



CONFIRMED MINUTES
Annual General Meeting 2013
Tuesday, 30th of April 2013.
13:00

MEETING DETAILS

Venue: Union Bar (UN Level 3, Hawthorn)
Chair: Caroline Baker (2013 President)
Minute-taker: Joshua Fernandez (2013 Secretary/Treasurer)

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting and 2012 General Meeting
2. Audited 2012 financial statements

1. MEETING OPEN:

13:00

Meeting opened by Caroline Baker (The Chair) at 13:17.

Acknowledgement of Country:

The SSU respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. It is upon their ancestral land that Swinburne University is built. Council honours their elders past and present and recognises that their customs and traditions continue to this day.

2. ATTENDANCE:

2012 Council:

Education/Vice-President - *Matthew Landolfo*
Education/Vice-President – *Caroline Baker*
Secretary/Treasurer – *James Searle*
Hawthorn Campus Chair – *Brendan Spackman-Williams*
Prahran Campus Chair – *Alice Mutton*
Queer Representative – *Andrew Morison*
Men's Welfare Officer – *Joshua Fernandez*

2013 Council

President – *Caroline Baker*
Education/Vice-President – *Brendan Spackman-Williams*
Secretary/Treasurer – *Joshua Fernandez*
Access and Equity Officer – *Caitlin Bruty*
Hawthorn Campus Chair – *Matthew Latham*
Prahran Campus Chair – *Alice Mutton*
Undergraduate Representative – *Jacqui Kleiner*
Part-time Representative – *Andrew Newton*
Disability Support Representative – *Karuna Santosa*
International Representative – *Salman Sheikh*
Mature-age Representative – *Ashleigh Thornton*
Queer Representative – *Andrew Morison*

Apologies:

2012 & 2013 Lilydale Campus Chair – *Amie Watson*
2012 President - *Mark Briers*
2013 Disability Support Representative – *Mark Briers*

Members & students in attendance:

Joshua Briers
Leon Hartman
David Uber
Gerard Ahearne
Scott Morgan
Don Payne
Jason Grivas
Ben Jackson
Michael Stuart

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting held 30th April 2012 and the 2012 General Meeting held 14th May 2012 are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

- Mover: *Spackman-Williams*
- Secunder: *Fernandez*

Carried/Lost

4. REPORTS:

President – Caroline Baker

Chair handed to Education/Vice-President 13:21

- The Union is providing education, welfare, support and activities
- Welfare representatives are passionate about their roles and their respective collectives are going well
- Swine – New Student guide was received well, the 1st copy will be released soon
- Several hundred members have joined the Union, mostly students at Hawthorn
- New sponsors – Hairdressers, café's bars around Hawthorn
- Events – approximately 5 events run per week not all revenue raising but are run to benefit members and students
- The Union relies on SSAF and event revenue
- SSAF consultation is slow – the 1st consultation was several months after initial proposal was lodged
- The Union still require Executive Officer and annual elections to be funded by SSAF
- Meeting on Friday May 3 on SSAF w/ Stephen Beall and Andrew MacFarlane
- Negotiations are still ongoing but the Union is happy with funding for The Swine

Chair handed to President – 13:24

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Education Officer/Vice-President – Brendan Spackman-Williams

- Bringing education portfolios up the University
- Education Board has convened for the first time in several years
- In talks with the Student Consultative Network to work together on education policies on campus

Access & Equity Officer – Caitlin Bruty

- New as a representative to Union
- Excited for welfare collectives and office-bearers – collectives are growing
- Disability and Environmental collectives are beginning to grow
- Queer and Women's Collectives are stronger than they were last year
- Currently celebrating Blue Stockings Week
- Queer collective has elected a committee
- Health week – semester 2 held in atrium
- Organising a market with the Environment Representative
- Still waiting for SSAF funding to expand the collective further

Secretary/Treasurer - Joshua Fernandez

- Union travelling well without a SSAF agreement so far, but requires it soon
- Revenue from events and term deposit has sustained the Union so far, with the agreement to replenish the Union's bank account
- Membership numbers are currently at approximately late 600's
- Once SSAF funding is received the Union can act in full swing

Disability Support Officer – Karuna Santosa

- 40 people are interested in disability collective as indicated on membership forms
- Would like to organise survey to see what collective would be interested in on campaigning
- Would like to create disability workshop – How to assess and deal with issues associated with people who identify with disabilities
- In contact with external organisations and Swinburne departments – IBL, Health and Disability - to have support with workshops

Andrew Morison – Queer Officer

- Since queer space has opened the collective has grown stronger
- Lack of SSAF funding has hampered ability to deliver services fully
- Currently building a structure for Queer Department with the internally-elected committee

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Andrew Newton – Part-Time Representative

- Previous SSU councillor beforehand
- Creating part-time collective but would also like to merge with another collective at SSU
- Looking to talk with several internal and external organisations on the definition of part-time students – definitions differ per university
- Parking is an issue for students – time limits enforced by Boroondara Council on parking spaces have worsened conditions

5. 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

- Mover – *Fernandez*
- Seconder – *Baker*

Preamble:

Documentation has been provided detailing the income and expenditure of the Union during the 2012 calendar year and the assets and liabilities at the end of it.

Motion:

The supplied documents give a true and fair overview of the financial position of the incorporated association during and at the end of its last financial year.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

6. MEMBER & STUDENT QUESTIONS:

7. MEETING CLOSED AT 14:32.