

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council

Minutes

Tuesday 6th July 2021, 3pm
Meeting 12(21)

Location:Zoom

Opened at 1715

Procedural motion: to suspend the standing orders to allow Allen to Chair the meeting

Mover: Allen Xiao Seconder: Lauren Scott

CARRIED

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Allen Xiao be elected as chair

Mover: Allen Xiao Seconder: Andoni Fischer

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

General Representative	Raymond Wu	Attended
General Representative	Charlotte Macpherson	Attended
General Representative	Andoni Fischer	Attended
General Representative	Ethan Alex Georgeou	Attended
General Representative	Devindee Nugawela	Did Not Attend
General Representative	Harry Black	Did Not Attend
General Representative	Tejasvi Madan	Attended
General Representative	Sian Tjia Hennessy	Did Not Attend
General Representative	Jennifer Lui	Did Not Attend
General Representative	Lauren Scott	Attended
General Representative	Xavier Dupe	Did Not Attend
General Representative	Alex Wood	Did Not Attend
General Representative	Catriona Smith	Attended
General Representative	Joanna Guelas	Attended
General Representative	Rubina Smith	Attended
Queer Representative	Georgia McCourt	Did Not Attend
Indigenous Representative	Brittney Henderson	Attended
International Representative	Janise Qian Yee Sam	Did Not Attend
Graduate Representative	Shreya Bhutani	Attended
Students with Disabilities Representative	Clea Porteous Borthwick	Attended

Students of Colour	Kevin Mao	Did Not Attend
Representative		

Office Bearers

Position	Name	
President	Jack Buksh	Attended
General Secretary	Allen Xiao	Attended
Activities	Christos Preovolos	Attended
Activities	Phoebe Chen	Did Not Attend
Clubs	Muskaan Hakhu	Attended
Clubs	Kalyana Vania	Attended
Creative Arts	Merryn Hughes	Attended
Creative Arts	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	Attended
Disabilities	Lindsay Tupper-Creed	Did Not Attend
Disabilities	Brigit Doyle	Attended
Education Academic	Jennisha Arnanta	Did Not Attend
Education Academic	Planning Jay Vynn Saw	Did Not Attend
Education Public	Tejas Gandhi	Did Not Attend
Education Public	Hannah Krasovec	Attended
Environment	Ann Nguyen	Did Not Attend
Environment	James Park	Did Not Attend
Indigenous	Shanysa McConville	Attended
Media	Lauren Berry	Did Not Attend
Media	Pavani Ambagahawattha	Did Not Attend
Media	Ailish Hallinan	Attended
People of Colour	Mohamed Hadi	Attended
People of Colour	Emily AlRamadhan	Did Not Attend
Queer	Amy Bright	Attended
Queer	Laura Ehrensperger	Did Not Attend
Welfare	Hue Man Dang	Did Not Attend
Welfare	Allen Xiao	Did Not Attend
Womens	Srishti Chatterjee	Attended
Womens	Mickhaella Ermita	Attended
Southbank	Will Hall	Attended
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	Did Not Attend

Other: Justin Bare (UMSU CEO), Aashi Agarwal, Jaimie Kim, Sophie Nguyen

1.4 Apologies

Leave Request: Merryn Hughes from July $14^{\mbox{th}} - 16^{\mbox{th}}$.

Leave Request: Sian Tjia Hennessy for Council 14(21).

Leave Request: Jennifer Lui for Council 14(21)

Motion 2: to accept the leave of absence requests

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

1.5 Leave of Absence Requests

1.6 OB Leave of Absence

1.7 Proxies

Jan Sam to Tejasvi Madan

Harry Black to Charlotte Macpherson Kevin Mao to Raymond Wu when not present

Georgia McCourt to Andoni Fischer when not present

Jennifer Lui to Kraanti Agarwal

Sian Tjia Hennessy to Sophie Nguyen

Motion 3: To accept proxies

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

1.8 Membership

Alex Wood has been terminated from Council based on attendance.

Devindee Nugawela has resigned from Council

1.9 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 4: to adopt the agenda as presented

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Minutes

2.1 Minutes from Council

Motion 5: to accept the minutes of 13(21) as presented

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

Will be discussed later

6. OB Reports

Questions regarding OB reports

Srishti Chatterjee asked those present if anyone knew how to contact the Environment Department as Ann Nguyen has resigned and James Park hasn't submitted a report.

Allen Xiao said that currently James is the sole OB. Allen said he is happy to reach out to James and see what measures might be taken but Allen has received a budget from James so it seems like Winterfest preparations are going ahead.

Tree Smith asked if the Activities Department were ok – there have been no reports in a few Councils from either OB. Would love to hear what's going on with the department, and clarify the reporting requirements for OBs.

Christos Preovolos replied that exams have been tough, but have been working with Events on some events coming up. He apologised for the lack of report. He said Activities are setting up 2 BBQ.s for Winterfest – and has been working on the Bands, Bevs and BBQs program for the 12 week schedule -1 gig a week.

