



- DRAFT MINUTES -
COUNCIL MEETING #7:
Thursday, 23rd of June 2011.

1. MEETING OPEN:

Meeting opened by James Searle (The Chair) 3:30pm.

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
CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR - Peter Coates (Arrived 4:05)
WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR - Keith Warburton (Arrived 4:05)
WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE - Mia Anstee (Left 5:30)
PART TIME REP - Langley Tay
MATURE AGE REP - Aimee McCarten
DISABILITY SUPPORT REP - Noel Gardiner
QUEER REP - Abigail Mitchell (Left 4:45)

Apologies:

POST GRADUATE REP - Chris Tagle
TAFE/APPRENTICE REP - James Cooper

Absent:

HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR - Vivian Farrelly
PRAHRAN CAMPUS CHAIR - Ali Ryrie-Golding
LILYDALE CAMPUS CHAIR - Charis Goodwin
INTERNATIONAL REP - Vivek Sarode
UNDERGRADUATE REP - Mehr Hussain

Observers:

Liz Rowe, Jake Gillies, Nikki Robinson, Andrew Kirkpatrick, Brice Chappell.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the meeting held 11/05/11 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: *Searle*

Carried Unanimously

4. REPORTS:

PRESIDENT - James Searle

- Meeting with new Vice Chancellor Linda Kristjanson
- 'Front and centre for a new voice', The Age, 21/06/11
- Moving to the UN Building

EDUCATION - VICE PRESIDENT - Mark Briers

- O-Week - Semester 2

SECRETARY - TREASURER - Matthew Landolfo

- Secretariat Meeting #2
- Semester 2 Plans

ACCESS & EQUITY OFFICER - Conrad Corry

- Vending Machines at Hawthorn and Prahran.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

From reports and previous minutes.

Nil.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION:

→ **Notice of Motion No. 1:**

2011 SSU ELECTIONS: RETURNING OFFICER.

- Moved – *Searle*
- Seconded – *Tay*

Preamble:

Under 55(7) of the Constitution, The Council must appoint the returning officer for the annual elections. The returning officer must not be a student.

The Council has been presented with quotes from three companies for the administration of the 2011 SSU Annual Elections.

Motion:

The Council appoints Above Quota Elections to administer the 2011 Annual Elections.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 2:**

NUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

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

Preamble:

The National Union of Students Education Conference is an annual event that brings together student activists from around the country to discuss issues within higher education and the student experience, share skills with each other and shape the NUS campaigns for the next semester.

The major focus of Education Conference this year will be the Student Services Amenities Fee legislation and how student organisations should lobby and negotiate with their university to get a fair share.

This year Ed Con is being held in Perth, at Curtin University and the University of Western Australia. See attached budget and information pack for more details.

Motion:

The Union contribute \$500 (\$250 each) for the President and Education Vice President to attend the National Union of Students Education Conference.

***Gardiner Abstention
Carried***

→ **Procedural Motion:**

Merchandise 1 & Merchandise 2 be moved on block.

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

For - Searle, Briers, Landolfo, Corry, Gardiner, McCarten, Warburton, Tay, Coates
Against - Anstee, Michell
Carried

→ **Notice of Motion No. 3:**
Merchandise 1.

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

Preamble:

The SSU is running out of clothing to offer members, many students have expressed interest in hooded jumpers and tee-shirts. The old tee-shirts have been popular with new members, despite their poor style and fit.

Motion:

That the SSU purchase:

100 custom designed hooded jumpers to the value of \$3566.5; And;
250 custom designed tee-shirts to the value of \$1575.

From creativecorporategifts.com.au

→ **Notice of Motion No. 4:**
Merchandise 2.

- Moved – *Corry*
- Seconded – *Gardiner*

→ **Amendment:**

Remove “It is a good way to make income. Swinburne is full of mainly adult students and all responsibility of what use these lighters go through is on the owner and not the SSU.”

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- ***Acceptable to the mover***

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- Moved - *Landolfo*
- ***Acceptable to the mover.***

Amendment:

Adjust amount to “1500 cigarette lighters at a cost of \$1105.”

- Moved - *Landolfo*
- ***Acceptable to the mover.***

→ **Procedural Motion:**

A ballot be conducted with No further speakers.

- Moved – *Tay*
- Seconded – *Gardiner*

For: Tay, Briers, Corry, Gardiner, McCarten, Warburton, Coates
Against: Searle, Landolfo, Anstee, Michell
Carried

Preamble:

Lighters are an effective advertising tool for any organisation. SSU members and other Swinburne Students have a variety of uses for them and SSU should provide some at a cheap cost to students. No GST is paid by SSU for these items. Over time profit will be made, and the brand will be put out there bringing in more potential members.

Motion:

SSU funds the purchase of 1500 cigarette lighters at a cost of \$1105, to be sold at a cost of \$2 to students at events and recruitment marquees.

For: Searle, Briers, Corry, Gardiner, McCarten, Warburton, Tay, Coates
Abstained: Landolfo
Against: Anstee, Michell

Motion incorrectly declared Carried.
Expense is from capital reserves and must be passed by Absolute Majority.

Break 4:45pm-5:15

Notice of Motion No. 5:
SSU CAMERA.

