

MINUTES

SSU Council Meeting

Wednesday 4th November 2020



Item	Meeting Details	Time:
	Venue: <Zoom> Chair: James Atkins (President) Minute-taker: Ailish Murphy-McKay (General Secretary)	
1	Welcome & Meeting Open Meeting open. Council will observe one minute's silence for contemplation.	3:18pm
1.1	Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners 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	Attendance Attendance: James Atkins (President), Ailish Murphy-McKay (General Secretary), Kishaun Aloysius (Education Officer) Nidzam Shah Hussain (Activities Officer) Tina Tsironis (Communication Officer) Blaine Harris (Hawthorn Campus Coordinator) Rakesha Bandara (International Representative) Nikitha Neelakantan (Women's Representative) Muhammad Abubakar (Ethnocultural Representative) Patrick Taylor (First Nations Representative) Josh Daniel (Health & Accessibility Representative) Sam McAuley (Environmental Representative) Imogen Atkins (General Representative) Sharath Babu (General Representative) Georgie McDaid (General Representative)	
	Apologies: Taya Kalman (PAVE Representative) Apruv Chandrawal (Postgraduate Representative) Isobel O'Dwyer (Welfare Officer)	
	Observers:	
	Absent without apology: Matthew Posetti (General Manager)	
1.3	Acceptance of Apologies: Action: Council Accepts the following apologies: Taya Kalman (PAVE Representative) Apruv Chandrawal (Postgraduate Representative) Isobel O'Dwyer (Welfare Officer) Moved: Nidzam Shah Hussain (Activities Officer) Seconded: Tina Tsironis (Communication Officer)	Carried Unanimously

1.3	Conflict of Interest Disclosure:	
2	Matters for Decision	
2.1	<p>Membership for 2021</p> <p>Preamble:</p> <p>The SSU Council is required to set a membership fee, in line with the Constitution. In 2019 the membership fee for 2020 was set as \$25.00, with lesser costs for other campuses and associate members. As always, Council must consider the balance between the numeric value of the membership against the potential number of members for a certain year.</p> <p>COVID-19 has had a heavy impact on the number of SSU members, many of whom may have joined the SSU with the intention of benefitting from various services such as the Free Printing and BBQs. In light of this and through work with the Executive Officer and office staff, the President recommends that the SSU adopt a more varied membership structure than previous years, with a lesser fee for returning members to reflect the loss of value they may perceive from this year. These membership prices are detailed below.</p> <p>Platform:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council recognises the impact COVID-19 has had on the 2020 membership group and resolves to offer a discounted membership for a set period of time for these returning members. Council recognises that financial membership is more than just an investment into the events and services of the SSU but also, and importantly, the ability for our organisation to represent students to the university. <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The SSU will adopt the following membership prices for 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hawthorn Campus Members: \$25.00; Hawthorn Campus Members (Returning from 2020): \$15.00; Associate Membership: \$25.00 Croydon/Wantirna/SwinOnline/other Members: \$10.00 The President and Executive Officer will work to create a Returning Member membership category, opening by December 7th 2020 and closing by the start of the 2021 Higher Education O-Week at the Hawthorn Campus. <p>Moved: James Atkins (President) Seconded: Ailish Murphy-McKay (General Secretary)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried Unanimously</p>	
3	Matters for Discussion	
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 Officer Report	
3.6	Communications Officer Report	
3.7	Executive Officer Report	
	Other Matters for Discussion	
4	Meeting Finalization	
4.1	Review Actions to be Taken	
4.2	Meeting Close	3:46pm