classroom, as well as self-professed neo-nazis.
5. That this student council notes the owner of the Arcadia Hotel in South Yarra has noted public sympathies for the ALA, and its politics, and has routinely hosted events for the ALA.
6. That, due to the Arcadia Hotel's links to far-right groups, this student council imposes a rolling boycott upon any future association with or use of the facilities of the Arcadia Hotel, and calls upon its constituent clubs, and societies, and all students to take the same stance in principled opposition to the far-right, and in solidarity with all students under threat from the spectre of racism, anti-semitism, sexism, queerphobia, transphobia, ableism, and militarism

Moved: Andie Moore

10.3. Support the NTEU, Support the Library staff

Preamble:

1. Staff at the University of Melbourne have been in a bargaining period with the university administration for many months now.
2. The university is seeking to undermine pay and conditions, whilst attacking the ability of staff to collectively fight together by separating the academic and professional staff.
3. Unimelb staff have already taken strike action against the intractable university administration. This strike garnered a lot of support from staff and was one of the largest staff demonstrations in a decade at Melbourne Uni.
4. NTEU members voted to implement bans on overtime and collecting money from students, among other things, at a recent members meeting.
5. Library staff have started to implement a ban on collecting fines for overdue library books.

Platform:

1. UMSU unreservedly supports staff and members of the NTEU in their battle against an administration that is constantly sacking staff, winding up departments and seeking to cut costs in order to line its own pockets.
2. UMSU supports industrial action taken by staff at the university.

3. UMSU applauds the action of the library staff in refusing to collect money for fines.
4. UMSU recognises the need for solidarity between staff and students.
5. UMSU reaffirms its support for industrial action, and will support any future strikes or bans by NTEU members.

Action:

1. Students council will take a photo of solidarity with the NTEU members currently undertaking bans on overtime and collecting money.
2. The UMSU president will write and release a press statement in support of the NTEU members.
3. UMSU will publicise the industrial action being taken by NTEU members through its social media channels.

Moved: Anneke Demanuele

10.4. Myriad Magazine

The publishing of Myriad magazine was a highlight of the People of Colour department's inaugural year. Although the department was new at the time and events had much smaller attendance than this year, Myriad attracted significant attention, with the end result being a 60-page magazine with submissions from students of colour of varying study areas and creative backgrounds.

Given the success of Myriad in its initial year, and the demand for another issue this year, we would like to not only bring back Myriad magazine in 2018, but to also publish more content in this issue to reflect the department's growth and success over this year.

While we had initially budgeted for certain costs, including the payment of editors, we had based our estimates for printing on last year's expenditures, which are no longer accurate. With the increase in printing costs, we would be unable to publish a reasonable number of issues of an appropriate length with the amount that we currently have. Furthermore, we would not be able to move money from elsewhere in our budget without having to cancel significant events and activities, like Asylum Seeker Awareness Week.

The creative opportunities for students of colour to share their authentic experiences around race and identity are lacking. Not only does Myriad provide contributors with a platform for their work, it also provides editors with valuable experience in publishing and editing, which are opportunities that are often harder to come by for PoC. We believe that that it is necessary for UMSU to support students of colour and the work that they produce, and to ensure that opportunities for creative expression surrounding race are available to those that seek them.

Motion: To pass \$12,200 from the Whole of Union budget line for the publication and printing of Myriad Magazine.

Moved: Hiruni Walimunige

Seconded: Reem Faiq

10.5. G08 Student Leaders' Conference

That up to \$400 be moved from the Whole of Union line to reimburse Daniel Beratis and Desiree Cai regarding costs incurred for return flights to Sydney for the G08 Student Leaders' Conference in July.

Moved: Daniel Beratis

Seconded: Desiree Cai

10.6. Support for Farrago

On May 28, *Farrago* published a satirical article titled “An exhaustive list of whom we shall kill on the first day of the revolution.” The article was clearly not intended to encourage any kind of violence towards the people listed in the article, and UMSU President Desiree Cai has since reaffirmed the commitment of UMSU against violence. However, the article was discovered by journalists from *The Australian*, resulting in a news piece being published on July 5 that was not courteous enough to provide the original source for readers to refer to (in spite of the fact that it is freely available on *Farrago’s* website), let alone represent the content of the article in good faith.

Motion:

1. The University of Melbourne Student Union Student’s Council stands in solidarity with *Farrago* contributors and editors, and this council reaffirms its commitment to supporting the conduct of those involved in the Media department so long as it continues to be an area of free discussion.
2. This council notes that *The Australian’s* coverage of this particular piece not only deliberately misrepresented the views of *Farrago* magazine, but selectively gave a platform to members of the Liberal Party of Australia both on campus and in Parliament to imply that student money was not being spent in a proper way; in other words, this was a dog whistle to those who believe that the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) ought to be abolished. This position ignores that SSAF allows for a number of fantastic opportunities—advocacy services, clubs, and yes, *Farrago*—to be properly funded, and allows for the kind of campus culture we see today that would be impossible without SSAF.
3. This council also notes that far from encouraging any sort of ill will towards those who would identify more with the political right, *Farrago* provides a safe environment for all student writers, regardless of political affiliation, and attempts to imply that this is not true are done in bad faith.

Moved: Conor Clements

10.7. UMSU Supports Students of Sustainability (SoS)

Since 1991, students around Australia have been organising and meeting at a forum called Students of Sustainability to share knowledge and stories about the environment, science, sustainability, Aboriginal affairs, and radical education and campaigns generally.

This year, SoS will be held in Melbourne from July 6 through July 11. Volunteers from across the Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN) and the wider community have given volunteered their time and energy preparing for the arrival of up to eight hundred students. They have also been planning dozens of workshops, plenaries, and events, as well as liaising with First Nations representatives to ensure their inclusion and that respectful practices are observed.

UMSU and the wider university community at UniMelb are encouraged to be involved and help co-create this important and empowering festival of thought. Everyone is welcome to come to organising meetings, float ideas, and run workshops during the event.

Being entirely volunteer based, SoS organisers, despite their best efforts, are struggling to raise funds to provide the best possible experience for students who are politically engaged, or hoping to become so.

Areas of expenditure include:

Subsidising travel, accommodation, and entry to the conference for First Nations people from around the land;

Providing food, collective care, and sufficient public liability insurance for all attendees, presenters, and organisers; and

Procurement of a location capable of supporting hundreds of temporary residents, workshop spaces, and autonomous spaces for attendees.

Provision of any funds granted by UMSU would be spent on the above, or reimbursement for these expenses. We view SoS as an opportunity to support student unions around Australia through engagement, education, and maybe a touch of radicalisation.

Motion:

1. UMSU again supports the Students of Sustainability conference in its aim to educate students about environmental and social justice.
2. Students' Council encourages Office Bearers, Councillors, and all interested students to attend Students of Sustainability from July 6 through to July 12.
3. Students' Council encourages Office Bearers to advertise Students of Sustainability via their networks, physically and online.
4. Students' Council pass \$30,000 from 'Whole of Union' to assist in the organisation of the Students of Sustainability conference.

Moved: Lucy Turton

Seconded: Callum Simpson