

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Minutes Thursday 26 May 2022, 12PM Meeting 9(22) Location: Zoom

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### Meeting opened at 12.07PM

### 1. Procedural Matters

#### 1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Millie Macwhirter be elected as ChairMover: Millie MacwhirterSeconded: Marcie Di BartolomeoCARRIED

## 1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

#### 1.3. Attendance

Representatives on Students' Council	Full name	Attended?
Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council	Mohamed Hadi	Yes
Students' Council Indigenous Representative	Jessica Alderton	Leave Request
Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council	Jaryd Clifford	Yes
Queer Representative on Students' Council	Chaitanya Rhaguvanshi	Yes
International Student Representative on Students' Council	Aakash Chandak	Yes
Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council	Haotian (Allen) Xiao	Yes
Southbank Student Representative on Students' Council	Zodie Bolic	Late
Students' Council (General Representative)	Imogen Senior	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nishank Ji-Sung Jain	In apology
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ishita Ganeriwala	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Rebekah Kelly	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Scarlett Padden	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Terry Zhu-Xin Wang	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Yong Wen Hao	No

Students' Council (General Representative)	Annalyce Wiebenga	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Joshua Davis	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Shirley Killen	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Georgia Burke	No
Students' Council (General Representative)	Toby Glover	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Nate Hollis	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Ngaire Bogemann	Yes
Students' Council (General Representative)	Zachary Kaplan	Yes

#### **Office Bearers**

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

Other: Ciara Griffiths (minute-taker), Phoebe Churches (Interim CEO), Martina Smythe (Manager, People & Culture), Tim Lippis (Coordinator, P&C), Jeanine Hourani, Benjamin Cronshaw, James Gallagher, Fahad Ali (University of Sydney), Lorel Thomas (Free Palestine Melbourne), Bella (Free Palestine Melbourne), Tasnim, Dana, Carol Que (University Staff), Amal, Jaan, Alec, Luca, Priya Kunjan, Greg Giannis, Andrew Feiglin (MUJSS), Isi Ogwu, Natalie Gunn (AUJS), Jeff Reynolds, Edward (MUJSS), Ruby, Caitlin Kane, Caitlin M.

## **1.4.** Apologies

*Office Bearers: Jack Doughty Councillors: Nishank Ji-Sung Jain* 

### **1.5.** Leave of Absence Requests

Office Bearers:

Councillors: Jessica Alderton

Motion 2: To accept the leave requests.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

### 1.6. Proxies

Annalyce Wiebenga is proxying to Josh Davis.

Zodie Bolic is proxying to Imogen Senior.

Georgia Burke is proxying to Ngaire Bogemann.

Wen Hao Yong is proxying to Mohamed Hadi.

Toby Glover is proxying to Zachary Kaplan from 12:40-1pm.

**Procedural Motion:** To suspend the standing orders to accept the proxy of Zodie Bolic to Imogen Senior, outside the restricted constituency for a Southbank Student Representative.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 3: To accept the proxies.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To resume the Standing Orders.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

## 1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Toby Glover has been Ticket appointed to Council

## 1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 4: To adopt the Agenda as presented with exception of 9.15 which has been deferred by the mover.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

# 2.1. Minutes 7(22)

Motion 5: To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

# 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

# 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

## 5. Correspondence

Letter on behalf of the Provost.

The president read out the letter to Students' Council.

James Gallagher asked the president what the organisational unrest being referred to is, as a student that isn't a Councillor or OB.

Sophie Nguyen, in response, last year there were issues with the governance at UMSU. Undertook an internal governance review through an independent investigator. There were several findings that were unsatisfactory, towards the provision of services to students.

Shirley Killen also submitted correspondence: <u>https://overland.org.au/2022/05/open-letter-umsu-should-not-back-down-over-palestine/</u>. Open letter signed by Students of Palestine. Regarding the motion on Palestine, wanted to demonstrate there has been positive feedback and solidarity from other universities, students, and bodies.

