

# University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Monday 12 September 2022, 11am Meeting 15(22)

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# Meeting opened at 11.06AM

# 1. Procedural Matters

### 1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Millie Macwhirter be elected as Chair

Mover: Millie Macwhirter Seconded: Marcie Di Bartolomeo

**CARRIED** 

# 1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

### 1.3. Attendance

# **Councillors**

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Mohamed Hadi	Yes
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	VACANT	N/A
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Jaryd Clifford	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Chaitanya Rhaguvanshi	Yes
International Student Representative on	Aakash Chandak	Yes
Students' Council		
Graduate Student Representative on Students'	Haotian (Allen) Xiao	Yes
Council		
Southbank Student Representative on Students'	Zodie Bolic	Yes
Council		
Students' Council (General Representative)	Imogen Senior	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Mehul Gopalakrishnan	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ishita Ganeriwala	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rebekah Kelly	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Scarlett Padden	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Terry Zhu-Xin Wang	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yong Wen Hao	Yes

Students' Council (General Representative)	Annalyce Wiebenga	Approved Leave
Students' Council (General Representative)	Benjamin Cronshaw	Resigned
Students' Council (General Representative)	Shirley Killen	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Georgia Burke	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Toby Glover	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nate Hollis	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ngaire Bogemann	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Zachary Kaplan	No

# Office Bearers

Department	Full name	Attended?
President	Sophie Nguyen	Yes
General Secretary	Millie Macwhirter	Yes
Activities Officer	Bella Henry	In Apology
Clubs & Societies Officer	Eleanor Cooney-Hunt	No
Creative Arts Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Yes
Creative Arts Officer	Prerna Aggarwal	No
Disabilities Officer	Shuyan (Betty) Zhang	In Apology
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ethan Georgeou	Yes
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Moira Negline	In Apology
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Ruby Craven	Yes
Environment Officer	Chelsea Daniel	In Apology
Environment Officer	Zachary Matthews	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	Yes
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	Yes
Media Officer	Charlotte Waters	In Apology
Media Officer	Jasmine Pierce	Yes
Media Officer	Nishtha Banavalikar	No
People of Colour Officer	Hibatallah Adam	In Apology
People of Colour Officer	Kyi Phyu Moe Htet	No
Queer Officer	Rook Davis	Yes
Queer Officer	Rose Power	No
Welfare Officer	Disha Zutshi	Yes
Women's Officer	Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal	Yes
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	Approved Leave
Southbank Campus Co-ordinator	Alex Birch	No
Southbank Activities Officer	Jack Doughty	Yes
Southbank Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	No

Other: Phoebe Churches (interim CEO), Ciara Griffiths (minute-taker), Martina Smythe (P&C Manager), Tim Lippis (P&C Coordinator), Josh Davis

# 1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Charlotte Waters, Bella Henry

# 1.5. Leave of Absence Requests

Kaitlyn Hammond for this Council

# 1.6. Proxies

# 1.7. Membership

# 2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair CARRIED

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

N/A

Procedural Motion: To defer all items on the agenda until Friday, 16 September,

1pm.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi

**CARRIED** 

Council adjourned at 11.08am, Monday 12 September.

Council re-adjourned at 1.12PM, Friday 16 September

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**Procedural Motion:** To commence the meeting from Item 1.2 - Procedural Matters.

Moved: Chair

**CARRIED** 

# 1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

### 1.3. Attendance

Motion 3: That Council accept attendance from Monday's meeting and the readjournment on Friday 16.

Moved: Chair

**CARRIED** 

# 1.4. Apologies

Office Bearers: Charlotte Waters, Bella Henry, Betty Zhang, Chelsea Daniel, Moira Negline, Hiba Adam

### 1.5. Leave of Absence Requests

Kaitlyn Hammond for this Council

# Annalyce Wiebenga for this Council

Motion 4: To accept the leave requests.

Moved: Chair

**CARRIED** 

#### 1.6. Proxies

Georgia Burke would like to proxy to Toby Glover.

# 1.7. Membership

Benjamin Cronshaw has resigned from Students' Council.

# 2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 5: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

**CARRIED** 

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

N/A

### 4. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

N/A

# 5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

N/A

### 6. Correspondence

An email from MUJSS regarding hosting a joint event with UMSU.

"We are planning to host two important speakers at the university in October to share their experiences as fathers (one Palestinian and one Jewish) who both lost daughters as a result of the conflict in the middle east.

We think this talk will be the perfect opportunity to start creating positive dialogue between UMSU and students on campus surrounding these sensitive topics and were hoping you would like to co Host the event with us."

President, Sophie Nguyen, spoke to the correspondence received, invited thoughts on collaborating with the request from MUJSS. Own opinion was best course of action may be to discuss further with the POC Officers, who aren't currently present.

Mohamed Hadi agreed, President and POC Officers will take the discussion offline.

