



Swinburne
Student Union

- **DRAFT Minutes** -
Council Meeting #5:
Thursday, 28th April, 2011

1. MEETING OPEN:

Meeting opened by James Searle (The Chair), 4:40pm.

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

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present:

PRESIDENT - James Searle
EDUCATION - VICE PRESIDENT - Mark Briers
SECRETARY - TREASURER - Matthew Landolfo
ACCESS & EQUITY OFFICER - Conrad Corry
HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR - Vivan Farrelly
CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR - Peter Coates
WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR - Keith Warburton
WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE - Mia Anstee
PART TIME REP - Langley Tay
INTERNATIONAL REP - Vivek Sarode

Apologies:

MATURE AGE REP - Aimee McCarten
TAFE/APPRENTICE REP - James Cooper
DISABILITY SUPPORT REP - Noel Gardiner
POST GRADUATE REP - Chris Tagle
QUEER REP - Abigail Michell

Absent:

UNDERGRADUATE REP - Mehr Hussain
PRAHRAN CAMPUS CHAIR - Ali Ryrie-Golding
LILYDALE CAMPUS CHAIR - Charis Goodwin

Observers:

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the meeting held 13/04/11 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. GENERAL BUSINESS:

→ **1. 2011 Annual General Meeting:**

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Briers*

Preamble:

In line with the SSU Constitution the 2010 Financial Statements have been produced and audited and will be put before the 2011 SSU Annual General Meeting tomorrow night.

Motion:

The Council commends the 2010 Financial Statements to the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

→ **2. 2011 Annual Budget:**

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- Seconded – *Searle*

Preamble:

In line with the SSU Constitution the 2010 Secretary/Treasurer was required to set an annual Budget for the 2011 Council. In the absence of this budget the current Council has done its best to provide maximum services at minimum cost. We have now produced a rough budget for the remainder of the year. Funding arrangements and some costs are yet to be confirmed; however, this budget will act as a rough guide until the 2012 Budget is released later this year.

Motion:

The Council commends the 2011 Annual Budget to the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Carried Unanimously

→ 3. Refugee Rights 1:

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- Seconded – *Searle*

Preamble:

Seeking Asylum is not illegal, yet the Australian Government seeks to treat all who arrive by boat as criminals. The United Nations should seek to play a more active role in global migration, especially asylum seekers, however; the Australian Government's recent treatment of foreign nationals seeking asylum, especially in detention centres, has been completely inhumane.

Motion:

The 2011 SSU Council condemns any move by the Commonwealth Government to further increase the harsh treatment of asylum seekers. The Secretary/Treasurer will draft a letter on SSU Letterhead to the Prime Minister and the Immigration Minister to be approved at the next Secretariat meeting.

***Against: Coates and Briers
Carried***

→ 4. Refugee Rights 2:

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Anstee*

Preamble:

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre are a not-for-profit organisation who provide aid, justice, empowerment and community support for Asylum Seekers.

Motion:

The SSU will donate \$100 to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Carried Unanimously

5. MEETING CLOSED: