



**MINUTES**  
**Council Meeting:**  
Tuesday, 14th of August 2012

**MEETING DETAILS**

**Venue:** Union Meeting Room Hawthorn (UN413)  
**Chair:** Mark Briers (President)  
**Minute-taker** James Searle (Secretary/Treasurer)

## 1. MEETING OPEN:

*Meeting opened by Mark Briers (The Chair) at 18:06. The meeting is quorate.*

### **Acknowledgement of Country:**

*The SSU Council respectfully acknowledged 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.*

### **Contemplation:**

*Council will observe 1 minute of silence for contemplation.*

## 2. ATTENDANCE:

### **Present:**

PRESIDENT	Mark Briers
SECRETARY/TREASURER	James Searle
ACCESS & EQUITY OFFICER	Nicole Robinson
HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR	Brendan Spackman Williams
TAFE/APPRENTICESHIP REPRESENTATIVE	Fraser Blair
QUEER REPRESENTATIVE	Andrew Morison
MEN'S WELFARE OFFICER	Joshua Fernandez
WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE	Mia Anstee
ENVIRONMENT/SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER	Zoe Glen-Norman (entered 19:09)

### **Vacancies:**

CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR  
WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR  
PRAHRAN CAMPUS CHAIR  
UNDERGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE  
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE  
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
PART-TIME REPRESENTATIVE

### **Apologies:**

INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE	Megan Kelleher
LILYDALE CAMPUS CHAIR	Amie Watson
EDUCATION/VICE PRESIDENT	Caroline Baker

### **Absent without apology:**

DISABILITY SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE	Oliver Haeusler
MATURE-AGED REPRESENTATIVE	Brenton Kovarik

### **Observers:**

Andrew Newton  
Pannisa Sriyai  
Alice Mutton  
Peter Coates (from 18:55)

### **3. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:**

That Council accepts the apologies of the Indigenous Representative, Lilydale Campus Chair, Education/Vice President. All other Council members not present will be marked as absent.

- Mover: *Searle*
- Second: *Fernandez*

*Carried (Robinson abstention)*

### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

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

- Mover: *Searle*
- Second: *Briers*

*Carried (Unanimously)*

### **5. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The recorded minutes of the Council meeting held *17th July 2012* are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and should be published on the Union's website and distributed to the University's Executive Group.

- Mover: *Searle*
- Second: *Briers*

*Carried (Unanimously)*

## 6. REPORTS:

### Written reports supplied:

PRESIDENT

Mark Briers

SECRETARY/TREASURER

James Searle

### No report received:

ACCESS & EQUITY OFFICER

Nicole Robinson

TAFE/APPRENTICESHIP REPRESENTATIVE

Fraser Blair

INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE

Megan Kelleher

DISABILITY SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE

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Amie Watson

MEN'S WELFARE OFFICER

Joshua Fernandez

WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Mia Anstee

### Notice of Motion:

#### **Acceptance of office-bearer reports**

- Mover – *Searle*
- Secunder – *Anstee*

### ***Motion:***

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

***Carried (Unanimously)***

## 7. CONFERENCE REPORTS:

### 1. NUS Education Conference

1. Brendan Spackman-Williams – **no report received**
2. Caroline Baker – **written report supplied**
3. Josh Fernandez – **written report supplied**
4. Mark Briers – **written report supplied**

### 2. Queer Collaborations

1. Andrew Morison – **written report supplied**
2. Enya Harrison – **written report supplied**
3. Amanda Kapusta – **written report supplied**

### 3. Council of International Students Australia

1. Matthew Latham – **no report received**
2. James Searle – **written report supplied**

### 4. Students of Sustainability

- a. Kelly Whitmore – **written report supplied**

### Notice of Motion:

## Acceptance of conference reports

- Mover– *Searle*
- Secunder – *Fernandez*

### **Motion:**

That Council accept the conference reports all attendees who provided reports.

***Carried (Unanimously)***

## **9. MATTERS ARISING:**

From previous minutes and reports.

## **8. NOTICES OF MOTION:**

### **1. Notice of Motion No. 1**

#### **Recommendations from Secretariat**

- Mover– *Searle*
- Secunder – Spackman-Williams

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

Secretariat recommended a budget update of up to \$4,000 to pay for public liability and association liability insurance for 2012.

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

That Council endorses this recommendation.

***Carried (Unanimously)***

### **2. Notice of Motion No. 2**

#### **Union credit card**

- Mover– *Searle*
- Secunder – *Anstee*

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

Many transactions the Union enters into require the use of a credit card. The Secretary/Treasurer has been using his personal credit card and being reimbursed, which affects his personal costs and increases the difficulty in accounting for transactions.

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

That the Union will apply for a NAB Business Access Card with facility limit of \$5,000 with the cardholder being James Searle.

***Carried (Unanimously)***

### 3. Notice of Motion No. 3 **Unisex toilets**

- Mover– *Morison*
- Seconder – *Spackman*

***Preamble:***

At present there are only male and female toilets upon campus. While this caters to male and female identifying students, students who identify as either the gender that does not correlate to their sex or students who do not identify themselves as either gender are often left feeling unsure, which facilities it would be appropriate for them to use. The creation of a unisex toilet would solve this problem without any consequence for any of the other persons using the facility.

