

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council UNCONFIRMED Minutes 4:00PM, 19th of August 2019 Meeting 15(19)

Location: Private Dining Room, Union House

Meeting opened at 4.17pm by Molly Willmott

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Molly Wilmott be elected Chair

Mover: Molly Wilmott Seconder: Conor Day

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So Acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

| Position | Name | Attended? | Councils attended this year (including this one) |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| Graduate Student | Ari Sandler | | |
| Representative on Students' | | | |
| Council | | Did not attend | 4 |
| Indigenous Representative on | Indiah Money | | |
| Students' Council | | Attended | 4 |
| International Student | Erry Plaisimond | | |
| Representative on Students' | | | |
| Council | | Did not attend | 0 |
| Queer Representative on | Ciara O'Sullivan | | |
| Students' Council | | Attended | 1 |
| Students' Council General | Georgia Walton Briggs | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 9 |
| Students' Council General | Lucy Turton | | |
| Representative | | Did not attend | 6 |
| Students' Council General | Conor Day | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 11 |
| Students' Council General | Eva Addinsall | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 5 |

| Students' Council General | Tim Lilley | | |
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| Representative | -, | Attended | 15 |
| Students' Council General | Gurpreet Singh | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 13 |
| Students' Council General | Catriona Smith (Tree) | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 12 |
| Students' Council General | Jessica Miller | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 10 |
| Students' Council General | Anneke d'Emanuele | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 8 |
| Students' Council General | Terence Taylor | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 7 |
| Students' Council General | Worapitcha Laichant | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 8 |
| Students' Council General | Jack Buksh | | |
| Representative | | Attended | 2 |
| Students' Council General | Melinda Suter | | |
| Representative | | Did not attend | 4 |
| Students' Council General | Nick Reich | | |
| Representative | | Did not attend | 4 |
| Students of Colour | Nour Altoukhi | | |
| Representative | | Did not attend | 0 |
| Students with Disabilities | Hue Man Dang | | |
| Representative | | | |
| | | Did not attend | 1 |
| Students' Council General | Kaimon Wong | | |
| Representative | | | |
| | | Attended | 9 |

Office Bearers

| Position | Name | Attended? | Councils attended this year (including this one) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| President | Molly Willmott | Attended | 14 |
| General Secretary | Reece Moir | Attended | 14 |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Elizabeth Tembo | Attended | 4 |
| Education (Academic Affairs) Officer | Dominic Ilagan | Attended | 5 |
| Education (Public Affairs) Officer | Charlie Joyce | Did not attend | 0 |
| Education (Public Affairs) Officer | Charlotte Fouhy | Did not attend | 5 |
| Welfare Officer | Ashwin Chhaperia | Attended | 8 |
| Welfare Officer | Natasha Guglielmino | Did not attend | |
| | | | 12 |

| Women's Officer | Criselda (Aria) Sunga | Attended | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----|
| | | | 8 |
| Women's Officer | Hannah Buchan | Attended | 12 |
| Media Officer | VACANT | | |
| Media Officer | Stephanie Zhang | Did not attend | 8 |
| Media Officer | Carolyn Huane | Did not attend | 5 |
| Media Officer | Ruby Perryman | Did not attend | 5 |
| Environment Officer | Will Ross | Did not attend | 3 |
| Queer Officer | Andie Moore | Attended | 14 |
| Queer Officer | Raphael Canty | Did not attend | 5 |
| Creative Arts Officer | Eloise Hammill | Did not attend | 8 |
| Creative Arts Officer | Lucy Holz | Did not attend | 4 |
| Activities Officer | Liam O'Brien | Did not attend | 8 |
| Activities Officer | VACANT | | |
| People of Colour Officer | Farah Khairat | Did not attend | 4 |
| People of Colour Officer | Mark Yin | Did not attend | 9 |
| Disabilities Officer | Lucy Birch | Attended | 8 |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Christopher | Attended | |
| | Melenhorst | | 12 |
| Clubs & Societies Officer | Jordan Tochner | Attended | 6 |
| Indigenous Officer | Laura Brown | Did not attend | 0 |
| Indigenous Officer | Jordan Holloway- | Did not attend | |
| | Clarke | | 2 |
| Burnley campus coordinator | James Barclay | Did not attend | 2 |
| VCA Campus Coordinator | Hilary (Lily) Ekins | Did not attend | 5 |

