

MINUTES

SSU Council Meeting

May 2017

Item	Meeting Details	Doc?	Time
	Venue: UN413		
	Chair: Ana Tinc (President)		
	Minute-taker: Sam Roberts (General Secretary)		

1 **Welcome & Meeting Open** 12.36
Meeting open 12:36pm. Council will observe one minute's silence for contemplation.

2 **Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners**
The SSU Council respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge that we meet on stolen land and that the sovereignty of this land was never ceded. Council honours their elders past and present and recognises that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

3 Attendance

3.1 Required attendees: Ana Tinc (President), Sam Roberts (General Secretary), Alex MCGilvray (Welfare Officer), Nikki Nievaart (Hawthorn Campus Chair), Swathi Shiva (Postgraduate Representative), Zaheer Qazi (International Representative), Will Joseph (PAVE Representative), Joshua Briers (Queer Representative), Amy Gilderdale (Health & Disability Representative), Joaquina Miller Cooper (Environment & Sustainability Representative), Steven Blacker (Residence Representative), Harry Wall (General Representative), Joe Cullinan (General Representative), Akbar Syed (Education Public Affairs), Letisia Cherian (General Representative), Neane Carter (Indigenous Representative), Tarek El Maghraby (People of Colour Representative),

3.2 Attendance: Ana Tinc (President), Sam Roberts (General Secretary), Alex MCGilvray (Welfare Officer), Nikki Nievaart (Hawthorn Campus Chair), Joshua Briers (Queer Representative), Steven Blacker (Residence Representative), Harry Wall (General Representative), Akbar Syed (Education Public Affairs), Tarek El Maghraby (People of Colour Representative),

3.3 Observers:

3.4 Apologies: Will Joseph (PAVE Representative), Neane Carter (Indigenous Representative), Joaquina Miller Cooper (Environment & Sustainability Representative), Joe Cullinan (General Representative), Swathi Shiva (Postgraduate Representative), Amy Gilderdale (Health & Disability Representative),

3.5 Absent without apology:

3.6 Acceptance of Apologies

MOTION (McGilvray, Wall):

That the apologies listed be accepted

Amendment: To remove will joseph from accepted apologies.

Withdrawn

Carrier Unanimously

4 Confirmation of Agenda and Previous Minutes

4.1 Ordering and starring of items

MOTION (Roberts, Briers):

That the agenda as distributed be agreed to.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Ratification of previous decisions

MOTION (Wall, Blacker):

Carried Unanimously

5 Committee Reports

Written reports submitted by committee and board convenors to Council.

Written reports provided by committees/convenors will be published and available publicly online.

- 5.1 Secretariat Report
 - 5.2 Services Management Board Report
 - 5.3 Education Board Report
 - 5.4 Welfare Board Report
 - 5.5 Hawthorn Campus Committee Report
 - 5.6 Croydon Campus Committee Report
 - 5.7 Wantirna Campus Committee Report
 - 5.8 Swinburne University Postgraduate Association Committee Report
 - 5.9 Swinburne International Student Association Report
 - 5.10 Pathways and Vocational Education Committee Report
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6 Finance Reports

- **James to present and circulate options to council to fix issue of underspending**
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7 Business

7.1 Housekeeping, Office Update

- Facebook Alex Hume by Friday
- Posters to Nikki by 3pm Monday

7.2 2017 SSU AGM

To maintain the transparency of the SSU, and abide by the SSU Constitution, an annual general meeting must be held between March and May of each year.

Motion(Tinc, Roberts):

To action the Executive Officer to organise the AGM alongside the Executive (President, General Secretary, Welfare Officer) for Thursday 25th May at 12:30pm, in UN level 3.

Carried Unanimously

7.3 Amendment to Financial Delegation Regulation

This proposed amendment to the SSU Financial Policy removes previous mistakes, cleans up the language of the policy, and more clearly aligns with the Unions standard practices, while maintaining accountability of spending.

MOTION (Roberts, Nievaart):

To Adopt the attached Financial Delegation Document as the Union's regulation on Finance.

Carried Unanimously

7.3 2017 NUS Affiliation

The National Union of Students (NUS) is the peak representative body for Australian undergraduate university students. Each year they hold national conferences to educate, guide, and provide networking opportunities for union representatives across Australia. Affiliating with NUS will mean continued access and invitations to president, education and NUS decision making conferences, allowing SSU representatives to have a say in national campaigns while learning how to grow and better their work within our union. Based on SSU's funding, NUS have offered us a discounted affiliation fee within our budget.

