

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students’ Council**

**Agenda**

**16th of February 2024, 4 pm**

**Meeting 3(24)**

**Location:** **Zoom meeting on Feb 16, 2024 18:00 Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney**

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1. **Procedural Matters**
   1. Election of Chair
   2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians
   3. Attendance
   4. Apologies
      1. Jake Duyvestyn, Hayley, Ariel
   5. Proxies
   6. Leave of Absence
      1. For this Council
   7. Membership
      1. Arya Kushwaha has resigned from council
      2. Navya Jain has been appointed International Rep on Council
      3. Pranav Gupta has been appointed General Representative
   8. Adoption of Agenda
2. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
3. **Conflicts of Interest Declaration**
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
5. **Correspondence**
   1. Islamic Society Disaffiliation Petition Appeal
   2. Melbourne Alternative Protein Project Disaffiliation Petition Appeal
   3. **UMSUi Electoral Regulations**
6. **Office Bearer Reports**

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| President | Disha Zutshi | *Not Submitted* |
| General Secretary | Kevin (Enzhe) Li | *Submitted* |
| Activities | Mehul Gopalakrishnan | *Not Submitted* |
| Amy Peters | *Not Submitted* |
| Creative Arts | Jiajie Zheng | *Not Submitted* |
| Shravya Akkapeddi | *Not Submitted* |
| Clubs and Societies | Azalea Rohaizam | *Submitted* |
| Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja | *Submitted* |
| Education (Academic Affairs) | Julian De Marco | *Submitted* |
| Lucy Rachman Vascotto | *Not Submitted* |
| Education (Public Affairs) | Bella Beiraghi | *Submitted* |
| Raphael Duffy | *Submitted* |
| Environment | Emma Dynes | *Not Submitted* |
| Jaan Schild | *Submitted* |
| Indigenous | Hamish Rose | *Not Submitted* |
| Media | Gunjan Ahluwalia | *Submitted* |
| Jessica Fanwong | *Submitted* |
| Joel Duggan | *Submitted* |
| Kien-Ling Liem | *Submitted* |
| Welfare | Divyanshi Sati | *Not Submitted* |
| Joshua Stagg | *Not Submitted* |
| Queer | Binderiya Batzorig | *Submitted* |
| Ryan Mittal | *Submitted* |
| People of Colour | Denzil Minnaar | *Not Submitted* |
| Jania Lam | *Not Submitted* |
| Women’s | Akanksha Agarwal | *Not Submitted* |
| Micaela Rynne | *Submitted* |
| Disabilities | Adam Whitehead | *Not Submitted* |
| Anishaa Jeyakumar | *Not Submitted* |
| Southbank Co-ordinator | Amy Rogers | *Not Submitted* |
| Ariel Teo | *Not Submitted* |
| Southbank Activities | Justine Light De Guzman | *Not Submitted* |
| Southbank Education | Felicity Patrice Liston | *Not Submitted* |
| Burnley | Jake Duyvestyn | *Submitted* |

1. **CEO Report and In-Camera Updates**
   1. **CEO Report**
   2. **Bar Budget**
   3. **Lawsuit Update/Briefing**
2. **Other Reports**
3. **Operational Business**
4. **Motions on Notice**

*Procedurals/Admin*

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|  | **OpSub Membership** | |
| At the closing date specified in last council, as well as to date, I have only received five nominations for the five positions on OpSub, therefore, Harrishman, Anndrya, Kunal, Clement (Wen Hao) and Inder are recommended to be appointed to OpSub. | | |
| Moved: Chair | | Seconded: Kevin Li |

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|  | **SIG applications** | |
| As the term is about to start, Student Initiative Grants (SIG) should be opened for the first semester, as usual, I recommend that the total amount be distributed evenly across the two semesters, but to also set a limit on individual applications, as well as try to give the grant to a wider range of applications, particularly, giving a stronger preference to cases where no other source of funding is expected to be available. | | |
| Moved: Chair | | Seconded: Kevin Li |

