

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes
Friday 24 March 2023, 2:30pm
Meeting 6(23)
Location: Level 4 Lecture Theatre, Building 168

Meeting opened at 2:39pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Disha Zutshi be elected as Chair.

Mover: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Marcie Di Bartolomeo

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	Yes
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	<i>Resigned</i>
Students' Council (General Representative)	Divyanshi Sati	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Edward Wu	<i>Terminated</i>
Students' Council (General Representative)	Enzhe (Kevin) Li	<i>In apology</i>
Students' Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Thompson	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Inderpreet Singh	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Isabella Beiraghi	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Isioma Ogwu	<i>In apology</i>
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	<i>In apology</i>
Students' Council (General Representative)	Watey Diep	<i>Yes</i>
Students' Council (General Representative)	Conor Barnes	<i>In apology</i>
Students' Council (General Representative)	Kunal Dewani	<i>Yes</i>

Office Bearers

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

Other: Phoebe Churches (interim CEO), Ciara Griffiths (staff), Sanskar Agarwal (President, UMSU Intl), Lucinda Chapman-Kelly (observer), Benjamin O'Donnell (observer), Maxwell Rea (observer), Priyanka Pandey (staff), Joel Duggen (Farrago reporter), Lucy Rachman Vascotto (observer), Shirley Killen (observer), Frankie Kennedy (observer), Rhoda Louis-Miller (observer), Jack Walton (observer), Rahul Mittal (proxy for Kevin Li), Kisara Perera (proxy for Conor Barnes), Kai Bowie (observer), Raphael Cahen (proxy for Sam Rath).

1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Mohamed Hadi, Jack Doughty

Councillors: Conor Barnes, Kevin Li, Edison Ngu Nwl, Isi Ogwu, Sam Rath

1.5. Proxies

- 1.5.1. Conor Barnes to Kisara Perera
- 1.5.2. Kevin Li to Rahul Mittal
- 1.5.3. Watey Diep to Kunal Dewani after Operational Business is completed
- 1.5.4. Edison Ngu Nwl to Inderpreet Dhillon till 3:15 pm
- 1.5.5. Isi Ogwu to Reham Elzeiny
- 1.5.6. Sam Rath to Raphael Cahen

1.6. Leave of Absence Requests

- 1.6.1. For Council 6(23): Mohamed Hadi, Arya Kushwaha, Zodie Bolic, Jack Doughty, Abbey Crowley

Motion 2: to accept the leave of absence requests.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

1.7. Membership

- 1.7.1. Edward Wu has been terminated from Council.
- 1.7.2. Benjamin Cronshaw has resigned from Council.

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 5(22)

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	Hiba Adam	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Disha Zutshi	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities Officer	Tvisha Purswani	<i>Not Submitted</i>

Activities Officer	Arya Kushwaha	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Creative Arts Officer	Abbey Crowley	<i>Not 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>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Taj Takahashi	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Mary Kin Chan	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Carlos Lagos Martin	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment Officer	Emma Dynes	<i>Submitted</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>Not Submitted</i>
Media Officer	Josh Davis	<i>Submitted</i>
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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>Not Submitted</i>
Women's Officer	Ngairie Bogemann	<i>Submitted</i>
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Harley delivered verbal report, apologised for the missing report, sent a digital file for Councillors to review.

Several Officers noted they had submitted their OB reports via email, as the Council notice instructed. Appears to have been a miscommunication on submission methods.

Marcie invited Officers whose reports were not circulated in papers to provide verbal reports.

Disabilities provided a verbal report, Jaryd praised the dedication of his committee.

Motion 4: To accept the OB Reports en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

7. CEO Report

Motion 5: To accept the CEO's report.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

8.1. UMSUi Update

Motion 6: To accept the UMSUi report.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

9. Operational Business

9.1. Terms of Reference for CRPWG

Motion 7: to accept the terms of Reference for CPRWG.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

9.2. MIRS Disaffiliation

Anushka Singh spoke on behalf of the Melbourne International Relations Society and the circumstances leading to the disaffiliation. The incoming committee have been disadvantaged by the actions of the outgoing committee, they are appealing the disaffiliation on grounds 16.2(a)(iii) *that disaffiliation is not appropriate given the nature of the grounds for disciplinary action and the club or society's established track record.*

C&S Officer Renee Thierry identified that is disaffiliation is due to the society being inquorate at their AGM.

