

# Minutes

## SSU Council Meeting

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Item	Meeting Details	Time:
	Venue: <Zoom> Chair: Param Mahal (President) Minute-taker: Artemis Capa (General Secretary)	2:31pm
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Open</b> Meeting open 2:30 pm. Council will observe one minute's silence for contemplation.	
1.1	<b>Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners</b> The Swinburne Student Union respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, 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. The Union honours their elders past and present and acknowledges that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.	
1.2	<b>Attendance</b> Attendance: Param Mahal (President), Artemis Capa (General Secretary), Budveen Hewabaddage (Welfare Officer), Ailish Murphy-McKay (Communications Officer), Varun Mohan (Education Officer) James Atkins (Activities Officer) Isobel O'Dwyer (Women's Officer) Tara Anastasia (Hawthorn Campus Chair), Patrick Taylor (Indigenous Representative) Chanakya Sanjappa (Postgraduate Representative), Alex Edwards (Queer Representative), Josh Daniel (Health & Disability Representative), Varun Kale (Ethnoculture Representative), Muhammed Abubakar (General Representative), Benjamin Schade (General Representative) Matthew Posetti (Executive Officer)	
	Apologies: Lili He (International Representative), Fergus Clancy (General Representative),	
	Observers:	
	Absent without apology: Alex Edwards, Budveen Hewabaddage, Muhammed Abubakar	
1.3	<b>Acceptance of Apologies</b> <b>MOTION (, ):</b> <b>Action</b> Council Accepts the following apologies: V Lili He (International Representative), Fergus Clancy (General Representative), <b>Moved:</b> Varun M <b>Seconded:</b> Varun K <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
1.4	<b>Conflict of Interest Disclosure:</b>	

1.5	<p><b>Confirmation of Agenda and Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>1. That the minutes for the Council meeting on 23.03.2020 be accepted as a true and accurate record and published on the Union's website.</p> <p><b>Moved: Joshua Daniel</b> <b>Seconded: James Atkins</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
2	<b>Matters for Decision</b>	
2.1	<p><b>SSAF Agreement Amendments</b></p> <p><b>Preamble</b> The SSU has a signed agreement with Swinburne around SSAF spending. The agreement sets the amount to be spent on different activities and has an acceptable variance of 10%. Due to the pause of on campus delivery, multiple budget categories would be underused and some new budget categories are required. The University has expressed their agreement to changing these provisions as required thus the SSU should follow suite.</p> <p><b>Action</b> The council accepts variation in the SSAF agreement subject to approval from Swinburne and directs the President and the Executive Officer to liaise with Swinburne to seek that approval.</p> <p><b>Moved: Param Mahal (President)</b> <b>Seconded: Artemis Capa (General Secretary)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
2.2	<p><b>Appointment to Hawthorn Campus committee</b></p> <p><b>Preamble:</b> The Hawthorn Campus Committee currently has 1 Vacancy. In line with 63(4) of the constitution, council will appoint an eligible student to fill this vacancy. Danny Phan has been an active volunteer for the SSU for the last year, and has made large contributions to the program and the organisations in this time.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Danny Phan is appointed to the Hawthorn Campus Committee.</p> <p><b>Moved: Tara Anastasia (Hawthorn Campus Co-Ordinator)</b> <b>Seconded: James Atkins (Activities Officer).</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried Unanimously</b></p>	
3	<b>Matters for Discussion</b>	
3.1	President & Chair's Report	
3.2	General Secretary & Financial Report	
3.3	Education Officer Report	
3.4	Welfare Officer Report	
3.5	Activities Representative Report	
3.6	Communications Report	
3.7	Executive Officer Report	
3.8	SSU Podcast	
3.9	Updates	
4	<b>Meeting Finalization</b>	

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4.1	Review Actions to be Taken	
4.2	Meeting Close	<b>3:25</b>

**Next Council Meeting: 18th May 2020**