

Students' Council General Representative	Lucy Turton	Attended	2
Students' Council General Representative	Conor Day	Attended	1
Students' Council General Representative	Eva Addinsall	Did not attend	0
Students' Council General Representative	Tim Lilley	Attended	5
Students' Council General Representative	Gurpreet Singh	Attended	4
Students' Council General Representative	Catriona Smith	Attended	4
Students' Council General Representative	Jessica Miller	Attended	3
Students' Council General Representative	Anneke d'Emanuele	Did not attend	2
Students' Council General Representative	Terence Taylor	Attended	4
Students' Council General Representative	Worapitcha Laichant	Attended	1
Students' Council General Representative	Emma Parkinson	Attended	4
Students' Council General Representative	Melinda Suter	Attended	3
Students' Council General Representative	Nick Reich	Did not attend	2
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Lalatuai Grogan	Did not attend	1
Students with Disabilities	Jacinta Dowe	Did not attend	2

Representative on Students' Council			
Students' Council General Representative	Kaimon Wong	Attended	2

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils attended this year (including this one)
President	Molly Willmott	Attended	4
General Secretary	Reece Moir	Attended	4
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Elizabeth Tembo	Did not attend	0 (first Council after resignation + appointment)
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Dominic Ilagan	Attended	1
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Cameron Doig	Did not attend	1
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlotte Fouhy	Did not attend	2
Welfare Officer	Ashwin Chhaperia	Did not attend	2
Welfare Officer	Natasha Guglielmino	Attended	5
Women's Officer	Criselda (Aria) Sunga	Attended	2
Women's Officer	Hannah Buchan	Attended	3
Media Officer	Katherine Doherty	Attended	3
Media Officer	Stephanie Zhang	Attended	4
Media Officer	Carolyn Huane	Did not attend	2
Media Officer	Ruby Perryman	Did not attend	1
Environment Officer	Will Ross	Attended	2
Queer Officer	Andie Moore	Attended	5
Creative Arts Officer	Eloise Hammill	Attended	5

Creative Arts Officer	Lucy Holz	Did not attend	2
Activities Officer	Liam O'Brien	Attended	4
Activities Officer	Olivia Panjkov	Attended	2
People of Colour Officer	Farah Khairat	Attended	2
People of Colour Officer	Mark Yin	Attended	4
Disabilities Officer	Lucy Birch	Did not attend	2
Clubs & Societies Officer	Christopher Melenhorst	Did not attend	4
Clubs & Societies Officer	Jordan Tochner	Attended	2
Burnley campus coordinator	James Barclay	Did not attend	1
VCA Campus Coordinator	Hilary (Lily) Ekins	Attended	4

Other: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Sarah Black, Administration Officer; Alice Smith; Jonas Larsen

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Eva Addinsall, Anneke d'Emanuele, Kaimon Wong, Indiah Money, Lalatui Grogan, Jacinta Dowe

Office Bearers: Elizabeth Tembo, Ruby Perryman, Carolyn Huane

1.5 Proxies

Anneke d'Emanuele to Melinda Suter, Eva Addinsall to Alice Smith, Kaimon Wong to Joshua Bruni (when out of room), Lalatui Grogan to Amelia Reeves

1.6 Membership

Elizabeth Tembo has resigned as Education (Academic Affairs) Officer, Jocelyn Deane has resigned as Disabilities Officer, Will Parker has resigned as Queer Officer.

Elizabeth Tembo and Dominic Ilagan have been appointed as Education (Academic Affairs) Officers.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda and move item 13.1 immediately after this item.

Mover: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

President	Not submitted
General Secretary	Not submitted
Activities	Not submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Not submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted (incomplete)
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Not submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Not submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Not submitted

Lily Ekins said that she has limited access to emails due to the start of classes and not having access to her office yet. She

- Spoke about a BBQ that was hosted and co-operation of the department
- Noted that the Carnival had good attendance.
- Gave special thanks to the Volunteering Department, especially Tim and Ezra for organising tours.
- Noted that a popular event was the drag performance
- Advised that Queer Collectives have started and Women’s Collectives are starting next week.

Amelia Reeves: Congratulations to Lily for a successful Carnival Day at Southbank.

Alice Smith: What recommendations do you have for next time?

Lily: My largest recommendation going forward is for it to be more staff driven by UMSU. Every single detail for organising (AV, number of chairs) had to go through me.

Liam O’Brien spoke about Sleepover and good involvement from clubs. He thanked departments who were involved. He outlined an issue going forward – that departments work more in conjunction with the Activities Department.

Olivia Panjkov added that there were building access issues.

Alice asked about ticket sales

Liam: SoUP was 532. Sleepover was 350.

Catriona: Congratulations. Sleepover seemed to run smoothly. How was the first band?

Liam: A great success. I estimated about 700 people.

Georgia: would you recommend running the event again?

Liam: I think the event is extremely important to first year students but may need changes.

Olivia: Departments and spaces should be better introduced.

Ellie congratulated Activities on successful events.

Lucy: Can we direct Disabilities to explain why they didn't show up?

Alice: It can be submitted as a question on notice for the next Council.

Lucy: And can we also ask Education Academic?

Amelia asked for a quick verbal report from the Queer Department and the General Secretary.

Andie Moore: We had so much engagement during Summerfest. We had a ball at Sleepover, especially at the dance party. The Queer Lunch filled two rooms. Collectives have great attendance. Just yesterday we ran an event. It was a super good job in bad circumstances.

Reece Moir: There were two Op-Subs held.

He spoke about money passed, noting that there was also money passed for the climate strike.

He reminisced about overhearing a group of girls saying how much they wished they had gone to Sleepover because their friends who went said that it was fun.

Tim: Is it possible to send out the agenda earlier?

Reece: I didn't have the documents to hand out earlier but I can send out reading materials before the agenda, however it may become confusing.

Catriona: When are we having a by-election?

Reece: towards the end of this semester.

Justin: Election regulations specify.

Jessica: Comparing PoC and Women's expenses for Collectives, PoC is more. Is that because it's larger?

Farah: Our Collective is about 40 people and it's a two hour Collective. We generally cater well because it's what brings people back. We always support PoC businesses as well.

Amelia: I think it's best to allow some wiggle room in terms of autonomous Collectives and catering because they're the biggest collectives in the Union and they're in some way vulnerable. In Queer we had people for whom the only source of food during the day was our Collective food.

Mark: Just want to echo what Lucy said about the community aspect. One of the most important part of our jobs is to support PoC communities.

Natasha: Thank you for Sleepover, it was such a good job.

Alice: Clubs and Societies used to run a carnival, is that still going to happen?

Jordan: It didn't have great attendance in the past so this year we're looking to change the process on how Clubs are affiliated. It'll be a long process as it'll be a constitutional change.

Eloise Hammill: Arty Party was very good, we had a lot of first timers. One new thing we did is we had a spiel from theatre groups. UHT gave massive support for the event.

Alice: What are the Radio Fodder listening numbers?

Conor Day: Vastly variable. We don't have a consistent listening base. Everything from no one to sixty-something. Any reason you're asking?

Alice: This discussion comes up every year and I really like tradition.

Stephanie Zhang: While we don't know the exact numbers, we've had a lot of people come up and express interest in producing and being involved in the show.

Conor: Fodder's best purpose is a first step for many people as it's a fully equipped studio.

Alice [to Welfare]: How was your first breakfast?

Natasha: Good. We used a minimal amount of food.

Lily: This isn't a very pleasant thing to say but throughout Orientation we're all very stressed as we have a lot of events to run, things to do, people to see. One thing I was disappointed about throughout Summerfest was office gossip. It's not something I am innocent of but as I am out of the office a lot I am disappointed. Including the possible cancellation of my events. To hear that from ppl I've had no discussion with is terrifying. If we're going to have positive relationships with each other, we need to be more supportive. I'd like everyone to bear that in mind and I'll bear it in mind.

Amelia: I wanted to ask Women's Department about their decision to make yesterday's event a non-autonomous event. For me the point of having events run by autonomous departments is to get away from people who are not members of our community.

Aria Sunga: We want all students to know what our student dept is about, we want to encourage them that they can also be allies. We weren't talking about any contentious or controversial issues, for those we hold autonomous collectives.

Hannah Buchan: Everyone who came was respectful and wanted to learn about the department.

Alice: there's value in having non-autonomous events especially in the first week, especially for people who do not want to out themselves but want to find out about a department.

Motion 6: To accept the OB reports.

Mover: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

Procedural to amend the agenda to move items 9.9 and 9.6

Mover: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

Procedural to move in camera.

Mover: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

Motion 7: To cede the Chair to Reece Moir.

Mover: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 10:48am.

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Motion 8: To accept the CEO's report.

Mover: Reece Moir (chair)

CARRIED

9.9. Recommendations, Renew Our UMSU

Motions and propositions regarding changes to UMSU's governance and constitution were discussed. With some recommendations be voted on.

QUORUM LOST at 11:59am

Council closed at 12:30pm

8. Other Reports

- 8.1. UHT End of Year Report

9. Operational Business

- 9.1. Student Initiative Grant Report, UMMS
- 9.2. Student Initiative Grant Report, St. Vincent's Clinical School
- 9.3. Student Initiative Grant Application, Change x Unzipped
- 9.4. Travel & Conference Grant Reports, NUS NatCon
- 9.5. Recommendations, Renew Our UMSU
- 9.6. Council Charter and Terms of Reference, Renew Our UMSU

10. Motions on Notice

- 10.1. Be Heard, Not Harmed (SSDP Campaign)
- 10.2. Safer Partying Initiative
- 10.3. March 15 Climate Strike
- 10.4. Careers Fair

11. Motions Without Notice

12. Other Business

13. Next Meeting

- 13.1. Students' Council Semester 1, Meeting Schedule
 - Meeting 6(19), 11:30am Monday 18th of March
 - Meeting 7(19), 12:00pm Tuesday 02nd of April
 - Meeting 8(19), 02:00pm Thursday 18th of April
 - Meeting 9(19), 01:00pm Friday 03rd of May
 - Meeting 10(19), 12:00pm Tuesday 14th of May

14. Close

Council closed at 12:30pm

10.2 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:

10.3. Safer Partying Initiative

Motion: To pass \$2000 from Whole of Union for the procurement of pill testing kits for continuation of the Safer Partying Initiative in Semester 1.

Moved: Ashwin Chhaperia

Seconded:

10.4. March 15 Climate Strike

1. We are in a climate crisis. According to the landmark Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report issued last year, we have 12 years to limit temperatures rising to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels. At this threshold, we are heading toward a mass extinction of coral, extreme weather events, sea-level rise, destruction of whole ecosystems and the collapse of vital crops. At the current trends there is little hoping of even reaching the more conservative 2 degree target. According to the IPCC, a 2 degree temperature rise would be far worse than 1.5 degrees, with all the effects mentioned earlier greatly magnified/
2. It is incumbent upon UMSU, as the democratic organisation of Unimelb students, to take a position on this question. Not only do a majority of Australians consider climate change a serious and pressing problem (59 percent according to the latest Roy Morgan poll), but we represent university students – among whom there is even greater concern regarding the climate crisis (see Wachholz et. al. 2014). What the members of the unimelb community say and do regarding climate change matters, and can help strike a chord in the rest of society, particularly with a federal election in the pipeline.
3. On November 30 last year, 15,000 high school students protested on the streets as part of a national school strike. It was enthusiastically received by the media and almost all quarters of society, save for a few curmudgeons down in Canberra. The effect has been that discussion of the climate crisis has increased and there is mounting pressure on politicians to commit to a real response in the lead up to the federal election. This highlights an important reality – the way forward to prevent environmental destruction on apocalyptic levels is mass action.

Platform

1. The University of Melbourne Student Union endorses the March 15 national school student strike for the climate, believing it to be an important initiative to help put serious action on climate change on the agenda in the lead up to the federal election.

2. The University of Melbourne Student Union encourages all UniMelb students and staff to attend or support the demonstration in solidarity with the school strikers.

Motion:

1. The UMSU President will advertise the passing of this motion with a press release.
2. UMSU will co-host the Facebook event and share the event on its social media platforms.
3. The UMSU President and Office Bearers will promote the Unimelb student contingent to the School strike on campus from O-Week with a combination of posters, information at Summerfest stalls, orientation announcements, leaflets distributed in Oweek Show bags and through the student newspaper/ online media
4. There will be an UMSU contingent to the demonstration.
5. The council will provide \$1000 from the whole of union budget for professional advertising of the student strike.

Moved: Mindi Suter

Seconded: Will Ross

10.5. Unethical Employers At University of Melbourne 2019 STEM & Built Environments Fair

On Wednesday 6 March 2019, the University held its 2019 STEM & Built Environments Fair to advertise graduate employment opportunities to students.

For this event, the University of Melbourne charged \$650 for each non-profit and government department employer, and \$1300 for other employers.

A number of employers were included in the graduate fair whose destructive impact on the world should exclude them from participation in our University.

A lot of international organisations have put a blanket ban on investing in these arms companies because they are unethical. The largest sovereign wealth fund in the world, the Norwegian Government Pension Fund, no longer invests in arms companies. Many other public institutions (like the Dutch pension fund ABP, and our own LaTrobe Uni) have done the same.

The University needs to place the public good above profit-seeking, and break ties with these destructive organisations.

These employers include:

- **ASIO:** Australia's domestic spying agency run by Peter Dutton; whose agents can be made immune from prosecution for the use of force; and about whose operations journalists can be restricted from reporting.
- **Aurecon and GHD:** two companies providing infrastructure services to Adani in order to build the massive Carmichael Coal Mine in Queensland.
- **Boeing:** The second-largest arms producer in the world (behind Lockheed Martin, with whom the University partnered in 2017 despite protests over Lockheed's links to civilian deaths in Yemen). Not to be outdone, Boeing has also been linked to the deaths of hundreds of civilians in Yemen. Fragments of Boeing JDAM bombs were found in the debris of a 2016 attack on a marketplace near the Yemeni capital of Sana'a that killed 107 civilians, including 25 children. The company made USD\$26.93b in weapons sales in 2017.
- **Defence Force Recruiters:** Despite the last few years revealing that the Australian military engaged in military exercises with Saudi Arabia, that Australian troops flew a Nazi flag from an Australian army vehicle in Afghanistan, and that Australia contributed to the bombing of Iraq and Syria with a highly destructive impact on civilian populations, the University is taking money from military recruiters in exchange for access to students.
- **Loy Yang B Power Station:** one of the five dirtiest coal-fired power stations in the country; an ancient station that suffered a major failure in 2018; LYB's

owner Alinta Energy recently asked the Federal Government for public money to “upgrade and prolong the life of” this outmoded power station.

- **Shell:** or Royal Dutch Shell, is the fifth biggest oil company in the world, responsible for an overwhelming percentage of global emissions. Known for its vice-like political grip on the state of Nigeria, and has been accused of contracting militant groups to execute local anti-drilling activists. In 2008 and 2009, Royal Dutch Shell's 55-year-old pipeline ruptured and spilled millions of litres of crude oil into the Niger delta. Cleanup work only just began in the past year.

MOTION

(1) UMSU calls on the University to:

- (a) Explain why these employers were permitted to advertise jobs to students at the Careers Fair, given their destructive impact both in Australia and globally; and
- (b) In consultation with students, create a list of unethical employers to be banned from holding stalls at future Careers Fairs.

(2) Students Council calls on the UMSU President to publish a statement condemning the invitation of these organisations to the Careers Fair.

Moved: Cam Doig

Seconded: Will Ross