Councillors queried different disciplinary actions that could be implemented. Multiple councillors suggested probation and withheld UMSU funding for 12 months.

Procedural Motion: To close the speaking list.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 8: to uphold the disaffiliation of MIRS by the C&S Committee.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Harley Lewis

FAILED

Motion 9: to put MIRS on probation with grants suspended for 12 months.

Moved: Divyanshi Sati

Seconded: Luv Golecha

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: to move in camera for item 9.3.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 3:08PM

9.3. UMSUi Honorarium

Anushka Singh left at 3:08pm

Nan Jiang arrived at 3.18pm

Mohan Kwatra and Edison Ngu arrived at 3.36pm

Sanskar Agarwal left at 3:44pm

Motion 10: To engage an external consultant to review of the structure of and relationship between UMSU and UMSU International to find efficiencies, remove duplication and increase the effectiveness of UMSU's representation of International Students.

Moved: Watey Diep

Seconded: Reham Jiang

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move out of camera.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council moved out of camera at 3:45pm

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

Moved: Brittney Henderson

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 3:45pm

Council re-adjourned at 3:50pm

10. Motions on Notice

Procedural Motion: to move motions 10.1 and 10.2 en bloc.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

10.1. IFTARS

Preamble:

Ramadan Iftars will benefit students by providing meals to fasting students during the month of Ramadan, the iftars serves the purposes of UMSU People of Colour and UMSU Welfare by tackling food insecurity and support people of colour. The funds will allow the iftars to expand from 40 people to 60 people per session. Each department is contributing \$2000 to the iftars.

People of Colour: \$2000

Welfare: \$2000

It is not anticipated this activity will generate revenue.

Motion: That student's council pass \$4000 for purchasing food packs and drinks for Ramadan Iftars. That the recipients of this grant of money will provide a written report back to student's council by 30th of April. That the recipients warrant they'll only use the grant of funds in the manner specified in this motion.

Mover: Mohamed Hadi

Secunder: Ishita Ganeriwala

10.2. EID

Preamble:

Eid will benefit students by providing a large celebration to Muslim students and share the celebration with all students on campus, the celebration serves the purposes of UMSU People of Colour and UMSU Activities by tackling food insecurity and providing visibility to people of colour and to liaise with student organisation to develop cultural and social events. The funds will allow the Eid event to be bigger and better with more activities, more food and attractions. People of Colour is contributing \$2000, and Activities is contributing \$8000.

People of Colour: \$2000

Activities: \$8000

Motion: That students council pass \$4000 for the hire of food trucks, amusement games, AVM hire and sweets for Eid. That the recipients of this grant money will provide a written report back to Students' Council by 30th of April. That the recipients warrant they'll only use the grant of funds in the manner specified in this motion.

Mover: Mohamed Hadi

Secunder: Tvisha Purswani

Motion 11: to accept motions 10.1 and 10.2 as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: to move 10.3-10.11 en bloc.

Moved: Hiba Adam

CARRIED

10.3. Media – Events/Collectives

Motion: To pass \$225 from Period 3 of the Events > General budget line of the Media Department's budget for catering for a collaborative brainstorming event with Queer and Unimelb Book Club to develop a Pride Month Reading list.

Mover: Xiaole Zhan

Second: Josh Davis

10.4. Media – Events/Collectives

Motion: To pass \$200 from each of Periods 4 and 5 of the Programs > Collectives budget line of the Media Department's budget (total \$400) for the purchase of food and the facilitation of ongoing Farrago team meetings throughout Semester 1.

Mover: Josh Davis

Second: Xiaole Zhan

10.5. Media – Printing

Motion: To pass \$14,965.00 from Period 4 of the Printing-External > Publications budget line of the Media Department's budget to pay for the printing of Farrago Edition 2: Choreomania.

