



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Agenda

Monday 16th March, 1:00pm

Meeting 6(20)

Location: Old Dining Room, Union House

Council opened at 1:09

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Jack Buksh as Chair.

Mover: Jack Buksh

Seconder: Hannah Krasovec

Carried

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Allen Xiao	Y	5
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Max Dowell	Y	5
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Andie Moore	N	3
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Tejas Gandhi	Y	4
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Hayley Kebbell	N	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Ranogajec	Y	5
Students' Council (General Representative)	Joshua Bruni	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Christopher Melenhorst	Y	5
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nick Reich	N	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lachlan Hinds	Y	5
Students' Council (General Representative)	Raiyaan Mahbub	N	4
Students' Council (General Representative)	Felix Sharkey	N	3

Students' Council (General Representative)	VACANT	-	-
Students' Council (General Representative)	Varaidzo Chipunza	Y	6
Students' Council (General Representative)	Hannah Krasovec	Y	3
Students' Council (General Representative)	Matthew Harper-Gomm	Y	5
Students' Council (General Representative)	VACANT	-	-
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Thonya Deverall	Y	6
Students' Council (General Representative)	Catriona Smith	N	5
Indigenous Committee	Jess Ferrari-Thomas	Y	4

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
President	Hannah Buchan	Y	6
General Secretary	Jack Buksh	Y	6
Activities Officer	India Pinkney	Y	2
Activities Officer	Hayley Stanford	N	3
Clubs & Societies Officer	Jordan Di Natale	Y	6
Disabilities Officer	Hue Man Dang	Y	6
Disabilities Officer	Srishti Chatterjee	Y	4
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlie Joyce	N	3
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Noni Bridger	Y	2
Environment Officer	Olivia Sullivan	Y	5
Environment Officer	Sophie Kerrigan	N	3
Media Officer	Bethany Cherry	N	4
Media Officer	Amber Meyer	Y	4
Media Officer	Sarah Peters	Y	6
Media Officer	Tharidi Walimunige	N	5
People of Colour Officer	Nicole Nabbout	Y	5
People of Colour Officer	Gurpreet Singh	Y	5
Queer Officer	Ciara O'Sullivan	Y	4
Queer Officer	A'bidah Zaid	Y	1
Welfare Officer	Declan Kerger	N	4
Welfare Officer	Natasha Guglielmino	Y	5
Women's Officer	Aria Sunga	N	2
Women's Officer	Naomi Smith	Y	3
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Joshua Munro	Y	6
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Georgia Walton Briggs	Y	6
Creative Arts Officer	Emily White	Y	4
Creative Arts Officer	Olivia Bell	Y	6
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	Y	3

VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Verity Crane	Y	3
VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Hayden Williams	Y	4
Indigenous Officer	Shanysa Jayde McConville	Y	3
Indigenous Officer	Hope Kuchel	Y	4

1.4. Apologies

Councillors: Felix Sharkey, Hayley Kebbell, Nick Reich, Catriona Smith, Raiyaan Mahbub, Andie Moore, Varizido Chipunza

Office Bearers: Hayley Stanford, Tharidi Walimunige, Naomi Smith, Aria Sunga, Sophie Kerrigan, Declan Kerger

Leave of Absence Requests

- 1.4.1. Office Bearer leave: Declan Kerger – 16th March to 23rd March
- 1.4.2. Leave of Absence Council 6(20) – Naomi Smith (RESPECT Taskforce Meeting)
- 1.4.3. Leave of Absence Council 6(20) – Aria Sunga (Sick – Medical Certificate)
- 1.4.4. Leave of Absence Council 6(20) – Hayley Kebbell (Sick – Medical Certificate)
- 1.4.5. Leave of Absence Council 6(20) – Nick Reich (Sick)
- 1.4.6. Leave of Absence Council 6(20) – Sophie Kerrigan (Sick)

Motion 2: To move the leave of absence requests en bloc.

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried

1.5. Proxies

Felix Sharkey to Dana Riley, Catriona Smith to Christopher Melenhorst, Raiyaan Mahbub to Juria Binte Kamal, Andie Moore to Allen Xiao, Varizido Chipunza to Lachlan Hinds

1.6. Membership

No changes.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: That the agenda be adopted with addition of 8.1 Operational Business

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes 5(20)

Motion 4: To confirm the minutes of Council meeting 5(20) as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None declared.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

None.