# 7. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Sophie Nguyen	On leave
General Secretary	Millie Macwhirter	Submitted
Activities Officer	Bella Henry	On leave
Clubs & Societies Officer	Eleanor Cooney-Hunt	Not submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	On leave
Creative Arts Officer		Not submitted
Disabilities Officer	Prerna Aggarwal Shuyan (Betty) Zhang	On leave
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Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ethan Georgeou	On leave
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Moira Negline	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Ruby Craven	On leave
Environment Officer	Chelsea Daniel	Submitted
Environment Officer	Zachary Matthews	On leave
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	Submitted
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	Submitted
Media Officer	Charlotte Waters	Submitted
Media Officer	Jasmine Pierce	Submitted
Media Officer	Nishtha Banavalikar	Submitted
People of Colour Officer	Hibatallah Adam	On leave
People of Colour Officer	Kyi Phyu Moe Htet	On leave
Queer Officer	Rook Davis	Submitted
Queer Officer	Rose Power	On leave
Welfare Officer	Disha Zutshi	On leave
Women's Officer	Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal	Not submitted
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Council questioned the attendance and report submission records for some Office Bearers. Gen Sec and Student Rep Coordinator to review attendance and be in touch with Officers lacking in attendance and reports, will report back to Council.

Women's Officer, Kraanti Agarwal delivered a verbal report.

Motion 6: To accept the OB Reports

Moved: Chair

**CARRIED** 

**Procedural Motion:** To move in camera.

Mover: Chair

**CARRIED** 

Council moved in camera at 1.29PM

During this time, Students' Council reviewed the following agenda items and took the following actions:

# 8. CEO Report

Motion 7: to accept the CEO report

Mover: Chair CARRIED

# 9. Mid-Year Budget Review

Motion 8: That Council approves in principle that unspent funds in their budgets be moved into Whole of Union funds for relocation/refurbishment costs pending departmental review by next Council.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi Seconded: Harley Lewis

**CARRIED** 

Chelsea Daniels leaves at 2PM.

Harley Lewis leaves at 2.27PM.

#### Council moved out of camera at 2.27PM

### **10. Other Reports**

### 10.3. Role Statements

Over the past number of weeks, as part of the ongoing work in fulfilling the governance review recommendations, the interim CEO and Coordinator for Student Representation have been drafting Roles & Responsibility Statements for each of the elected student representative departments and positions across UMSU, with the exception (currently) of UMSU Intl.

The statements have been circulated to OBs for initial feedback, which has now been incorporated, and ready for Council to now review and provide any feedback or suggested amendments they may have. When Council is satisfied with the statements, we recommend they be accepted on as policy documents, to be included as part of the induction program for all elected representatives to engage with and declare having read and understood before commencing their terms in office.

Could Councillors please review the statements attached in Council papers and send any feedback to Ciara.griffiths@union.unimelb.edu.au.

The Coordinator for Student Representation, Ciara Griffiths, spoke to the Role Statements; their purpose and the proposal to become binding policy documents for future elected student representatives. Opened for feedback from Council.

Primary feedback surrounded the expectations and wording around time commitments to each role, particularly Office Bearers. Determination met that the wording would need to be carefully considered to not jeopardise international student visa requirements, whilst still being informative on what time commitment election candidates can expect roughly from the roles.

Councillors and Officers were all reminded that the purpose of these statements is to set a firmer guideline for representatives to inform their workloads and activities to undertake in their terms. Goal is to strike the balance between concerns that some Officers come into their role and overwork themselves, where others are perceived to not fulfill their basic duties and responsibilities at all.

#### 10.4. VCE Summer School

**Procedural Motion:** to suspend the Standing Orders

Motion: Chair

**CARRIED** 

Motion 9: to accept a proxy from Terry Wang to Mohamed Hadi.

Moved: Chair

**CARRIED** 

### Terry Wang leaves at 3.02PM

**Procedural Motion:** to resume the Standing Orders.

Motion: Chair

**CARRIED** 

### 10.5. CEO Recruitment Sub-Committee

Phoebe spoke to recruitment stages so far. Applications closing late next week, with a report to follow from Perrett Laver. People & Culture building a brochure about UMSU for the candidates.

# 10.6. Operations Sub-Committee

Emergency OpSub meeting held on Monday for Creative Arts funding to be passed for Tastings.

# 11. Operational Business

### 12. Motions on Notice

# 12.1. To move \$450 from Printing budget line to Radio Fodder.

Mover: Nishtha Banavalikar Seconder: Charlotte Waters

Motion 10: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Nishtha Banavalikar Seconded: Charlotte Waters

**CARRIED** 

#### 12.2. Activities Motion

#### Preamble:

Following an inquorate committee meeting and an inability to reschedule with enough time before the scheduled event we will not be able to hold the expected magic lunch on Monday 19th. It is important to still honour the performance fees for Jay Christo despite the event not going forward due to the late notice.

### Motion:

For \$225 to be passed from the Entertainment Program budget line of the Activities Department to honour performance costs for Jay Christo.