MOTION (Tinc, Roberts):

That the President and General Secretary negotiate a discounted affiliation fee and affiliate with the NUS.

Carried Unanimously

7.4 Trial of Financial Autonomy

Motion(Roberts, Nievaart):

That:

A trial of autonomous club/collective bank accounts be conducted using the Swinburne Environmental Collective & Swinburne Queer Collective;

The Executive Officer and the Office & Finance Manager shall manage the trial and develop a process for monthly financial reporting and reconciliation;

Council notes that Regulation 5 – Financial Delegation still has full effect, including the requirement for expenditure to be made within a budget; and

Council shall review these arrangements at its July meeting.

Carried (1 Abstention)

Motion(Roberts, Nievaart):

That a bank account be opened with Bendigo Bank with the following details:

1. The account name shall be Swinburne Environmental Collective;
2. The operational of the account shall be two-to-sign;
3. The following people shall be created as signatories on the account and granted full access including Pay Anyone and internet banking:
 - Xavier Plummer
 - James Searle
 - Ana Tinc
 - Samuel Roberts
 - Joaquina Miller Cooper
 - Riley Willcox

Carried Unanimously

Motion(Roberts, Briers):

That a bank account be opened with Bendigo Bank with the following details:

1. The account name shall be Swinburne Queer Collective;
2. The operational of the account shall be two-to-sign;
3. The following people shall be created as signatories on the account and granted full access including Pay Anyone and internet banking:
 - Xavier Plummer
 - James Searle
 - Ana Tinc
 - Samuel Roberts
 - Joshua Briers
 - Ysabella Blankley

Carried Unanimously

7.5 **HECS is Best**

In response to the recent proposed budget measures surrounding the tertiary education sector and the federal education ministers recent comments around the sustainability of the HECS system, this motion details the SSU's stance on university funding and the HECS system.

Motion(Roberts, McGilvray)

1. The SSU recognises HECS is currently the best system in allowing equality of access to university for Australian students.

Carried (2 Against, 3 Abstentions)

2. The SSU opposes fee deregulation.
3. The SSU opposes any cuts to University.
4. The SSU opposes any move by the government to remove some or all arts courses currently covered by HECS, from being covered by HECS
5. The SSU believes in decreased fees for units which are blended/online
6. The SSU supports the ability for students to access textbooks through the HECS repayment scheme.

Carried (1 Abstention)

Swathi Shiva enters at 1:15.

7.6 **Audit Reports**

Motion(Roberts, Wall)

That council adopts and approves the Auditors report and attached recommendations and submits them to the AGM.

Carried Unanimously

8 **Reports**

Written reports provided by representatives will be published and available publicly online.

8.1	President Report	doc
8.2	General Secretary Report – for noting - April 75%	doc doc
8.3	Education Officer Report	
8.4	Welfare Officer Report	doc
8.5	Hawthorn Campus Chair Report	doc
8.6	<i>Wantirna Campus Chair Report – VACANT</i>	
8.7	<i>Croydon Campus Chair Report – VACANT</i>	
8.8	Postgraduate Representative Report	
8.9	International Representative Report	
8.10	PAVE Representative Report	
8.11	Education Public Affairs	doc
8.12	Women's Representative Report	
8.13	Disability Support Representative Report – for noting	doc
8.14	Environment & Sustainability Officer Report	doc

8.15	Queer Representative Report	doc
8.16	Residence Representative Report	doc
8.17	Indigenous Representative Report	doc
8.18	People of Colour Representative Report	doc
8.19	General Representative – Harry Wall Report - April	doc doc
8.20	General Representative – Joe Cullinan Report	doc
8.21	General Representative - Letisia Cherian	
8.22	Media Committee – Sarah Sordelli Report	doc
8.23	Media Committee – Ryan Carolan Report	
8.24	Media Committee – Imogen Bailey Report	
8.25	Media Committee – Felix McPhie	
8.26	Approval of Office Bearer Reports	

MOTION (Briers, Wall):

That the reports submitted and tabled above be accepted for full honoraria unless stated otherwise.

Carried Unanimously

Education Public Affairs

Carried (3 Abstentions)

People of Colour Representative

Carried (1 Abstention)

8.27	Executive Officer Report	doc
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9 Other Business

- **Audit Report**
- **Election Recommendations**
- **James to organise meeting in week 12 to discuss election regulation changes**

9.1 Future Meetings

Reports due 9:00am 2 June

14th June 12:30pm UN 413.

10 Closing Business

10.1 Meeting closed.
