

AGENDA

SSU Council Meeting

April 2017



Item	Meeting Details	Doc?	Time
	Venue: UN413 Chair: Ana Tinc (President) Minute-taker: Sam Roberts (General Secretary)		
1	Welcome & Meeting Open Meeting open 2:00pm. Council will observe one minute's silence for contemplation.		2.00
2	Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners The SSU Council respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge that we meet on stolen land and that the sovereignty of this land was never ceded. Council honours their elders past and present and recognises that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.		
3	Attendance		
3.1	Required attendees: Ana Tinc (President), Sam Roberts (General Secretary), Suzanne Walker (Education Officer), Alex Mcgilvray (Welfare Officer), Nikki Nievaart (Hawthorn Campus Chair), Swathi Shiva (Postgraduate Representative), Zaheer Qazi (International Representative), Will Joseph (PAVE Representative), Joshua Briers (Queer Representative), Audrey Nikopolous (Womens Representative), Amy Gilderdale (Health & Disability Representative), Joaquina Miller Cooper (Environment & Sustainability Representative), Steven Blacker (Residence Representative), Harry Wall (General Representative), Joe Cullinan (General Representative), Akbar Syed (Education Public Affairs), Letisia Cherian (General Representative), Neane Carter (Indigenous Representative), Tarek El Maghraby (People of Colour Representative),		
3.2	Attendance: Ana Tinc (President), Sam Roberts (General Secretary), Suzanne Walker (Education Officer) (Via Video Call), Alex Mcgilvray (Welfare Officer), Nikki Nievaart (Hawthorn Campus Chair), Will Joseph (PAVE Representative), Joshua Briers (Queer Representative), Audrey Nikopolous (Womens Representative), Joaquina Miller Cooper (Environment & Sustainability Representative), Steven Blacker (Residence Representative), Joe Cullinan (General Representative), Akbar Syed (Education Public Affairs), Letisia Cherian (General Representative), Neane Carter (Indigenous Representative), Tarek El Maghraby (People of Colour Representative), Zaheer Qazi (International Representative),		
3.3	Observers: Keshini Munewera		
3.4	Apologies: Swathi Shiva (Postgraduate Representative), Amy Gilderdale (Health & Disability Representative), Harry Wall (General Representative),		
3.5	Absent without apology:		
3.6	Acceptance of Apologies MOTION (McGilvray, Nievaart): That the apologies listed be accepted Amendment (Walker): To not accept Harry's apology.		
			Carried (1 Abstention)
4	Confirmation of Agenda and Previous Minutes		
4.1	Ordering and starring of items MOTION (Roberts, Joseph): That the agenda as distributed be agreed to.		
			Carried (1 Abstention)
4.2	Ratification of previous decisions		

MOTION (Roberts, Joseph):

That the original minutes as circulated for the Council meeting on 14th February 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record and published on the Union's website.

Carried (7 Abstentions)

5 Committee Reports

Written reports submitted by committee and board convenors to Council.

Written reports provided by committees/convenors will be published and available publicly online.

5.1 Secretariat Report

5.2 Services Management Board Report

5.3 Education Board Report

5.4 Welfare Board Report

5.5 Hawthorn Campus Committee Report

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5.6 Croydon Campus Committee Report

5.7 Wantirna Campus Committee Report

5.8 Swinburne University Postgraduate Association Committee Report

5.9 Swinburne International Student Association Report

5.10 Pathways and Vocational Education Committee Report

6 Finance Reports

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7 Business

7.1 Housekeeping, Office Update

The President will provide representatives with an update on office activities and other points of note.

- Print and hand posters to Nikki before Monday to have them included in poster run.

7. Services Management Board – Carried from last Council Meeting

Motion(Roberts, Tinc):

That Tracy McNab be appointed as the SUT representative to Services Management Board.

Carried/ (6 Abstentions)

Zaheer Qazi (International Representative) enters at 2:20

2:20

7.2 Sustainability Budget Increase

The Swinburne Environmental Collective has been fully active from the beginning of the year, and has actioned a wide range of events and initiatives for 2017. After purchasing Juju cups (reusable sanitary items) with the intention to sell with a small profit margin, they have over spent their budget. This is an issue as they have expanded plans for the Sustainability Festival which has been thoroughly organised. While also attempting to raise their budget through bake sales and a trivia night, they will not be able to undergo the rest of their year's plans without an increase in budget. As they have been one of the most active and diligent collectives in the Union, they should be allowed to carry on their work which benefits students, their collective, and most importantly the union.

