

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Minutes
Friday June 25th 2021 1PM
Meeting 10(21)
Location: Zoom + Training Rooms

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Password: 180836

Council opened at 1:15pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Allen Xiao be elected Chair.
Mover: Allen Xiao Second: Jan
CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians
So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

1.4. Apologies

Officers: Mohamed Hadi, Laura Ehrensperger

Leave Request: Xavier Dupe for Council 10(21)

Leave Request: Kaitlyn Hammond from June 25th to August 1st

Vote to accept both leave requests.
CARRIED

1.5. Proxies

Georgia McCourt proxies to Jan Sam
Sian Tjia Hennessey proxies to Sophie Nguyen
Tejasvi Madan proxies to Archit Agrawal

1.6. Membership

Lauren Scott has been appointed to Council.
Ann Nguyen has resigned as Environment Officer.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda be adopted.

Mover:

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes 8(21)

2.2. Special Council Minutes 5(21)

2.3. Special Council Minutes 4(21)

Motion 3: That the Minutes of items 2.1-2.3 be adopted as true and accurate records of those meetings.

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

President	Jack Buksh	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Allen Xiao	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities	Christos Preovolos	<i>Not Submitted</i>
	Phoebe Chen	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs and Societies	Kalyana Vania	<i>Submitted</i>
	Muskaan Hakhu	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	<i>Not Submitted</i>
	Merryn Hughes	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities	Lindsay Tupper-Creed	<i>Not Submitted</i>
	Brigit Doyle	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs)	Jennisha Arnanta	<i>Submitted</i>
	Planning Jay Vynn Saw	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs)	Hannah Krasovec	<i>Submitted</i>
	Tejas Gandhi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment	Ann Nguyen	<i>Submitted</i>
	James Park	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Indigenous	Shanysa McConville	<i>Submitted</i>
Media	Lauren Berry	<i>Submitted</i>
	Ailish Hallinan	<i>Submitted</i>
	Pavani Ambagahawattha	<i>Not Submitted</i>
People of Colour	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Submitted</i>
	Emily AlRamadhan	<i>Submitted</i>

Queer	Amy Bright	<i>Submitted</i>
	Laura Ehrensperger	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare	Hue Man Dang	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
	Mickhaella Ermita	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	William Hall	<i>Submitted</i>
	Leyla Moxham	<i>Submitted</i>
	Jamie Jungwoo Kim	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Submitted</i>

All reports submitted late are not considered valid for this meeting.

Motion 4: To accept the OB reports.

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to move in camera

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved in camera at 1:24pm.

7. CEO Report

8. Other Reports

8.1. Financial Report 2020

8.2. Management Report 2020

8.3. Advocacy Report Jan-Apr 2021

8.4. UMSU International Election Report 2021

8.5. Wise Workplace Solutions Report

8.6. Confidential Report from the President

8.7. Correspondence from NTEU

11.1 OHS Motion

Council moved out of camera at 3:28pm

9. Operational Business

9.1. Engagement of Moores for Electoral Regulations

Allen explained this.

Andoni expressed that he would be happy to explain this if anyone would come forward with questions.

Motion 10: To approve the price proposal as presented by Moores.

Mover: Andoni

Seconder: Archit

Clea PB – gender discrimination policies – tell us more, and how we asked for a lower price.

Andoni: this wording is copied directly from the constitution. This language doesn't include trans people. When we changed the Constitution we weren't able to address it. We asked to reduce the price point but unfortunately they didn't

Vote happened on this.

In favour in person: Archit, Lauren, Andoni, Clea, Jan, Georgia

In favour online: Ethan, Harry, Jo, Kevin Mao, Raymond, Rubina, Shreya, Catriona, Brittney Henderson, Sophie Nguyen

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion CARRIED

9.2. Student Initiative Grants

Motion 11: To approve all SIG grants as presented.

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

9.3. Student Initiative Grant Reports- Indonesian Film Festival

Motion 12: To approve the report.

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

9.4. EdCon Tender 2021

Jack Buksh: the timing wasn't ideal. The terms of the tender are not final. Everything in the tender can be amended.

Jennisha – the president did not consult myself. This is a matter of good practice in governance: please consult us before noting our names anywhere.

Jack: It's a very good point, Jennisha. There was a miscommunication with someone else that everything was ok and we were rushed.

Motion 13: To approve the EdCon Tender.

Mover: Jack Buksh

Seconded: Jennisha

CARRIED

9.5. OHS Advice to Councillors

Allen Xiao provided advice of adhering to OHS and that it is a learning process. mentioned an upcoming training session and an appropriate duty to report. Reiterated that Council takes this seriously.

This was noted.