Others: Emily Roberts

Staff: Justin Bare, UMSU CEO, Goldie Pergl, UMSU Coordinator – Student Representation and

Volunteering

1.4 Apologies

Council: Lucy Turton, Hue Man Dang

OB: Will Ross, Elizabeth Tembo

1.5 Proxies

Hue Man Dang to Ciara O'Sullivan, Catriona Smith to Conor Day (when out of room)

1.6 Membership

No changes

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Molly Wilmott (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To confirm the previous minutes (Meeting 13) as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Molly Wilmott (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

Nil

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Procedural Motion: Molly Wilmott cedes the chair to Reece Moir

Mover: Molly Wilmott (Chair)

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

Reece gave a brief outline of the reasons why disaffiliation can be appealed to Students' Council. Council was reminded that their purview is to only hear the appeal within the relevant bounds of the constitution

5.1 Chinese Debating Group Disaffiliation Appeal

Justin Riazaty representing CDG spoke to Council.

He stated that the club is appealing this on 2 grounds

-an established track record

-administrative and procedural errors with disaffiliation

Series of emails between CDG and the Committee after AGM 8/5/19. After docs were submitted, irregularities were found. These were brought to the attention of CDG. 30th May, we got an email that indicated there were issues and that one of those issues was that we were sponsored by XP Education. Club contacted C&S verbally. C&S indicated that we had been sponsored by XP education which is not allowable. Our treasurers report state that we were sponsored. We were disaffiliated based on the fact that we had been dishonest on our reporting, but we had not, but XP was on there, so we were truthful

A committee member found XP education, found that they were quite a good sponsor. She had no knowledge that they were outlawed, and without the permission of the executive, she signed for it. No benefit was gained from this. 7 days after, we realised that she'd signed it, and we then orally cancelled the contract.

However, following this termination, a club related to us - the CDG had a contract and were getting benefits from Mo Uni. Mo uni is a subsidiary of XP – there was no clear link between the 2.

We were deceived because of all the receiving bank details was XP. All the banking is done by the treasurer. She didn't pick up that XP was problematic because she only does money and wouldn't have picked up that it was from XP and not Mo Uni.

No intent to defraud C&S. CDG was in fact defrauded by a big corporation. To risk everything on one sponsor would be ridiculous.

Regarding CDG's track record – the Club has never been disaffiliated before so our track record is great. We are a club for students at the university, that has been recognised internationally. We didn't try and defraud anyone

Chris Melenhorst (C&S OB) responded on behalf of the C&S Office.

He indicated that Justin isn't a member of the CDG committee or even a member of the club so it was interesting that Justin is speaking on the clubs' behalf.

Chris indicated that CDG were disaffiliated for providing manifestly false info - failure to submit the fact that they had a contract with XP.

Chris said that the C&S Committee made the decision because a C&S staff member noticed the links to XP Education in their financial docs. C&S requested all documentation and this was then not forthcoming. C&S gained the contract by an anonymous email from a faculty staff member.

Chris indicated that the sponsorship declaration (done by all clubs) – XP Education was written, and contracts provided are for both XP and for MO Uni.

Jordan Tochner (C&S OB) said that the reason we have these rules, and this outcome is that if we can't trust these clubs with basic things, we can't do our job. She advised Council that when a club is disaffiliated, it's only disaffiliating UMSU's relationship with them – not the club's existence.

Councillors requested clarification regarding XP Education and MO

Chris clarified that Mo Uni claims to be a subsidiary which provides different services from XP.

Conor Day asked why is XP forbidden?

Justin Bare indicated that XP is a private tutoring company that used its relationship with clubs to get free room bookings in the University. C&S does not exist to support 3rd parties running private enterprise.

India asked for a clarification about disaffiliation – what does it mean?

Chris clarified that it meant 12 months with no affiliation to UMSU...