Motion 11: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Jasmine Pierce Seconded: Marcie Di Bartolomeo

**CARRIED** 

### 12.3. Creative Arts Motion

### Preamble:

I put an order through Ubereats on Wednesday 31st August 2022. I understand that Ubereats is a rejected supplier, however, I didn't know that until I was informed by Ciara the other day. I usually pick the orders up myself from the places we have been ordering. I did check with my commi9ee members as well however they weren't available to go and pick up the food. There have been sometimes where I have been carrying huge weights of food despite having a medical condition that doesn't let me do it sometimes. This week I was ill due to the same medical condition and if council wants a medical proof for same then please let me know. So, as I wasn't in a condition to pick up the heavy loads of food myself therefore I chose to use a delivery option. Also, it was a same day delivery order so invoicing wasn't really an option. I would like to bring to notice of council that there is no other restaurant than Prontos who really does deal in invoicing. This is definitely an area where council needs to assist the office bearers to do what when food vendors arent really invoicing and we have to tie up are own funds. Council might recommend credit card here but it comes with its own flaws. I have been advised to order early as there have been instances where I had to make an urgent order. But, for collectives it is difficult to order in early as we usually see the response on the Wednesdays and kind of get an idea how many people might be coming to the next one. So for two weeks in between, I tried putting a request on Friday last week for a collective that is to be happened on Wednesday next week but I have heard back late or it involves so many procedural steps or sometimes I do not hear back until I followup. This gives me so much anxiety and stress. Admin does help us eventually by exploring various alternatives when we tell them urgency but personally I think

the process of using the credit card is not easy as it seems on paper. Being an International, I definitely don't enjoy being my hard earned funds tied with UMSU for weeks and weeks but this is something then council needs to consider of how to make the credit card option more approachable and stressless to use.

The aim of ordering food from a place other than prontos was to promote food diversity among the arty beans. For the first four collectives, we have been using Prontos. Then our regular attendees provided a feedback regarding how the choices needs be more diverse. That is the reason the only two vendors at University - HoHo and prontos were not used for same.

#### Motion:

To reimburse Prerna Aggarwal \$386.78 from the Special Projects and Events budget line from the Creative Arts department budget to cover the expenditure related to creative arts collective.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi Seconded: Jaryd Clifford

The discussion on the motion centred on the problems with obtaining food for collectives that was culturally appropriate. There remain few affordable options on campus, and these are mainly pizza from Prontos or the limited range from Ho Ho's. It was also put that there are limitations on the capacity of some OBs to carry large amounts of food across campus or from off campus. The argument in favour of the motion was therefore around the conflict between the ethical supplier register and accessibility and cultural appropriateness of the food options available.

Motion 12: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi Seconded: Jaryd Clifford

**CARRIED** 

### 12.4. People of Colour Motion

Request to reimburse Hiba Adam \$393.97 from the People of Colour Department Collective Budget line for the purchase of food for Bla(c)k Collective from Pondok R empah, using UberEats.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi Seconded: Jaryd Clifford

Phoebe has suggested that UMSU establish a small working party to problem solve around the problem of sourcing appropriate food for collectives without resorting to unethical suppliers such as Ubereats.

Motion 13: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Mohamed Hadi Seconded: Jaryd Clifford

**CARRIED** 

Council lost quorum at 3.30, 30-minute grace period commenced.

#### 13. Motions without Notice

#### 13.1. Above Water

#### Preamble:

We have made the shortlist for our Above Water creative anthology and are putting together the final version of the publication to go to print. However, updated quotes we have received from Kosdown on Friday 9th September are higher than our combined budget can sustain. Given former Farrago Editor/Media Office-bearer Jo Guelas' remaining remuneration for the rest of their term is now part of the Whole of Union budget due to their August 19th resignation, we believe these funds should go towards Media-related causes, particularly Above Water, which is a long-standing collaboration between the Creative Arts and Media Departments.

We'd use these funds to print a high-quality anthology highlighting the hard work and talent of many creative and media-minded students. This motion would benefit a variety of students, the majority of whom are new students keen to be involved with the Media or Creative Arts departments and will increase student engagement with both the Media and Creative Arts Departments, and UMSU as a whole organisation.

#### Motion:

To approve \$3500 from the Whole of Union budget to cover additional expenditure for Above Water Kosdown Printing.

Moved: Charlotte Waters Seconded: Marcie Di Bartolomeo

Marcie and Charlotte spoke to the motion. Printing costs have increased drastically since the budgeted at the start of the year. Kosdown raised prices. Requesting this excess comes from the whole of union fund, as feel that the Above Water publication benefits all students.

Motion 14: To accept the motion as presented.

Moved: Charlotte Waters Seconded: Marcie Di Bartolomeo

**CARRIED** 

#### 14. Other Business

# 15. Next Meeting

The Gen Sec will be sending out a When2Meet to reschedule the next Council which currently falls in the midsemester break when we are moving. Keep an eye on your inboxes!

### 16. Close

Meeting closed at 3.36PM