



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 16:22. The meeting is quorate.

Procedural (Briers): To skip the acknowledgement of country.

Carried (2 against, 2 absentions)

Procedural (Briers): To suspend the meeting until 5pm.

Carried (Unanimously)

Meeting suspended at 16:23.

Meeting resumed at 16:54

Procedural (Baker): To reopen the meeting from the beginning of the agenda and include the acknowledgement of country.

Carried (Unanimously)

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 observed 1 minute of silence for contemplation.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Present:

PRESIDENT	Mark Briers
SECRETARY/TREASURER	James Searle
HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR	Brendan Spackman-Williams
LILYDALE CAMPUS CHAIR	Amie Watson (left 17:24)
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 (left 18:13)
EDUCATION/VICE PRESIDENT	Caroline Baker
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE	Pannisa Sriyai

Vacancies:

ACCESS & EQUITY OFFICER
CROYDON CAMPUS CHAIR
WANTIRNA CAMPUS CHAIR
UNDERGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE
POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE
PART-TIME REPRESENTATIVE
MATURE-AGED REPRESENTATIVE

Apologies:

Absent without apology:

DISABILITY SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE	Oliver Haeusler
PRAHRAN CAMPUS CHAIR	Alice Mutton
INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE	Megan Kelleher

Observers:

James Murphy
Jayson

3. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES:

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

- Mover: Searle
Second

Withdrawn (none received)

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

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

- Mover: *Searle*
- Seconder: *Spackman-Williams*

Amendment(Spackman): Move motion 9 to be the first motion.

Acceptable to mover

Amendment (Glen-Norman): Move motion 8 and 9 to be the second and third motions)

Acceptable to mover

Carried (Unanimously)

5. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the Council meeting held *14th August 2012* are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting and should be published on the Union's website.

- Mover: *Searle*
- Seconder: *Fernandez*

Carried (Unanimously)

6. REPORTS:

Written reports supplied:

QUEER REPRESENTATIVE
MEN'S WELFARE OFFICER
HAWTHORN CAMPUS CHAIR
ENVIRONMENT/SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
SECRETARY/TREASURER
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
EDUCATION/VICE PRESIDENT
PRESIDENT

Andrew Morison
Joshua Fernandez
Brendan Spackman Williams
Zoe Glen-Norman
James Searle
Pannisa Sriyai
Caroline Baker
Mark Briers

The aforementioned reps spoke briefly.

No report received:

TAFE/APPRENTICESHIP REPRESENTATIVE
WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Fraser Blair
Mia Anstee

Fraser and Mia spoke briefly.

Notice of Motion:

Acceptance of office-bearer reports

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

Motion:

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

Carried (Unanimously)

7. NOTICES OF MOTION:

1. Notice of Motion No. 1 **Media Committee Budget**

- Mover– *Briers*
- Seconder – *Fernandez*

Preamble:

The Media Committee has produced 4 editions of *The Swine* in 2012.

Considerable time and effort has been spent to ensure the magazine is printed in good quality and at the lowest possible price, but alas, the Committee's \$18,000 budget has been exhausted.

Without a budget increase, the planned 5th edition will be unable to go to print.

Motion:

That Council approve an increase in the Media Committee's budget by \$3,000 for the purpose of printing a 5th edition.

Carried (Searle abstention)

2. Notice of Motion No. 2 **Disposable cutlery**

- Mover– *Glen-Norman*
- Secunder – *Searle*

Preamble:

Many SSAA clubs purchase disposable cutlery for their events as they feel there is no other convenient option. This has been observed by myself and Jayson Goodrem. As part of his Diploma of Sustainability studies, Jayson hopes to develop a program where SSAA invests in reusable cutlery for clubs to use at their events instead of polystyrene cups and other throw-away materials.

Amendment (Morison): Add in: “That Zoe and Jayson will look into SSU adopting a similar initiative with existing cutlery and cups.”.

Acceptable to the mover

Procedural (Spackman): That the two motions be considered separately.

Carried (Unanimously)

Motion:

That SSU supports Jayson in his project and calls for the SSAA to adopt this strategy.

Carried (Briers, Spackman abstention)

That Zoe and Jayson will look into SSU adopting a similar initiative with existing cutlery and cups.

Carried (Unanimously)

3. Notice of Motion No. 3 **Climate change unit**

- Mover– *Glen-Norman*
- Secunder – *Searle*

Preamble:

Swinburne has been offering a unit in climate change (HES1101) during Winter Term at Hawthorn campus*. However the university now plans to discontinue this unit. The final offering was during Winter Term 2012. Several students have expressed much disappointment over this as they enjoyed this unit immensely and feel it has an important role in preparing us to respond to the world's environmental crisis.

* <http://courses.swinburne.edu.au/subjects/Climate-Change-%28Final-offering-Winter-Term-2012%29-HES1101/local>

Motion:

SSU calls for the University to continue HES1101/Climate Change. The Environment & Sustainability Officer & the Education/Vice-President will investigate the matter further.

Carried (Unanimously)

4. Notice of Motion No. 4 **Recommendations from Secretariat**

- Mover– *Searle*
- Secunder – *Briers*

Preamble:

In its meeting on the 7th of September 2012, Secretariat recommended a budget update of \$500 to bolster the Lilydale Campus budget.

Procedural (Searle): That this motion now be put to be vote.

Carried (Sriyai, Glen-Norman)

Motion:

That Council endorses this recommendation.

Carried (Sriyai against, Blair abstention)

5. **Notice of Motion No. 5**
SSU T-shirt/hoodie Design Competition

- Mover– *Spackman*
- Secunder – *Briers*

Preamble:

For our next order of t-shirts we decide to run a competition for students to design a T-shirt and/or hoodie, this motion has previously been approved by Secretariat but contains some amendments.

Motion:

The Prahran Campus Chair will organise a competition for students to design the next year SSU clothing. In return they will receive a copy of their design in both hoodie and t-shirt form. Under the simple pretence of using the term “Swinburne Student Union” or “SSU” in addition to the puzzle piece logo. Three of the best designs will be chosen. This will encourage students to get involved in the SSU also giving a chance to find a graphic designer. Also breathe creative life into our events.

The top 3 designs will receive double movie passes and the Union will promote the competition.

In addition to this there will need to be 2 final designs chosen, one for the t-shirt and one for the hoodie. The winners of both designs will receive both pieces of clothing once produced and the top 3 designers for each item will receive double movie passes.

The Union will promote the competition.

Carried (Unanimously)

**6. Notice of Motion No. 6
A Voice For Men**

- Mover– *Fernandez*
- Secunder – *Morison*

Preamble:

The "A Voice For Men" campaign has sprung up on campuses around Victoria promoting masculinity based on the premise that men are not responsible for actions such as rape and domestic abuse. By doing this, it takes a one-sided view by believing that women are responsible for violence acted towards them. Their extremist views do not represent a true "voice for men", and should be dismissed.

Motion:

That SSU condemns "A Voice For Men" for its simplistic and damaging views. SSU should also promote and endorse the NUS Women's Department's "In My Own Voice" campaign and the White Ribbon Campaign to show that the Union supports action against "A Voice For Men" by hosting its own university-wide poster campaign akin to that of "A Voice For Men"'s.

Carried (Unanimously)

**7. Notice of Motion No. 7
**Vacant positions on Swinburne University Postgraduate
Association****

- Mover– *Baker*
- Secunder – *Briers*

Preamble:

I would like to appoint James Searle to the position of Vice-President for SUPA. I think that James shows the proper amount of compassion, motivation and knowledge to be a great ambassador for SUPA. He has several ideas and the know-how of not only how SUPA is run, but of how to go about actively promoting and be an advocate for post-graduate students.

Motion:

That James Searle is appointed Education/Vice-President of Swinburne University Postgraduate Association.

Carried (Searle abstention)

**8. Notice of Motion No. 8
Remuneration policy updates**

- Mover– Searle
- Secunder – Baker

Preamble:

The Representative Remuneration Policy has been in effect for two months and has proven mostly successful. Problems have arisen however around the timeline for submission and consideration of reports. Specifically, reports being due the day before the panel meets has proven to not allow enough time to adequately consider reports.