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Burnley Motion

Procedural to move 10.1-10.8 en bloc.

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 14: To approve all the Burnley motions (10.1-10.8) en bloc.

Mover: Andoni

Seconder: Lauren Scott

CARRIED

10.2. Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group Terms of Reference

Mickhaella and Srishti spoke to their moving rights.

Motion 15: To approve the motion.

Mover: Mickhaella

Seconder: Srishti Chatterjee

CARRIED

10.3. Creative Arts Motions

Merryn Hughes and Vaishnavi Ravikrishna spoke to their motion.

Procedural to vote on the motions en bloc.

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 16: To approve the motions en bloc.

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

11. Motions without Notice

11.1. OHS Motion

[covered earlier]

12. Other Business

No other business.

13. Next Meeting

TBA

14. Close

Council closed at 4:09pm

10.1 Burnley Motions

Motion 1: To pass up to \$2700 from the workshops and incursions budget line for the R-efreshers workshop

Motion 2: To pass up to \$900 from the activities and events budget line for the R-efreshers workshop

Motion 3: To pass \$1000 from the activities and events budget line for the Burnley garden party

Motion 4: To pass \$1000 from the activities and events budget line for yoga

Motion 5: To pass up to \$700 from the activities and events budget line for the pottery event

Motion 6: To pass \$1300 from the general operations budget line for Burnley hoodies

Motion 7: To pass \$300 from the campus equipment budget line for Burnley hoodies

Motion 8: To pass up to \$100 from the general operations budget line for supplies for the SAB

10.2 Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group Terms of Reference

Motion to amend the Terms of Reference for the UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group

tw: mentions of sexual assault, harassment, and drink-spiking in no explicit detail.

Preamble:

The UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group (SA/SH WG) was established last year by the UMSU Women's Department, and then ratified by Students Council in 2020, "to give UMSU Student Representative Departments a forum to discuss and address issues of sexual assault and harassment at the University and within UMSU."

Recently, the University of Melbourne has recently begun the project of developing Guiding Principles and a standalone policy to address sexual misconduct at the University. This work is largely being completed by a third party, who have entered a "consultation" phase and reached out to various student representatives from UMSU, GSA (Graduate Students' Association) and UMSU International.

While only the UMSU Women's Officers and Sexual Harm and Response Coordinator are able to sit in on these meetings on the behalf of UMSU, the purpose of the SA/SH WG is to regularly update and consult with the entirety of the Union, and therefore ensure that the feedback we give reflects a diversity of positionalities and intersectionalities within the student population. This reflects our belief that sexual assault and harassment at the University is not just a "women's issue" but one that affects the whole of the University.

Separately from this, the UMSU Women's Officers were contacted by the Inter-Collegiate Council (ICC), the principal student body representing residential college student interests at the University of Melbourne, to discuss how best to respond to a reported spike in sexual and relationship harms this year within the colleges. According to the ICC, college administration have done little to nothing to respond to these incidents, despite the existence of damning video evidence. It was noted that no members of the ICC were invited to consult on the Guiding Principles or standalone policy, nor any other students specifically representing residential college interests. Instead, in one of the consultation meetings we were invited to, two college Presidents/Deans were present. Given that it is against these very individuals and their inaction that the ICC were motivated to contact UMSU in the first place, it is unacceptable that residential college students themselves are not more directly involved in this consultation process, especially given the range of college-specific issues (drink spiking, etc.) that must be addressed as part of "sexual misconduct."

To help counteract this, I am writing this motion to propose that the Terms of Reference for the SA/SH WG be amended to include one student representative from the ICC as a voting member. This would formalise the relationship between the UMSU SA/SH WG and the ICC, who have their own RESPECT Taskforce, tasked with preventing and addressing sexual misconduct within the residential colleges. It would also ensure that college students are not left behind in our fight for Safety for Campus and that they have a student representative to advocate for their interests on the SA/SH WG.

I've sent the original Terms of Reference for the UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group from last year for reference.

Action:

To approve a change in membership of the UMSU Sexual Assault and Harassment Working Group to include one student representative from the Inter-Collegiate Council on the Committee as a voting member.

Mover: Mickhaella Ermita

Seconder: Srishti Chatterjee

10.3 Creative Arts Motions

Motion: To approve the spending of \$13,000 from the 'Grants & Awards' Budget Line from the 2021 Mudfest Budget to fund the successful Mudfest Artist grant applicants.

Mover: Merryn Hughes

Seconder: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna

Motion: To approve the spending of \$7,500 from the 'Contract Staff' Budget Line from the 2021 Mudfest Budget for the payment of **industry professional mentors** for Mudfest Production Team members and student artists.

Mover: Merryn Hughes
Seconder: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna

11. Motions without notice