



- Minutes -
COUNCIL MEETING #4:
Wednesday, 13th of April.

1. MEETING OPEN:

Meeting opened by James Searle (The Chair), 8:04pm

Welcome to Country:

The SSU respectfully acknowledges that this meeting takes place in the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and honours their elders past and present.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present:

President - James Searle	- The Chair
Education/Vice President - Mark Briers	
Secretary Treasurer - Matthew Landolfo	- Taking Minutes
Access and Equity Officer - Conrad Corry	
Hawthorn Campus Chair - Vivan Farrelly	- Left 9:12
Croydon Campus Chair - Peter Coates	
Wantirna Campus Chair - Keith Warburton	- Left 9:17
Post Graduate Representative - Chris Tagle	- Left 11:02 Quorum Lost
Women's Representative - Mia Anstee	
Part-time Representative - Langley Tay	
Disability Support Representative - Noel Gardiner	

Apologies:

Prahran Campus Chair - Ali Ryrie-Golding
International Representative - Vivek Sarode
Mature-age Representative - Aimee McCarten
TAFE/Apprentice Representative - James Cooper
Queer Representative - Abigail Michell

Absent:

Lilydale Campus Chair - Charis Goodwin

Observers:

Jake Gillies, Liz Rowe, Andrew Kirkpatrick

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the meeting held 23/03/11 are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and should be published on the SSU website and distributed to the University's 'Executive Group'.

- Moved: Landolfo
- Seconded: Briers

Carried Unanimously.

4. REPORTS:

President - James Searle

Internal review of Student Services units to take place; SSAA curiously not included.

Education/Vice President - Mark Briers

NUS Student's Money for Students Campaign:

80-100 signatories so far, looking to double that by the end of next week

Update on legal issues regarding previous administration

NUS Affiliation fee waiver rejected pending funding agreement

Secretary Treasurer - Matthew Landolfo

Bookkeeper and AGM updates

Prahran discounts initiated, finalising next week, marquee to be scheduled

Facilities & Services issues regarding booking requests and vending machines

On campus events report

Secretariat and Education Board meeting reports

Access and Equity Officer - Conrad Corry

Breakfasts and free printing running successfully and well attended

George building requested for the 4th of May for a film event

Progress on the Student Magazine **Added to Matters Arising*

Hawthorn Campus Chair - Vivian Farrelly

29th April – 'Fratparty' themed party for Residential, Uni Lodge and College students

Croydon Campus Chair - Peter Coates

Membership Drive & \$10 TAFE Membership

Meeting with Admin regarding Parking fines

Wantirna Campus Chair - Keith Warburton

Access difficulties til last week; Opening Wantirna office next

Women's Representative - Mia Anstee

Women's room set up and functioning – currently dual purpose

Women's room to be included with office roster.

Possibility of computers but not top priority

Part-time Representative - Langley Tay

Breakfast has been very successful.

Postgraduate Officer – Chris Tagle.

Myki Commuter Club

No more exams at Festival Hall – now at Melbourne Olympic Function Centre

Disability Support Representative & Public Officer - Noel Gardiner

Arranging visits to satellite campuses to produce a report on disability access

**Motion to hear Public Officer's report 'In Camera'
Carried Unanimously**

5. MATTERS ARISING:

→ **STUDENT PUBLICATION**

- Moved – *Corry*
- Seconded - *Tay*

Preamble:

Swinburne Student Union has been without an independent student publication for many years now. There has been interest from students to get a publication of some sort produced as soon as possible.

Motion:

In principle the Council supports the independent production of a prototype student publication to be presented with a fully costed budget and operational structure at the next Council meeting.

Tagle abstention
Motion Carried

Break: 9:21pm - 9:34pm

6. NOTICES OF MOTION:

→ **Notice of Motion No. 1:**
INTERIM FUNDING AGREEMENT.

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Gardiner*

Preamble:

The Union is now well on the way to providing real Education, Welfare and Events services for Swinburne students, however, we do so with absolutely no funding from the University.

Most universities around Australia recognise the huge contributions made to campus culture and the wellbeing of students by their student unions and fund them accordingly.

Whilst due to issues relevant to previous administrations, the SSU has gone without funding for many years. This Council works hard to represent Swinburne student's rights and interests without any funding or honoraria.

Whilst an on-going funding agreement is unlikely to be established before the enactment of the Commonwealth Government's 'Student Services Amenities Fee' (SSAF), key staff members in the University's Student Services Department have signalled their intention to start supporting the Student Union with what amounts to a 'survival fund'.

Motion:

The Council commends the Swinburne Student Union's Interim Funding Proposal to the University (pending any amendments by the Secretariat) and awaits the outcome of on-going funding negotiations.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 2:****COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT'S YOUTH ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

- Moved – *Briers*
- Seconded – *Anstee*

Preamble:

It's been reported that proposed cuts to the Federal Budget are set to severely disadvantage Swinburne students.

The President of the National Union of Students (NUS) reports that:

"Since the High Court ruled in favour of Simone Antsis late last year, students have been able to claim costs such as textbooks and lab coats as deductions against their income if they are in receipt of Youth Allowance." But that, "The Federal Government is planning to make students on Youth Allowance ineligible to claim tax deductions for legitimate educational costs as part of this year's budget."

Motion:

The SSU Council condemns any move by the Commonwealth Government to reduce the current entitlements of Youth Allowance recipients. The Access and Equity Officer will draft a letter to the Prime Minister and the Federal Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills to be approved by the next Secretariat meeting and sent on SSU letterhead.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 3:**
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Gardiner*

Preamble:

Currently the Union's AGM is scheduled for 7pm on Friday the 29th of April.

The event seems to clash with other on-campus events and it has been proposed that the time or date be changed.

Motion:

The SSU AGM will now be held at 4pm on Friday the 29th of April.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 4:**
ALUMNI AND SATELLITE MEMBERSHIP.

- Moved – *Corry*
- Seconded – *Coates*

Preamble:

As we begin to expand our operations to satellite campuses, it's become clear that charging students from satellite campuses for a full-fee membership is unreasonable as they have less access to Union events and services.

It has also been suggested that a membership category for Alumni be established.

Motion:

The Council establishes two new categories of Membership:

A \$10 Satellite Campus Membership; and a \$10 Alumni Membership.

Carried Unanimously

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

**A Motion is moved for General Business to be discussed 'in-camera' at 10:18pm.
Observers may remain.**

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- Seconded – *Gardiner*

**Tay against, Searle abstention,
Motion Carried**

***Quorum lost at 11:02pm.
Meeting Closed by the Chair.***