

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council

Unconfirmed Minutes

10:30am, Friday the 7th of December 2018 Meeting 2(19)

Location: Training Room 1, Third Floor, Union House

Meeting opened at 10:48am.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Daniel Beratis be elected Chair.

Mover: Daniel Beratis Seconder: Catriona Smith

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils attended this year (including this one)
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Ari Sandler	Did not attend	0
Indigenous Representative	Indiah Money	Did not attend	0
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Cecilia Widjojo	Attended	2
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Amelia Reeves	Attended	2
Students' Council General Representative	Georgia Walton Briggs	Attended	2
Students' Council General Representative	Lucy Turton	Did not attend	0
Students' Council General Representative	Conor Day	Did not attend	0
Students' Council General Representative	Eva Addinsall	Did not attend	0

Students' Council General	Tim Lilley		
Representative		Attended	2
Students' Council General Representative	Gurpreet Singh	Attended	2
Students' Council General Representative	Catriona Smith	Attended	2
Students' Council General Representative	Jessica Miller	Attended	2
Students' Council General Representative	Anneke d'Emanuele	Attended	1
Students' Council General Representative	Terence Taylor	Attended	1
Students' Council General Representative	Worapitcha Laichant	Did not attend	0
Students' Council General Representative	Emma Parkinson	Did not attend	1
Students' Council General Representative	Melinda Suter	Did not attend	0
Students' Council General Representative	Nick Reich	Attended	1
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Lalatuai Grogan	Attended	1
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Jacinta Dowe	Did not attend	1

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Attended?	Councils attended this year (including this one)
President	Molly Willmott	Attended	1
General Secretary	Reece Moir	Attended	1
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Elizabeth Tembo	Did not attend	1
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ru Bee Chung	Attended	2
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Cameron Doig		0
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Charlotte Fouhy	Attended	1
Welfare Officer	Ashwin Chhaperia	Did not attend	0

Welfare Officer	Natasha	Attended	
Women's Officer	Guglielmino	Did not	2
women's officer	Criselda (Aria) Sunga	Did not attend	0
Women's Officer	Hannah Buchan	Attended	1
Media Officer	Katherine Doherty	Attended	1
Media Officer	Stephanie Zhang	Attended	2
Media Officer	Carolyn Huane	Did not attend	1
Media Officer	Ruby Perryman	Did not attend	0
Environment Officer	Will Ross	Attended	1
Queer Officer	Andie Moore	Attended	2
Queer Officer	Will Parker	Attended	2
Creative Arts Officer	Eloise Hammill	Attended	2
Creative Arts Officer	Lucy Holz	Attended	1
Activities Officer	Liam O'Brien	Attended	2
Activities Officer	Olivia Panjkov	Did not attend	1
People of Colour Officer	Farah Khairat	Attended	1
People of Colour Officer	Mark Yin	Attended	2
Disabilities Officer	Jocelyn Deane	Attended	2
Disabilities Officer	Lucy Birch	Did not attend	1
Clubs & Societies Officer	Christopher Melenhorst	Attended	2
Clubs & Societies Officer	Jordan Tochner	Did not attend	0
Burnley campus coordinator	James Barclay	Did not attend	0
VCA Campus Coordinator	Hilary Ekins	Attended	2

Other: Alice Smith, Luca Tavan, Kareena Dhaliwal, Joshua Bruni, Joshua Munro, Conor Clements, Sarah Peters, Christine Semerdjian, Callum Simpson

Staff: Justin Baré, UMSU CEO; Sarah Black, UMSU Administration Officer

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Indiah Money, Emma Parkinson, Ari Sandley, Eva Addinsall, Melinda Suter, Conor Day, Lucy Turton Office Bearers: Ashwin Chhaperia, Aria Sunga, Olivia Panjkov

1.5 Proxies

Emma Parkinson to Kareena Dhaliwal, Eva Addinsall to Alice Smith, Lucy Turton to Callum Simpson, Worapitcha Laichant to Joshua Bruni, Melinda Suter to Lucy Tavan, Jacinta Dowes to Amelia Reeves.

1.6 Membership

Alexandra Hohoi & Serena Rae Thompson have resigned as Indigenous Office Bearers. Chi Wai Wong has resigned as a General Representative on Students' Council. Frank Harvey Tyson has resigned as a General Representative on Students' Council. Neera Kadkol has resigned as a General Representative on Studetns' Council.

Anneke d'Emanuele has been appointed General Representative on Studens' Council. Nick Reich has been appointed General Representative on Students' Council.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda with the amendment to spell Anneke's name correctly.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes of Students' Council, Meeting 19(18)

Motion 3: To accept the minutes of meeting 19(18).

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

2.2. Minutes of Operations Sub-committee, Meeting 24(18)

Motion 4: To accept the minutes of Operations Sub-committee 24(18).

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

2.3. Minutes of Interim Students' Council, Meeting 1(19)

Motion 5: To accept the minutes of Interim Students' Council, meeting 1(19)

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Office Bearer Reports

Please see the attached document: Office Bearer Reports.

President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Not submitted
Clubs & Societies	Not submitted
Creative Arts	Not submitted
Disabilities	Nots ubmitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Not submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Not submitted
Welfare	Not submitted
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	Not submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Not submitted

Molly Willmott welcomed Office Bearers and explained Alexandra Hohoi's and Serena Rae Thomson's resignations from the Indigenous Department as well as mentioned a byelection that will be held next year to fill the Indigenous Office Bearer positions.

Anneke d'Emanuele asked about the process.

Justin Baré clarified that electoral regulations apply to by-elections and that they set out the rules. He noted that a by-election was held in 2006 and then a few years later.

Motion 6: To accept the Office Bearer reports en bloc.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Justin Baré provided an overview of his role within UMSU and some issues and challenges that may come to Council throughout the year including:

- Renew Our UMSU project, with importance that the January Counil gives attention to it as changes will be proposed
- Upcoming Federal Election and student issues being in focus
- Student precinct

Justin noted that he is available to talk about any issues or if questions arise, and to drop in for a chat.

Anneke Demanuele agreed about the Federal Election and that it's favourable to bring to Council's attention at this time.

Motion 7: To accept the CEO's verbal report.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Daniel Beratis asked Council to declare conflicts of interests at this time as it was not an item on the agenda, but that it will be item 3 in future agendas.

Catriona Smith advised that she is working for Farrago; Sarah Peters and Amelia Reeves advised that they have VCESS special roles; Tim Lilley advised that he is a Host Program Director.

Procedural to move to item 8

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

7. Other Reports

8. Operational Business

8.1. Office Bearer Leave – Ashwin Chhaperia

December 1st to 2nd of January

8.2. Office Bearer Leave - Criselda (Aria) Sunga

November 27th to 28th of December

8.3. Office Bearer Leave – Olivia Panjkov

November 29th to February 22nd

Motion 8: To accept item 8.1 to 8.3 en bloc.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

8.4. Election of Operations Sub-committee

Daniel Beratis declared members elected to Operations Sub-Committee.

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 That all expenditure under \$1000 from The Whole of Union Budget Line be automatically deferred to Operations Subcommittee for discussion and approval.

Moved: Molly Willmott Seconded: Reece Moir

Molly spoke to the motion.

Motion 9: To accept the motion.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

- 9.2 That all expenditure over \$1000 from the Whole of Union Budget line must include at least one of the following:
- An invoice, receipt, or quote for item or goods;
- A budget breakdown;
- In the case of a campaign, a campaign plan that includes where money will be spent;

- An explanation, on reasonable grounds as determined by council, as to why the above cannot be included.

Failure to provide such documentation will result in automatic deferral until there is supporting documentation as prescribed above. Students' Council may also request further documentation if deemed necessary.

Moved: Molly Willmott Seconded: Reece Moir

Molly spoke to the motion. Amelia said that sometimes it's not possible to obtain a receipt and asked whether this is covered under "reasonable grounds". Molly said yes.

Motion 10: To accept the motion.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to defer item 9.3 until after item 8.5.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

8.5. 2019 Budget

Discussion around NUS affiliation funding and three proposed amendments.

Procedural to defer discussion about the NUS affiliation until after the

budget.

Mover: Catriona Smith

NOT CARRIED

Daniel Beratis recommended to discuss the three motions and decide how to proceed.

Anneke praised NUS and said that the concern around it is unfounded, emphasising that UMSU is lucky to have a large portion of SSAF which can fund NUS.

Joshua Bruni expressed that NUS has shocking governance, has been dying for years, is not representative of students, hasn't done anything of value this year and should not be given extra money.

Callum Simpson said that there are many concerns with NUS including an undemocratic power sharing agreement constructed by 2 sections of Labor and the Socialist party, and a corrupt system that is self-serving rather than serving the interests of students. He suggested that there are other growing student organisations that may do a better job of representing students in the upcoming Election. He emphasised that the student movement should be encouraged to grow, which won't happen if funds continue being allocated to an organisation that won't turn around in its ways.

Anneke retorted that people who don't get their way call it an "organisational problem". She specified people from NUS who were involved in protests against

detaining refugees, Islamophobia, the far right and said that it's a mischaracterisation that NUS has done nothing.

Alice said that the increase in NUS affiliation funding is appropriate as it increases their involvement and abilities, which in turn helps to support UMSU.

