



**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students' Council**

**Agenda**

**Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 3:00PM**

**Meeting 5(21)**

**Location: Zoom + Training Rooms**

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Meeting opened at 15:01 by Ciara O'Sullivan

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Election of Chair**

Motion 1: That Ciara O'Sullivan be elected Chair

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan      Second: Rubina Smith

CARRIED

**1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians**

So acknowledged

**1.3. Attendance**

| <b>Representatives on Students' Council</b>                           | <b>Full name</b>          | <b>Attended?</b> | <b>Number of councils attended</b> |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Students of Colour Representative on Students' Council</b>         | Kevin Mao                 | Y                | 5                                  |
| <b>Students with Disabilities Representative on Students' Council</b> | Clea Porteus<br>Borthwick | N                | 3                                  |
| <b>Queer Representative on Students' Council</b>                      | Georgia McCourt           | Y                | 5                                  |
| <b>International Student Representative on Students' Council</b>      | Janise Sam Qian Yee       | N                | 1                                  |
| <b>Graduate Student Representative on Students' Council</b>           | Shreya Bhutani            | Y                | 4                                  |
| <b>Students' Council (General Representative)</b>                     | Raymond Wu                | Y                | 5                                  |

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| <b>isaStudents' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b> | Andoni Fischer       | Y | 5 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Devindee Nugawela    | N | 3 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Jennifer Lui         | Y | 5 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Xinling Lu           | N | 1 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Rubina Smith         | Y | 5 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Joanna Guelas        | N | 4 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Catriona Smith       | N | 4 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Xavier Dupe          | Y | 5 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Alex Wood            | N | 4 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Charlotte Macpherson | Y | 4 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Harry Black          | Y | 2 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Sian Tjia Hennessy   | Y | 4 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Ethan Alex Georgeou  | N | 3 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(General<br/>Representative)</b>    | Tejasvi Madan        | Y | 2 |
| <b>Students' Council<br/>(Indigenous<br/>Representative)</b> | Brittney Henderson   | Y | 5 |

## Office Bearers

| <b>Department</b>        | <b>Full name</b> | <b>Attended?</b> | <b>Number of councils<br/>attended</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| <b>President</b>         | Jack Buksh       | Y                | 4                                      |
| <b>General Secretary</b> | Ciara O'Sullivan | Y                | 5                                      |

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| <b>Activities Officer</b>                   | Christos Preovolos          | Y | 4 |
| <b>Activities Officer</b>                   | Phoebe Chen                 | N | 4 |
| <b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>        | Muskaan Hakhu               | N | 4 |
| <b>Clubs &amp; Societies Officer</b>        | Kalyana Vania               | N | 4 |
| <b>Disabilities Officer</b>                 | Brigit Doyle                | Y | 4 |
| <b>Disabilities Officer</b>                 | Lindsay Tupper-Creed        | Y | 5 |
| <b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>   | Tejas Gandhi                | Y | 4 |
| <b>Education (Public Affairs) Officer</b>   | Hannah Krasovec             | Y | 5 |
| <b>Environment Officer</b>                  | James Park                  | Y | 5 |
| <b>Environment Officer</b>                  | Ann Nguyen                  | Y | 5 |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Lauren Berry                | Y | 5 |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Pavani<br>Ambagahawattha    | Y | 5 |
| <b>Media Officer</b>                        | Ailish Hallinan             | Y | 5 |
| <b>People of Colour Officer</b>             | Emily AlRamadhan            | Y | 5 |
| <b>People of Colour Officer</b>             | Mohamed Hadi                | Y | 5 |
| <b>Queer Officer</b>                        | Amy Bright                  | N | 3 |
| <b>Queer Officer</b>                        | Laura Ehrensperger          | Y | 4 |
| <b>Welfare Officer</b>                      | Allen Xiao                  | Y | 5 |
| <b>Welfare Officer</b>                      | Hue Man Dang                | Y | 5 |
| <b>Women's Officer</b>                      | Srishti Chatterjee          | Y | 4 |
| <b>Women's Officer</b>                      | Mickhaella Ermita           | Y | 5 |
| <b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b> | Planning Jay Vyn Saw        | Y | 5 |
| <b>Education (Academic Affairs) Officer</b> | Jennisha Arnanta            | Y | 5 |
| <b>Creative Arts Officer</b>                | Vaishnavi Ravikrishna       | N | 4 |
| <b>Creative Arts Officer</b>                | Merryn Hughes               | Y | 4 |
| <b>Burnley Campus Coordinator</b>           | Kaitlyn Hammond             | N | 2 |
| <b>Southbank Campus Co-ordinator</b>        | William Hall                | Y | 3 |
| <b>Indigenous Officer</b>                   | Shanysa Jayde<br>McConville | Y | 4 |

Others: Justin Baré (UMSU CEO), Goldie Pergl, Aashi Agarwal, Sophie Nguyen, Thomas Coulter, Torsten Mundt, Nancy Shi.

