



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes
Monday 23 January 2023, 12:30PM
Meeting 3(22)
Location: Zoom**

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Password: 484217

Meeting opened at 12.36PM

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair

Mover: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Watey Diep

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	Reham Elzeiny	No
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	N/A	N/A
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Edison Wei Long Ngu	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Luv Pravin Golecha	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Nan Jiang	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	N/A	N/A
Students' Council (General Representative)	Benjamin Cronshaw	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Edward Wu	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Thompson	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Inderpreet Singh	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Isabella Beiraghi	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Isioma Ogwu	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mohan Kwatra	Yes

Students' Council (General Representative)	Raphael Duffy	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Senaya (Sam) Rathnaweera	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Watey Diep	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Conor Barnes	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	N/A

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Hiba Adam	Yes
General Secretary	Disha Zutshi	Yes
Activities Officer	Tvisha Purswani	Yes
Activities Officer	Arya Kushwaha	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Abbey Crowley	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Savier D-Arsie-Marquez	Yes
Clubs & Societies Officer	Renee Thierry	No
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kimmy Ng	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Jaryd Clifford	Yes
Disabilities Officer	Shuyun (Betty) Zhang	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Carlos Lagos Martin	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Mary Kin Chan	Yes
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Taj Takahashi	Yes
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	No
Environment Officer	James Gallagher	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	Yes
Media Officer	Weiting Chin	Yes
Media Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Leave requested
Media Officer	Josh Davis	Yes
Media Officer	Carmen Chin	No
People of Colour Officer	Mohamed Hadi	Yes
Queer Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Yes
Queer Officer	Sum To Leslie Ho	On Leave
Welfare Officer	Ishita Ganeriwala	Yes
Welfare Officer	Yashica Mishra	Yes
Women's Officer	Ngairé Bogemann	Yes
Women's Officer	Alessandra Soliven	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Rhys Browning	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Annalyce Wiebenga	Yes
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Jack Doughty	Yes
Southbank Activities Officer	Helen Shen	Yes
Southbank Education Officer	Zodie Bolic	Yes

Other: Phoebe Churches (Interim CEO), Ciara Griffiths (Coordinator, Student Representation), Tim Lippis (Project Administration Coordinator), Lucy Rachman Vascotto (proxy for Evelyn Thompson), Oskar Martin (Observer), Maeve Russack (Observer), Frankie (Observer).

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Xiaole Zhan

1.5. Proxies

- 1.5.1. Reham Elzeiny proxied to Divyanshi Sati
- 1.5.2. Edward Wu proxied to Kevin Li
- 1.5.3. Evelyn Thompson proxied to Lucy Rachman Vascotto

Motion 2: to accept the proxies en bloc.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Marcie Di Bartolomeo

CARRIED

1.6. Leave of Absence

- 1.6.1. Carmen Chin is requesting leave for this Council
- 1.6.2. Emma Dynes is requesting leave for this Council
- 1.6.3. Renee Thierry is requesting leave for this Council
- 1.6.4. Tvisha Purswni is requesting leave from 30th January to 3rd March

Motion 3: To accept the leave of absence requests en bloc.

Moved: Chair

Seconded: Carlos Martin

CARRIED

1.7. Membership

- 1.7.1. Conor Barnes is appointed as a General Representative on Council
- 1.7.2. Kunal Dewani is appointed as a General Representative on Council

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 4: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

3.1. Conflict of Interest Register

Reham Elzeiny	None declared
Sameeksha Mudigere Keshav	None declared
Edison Wei Long Ngu	CAINZ, Strategy Consultant, Curio to University of Melbourne senior leadership (esp. MSPACE and Faculty of Health), Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre and Peter McCallum
Luv Pravin Golecha	None declared
Nan Jiang	None declared
Benjamin Cronshaw	Card Crew Society
Divyanshi Sati	None declared
Edward Wu	Biomedicine Students Society, Global Consulting Group
Enzhe (Kevin) Li	Chinese Culture Society, CAFÉ
Evelyn Thompson	None declared

Inderpreet Singh	None declared
Isabella Beiraghi	Socialist Alternative
Isioma Ogwu	Greens Club
Marcie Di Bartolomeo	C&S Committee, CLAWS, UMMTA, Four Letter Word Theatre, Publishing Students Society, Media Collective, Mudcrabs, Theatreboard
Mohan Kwatra	None declared
Raphael Duffy	Socialist Alternative
Senaya (Sam) Rathnaweera	Socialist Alternative
Watey Diep	Labor Party member
Conor Barnes	None declared
Kunal Dewani	None declared
Hiba Adam	Islamic Society
Disha Zutshi	NUS
Tvisha Purswani	None declared
Arya Kushwaha	Labor Club, NUS National
Abbey Crowley	UMMTA, French Club
Savier D-Arsie-Marquez	2050 Theatre
Renee Thierry	C&S
Kimmy Ng	VCESS, C&S
Jaryd Clifford	MU Sport Scholarships
Shuyun (Betty) Zhang	None declared
Carlos Lagos Martin	ALP member, Latinx in Melbourne, International Relations Club, ALP Club, History Society, Medley Hall Student Club
Mary Kin Chan	Arts International Committee
Taj Takahashi	Labor Club
Emma Dynes	Socialist Alternative
James Gallagher	Socialist Alternative
Brittney Henderson	Greens Party
Harley Lewis	Queens College
Weiting Chin	None declared
Xiaole Zhan	None declared
Josh Davis	None declared
Carmen Chin	None declared
Mohamed Hadi	None declared
Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Labor Club
Sum To Leslie Ho	None declared
Ishita Ganeriwala	Bollywood Club, ICSS Club, ALP member
Yashica Mishra	None declared
Ngaire Bogemann	NUS NX member, ALP Club
Alessandra Soliven	International Justice Movement Club, ALP Club
Rhys Browning	None declared
Annalyce Wiebenga	Music Students Society, Unimelb Library, Ring of Choir Society
Jack Doughty	Music Students Society, Communist Party member
Helen Shen	None declared
Zodie Bolic	Victoria Greens, Intercollegiate Activities Council

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**5. Correspondence****6. Office Bearer Reports**

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Hiba Adam	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Disha Zutshi	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Tvisha Purswani	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Arya Kushwaha	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Abbey Crowley	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Savier D-Arsie-Marquez	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Renee Thierry	<i>Submitted</i>
Clubs & Societies Officer	Kimmy Ng	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Jaryd Clifford	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities Officer	Shuyun (Betty) Zhang	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Carlos Lagos Martin	<i>Late</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Mary Kin Chan	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Taj Takahashi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	<i>Late</i>
Environment Officer	James Gallagher	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Weiting Chin	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Xiaole Zhan	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Josh Davis	<i>Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Carmen Chin	<i>Submitted</i>
People of Colour Officer	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer Officer	Sum To Leslie Ho	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Ishita Ganeriwala	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare Officer	Yashica Mishra	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Ngaire Bogemann	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Alessandra Soliven	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Rhys Browning	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Annalyce Wiebenga	<i>Submitted</i>
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Southbank Activities Officer	Helen Shen	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank Education Officer	Zodie Bolic	<i>Submitted</i>

Chair noted reporting requirements under constitution.

Indigenous Officer (Harley Lewis) gave apology for lack of report.

Southbank Office requested departments get in touch regarding Southbank Summerfest.

Education Office addressed questions regarding their Accords submission.

Motion 5: To accept the OB Reports

Mover: Kevin Li

Seconder: Divyanshi

CARRIED

7. CEO Report

Provided update on:

- Audit
- CEO recruitment process
- Property Licence

Motion 6: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Annalyce Wiebenga

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

Procedural Motion: to move in camera.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 1:13PM

8.1. Budget Memorandum Confirmed

Noted

8.2. Indigenous Budget

Noted

8.3. Media Budget (spoken to verbally)

Noted

Procedural Motion: to move out of camera.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 1:16PM

8.4. UMSUI Update

Noted.

9. Operational Business

9.1. Operations Sub-Committee

Chair delivered report on recent actions.

9.2. SIG Application

9.2.1. Planning Saw

Council requested further details from the applicant.

Motion 7: to defer a determination on the SIG until next Council.

Moved: Annalyce Wiebenga

Seconded: Ngaire Bogemann

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Media Motions

Motion:

To pass \$16,965.00 from Period 2 of the Publications tag of the Printing - External budget line of the Media Department's budget for printing Farrago Edition 1 and our Summerfest UniMelb Declassified Survival Guide: 2023 Edition zine.

Mover: Josh Davis

Seconder: Weiting Chen

CARRIED

Josh spoke to their moving rights.

10.2. SRN Motion

Preamble:

The Education (Academic) Office has been working to fulfil the obligations of the Student Representative Network (SRN) Policy since October 2022. This necessary process is due to the importance of the SRN in maintaining student advocacy across the University.

Requirements to launch applications within the guidelines of the policy whilst balancing requests by various University Committees are described in the Policy under Section 3, Procedure for Appointment of Students to Relevant Committees.

After launching the first round of applications, we were also unable to find enough applicants for Faculty-specific Committees. Some Faculties also faced the same issue from their application platform and reached out to the Office for broader recruitment.

Due to the urgency of filling these Committees before the year progresses further, it is imperative that we are able to open and close the second round of nominations in a timely manner. This would mean suspending Section 3.2.2(4), which requires applications to remain open for one month after the announcement date. As many committees have already held their first meetings for the year, it is crucial that we are able to attract and nominate appropriate candidates to represent UMSU and the broader student body.

Motion:

To suspend Section 3.2.2(4) of the Student Representative Network Policy to close nominations 2 weeks after the nominations have been opened.

Mover: Mary Kin Chan

Seconder: Hiba Adam

CARRIED

Mary spoke to their moving rights.

10.3. Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Working Group (SASHWG)

CW: mentions of SASH, no explicit detail.

Preamble:

The UMSU SASHWG is a group made up of student representatives dedicated to developing whole of union campaigns with regards to SASH at Unimelb. It also assesses and recommends changes/updates to UMSU policy and regulations concerning SASH and helps develop best practice in prevention of and response to instances of SASH on campus. As per UMSU's SASHWG Terms of Reference (see 4(a)(ii)), three voting members of Students' Council are to sit on this WG as appointed by resolution of Council. Given the need for us to hold a meeting of SASHWG ASAP, we need to open nominations so that we can run the WG with (hopefully) full membership. That being said, as SASHWG deals with sensitive and potentially retraumatising content, please be mindful of your personal safety and capacity before nominating. You can learn more about the WG here <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/support/survivors/campaignsadvocacyandreports/umsusashpreventionwg/> and can always reach out if you have any questions.

Motion:

To open nominations for three voting members of the Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group from 5pm Monday 23rd January 2023 until 5pm Monday 30th January 2023. Nominations are to be sent to the Women's inbox, womens@union.unimelb.edu.au. If more than three people nominate, an election must take place at the next Students' Council meeting, where all voting members will have voting rights. A Returning Officer, usually the CEO, will be appointed for the purposes of this election.

Mover: Ngaire Bogemann

Seconder: Alessandra Soliven

CARRIED

Ngaire spoke to their moving rights, Alessandra spoke to seconding rights.

10.4. UMSU endorses the Nation Day of Climate Action, Friday March 17

Preamble:

From searing heatwaves in North America and Europe to devastating floods in Pakistan and Nigeria, climate catastrophes are already mounting across the world.

This is unfolding in a world on average 1 degree hotter than the pre-industrial era. International scientific bodies predict that the existing climate policies will see warming rise to 2.5 degrees. That would exceed the already modest climate targets of the 2015 Paris Agreement and push us beyond the brink of an uninhabitable planet.

These accumulating climate disasters and wellspring of scientific research presaging the myriad effects of an even hotter planet demonstrate that the time to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels was yesterday. This is what governments internationally refuse to do on the scale and with the speed necessary.

The Australian government continues to be one of the worst offenders in this regard. Since signing the Paris Agreement in 2015, the Australian government has increased its fossil fuel subsidies by 48%.

The Albanese government, while boasting about its newly legislated emissions reductions targets as a huge advance on the low-bar set by the former Coalition government, is continuing the latter's deep commitment to expanding the fossil fuel industry. It is overseeing 114 new fossil fuel projects, including the Scarborough-Pluto gas project. That project alone will produce three times Australia's current annual carbon emissions across its lifetime.

The University of Melbourne adopts a similar duplicity to the Labor government. While it celebrates its sustainability programs and climate research, the University continues to bolster the fossil fuel industry through its partnerships with mining companies like Rio Tinto and weapons manufacturing companies like Lockheed Martin, alongside its large investments in fossil fuel companies. When met with student criticism of these partnerships, University of Melbourne representatives have been actively dismissive of concerns and reiterated a commitment to ongoing collaboration with fossil fuels companies.

To fend off the worst effects of the climate crises that are already here and fight for a liveable planet, we cannot look to governments and big businesses that march in lockstep with the fossil fuel companies responsible for climate destruction. We instead need a sustained movement from below capable of forcing radical change.

The political crisis fuelled by the protests against the Morrison government during the bushfire crisis of 2019-2020 offers a glimpse of the kind of defiant, mass movement needed to demand climate justice. The National Day of Action slated for 17 March is an important step towards building such a movement.

This National Day of Action (NDA) will be a day of coordinated protests for university students and young people across the country, organised by the National Union of Students (NUS). Student delegates across political factions committed to supporting the NDA at the National Conference of NUS last December.

The UMSU Environment Department will focus its attention in early semester one on building the NDA, which in Melbourne will involve a protest outside the State Library of Victoria at 2pm. We will be holding regular information stalls and activist meetings on campus to encourage as many students as possible to contribute towards the NDA in whatever capacity they can.

An accessible rally route will be published in advance. Covid safe measures and mask wearing will be encouraged.

Action:

- UMSU endorses the National Day of Action earmarked for Friday 17 March 2023, including its Melbourne-based component - a protest meeting outside the State Library of Victoria, at 2pm
- UMSU endorses the University of Melbourne student contingent to the National Day of Action to be organised by the UMSU Enviro department in collaboration with other UMSU departments supportive of climate activism.

- UMSU commits to promoting the National Day of Action, including the climate rally in Melbourne, in its newsletter and social media platforms.

National Day of Action events:

National Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/882453779608037>

Melbourne Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/488379736713572>

Mover: James Gallagher

Seconder: Carlos Lagos

CARRIED

James spoke to moving rights. Carlos spoke to seconding rights.

Several students and members of Council spoke in favour of the motion and encouraging UMSU taking political action.

Procedural Motion: to adjourn Council for a five-minute break.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 1.40PM

Council readjourned at 1.45PM

10.5. Clubs Motion

Motion:

To request a one semester deferral of restarting new club applications, noting that in order for the C&S department to consider reopening new club applications additional staffing is necessary as current resourcing is barely sufficient to manage the current affiliates.

Mover: Kimmy Ng

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

Amended Motion:

To close clubs applications for Semester 1 and reopen them for semester 2 pending administrative and staffing support.

Mover: Kimmy Ng

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

CARRIED

Kimmy spoke to moving rights. Gave context due to lack of preamble: this was discussed with the C&S committee, and they agreed and believe there is not yet the staffing support available or budgeted in order to handle the administrative burden of processing new club applications. Explained the new club application process and extent of admin and workload required.

Ngaire spoke to seconding rights. Noted that to maintain a safe and accessible workplace and avoid burnout among staff and OBs, that Council should uphold this motion.

Phoebe Churches spoke to budget points – clarified that the commitment to providing full support to the workforce planning in areas such as C&S is there,

however the financial standing of UMSU is currently unable to support additional staff. Awaiting ideally good news in the true up, which may provide a windfall in supporting workforce planning. Currently there are other strategies in place to support the department. Suggested that this decision be reviewed once there is better financial support available.

Mohamed proposed amendment to the motion: *To close clubs applications for Semester 1 and reopen them for semester 2 pending administrative and staffing support.* This was amenable to the mover.

10.6. Iran protests solidarity motion

Preamble:

Mass protests exploded in Iran last September after 22-year-old Jina (Mahsa) Amini was brutally murdered by the state's "morality police". The young Kurdish woman's murder ignited a nationwide revolt against the Iranian regime. Workers, students, the young and the old - every section of society took to the streets demanding justice for Jina. Nationwide protests soon began calling for the downfall of the Islamic Republic, demanding "women, life, freedom."

Universities are the beating heart of resistance. Sit-ins and occupations continue on campuses around the country. Students have defied the state's dictate of gender segregation and beaten back security forces' attempts to smash their protests. Women and ethnic minorities lead crowds of thousands on the street chanting slogans of solidarity - "from Kurdistan to Tehran" and "we are all Mahsa". Workers across industries including oil, transport, sugarcane, construction, healthcare and education, have launched strike action and joined the nationwide rebellion.

This heroic mass uprising has mounted the deepest revolt in Iran since the 1979 Revolution. Protests have been met with the iron fist of the Iranian state, hell-bent on crushing the resistance. There have been over 18,000 recorded arrests and over 400 recorded deaths - yet the real number is likely to be much higher. Over the last month the regime has begun executing protestors on charges of 'waging war against god'.

Despite the onslaught of state repression, the rebellion in Iran continues today. Struggles like this are the answer to the immense injustices of the system. They should be met with internationalist solidarity from students and trade unions from across the world. Not only out of moral imperative, but because while Iranian women, workers and students remain oppressed and exploited, we will too.

Motion:

UMSU stands in solidarity with the nationwide rebellion in Iran, recognising it as a popular democratic struggle of the masses of ordinary Iranians against the regime. We stand in solidarity with the efforts of student activists on campuses and condemn the state's brutal repression of protests. UMSU also stands in solidarity with worker's across the country who are organising in independent trade unions and striking to fight for their demands. The struggle in Iran is an inspiration to everyone fighting against exploitation and oppression and we champion their demand for "women, life, freedom!"

Action:

UMSU officer bearers and general councillors sign onto the open letter "Student and staff unionists demand the release of Iranian student activists" access here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfl6ulWmsGlFtcoXY3ZEOjL2bsme0Gb2wJuJ08mKV39NnnI-Q/viewform>

Mover: Bella Beiraghi

Seconded: Sam Rathnaweera

CARRIED

Bella spoke to their moving rights.

Procedural Motion: to cede the chair to Hiba Adam for item 10.6

Moved: Disha Zutshi

CARRIED

Disha Zutshi enquired after the link provided in the motion, where it directs and what it is for.

Isabella responded, leads to the open letter link created by climate action activists from student unions across Australia, not affiliated with a particular organisation.

Procedural Motion: to cede the Chair back to Disha Zutshi

Moved: Hiba Adam

CARRIED

Hiba Adam asked if Bella has a conflict of interest for the motion, as they are one of the collaborators on the open letter. Isabella noted they were approached, didn't found the letter, did collaborate. Chair noted that Isabella should not vote on the motion.

11. Motions without Notice

12. Other Business

When2Meet will be sent around for February Council.

General Secretary requested that Officers must only submit OB reports using the provided template.

13. Next Meeting

14. Close

Meeting closed at 2.10PM