## 6. Office Bearer Reports

Department	Full name	Submission Status?
President	Sophie Nguyen	Submitted
General Secretary	Millie Macwhirter	Submitted
Activities Officer	Bella Henry	Not Submitted
Activities Officer	Sami Zehir	Not Submitted
Clubs & Societies Officer	Benito Di Battista	Not Submitted
Clubs & Societies Officer	Eleanor Cooney-Hunt	Not Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Marcie Di Bartolomeo	Submitted
Creative Arts Officer	Prerna Aggarwal	Not Submitted
Disabilities Officer	Shuyan (Betty) Zhang	Submitted

Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Ethan Georgeou	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer	Moira Negline	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs) Officer	Ruby Craven	Submitted
Environment Officer	Chelsea Daniel	Submitted
Environment Officer	Zachary Matthews	Submitted
Indigenous Officer	Brittney Henderson	Submitted
Indigenous Officer	Harley Lewis	Submitted
Media Officer	Charlotte Waters	Submitted
Media Officer	Jasmine Pierce	Not Submitted
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People of Colour Officer	Kyi Phyu Moe Htet	Not Submitted
Queer Officer	Rook Davis	Submitted
Queer Officer	Rose Power	Submitted
Welfare Officer	Shuyan (Lynne) Bian	Submitted
Welfare Officer	Disha Zutshi	Submitted
Women's Officer	Aashi (Kraanti) Agarwal	Submitted
Burnley Campus Coordinator	Kaitlyn Hammond	Submitted
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	Nina Mountford	Not Submitted
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Southbank Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Not Submitted

Council noted concern for lack of reports from entire departments, follow up verbal reports requested.

Activities OB, Bella Henry, delivered verbal report.

- BABBA went well, following UMSU AGM/SGM
- Bands and Bev's After Dark had to be pushed back to semester 2, struggled with communications to potential bands. Food service issues noted, with limited capacity for food service at Ida.

Chair raised that Council may need to move to a later agenda item for discussion. Will need to move in camera for the discussion.

Procedural Motion: To move in camera.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

## Council moved in camera at 12.29PM

During this time, Students' Council undertook the following actions:

- Moved to agenda item 8.1
- Discussed item 8.1
- Proposed motion drafted

Ishita Ganeriwala arrived at 1.05PM.

### Council moved out of camera at 1.48PM

## Proposed motion:

### Preamble:

Council notes the letter from Justin Riazaty's lawyers in relation to the Motion dated 29th of April. Council remains committed to a voice on the Palestinian cause. However, due to the desire for UMSU's funds to not be unnecessarily spent on defending legal proceedings and to ensure that motions are robust, passed with due diligence and with regard to the interests of members, Council proposes to rescind and amend the motion.

### Motion:

That Students' Council rescind the motion, draft a bridging motion to explain the reasonings for rescission, and UMSU undertakes a consultation process and established a working group, to develop and subsequently move a new motion based on that consultation.

That the CEO is directed to instruct Moores to attempt to settle the current claim on the above basis, that Mr Riazaty's lawyers be advised that the motion has been withdrawn and avoid court proceedings.

Mover: Sophie Nguyen

Seconder: Moira Negline

Sophie Nguyen spoke to moving rights. Moira Negline spoke to seconding rights.

Students' Council debated the motion.

Summary:

Those against raised points such as solidarity with the spirit of the motion proposed to be rescinded from Council 7(22), encouragement of the union to not back down against scare tactics, and presence of support for UMSU from other universities and organisations such as Free Palestine. Many raised that funding for legal fees could be crowdsourced. Mohamed Hadi, a mover of the motion in question, spoke to his and Hibatallah Adam's experiences following the motion being passed at Council 7(22), and condemned those considering rescinding.

Those in favour of the motion spoke to the fiduciary duties of Students' Council, that the proposed motion comes from desire to protect student funds to be spent on student activities, such as campaigns like this, over being *"unnecessarily spent on defending legal proceedings."* Facet of the motion dedicated to a redrafting period for a robust pro-Palestine motion was reiterated. Holistic and robust consultation process with all groups with a vested interest encouraged – for the sake of a safe campus experience for all students, as many Jewish students currently do not feel safe.