#### 1.4. Apologies

*Officers: Muskaan Hakhu, Kalyana Vania, Kaitlyn Hammond, Vaishnavi Ravikrishna*  
*Councillors: Jan Sam (leave), Ethan Georgeou, Clea Borthwick, Alex Wood, Xinling Lu, Devindee Nugawela,*

#### 1.5. Proxies

*Jan Sam to Aashi Agarwal, Ethan Georgeou to Sophie Nguyen, Clea Borthwick to Thomas Coulter, Alex Wood to Torsten Mundt, Devindee Nugawela to Nancy Shi, Xinling Lu to Andoni Fischer*

### 1.6. Membership

*Leave Request: Tree Smith, Council 5(21)*

Motion 2: To accept the leave request for Tree Smith

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED

### 1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: that the Agenda as presented be adopted

Moved: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

### 2.1 Minutes 4(21)

Motion 4: That the minutes of 4/21 be accepted as a true and accurate record

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED

## 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest declared

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising were noted

## 5. Correspondence

No correspondence noted

## 6. Office Bearer Reports

|                              |                       |                      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| President                    | Jack Buksh            | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| General Secretary            | Ciara O'Sullivan      | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Activities                   | Christos Preovolos    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                              | Phoebe Chen           | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Clubs and Societies          | Kalyana Vania         | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                              | Muskaan Hakhu         | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Creative Arts                | Vaishnavi Ravikrishna | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
|                              | Merryn Hughes         | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Disabilities                 | Lindsay Tupper-Creed  | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                              | Brigit Doyle          | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Education (Academic Affairs) | Jennisha Arnanta      | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                              | Planning Jay Vynn Saw | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Education (Public Affairs)   | Hannah Krasovec       | <i>Submitted</i>     |

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|                  | Tejas Gandhi          | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Environment      | Ann Nguyen            | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
|                  | James Park            | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Indigenous       |                       |                      |
|                  | Shanysa McConville    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Media            | Lauren Berry          | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                  | Ailish Hallinan       | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                  | Pavani Ambagahawattha | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| People of Colour | Mohamed Hadi          | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                  | Emily AlRamadhan      | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Queer            | Amy Bright            | <i>On Leave</i>      |
|                  | Laura Ehrensperger    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Welfare          | Hue Man Dang          | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                  | Allen Xiao            | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Women's          | Srishti Chatterjee    | <i>Submitted</i>     |
|                  | Mickhaella Ermita     | <i>Submitted</i>     |
| Southbank        | William Hall          | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| Burnley          | Kaitlyn Hammond       | <i>Not Submitted</i> |

Srishti Chatterjee asked to speak to their OB report. They noted a content warning for sexual Assault and Harassment. They spoke about the Professor Rathjen case at the university and encouraged attendance at a rally regarding this on Thursday at 1300h and wider cross-departmental promotion of events and campaigns.

Brittney Henderson asked to note that they didn't want to be contacted by Socialist Alternative ever again due to their actions at a protest last week.

Councillors had a wider discussion regarding the behaviour of Xavier Dupe and Emma Dynes at rallies, their treatment of People of Colour and their interactions with UMSU Departments.

Multiple Councillors

Procedural Motion: To close the speaking list

Mover: Ailish Hallinan

CARRIED

Sian Tjia Hennessy asked Disabilities if they could expand on their meeting with CAPS and SES, and asked about the delays in closed captioning for lectures.

Hue Man Dang said that they were meeting with CAPS next week to discuss this.

Xavier Dupe asked the Education OBs who they had signed up to speak at the protest.

Hannah Krasovec said the Zoe from NUS, Jack Buksh, Geraldine from NTEU, Bree from Socialist Alternative, Srishti Chatterjee from Womens, Allen Xiao from Welfare were all lined up.

Sian Tjia Hennessy asked Welfare about their campaign plans.