*Burnley Motions*

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| That council approve expenditure of $1750 from the programs (general) line of the Burnley department budget for yoga teacher fees from December 2023 through to end of February 2024 | |
| Moved: Kevin Li | Seconded: Josh Stagg |

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| That council approve expenditure of $300 from the Repairs & Maintenance (Venue) line of the Burnley department budget for electrical equipment and cleaning supplies for the Student Amenities Building. | |
| Moved: Kevin Li | Seconded: Harrishman Shobanan |

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| That council approve expenditure of $200 from the Events (Food and beverages) line of the Burnley department budget for Student Amenities Building groceries for February and March. | |
| Moved: Kevin Li | Seconded: Josh Stagg |

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| That council approve a financial delegation of $2000 per motion from all Burnley Department budget lines to the Operations Sub-Committee. | |
| Moved: Kevin Li | Seconded: Harrishman Shobanan |

*Media Motions*

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| *Preamble:* | As UMSU’s student radio station, Radio Fodder constitutes a vital responsibility and a valued initiative of the Media Department.  To operate Radio Fodder, the Media Department liaises with AVMelbourne to pay a subscription for AirTime Pro, a broadcasting platform that allows us to run a radio station online. The invoice for renewing this subscription comes at short notice and quite early in the year.  This motion is to pay that invoice. It is worth noting that the invoice is listed in USD as $999.50. We have converted this to AUD in our motion, plus a few dollars extra to account for any minor fluctuations in the exchange rate prior to spending.  Currently, the Radio Budget Line does not have sufficient funds to pay for this invoice. This is likely because we budgeted based on earlier estimates that are no longer applicable due to inflation, shifts in the value of the dollar and other factors. As such, we have moved some money out of another Budget Line that we have chosen to deprioritise.  You can find the invoice from Sourcefabric, the company that operates AirTime, attached (circulated with agenda). | |
| *Motion:* | That Students’ Council approve expenditure from Period 2 of the Radio Budget Line of up to AUD $1,040 and of up to $500 from Period 3 of the Contractor Fees > General Budget Line ($1540 total) for payment of invoice from Sourcefabric to renew our annual subscription to AirTime Pro. | |
| Moved: Joel Duggan | | Seconded: Gunjan Ahluwalia |

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| That Students’ Council approve expenditure of $2000 from Period 3 Events > Food and Beverages Budget Line of the Media Department to pay for the Farrago Edition 1: Indie Sleaze Launch event. | |
| Moved: Jessica Fanwong | Seconded: Joel Duggan |

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| That Students’ Council approve expenditure of $720 from Period 2 of the Subscriptions & literature > General Subscription Budget Line for our annual Issuu subscription, which hosts the online copies of all Media publications. | |
| Moved: Joel Duggan | Seconded: Kien-Ling Liem |

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| That Students’ Council approve expenditure of $1000 from Period 2 of the Programs > Collectives Budget Line for subsequent Media Collectives throughout the academic year. | |
| Moved: Kien-Ling Liem | Seconded: Gunjan Ahluwalia |

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| That Students’ Council approves budgetary delegation to the Operations Subcommittee of up to $3,000 for all Media Department budget lines and periods. | |
| Moved: Joel Duggan | Seconded: Jessica Fanwong |

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| *Preamble:* | The printing quote from Kosdown is $26 over what we budgeted for, so we are just moving a little bit of money around to ensure we have the funds. | |
| *Motion:* | That Students’ Council approve expenditure of $12,470 from Period 2 of the Printing - External > General Budget Line and $26 from Period 2 of the Grants > Student Initiative Budget Line ($12,496 total) for printing Edition 1 of Farrago. | |
| Moved: Jessica Fanwong | | Seconded: Joel Duggan |

*Other Motions*

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|  | **International Women’s Day Motion** | |
| *Platform:* | International Women’s Day is one of the most important days in the feminist calendar, it is a long held tradition of feminist action. The feminist movement has become co-opted by neo-liberal and anti-trans activists, which is not true feminism. It is important to honour and remember its staunch origins as a working femme people movement. IWD sees women, non-binary and gender diverse people, along with allies, coming together at the grassroots level to demand economic, social and political liberation from a patriarchy that seeks to undermine and repress women and nonbinary people as a class. Though rights for women and other gender diverse people has progressed since the first IWD was held, recent attacks on basic freedoms, such as the right to abortion with the overturning of Roe v Wade, make it obvious that the fight is far from over. Even here in Victoria, where abortion is nominally legal, access to abortion is far from safe, free and on demand. Those seeking reproductive healthcare who live in regional areas suffer from a lack of local services and healthcare providers, meaning many are forced to travel to bigger cities or even interstate at great financial and emotional cost. The importance of intersectional and radical action of feminist movements in inciting and securing meaningful resistance against the patriarchy has become blatantly clear. In understanding the importance of actively opposing transphobia, colonialism, racism, homophobia, ableism and orientalism in this Organisation’s activism, we strengthen our activism and become better equipped to advocate for students on this IWD and beyond. | |
| *Action:* | * UMSU endorses the International Working Women’s Day March on the 7th of March, 2024 as organised by We Are Union Women at 5:30pm. * UMSU commits to organising a contingent to the International Women’s Day March to be led by the UMSU Women’s Department. * UMSU will promote the International Women’s Day March on its social media and newsletter. * UMSU acknowledges the increase in harmful TERF and SWERF presence at recent IWD rallies, and reaffirms that UMSU stands against transphobia and discrimination against sex workers both at this event and within the femme liberation movement. | |
| Moved: Micaela Rynne | | Seconded: Lucy Rachman Vascotto |

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|  | **International Women’s Day Motion** | |
| *Preamble:* | Australia is a racist country. Last year 60.06% of the country voted ‘no’ to the Voice to Parliament, a timid reform for Indigenous rights designed to be as uncontroversial as possible.  Politicians are making it worse. At the end of last year, Labor and Liberal clashed over who could out-racist the other in a glimpse into the depths of both parties’ social backwardness. When the High Court ruled indefinite detention illegal and opened a political battle over immigration and incarceration laws, Minister for Home Affairs Clare O’Neil insisted that [“If I had any legal power to keep these people in detention, I would … We do not have that, that is what the high court has told us.”](https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2023/nov/16/labor-emergency-immigration-detention-bill-strict-visa-conditions-electronic-monitors-curfews)  The Australian flag is a powerful symbol of Australian nationalism. It’s based on the British flag, a tribute to our country’s blood-soaked colonial history. It represents the nation which continues to impoverish and brutalise Indigenous people and to sentence refugees to torture in detention centres. Those who most love this despicable status quo are most drawn to this despicable symbol. Simply look at how people in the Islamophobic and fascistic [Cronulla race riots in 2005](https://www.nma.gov.au/__data/assets/image/0010/745732/MA107277294-cronulla-riots-1200w.jpg) [draped themselves in the flag.](https://www.nma.gov.au/__data/assets/image/0005/745727/MA107277603-cronulla-riots-1200w.jpg)  Recently, this brand of Australian nationalism has been pushed back for one day every year. This year on Australia Day news.com.au reported that Bondi Beach looks completely different to just a few years ago: [‘while there were still crowds… there were no flags, hats, or painted Australia Day faces ... the lack of celebration left tourists confused and needing clarification’](https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/real-life/news-life/bondi-beach-exposes-what-aussies-really-think-about-australia-day/news-story/a2fa53fece0ebdbd0058768a7ebce603). Instead, progressives now turn out in their tens of thousands, waving Indigenous flags through the streets of our cities in a show of anti-racism.  UMSU should follow suit. | |
| *Platform:* | * That UMSU commits to no longer raise or display the racist Australian flag at any of its events, or inside or on any of its property. | |
| Moved: Raphael Duffy | | Seconded: Oskar Martin |

1. **Other Business**
2. **Next Meeting (TBD)**
   1. **When2Meet will be sent to all councillors to work out a fixed term schedule.**
3. **Close**