



- DRAFT MINUTES -
COUNCIL MEETING #6:
Wednesday, 11th of May 2011.

1. MEETING OPEN:

Meeting opened by James Searle (The Chair) 7:15pm.

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
EDUCATION - VICE PRESIDENT - Mark Briers
SECRETARY - TREASURER - Matthew Landolfo
ACCESS & EQUITY OFFICER - Conrad Corry – Arrived 7:53pm
CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR - Peter Coates
WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR - Keith Warburton
WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE - Mia Anstee – Left 10:05pm
POST GRADUATE REP - Chris Tagle
PART TIME REP - Langley Tay
INTERNATIONAL REP - Vivek Sarode
MATURE AGE REP - Aimee McCarten
TAFE/APPRENTICE REP - James Cooper
QUEER REP - Abigail Michell

Apologies:

Absent:

HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR - Vivan Farrelly
PRAHRAN CAMPUS CHAIR - Ali Ryrie-Golding
LILYDALE CAMPUS CHAIR - Charis Goodwin
UNDERGRADUATE REP - Mehr Hussain
DISABILITY SUPPORT REP - Noel Gardiner

Observers:

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the meeting held 28/04/11 have been amended and 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

The Age Monday 9th of April – ‘University chiefs earning top dollar’

EDUCATION - VICE PRESIDENT - Mark Briers

Facilities and Services issues

Friday the 13th Party

SECRETARY - TREASURER - Matthew Landolfo

Moving to UN Building

ACCESS & EQUITY OFFICER - Conrad Corry

Student Publication updates

CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR - Peter Coates

SSAA have improved at Croydon

Access issues re office as well as functionality

Will promote Friday 13th party tomorrow

Has collected Melbourne Uni magazine and membership forms

WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR - Keith Warburton

Need for vending machines and food options

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE - Mia Anstee

Consulting with NUS Women's officer re: Strong Unions need Strong Women

Promotion of Women's room has begun

POST GRADUATE REP - Chris Tagle

SSAA's Postgrad rep body has restarted

Ongoing public transport issues

PART TIME REP - Langley Tay

Events group meeting

Friday 13th promotion.

INTERNATIONAL REP - Vivek Sarode

Friday 13th Party promotion including via clubs etc

MATURE AGE REP - Aimee McCarten

Visited Prahran for potential vending machine locations

TAFE/APPRENTICE REP - James Cooper

Contact James in future to promote the Union and Union events at Hawthorn TAFE buildings

Many TAFE students are unaware of available facilities – facilities could also be improved

Photos should be taken of posters to ensure

QUEER REP - Abigail Michell

Queer Collaborations in Perth later this year – QSF are arranging a donation to cover costs.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

From reports and previous minutes.

→ **SSAA Facilities in George Building.**

Moved – *Searle*

Some SSAA facilities have been removed by the SSAA.

Union Posters have been put in their place directing them to the Union.

→ **Queer Collaborations.**

Moved – *Briers*

The Union should be able to contribute to Queer Collaborations fees.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION:

→ **Notice of Motion No. 1:**

HONORARIA.

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Tay*

Preamble:

In the first meeting of 2011, Council resolved to freeze all honoraria payments until after the Annual General Meeting. The AGM has now taken place and a projected budget has been approved. The provisional budget accepted by Council in Meeting #5 projected a sizable loss for the Union, even without including any honoraria payments.

Motion:

That SSU will continue the suspension of all honoraria, subject to review following the presentation of an on-going funding agreement or the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

The SSU will also fund and organise an invitation only event at the end of the year to celebrate the contributions of Council members and volunteers to the Student Union.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 2:**
UNION OPERATIONAL SPACE & THE UN BUILDING.

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

Preamble:

Facilities & Services have agreed in principle that the Union Offices will shift from the AD building to the UN building, under the understanding that the University will do all it can to accommodate a Queer space, Women's room and Postgraduate hub in the AD Building.

Motion:

The Council welcomes the University's proposed Union space allocation in the UN Building. The Union will continue to lobby that a Queer and Women's space be established in the AD Building. The Secretary/Treasurer will present plans for relocation and the usage of the UN Building to the next Secretariat meeting.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 3:**
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES.

- Moved – *Briers*
More research to be conducted

Withdrawn

→ **Notice of Motion No. 4:**
REPLACING I.D. CARDS.

- Moved – *Briers*
More research to be conducted

Withdrawn

→ **Notice of Motion No. 5:**
'SWINDLER' PROJECT & UNION NEWSLETTER.

- Moved – Corry
- Seconded – Tay

Preamble:

A proposal for an on-going 'magazine art project' has been presented to Council, including an Editorial Policy, Mission Statement and provisional personnel document.

Separately, it's been suggested that a Union Newspaper will be produced at a later date. The President and the Secretary/treasurer in consultation with students and Council members will produce a pilot copy of a 'Swine' style newspaper to promote the Union and report on Swinburne news and present it to the next Secretariat Meeting.