Marcie Di Bartolomeo left at 2PM.

Chelsea and Zach left at 2.03PM. Chair reminded Students' Council to restrict chat usage to Speaking List Tasnim named for misuse of the Speaking List Ruby Craven left at 2.41PM. Allen Xiao arrived at 2.50PM

Mohamed Hadi named for misuse of Speaking List

Luca Tavan named for misuse of Speaking List

### Council adjourned for a ten-minute break at 3.06PM

#### Council readjourned at 3.16PM

Luca Tavan named for a second time Jo Guelas left at 3.12PM Terry Wang left at 3.12PM Fahad Ali named for a second time

Chelsea Daniel arrived at 3.24PM

Edward Lichtig arrived at 3.35PM

**Procedural Motion:** To move into Formal Debate.

Moved: Rook Davis

CARRIED

Council moved into Formal Debate.

Chair explained the rules of Formal Debate.

Sophie spoke to her moving rights. Reminded Students' Council of their fiduciary duties and that UMSU is operating on a deficit budget.

Kraanti Agarwal arrived at 3.42PM

## Andrew Feiglin arrived at 3.42PM

Moira Negline spoke to seconding rights. Raised concerns that UMSU should use its resources to take a stance against tactics like the litigation. For the benefit of guests in the meeting, explained the current SSAF situation and how UMSU is funded. The purpose of this motion is to mitigate the legal risk that could put UMSU's funds in jeopardy.

Fahad Ali spoke against, spoke of risk to UMSU's authenticity to the cause.

Moira spoke in reply – authenticity it very much a concern in this matter. Spoke to proposed consultation process for a new motion.

Caitlin M arrived at 3.47PM

**Procedural Motion:** To suspend the Standing Orders to accept a proxy from Terry Wang to Jaryd Clifford.

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Terry Wang proxies to Jaryd Clifford

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

Moved: Chair

CARRIED

Formal Debate closed – Students' Council moved to a vote on the proposed motion.

Motion 6: That Students' Council rescind the motion, draft a bridging motion to explain the reasonings for rescission, and UMSU undertakes a consultation process and established a working group, to develop and subsequently move a new motion based on that consultation.

That the CEO is directed to instruct Moores to attempt to settle the current claim on the above basis, that Mr Riazaty's lawyers be advised that the motion has been withdrawn and avoid court proceedings.

Moved: Sophie Nguyen

Seconded: Moira Negline

CARRIED

Students' Council returned to Item 6 Office Bearer Reports.

Activities Officer, Bella Henry, responded to questions regarding the Bands and Bev's After Dark event that had been cancelled.

Education Academic Officer, Moira Negline, noted she had addressed the question on notice from Council 8(22).

## Ethan Georgeou arrived at 3.58PM

Education Academic spoke to issue raised with the department the Friday previous. A support request for a Lorna Sterling fund application regarding food insecurity on campus was received by EdAc. The student had reached out several times to Welfare for help, with no success. EdAc also unable to contact Welfare. Student said that if they had not heard back from EdAc, they would have lost faith in UMSU caring about students. Officers asked Welfare why they were unresponsive to the student and Education Department.

In reply, Disha Zutshi noted she had not received any correspondence from EdAc. May have missed the correspondence from the student. Happy to apologise to the student, EdAc should have messaged them. Stated Welfare is active, Union Mart is running.

Ethan Georgeou noted that EdAc has previously tried contacting Welfare through Teams, the department has not been responsive.

## Zodie Bolic arrived at 3.59PM

Clubs & Societies Officer, Eleanor Cooney Hunt, delivered a verbal report. Apologised for lack of reporting from C&S, both been busy with this work and both doing masters.

- Ran Clubs Council
- Been running IGMs
- Welfare Plan for C&S camps.

### Benito Di Battista delivered his verbal report.

• Fiona has put out EOIs for clubs to attend Winterfest Expo days.

