

University of Melbourne Student Union  
Meeting of the Students' Council  
UNCONFIRMED Minutes  
3pm, Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018  
Meeting 15(18)  
Location: Private Dining Room, Mezzanine, Union House

Meeting opened at 3:10pm.

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

**Motion 1:** That Desiree Cai be elected Chair.

Moved: Desiree Cai

Seconded: Matthew Simkiss

Carried without dissent

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

1.4 Apologies

*Councillors: Jacob Sacher, Jessica Miller, Cameron Doig*

*Office Bearers: Amelia Reeves, Elinor Mills*

1.5 Proxies

*Jacob Sacher to Jeremy Nadal, Jessica Miller to Hannah Buchan, Cameron Doig to Jack Buksh*

1.6 Membership

*Joshua Bruni has been appointed a General Representative on Students' Council.*

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 2:** That the agenda be adopted as presented, but that item 10.1. be moved directly after item 7.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

2.1. Minutes of Meeting 14(18), for confirmation

**Motion 3:** That the minutes be confirmed.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

Dominic Roque Ilagan, Elizabeth Tembo abstained

2.2. Ratification, Meeting 14(18)

**Motion 4:** That the unratified portions of Meeting 14(18) be ratified.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

Dominic Roque Ilagan, Elizabeth Tembo abstained

### 3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

Blake Atmaja declared that he was a volunteering director, and could not participate in item 10.1.

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### 4.1. Union House House Party

Kayley spoke to raising the matter, noting that sometimes UMSU events occur and they subsequently don't get the attendance that they were expecting, and asked what should be done about this.

Alex explained the budget behind UHHP, and the expenditure and income. He said that Activities did screw up, but he said that Activities tried everything within their power to increase attendance. He raised some ways that this could be avoided in the future, such as the ability to cancel events due to low uptake, and indicated that this was something Activities should have explored.

Josh said that the Council should be more hesitant about allowing staff to exert undue control over the events that should be run, and that UMSU was run by students and its activities should reflect this.

Kayley said that Office Bearers didn't have institutional knowledge, having one-year terms, and noted that this meant there was less knowledge of what events work and don't work, and that this was evident of a wider issue.

Michael said that, in principle, he agreed with Josh, but that he didn't necessarily believe it was Students' Council's place for that discussion. Michael said that there should be scrutiny on events, generally.

Molly agreed with the need for greater scrutiny, and that while UMSU was student-focused, staff did have expertise to say which events would work and which events would not work. She also expressed a worry that events, generally, were attracting less engagement and that this seemed to be a trend across the Union with the exception of Clubs. She said that this mattered more this year particularly as the Union was entering SSAF negotiations and discussions.

Elizabeth agreed that greater scrutiny was required, but that this was the role of Committee members rather than Council or staff, and that greater handover procedures should take place for Committee members to resolve this. She also noted that the Activities Office Bearers had admitted they faulted, and that people are still learning their jobs, and that this was a learning experience that experience could be taken away from.

Josh agreed with Elizabeth on Committee members particularly. Josh said that he knew that the Activities Office Bearers worked hard, and that they wouldn't hold events that they knew were going to not meet expectations. He said that better handover, particularly on student engagement and student climate, would aid in making events succeed.

Catriona noted that while Clubs engagement had increased, individual Clubs were all struggling for engagement as well, and that the issue more broadly was engagement.

Alex noted the broader Activities budget, and that on some events, it was necessary to lose money, and that this would normally be recouped through other events. He noted that changes may be incoming for Activities particularly due to the progression of reviews.

**Motion 5:** That discussion be deferred until item 6.2.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

4.2. Campaigns and Whole of Union

Noni spoke to the motion, and that Whole of Union should be used for campaigns that affect the whole of the Union.

Hannah seconded, and spoke to the motion.

Josh said that he was worried that this would discourage campus-based campaigns, and he was worried that it would instead go fully to organisations such as the NUS.

Molly said that there had not been many motions moved from the Campaigns line, and proposed that the money would be better used in the Whole of Union line. She additionally noted that NUS funding would have come from the Campaigns line in either case.

Dana agreed with Molly.

Dominic asked whether it would be feasible to convert the Campaigns budget line to a line that would be used to aid struggling Departments. He moved to make this a motion to direct the General Secretary.

**Motion 6:** That the proposed motion be deferred until next Council.

Moved: Alston Chu

Carried without dissent

**Motion 7:** That the original motion be agreed to.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

**5. Correspondence**

**6. Office Bearer Reports**

6.1. 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)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Late

Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Not submitted
Southbank	Submitted

Molly spoke to her report, and to the various programs therein.

Alex spoke to the finances within his report.

Alice spoke to her excursion to Dookie campus.

Elizabeth asked what happened at Dookie. Alice responded that they spoke to students at Dookie campus, and hosted a barbecue.

Hannah asked how Women’s meeting with Chancellery. Molly said that it went well; Chancellery revisited the Department’s recommendations on sexual assault and harassment, and said that the University may be moving to a more survivor-centric model in the next few years, including advents in data collection and anonymity.

Catriona asked when the Dookie excursion occurred; it occurred last Wednesday. She also spoke to how “delicious” the agricultural society’s apples were. Katie corroborated this.

**Motion 8:** That the reports be accepted en bloc.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

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

The speaking list deferred was resumed.

