Minutes of 2nd Meeting Of the 103rd Union Council Friday 10.30am, 7 March 2014 Holt Room

Meeting Opened 10.46am

a) Attendance

Members Present: Nathan Johnston, Joshua Millroy, Rachel Paterson, Laurence McLean, India Anderson, Richard Lee, Kyle Jensen, Damien De Haan, Danika Maxwell, Mark Farago, Isabel Mansfield, Brendan Morris, Max Chandler-Mather, Alexander Perey, Joshua Keenan, Megan Landgraf

Others Present: Jeremy Crowley, Lachlan Duffy, Ashley Chandler, Jared Peut, Daniel Maggacis, Erin Gourlay, Sian Littledale, Michael Naess, Madeline Reynolds, Weston Wright, Daniel Henalla, Annabelle Harbison, Stephanie Waite, Johanna Walker, Nicholas Hopson, Jack Walker, Rita Dalton, Jacob Pedersen, Elliott Johnson, Brianna O'Regan, Jessie Demnar, Tom Davies, Clare Manton Proxies: Daniel Maggacis, Fiona Gipps, Jared Peut, Laurence McLean, Isabel Manfield Apologies: Melanie Keyte, Emma Bowman, Kathryn Cramp, Laura Howden, Elinor Johnson, Stephen Kakoniktis, Padraig Keys-Macpherson, Amanda Acutt, Jamie Van Hoff, Ashleigh McInnes, Georgina Morgan, Ekta Paw, Jaya Prasad, Lotte Scheel, Matthias Falzon

It was moved

THAT THE APOLOGIES FOR UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 103/13

MCLEAN/JOHNSTON

CARRIED

- b) Elections
- c) Appeals from Decisions of Union Bodies
- d) Reports of Elected Officers
- e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers
- f) Question Time
- F. Gipps clarified the first quarter budget is from January 1st to March 31st as there is a budget supplied for the whole year
- N. Johnston suggested discussing the issue of first quarter supply budget under business which has been proposed in the agenda
- J. Peut moved a procedural motion to move to the First Quarter Supply Budget first

CARRIED

- N. Johnston explained reasoning for bringing first quarter supply budget to Union Council late as it was not in accordance with R213
- N. Johnston clarified the documents handed out in the meeting were documents given to the current executive at December 16th 2013 not the recommended for the 2014 annual budget

- J. Peut asked whether the 2014 annual budget would be within the spending frames listed in the current documents
- N. Johnston responded that he would have to take notice and check and clarified this is not the budget recommended, but the budget given at December 15th 2013.
- N. Johnston also clarified no areas have been overspent in the first quarter
- J. Peut asked if structural fund was for the management and running of executive or the discretionary funds
- N. Johnston responded this is pays for the executive and their assistance
- A. Harbison requested an allocation statement for 2013
- N. Johnston agreed to the request
- A. Harbison asked N. Johnston if he could clarify difference from budget allocation given December 15th and 2014 annual budget
- N. Johnston agreed and asked A. Harbison if there was a particular area he would speak to
- A. Harbison requested to look into the college allocation
- N. Johnston responded in 2014 annual budget to be recommended to Administration Committee college spending would be \$87,500
- A. Harbison pointed out differences between figures of budget allocation given December 15th and annual 2014 recommended budget
- J. Keenan asked if there were laminations on how colleges spend the money
- N. Johnston responded money will be spent on their advice
- A. Harbison asked about spending restrictions
- J. Millroy clarified only restrictions would be illegal activity or breach of UQU Constitution
- S. Waite asked if UQU Constitution was available to public
- N. Johnston responded in the affirmative, best way through UQU Facebook Page
- A. Harbison asked what college funding was for 2013
- N. Johnston responded allocation was \$80,000 with final figure of roughly \$100,000
- J. Millroy stated the purpose of this Council meeting was to put through first quarter supply budget with issues surrounding uncertainty of R213. After Administrative Committee meeting next Monday at next Council meeting 2014 budget will be discussed in depth

- J. walker requested ICC president and college presidents made aware of next Council meeting
- R. Paterson responded in the affirmative
- J. Peut raised question regarding Advocacy spending and whether this included wages and other expenses
- N. Johnston confirmed Advocacy spending included wages of SHOC staff and other expenses
- A. Perey pointed out error in Business Trading budget stating January 31st instead of January 1st
- J. Peut asked whether grants would be locked away once budget is approved
- N. Johnston responded as regulation states the only approval would be approval by the Treasurer, but within reason will act on advice of the groups receiving grants

It was moved

THAT THE FIRST QUARTER SUPPLY BUDGET BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

f) Question Time

J. Peut stated that at last Council meeting the treasurer and president were adamant the first quarter supply budget has been passed and asked how it was found out that this didn't and happen

MILLROY/MCLEAN

- J. Millroy responded that it had gone through on Executive Committee under R36.5 but had no evidence to support this
- L. McLean requested N. Johnston explain the 2013 budget blowout
- N. Johnston clarified the UQU's Treasurer Report of the inquorate December 15th meeting of UQU Council stated the Union was in surplus of close to \$40,000 in November is technically accurate however the report concealed the fact the UQU by November was \$252,871 under budget in terms of net profit the UQ Union should have reported a year to date surplus at that time of \$292,796 in November rather than the \$39,925 that was recorded. As result UQU in December was forced to operate on \$94,753 deficit primarily due to lack of students on campus combined with continuing wage costs
- N. Hopson asked who allocated \$40,000 college budget
- N. Johnston responded the previous administration
- R. Paterson moved to consider L. Duffy's motion regarding the UQ French Societies affiliation

CARRIED

CARRIED

L. Duffy explained to his understanding the UQ French Society was ratified at the last meeting of clubs and societies under the previous administration. It is understood that a ratified club is therefore up for consideration for affiliation at the next clubs and societies committee owing to an administrative error the French Society was not considered at all and would like to remedy this error to affiliate our club.

- J. Peut asked to clarify whether the administrative steps have been completed
- L. Duffy responded in the affirmative that an AGM was held
- J. Peut noted that HUSS was affiliated at the previous Council meeting

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL WAIVE THE NOTICE PERIOD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MOTION THAT THE UNION COUNCIL RESOLVES TO DECLARE THE UQ FRENCH SOCIETY AN AFFILIATED CLUB AND SOCIETY OF UQ UNION. THAT IT BE REMEDIED AND CONSIDERED AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR

COUNCIL 103/15 DUFFY/GOURLAY CARRIED

- J. Peut made a point of order that there was business to discuss from the previous meeting
- g) Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING

COUNCIL 103/16 PEUT/MCLEAN CARRIED

h) Business Arising from the Minutes

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE UQ UNION COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST OF DECEMBER BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 103/17 JOHNSTON/MCLEAN CARRIED

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE BE ACCEPTED

COUNCIL 103/18 MCLEAN/MANSFIELD CARRIED

j) Business which has been proposed

- R. Paterson stated that business held over from last Council meeting was not added as this is an extraordinary meeting with the sole purpose of considering the first quarter supply budget and will be put in next ordinary meeting in the next few weeks
- J. Peut raised wording of L. Mclean's procedural motion to carry over business to next council meeting
- L. Mclean clarified this intention was for next ordinary Council meeting
- J. Peut moved a procedural motion that the business from last council meeting that was deferred for the next council meeting be considered at this council meeting

NOT CARRIED

- D. Maggacis clarified the business deferred from previous council meeting will now be discussed at next council meeting
- R. Paterson agreed

Meeting closed 11.35am