



## **AGENDA**

### **Council Meeting:**

Wednesday, 13th of May 2015

2:30pm

#### **MEETING DETAILS**

**Venue:** Union Meeting Room Hawthorn (UN413)  
**Chair:** Brendan Spackman-Williams (President)  
**Minute-taker** Scott Morgan (General Secretary)

#### **ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

1. SSU Council Meeting 15-04-2015 Unconfirmed Minutes
2. Office Bearer Reports
3. Bookshop Meeting Report
4. Education Board EOI Report
5. Proposed EBA changes
6. EBA Wage Scale
7. Financial Reports: April Balance Sheet, April P&L, April P&L Budget Analysis

## 1. MEETING OPEN:

*Meeting opened by Brendan Spackman-Williams (The Chair) at 2:41pm. The meeting is quorate.*

**Contemplation:**

Council will observe 1 minute of silence for contemplation.

**Acknowledgement of Country:**

The SSU Council respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. Council honours their elders past and present and recognises that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

## 2. ATTENDANCE:

**Present:**

PRESIDENT	Brendan Spackman-Williams
GENERAL SECRETARY	Scott Morgan
EDUCATION OFFICER	Anthony Osborne
WELFARE OFFICER	Joshua Briers
HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR	Ben Jackson
EDUCATION – ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	Suzanne Byron
EDUCATION – PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	Tanja Schindler
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE	Prakash Kumar Singh
WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE	Tori Pearce
CLUBS & ACTIVITIES OFFICER	Tohiora Kuru
EDUCATION – PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER	Tanja Schindler
ENVIRONMENT/SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER	Cliff Warren
GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE	Jonathan Sacco
GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE	David Uber
GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE	Karuna Santosa (Arrived 2:58pm)

**Vacancies:**

WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR  
CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR  
INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE  
TAFE/APPRENTICESHIP REPRESENTATIVE

**Apologies:**

POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE	Caitlin Bruty
QUEER REPRESENTATIVE	Lee Taube (Arrived 3:21pm)

**Absent without apology:**

DISABILITY REPRESENTATIVE	Michael Samarin
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**Observers:**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER	James Searle
VICE PRESIDENT, QUEER COLLECTIVE	Jordan Janssen

### 3. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:

That Council accepts the apologies of those mentioned above. All other Council members not present will be marked as absent.

- Mover: *Morgan*
- Seconder: *Jackson*

***Carried Unanimously***

### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

That the agenda be accepted in its current form. Any amendments to its layout should be suggested here.

- Mover: *Morgan*
- Seconder: *Osborne*

***Carried Unanimously***

### 5. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the Council meeting held *15<sup>th</sup> April 2015* are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and should be published on the Union's website.

- Mover: *Morgan*
- Seconder: *Briers*

***Carried (4 Abstentions)***

## 6. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS:

*Written reports received from the following:*

Women's Representative  
Welfare Officer  
Queer Representative  
President

Postgraduate Representative  
Disability Representative  
Executive Officer  
Sustainability Officer

Education Officer  
Clubs Officer

## 7. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

That Council accept the reports of office-bearers who provided reports.

- Mover: *Briers*
- Seconder: *Jackson*

***Carried (2 Abstentions)***

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Boroondara Council Grant  
Suzanne is interested in applying for money through the council to run student tours.
- Bar Business Name  
Council has no objections to registering "The Hammer and Swine"
- EBA  
Discussed and updated EO Recommendations. General approval for recommendations, feedback provided to appointed negotiators (President & General Secretary).
- Finances update
  - Budget  
Documentation provided as attached for perusal.
  - Services Update  
*Skipped*
- Bookshop Update

*Procedural (Spackman-Williams): That the meeting continue in camera, and specifically the current observers Jordan Janssen and James Searle are permitted to remain present.*

**Carried Unanimously**

*The President hands the chair to the Education Officer  
The President & Education Academic Affairs have left.*

*Procedural (Osborne): That the meeting proceed extra camera.*

**Carried Unanimously**

*The President & Education Academic Affairs return.  
The Education Officer hands the chair to the President*

- 'Feedback'  
Brendan: Tanja has raise some very insightful questions, please speak to her at a later date.
- GeoCaching
- State and Federal Budget  
300 Million Towards TAFE, 50 Million (VIC)  
Federal Government is trying to Regulate TAFE Deregulate Universities
- Plans around retrieving HEC-HELP debt from students that go overseas for work – see motion  
Federal Government is attempting to gather tax from students overseas
- Audited Financial Reports  
James and Brendan met with accountant, reports were received, editing taking place (minor things) roughly a \$13,000 loss from 2014,

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION:

### 1. Notice of Motion No. 1

#### Bar Business Name

- Mover – Jackson
- Secunder – Byron

**Motion:**

That the Union Bar be branded 'The Hammer and Swine' from Semester 2, 2015 and that a marketing and branding plan be undertaken during the semester break.

**Carried Unanimously**

*Chair handed to Education Officer*

### 2. Notice of Motion No. 2

#### EBA

- Mover – Spackman-Williams
- Secunder – Byron

*Amendment (Spackman-Williams):* ANZAC day Leave not supported (Amenable to Mover and Secunder)

**Motion:**

That the Executive Officer's recommendations on NTEU's claims be agreed to and that the Executive Officer is authorised to send an updated 2015 EBA to NTEU for the purposes of further negotiations. Noting the exception of recommendation re. 42.3 – ANZAC day leave change.

**Carried (1 Abstention)**

*Chair handed to President*

### 3. Notice of Motion No. 3

#### May 20th National Day of Action

- Mover – Osborne
- Secunder – Sacco

**Preamble:**

The National Union of Students is organising a student protest against the new Federal Budget and the proposed fee deregulation. The protests have been a visual representation of student opinion on the issue and help give credibility to those lobbying for fairer university fees.

**Motion:**

That the Swinburne Student Union endorses the National Union of Students National Day of Action on May 20<sup>th</sup> against the federal budget and its effects on Universities and students. The Union fully supports a Swinburne contingent at the rally and helps engage students to be a part of the contingent.

**Carried Unanimously**

#### **4. Notice of Motion No. 4**

### **HECS**

- Mover – Osborne
- Secunder –

*Procedural (Morgan): Temporarily suspend standing orders to discuss motion*

**Carried (2 against)**

*Procedural (Osborne): To return to standing orders.*

**Carried (1 against)**

*The mover withdraws the motion.*

#### ***Preamble:***

Christopher Pyne has signalled that the Government is going to implement legislation that requires all Australian graduates living overseas to make HECS debt payments once they earn over the \$53,000 threshold in the 2016-17 tax year.

#### ***Motion:***

That the union adopt a position on the policy of overseas graduates paying back HECS debt.

***Motion withdrawn***

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **Notice of Motion**

### **Remuneration Panel**

#### ***Motion:***

That the Clubs Officer be appointed as the rotating Council member on the Remuneration Panel until the next Council meeting.

***Carried (6 Abstentions)***

### **Notice of Motion**

### **Next Council meeting**

- Mover – Morgan
- Secunder – Byron

#### ***Motion:***

That the next Council meeting be held at 2:30pm, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Hawthorn Campus.

***Carried (1 Abstention)***

## **11. MEETING CLOSED:**

*Meeting closed by Brendan Spackman-Williams (The Chair) at 5:06pm.*