Motion 7: To accept the OB Reports. Moved: Chair CARRIED **Procedural Motion:** To move in camera. Mover: Chair CARRIED

#### Council moved in camera at 4.10PM

During this time, Students' Council undertook the following actions:

- Item 8.7 EBA Motion was withdrawn
- CEO's Report was accepted
- UMSU By-election Report was noted
- UMSU Advocacy Service Report was noted
- UMSU Management Reports were noted

#### Zach Matthews arrived at 4.20PM

Bella left at 4.52PM

#### Council moved out of camera at 4.52PM

#### 7. CEO Report

- 8. Other Reports
  - 8.1. Legal Advice Received
  - 8.2. UMSU By-election Report
  - 8.3. UMSU Advocacy Service Report
  - 8.4. UMSU Management

### 8.5. CEO Recruitment Sub-Committee

Chair reported no major developments.

#### 8.6. Operations Sub-Committee

Chair reported on activities of the Operations Sub-Committee.

9. Motions on Notice

### 9.1. Clubs Wellbeing Training

#### Preamble:

Please refer to the Clubs Wellbeing Training information document attached in documents for Council.

Motion: To pass \$19,250.00 from the Whole of Union budget to fund the Redevelopment of the UMSU Clubs and Societies Wellbeing Program.

Mover: Eleanor Cooney-Hunt Seconder: Benito Di Battista

Eleanor Cooney Hunt spoke to her moving rights. Addressed alternative quotes that were also received regarding the program, with this being the recommended option.

Questions raised regarding the funding purely coming from Whole of Union. Considering the time constraints on responding to the quote and engaging with a contract, Students' Council determined that the funds should still be passed from Whole of Union. Should it be required, funds can be reallocated back to the Whole of Union budget line at a later date.

Motion 9: To pass \$19,250.00 from the Whole of Union budget to fund the Redevelopment of the UMSU Clubs and Societies Wellbeing Program.

Moved: Eleanor Cooney Hunt

Seconded: Benito Di Battista

CARRIED

Procedural: To suspend the Standing Orders and vote for motions 9.2-9.9 en bloc.

Moved: Harley Lewis

CARRIED

Motion: 10: To accept motions 9.2-9.9 as presented.

Moved: Kaitlyn Hammond

Seconded: Harley Lewis

CARRIED

## 9.2. Burnley Ski Trip

Motion: To pass up to \$10,000 from the Activities and Events budget line for the annual Burnley ski trip.

Moved: Kaitlyn Hammond Seconder: Harley Lewis

## 9.3. Burnley Ice Skating

Motion: To pass up to \$500 from the Activities and Events budget line for an iceskating event.

Mover: Kaitlyn Hammond Seconder: Harley Lewis

### 9.4. Burnley BBQ

Motion: To pass up to \$2000 from the Activities and Events budget line for the Semester 2 Welcome BBQ.

Mover: Kaitlyn Hammond

Seconder: Harley Lewis

#### 9.5. Burnley Merch

Motion: To pass up to \$2500 from the General Operations budget line for Burnley hoodies and t-shirts.

Mover: Kaitlyn Hammond Seconder: Harley Lewis

#### 9.6. Burnley SAB Supplies

Motion: To pass up to \$2500 from the General Operations budget line for Burnley hoodies and t-shirts.

Mover: Kaitlyn Hammond

Seconder: Harley Lewis

### 9.7. Burnley Coffee Collective

Motion: To pass up to \$500 from the Activities and Events budget line for the Semester 2 Coffee Collective.

Mover: Kaitlyn Hammond

Seconder: Harley Lewis

## 9.8. Burnley Yoga Supplies

#### Preamble:

We are interested in putting on weekly Yin yoga at Burnley. We have found a building on campus that we are clearing out and dedicating to student wellness. Yin yoga requires a lot of props, and we are trying to source these from wherever we can, but in the case we cannot, we are interested in purchasing them for the campus. The instructor has connections and can get us the supplies wholesale and estimates the supplies might cost up to \$1500. The plan is to have staff members pay for attending yoga (\$20 per person) and with 5 per week for the 12 weeks we would make up the cost of the supplies. I want to pass this motion in case we cannot find the supplies elsewhere and need to purchase them.

