



**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students' Council**

**Agenda**

**10:00AM, 29th of July 2019**

**Meeting 13(19)**

**Location: Jim Potter Room (G16), Old Physics**

**Meeting opened at 10:22am**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

**Motion 1:** To elect Molly Willmott as chair.

**Moved:** Molly Willmott      **Seconded:** Conor Day

Carried without Dissent

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

*So acknowledged*

1.3 Attendance

*Councillors*

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended?</b>	<b>Councils attended this year (including this one)</b>
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Ari Sandler	Did not attend	4
Indigenous Representative on Students' Council	Indiah Money	Attended	3
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Vacant		
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Amelia Reeves	Attended	10
Students' Council General Representative	Georgia Walton Briggs	Did not attend	7
Students' Council General Representative	Lucy Turton	Did not attend	6
Students' Council General Representative	Conor Day	Attended	9
Students' Council General Representative	Eva Addinsall	Did not attend	4
Students' Council General Representative	Tim Lilley	Attended	13

Students' Council General Representative	Gurpreet Singh	Did not attend	11
Students' Council General Representative	Catriona Smith (Tree)	Attended	11
Students' Council General Representative	Jessica Miller	Attended	9
Students' Council General Representative	Anneke d'Emanuele	Attended	7
Students' Council General Representative	Terence Taylor	Attended	6
Students' Council General Representative	Worapitcha Laichant	Attended	7
Students' Council General Representative	Vacant		
Students' Council General Representative	Melinda Suter	Did not attend	4
Students' Council General Representative	Nick Reich	Did not attend	4
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Vacant		
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Vacant		
Students' Council General Representative	Kaimon Wong	Did not attend	7

*Office Bearers*

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attended?</b>	<b>Councils attended this year (including this one)</b>
President	Molly Willmott	Attended	12
General Secretary	Reece Moir	Attended	12
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Elizabeth Tembo	Did not attend	3
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Dominic Ilagan	Did not attend	4
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Vacant		
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlotte Fouhy	Did not attend	5
Welfare Officer	Ashwin Chhaperia	Did not attend	6
Welfare Officer	Natasha Guglielmino	Attended	11

Women’s Officer	Criselda (Aria) Sunga	Did not attend	6
Women’s Officer	Hannah Buchan	Attended	10
Media Officer	Katherine Doherty	Did not attend	8
Media Officer	Stephanie Zhang	Did not attend	7
Media Officer	Carolyn Huane	Did not attend	5
Media Officer	Ruby Perryman	Did not attend	4
Environment Officer	Will Ross	Attended	3
Queer Officer	Andie Moore	Attended	12
Queer Officer	Raphael Canty	Attended	5
Creative Arts Officer	Eloise Hammill	Did not attend	7
Creative Arts Officer	Lucy Holz	Attended	4
Activities Officer	Liam O'Brien	Did not attend	7
Activities Officer	Olivia Panjkov	Attended	9
People of Colour Officer	Farah Khairat	Attended	4
People of Colour Officer	Mark Yin	Attended	8
Disabilities Officer	Lucy Birch	Did not attend	7
Clubs & Societies Officer	Christopher Melenhorst	Attended	11
Clubs & Societies Officer	Jordan Tochner	Attended	5
Indigenous Officer	Laura Brown	Did not attend	0
Indigenous Officer	Jordan Holloway-Clarke	Did not attend	2
Burnley campus coordinator	James Barclay	Did not attend	2
VCA Campus Coordinator	Hilary (Lily) Ekins	Did not attend	5

Other: *Justin Baré, CEO, Joshua Bruni, Matthew Harper, Jesse Mansfield, Declan Kerger, Evelyn Ranogajec, Hannah Krasovec, Naomi Smith, Briana Symonds-Manne*

1.4 Apologies

*Georgia Walton Briggs, Gurpreet Singh, Kaimon Wong, Melinda Suter, Nick Reich, Eva Addinsall, Lucy Turton*

1.5 Proxies

*Georgia Walton Briggs to Naomi Smith, Gurpreet Singh to Matt Harper, Kaimon Wong to Joshua Bruni. Melinda Suter to Anneke d'Emanuele, Nick Reich to Terence Taylor*

1.6 Membership

*Lalatu Grogan has resigned as Student of Colour Representative on Council, Emma Parkinson has resigned as General Representative on Council.*

*Cameron Doig has resigned as Education (Public Affairs) Officer.*

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 2:** To adopt agenda with item 13 moved immediately after procedural matters.

**Moved:** Molly (Chair)

Carried without Dissent

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

2.1. Minutes of Students’ Council, Meeting 11(19)

To spell Milly and Anneke’s names correctly.

Milly left sometime during this meeting but has no issue with correcting it.

2.2. Minutes of Students’ Council, Meeting 12(19)

**Motion 3:** To accept the minutes as true.  
**Moved:** Molly (Chair)  
 Carried without Dissent

**3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

No conflicts declared

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**13. Next Meeting**

- 14(19) – Tuesday Aug. 6th 10:00AM.
- 15(19) – Monday Aug. 19th 4:00PM.
- 16(19) – Wednesday Sept. 11th 3:00PM.
- 17(19) – Tuesday Sept. 24th 10:00AM.
- 18(19) – Friday Oct. 11th 3:00PM.
- 19(19) – Monday Oct. 21st 4:00PM.

**Motion 4:** To adopt the meeting schedule.  
**Moved:** Molly (Chair)  
 Carried without Dissent

**5. Correspondence**

**6. 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

Conor: Questions were had for education officers but none of them were in attendance.

Melenhorst: Noted that the C&S office has moved, so response time will be slow during the transition.

Tim: Questioned Molly about NSP and volunteering space.

**Procedural:** To cede the chair to Hannah Buchan.

**Moved:** Molly (Chair)

Carried without Dissent

Molly: The v-hive has not been sorted in the NSP, but we have a lot of meeting rooms throughout the precinct that are ours operationally – which we could use for the v-hive.

Conor: Asked about traction for the paid gig on Friday.

Olivia: This is time for a big push, now that students are back on campus.

Conor: On the NSP, has there been progress on the bar?

Molly: We're still unsure and waiting to hear back, Justin is working on it – the issue is that everything is allocated. There have been multiple reasons why we may not be able to operate it.

Jess: Asked activities for an OB report

Olivia: We're catching up on payments for all the events planned this semester. The BBQs are popular and well known now.

Jess: The bike collective, is there going to be a paid employee?

Molly: Unsure about the operation, but mostly volunteer run.

Anneke: Regarding NSP, council could pen a letter demanding the same operational control over the bar and similar services?

Molly: On recommendation proposed. Recommended not to affiliate with AQSN. Spoken to Queer OBs and it's a statement regarding their governance and democracy.

Milly: How about UATSIS?

Molly: Indigenous officers have now been contacted and will have the final approval.

Andie: Noted that AQSN needs to be fixed regarding governance. Discussed the Queer Collaborations Conference.

Olivia: Education and preference timetabling system. Find out more regarding the FlexAP.

Indiah: Can we discuss bathrooms?

Andie: The main building will have all-gender bathrooms/lobbies on every floor. Nearby buildings will have more gendered bathrooms but due to proximity is not particularly major as an issue. Worrying, but encouraging.

Conor: Question on notice, asking for a report on how the disabilities office is going.

**Procedural:** to move to items 9, 10, and 11.

**Moved:** Anneke d'Emanuele.

Carried

**Procedural:** To cede the chair to Molly.

**Moved:** Hannah Buchan

Carried

**Motion 5:** To accept the office bearer reports.

**Moved:** Molly (Chair)  
Carried without Dissent

**9. Operational Business**

- 9.1. Student Initiative Grant Application, Masters of Teaching
- 9.2. Student Initiative Grant Application, Strive Student Health Initiative
- 9.3. Student Initiative Grant Application, Western Clinical School
- 9.4. Student Initiative Grant Application, Epworth Clinical School

**Terence left the room at 10:42**

**Quorum lost at 10:42**

**Motion 6:** To accept the SIG applications en bloc.

**Moved:** Molly (Chair)

**Carried without Dissent**

**Procedural:** To move to the CEO report.

**Moved:** Molly (Chair)

**Carried without Dissent**

**Procedural:** To move into camera.

**Moved:** Molly (Chair)

**Carried without Dissent**

**Terence entered room at 10:46**

**Anneke left room at 10:46**

**Quorum regained at 10:47**

**7. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

- 7.1. CEO Report 12(19)
- 7.2. CEO Report 13(19)
- 7.3. April and June Financial Reports

During this time, multiple items were discussed. The CEO Reports and Financial Reports were accepted by council.

**Procedural:** To move out of camera

**Moved:** Molly (Chair)

Carried without dissent

**10. Motions on Notice**

- 10.1. Queer Lunch

10.2. G&Ts with the LGBTs

10.3. Queer Department ‘Zine

Noted that they cannot be voted on. Deferred to next Council.

## 11. Motions Without Notice

**Procedural:** To move to 11.3

**Moved:** Anneke

Carried

11.3. Support the Hong Kong Protests

Anneke: I think it’s good! We support the protests in Honk Kong but recognise that this issue has been used to increase anti-Chinese racism, and that western states aren’t bastions of freedoms. So, we reject any attempts to co-opt the struggle of Hong Kong to bolster anti-Chinese racism.

**Indiah left at 11:00am**

**Quorum lost at 11:00am**

Tim: I’ve made it clear that it is definitely not against Chinese people.

Bruni: Definitely important we stand in solidarity.

Anneke: I think it’s important that there is space reserved for farrago

Tim: We see people’s rights being taken away all

**Procedural:** To move to vote

Conor Day

Carried

### **Motion:**

1. UMSU expresses solidarity with the Hong Kong protestors, and with all Chinese people who face oppression and subjugation at the hands of the Chinese Communist government.
2. UMSU condemns the Chinese Communist government for its ongoing human rights abuses and efforts to undermine Hong Kong’s independence, and the Carrie Lam Hong Kong government for betraying its own constituents.
3. UMSU will publish a notice expressing support for the Hong Kong protestors and students from Hong Kong who study at UniMelb in the next edition of *Farrago*.

**Moved:** Tim Lilly      **Seconded:** Joshua Bruni

Carried without Dissent

11.1. Blockade IMARC

Anneke: giving moving rights to Bree

Briana Symonds-Manne: this should be

Jess: do you know how much a silver sponsorship is?

Briana: don't know, that's why an action is to get an FOI

Conor: thanks for bringing this to our attention

Anneke: there is a lot of stuff organised, get in contact with me to find more details

Milly: accessibility wording proposed

**Procedural:** To move to vote

**Moved:** Anneke

Carried without Dissent

**Motion:**

- UMSU stands in solidarity with the high school strikes.
- UMSU calls on the University of Melbourne to revoke its sponsorship of IMARC, on the grounds that financially supporting the meeting and collaboration of major perpetrators of carbon emissions through oil, gas and coal mining ultimately contributes to the continuation of such practices.
- UMSU demands that the Australian government prevent the building of the Adani coal mine and subsequent projects of the same nature.
- UMSU calls on the Australian government to invest in 100% renewable energy.

**Action:**

- UMSU will participate in future climate strikes, whether they be exclusively for university students, or in collaboration with the high school strikes.
- UMSU will develop and participate in a demonstration against the University of Melbourne's sponsorship of IMARC

**Moved:** Briana Symonds-Manne      **Seconded:** Terence Taylor

Carried

#### 11.2. Solidarity with School Strikers

Anneke: really good to support, there are multiple actions happening nationally

Will: working with the NTEU on an UMSU and GSA endorsed petition to promote the actions to students

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**Moved:** Anneke                      **Seconded:** Terence

Carried without Dissent

11.4 National Day of Action

Anneke: \$500 allocation would be good

**Motion:**

UMSU endorses the National Union of Student's August 9 National Day of Action for climate action.

UMSU supports students who are walking out of class on August 9 to demand climate action.

UMSU will commit funds of \$500 from whole of union for printing posters and leaflets for the promotion of the August 9 National Day of Action

UMSU will promote the National Day of Action through department networks and by sending out emails to members and sharing the event on social media

**Moved:** Anneke                                      **Seconded:** Milly

Carried without Dissent

**12. Other Business**

**14. Close**

**Closed at 11:16am**



### **10.1. Queer Lunch**

Queer Lunch has had an outstanding attendance each week this year, at an unexpectedly high rate. In the first weeks of last semester, Queer Lunch was attracting between 50 and 70 students a week, with all the food going in about 15 minutes. Over the year we have increased our weekly spend, and stabilised to a regular attendance of 35-50 a week, but we are running low on money now to keep Queer Lunch going. This has been an amazing event for student engagement and forms the heart of Queer Collective, and we'd greatly appreciate the budget being topped up.

**Motion:** To approve up to \$1,300 from the Whole of Union budget line to spend on Lunch for the Queer Bunch

**Moved:** Raph Canty    **Seconded:**

### **10.2. G&Ts with the LGBTs**

G&Ts has been attracting 50-60 people a week, double what we expected. There was no possible way we could estimate attendees at the start of the year and are now running over budget. We'd appreciate council's support in allowing this event to continue - there is no over spending as we limit students to one drink per person. This has attracted so many new people to the department and union.

**Motion:** To approve up to \$1,500 from the Whole of Union budget line to spend on G&Ts with the LGBTs

**Moved:** Raph Canty    **Seconded:**

### **10.3. Queer Department 'Zine.**

We had to print more copies of our zine as we managed to distribute 2000 zones earlier, and ran out. We had to print more for Winterfest!

**Motion:** To approve up to \$1,300 from the Whole of Union budget line to spend on a re-print of the zine

**Moved:** Raph Canty    **Seconded:**

### **11.1. Blockade IMARC**

IMARC is the International Mining and Resources Conference held in Melbourne annually and is Australia's largest mining event. The Victorian Government is a founding partner of the conference and there will be ministers from Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, and The Northern Territory speaking in the 'Global Opportunities' stream on how the mining industry can profit in those states.

This year there will be representatives from over 400 mining companies, such as BHP, OceanaGold, and Rio Tinto, which the conference will connect with thousands of investors, technology and equipment companies, and politicians from all over the world. At over \$3,000 for a full access pass there is no doubt that this is an opportunity for world leaders and elite mining professionals to get together and figure out how best to loot the world of its natural resources. A process in which the ordinary people who are often affected the most by the decisions and deals made at conferences like these have no say.

It should be news to no one that we are in a climate and ecological crisis. We have to question what has brought us to a point where scientists have been sounding the alarm for decades while governments have chosen not only to ignore it, but continue to allow the digging up and burning of fossil fuels. This is not in the interest of the majority of people but for the companies whose existence is entirely dependant on this process.

It is the status quo of the mega rich, who have made their vast wealth by exploiting land and labor, winning and dining law-makers away from the public eye that has contributed to the unfettered and irresponsible expansion of mining all over the globe. This status quo has a mounting environmental and human cost; the ruthless drive for profit through mining resources and government complicity and corruption has resulted in deforestation, land theft, water theft, human displacement, species extinction, genocide, and war. IMARC represents a process within a broken system and it needs to be disrupted should we have any hope for a better world.

This has coalesced into Blockade IMARC which is an alliance of activists with the joint goal of shutting the conference down.

The University of Melbourne is a silver sponsor of IMARC, has a professor speaking in the digital transformation stream, and is exhibiting on the expo floor. Our university is not only complicit in environmental destruction but has also helped funnel engineering and computer science students, researchers, and academics into the mining industry. IMARC has multiple streams on automation and digital transformation as well as a number of software companies like Microsoft and Airobotics sponsoring the event and exhibiting on the expo floor. Technological advancement, while generally considered a good thing, in the hands of mining companies doesn't lead to more environmental friendly mining or land rehabilitation as mining executives would like everyone to believe but only to more automation and less need for human labour, thus lowering wages, increasing profits for companies, and contributing to unemployment which also has the effect of lowering wages and working rights across many industries.

Decisions made between politicians and the world's biggest carbon emitters with the weight of billions of dollars behind them have the power to affect communities, countries, and the entire planet through climate change; they should not be made behind a \$3,000 pay wall.

Through IMARC the Victorian government is paying for the 'privilege' of hosting people who have gotten rich off exploiting developing countries for resources and facilitating the expansion of their

imperialist projects with tax dollars. The University of Melbourne is also spending the tuition fees that students have paid in the hopes of bettering their future on the destruction of it. Demanding that these institutions withdraw their support of IMARC and building the project to shut the conference down is in the interest of anyone who wants a more sustainable and just society.

**Motion:**

- UMSU Condemns IMARC as a gathering of climate criminals who are building the project of the super rich to profit from the destruction of the environment.
- UMSU recognises the importance of shutting IMARC down in the fight against climate change.
- UMSU condemns the the University of Melbourne’s financial support of IMARC and the attendance of administration, staff, and students.
- UMSU calls on the University of Melbourne to withdraw all sponsorship and support of IMARC.

**Action:**

- Students council will use \$100 from whole of union pay for FOIs into the Universities support of IMARC
- Councillors will help build and attend rally’s and actions aimed at pressuring The University of Melbourne and involved staff to withdraw support of the conference.
- Councillors will help build and attend the IMARC Blockade starting on the 29th of October as part of the NDA’s demand for climate action.

**Moved:** Anneke d’Emanuele    **Seconded:** Terence Taylor

## **11.2. Solidarity with the school strikers**

In 2019, we have reached a crisis point in the state of our environment. As a result of decades of mining, deforestation and industrialised agriculture, we have wreaked havoc on our climate and ecosystems. Last year, a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned that in order to prevent the rise in global temperature going beyond 1.5 degrees Celsius, we would have to cut emissions of carbon dioxide by 45% by 2030. In saying ‘we’, it must be pointed out that those with the real power to limit carbon dioxide emissions are the stakeholders in the offending companies, notably Shell, Exxonmobil and BP. In 2017, the Carbon Majors Report concluded that 100 companies were responsible for 71% of the world’s carbon emissions. Despite findings such as these, corporations and national governments continue to work in tandem to maintain existing oil, gas and coal projects and even invest in new ones. The case of the Adani coal mine in Queens- land immediately comes to mind as a domestic example of this. The mine will add 4.6 billion tonnes of carbon pollution to our atmosphere, and yet it has bipartisan support within the Australian parliament.

We have reached a critical point in the fight to protect the environment, both in Australia and in the world. We are not being listened to by mainstream politics: 61% of Australians believe that the Adani mine should not be built and yet it has received the official approval it requires to go ahead. 84% of Australians believe that the government should be investing in renewable energy and yet in 2017, Scott Morrison infamously brought a lump of coal with him into the House of Representatives, to advocate for its continued usage. We have reached the point at which we must recognise that the only way forward is that which puts civil disobedience at the forefront of activist strategy. The school strikes organised by high school students at home and around the world are an inspiring example of the kinds of actions we need to be undertaking. In abandoning their studies and taking to the streets to protest the destruction of the planet, high school students have illustrated that we must radicalise if we want to see real political and media focus on the environmental is- sues at hand. All layers of society, not just high school students, must take radical, direct action against the greed and corruption of the

corporations and governments who continue to exploit our environment for profit, endangering our planet's very existence.

**Motion:**

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**Moved:** Anneke

**Seconded:** Terence

### **11.3. UMSU Supports the Hong Kong Protests**

Recent months have seen some of the largest protests in Hong Kong's history, led in part by pro-democracy and pro-independence student groups. These protests erupted after Hong Kong's government, led by the Chinese Communist government-appointed Carrie Lam, attempted to pass legislation allowing Hong Kong residents to be extradited to mainland China to face trial for certain alleged crimes.

The issue of course is that the mainland Chinese legal system is controlled, like all aspects of China's government, by the Chinese Communist Party. Since seizing power in 1949, the Communist Party has constructed a corrupt and authoritarian government that has overseen countless human rights abuses. This government has massacred defenceless protestors in Tiananmen Square and sort to erase this heinous crime from Chinese history, continues to deny sovereignty to Tibet and claim Taiwan – a democratic and free country – as its own, and is currently conducting an ethnic cleansing against its Uyghur Muslim population of which Hitler would be proud. Its legal system has a 99.9% conviction rate, and those who dare express a free thought are regularly imprisoned and punished on trumped-up charges. Torture, including forced organ harvesting, has been used as a weapon to silence resisters and strike fear into the populace. While most western governments seem content to ignore these abuses for fear of retaliation from the Communist Party for speaking up, the reality is that the people of China are currently living under a cruel and corrupt dictatorship, with a 'justice' system that offers little such justice. It is little wonder Hong Kong residents do not wish to be subject to it.

Although the extradition bill has been (most likely only temporarily) withdrawn, millions of Hong Kong residents are now crying out to preserve Hong Kong's independence from Chinese Communist government control, which threatens the freedom and democratic rights of all Hong Kong's people. Seeing as these same rights and freedoms are central to UMSU's values and beliefs, we should stand in support of the protestors – many of whom are students like us – in their plight. While this motion is purely symbolic, it is important that UMSU speaks up in the face of injustice, and also shows support for the many UniMelb students who

are from Hong Kong themselves and are deeply concerned about the future of their homeland.

**Motion:**

4. UMSU expresses solidarity with the Hong Kong protestors, and with all Chinese people who face oppression and subjugation at the hands of the Chinese Communist government.
5. UMSU condemns the Chinese Communist government for its ongoing human rights abuses and efforts to undermine Hong Kong's independence, and the Carrie Lam Hong Kong government for betraying its own constituents.
6. UMSU will publish a notice expressing support for the Hong Kong protestors and students from Hong Kong who study at UniMelb in the next edition of *Farrago*.

**Moved:** Tim Lilley    **Seconded:**

#### **11.4. National Day of Action**

The IPCC Report last year found that we have 11 years from now to halt the climate catastrophe that we are already witnessing the effects of around the world. Our future on this planet depends on the actions we take in the next decade. The effects of the catastrophe are being felt here already. Last year saw the Great Barrier Reef suffer the greatest bleaching event in its history, while Queensland suffered devastating floods and horrific fires raged through Tasmania at the start of this year.

Yet we have seen totally inadequate action from both of the major parties in Australia. The Liberals have continued their dogged commitment to coal, exemplified in their enthusiastic support of the Adani Carmichael Coalmine in the Galilee Basin. While the Labor party gives lip-service to honouring the Paris agreement and action on climate change, in practice they have continually lent support to the coal industry, by rushing through the approvals for the Adani Coal Mine as Queensland's State Government and voting to support the mine in the senate. This is despite the fact that the Adani Coal Mine is opposed by 65% of Australians.

Since the coalitions reelection in the recent federal election, symbolising to many environmental activists another three years of environmental destruction, thousands have hit the streets in cities around the country to demand climate action, in some places occupying intersections and causing disruptions, most notably in Brisbane in order to "stop cities to stop Adani".

A recent survey conducted by the National Union of Students found that for 70% of students climate change is the issue that they are most concerned about. In light of this the NUS has called a National Day of Action on August 9 to demand serious action on climate change.

**Motion:**

- UMSU endorses the National Union of Student's August 9 National Day of Action for climate action.
- UMSU supports students who are walking out of class on August 9 to demand climate action.
- UMSU will commit funds for printing posters and leaflets for the promotion of the August 9 National Day of Action

- UMSU will promote the National Day of Action through department networks and by sending out emails to members and sharing the event on social media

**Moved:** Anneke d’Emanuele