Motion 4: To uphold the disaffiliation of CDG

Mover: Catriona Smith Seconder: Conor Day

CARRIED

1 Abstention.

5.2 German Club Disaffiliation Appeal

No papers.

Reece indicated that he had recommended to Benedict that Benedict submit his appeal with papers but nothing was emailed through before the Council meeting.

Procedural Motion: To limit speaking time to 5 minutes.

Mover: Molly Wilmott (Chair)

CARRIED

Benedict spoke on behalf of the German Club. He indicated that it was very lucky for those present, that this issue wasn't as complicated as CDG.

He said that C&S put the German Club on a roller coaster ride of disaffiliation. The Liberal Club has also gone to the Grievance Tribunal that their disaffiliation was not legitimate either, and had been victorious. C&S got in contact after the AGM to get the details of members and committee members. Benedict couldn't get their details, and didn't have the

means to contact them. He indicated that he didn't get their details in time. He sent them off to UMSU as soon as he got them, but it was too late.

He said that the German Club was disaffiliated for a small error.

Chris Melenhorst spoke on behalf of C&S: The German Club was disaffiliated because they didn't get our forms to C&S within 2 weeks of the AGM as all clubs are expected to do. The German Club AGM was in March –C&S gave them leeway because of the issues regarding the tribunal. At the end of May C&S requested the documents.

In June the C&S Committee put them on Probation – which is a disciplinary measure that requires any further issues to be escalated to further discipline.

In July C&S directed the club to submit the documents by the 26th July.

After that failed, the C&S Committee petitioned to disaffiliate as they had had 3 months to submit their AGM Documentation.

Jordan Tochner reminded the Council that the idea that the German Club's track record was prefect was problematic – they were on probation when the committee petitioned to disaffiliate. She indicated that the committee followed procedures to a t, and that the club was given every chance in the world.

Catriona Smith spoke, saying that the club was given more extensions than any other club. They didn't come to the (C&S Committee) meeting despite having petitions against them – they had failed at all points.

Anneke d'Emanuele asked if it was the list of executives or general committee? She said that disaffiliations are always a really big thing to do to a club.

Benedict said that the German Club had submitted a list prior to the dates that was incomplete – he has no bank access, he has to provide stuff to C&S that he doesn't have. He indicated that the process had been an absolute nightmare.

Conor Day said that contacting old exec – its usually pretty standard with a sold handover. He indicated that he believed that the German Club was active and will survive a disaffiliation

Jordan said that C&S values the autonomy of clubs. It's not C&S's job to get involved in the inner workings of clubs. C&S asks for formal documents only. C&S usually don't get involved with the club email issues etc. It is not C&S's job to contact individuals – just the club.

Benedict indicated that whatever the outcome, the German Club with exist and will move forward. He inidicated he had never been given a list of items C&S required and that if the club was disaffiliated, it would hurt the 160 members of the club.

Procedural Motion: To move to a vote

Mover: Catriona Smith

CARRIED

Motion 4: To uphold the disaffiliation of the German Club

Mover: Catriona Smith Seconder: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED

1 Abstention.

PROCEDURAL: That Reece Moir cedes the Chair back to Molly Wilmott

Mover: Reece Moir

CARRIED

Request from Anneke to go back to Agenda Item 2 – Confirmation of previous minutes.

Anneke indicated that she would like to amend the confirmed minutes – after Tim's motion regarding China, she indicated that she didn't just say "this was good" but that the following should be added after that statement for context; "We support the protests in Hong Kong but recognise that this issue has been used to increase anti-Chinese racisim and that the western states aren't bastions of freedom. So we reject any attempts to co-opt the struggle of Hong Kongers to bolster anti-Chinese racism."