Catriona said that decreasing affiliation does not equal decreasing funding as last year funds were allocated to NUS on request during the year. She said that providing a "blank cheque" allocation does not keep their spending transparent or accountable. Requesting funding, she argued, would open engagement between NUS and UMSU which is desirable. Requests should be accompanied by a budget breakdown and relevant invoices or quotes. She argued to decrease the NUS affiliation funding.

Andie Moore agreed that "blank cheques" are a problem and supported Callum's as they wanted to see other organisations be funded, such as ones that would tackle queer issues and homelessness. They said that protests against Trump are not conductive to local issues.

Procedural to close the speaking list.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Molly said that while some criticisms of NUS are valid all organisations have governance issues. She supported the NUS funding due to it being an election year, the increase from SSAF and that good work has been done by NUS.

Amelia said that NUS has a rife history of violating collective autonomy particularly with regards to Queer Officers and that they refused to collaborate, which means they're marginalising vulnerable students while other organisations support them.

Joshua said that there are no preventative measures to stop faction growth within NUS.

Georgia Walton Briggs noted the need to have funding in order to plan campaigns and that NUS would help to represent students at universities that aren't as wealthy as Melbourne.

Mark Yin said that NUS have not engaged with the People of Colour Department.

Tim argued for keeping the same allocation as last year and expressed that increasing funding condones NUS behaviour.

Catriona reiterated her earlier stance, emphasising accountability and that \$60,000 can provide a lot of free meals and campaigns on campus.

Procedural to defer discussion on NUS affiliation

Mover: Callum Simpson

NOT CARRIED

Luca Tavan said that dropping affiliation fees does not solve a lack of accountability and that funding should be increased as NUS is the peak representative body.

Hannah said that it's unfair to cut funding to NUS as UMSU is the most wealthy student union in the country and that NUS need resources.

Gurpreet agreed to not cut funds.

Lalatuai said that NUS's treatment of Queer and POC Office Bearers raised red flags for her.

Motion 11: To adopt the amendment that NUS affiliation funding be

increased to \$65,000

Mover: Anneke d'Emanuele Seconded: Nick Reich

CARRIED

Motion 12: To adopt the amendment that NUS affiliation funding be

decreased to \$50,000.

Mover: Joshua Bruni Seconder: Tim Lilley

NOT CARRIED

Motion 13: To adopt the amendment that NUS affiliation funding be

decreased to \$40,000

Mover: Callum Simpson

NOT CARRIED

Catriona suggested to direct the General Secretary to convene an affiliation working group regarding an operation of KPIs for any affiliated group.

Procedural to defer to next Council.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 15: That Education budget be increased from the surplus to \$49,100.

Mover: Anneke Demanuele

CARRIED

Quorum lost at 12:34pm

Catriona Smith declared a conflict of interest as she's a volunteer at BBQs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Discussion around payments. Justin outlined the 4 ways in which people can be paid; staff, Office Bearers, Volunteer Program Coordinators and contractors. He emphasised that there are objective legal tests to determine whether someone is an employee, contractor etc and that position title is not relevant.

Motion 16: To reduce Media allocation to \$133,900 and move \$20,000 into

a separate budget line to be frozen pending legal advice.

Mover: Alice Smith Seconder: Joshua Bruni

CARRIED

Motion 17: To increase Welfare by \$5000

Mover: Joshua Bruni

CARRIED

Motion 18: To increase the Clubs training budget line to \$6000.

Mover: Catriona Smith

CARRIED

Quorum regained at 1:02pm

Motion 19: To ratify decisions made during the inquorate time.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 20: To move staff budgets en bloc.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 21: To endorse the staffing elements of budget including UMSU

International

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Discussion around Education budget. Alice defended the budget.

Resignations from Council: Ari Sandler, Jessica Miller, Jacinta Dowes, Emma Parkinson

Discussion around Activities budget.

Discussion around POC budget. Farah defended the budget, citing growing Collective numbers and needing to ask for funds from Council for the printing of Myriad. Lalatuai expressed that reducing budget from a collective that is growing is against UMSU and also queer people of colour.

Motion 22: To amend the POC Collective budget line to \$8070 and move the

remainder to Whole of Union.

Mover: Kareena Dhaliwal

NOT CARRIED

Lily Ekins said that the Southbank Department's budget that was submitted was conservative and significantly underbudgeted. She said that student feedback shows a lack of representation at Southbank.

Motion 23: That the Budget Memorandum be endorsed.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural to defer item 9.3 to next Council.

Mover: Daniel Beratis (Chair)

CARRIED

10. Motions Without notice

None.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Next Meeting

TBD

13. Close

Closed at 1:48pm