Mover: Josh Davis

Second: Xiaole Zhan

10.6. Media – Printing

Motion: To pass \$14,965.00 from Period 5 of the Printing-External > Publications budget line of the Media Department's budget to pay for the printing of Farrago Edition 3: Analog.

Mover: Josh Davis

Second: Xiaole Zhan

10.7. Media – Launches

Motion: To pass \$1500 from Period 4 of the Events > Food and Beverages budget line and \$725 from Period 4 of the Events > General budget line to pay for food and beverage costs and venue hire and other associated venue-related expenses for the Farrago Edition 2: Choreomania Launch.

Mover: Josh Davis

Second: Xiaole Zhan

10.8. Media – Launches

Motion: To pass \$1500 from Period 5 of the Events > Food and Beverages budget line and \$725 from Period 5 of the Events > General budget line to pay for food and beverage costs and venue hire and other associated venue-related expenses for the Farrago Edition 3: Analog Launch.

Mover: Josh Davis

Second: Xiaole Zhan

10.9. Media – Promotion

Motion: To pass \$290 from Period 3 of the Promotion Expenses > Promotion-General budget line of the Media Department's budget to pay for social media promotion costs for the Edition 2 launch, social media promotion costs for the upcoming UMSU Media Workshops, and the printing of flyers and signage to advertise Farrago and Radio Fodder. This partially represents money carried forwards from Periods 1 and 2 of the same budget line.

Mover: Josh Davis

Secunder: Xiaole Zhan

10.10. Media – Equipment/Radio

Motion: To pass \$300 from Period 3 of the Repairs and Maintenance > General budget line of the Media Department's budget for the purchase of equipment relating to Farrago Video and the Photography Department to replace damaged equipment and equipment lost during the move.

This will primarily be storage media (SD Cards, HDDs, etc.), and an itemised list of what is purchased using funds from this motion will be included in the relevant OB Report once spent. All purchased equipment will be recorded in our internal inventory and as required under the Asset Policy.

Mover: Josh Davis

Secunder: Xiaole Zhan

10.11. Media – Equipment/Radio

Motion: To pass \$150 from each of Periods 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10 of the Contractor Fees > General budget line of the Media Department's budget (to a total of \$900) to pay for work performed throughout the year by AV Melbourne in the Radio Fodder and Farrago offices, including installation of the Fodder Studio, test + tag, and soundchecks.

Mover: Josh Davis

Secunder: Carmen Chin

Motion 12: to accept motions 10.3-10.11 as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

10.12. Student Media Dispute Panel

Motion: To accept the following nominations:

1. Marcie Di Bartolomeo
2. Kevin Li
3. Luv Golecha
4. Divyanshi Sati
5. Watey Diep
6. Inderpreet Dhillon

7. Mohan Kwatra
8. Kunal Dewani
9. Nan Jiang
10. Reham Elzeiny
11. Sameeksha Mudigere

Mover: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Hiba Adam

Motion 13: to accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: to consider and discuss 10.13, 10.14, and 10.15 together.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

10.13. UMSU Condemns Victoria Police

Preamble:

On Saturday 18th of March, trans folk and allies took to the streets to protest against "Posie Parker" and the rise of the far-right. It was clear on Saturday who "Posie Parker" aligns herself with. White men dressed in all black shouted "white power" while doing Seig Heil salutes. Victoria Police shamefully defended Neo-Nazis by aggressively using force on trans people and allies, including the use of pepper spray and attempts to arrest protesters. All while, letting Neo-Nazis roam around freely.

It is crucial that UMSU stands in solidarity with trans people and allies everywhere. Victoria Police's acts on Saturday were nothing short of shameful, and it is shameful how Dan Andrews refuses to acknowledge the disgraceful protection of the nazis by the police.

Additionally, on Tuesday 21st March far-right groups brutally attacked a peaceful protest held by Community Action for Rainbow Rights in Sydney. The attacks were planned, deliberate and violent. It is important for UMSU as a student body to fight against the rise of the far-right and to continuously fight for the rights LGBTQIA+ folks not only on campus, but everywhere.

