



MINUTES

Annual General Meeting 2015

Wednesday, 27th of May 2015.

3:00pm

MEETING DETAILS

Venue: UN Lounge, Level 3 UN Building, Hawthorn Campus
Chair: Brendan Spackman-Williams (2015 President)
Minute-taker: Scott Morgan (2015 General Secretary)

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting
2. Audited financial statements
 - a. The income and expenditure of the Union during the 2014 calendar year
 - b. The assets and liabilities of the Union at the end of the 2014 calendar year
3. Office bearer report-backs
4. Questions from members

1. MEETING OPEN:

Meeting opened by Brendan Spackman-Williams (The Chair) at 3:12pm.

Acknowledgement of Country:

The SSU respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. It is upon their ancestral land that Swinburne University is built. Council honours their elders past and present and recognises that their customs and traditions continue to this day.

2. ATTENDANCE:

2014 Council

President – *Joshua Fernandez*
Education Officer – *Joshua Briers*
General Secretary – *Brendan Spackman-Williams*
Welfare Officer – *Amie Watson*
Welfare Officer – *Caitlin Bruty*
Hawthorn Campus Chair – *Caitlin Bruty*
Hawthorn Campus Chair – *Adrian Grossi*
Croydon Campus Chair – *Sahar Ashoor*
Postgraduate Representative – *Gautham Raju*
Undergraduate Representative – *Sumbula Ahmad*
TAFE/Apprenticeship Representative – *Michael Stuart*
TAFE/Apprenticeship Representative – *Summer White*
Women's Representative – *Linda Kenyon*
Part-time Representative – *Scott Morgan*
Disability Support Representative – *Ashleigh Thornton*
International Representative – *Fahad Bokhari*
International Representative – *Arsalan Shaikh*
Mature-age Representative – *Simon Moore*
Mature-age Representative – *Andrew Morison*
Queer Representative – *Lee Taube*
Environment and Sustainability Officer – *Lauren Kehoe*
Environment and Sustainability Officer – *Michael Klomp*
Clubs and Activities Officer – *Salman Arif*
Disability Support Representative – *Pavithra Ramamurthy*

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2015 Council

President – *Brendan Spackman-Williams*
General Secretary – *Scott Morgan*
Education Officer – *Anthony Osborne*
Welfare Officer – *Joshua Briers*
Hawthorn Campus Chair – *Ben Jackson*
Environment & Sustainability Officer – *Cliff Warren*
Queer Representative – *Lee Taube*
Women's Representative – *Tori Pearce*
Postgraduate Representative – *Caitlin Bruty*
International Representative – *Pavithra Ramamurthy*
International Representative – *Prakash Singh*
Education – Academic Affairs – *Suzanne Byron*
TAFE/Apprentices & Traineeships Rep – *Angus Langford*
Clubs & Activities Officer – *Tohiora Kuru*
General Representative – *Joshua Fernandez*
General Representative – *Emily Mineo*
General Representative – *Hayley Rudd*
General Representative – *David Uber*
General Representative – *Jonathan Sacco*

Apologies:

SUPA General Representative – *Caroline Tsung*
Education – Public Affairs – *Tanja Schindler*
General Representative – *Karuna Santosa*
Disability Support Representative – *Michael Samarin*
Education Board – *Leonie North*
Education Board, UAO – *Ashleigh Rowe*
HCC General Representative - *Adnan Islam*

Members & students in attendance:

Brendan Spackman-Williams	Benjamin Jackson
Joshua Briers	Jared Berman
Anthony Osborne	David Brodtmann
Tohiora Kuru	Tahlia Lewis
Caitlin Bruty	Rod Thomson
Tori Pearce	Adnan Islam
Abigail Michell	Xavier Plummer
Ryan Chen	Scott Morgan
Jonathan Sacco	Paulina Garcia
Phillip Nguyen	James Searle
Jordan Janssen	
Kanika Srun	

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3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

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

- Mover: *Joshua Briers*
- Seconder: *Tohiora Kuru*

Carried

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The recorded minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting held 30th May 2014 are a true and accurate reflection of the meeting.

- Mover: *Joshua Briers*
- Seconder: *James Searle*

Carried

5. REPORTS:

President

General Secretary

Education Officer – Anthony Osborne

Creation of Education Board, which now constitutes first time an online student has been represented.

Education Action Network

NUS Quality Survey

Welfare Officer – Joshua Briers

Haven't had involvement in welfare before

Women's, Environment, Disability, and Queer have formed a 'welfare team'

Swinnie Sleepout

Watch This Space

Postgraduate Representative – Caitlin Bruty

Building SUPA

New representative on SUPA committee

Building Culture

Clubs Officer – Tohiora Kuru

Revamping Union's services to clubs

Q(?): Are you reaching out to clubs?

A: Yes. Have been visiting clubs, input to SSAA club processes, and investigating workshops.

Q(Tahlia): How are you collaborating with SSAA, as clubs largely fall under their domain?

A: Working through monthly forum for clubs with SSU & SSAA. Attempting to work collaboratively with SSAA to provide benefits to clubs, which is involving a large amount of groundwork.

Hawthorn Campus Chair – Ben Jackson

Monthly meetings with SSAA have been very productive, addressing old SSAA vs. SSU attitude

Permanent liquor license for bar big achievement.

Looking for input into new bar strategy.

Women's Representative – Tori Pearce

Focusing on creating more opportunities for women to engage with the women's collective

Diversify the purposes of the Women's Collective

Revamping the Women's space to be a more communal and inviting space.

Taking a large contingent to NOWSA this year.

Working with Disability Officer to get acceptable disability access to AD Building.

6. 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Mover – Anthony Osborne
- Seconder – Tori Pearce

Preamble:

Documentation has been provided detailing the income and expenditure of the Union during the 2014 calendar year and the assets and liabilities at the end of it.

Motion:

The supplied documents give a true and fair overview of the financial position of the incorporated association during and at the end of its last financial year.

Carried

7. MEMBER & STUDENT QUESTIONS:

Q (Garcia) to Education Officer: What are the plans around international students?

A (Osborne): Education Board is the new platform within SSU for voicing international issues, which are being raised. As Education officer, following up on a number of issues particularly relevant to international students through the Progress Review process.

A (Spackman-Williams): Would love to see SISA grow over the next few years to it's previous size and activity.

8. MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed by the Chair (Spackman-Williams) at 3:52pm.