- Moved – *Corry*
- Seconded – *Gardiner*

→ **Amendment:**

Remove “It is a shame SSU has not taken the initiative to purchase a digital camera to use at events and around campus to get the brand out there”; And;
“Rather than waste funds on a WA trip”

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- Seconded – *Tay*

For: Searle, Briers, McCarten, Tay, Landolfo, Warburton
Against: Corry, Gardiner, Coates

Preamble:

The SSU should purchase a high quality digital camera for use at social occasions and campus events. Reliance on volunteers taking photos at events is not 100% practical, should an event pop up from nowhere it is problematic to call upon these volunteers. It is therefore a great investment if SSU purchases a camera of reasonable quality.

Motion:

If in 2 weeks the SSU has not procured a high quality digital camera, it will either purchase a Nikon 12.1MP, 36X Optical Zoom Digital Camera at a cost of \$599 or purchase a digital camera of better quality at or below the same price or

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 6:**
STUDENT PARKING IN HAWTHORN.

- Moved – *Briers*
- Seconded – *Landolfo*

Preamble:

At the 2011 election the Shake Up!! Ticket promised lobby for more student parking. Although some gains have been made, with plans to extend the multi-level car park made public in the University’s Masterplan, more parking is needed immediately.

Motion:

The Education - Vice President will open dialog with all relevant parties with regards to parking, including George Street and the new AMC building.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 7:**
RSA's FOR SSU VOLUNTEERS

- Moved – *Corry*
- Seconded – *Gardiner*

Preamble:

SSU runs liquor licensed events and always adheres to proper legal requirements. SSU volunteers and council members should be entitled to have RSA's paid for by the union if they are prepared to assist at events. Given that the SSU will be stepping up operations dramatically this coming semester and will be frequently be running licensed events, it's only fair SSU chip in to help volunteers meet the legal requirements to help out.

Motion:

SSU will pay for up to eight council members or volunteers to do RSA courses so they can help as bar staff during SSU events.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 8:**
DISABILITY SUPPORT

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

Preamble:

The University's Disability Support service reportedly have very few prospects for funding access and equity projects pertaining to disabled students on campus.

Motion:

The Disability Support Representative and the Secretary/Treasurer will arrange a disabled students forum in August and will seek submissions from as many disabled students as possible.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 9:**
NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- Moved – *Briers*
- Seconded – *Corry*

Preamble:

In May, there was an incident in the George Building where a bag of used syringes was thrown at SSAA receptionist Fiona Ledward, this incident has brought to light a needle exchange program that has been running at Swinburne since 1991 in Macleod lane without incident. At the start of this year, this program was moved to level 4 of the George building. It has come to light that when it was moved no risk assessment was conducted, which has potentially put staff and students operating in the building at risk.

Motion:

The SSU condemns the University for what we believe to be a breach in their duty of care and supports the NTEU in their actions on this issue.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 10:**
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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

Preamble:

For many years the president of SSU held an ex-officio seat on the university council. In 2006 along with funding, this position was removed. In 2010 what had been 2 elected student representatives was reduced to 1, further reducing student representation on this board. Further more, the 1 elected student is provided very little support and no administrative resources such as an office.

Motion:

The President and Vice President will investigate reinstating an Ex-officio position for a Student Union Nominee on the University Council in order to increase student representation on this board.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 11:****VACANCY: UNDERGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE.**

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- Seconded – *Corry*

Preamble:

Under 43(1): If a member fails on 3 consecutive occasions to attend within 30 minutes of the time of which notice has been given of an ordinary meeting of the committee; and (2) does not have a reasonable excuse that is accepted by the resolution of the committee; their position automatically becomes vacant.

Under 57(5): If a vacancy occurs in the position of a member of the council within 2 months before the annual elections, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Council.

Nominations for the 2011 Annual Elections are scheduled to open on 8th of August.

Motion:

The Council appoints Andrew Kirkpatrick as the Undergraduate Representative for the remainder of 2011.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 12:****VACANCY: PRAHRAN CAMPUS CHAIR.**

- Moved – *Landolfo*
- Seconded – *Briers*

Preamble:

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Motion:

The Council appoints Brice Chappell as the Prahran Campus Chair for the remainder of 2011. The Secretary/Treasurer will arrange and Chair a meeting of the Prahran Campus Committee as soon as possible.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 13:**
VACANCY: LILYDALE CAMPUS CHAIR.

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

Preamble:

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Under 57(5): If a vacancy occurs in the position of a member of the council within 2 months before the annual elections, the vacancy may be filled by appointment by the Council.

Nominations for the 2011 Annual Elections are scheduled to open on 8th of August.

Motion:

The Council appoints Emma Onan as the Lilydale Campus Chair for the remainder of 2011. The Secretary/Treasurer will arrange and Chair a meeting of the Lilydale Campus Committee as soon as possible.

Carried Unanimously

→ **Notice of Motion No. 14:**
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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

Preamble:

Motion:

The next Council Meeting will be held at 3pm on Thursday the 28th of July.

Carried Unanimously

8. OBSERVER QUESTIONS:

Nil

9. MEETING CLOSED:

Meeting closed by James Searle (The Chair) 6:22pm.