Stances:

- UMSU Condemns Victoria police for their protection of Nazis.
- UMSU condemns Victoria police for their brutality against trans activists and allies during the protest.
- UMSU opposes the far-right national socialist network and their activity.
- UMSU stands in solidarity with trans activists and allies and endorses action against 'Posie Parker'.
- UMSU condemns the far - right attacks on LGBTQI+ protestors in Sydney.

Action:

To direct the president and queer officers to write and release a joint statement outlining UMSU's stances and action.

Mover: Hiba Adam

Seconded: Leslie Ho

10.14. UMSU stands in solidarity with LGBTI+ protestors attacked by far-right bigots in Sydney.

Preamble:

On Tuesday night this week, hundreds of far-right thugs attacked a small, peaceful speak-out of LGBTI+ activists with glass bottles, rocks, and their fists. They punched several LGBTI+ activists in the face, surrounding them in a mob more than 30 times their size.

The far-right gang had gathered at St Michael's Church Hall in Belfield to participate in a transphobic event, at which One Nation politician Mark Latham was scheduled to speak. Community Action for Rainbow Rights held a speak-out more than a block away from St Michael's to take a public stand against their anti-queer bigotry. Far-right thugs descended on this speak-out before it had even begun.

This represents a terrifying escalation of far-right militancy and anti-queer bigotry. Anti-LGBTI+, far-right protestors from the group Christian Lives Matter recently marched through Newtown in protest against World Pride. This follows a spate of vandalism of World Pride murals and a far-right mobilisation in support of the paedophile George Pell at his funeral.

The far right are clearly emboldened and a serious threat. This recent attack shows the urgent need to build the forces of all those to support LGBTI+ rights, in order to collectively resist intimidation from far-right bigots and start to demoralise their political confidence.

Platform:

1. UMSU condemns the far-right attack on LGBTI+ protestors on Tuesday night and expresses solidarity with Community Action for Rainbow Rights.
2. UMSU recognises the alarming growth of the far right and the need to build grassroots opposition to their reactionary blend of anti-queer, sexist, and racist politics.

Action:

UMSU commits to publishing this statement publicly (on its website and social media platforms) as an expression of solidarity with the attacked LGBTI+ protestors and a step towards building opposition to the far right.

Moved: Bella Beiraghi

Seconded: Rhoda Louis-Miller

10.15. UMSU opposes the National Socialist Network and supports the pro-trans antifascist protest.

Preamble:

On Saturday 18th March the National Socialist Network mobilized to support anti-trans activist Kellie-Jay Keen aka Posie Parker at her speaking tour. Parker is a member of the Hands Across the Aisle Coalition, a group that aims to build political connections and relationships between prominent transphobic celebrities, public figures and the far right. The presence of Neo-Nazi's at her speaking tour is testament to this objective.

On the steps of Melbourne Parliament Neo-Nazis put their revolting fascist politics on full display as they Seig Heil saluted and unfurled an offensive banner.

The increased presence of Neo-Nazi groups in Victoria coincides with a rise of the far-right around the world. Fascist street movements have been emboldened by the rise of far-right parliamentary figures who've made significant electoral gains, such as Giorgia Meloni in Italy, Marine Le Pen in France, and Ben Gvir in Israel.

The growth of the far-right must be challenged by strong left wing political movements that mobilize to combat fascism wherever it rears its ugly head.

Rather than removing the neo-Nazi group, Victoria Police instead focused their attention on the pro-trans antifascist protesters including students attending the CARF/NUS protest. The behaviour of Vic Police was disgraceful as they deployed use of force: physically assaulting protestors, blocking the rally with a mounted cordon and using Pepper spray against broad sections of the crowd.

UMSU as a political body should support the anti-fascist pro-trans protest, and stand in solidarity with the protestors against the 'Posie Parker' rally last weekend. UMSU should support the fight against the far right and Neo-Nazi groups such as the National Socialist Network and denounce the conduct of Victoria Police.

Platform:

1. UMSU opposes the National Socialist Network and the far-right.
2. UMSU stands in solidarity with the anti-fascist protesters who organized against Posie Parker and the Nazis.

Moved: Frankie Kennedy

Seconded: Alessandra Soliven

Chair opened the speaking list, invited movers and seconders of the tabled motions first to speak, in order of presentation of the motions.

Hiba Adam and Leslie Ho spoke to motion 10.13.

Bella Beiraghi spoke to motion 10.14. Rhoda waived speaking rights to Shirley Killen. Shirley spoke to motion 10.14.

Frankie Kennedy and Alessandra Soliven spoke to motion 10.15.

Motions broadly address the events of the ant-fascist rally on Saturday 18th. Discussion centred around the condemnation of the actions of the police, condemnations of the far-right, and the anti-trans activists. Various attendees of the rally spoke about some contingent members leaving sooner than agreed, while

others were considered to have stayed longer than was safe. UMSU members discussion how this can be managed and become more collaborative and successful in the future. Environment OB, James Gallagher expressed endorsement for motion 10.13 "UMSU Condemns Victoria Police".

Foreshadowed Motion: To move to a vote on motion 10.13, if fails, move to a vote on 10.14, if fails, move to a vote on 10.15.

Moved: Disha Zutshi

Seconded: Divyanshi Sati

CARRIED

Motion 14: to accept motion 10.13 as presented.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motions 10.14 and 10.15 lapse.

Kai Bowie arrived at 4:16pm

Alessandra Soliven left at 4:23pm

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

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Council adjourned at 4:22pm

Council readjourned at 4:27pm

10.16. UMSU opposes the AUKUS Deal

Preamble:

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has said the new AUKUS plan - which will cost Canberra up to \$368 billion towards nuclear submarines over 30 years - marked the "biggest single investment in Australia's defence capability in all of its history".

This is the latest of escalating tensions between US-aligned states and China. It follows the Australian military machine's own grotesque contribution from just a couple of weeks ago when the Age and Sydney Morning Herald's "Red Alert" panellists claimed that Australians need a psychological shift to prepare for warfare within three years!

The only people that gain from this deal and war drive are arms manufacturers and the imperialist governments of Australia, the US, and the UK. Australian workers have nothing to gain from a potential war from China.

The government says that the submarines will act as a deterrent. But these are not defensive weapons, they are precisely of strategic advantage because they are offensive - they can stay underwater for weeks undetected.

Even ex-prime minister Paul Keating, far from a principled anti-imperialist, has noted that China is "not going to attack us and have never threatened to attack us", and pointed out that the AUKUS trilateral partnership is instead about preserving US

hegemony in east Asia by seeking to contain China. In actuality, acquiring more means for warfare does not scare other imperialist forces off, it in turn leads them to build their own military capabilities up.

The obscene \$368 billion spent on these submarines is made all the more outrageous when we remember that the government constantly claims they don't have enough money to fund public housing, free education, healthcare, or Centrelink payments that at least match a living wage.

The Albanese Labor government shows itself to be no alternative to the imperialism of the Liberals, continuing the AUKUS deal signed on under Scott Morrison.

The AUKUS deal will require a massive program to develop the skills and technology to run nuclear submarines. This will take place in universities - there will be more research and courses directed towards funnelling staff and students into the war industry. This should be opposed.

Student unions have a long history in Australia of standing against imperialism and war, most notably and prolifically against the Vietnam War. At UoM, student activists hid draft resisters in Union House from the police, who tore apart the building looking for them. UMSU needs to continue to stand against war when it comes to the AUKUS deal.

Platform:

1. UMSU opposes the imperialist war drive of the Australian ruling class and the Labor government.
2. UMSU calls for the withdrawal of Australia from the AUKUS deal, and for Australia to end its alliance with the United States, the primary purveyor of war and destruction on the planet.
3. UMSU affirms its anti-imperialist position, siding with neither China nor the United States in their global imperialist ambitions.
4. UMSU opposes all attempts to direct university research and students into collaboration with the Australian Defence Force and the war industry and will campaign against the University of Melbourne should it take any part in the AUKUS deal.

Moved: Rhoda Louis-Miller

Seconded: Benjamin O'Donnell

Rhoda and Benjamin spoke to their moving rights.

Carlos Lagos Martin proposed an amendment to the motion. Reasoned that this was align the motion more closely with student interests and impacts.

Proposed Amendment: To add an additional platform point that: "UMSU opposes the media push calling for Australians to psychologically prepare for war with China, brought forward by Peter Harcher through 'Red Alert' piece on SMH and The Age."

Moved: Carlos Lagos Martin

This was amenable to the mover.

Council was in agreement that the actions of the government constituted of an enormous amount of money that could have been spent on improving the cost-of-living crisis, education reform, and more. Is pushing global imperialism.

Motion 15: to accept motion 10.16 with the proposed amendment.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

10.17. No new fossil fuels! UMSU opposes Labor's expansion of fossil fuels.

Preamble:

If the world is to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change, we cannot allow a single new fossil fuel project to be built. But there is currently an expansion of the fossil fuel industry happening in Australia.

Queensland Labor Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk has approved gas exploration across more than 800,000 hectares of rivers and floodplains around the Lake Eyre basin in QLD. The area is home to the last free-flowing desert river system in the world.

On top of this, federal Labor Minister for the Environment Tanya Plibersek has approved the expansion of the Lake Vernon coal mine in the Bowen basin. And on 20 February Plibersek announced her department had granted Santos, an oil and gas exploration company, approval for a 54-year contract to frack the Surat basin in Queensland.

Meanwhile, PM Anthony Albanese has stated, while rubbing shoulders with the nation's most rich and powerful business-owners at the AFR Business Summit, that gas will be crucial to Australia's energy future. Albanese said drilling millions of tonnes of gas and contributing massively to global emissions would actually be "Helping to smooth the transition to renewables, while guaranteeing energy security both for Australia and for our partners in the region." Anyone opposed to climate change needs to reject the idea that somehow producing more fossil fuels is an important part of the transition away from them.

The Liberals, of course, are no better. The NSW Liberal government is considering eight new coal projects, which would add 1.5 billion tonnes of emissions, in the largest proposed expansion of the coal industry in NSW since the Paris agreement on climate change was signed.

But the Liberals are only in power in NSW and Tasmania - the main party with the power to approve or reject new fossil fuel projects is now the Labor party. There are over 100 new fossil fuel projects in the pipeline currently, including the massive Scarborough gas project in WA. Every single new fossil fuel project that is approved is a blow against any hope of achieving a genuine transition away from fossil fuels.

Platform:

1. UMSU opposes the expansion of the fossil fuel industry in Australia and recognises that if the world stands any chance of avoiding the worst impacts of climate change, then not a single new fossil fuel project can be constructed.

2. UMSU condemns the QLD Labor government for its approval of gas exploration in the Lake Eyre basin.
3. UMSU condemns the federal Labor government for its approval of coal expansion in the Bowen basin and for approving 54 years of fracking in the Surat basin.
4. UMSU condemns the NSW Liberal government for considering new coal projects.
5. UMSU opposes Anthony Albanese's claims that expanding the gas industry is the key to Australia's energy transition.

Moved: Lucy Chapman-Kelly

Seconded: Maxwell Rea

Brittney Henderson requested this be a named vote.

Lucy Chapman-Kelly and Maxwell Rea spoke to their moving rights.

Motion 16: to accept motion 10.17 as presented.

Moved: Chair

In favour: Bella Beiraghi, Divyanshi Sati, Evelyn Thompson, Inderpreet Singh, Isi Ogwu (via Reham Elzeiny), Marcie Di Bartolomeo, Raphael Duffy, Reham Elzeiny, Sam Rath (via Raphael Cahen), Sameeksha Mudigere, Watey Diep.

Against: Kisara Perera, Kevin Li (via Rahul Mittal), Luv Golecha, Kunal Dewani

CARRIED

Tim Lippis arrived at 4:40pm

10.18. UMSU Apologises for its previous stances on Israel and Palestine and calls for tolerance.

Preamble:

The passing of two highly controversial and triggering motions (Minute item 9.6.1 Of Students' Council Meeting 7(22) and Minute item 11.2 of Students' Council Meeting 13(22)) last year relating to the State of Israel, Zionism, and the right of Jewish people to self-determination is noted.