Motion 5: to reconfirm the minutes with the above amendment

Mover: Molly Willmott (Chair)

CARRIED

6. Office Bearer Reports

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| President | Submitted |
| General Secretary | Submitted |
| Activities | Submitted |
| Clubs & Societies | Submitted |
| Creative Arts | Submitted |
| Disabilities | Not Submitted |
| Education (Academic Affairs) | Not Submitted |
| Education (Public Affairs) | Not Submitted |
| Environment | Not Submitted |
| Indigenous | Not Submitted |
| Media | Submitted |
| People of Colour | Submitted |
| Queer | Submitted |
| Welfare | Submitted |
| Women's | Submitted |
| Burnley | Submitted |
| Southbank | Not Submitted |
| | |

Elizabeth Tembo said that she'd not gotten a report in, but said that a proposal to add a 15th day to the semester 1 study exam period has been floated by the Uni. Will survey the students about this.

Additionally, the Selection Processes Committee has said that there may be a change to the way undergrad WAM is calculated so that first year may not count.

Multiple councillors expressed concern regarding this, and requested more information about the proposal.

Conor Day asked all OBs with no reports to do a verbal report if they were present.

Lucy Turton indicated she had been away but was planning stuff for Semester 2.

1721: Tim Lilley left, resulting in a loss of quorum

Procedural Motion: to move to a vote to accept the reports

Mover: Anneke d'Emannuele

CARRIED

Motion 6: To accept the OB reports, adding in an amendment to the Media recommendations

that \$2000 for election guide

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To go in camera, allowing Goldie Pergl (minute taker) and Justin Bare (UMSU

CEO) to remain.

Mover: Molly Willmott (Chair)

CARRIED

1723 Tim Lilley return, quorum resumed

7. Chief Executive Officer's Report

During this time, Council discussed the CEOs report.

Additionally, the following motions were discussed and voted on:

Motion 7: To not approve the Arts and Cultural refurbishment

Mover: Catriona Smith Seconder: Tim Lilley

CARRIED

Motion 8: That each OB Department that has spent less than 40% of its allocation submit a budget plan to Council for the remainder of the year. A template will be prepared by UMSU to

assist with this.

Mover: Catriona Smith Seconder: Tim Lilley

CARRIED

Motion 9: To accept the CEOs report Mover: Molly Willmott (Chair)

CARRIED

Additionally, Council discussed the Constitutional Changes that were before Council.

Motion 10: That Students' Council endorse the Constitutional changes submitted

Mover: Molly Willmott Seconder: Reece Moir

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 11: That Council moves that the new Constitution Changes be discussed and put at an SGM

to be held on the 17th of September at 12:30.

Mover: Conor Day Seconder: Tim Lilley

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.2. July P&L Statement

Motion 12: That the July P&L statements be noted by Council

Mover: Molly Willmott (Chair)

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move out of camera

Mover: Tim Lilley

CARRIED

9. Operational Business

9.1. Mudfest Volunteer Framework

Motion 13: To approve the MudFest Volunteer Framework

Mover: Molly Willmott (Chair)
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.2. Mid-Year Budget Summary

Already discussed

9.3. Renew Our UMSU Constitution

Already discussed

9.4. Office Bearer Leave – Dominic Ilagan, September 2nd to 6th

Jordan Tochner indicated that her application was until the 20th September

Motion 14: To approve Dom and Jordan's leave applications

Mover: Molly Willmott (Chair)

CARRIED

10. Motions on Notice

10.1. Queer Lunch

Queer Lunch has had an outstanding attendance each week this year, at an unexpectedly high rate. In the first weeks of last semester, Queer Lunch was attracting between 50 and 70 students a week, with all the food going in about 15 minutes. Over the year we have increased our weekly spend, and stabilised to a regular attendance of 35-50 a week, but we are running low on money now to keep Queer Lunch going. This has been an amazing event for student engagement and forms the heart of Queer Collective, and we'd greatly appreciate the budget being topped up.

Motion: To approve up to \$1,300 from the Whole of Union budget line to spend on Lunch

for the Queer Bunch

Moved: Andie Moore Seconded: Ciara O'Sullivan

NOT VOTED ON

Discussion about the Queer Budget and if this extra money is required.

