

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes 4th of December 2019 | 3:00pm

Meeting 2(20)

Location: Redmond Barry, Latham Theatre

Council opened at 3:08pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Hannah Buchan be elected Chair.

Moved: Hannah Buchan Seconded: Jack Buksh

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Allen Xiao	N	1
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Max Dowell	Y	2
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Andie Moore	N	0
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Tejas Gandhi	N	0
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Hayley Kebbell	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Evelyn Ranogajec	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Joshua Bruni	N	0
Students' Council (General Representative)	Christopher Melenhorst	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nick Reich	N	0
Students' Council (General Representative)	Lachlan Hinds	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Raiyaan Mahbub	Y	2
Students' Council (General Representative)	Felix Sharkey	Y	1

Students' Council (General	Molly Willmott	N	1
Representative)			
Students' Council (General	Varaidzo Chipunza	Y	2
Representative)			
Students' Council (General	Hannah Krasovec	N	1
Representative)			
Students' Council (General	Matthew Harper-Gomm	Y	2
Representative)	_		
Students' Council (General	Maisie Strong	N	0
Representative)			
Students' Council (General	Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal	N	0
Representative)			
Students' Council (General	Thonya Deverall	Y	2
Representative)			
Students' Council (General	Catriona Smith	Y	2
Representative)			
Indigenous Committee	Jess Ferrari-Thomas	N	1

Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?	Number of councils attended
President	Hannah Buchan	Y	2
General Secretary	Jack Buksh	Y	2
Activities Officer	India Pinkney	N	0
Clubs & Societies Officer	Jordan Di Natale	Y	2
Disabilities Officer	Hue Man Dang	Y	2
Disabilities Officer	Srishti Chatterjee	Y	2
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlie Joyce	N	1
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlotte Fouhy	N	0
Environment Officer	Olivia Sullivan	Y	2
Environment Officer	Sophie Kerrigan	Y	2
Media Officer	Bethany Cherry	N	1
Media Officer	Amber Meyer	Y	2
Media Officer	Sarah Peters	Y	2
Media Officer	Tharidi Walimunige	Y	2
People of Colour Officer	Nicole Nabbout	Y	2
People of Colour Officer	Gurpreet Singh	N	1
Queer Officer	Ciara O'Sullivan	Y	2
Queer Officer	A'bidah Zaid	N	0
Welfare Officer	Declan Kerger	Y	2
Welfare Officer	Natasha	N	1
	Guglielmino		
Women's Officer	Aria Sunga	Y	2
Women's Officer	Naomi Smith	Y	1
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Joshua Munro	Y	2
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Georgia Walton	Y	2
	Briggs		
Creative Arts Officer	Emily White	Y	2
Creative Arts Officer	Olivia Bell	Y	2
Activities Officer	Hayley Stanford	N	0
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	N	0

VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Verity Crane	N	1
VCA Campus Co-ordinator	Hayden Williams	Y	2
Indigenous Officer	Shanysa Jayde	Y	1
	McConville		
Indigenous Officer	Hope Kuchel	Y	1

Other: Sarah Black, Administration Officer; Noni Bridger; Jeremy O'Keeffe; Eleanor Watson; Annalyce Wiehenga; Raymond Wu; Amal Wehbe

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Hannah Krasovec, Andie Moore, Molly Willmott, Allen Xiao, Joshua Bruni, Tejas Gandhi, Nurul Juhria Binte Kamal

Office Bearers: India Pickney, Hayley Stanford, A'bidah Zaid Sirbeeni, Gurpreet Singh (on leave)

1.5 Proxies

Hannah Krasovec to Amal Whebe, Andie Moore to Eleanor Watson, Molly Willmott to Noni Bridger, Allen Xiao to Raymond Wu, Joshua Bruni to Jeremy O'Keefe, Nurual Juhria Binte Kamal to Annalyce Wiebenga

1.6 Membership

Trianna Valdes has resigned as the Clubs and Societies Office Bearer.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Meeting of the Students' Council 1(20)

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes of meeting 1 as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None declared.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

None

6. Office Bearer Reports

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Not Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Not Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted

Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Not Submitted
Media	Submitted with Recommendations
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Late
Welfare	Not Submitted
Women's	Late
Burnley	Not Submitted
Southbank	Not Submitted

Raiyaan expressed concern about Education Public's report on merch and that he feels the slogan is politicised.

Tree said that she's spoken to Steven about this who said it was fine.

Tree asked the Welfare department for news. Declan Kerger declared that they've been busy and waiting to hear back from a few people.

Motion 4: To accept the OB report en bloc.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Raiyaan abstained from voting.

CARRIED

7. CEO Report

7.1 CEO Report 2(20)

Motion 4: To accept the CEO's report

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

Eleanor abstained from voting.

CARRIED

7.2 Briefing and Options Paper – Payments to Students

Jack gave a brief introduction to the Options Paper and asked Council to refer to Justin with any questions.

7.3 UMSU Budget Memorandum – FINAL

Jack said that Justin has compiled the changes from last week and that the Budget Memorandum will be released to students shortly.

Motion 5: To note the final additions to the Budget Memorandum.

Moved: Hannah Buchan (Chair)

CARRIED

8. Other Reports

None.

9. Operational Business

9.1. Opening of Nominations for Operations Sub-Committee

Jack briefly described Operations Sub-Committee and announced that he will be closing the nominations next Wednesday at 5pm.

Motion 6: To note the opening of nominations for Operations Sub-Committee.

Moved: Jack Buksh Seconded: Tree Smith

CARRIED

Hannah said that items 9.2-9.9 cannot be covered at this Council.

- 9.2 Opening of Nominations for CEO Contract Oversight Committee
- 9.3. Financial Regulations
- 9.4. Standing Orders
- 9.5. Council Charter
- 9.6. Regulations for Student Representatives
- 9.7. Electoral Regulations
- 9.8. Clubs & Societies Regulations
- 9.9. CEO Contract Oversight Cttee

10. Motions on Notice

None.

11. Motions Without Notice

Please see attached sheet

1. Darlington Statement- Intersex Rights are Human Rights

Ciara spoke to the motion and expressd support for intersex people and toward promoting the University to do the same.

Motion 7: To move the motion titled Darlington Statement- Intersex Rights are Human

Rights.

Moved: Ciara O'Sullivan Seconded: Eleanor Watson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Deakin Conference

Aria spoke to the motion.

Ciara spoke in support of having OB representation at the conference. Sarah said that it'd be good to increase the attendance number from 5 people.

Motion 8: To move the motion titled Deakin Conference.

Moved: Aria Sunga Seconded: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

12. Other Business

Jordan said that he's been talking to Stop 1 about installing a student advisory system for Clubs and Societies at Stop 1.

Srishti declared that there was money left in the budget from last year to buy books and plants.

Jack said that there is an apology from Justin who had a prior commitment.

At this point Council moved back to item 11 – Motions Without Notice.

11. Motions Without Notice

Aria read her motion to Council.

Tree said that this isn't an appropriate use for WoU funds and that it should be a cross departmental collaboration.

Aria said that the Women's budget doesn't have funds for training in it.

Procedural to defer the motion to next Council pending a discussion between departments.

Moved: Tree Smith

CARRIED - Motion deferred

Srishti expressed that training should take place in two slots so that everyone has a chance to attend.

13. Next Meeting

January and TBA

14. Close

Council closed at 3:344pm

Darlington Statement-Intersex Rights are Human Rights

The Darlington Statement is a joint consensus statement by Australian and Aotearoa/New Zealand intersex organisations and independent advocates, in March 2017. It sets out the priorities and calls by the intersex human rights movement.

Intersex people are born with physical or biological sex characteristics (such as sexual anatomy, reproductive organs, hormonal patterns and/or chromosomal patterns) that are more diverse than stereotypical definitions for male or female bodies.

Intersex people face a number of challenges in Australia and across the world, including discrimination on the basis of sex characteristics, non-consensual medical interventions on intersex children to 'normalise' their bodies, and a lack of legal recognition in some areas.

Intersex people make up about 1.7% of the Australian population.

The Darlington Statement calls for, among other things, the criminalisation of deferrable intersex medical interventions, an end to the legal classification of sex, and improved access to peer support.

Intersex people, and intersex students deserve to have their rights recognised, and deserve visibility and justice for current and historic wrongs. Affirming the Darlington Statement is the best first step UMSU can take in supporting intersex people.

Statement here: https://ihra.org.au/darlington-statement/

Platform

- 1. That UMSU stands in solidarity with the Intersex community,
- 2. That UMSU condemns the violation of intersex rights,
- 3. That UMSU offers solidarity and support to intersex students at the University of Melbourne.

Action

- 1. That UMSU officially affirms the Darlington Statement (linked above).
- 2. Directs the President to write to the Vice-Chancellor Duncan Maskell, encouraging the university to affirm the statement, and requesting they distance themselves from correction surgeries.
- 3. Directs the President and the Queer Officers to release a joint statement on the rights of intersex students.

Moved: Ciara O'Sullivan Seconded: Andie Moore.

Deakin Conference

Preamble:

On behalf of UMSU, Dr. Patrick Tidmarsh submitted an abstract to present at the Deakin *Respect. Prevent. Respond.* Conference, the second of its kind held in February 2020. The Conference theme is 'Sexual harm prevention and response in the tertiary education sector: working with diversity and intersectionality.'. The abstract, titled *Transforming culture and practice around sexual harm: How far have we come?* was accepted, and we have 30 minutes to present at the Conference. This is an incredible opportunity for student representatives not only to attend and learn from the conference, but to speak to university faculty as well. The amount requested in the motion reflects the costs of registration for five students (\$285.00 each) and one standard registration (\$550.00, for Dr. Tidmarsh). The students attending as of now will be the 2020 Women's (Aria Sunga & Naomi Smith) and Queer Office Bearers (A'bidah Zaid and Ciara O'Sullivan) and Andie Moore, one of the 2019 Queer Officer Bearers, who has also been involved in the submission of the abstract.

Motion:

That up to \$1920.00 be passed from Whole of Union to fund the attendance of five student representatives, and Dr. Patrick Tidmarsh to attend and present at the 2nd Respect. Prevent. Respond. Conference at Deakin University on the 13th and 14th of February.

Mover: Aria Sunga Seconder: Ciara O'Sullivan

CASA

Motion:

That \$160 be passed from Whole of Union to fund first responder training from for the 2020 Women's Officers (\$80 per student), provided by Centre Against Sexual Assault House (CASA).

Moved: Naomi Smith Seconded: Aria Sunga