Motion:

Amendment(Spackman-Williams): That the Secretary/Treasurer will email all SSU representatives informing them of this change.

Acceptable to the mover

That sections 8 and 9 of the Representative Remuneration Policy be deleted and replaced with the following:

“8.1 The dates for submission of reports and meetings of the panel must be set by the Council.

8.2 Reports must be submitted via email to the Executive Officer (or in the case of the position of Executive Officer being vacant, the Secretary/Treasurer) by 9:00PM on the day the report is due.

9. The Remuneration Panel must meet according to the schedule set by Council to approve, deny or seek clarification on representative reports. Quorum for the Panel is the presence in person of at least half the members. The Executive Officer is entitled to chair the Panel. In the case of the position of Executive Officer being vacant, the President may chair the panel.”

That the Council adopt the attached schedule for report due dates and remuneration panel meetings.

The Secretary/Treasurer will email all SSU representatives informing them of this change.

Carried (Unanimously)

9. **Notice of Motion No. 9**
SSU email addresses

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

Preamble:

Currently the Union uses @swin.edu.au email addresses for all its reps. Whilst appearing professional, this means that once a representative completes their term, their email will cease to exist and anyone wishing to contact the new holder of that position must search for a new email.

We can set up @ssu.org.au email addresses for each position (eg. president@ssu.org.au, secretary@ssu.org.au) which can then be redirected to a personal email, or set up as a custom mailbox which may be accessed by each rep from year to year.

Representatives could still have @swin.edu.au addresses in order to appear on the staff directory, and these could be redirected to the @ssu.org.au email.

Motion:

That the Union set up role based @ssu.org.au emails for each position on Council, and also for The Swine and a general enquiry email at a cost of \$100.

Carried (Unanimously)

10. **Notice of Motion No. 10**
Budget update

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

Preamble:

A new budget for the remainder of 2012 has been produced based on recent motions of Secretariat and Council as well as expenditure that was not originally taken into account. While it may seem unnecessary to amend a yearly budget 9 months into the year, it is still prudent to plan remaining expenditure.

Motion:

That the Council approve the attached 2012 budget.

Carried (Briers against)

11. **Notice of Motion No. 11**
Queer space guidelines

- Mover– *Morison*
- Secunder – *Anstee*

Preamble:

Upon the opening of the Queer Space a set of guidelines was written up at a Queer Department meeting to establish a space where everyone feels safe and welcome. These guidelines read as:

Safe policy

-No sexual intercourse in the queer space.

-The golden rule, treat others how you would like to be treated.

-Respect others physical and emotional boundaries.

-Clean up after yourself.

-Be responsible for your own actions and do be aware that your actions have an effect on others.

-Don't share information about a person gender identity or preference without their permission

Amendment(Briers): Add in "and defers all further additions to the Queer Department".

Acceptable to the mover

Motion:

That Council approves these guidelines and defers all further additions to the Queer Department.

Carried (Unanimously)

**12. Notice of Motion No. 12
Queer department campaign**

- Mover – *Morison*
- Secunder – *Baker*

Preamble:

The Queer Department wishes to launch a campaign, which carries a message that a person is more than their sexuality, or their Gender identity. This campaign would ideally send out this message while at the same time promoting the existence of the Queer Department.

Motion:

That the SSU endorses this campaign. The SSU shall support the Queer Department as needed.

Withdrawn (deferred to next meeting)

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- Collectives and networks
 - The Secretary/Treasurer encouraged all collectives to use their budgets.
- SISA
 - Changing the Constitution
 - New Job description
 - Scholarships and SISA remuneration
 - SISA Funds
 - The Permanent location for SISA
- The President congratulated the Swinburne Razorbacks for making the Grand Final.
- Andrew Newton has organised a health day for March next year. Andrew would like the SSU Council to consider a motion of support at the next meeting.
- Andrew Newton spoke about mining in the Tarkine Wilderness.

Notice of Motion:

Next meeting

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

Motion:

That Council next meets on Tuesday 23rd October at 5:00PM at the Hawthorn Campus.

Carried (Unanimously)

11. MEETING CLOSED:

Meeting closed by Mark Briers (The Chair) at 19:00.