MOTION (Miller-Cooper, Tinc):

To increase the Sustainability budget from \$2,000 to \$3,000 (to be taken from general revenue).

Carried Unanimously

7.3 SISA Budget Increase

The Swinburne International Students Association currently has a budget of \$1,500, which is well below the amount needed to operate in the interest of international students and run a full year of events and services. This motion notes that in writing the 2017 budget, SISA was allocated only \$1,500 based on the last two years of relative inactivity of the collective and did not anticipate an active and functioning committee this year, and thus, proposes that the budget for SISA be increased to \$2,000, in line with SUPA.

MOTION (Qazi, Roberts):

To increase the SISA budget from \$1,500 to \$2,000

Lost (6 Against, 5 Abstentions)

7.4 Addition to the Constitutional Reform Committee

The constitutional reform committee has not yet met, and would benefit from the presence of the executive officer

Motion(Tinc, McGilvray)

That the executive officer, James Searle, be added to the constitutional reform committee.

Carried (5 Abstentions)

7.5 Acceptance of Department and Collective Budgets

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Motion (Joseph, Roberts):

That council accepts the attached SUPA Department budget.

Carried (3 Abstentions)

7.6 Our Stance as a Union

The SSU has recently realised the need for stances on various political issues.

MOTION (McGilvray, Walker):

That the SSU adopt the following policy positions:

That sex work is a legitimate occupation, and should not be discriminated against or shamed.

Carried (2 Abstentions)

That unpaid internships are not condoned by the SSU, and will not be advertised or promoted.

Amendment (Roberts): That the wording be changed to state 'The SSU condemns unpaid internships, and the SSU will not advertise or promote unpaid internship.'

Carried Unanimously

That the SSU shall (to the extent possible) never associate itself in any way with companies and banks that invest in the fossil fuel or mining industries.

Carried (1 Against, 4 Abstentions)

7.7 Safe Schools Coalition Supporter Organisation

The Safe Schools Coalition Australia is a national network of organisations working with schools to create safer and more inclusive environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, staff and families. Organisations across Australia are pledging their support for Safe Schools Coalition Australia. They want to see every school in the country safe and more inclusive for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, teachers and their families. Adding the SSU voice to this distinguished group, lives up to our values and goals as a representative organisation for students. This will provide the opportunity to be a contributor in the future.

MOTION (Briers, Miller Cooper):

That the Swinburne Student Union, become a Supporter Organisation of the Safe Schools Coalition by; submitting the Supporter Organisation Membership Form [Tabled], to be signed by the President, and by reciting the pledge underneath affirming our supporter status. The Queer Representative will also lobby the University to become a supporter organisation.

"We believe that schools should provide a safe and inclusive environment for all students, so that they can learn, grow, and reach their full potential – free from bullying and discrimination. We pledge to stand up against homophobia and transphobia whenever we see or hear it. We are proud to support Safe Schools Coalition Australia and its work to create positive change for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students, school staff and families."

Carried (3 Abstentions)

7.8 Revocation of a Life Member

Inappropriate behaviour that does not align with the core values and beliefs of the SSU, should not and will not be tolerated by any member, including life members. Brendan Spackman-Williams has previously acted inappropriately towards an SSU member, and as such, should not be granted the honorary position, that is a life member.

MOTION (Tinc, Nievaart):

That the life membership of Brendan Spackman-Williams is revoked.

Carried (7 Abstentions)

7.9 Non-Partisan Union 2017

The Swinburne student union prides itself on being an independent, non-partisan organisation. This assures students that whilst we each hold political beliefs; they will not interfere or be involved within union events, activities, or promotions.

MOTION (McGilvray, Tinc):

That no political branding, merchandise, apparel, or literature can be visible or distributed whilst acting in a Swinburne student union role, including that of volunteers.

Carried (6 Abstentions)

7.10 Union Facilities for Union Purposes

Council resources are poorly funded, and therefore it is imperative that they are used for union purposes. External organisations cannot use union facilities, including phone, printing, etc. Exceptions are made when an organisation rents the meeting room.

MOTION (Tinc, McGilvray):

Only union approved projects and events may use the phones and/or printing within the union offices.

Carried Unanimously

Akbar Syed (Education Public Affairs) Leaves the meeting at 3:06

3:06

7.11 No Substances on level 4

Due to behaviour that has caused issues, it is important for the union to take a stance on substances taken within Level 4 of the union.

MOTION (Walker, Tinc):

That no alcohol, smoking or illicit drugs are to be taken within the bounds of UN level 4 at any time.

Amendment (Roberts): Include Smoking in list.

