



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Agenda

11:00AM, 14th of February 2019

Meeting 4(19)

Location: Room 263, Old Arts

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians
- 1.3 Attendance
- 1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Eva Addinsall, Georgia Walton Briggs, Gurpreet Singh, Jacinta Dowe, Conor Day

Office Bearers: Hannah Buchan (on leave), Farah Khairat (on leave)

- 1.5 Proxies
Conor Day to Sarah Peters, Gurpreet Singh to Ari Sandler, Eva Addinsall to Sophie Kerrigan, Jacinta Dowe to Amelia Reeves
- 1.6 Membership
No changes to membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

- 2.1. Minutes of Students' Council, Meeting 2(19)
- 2.2. Minutes of Students' Council, Meeting 3(19)

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

- 5.1. Disaffiliation Appeal, MU Pool

6. Office Bearer Reports

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Not submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Not submitted
Environment	Submitted

Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted, <i>with recommendations</i>
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	Not submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Not submitted

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

8. Other Reports

- 8.1. UHT End of Year Report

9. Operational Business

- 9.4. Student Initiative Grant Report, UMMS
- 9.5. Student Initiative Grant Report, St. Vincent's Clinical School
- 9.6. Travel & Conference Grant Reports, NUS NatCon

10. Motions on Notice

- 10.1. Country Roads, Take Me Home
- 10.2. Be Heard, Not Harmed (SSDP Campaign)

11. Motions Without Notice

12. Other Business

13. Next Meeting

- 13.1. Students' Council 5(19), Monday February 25th, 1:00PM

14. Close

9.3. Country Roads, Take Me Home

Currently, the University recognises the disadvantage faced by students who have studied in areas Outside of metropolitan capitals through the Access Melbourne scheme, but what support is there Upon entry to the University for these students? Anecdotally and from personal experience, there is Nothing. The disadvantages faced by those from regional and isolated areas doesn't stop upon entry To University. We still have to travel great distances to Uni limiting time on campus to engage in Recreational activities or get extra support from staff, or have to leave home to study. This creates Yet further barriers, as students have to spend an unreasonable amount of time working to support Rent and other costs of living in such an expensive city. There is no special consideration or any Other support for those from regional areas despite the obvious barriers to success at university that A life outside of the city offers. For those who continue to travel into the city to attend uni on a Daily basis, there is much that can be done to improve their quality of transit and, in turn, their Success at university and in life.

Motion:

1. UMSU believes that country roads should take all students home to the place where they belong. Young people are systematically disadvantaged by the education department of the Victorian state government. For this to stop, major work programs need to be completed across the state to improve the quality of the roads and improve travel times for students who need to be taken home, down country roads. Because driving down the roads I got a feeling that I should have been home yesterday, yesterday, but I could not be due to the poor quality country roads.
2. Students' Council directs the Education Public Department to include upgrades to Victorian highways and regional roads as part of their student transport campaign for 2019.

Moved: Alice Smith

Seconded: Joshua Bruni

11.2 Be Heard, Not Harmed (SSDP Campaign)

The debate around pill testing is reignited each summer in Australia. Thousands attend night-life events, multi-day festivals and other social spaces, and since August 2018, 5 young people have died as a result of illicit drug use.

Successful programs in the US, UK, Portugal and Netherlands use GCMS machines to test for toxic adulterants, purity and to provide pathways to counselling and rehabilitation.

This is a medical treatment issue. The Australian Medical Association (AMA), the Royal Melbourne College of General Practitioners and the Royal Australasian College of Physicians have all supported on-site testing. But amidst growing pressure, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian has urged young people to abstain from using drugs. “It’s the only safe way.”

Despite young people being at the centre of this push-and-pull between conservatism and harm reduction, our voices have not been heard. In 2019 Students For Sensible Drug Policy Australia (SSDPAUS) have launched the first, and last, campaign to implement effective drug policy.

Student Unions are and have been a critical platform for young people to organise and reflect issues that effect them. The Safer Partying Initiative of UMSU Welfare has begun a commitment from the Union to publicly support this movement.

It’s about saving lives, not condoning drug use. It’s about being heard, not harmed. UMSU won’t be on the wrong side of history.

Motion:

1. That the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) endorses the ‘Be Heard Not Harmed’ campaign.
2. That the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) encourages Officer Bearers to share materials to encourage the campaign on campus.

Moved: Molly Willmott

Seconded: