

# AGENDA

## SSU Council Meeting

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022



Item	Meeting Details	Time:
	Venue: <Zoom> Chair: Nidzam Shah Hussain (President) Minute-taker: Isobel O'Dwyer (General Secretary)	<b>3:30pm</b>
1	<b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Open</b> Meeting open. 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, present and emerging and acknowledges that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.	
1.2	<b>Attendance</b> 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) Parth Bhavsar (Postgraduate Representative) Abdul Azeez Mohamad Askeen (International Representative) Hezal Patel (Women's Representative) Shruti Bhirud (Ethnocultural Representative) Darnell Stallbaum (First Nations Representative) Daniel Nicholson (General Representative) Josh Gilligan (General Manager)	
	Apologies: Alex Edwards (PAVE Representative) Kipp Stratmann (General Representative) James Atkins (General Representative)	
	Observers:	
	Absent without apology:	
1.3	<b>Acceptance of Apologies:</b>  <b>Action:</b> Council accepts the following apologies: Alex Edwards (PAVE Representative) Kipp Stratmann (General Representative) James Atkins (General Representative)  <b>Moved:</b> Patrick Taylor (Welfare Officer) <b>Seconded:</b> David Novanovski (Hawthorn Campus Coordinator)	<b>Carried</b>

1.3	<p><b>Conflict of Interest Disclosure:</b> Nil</p>	
1.4	<p><b>Confirm the Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To confirm as a Council that the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> July Council meetings minutes are correct.</li> <li>To authorise the staff to publish the 15<sup>th</sup> July minutes on our website.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Isobel O'Dwyer (General Secretary) <b>Seconded:</b> Nidzam Shah Hussain (President)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
2	<p><b>Matters for Decision</b></p>	
2.1	<p><b>Elections</b></p> <p><b>Preamble:</b> The Swinburne Student Union (SSU) are concerned about a recent ruling by the Returning Officer that invalidated five of six nominations for the Swinburne Bookshop Co-operative Limited elections that occurred on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The interpretation of 'active membership' made by the Returning Officer has a significant and profound impact on the number of Swinburne students who, despite transacting with the co-operative, are being denied a right of say or eligibility to participate in the co-operative. Legal advice obtained by Secretariat reveals that there is a strong case for a misapplication of the rule. Protecting members interests, a clear majority of whom are Swinburne students, is essential to protecting good governance and student interest at Swinburne's only on-campus bookshop.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That Student Council Authorise any required legal action, as is deemed necessary by both the General Manager and President, to rectify the definition of 'active membership' and governance issues in relation to student nominees of the Swinburne Bookshop Co-Operative Limited;</li> <li>That Student Council approve the action in relation to point one (1) be limited to amount of no more than \$50,000;</li> <li>That Student Council Authorise the General Manager, in the event it is requested by the Swinburne Co-Operative Board, to act as Managing Director of the Bookshop (with no remuneration or where any remuneration is paid, it is offset against the remuneration payable to the General Manager for SSU hours worked); AND</li> <li>That Student Council authorise Secretariat to receive regular report updates in relation to expenditure set out in point two of this resolution and ongoing governance and related issues pertaining to the Bookshop.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moved:</b> Kishaun Aloysius (Education Officer) <b>Seconded:</b> Hezal Patel (Women's Representative)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried</b></p>	
3	<p><b>Matters for Discussion</b></p>	
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	General Manager Report	
	Other Matters for Discussion	
4	<p><b>Meeting Finalization</b></p>	
4.1	Review Actions to be Taken	
4.2	Meeting Close	<b>4:06pm</b>