***Motion:***

That Swinburne Student Union supports creation of easily accessible unisex toilets, on all campuses. The Queer Officer shall work with support from the Access and Equity Officer, and contact Kirsten Jeffery, in regards to the creation of such facilities.

***Carried (Unanimously)***

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

- Mover– *Glen-Norman*
- Seconder – *Anstee*

***Preamble:***

Shark finning is a cruel and unsustainable practice which is supported by the selling of shark fin soup in Australian restaurants. Jordan Crooke, Yarra Ranges Young Environmental Achiever of the Year and passionate campaigner, will be visiting Swinburne Hawthorn at 6pm on Friday, August 31, to present on shark conservation and finning. He will also screen the documentary "Sharkwater" for students. We will furthermore discuss ways to take action for sharks, one of which is to gain support from the Cities of Boroondara and Stonnington where Hawthorn and Prahran campuses are located.

***Motion:***

That the Student Union supports the anti-shark finning campaign and allows the attached letter to be printed on Student Union template.

***Carried (2 abstentions)***

## 5. Notice of Motion No. 5 Travel reimbursements

- Mover– *Briers*
- Seconder – *Searle*

### **Preamble:**

With the current crisis at Lilydale and Prahran SSU reps have been required to travel long distances for work. This motion is to establish a policy for reimbursement for travel, petrol and other related costs.

**Amendment (Searle):** That the policy also include reimbursement for public transport costs. That motor vehicle costs only be reimbursed if there is a compelling reason not to use public transport (for example carrying goods or carpooling). All reimbursements will be approved by remuneration panel.

*Acceptable to the mover*

**Amendment (Spackman, Fernandez):** That this policy be instituted as of the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.  
*Carried/Lost (2 against, 1 abstentions)*

### **Motion:**

The SSU institute a policy paying 50 cents for every KM travelled for travel during work (travel to work does not count) this will be reimbursed through a log book system.

*Carried (Glen-Norman abstention)*

## 6. Notice of Motion No. 6 Ending the Wind Tunnel

- Mover– *Fernandez*
- Seconder – *Morison*

### **Preamble:**

Currently Swinburne's Hawthorn campus is a windy and desolate area. The John St corridor is paved with buildings along it, therefore trapping any wind going down and amplifying its power. This serves as a major inconvenience for students and for organisations setting up stall along the walkway, with their tents being literally blown away.

### **Motion:**

SSU calls for the erection of 25 metre walls around the perimeter of the Hawthorn campus to cut down the effect of wind going down John St.

*Ruled out of order by the Chair*



7. **Notice of Motion No. 7**  
**Collectives and networks**

- Mover– *Searle*
- Seconder – *Anstee*

***Preamble:***

The Union has been allocated \$9,000 of SSA-Fee funding to support its welfare collectives and networks. To date approximately \$2,000 has been used.

This funding cannot be used for any other purpose and if it is not used, it is unlikely the Union will be allocated any funding for these networks again.

Networks which have not yet had a formal meeting include Undergraduate, Part-time, Mature-age, Men's Welfare and Indigenous, Disability Support and TAFE.

Other networks have met but have not run any significant events or services yet.

***Motion:***

Council calls on all networks who have not yet had a meeting of students to do so by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August, and for those meetings to develop a plan for events and initiatives for the rest of 2012.

***Carried (Unanimously)***

**8. Notice of Motion No. 8**  
**Vacant positions on Council**

- Mover– *Searle*
- Seconder – *Spackman-Williams*

***Preamble:***

Since the by-election was held in semester 1, a number of additional positions have become vacant. As it is within two months of the annual election, Council can appoint representatives without another by-election.

Expressions of interest were received as follows:

Prahran Campus Chair – Alice Mutton  
Undergraduate Representative – Elaine Passanha, Kenron Pong  
International Representative – Pannisa Sriyai

No expressions of interest were received for Part-Time Representative, Postgraduate Representative, Croydon Campus Chair, Wantirna Campus Chair or SISA/SUPA reps.

**Procedural (Spackman):** to consider the Undergraduate Representative position separately.  
***Carried (Unanimously)***

***Motion:***

That Council appoints Alice Mutton as Prahran Campus Chair.  
That Council appoints Pannisa Sriyai as International Representative.

***Carried (Unanimously)***

***Amendment(Sriyai):*** That these candidates be interviewed and that Council defers its decision to the next Secretariat meeting.

***Carried (Searle against)***

***Motion:***

That Council appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as Undergraduate Representative

***Deferred to Secretariat***

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Student Consultative Network (Searle)
  - Jimmy to distribute agenda
- Peter Coates discussed history of honoraria 2011 and 2012
- Andrew Newton raised the question of further vacant positions

### Motion:

### **Representative expressions of interest**

- Mover– *Mutton*
- Secunder – *Blair*

That expressions of interest be reopened for the Croydon Campus Chair, Wantirna Campus Chair, Part-time Representative. EOI's will be open until the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

**Amendment (Briers):** EOI's will be open until the 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Procedural (Briers):** Council defers this motion to Secretariat.

*Carried (Mutton against, Blair, Spackman-Williams, Sriyai absention)*

### Notice of Motion:

### **Next meeting**

- Mover– *Searle*
- Secunder – *Fernandez*

### **Motion:**

That Council next meets on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30PM at the Hawthorn Campus.

*Carried (Unanimously)*

## 11. MEETING CLOSED:

*Meeting closed by Mark Briers (The Chair) at 19:58.*