Break – 9:11-9:31

Amendment - Searle:

Seconded – Coates:

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Acceptable to the Mover

Amendment – Anstee:

Seconded – Tay:

After 2011, SSU Council Members not be in an editorial position, but are free to contribute.

Not acceptable to the Mover

Withdrawn

Amendment – Landolfo:

Seconded – Tay

Acceptable to the Mover

Funding is under the condition that an editorial policy, fully costed budget, complete layout of content and a workable operational structure be passed by the next Secretariat Meeting and be distributed to Council members.

Acceptable to the Mover

Amendment – Landolfo:

Seconded – Cooper

Acceptable to the Mover

The operational structure including all editorial positions as well as all other Union associated media outlets will be subject to review in the first meeting of the 2012 Council.

Acceptable to the Mover

Motion:

The Council will fund a pilot of 1,500 copies, providing that the Union retains all revenue generated by the project and all quotes and receipts are verified by the Secretary/Treasurer.

The operational structure including all editorial positions as well as all other Union associated media outlets will be subject to review in the first meeting of the 2012 Council.

Funding is under the condition that an editorial policy, fully costed budget, complete layout of content and a workable operational structure be passed by the next Secretariat Meeting and be distributed to Council members. The launch of the publication will be on Friday the 27th of May.

Carried Unanimously

Notice of Motion No. 6:**STUDENT CONSULTATIVE NETWORK 1.**

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Tay*

Preamble:

SSU Councillors have made attempts to forge a cooperative relationship with the SCN this year, offering to table each other's minutes and send a representative to the other's meetings.

We've initiated communications with a view to working together to improve the student experience at Swinburne; however, these attempts have been met with opposition from members of the SCN.

Cooperation between the two bodies would greatly benefit students in terms of representation as well as campus culture yet at their most recent meeting the SCN resolved not to engage with the Union at all.

Motion:

The Council condemns the SCN for refusing to engage with SSU.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 7:**
STUDENT CONSULTATIVE NETWORK 2.

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

Preamble:

Swinburne funds the SCN to over \$100,000 annually in honoraria and overheads, yet the SCN has been almost entirely inactive in 2011. Only two meetings have been held in 2011 and no evident correspondence or action taken by members.

In contrast, the Union has held over 10 formal meetings already in 2011 including Council, despite SSU council members volunteering their time and effort without honoraria.

SCN meetings are not open for students to observe.

By contrast, all Union meeting dates and minutes are published online and all students are invited to attend and participate.

The SSU held its Annual General Meeting on the 29th of April to present office bearer reports as well as financial statements and budgets, with many students and members in attendance.

The SCN is only accountable to students at their annual election and has demonstrated that it is ineffective, undemocratic and essentially defunct.

Motion:

The SSU recognises that whilst it's positive to have students directly elected to University Council, SSAA Board, Academic Senate and Faculty Academic Committees, structuring those representatives into the Student Consultative Network is wasteful and results in unnecessary duplication.

The SSU ceases to recognise the SCN as a legitimate student representative body and urges the University to review the structure and funding of student representation at Swinburne.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 8:**
HOMOPHOBIA.

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- Seconded – *Michell*

Preamble:

The Liberal State Member for Frankston, Mr Geoff Shaw, was recently quoted in the media comparing homosexuality to speeding motorists, child molesters, thieves and murderers in an email to a student in his electorate.

The Student wrote to voice his opposition to the Ballieu Government's new anti-discrimination legislation, writing: "I'm 20 in a week. I'm able to vote. I want to work, live and love freely during the course of my life, and I want to do that without thinking that I can't".

Geoff Shaw responded via email: "What if I loved driving 150kms per hour in residential areas? What if there was a convicted sex offender who stated that, or a child molester? Can they still do what they want? Under your statement the answer is yes. What if one wanted to get drunk, take drugs, steal and murder? What if one loved this? Can they also do what they want without thinking that they can't?".

Motion:

The Council condemns Geoff Shaw's ignorant and homophobic comments. The Queer Representative will write to the Victorian Premier Ted Ballieu urging that he condemn Geoff Shaw's comments and disendorse Mr Shaw as the Liberal Member for Frankston. The letter will also be published on the SSU Website.

***Abstention: Coates
Carried***

→ **Notice of Motion No. 9:**
REFUGEE RIGHTS 3.

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Sarode*

Preamble:

Whilst completing the \$100 donation to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre by motion of Meeting #5, the President noticed that the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre lists 'toothpaste' amongst the most needed items.

Motion:

The SSU will donate four boxes (190 Tubes) of our donated toothpaste to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and will seek to facilitate further donations in the future.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 10:**
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Coates*

Preamble:

Motion:

The next Council Meeting should be held at 3pm on Thursday the 23rd of June 2011.

Carried Unanimously

7. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A Motion is proposed that the Council hear General Business in-camera.

- *Mover – Landolfo*
- *Secunder – Corry*

Opposed – Tay, Searle
Carried

8. OBSERVER QUESTIONS: *None received*

9. MEETING CLOSED: *By James Searle (The Chair) 11:09pm*