Procedural to move directly to item 8.1
 Mover: Hannah Buchan
 Carried

Procedural to move in camera.
 Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)
 Carried

Council moved in camera at 1:13pm

Council moved out of camera at 2:31pm

6. Office Bearer Reports

President	Hannah Buchan	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Jack Buksh	<i>Submitted,</i>
Activities	India Pinkney	<i>Submitted</i>
	Hayley Stanford	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs and Societies	Jordan Di Natale	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts	Emily White	<i>Submitted</i>
	Olivia Bell	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities	Hue Man Dang	<i>Submitted</i>
	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs)	Georgia Walton Briggs	<i>Submitted</i>
	Joshua Munro	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs)	Charlie Joyce	<i>Not Submitted</i>
	Noni Bridger	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment	Sophie Kerrigan	<i>Submitted</i>
	Olivia Sullivan	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous	Hope Kuchel	<i>Submitted</i>
	Shanysa McConville	<i>Submitted</i>
Media	Bethany Cherry	<i>Submitted</i>
	Amber Meyer	<i>Submitted</i>
	Sarah Peters	<i>Submitted, with recommendations</i>
	Tharidi Walimunige	<i>Submitted</i>

People of Colour	Gurpreet Singh	<i>Submitted</i>
	Nicole Nabbout	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer	Ciara O'Sullivan	<i>Submitted</i>
	A'Bidah Zaid	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare	Natasha Guglielmino	<i>Submitted</i>
	Declan Kerger	<i>Not submitted</i>
Women's	Naomi Smith	<i>Submitted</i>
	Aria Sunga	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	Verity Crane	<i>Submitted</i>
	Hayden Williams	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Submitted</i>

Main points following questions from Councillors:

President's Office: Hannah Buchan advised that the Provost cancelled their meeting.

Education Department: Surge camp will be cancelled.

Southbank Department: weekly BBQ event has been cancelled.

Motion 8: To accept the OB report en bloc including Office Bearer Recommendations.

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried Without Dissent

7. CEO Report

As above

8. Other Reports

8.1. Student Media Grievance and Disputes Expression of Interest

Jack will update later.

9. Operational Business

9.1. Change X Unzipped SIG Application

Motion 9: To accept the grant applications.

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Direct all Office Bearers to attend the March 29th Trans Pride March at the State Library

Preamble: On the Sunday before the Transgender Day of Visibility, Melbourne will have its inaugural Trans Pride March. This march is all about providing visibility to the broader trans, non binary, gender diverse and non conforming community, highlighting the discrimination that these communities face. The focus of this march is on 'Passing the

Mic' to those we don't often hear enough from, especially from first nation/Sistergirls and Brothers/QTIPOC, TWOC and disabled trans people. Considering the university's long and discriminatory record surrounding its treatment of trans students and staff, it is UMSU's duty to demonstrate a commitment to and to support trans students. The march will start in front of the State Library from 12pm and end in a concert starting at 3pm at Federation Square. The organisers are still looking for volunteers, preferably allies so that trans people can actually partake in the march, to marshal both the march and the concert.

Motion: As Students' Council we direct all UMSU Office Bearers to attend the Trans Pride March

Moved: Andoni Fischer **Seconded:** Ciara O'Sullivan

Motion 10: To move the motion with the amendment "As Students' Council we recommend that all UMSU Office Bearers attend the Trans Pride March".

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried

10.2.

Motion: That \$10,000 from the Activities Department budget for a "Southbank Comedy Event" be redirected to the Southbank Department budget in order to fund an outdoor lo-fi aesthetic art event and an ongoing iteration of No Lights, No Lycra at the Southbank campus.

Background:

Events that take place on Southbank campus are most successful when they are embedded in the student community of Southbank.

UMSU Southbank directed its Office-bearers to make contact with the Activities Department about the use of the \$10,000 they have set aside for a Southbank event. A discussion was had between the two departments in early February in person. Hayden Williams followed up in the week following but has had no further contact from Activities in relation to collaborating on the use of this money.

Southbank students contribute \$180,000 a year to the budget of UMSU; however, the Southbank budget is only \$60,000 in 2020. The UMSU Southbank Department is at its most active in quite some time and we are keen to make sure that events that the Union run on Southbank are most impactful and beneficial for Southbank students.

The Lo-Fi Aesthetic Art Event is currently being organised by a group of no fewer than 23 students. No Lights, No Lycra has also emerged out of localised desire for social physical activity at Southbank campus. Both constitute an activity. Their success is contingent on having access to this \$10,000.

Mover:

Hayden Williams

Seconder: Jess Ferrari-Thomas

Procedural to defer motion.

Mover: Matt Harper

Carried

10.3. Motion: *That Students' Council directs the CEO of UMSU to provide a report and recommendations to the next Student's Council in relation to delivering the Advocacy drop-in service from Southbank one day a fortnight during Semester*

Background:

Students of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music who study at Southbank are subjected to more intense course-contact hours than almost any other program at the University of Melbourne. Bachelor of Music students are the only remaining cohort of students subjected to 100% Examinations (in the form of a single music performance). Production students are required to be present in studios and in stage management environments for in excess of 40 hours a week. And Dance students are invited by members of the Faculty to drop out if they express symptoms of eating disorders. Additionally, Bachelor of Fine Arts students have recently found out about the review to their curriculum.

Students of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music need Advocacy. Accessing the Advocacy service at Parkville is not an option when attendance hurdles are in place for degrees with in excess of 25 hours a week in a location that takes 25 minutes to get to from the location of classes.

The Southbank Department of UMSU implores the student union to ensure that Southbank students have access to advocacy services. This motion does not request Advocacy on campus in the immediate term but is about allowing staff to develop a plan in order to facilitate the successful implementation of Advocacy services at Southbank. We are keen to work with Advocacy to find a suitable space for the delivery of Advocacy services on campus.

Mover:

Hayden Williams

Seconder: Olivia Bell

Procedural to suspend Standing Orders.

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried

Quorum lost at 2:50pm

Procedural to defer the motion.

Mover: Jack Buksh (Chair)

Carried

10.4. Queer Collaborations Conference

Preamble:

Queer Collaborations is a National Queer Student Conference held every year at a different University in Australia. It aims to connect queer students with each other, consisting of networking opportunities, peer-led workshops, professional development sessions and panel speakers from the community.

QC is extremely important as a way for future queer leaders to be inspired and learn skills that will advance their capacity to support all students. There is a strong focus on intersectionality especially considering the range of people who attend. This year's conference is being held during NAIDOC week, providing a framework to raise Indigenous voices in particular. Accessibility is also valued highly at QC and every attempt is made to ensure that everybody is able to benefit from the conference.

At Queer Collaborations Warrnambool 2019, delegates from The University of Melbourne put in a successful bid to host the conference in 2020. The University Chancellery (Diversity and Inclusion Committee) has granted the conference \$25,000 in funding.

Traditionally, the student union where QC is held acts as an auspice: holding grant, sponsorship and registration funds and allowing those to be used to pay for the conference. This would not involve spending UMSU's money and the conference has been carefully budgeted to be profitable, due to the University's grant.

Motion:

That UMSU endorses the Queer Collaborations 2020 conference

Moved: Meghan Grech

Seconded: Karl Pahl-Duffy

Procedural to defer the motion to next Council.

Mover: Hannah Buchan

Carried

11. Motions Without Notice

No Cops on Campus

Preamble:

At the STEM fair all was quiet, but students were presently surprised by a visit from everybody's favourite state-sanctioned thugs in blue. Whilst UMSU supports all who come to university to educate and better themselves it is clear that their presence was not so much academic but to instead intimidate and silence any dissent amongst students who so selfishly want to safeguard their future existence on this planet. Indeed, the criminals at the helm of Rio Tinto and Exxon Mobil, knowing full well their complicit role in the climate crisis have demanded protection in their quest to deceive ambitious students into accepting a career in

destroying the planet wholesale, and the state has seen fit to once again provide its thugs to protect the interests of capital rather than that of the so-called people it claims to represent. The fact that the police were present not to protect students but rather multi-national corporations is simply another indication of the moribund decay of the neoliberal order into a police state. These corporations, who have an established history of disregarding indigenous sovereignty, cracking down on activists with disproportionate vigour and outright supporting fascist regimes contrasts strongly with their glib, greenwashed rhetoric, which misleads students into getting jobs with employers who actively profit from plundering our futures.

Fortunately, a broad coalition of students staged a snap action to call out this intimidation and prompted a retreat of these brutes guarding the careers fair, but not before a brief visit to Union House. It is not our place to say the purpose of this, but the presence of the police inside a student space with a history of activism further demonstrates their only purpose today was to intimidate and silence student voices, and their occupation of our space is clearly a hostile gesture that must be resisted.

Platform:

- UMSU acknowledges the climate crisis as one of the paramount issues of our time, being a profound existential threat that demands immediate and radical action.
- UMSU acknowledges the role of private corporations, in tandem with the state, in driving this crisis, accelerating our collective demise in the ruthless pursuit of short-term profit.
- UMSU demands the provision of green jobs and a just transition, and encourages the university to be judicious in support of this goal by setting renewable targets and ensuring it only endorses employees who share this goal.
- UMSU recognises Victoria police as mere thugs who brutalise any dissent against the corporate oligarchy, whose actions like that seen at IMARC last year results in state-sanctioned violence against peaceful protest in addition to the systemic racism, sexism, homophobia and ableism they uphold.

Action:

- UMSU condemns the university for their passive support of climate criminals like Rio Tinto and Exxon Mobil, and strongly recommends they cease any further promotion the fossil fuel industry as anything other than a (literal) dead end.
- UMSU shall call out the university's hypocritical approach to sustainability, noting that their words in support of green jobs and climate action ring hollow when they uncritically platform these vile corporations.
- UMSU condemns Rio Tinto and Exxon Mobil themselves, for so *generously* giving students the opportunity to participate in their own doom.
- UMSU reiterates that cops have no place on campus; their presence is unwelcome and serves only to silence legitimate criticism and re-traumatise victims of police brutality, particularly minorities who experience their oppression on a daily basis.

Mov: Thonya

Sec: Evvie

Motion 11: To move this motion.

Mover: Thonya Deverall

Secunder: Evelyn Ranogajec

Carried

12. Other Business

None.

13. Next Meeting

7(20) – Friday 27th March at 3pm

14. Close

Closed at 3:05pm