Carried (2 Abstentions)

7.12 Office Environment

The student union offices are a place of work for our staff, and representatives. As such, it is important to maintain a suitable working environment. It is not fair to those trying to work, to create disruptions. We are a flexible working space, and as such do not conform to typical business hours. The union offices must be conducive to work at all times that the building is open.

MOTION (McGilvray, Tinc):

That only SSU student representatives and staff are permitted within the student union offices, unless attending for a meeting. All visitors must wait outside the offices, until accompanied into the space by the representative of staff member they are meeting. Additionally, to ensure safety of belongings, no one can remove items from another person's workspace without verbal or written consent between the relevant representative and another representative or staff member.

Carried Unanimously

7.13 Accessibility of Union Locations

Swinburne Student Union Representatives are entrusted with greater access to the university, through use of their student cards' swipe ability, and access to keys.

MOTION (Walker, McGilvray):

That Swinburne Student Union representatives do not share their access cards or keys with anyone, except for Swinburne student union council members and staff, if necessary.

Amendment (Tinc): To allow the representatives to give their keys to all representatives, volunteers and staff of the union.

Carried Unanimously

7.14 Official Warning for the General Secretary

Throughout this year, the general secretary, Sam Roberts, has acted inappropriately in his position. Recently this has resulted in a negative email coming from the vice president of students, Andrew J Smith, sending an incident report alert, outlining drunken and disorderly behaviour, and acting inappropriately towards security staff. This is not acceptable behaviour, and is not condoned by the SSU.

MOTION (Tinc, McGilvray):

That the General Secretary, Sam Roberts, receives a warning from council due to his actions and the following measures are put in place:

- No access to UN level 4 after 10pm
- No longer having a union key

Carried (5 Abstentions)

7.15 Official Warning for Queer Officer

This year, the queer representative, Josh Briers has displayed questionable behaviour in his position. There have been incidents of mistruth which affects the working relationship within the union and we should diligently act for such incidents not to reoccur.

MOTION (Walker, Tinc):

That the Queer Representative, Josh Briers, receives a warning from council due to his actions and the following measures are put in place:

- Fortnightly meetings with the welfare officer, and if not available another member of the executive to allow for accountability.

Carried (6 Abstentions)

Break from 3:25-3:36

3:25

7.16 Staff Review Policy for Discussion

8 Reports

Written reports provided by representatives will be published and available publicly online.

8.1 President Report

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8.2 General Secretary Report

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8.3	Education Officer Report – 75%	doc
8.4	Welfare Officer Report	doc
8.5	Hawthorn Campus Chair Report	doc
8.6	<i>Wantirna Campus Chair Report – VACANT</i>	
8.7	<i>Croydon Campus Chair Report – VACANT</i>	
8.8	Postgraduate Representative Report	doc
	Postgraduate Representative Report - March	doc
8.9	International Representative Report	
8.10	PAVE Representative Report – For nothing	doc
8.11	Education Public Affairs	
8.12	Women's Representative Report	doc
8.13	Disability Support Representative Report – 0%	doc
8.14	Environment & Sustainability Officer Report	doc
8.15	Queer Representative Report	doc
8.16	Residence Representative Report	doc
8.17	Indigenous Representative Report	
8.18	People of Colour Representative Report	
8.19	General Representative – Harry Wall Report	
8.20	General Representative – Joe Cullinan Report	doc
8.21	General Representative - Letisia Cherian	
8.22	Media Committee – Sarah Sordelli Report	doc
8.23	Media Committee – Ryan Carolan Report	
8.24	Media Committee – Imogen Bailey Report	doc
8.25	Media Committee – Felix McPhie	
8.26	Approval of Office Bearer Reports	

MOTION (Roberts, Qazi):

That the reports submitted and tabled above be accepted for full honoraria unless stated otherwise.

Amendment (Walker): Remove Roberts, Nikopolous and Shiva from motion to be decided in individual votes.

**Carried (3 Against)
Carried Unanimously**

Sam Roberts Report

Lost (7 Against, 6 Abstentions)

Zaheer Qazi (International Representative) leaves at 4:20

4:20

Audrey Nikopolous Report

Carried (4 against, 3 Abstentions)

Swathi Shiva Report March

Lost(2 Abstentions)

Swathi Shiva Report April

Lost(2 Abstentions)

8.27	Executive Officer Report	doc
9	Other Business	
9.1	Future Meetings	
	The next council meeting will be scheduled by the General Secretary based on semester 1 availability.	
10	Closing Business	
10.1	Meeting closed.	4:29