Allen Xiao replied that the first campaign was around student mental health and in conjunction with CAPS.

Srishti Chatterjee asked Welfare if they were assisting NUS with the Age of Dependency petition.

Allen Xiao indicated that they were in the process of getting in touch with the NUS Welfare Officer.

Sophie Nguyen asked PoC if they were going to collaborate with any external groups about PoC issues.

Mohamed Hadi said that they had, but it will be after the Mid Semester Break.

Sian Tjia Hennessy asked Activities about the money spent on Clash of Clubs and for a more detailed breakdown.

Christos Prevolos said that his Co-OB will pass this on for the next Council.

Motion 5: That OB reports be accepted

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: To move in camera for the CEOs report

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

CARRIED

**Council moved in camera at 1545h**

## **7. CEO Report**

**Council moved to include strangers at 1548h**

## **8. Other Reports**

No other reports tabled

## **9. Operational Business**

### **9.1. Amended Council Schedule**

Motion 7: To accept the amended Council schedule

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

### **9.2. 2021 Melbourne Orientation Survey**

Justin Bare encouraged everyone to note and read this, as it was important information.

Motion 8: That Council notes the Melbourne Orientation Survey

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

### **9.3. CEOCOC Back Up Councillors**

Justin Bare noted that he would usually not be here for any conversation regarding the CEOCOC, and asked if it was suitable for him to be put in a breakout room.

Motion 9: that nominations for the CEOCOC be opened now and closed at 1700h Friday.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

#### 9.4. UMSU Student Engagement Survey

Allen Xiao asked Justin Bare about why the EBA lawyer update wasn't in the CEOs report

Procedural Motion: That Council move in camera

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan (Chair)

CARRIED

Council moved back into camera at 1556

Council moved to include strangers at 1601

#### 10. Motions on Notice

##### 10.1. Burnley Workshops

Motion 11: To pass up to \$2600 from the Workshops and Incursions budget line for paying instructors for the R-efreshers course, and that Burnley provide a budget breakdown after the event

Mover: Rubina Smith

Seconded: Andoni Fischer

CARRIED

Procedural Motion: that Council break for 5 minutes

Mover: Andoni Fischer

CARRIED

##### 10.2. QUT Guild open letter endorsement

The QLD University of Technology (QUT) Student Guild have prepared an open letter to their university administration, condemning the continuation of online content delivery despite very little or no interruptive Covid restrictions. Students at QUT have expressed frustration at the limitation of options and questionable standards with regard to in person class times, as well as reductions in contact hours and limited opportunity for face-to-face interactions for students. Most importantly, there was very little or no communication to students about what was to be expected this semester.

##### Action:

The University of Melbourne Students Union (UMSU) condemns QUT's decisions to continue online content delivery and stands in solidarity with the QUT Guild and QUT students.

Mover: Srishti Chatterjee

Srishti Chatterjee spoke to their moving rights, highlighting the decline in quality education and the impacts on PoC and international students.

Xavier Dupe asked for an amendment to add “QUT students have called a protest to demand the university provide quality education. Protests like this are essential to defending and improving student conditions, and they should continue until students' demands are met”

Motion 12: The QLD University of Technology (QUT) Student Guild have prepared an open letter to their university administration, condemning the continuation of online content delivery despite very little or no interruptive Covid restrictions. Students at QUT have expressed frustration at the limitation of options and questionable standards with regard to in person class times, as well as reductions in contact hours and limited opportunity for face-to-face interactions for students. Most importantly, there was very little or no communication to students about what was to be expected this semester.

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QUT students have called a protest to demand the university provide quality education. Protests like this are essential to defending and improving student conditions, and they should continue until students' demands are met

Mover: Srishti Chatterjee

Seconder: Allen Xiao

CARRIED

### 11. Motions without Notice

Motion 13 : To direct Xavier and Emma to apologise to UMSU, organisers and activists of colour

Mover: Brittney Henderson

Seconder: Srishti Chatterjee

CARRIED

### 12. Other Business

Sian Tjia Hennessey requested that OBs include specific dates in their OB reports so increase clarity.

Sian Tjia Hennessey asked about the delays in closed captioning

Lindsay Tupper Creed indicated that they would be bringing it up as soon as possible with the Uni and that SEDS are currently in the middle of a restructure, so getting answers may be difficult.

### 13. Next Meeting

1100h, 7/4/21

### 14. Close

Meeting closed at 1618