Ethan Georgeou asked for an update on the WAM policy and if that could be updated to students.

There were no Education Academic OBs present, so this question was taken on notice.

Srishti Chatterjee asked if questions on notice could actually be followed up on – this doesn't seem to happen.

Allen Xiao said that it should go in Matters Arising and that that will be noted.

Motion 6: to accept the OB reports as presented

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

Allen indicated that Council would move on to the CEOs report, and that Jack may also have a report at this time.

Jack Buksh indicated that as he doesn't have a specific Agenda item, his OB reports were included in the OB reports and had just been accepted.

Allen Xiao asked if Jack wanted to speak to his report.

Jack Buksh indicated he would take it as read, and that it was included in the OB reports.

Procedural Motion: That Council move in camera at 3:35pm

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

7. CEO Report

Council moved out of camera at 3:38pm

8. Other Reports

No other reports

9. Operational Business

9.1 Electoral Regulation Changes

Andoni Fischer told Council that he's decided to resign from Students' Council after this Council – this was a decision that he'd made some time ago, but wanted to get the Electoral Regs passed first.

Motion: To adopt all suggestions as presented by Moores into the proposed electoral regulations to be endorsed by Council

Mover: Andoni Fischer Seconder: Lauren Scott

Andoni Fischer spoke to his moving rights.

Andoni said that they wanted to make the document clearer, more legible, and with less spelling mistakes, they tried to minimise the amount changed from the regulations.

Motion 8: To adopt all suggestions as presented by Moores into the proposed electoral regulations to be endorsed by Council

Mover: Andoni Fischer Seconder: Lauren Scott

CARRIED

Discussion about the process of these regs getting to the Electoral Tribunal.

Andoni Fischer then recapped all the electoral regulation changes for those present.

Motion 9: To recommend these Electoral Regulations to Students' Council

Mover: Andoni Fischer Seconder: Lauren Scott

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: That Council move in Camera to discuss 9.2 and 9.3

Mover: Allen Xiao (Chair)

CARRIED

- 9.2 July December Budgets
- 9.3 Wise Workplace Solutions Report
- 9.4 SIG Application Student Welfare outreach Team
- 9.5 SIG Application Change x Unzipped
- 9.6 SIG Application Australian Global Health Inititive

Motion 11: to approve SIG applications en bloc

Mover: Tree Smith Seconder: Sophie Nguyen

CARRIED

9.7 Chinese Food Hunters Dissafiliation Appeal

There were no members of the club present.

Kalyana gave a background surrounding the disaffiliation – the C&S department has tried repetitively to contact them regarding this matter. This has not been an isolated incident and the club was disaffiliated after being on probation.

Motion 12: to reject the appeal from the Chinese Food Hunters

Mover: Tree Smith Seconder: Andoni Fischer

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

11. Motions Without Notice

11.1 UMSU INTL – Moores engagement

Preamble

On May 17th 2021, following a motion approved at Council 9(21), UMSU INTL were provided with a scope of work detailing the regulatory changes needed to remunerate their Committee. The price proposal, from Moores' email correspondence, includes the following:

- The best way for this to be reflected in UMSU's regulatory framework
 Advice on how to impose Council Charter (or similar) requirements on ALL UMSU
 international officers (which may need to be done both through the UMSU
 Constitution and the UMSU International Regulations)
- Ensure that International students do not contravene the visa restrictions on "working" less than 40 hours per week.
 Specifically, to confirm that service as a UMSU international officer does not constitute "work" within the meaning of the relevant legislation.
- Ensure that there is a system supporting accountability for those receiving honoraria
 - Imposing the Council Charter (or similar) requirements. Note these currently apply to all parties receiving an honorarium. Similar requirements should arguably be imposed on all UMSU International Committee members if they are to receive an honorarium (and attempt to act autonomously).
 - Regulations for the payment of UMSU International Committee members.
 Similar temporary regulations were used for Southbank Officers pending the Constitutional change.
- Ensure that back payments are made to identified students This price proposal was costed at \$14,800 excluding GST.

Jack Buksh asked about the appropriateness of sending a motion for \$14800 an hour before the meeting. He indicated that UMSU is already under scrutiny regarding it's governance and that this was in no way appropriate behaviour. He said that this was a very important motion, and that he supported it, but this needed proper notice.

Tree Smith echoed Jack's comments

Procedural Motion: to defer this matter to the next Council due to lack of proper notice

Mover: Tree Smith

MOTION FAILS

Procedural Motion: To move straight to a vote

Mover: Tree Smith

CARRIED

Motion 13: To approve the price proposal as presented above.

Mover: Rachel Aw Seconder: Putri Shafira

CARRIED

- 12. Other Business
- 13. Next Meeting
- 14. Close

Meeting closed at 4:34pm