



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Council Meeting:

Monday, 2nd of May 2014
11:00am

MEETING DETAILS

Venue: Union Meeting Room Hawthorn (UN413)
Chair: Joshua Fernandez (President)
Minute-taker Brendan Spackman-Williams (General Secretary)

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

Queer Representative Remuneration Report – 3rd Mar to 16th Mar
Council 24th March Unconfirmed Minutes
Office Bearer Reports

1. MEETING OPEN:

Meeting opened by Joshua Fernandez (The Chair) at 11:12.

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	Joshua Fernandez
EDUCATION OFFICER	Joshua Briers
GENERAL SECRETARY	Brendan Spackman-Williams
HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR	Caitlin Bruty
DISABILITY REPRESENTATIVE	Pavithra Ramamurthy
ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER	Michael Klomp
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE	Arsalan Shaikh
TAFE/APPRENTICESHIP REPRESENTATIVE	Summer White
MATURE-AGED REPRESENTATIVE	Andrew Morison

Vacancies:

WELFARE OFFICER
CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR
WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR
INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE

Apologies:

UNDERGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE	Sumbula Ahmad
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Absent without apology:

QUEER REPRESENTATIVE	Lee Taube (at 11:49)
WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE	Linda Kenyon
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE	Gautham Raju
PART-TIME REPRESENTATIVE	Scott Morgan
CLUBS & ACTIVITIES OFFICER	Salman Arif

Observers:

Siva Narayanan

3. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:

That Council accepts the apologies of the Undergraduate Representative. All other Council members not present will be marked as absent.

- Mover: *Spackman-Williams*
- Secunder: *Fernandez*

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: *Spackman-Williams*
- Secunder: *Morison*

Carried Unanimously

5. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the Council meeting held 24th March 2014 are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and should be published on the Union's website.

- Mover: *Spackman-Williams*
- Secunder: *Bruty*

Carried Unanimously

6. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- By-Election
 - General Secretary
 - **Resolved**
- National Representative Body Affiliations
 - General Secretary
 - **Half Completed**
- Cheap Living at Hawthorn Guide
 - Welfare Officer
 - **Temporarily On-Hold**
- Company Secretary
 - President
 - **Resolved**
- Gender Neutral Union Lounge Bathroom
 - General Secretary and Queer Representative
 - **Ongoing**
- Sponsorship
 - President
 - **Ongoing**

7. REPORTS:

Written Report Received

President – Joshua Fernandez
General Secretary – Brendan Spackman-Williams
Hawthorn Campus Chair – Caitlin Bruty
Queer Representative – Lee Taube
TAFE/Apprenticeship Representative – Summer White

No Report, But Verbal Report Given

Education Officer – Joshua Briers

- Working a lot on the recent IT changes in the University, students opinions need to be heard
- Upcoming NUS campaigns, May 14th and 26th relating to Budget and Commission of Audit

Notice of Motion:**Acceptance of office-bearer reports**

- Mover – *Bruty*
- Secunder – *Briers*

Motion:

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

Carried Unanimously

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Stalkerspace Blow-Outs – Lee Taube
 - Concern about threads escalating, specifically a recent 500+ one relating to transphobia
- Constitutional Re-Write – Brendan Spackman-Williams
 - Education Officer to circulate Minutes from first meeting
- Commission of Audit – Joshua Fernandez
 - Cuts from various welfare areas and education
 - Drastic cuts and changes to the education sector
 - President will contact the Treasurer, the Minister for Finance in relation to this

9. NOTICES OF MOTION:

1. Notice of Motion**Education Board Appointments**

- Mover – *Briers*
- Secunder – *Fernandez*

Preamble:

The Education Board is the peak academic policy making board of the Union, lead by the Education Officer the board requires members of Council to be put forward per the constitution. The only current official member of the Education Board is the Education Officer, Welfare Officer, the President, and the General Secretary. Yet the Part-Time Representative and Undergraduate Representative are not.

Motion:

That Council appoint Scott Morgan the Part-Time Representative and Sumbula Ahmad the Undergraduate Representative as sitting members of the Education Board.

Amendment (acceptable to mover and seconder) – Spackman-Williams

That the Mature Age Representative also become a sitting member of Education Board.

Amendment (acceptable to mover and seconder) - Bruty

That the International Representative also become a sitting member of Education Board.

