

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Thursday 23 December 2021, 2PM Meeting 1(22) Location: Zoom

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Meeting opened at 2PM

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Jennisha Arnanta be elected as Chair

Mover: Jennisha Arnanta Seconded: Annalyce Wiebenga

CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Councillors

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Mohamed Hadi	Yes
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	Jessica Alderton	No
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Jaryd Clifford	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Amelia Bright	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Aakash Chandak	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Haotian (Allen) Xiao	No
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Zodie Bolic	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Imogen Senior	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nishank Ji-Sung Jain	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Planning Jay Vynn Saw	Resigned
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rebekah Kelly	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Scarlett Padden	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Terry Zhu-Xin Wang	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yong Wen Hao	No

Students' Council (General Representative)	Annalyce Wiebenga	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Joshua Davis	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Shirley Killen	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Georgia Burke	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mietta Stephens	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nate Hollis	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ngaire Bogemann	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Zachary Kaplan	Yes

Office Bearers

Department Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Sophie Nguyen	Yes
General Secretary	Jennisha Arnanta Yes	
Activities Officer	Anisha Bunsee No	
Activities Officer	Sami Zehir Yes	
Clubs & Societies Officer	Benito Di Battista Yes	
Clubs & Societies Officer	Eleanor Cooney-Hunt No	
Creative Arts Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Prerna Aggarwal	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Prachi Uppal	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Shuyan (Betty) Zhang Yes	
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ethan Georgeou Yes	
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Moira Negline Yes	
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Benjamin Jarick Yes	
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Ruby Craven Yes	
Environment Officer	Chelsea Daniel Yes	
Environment Officer	Zachary Matthews Yes	
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson Yes	
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis Late	
Media Officer	Charlotte Waters Yes	
Media Officer	Jasmine Pierce Yes	
Media Officer	Joanna Guelas Yes	
Media Officer	Nishtha Banavalikar No	
People of Colour Officer	Hibatallah Adam Yes	
People of Colour Officer	Kyi Phyu Moe Htet	Yes
Queer Officer	Rook Davis Yes	
Queer Officer	Rose Power Yes	
Welfare Officer	Shuyan (Lynne) Bian	Yes
Welfare Officer	Yuvhashni Sugunan Pillai	No
Women's Officer	Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal	Yes
Women's Officer	Lauren Scott	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Alex Birch Yes	
	Nina Mountford	Yes
Southbank Activities Officer	Jack Doughty	Yes
Southbank Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Yes

Other: Pheobe Churches (Interim CEO), Nancy Ciara Griffiths (minute-taker), Bella Henry, Jesse Gardner-Russell, Raj Rai, Kevin Mao.

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Nishtha Prasad Banavalikar, Joanna Guelas from 3pm

Councillors: None.

1.5. Proxies

Ngaire Bogemann to Georgia Burke

Nishank Ji-Sung Jain to Scarlett Padden

Allen Xiao to Raj Raj

Yong Daniel to Jaryd Clifford

1.6. Membership

Planning Jay Vynn Saw has resigned from Council

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes 17(21), 18(21) and Special Council 1(22) are not yet available.

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission
		Status?
President	Sophie Nguyen	Submitted
General Secretary	Jennisha Arnanta	Submitted
Activities Officer	Anisha Bunsee	Not Submitted
Activities Officer	Sami Zehir	Submitted
Clubs & Societies Officer	Benito Di Battista	Submitted
Clubs & Societies Officer	Eleanor Cooney-Hunt	Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Prerna Aggarwal	Submitted
Disabilities Officer	Prachi Uppal	Submitted
Disabilities Officer	Shuyan (Betty) Zhang	Submitted

Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ethan Georgeou	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Moira Negline Submitted	
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Benjamin Jarick Submitted	
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Ruby Craven	Submitted
Environment Officer	Chelsea Daniel	Submitted
Environment Officer	Zachary Matthews	Submitted
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	Submitted
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	Submitted
Media Officer	Charlotte Waters	Submitted
Media Officer	Jasmine Pierce	Submitted
Media Officer	Joanna Guelas	Submitted
Media Officer	Nishtha Banavalikar	Submitted
People of Colour Officer	Hibatallah Adam	Submitted
People of Colour Officer	Kyi Phyu Moe Htet	Submitted
Queer Officer	Rook Davis	Submitted
Queer Officer	Rose Power	Submitted
Welfare Officer	Shuyan (Lynne) Bian	Late
Welfare Officer	Yuvhashni Sugunan Pillai	Not Submitted
Women's Officer	Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal	Submitted
Women's Officer	Lauren Scott	Submitted
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	Submitted
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Alex Birch	Submitted
	Nina Mountford	Submitted
Southbank Activities Officer	Jack Doughty	Submitted
Southbank Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Submitted

Councillors asked why the Clubs' Officers reports are identical, rather than separate reports for each Officer. General Secretary responded, as it was the beginning of the term the Clubs' Officers were not aware they had to submit separate reports.

Education Academic Officer, Moira Negline, spoke to her report. Highlighted that the Student Representative Network applications have had to be opened in the New Year. This is not an ideal outcome for the Union, considering that with student reprentation at the University level already under threat, it's going to become very complicated to make sure we have all the right representatives nominated and all the required committees filled before all committees meet in February.

Motion 3: to accept the reports as presented

Moved: Chair CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera at 2:13pm

Mover: Chair CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 2:13PM.

While in camera, Students' Council discussed the CEO's verbal report, the Budget Memorandum, and the Liquor Licence.

7. CEO Report

Motion 4: to accept the CEO report.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

9. Operational Business

9.1. Budget Memorandum

To approve the proposed UMSU Budget for 2022 and to endorse the budget memorandum and its recommendations, with amendments.

Moved: Sophie Nguyen Seconded: Jennisha Arnanta

Joanna Guelas left at 3.17pm

Procedural Motion: to take a five minute accessibility break.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 3.23PM

Council readjourned at 3.28M

Motion: That Council amends Disabilities' recommended allocation to \$40,000, and reallocate \$2000 to Southbank, \$2000 to Education and \$1,679 to Environment.

Moved: Moira Negline Seconded: Zach Matthews

Procedural Motion: to close the speaking list to address the motion,

Moved: Sophie Nguyen

CARRIED

Harley Lewis arrived at 3.31pm

Motion: That Council amends Activities' recommended allocation to \$430,656 and Disabilities' recommended allocation to \$43,679, and reallocate that \$8,000 to Southbank.

Moved: Amelia Bright Seconded: Jennisha Arnanta

Procedural Motion: to suspend standing orders so Zachary Kaplan can proxy their vote to Bella Henry.

Moved: Zachary Kaplan

CARRIED

Zachary Kaplan proxies to Bella Henry.

Zachary Kaplan left at 3.48pm. Bella Henry arrived at 3.48pm.

Procedural Motion: to move to a a vote on Amelia Brights's proposed amendment.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 5: That Council amends Activities recommended allocation to \$430,656 and Disabilities' recommended allocation to \$43,679, and reallocate that \$8,000 to Southbank.

Moved: Amelia Bright Seconded: Jennisha Arnanta

FAILED

Point of clarity – Council returned to the discussion of Moira Negline's proposed motion; "That Council amends Disabilities' recommended allocation to \$40,000, and reallocate \$2000 to Southbank, \$2000 to Education and \$1,679 to Environment."

Amendment to Moira Negline's motion was proposed by Amelia Bright:

That Council amends Activities' recommended allocation to \$428,656, and reallocate \$5,000 to Southbank, \$1,500 to Environment and \$1,500 to Women's.

This was amenable to the mover.

Motion 6: That Council amends Activities' recommended allocation to \$428,656, and reallocate \$5,000 to Southbank, \$1,500 to Environment and \$1,500 to Women's.

Moved: Moira Negline Seconded: Zachary Matthews

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: to move to a five minute accessibility break.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 4:18PM

Council readjourned at 4:23PM

Motion: To adjust the Media Department allocation back to \$107,434, per the memorandum's original budget reduction of 8.66%.

Mover: Annalyce Wiebenga Seconder: Charlotte Waters

Ruby Craven left at 4.31pm

Annalyce Wiebenga rescinded the motion.

Motion 7: To approve the proposed UMSU Budget for 2022 and to endorse the budget memorandum and its recommendations, with proposed amendments.

Moved: Sophie Nguyen Seconded: Jennisha Arnanta

CARRIED

Final Departmental Allocations:

Department	Requested Allocation	Revised Recommended Allocation
Activities	(487,519)	(428,656)*
Arts	(67,305)	(60,283)
Clubs & Societies (Committee)	(363,250)	(325,352)
Education (Academic)	(39,875)	(35,715)
Environment	(29,800)	(28,191)*
Indigenous	(40,050)	(35,872)
UMSU International	(323,996)	(290,193)
Media	(117,615)	(105,344)
Queer	(44,960)	(40,269)
Welfare	(69,950)	(62,652)
Women's	(45,200)	(41,984)*
People of Colour	(60,650)	(54,322)
Disabilities	(51,000)	(45,679)
VCAMSA	(48,000)	(47,992)*
Burnley	(54,000)	(48,366)
Total	(1,843,170)	(1,650,870)

^{*}Amended allocations by Council from the recommended allocations within the Budget Memorandum (previously a 10.43% reduction to all departments).

9.2. Liquor License

Procedural Motion: to suspend standing orders so Nate Hollis may proxy their vote

to Jesse Garnder-Russell.

Moved: Nate Hollis

CARRIED

Nate Hollis proxied to Jesse Gardner-Russell.

Nate Hollis left at 4:38PM. Jesse Gardner-Russell arrived at 4:38PM.

Motion 8: To endorse Phoebe Churches as the nominee on UMSU's Liquor Licenses

Mover: Sophie Nguyen Seconder: Benjamin Jarick

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: to move out of camera at 4.39pm.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 4:39PM.

9.3. SIG Reports

Motion 9: to accept the SIG reports

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. SA/SH Working Group Motion

Motion: To open nominations for the UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group.

Moved: Lauren Scott Seconded: Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal

General Secretary, Jennisha Arnanta, noted she had received an amendment to this motion, apologised that it wasn't circulated.

Lauren Scott spoke to their moving rights. Amendment was to a change the inbox for submissions – as the Womens' Officers don't have access yet to the Women's Mailbox.

Email for submissions is: lauren.scott1@union.unimelb.edu.au

Apologised for the short notice in the deadline set, in order to meet the requirement to host a Working Group in December, this was the necessary deadline.

Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal spoke to their seconding rights.

Both movers noted to Council to be mindful of personal capacity when nominating yourselves, consider the topics of discussion for this committee and the level of commitment required.

Charlotte Waters left at 4.45pm

Procedural Motion: to suspend standing orders so that Scarlett Padden can proxy to Rebekah Kelly and Nishank Ji-Sung Jain can poxy to Mohamed Hadi.

Moved: Scarlett Padden

CARRIED

Scarlett Padden proxied to Rebekah Kelly.

Nishank Ji-Sung Jain proxied to Mohamed Hadi.

Scarlett Padden left at 4:47PM.

Motion 10: To open nominations for the UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group.

Moved: Lauren Scott Seconded: Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal

CARRIED

10.2. Burnley Motion

Chair opened for a seconder to Kaitlyn Hammond's motion.

Mohamed Hadi seconded the motion.

Kaitlyn Hammond spoke to her moving rights, gave background to the Burnley R Book project.

Motion 11: To pass up to \$275 from the Workshops and Incursions budget line to pay for the RStudio Cloud software needed to complete the Burnley R Book.

Moved: Kaitlyn Hammond Seconded: Mohamed Hadi

CARRIED

10.3. Media Motion

Chair opened for movers to the motion.

Annalyce Weibenga moved the motion. Amelia Bright seconded the motion.

Annalyce Weibenga spoke to her moving rigthts. Explained that Media doesn't have a committee so any Media motions need to be passed through Council. The motion concerns funding for the Media induction

Motion 12: move that \$300 be passed from the Special Projects line of the Media Department budget for catering.

Moved: Annalyce Weibenga Seconded: Jennisha Arnanta

CARRIED

- 11. Motions without Notice
- 12. Other Business
- 13. Next Meeting
- 14. Close

Meeting closed at 4.52PM

10.1

Motion: To open nominations for the UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group.

The UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group (SAWG) is a forum for representatives from various departments across UMSU and council representatives to discuss issues, policy, and action relating to sexual misconduct on campus. The diverse composition of this group establishes that safety on campus is a union-wide concern through this membership representation. In 2021, this group was instrumental in the development of the university's first sexual misconduct policy.

We anticipate the release of the National Student Safety Survey report in the earlier part of Semester 1, 2022, as well as the formal establishment of a new university strategic body (Respect at Melbourne) in which the Women's Officers will sit on its reference group at this stage. As such, it is imperative that the student union places sufficient pressure on the university to not only act on existing policy, but also to implement the recommendations of this report and more broadly trauma-informed strategy. This is not the sole responsibility of the Women's Department – the union as a whole must be accountable for this campaign. Hence, SAWG will be a crucial body in informing our actions in the upcoming year.

We will be opening nominations for SAWG at close of this meeting and direct all departments with membership to this working group to submit their nominated voting representative by Friday 24th December, 5pm. We respect that this is a tight deadline, but this timeline is necessary to ensure compliance with the working group's terms of reference to hold a meeting in December with sufficient notice. Furthermore, Students' Council holds three representative positions. We direct student councillors to submit EOIs to the Women's Department inbox by the aforementioned deadline - if the number of nominations exceeds this number, a vote will occur in the following council meeting.

UMSU Women's Inbox: womens@union.unimelb.edu.au

Action 1:

To direct UMSU Departments in membership of the Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group, as well as student councillors, to submit nominations for SAWG to the Women's Department inbox by 24th December, 5pm.

Mover: Lauren Scott

Seconder: Kraanti Agarwal

10.2

Burnley Motion 1: To pass up to \$275 from the Workshops and Incursions budget line to pay for the RStudio Cloud software needed to complete the Burnley R Book.

10.3

Preamble:

Every year (pre-COVID), the Media Department would host induction days in the first two weeks of January. These induction days worked as training days to introduce skills and expectations for working at Farrago and Radio Fodder, as well as occasions where team members could meet each other. These induction days also provided lunch for team members. We want to pass \$300 from our Special Projects line of the Media Department budget for catering. We will purchase pizzas from Pronto Pizza.

Motion: We move that \$300 be passed from the Special Projects line of the Media Department budget for catering.

Mover: Joanna Guelas

Seconder: Nishtha Banavalikar