Motion: To pass up to \$1500 from the Activities and Events budget line for Yoga Supplies for the Burnley Campus

Mover: Kaitlyn Hammond Second

Seconder: Harley Lewis

## 9.9. Burnley Yoga

Motion: To pass up to \$3600 from the Activities and Events budget for weekly yoga for semester 2 for the Burnley Campus.

Mover: Kaitlyn Hammond

Seconder: Harley Lewis

**Procedural Motion:** To vote on motions 9.10-9.14, the SIG applications, en bloc. Moved: Chair CARRIED Motion 11: To accept motions 9.10-9.14 as presented.Moved: Harley LewisSeconded: Ngaire BogemannCARRIED

### 9.10. SIG – Peter Mac Student Society

#### Preamble:

As the Peter Mac is a hospital our place of research and study is first and foremost a workplace. Given that, there can be a lack of what feels like a student body. Students are rather dispersed around the hospital, and it can be hard to meet people. We are very fortunate to have a retreat every year and is a great way to promote a cohort experience and of course make lots of new friends! This year to both boost attendance plus create a sense of a student cohesion we would like to order hoodies in time for our retreat.

Motion: To pass \$1,000 to the Peter Mac Student Society for student hoodies, with the UMSU logo on them, for their retreat.

Moved: Harley Lewis

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

### 9.11. SIG – Online Sound Bathing

#### Preamble:

Online Sound Bathing session will provide meditation techniques to overcome stressful situations while studying. From my own experience postgrad study can upset harmony within the body. This session will give students in similar situations a number of tools to be resilient, overcome stress and work through anxiety. The session will include guest speakers who will share their experiences and knowledge on sound healing and meditation.

Motion: To pass \$1,000 to students seeking to run Sound bathing at the University via zoom.

Moved: Harley Lewis Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

## 9.12. SIG – Epworth Hospital Clinical School

#### Preamble:

Since 2020, this tightly knit Epworth Cohort of 17 Medical Students have endured the ups and downs of the COVID pandemic which influenced our placements, teaching, and face-to-face interactions at the hospital. The end of year dinner is a time for the students and key Epworth Hospital figures to get together for one last celebration before we commence our professional careers as doctors.

Motion: To pass \$1,000 for the Epworth Hospital Clinical School, class of 2022, to assist them in hosting their event to bring its cohort together to celebrate the completion of the Doctor of Medicine degree.

Moved: Harley Lewis

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

## 9.13. SIG – Food Waste Social Enterprise

### Preamble:

To fulfill the course requirement, we are aiming to create a social enterprise where we will tackle the food waste problem at the University by sharing hacks, tips, and recipes to the students on how to use food scraps, what has usually been considered as food waste, (such as banana peels, potato skins). The event we are organising this week, preferably on Tuesday, is the first step of our main project. We will be giving out free food made from untraditional food ingredients which is completely safe for consumption and will be prepared beforehand by a certified chef in a commercial kitchen.

Motion: To pass \$160 to allow four masters students to run their food waste social enterprise program.

Moved: Harley Lewis Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

## 9.14. SIG – Script Development Sessions

#### Preamble:

The SIG funds will be allocated to creatives and performers for three script development sessions on campus. Each development will work with a different script and give a \$50 fee to each creative. In total, there will be 20 paid positions for UniMelb students who will apply to partake in these collaborations. They will put in applications to me (writers/directors/dramaturgs/performers/teams), and I will allocate them based on trying to get the same actors across multiple projects. We will use the Southbank rehearsal rooms over the holidays over 1-2 days for these developments. These fees will allow access to students who are from low socio-economic backgrounds to afford to take a shift off work to do this. It also allows students that aren't necessarily in specific creative streams to partake in projects.

Motion: To pass \$1000 to allow writers/directors/dramaturges studying at UniMelb to give fees to acting students to develop their work together.

Moved: Harley Lewis

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

## 9.15. UMSU International Committee Honoraria

Deferred.

- **10.** Motions without Notice
- **11. Other Business**

## 12. Next Meeting

General Secretary to distribute When2Meet.

#### 13. Close

#### Meeting closed at 5.11PM