**Motion 9:** That \$15,000 be transferred from Whole of Union to Activities for losses incurred.

Moved: Alex Fielden

Seconded: Josh Bruni

Alston agreed with Josh’s earlier point that staff were valuable, but that students should drive the activity of the Union. He also raised that engagement and the University were linked.

Matthew agreed with Josh as well, and that events were not held in the knowledge that they would not succeed. He said that staff were valuable in the assistance that they gave, and that they did know which events would and would not work.

Alex agreed with Matthew, and that staff support was valuable for difficult events. He said that UHHP was a case of expecting more money to come out of an event if more money was put in, which was incorrect. He said it was difficult to predict when events would not succeed.

Hannah asked what the state of the Activities budget was, and how it related to the motion. Alex provided those figures, and stated that more money was being requested than was necessary to provide a buffer. He additionally noted current sales of Oktoberfest, and noted that it was expected that ticket sales for the event would come close to selling out.

Noni asked if Alex would be amenable to deferring the motion until that financial information could be circulated. Alex said that the urgency of the motion was that there were pending invoices that required attention, and that it was feasible for Council to defer, but that it would be practically difficult.

Kayley asked what events were planned for after Oktoberfest. Alex said that none were planned. Kayley asked what would happen if the motion failed. Alex said that the biggest problem would be AV financing, and that it would be likely that Oktoberfest would lack tables, decorations, lighting, and other amenities. He indicated that this would make the ticket price unjustifiable.

Catriona noted that Oktoberfest was the Activities Department’s biggest event, and that there would not be an issue with ticket sales for Oktoberfest. She said that if the event didn’t run, it would be difficult to justify the Activities Department. Alex said that other actions had been taken to try and make up some of the deficit.

Josh asked if it would be amenable to pass part of the motion now and part at a later Council. He moved to pass \$11,000 as an amendment. This was amenable.

**Motion 10:** That the motion be agreed to, with amendments.  
Moved: Chair  
Carried without dissent Serena Rae Thompson, Kayley Cuzzubbo abstained

Kareena asked how many copies of Farrago were being printed for this edition. The Media Officers said that 3,000 copies were being printed, and that they were bigger due to the election guide.

**Motion 11:** That the remaining recommendations be agreed to, en bloc.  
Moved: Chair  
Carried without dissent  
**Motion 12:** That strangers be excluded.  
Moved: Chair  
Carried without dissent

The CEO’s performance was discussed.

**Motion 13:** That Justin Bare and Randall Pearce be included.  
Moved: Chair  
Carried without dissent

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

The CEO’s report was discussed.

**Motion 14:** To accept the CEO’s report, but to separately move the Volunteering policy later.  
Moved: Chair  
Carried without dissent  
**Motion 15:** That Ruby Perryman be included.  
Moved: Chair  
Carried without dissent

**8. Motions on Notice**

8.1. Farrago Motion (*in confidence*)

The motion was discussed.

**Motion 16:** That the motion be withdrawn and that the motion be referred to the Grievance Tribunal.  
Moved: Daniel Beratis  
Carried

**Motion 17:** That strangers be included.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

## 9. Other Reports

## 10. Operational Business

### 10.1. Volunteering Policy

Justin spoke to the policy, and spoke to the amendments made since last Council, which included provision for non-UoM students and volunteer program directors.

Jeremy spoke in his capacity as VCESS Director, and said that while they did want a Volunteering Policy to be passed, this policy would damage the VCESS program. He said that the proposed amendments were too restrictive, and that the sponsorship section additionally caused concern. He spoke to the consultation thus far, noting that there had been too little.

Justin noted that these concerns had not been prior raised, and that it was necessary to have a Volunteering Policy that applied to the whole of UMSU.

Elizabeth noted that there appeared to be miscommunication in how concerns had been raised, and that she would prefer to defer the policy until that miscommunication could be resolved. She asked if a deferment would negatively impact operations. Justin said that while passing the policy was desirable, operations would continue.

**Motion 18:** That this motion be deferred pending further discussion between the parties.

Moved: Elizabeth Tembo

Carried

Kayley Cuzzubbo against, Blake Atmaja abstains

**Motion 19:** That the standing orders be suspended, such that would prevent Kayley Cuzzubbo proxying to Catriona Smith.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

## 11. Motions Without Notice

### 11.1 Not Commerce Ball Expenditure

Alex spoke to his motion, and noted that it was flow-on from his Committee.

Catriona seconded.

**Motion 20:** That the motion be agreed to.

Moved: Chair

Carried without dissent

## 12. Other Business

## 13. Next Meeting

*10<sup>th</sup> September, 1:30pm, as scheduled*

## 14. Close

**Meeting closed at 4:42pm.**

#### **4.2. Campaigns and Whole of Union**

That the Campaigns line be transferred in whole to the Whole of Union line, and that the Whole of Union line be now additionally used for Campaigns when approved.

Moved: Noni Bridger

#### **10.1. Farrago Motion**

That the General Secretary be directed in accordance with the papers circulated in confidence.

Moved: Ashleigh Barraclough

Seconded: Jesse Paris-Jourdan

#### **11.1. Not Commerce Ball Expenditure**

That up to \$304 be passed from the Activities special projects budget line to pay for pizza.

Moved: Alex Fielden