Procedural Motion: To move to a vote

Mover: Ciara
MOTION FAIL

Procedural Motion: To defer motions 10.1 – 10.3 to the next Council when we have more

information

Mover: Catriona Smith

CARRIED

10.2. G&Ts with the LGBTs

G&Ts has been attracting 50-60 people a week, double what we expected. There was no possible way we could estimate attendees at the start of the year and are now running over budget. We'd appreciate council's support in allowing this event to continue - there is no over spending as we limit students to one drink per person. This has attracted so many new people to the department and union.

Motion: To approve up to \$1,500 from the Whole of Union budget line to spend on G&Ts

with the LGBTs

Moved: Raph Canty Seconded:

DEFERRED

10.3. Queer Department 'Zine

We had to print more copies of our zine as we managed to distribute 2000 zones earlier, and ran out. We had to print more for Winterfest!

Motion: To approve up to \$1,300 from the Whole of Union budget line to spend on a re-

print of the zine

Moved: Raph Canty Seconded:

DEFERRED

10.4. La Mama Donation

On the morning of 19 May 2018, La Mama was devastated by fire. This distressing event deeply affected both artistic and local communities. While La Mama have insurance, government and philanthropic support, they are still falling a little short of the amount needed to rebuild La Mama. With a rich history spanning over 50 years and a national profile, La Mama is Australia's home of independent theatre, with a distinct focus on artists. It plays a critical role in the national arts landscape as a place where relevant and risk-taking work can occur. La Mama advocates for those seeking to expand the boundaries of theatre, champions artistic individuality, accessibility and freedom, and celebrates a diverse community of artists and audiences. By providing foundational resources and support for both new and experienced theatre makers, La Mama prioritises remuneration for artists, celebrates creative risk, and champions the development of new Australian work. La Mama welcomes and supports artists and audiences from all sections of the community. La Mama is home to many and open to all.

Over its 50-year history La Mama has supported countless students and alumni. Many of these students have presented works at La Mama and have then gone onto illustrious careers in the Arts. Just this year, 9 students through Union House Theatre (UHT) presented new works in La Mama's Explorations season – with another 20 students performing and directing in these works. La Mama's current winter brochure is littered with UHT and UMSU alumni.

In line with UMSU's charter of providing funding that keeps the arts, representation and cultural services alive and keeping student voices in the big picture – here is a unique opportunity to support the future of Australian theatre and contribute to the community of Carlton more broadly by donating to the Rebuild La Mama Fund.

Arts organisations like La Mama are an important resource in building pathways to stronger connections in our community, and in turn lay the groundwork for exploration about how to

maintain vital cultural and community traditions while inviting much-needed neighbourhood investment.

Martin Foley Minster for Creative Industries said recently at a La Mama launch - "La Mama has contributed so much to our cultural life, to our dedicated artists, and to creative risk-taking and ideas since the 1960s. La Mama's role in our creative ecosystem is as important as ever. That's why the Andrews Labour Government has contributed \$1 million to help rebuild the theatre and set La Mama up for the next 50 years and beyond. I encourage you to be part of this important project which will ensure La Mama stands strong for future generations of artists and audiences."

La Mama has given so much to our student community – we would like to give back and ensure that it continues for the benefit of future students.

We ask Student Council to contribute a donation of \$5000- to the Rebuild La Mama Fund, to help La Mama create a universally accessible space for artists and audience alike, restore a heritage site and together contribute to the ongoing development of La Mama as a home for diverse, independent arts in Australia.

Discussion about the need for such a donation, the arts in Melbourne and the lack of budget breakdown in the motion. Motion came to Students' Council via the Creative Arts OBs and staffers from Arts and Entertainment.

17.57 lost quorum – Ciara and Worapitcha 17:59 Kaimon left, proxying to Joshua Bruni

Motion 15: To move \$5000 from WOU to donate to the La Mama rebuild fund

Moved: Molly Willmott Seconded: Georgia Walton Briggs

CARRIED

10.5. UMSU Stance Book (re)Endorsement

Motion 16: To endorse the UMSU Stance Booklet

Mover: Reece Moir Seconder: Molly Willmott

CARRIED

11. Motions Without Notice

None

12. Other Business

None

13. Next Meeting

24th September 2019

14. Close

Meeting closed at 1805

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