

MINUTES

SSU Council Meeting

Friday 26th November 2021



Item	Meeting Details	Time:
	Venue: <Zoom> Chair: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President) Minute-taker: Isobel O'Dwyer (General Secretary)	
1	Welcome & Meeting Open Meeting open. Council will observe one minute's silence for contemplation.	3:05
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, present and emerging and acknowledges that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.	
1.2	Attendance	
	Attendance: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President) Isobel O'Dwyer (General Secretary) Kishaun Aloysius (Education Officer) Patrick Taylor (Welfare Officer) Aaryan Pujara (Activities Officer) Nikitha Neelakantan (Communication Officer) David Novanovski (Hawthorn Campus Coordinator) Alex Edwards (PAVE Representative) Parth Bhavsar (Postgraduate Representative) Hezal Patel (Women's Representative) Shruti Bhirud (Ethnocultural Representative) Darnell Stallbaum (First Nations Representative) James Atkins (General Representative) Daniel Nicholson (General Representative) Kipp Stratmann (General Representative) Josh Gilligan (General Manager)	
	Apologies: Emily Duffus (Health & Accessibility Representative) Alex Min Kyaw (Environmental Representative) Anthony Bogli (Queer Representative) Abdul Azeez Mohamad Askeen (International Representative)	
	Observers: Zac Bereson Roxy Gendel Harrison Feldman Asher Marks	
	Absent without apology:	

	Daniel Nicholson (General Representative) James Atkins (General Representative)	
1.3	<p>Acceptance of Apologies:</p> <p>Action: Council accepts the following apologies: Emily Duffus (Health & Accessibility Representative) Alex Min Kyaw (Environmental Representative) Abdul Azeez Mohamad Askeen (International Representative) Daniel Nicholson (General Representative) James Atikns (General Representative)</p> <p>Moved: Patrick Taylor (Welfare Officer) Seconded: Alex Edwards (PAVE Representative)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
1.3	Conflict of Interest Disclosure:	
1.4	<p>Confirm the Previous Minutes</p> <p>Action: 1. To confirm as a Council that the minutes of the October Council meetings minutes are correct. 2. To authorise the staff to publish the October minutes on our website.</p> <p>Moved: Isobel O'Dwyer (General Secretary) Seconded: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
	Matters for Decision	
2.1	<p>Business Conducted via Circular</p> <p>Preamble: The Council by an absolute majority had approved the payment of affiliation fees to the National Union of Students (NUS) as part of the ongoing efforts to cooperate with a peak representative body. Business was conducted via an internal circular motion on 19th Nov 2021. For the sake of the transparency of our organisation and our service to the students we represent, we must ensure that the minutes accurately reflects this order of business.</p> <p>Action: 1. To ratify as a Council that the business conducted via circular is correct.</p> <p>Moved: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President) Seconded: Isobel O'Dwyer (General Secretary)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
2.2	<p>Adoption of IHRA definition on antisemitism</p> <p>Preamble: From 1st January 2021, there has been an increase in reported incidents of antisemitism on Australian university campuses both online and in person. The Australian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) has engaged with university officials and student representative groups in addressing these issues. Under the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), the working definition of antisemitism is outlined as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or</i></p>	

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	<p><i>non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”</i></p> <p>Action: 1. The Council adopts the non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism from the IHRA plenary. 2. The President will liaise with the AUJS Swinburne Chapter on issues pertaining to antisemitism that occur on campus.</p> <p>Moved: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President) Seconded: Isobel O’Dwyer (General Secretary)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
2.3	<p>Appointment of Secretariat Member</p> <p>Preamble: Under Part 8 of the SSU Constitution the Council is required to appoint an additional standing member to the Secretariat from the Council. This provides additional oversight into the activities of the Secretariat and is an opportunity to provide additional views on the running of the SSU between Council meetings.</p> <p>Action: 1. The Council appoints Hezal Patel (Women’s Representative) to the Secretariat. 2. The President will ensure that Hezal Patel has appropriate induction to the Secretariat and is added to the Secretariat mailing list.</p> <p>Moved: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President) Seconded: Kishaun Aloysius (Education Officer)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
2.4	<p>2022 Memberships Opening</p> <p>Preamble: The SSU staff need authorisation to open the 2022 membership category.</p> <p>Action: 1. The President and General Manager will determine an appropriate date to open 2022 Memberships: a. No sooner than December 1; b. No later than January 1.</p> <p>Moved: Isobel O’Dwyer (General Secretary) Seconded: Aaryan Pujara (Activities Officer)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>	
2.5	<p>Accreditation with CAPA</p> <p>Preamble: The Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) is the national representative body for postgraduate students in Australia. The SSU continues to support CAPA in its efforts through accreditation.</p> <p>Action: 1. The Council authorises the payment of \$875 to CAPA as 2021 accreditation fee.</p> <p>Moved: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President) Seconded: Patrick Taylor (Welfare Officer)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</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	

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3.7	General Manager Report	
	Other Matters for Discussion	
4	Meeting Finalization	
4.1	Review Actions to be Taken	
4.2	Meeting Close	3:49