It is noted that the first of these two motions were repealed whilst the second remains in force.

It is noted that the first of these motions enacted the following General Stances:

- UMSU deems Zionism as a racist, colonial ideology.
- UMSU rejects Israel's continued settlement, expansion, and annexation of Palestinian land.

It is noted that the second of these motions enacted the following General Stances:

- UMSU stands against the Israeli occupation of Palestine and condemns the ongoing ethnic cleansing of Palestinians.
- UMSU recognizes that Israel is an apartheid state.
- UMSU supports the academic boycott movement of Israeli institutions.

- UMSU calls on the university to divest from corporations complicit in and profit from the Israel apartheid and that operate on illegally occupied Palestinian land.
- UMSU condemns the Australian government's support for Israel and its ongoing crimes including occupation, settlement, expansion, and ethnic cleansing.
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These stances are not only racist and anti-Semitic but have imposed an unconscionable burden onto the Jewish community and affected many Jewish students' sense of safety and right to feel free from persecution and discrimination on campus.

There have been a number of pronouncements from different Jewish community organisations denouncing these motions and their provisions.

It is noted that the University of Melbourne recently adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of anti-Semitism.

The risk of legal costs imposed due to the passing of these motions has already made itself manifest.

This motion does not only affect Jewish students, but all students of faith on campus, who have a right to worship and faith.

Motion:

That UMSU takes the following stances and actions:

General Stances:

1. UMSU recognises the sovereignty of the State of Israel and the right of Jewish people to self-determination.
2. UMSU supports the self-determination of both Israeli and Palestinian peoples.
3. UMSU condemns Hamas for its treatment of LGBTI+ people, who are regularly executed by being thrown off buildings in Palestine.
4. UMSU calls upon the Iranian regime to cease funding terrorist organisations, such as Hezbollah.
5. UMSU condemns the treatment of women by Hamas, the Palestinian Authority, and Hezbollah.
6. UMSU condemns Hamas and the PLO for their use of minors as soldiers.
7. UMSU recognises that Hamas is a terrorist organisation and should be treated as such under international law.
8. UMSU believes that there should be a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict.
9. UMSU condemns actions which cause Jewish students to feel unsafe and marginalised.
10. UMSU apologises for its previous actions which have caused upset, fear and anxiety within the Jewish student community and the broader Jewish community.
11. UMSU stands for the right to worship.

12. UMSU stands for the right of religious clubs on campus to proselytise and cultivate their respective faiths, and for this right not to be threatened, impinged upon, or derogated.
13. UMSU endorses wholeheartedly freedom of religion and the private right of individuals to any and all faiths.
14. UMSU condemns religious discrimination in all its forms.
15. UMSU recognises the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition ('IHRA Definition') of anti-Semitism: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

Actions:

- UMSU calls on the University to declare its neutrality on all issues relating to the Israel-Palestine conflict.
- To direct the President and General Secretary to write and publish a statement apologising for UMSU's previous actions which have caused distress to Jewish students.
- To direct the General Secretary to send a signed copy of this statement to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation Commission, the Australasian Union of Jewish Students, the Australian Jewish News, Zionism Victoria, and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.
- UMSU adopts the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism.
- To direct the General Secretary to update the UMSU stance booklet to reflect this policy and the subsequent vote on it.

Mover: Patrick Irwin

Seconder: Kisara Perera

Procedural Motion: to move into Formal Debate.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Chair outlined the rules of formal debate. Invited the mover to speak, for up to minutes.

Conor Barnes arrived at 4:46pm

Patrick Irwin spoke to their moving rights.

Kisara Perera spoke to their seconding rights.

Speaking list opened for debate, Chair reminded that speakers must alternate 'for' and 'against' the motion, with Affirmative Action acknowledged in speaking order as well. One person spoke against, no further speakers were for the motion.

Kisara Perera made a closing statement to the debate.

Motion 17: to accept motion 10.18 as presented.

Moved: Chair

FAILED

11. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

12. Next Meeting

7th April, 2:30pm.

13. Close

Meeting closed at 4:57pm