Carried (1 abstention)

2. Notice of Motion**Hawthorn Campus Chair Position**

- Mover – *Bruty*
- Seconder – *Taube*

Preamble:

The Hawthorn Campus Chair role involves a lot of planning and organisation that most weeks can consume well over 20 hours. Aside from the President, the three other executive roles are 25 hours a week. The Hawthorn Campus Chair should not only also be eligible for 25 hours of remuneration; they should be required to complete this amount of work. They are also currently paid less per hour than the other executive members when they are often required to put more effort into their work.

Motion:

That the hours for the Hawthorn Campus Chair are increased to 25 per week (50 per fortnight) and remuneration is paid at the same rate as the General Secretary, Education Officer and Welfare Officer.

Lost (4 for, 4 against, 2 abstentions)

3. Notice of Motion**Office Manager**

- Mover – *Bruty*
- Seconder –

Preamble:

The SSU currently employs a Reception, Administration and Finance Officer. Whilst this title does somewhat describe the roles that this employee is responsible for, it is somewhat unclear when this person is the point of contact in many situations.

This person is responsible for ordering and communicating with many outside organisations. This title can be confusing in these interactions. Office Manager would be a much simpler title for this purpose. It would also be more appropriate to describe the roles required.

Motion:

That the Reception, Administration and Finance Officer be titled 'Office Manager'.

Withdrawn due to lack of seconder

**4. Notice of Motion
By-Election**

- Mover– *Spackman-Williams*
- Secunder – *Fernandez*

Preamble:

Coupled with a few unfulfilled positions in the recent by-election there have been subsequent resignations in both the Croydon Campus Chair and Welfare Officer positions and another by-election needs to take place.

Motion:

The positions to be elected include; Welfare Officer, Croydon Campus Chair, Wantirna Campus Chair, Indigenous Representative and all vacant general representative positions on SISA, SUPA and campus committees. Additionally any other vacancies that arise before 12 PM Friday 9th May will be up for election.

Nominations open on Monday 12th May at 9 AM.

Nominations close on Wednesday 21st May at 5 PM.

The Returning Officer shall be Ade Adeniyi.

If a poll is required, it will be conducted under the following arrangements:

- Polling shall begin on Monday 26th May and end on Tuesday 27th May
- If a poll is required at an external campus that poll shall take place on Monday 26th May
- For each day polling is open it shall be conducted between 10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm
- The polling place shall be the Student Union office at Hawthorn on Level 4 of the UN Building
- The polling place at the Wantirna Campus shall be held in the WB building.
- The polling place at the Croydon Campus shall be held outside the Croydon Union Office.
- Students from campuses other than Hawthorn wishing to vote but who do not wish to travel to Hawthorn must contact the Returning Officer via email before 5 pm on Friday 23rd May to arrange a postal vote. The email must include their name, student number and postal address

Notice for the above dates and details shall be given via the Union's web presence, an email to members and notices placed on each campus by Monday 12th May.

The cost for the election shall be \$0 regardless if a poll is required however reimbursements can be made for travel to external campuses.

Carried Unanimously

5. Notice of Motion Annual General Meeting

- Mover – *Spackman-Williams*
- Secunder – *Fernandez*

Preamble:

The Student Union's Constitution in addition to the Associations Act require the Union to conduct an Annual General Meeting of all students to present the previous year's audited financial statements and for office bearers to provide reports.

The annual and the AGM are the two main ways that the Student Union is accountable to students. This important framework sets the Union apart from the SSAA.

Motion:

That the Annual General Meeting be held on Friday the 30th May at 2 PM in the Union Lounge and that notice for the meeting be given via *The Swine*, the Union's web presence, social media, an email to all members and through notices placed on all campuses.

Carried Unanimously

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Notice of Motion

Queer Representative Remuneration Report – 3rd March to 16th March

Preamble:

The Queer Representative Lee Taube's Remuneration Report for the period 3rd March to 16th march did not receive majority approval and was not carried. The votes were 1 for, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

Lee has now chosen to appeal this decision and hence it has been brought to Council.

Motion:

That Council overturn the Remuneration Panel's decision and approve the Remuneration Report of the Queer Representative Lee Taube for the period 3rd March to 16th March for the amount of 20 hours.

Carried (4 for, 6 abstentions)

Notice of Motion Remuneration Panel

Motion:

That the TAFE/Apprenticeship Representative be appointed as the rotating Council member on the Remuneration Panel until the next Council meeting.

Carried (Secretariat abstention)

Notice of Motion Next Council meeting

- Mover– *Spackman-Williams*
- Seconder - *Briers*

Motion:

That the next Council meeting be held on Monday 2nd June at 1:00pm in the Union Meeting Room.

Carried Unanimously

10. MEETING CLOSED:

Meeting closed by Joshua Fernandez (The Chair) at 13:00.