

# UNION COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Meeting of the 2014  
UQ Union Council

7:00PM

Monday 01/09/2014

**Holt Room**

Level 4, Union Complex (Bld. 21), St. Lucia Campus

Chair: Belinda McEniery

The meeting was declared open at 7:16pm

### a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Maxwell, Danika
- Morris, Brendan
- McLean, Laurence
- Gipps, Fiona
- Manfield, Isabel
- Perey, Alexander
- Keys-Macpherson, Pdraig
- Landgraf, Megan
- Carrol, James
- Millroy, Joshua
- Paterson, Rachel
- Johnston, Nathan
- Cramp, Kathryn
- Chandler-Mather, Max
- Lee, Richard
- Bowman, Patrick
- Howden, Laura
- Jensen, Kyle
- McEniery, Belinda

The Following Members were absent:

- Anderson, India
- McInnes, Ashleigh
- Keenan, Joshua
- Falzon, Mathhias
- Bowman, Emma
- Ngoo, Alexander
- Morris, Natalie
- Kakoniktis, Stephen
- Scheel, Lotte
- Hutton, Julia
- Hopkins, Mike
- Compton, Matty
- Andrews, Joshua
- Ruffin, Arturo
- Acutt, Amanda
- Paw, Ekta
- Johnston, Elinor
- Rossignol, Tim
- Moses, Ivan
- Dalton, Alexander
- Rodgers, Jacqueline
- Ivans, Blair
- Coleborn, Jamie
- Keyte, Melanie
- Theunissen, Caleb
- O'Hare, Timothy
- Budur, Christina
- Morgan, Georgina
- Nehring, Anneke
- Rankin, Emily
- De Haan, Damien
- Farago, Mark

A leave of Absence application was received from the following members for this meeting:

- Anderson, India
- Bowman, Emma

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Anderson, India
- Bowman, Emma
- McInnes, Ashleigh
- Farago, Mark
- De Haan, Damien
- Paw, Ekta
- Acutt, Amanda
- Ngoo, Alexander
- Keenan, Joshua
- Morris, Natalie

The following applications for leave for the previous meeting were received:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

- Anderson, India to Mclean, Laurence
- Bowman, Emma to Starr, Gabrielle
- Keenan, Joshua to Peut, Jared
- McInnes, Ashleigh to Perey, Alexander

The following others were present:

- O'Brien, Edward
- Krynicki, Cameron
- Tucker, Kurt
- Slater, John
- Peut, Jared

*It was moved*

THAT THE NOTED APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED AND LEAVE BE GRANTED TO ALL APPLICANTS

COUNCIL 103/216

MILLROY/JOHNSTON

CARRIED

## **b) Elections**

Nil

## **c) Appeals From Decisions of Union Bodies**

Nil.

## **d) Reports of Elected Officers**

Nil

## **e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers**

Nil

### **f) Question Time**

Question from student, Edward O'Brien, regarding the Apologies from the 2<sup>nd</sup> extraordinary Administrative committee

UQU Secretary responded that she will provide them.

*Procedural motion to end question time*

**CARRIED**

### **g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

Nil

### **h) Business Arising From the Minutes**

Nil.

### **i) Reports of Other Union Bodies**

Nil

### **j) Business Which has Been Proposed**

#### **i. Regulatory Amendments**

EAIT Councillor presented a set of motions regarding the requirements for registration of an electoral group name.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding whether the proposed regulatory amendments could be abused and make it too easy to register electoral group names. He cited such abuse from a similar motion two years ago.

EAIT councillor responded that in that instance, the requirements to register an electoral group name under Semper Floreat was reduced to two students which made it too easy to register a group name. In these motions the requirements to register an electoral group name under Semper Floreat is five students. He added that there is no concrete way to prevent that kind of abuse of the system but it is important to ensure that running a ticket is accessible to small teams.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding whether council should consider a system where candidates running for council and Semper Floreat can be treated as independents in a below the line voting system, rather than being associated with any ticket.

EAIT councillor responded that having two large below the line ballots could be too complex and confusing for students who aren't sure who to vote for.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that University students should be capable of working out who to vote for.

EAIT councillor responded that by running with a ticket, candidates can associate more branding with the position they are running for when they are campaigning.

Question from Student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether an electoral group would need to have separate names if they choose to run for Semper Floreat, Executive and Council.

EAIT Councillor clarified that you can have a ticket that runs across all portfolios under one name.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding how the payment of Semper Floreat editors will be determined if it is separate from the executive.

EAIT Councillor responded that he assumes council could direct the payment of Semper Floreat editors.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised that this duty is not the responsibility of council.

UQU secretary raised that such an issue could be addressed later through resolution of policy but as far as electoral regulations go, this matter is not urgent.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised that allowing Council to direct the executive regarding wages could set a dangerous precedent.

UQU Treasurer suggested an advisory board which sets the pay, similar to the system within the ABC.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that council already has the power to direct pay.

EAIT Councillor raised that Semper Floreat has been run by a liberal ticket under a labour executive in 2007 and they were paid adequately.

UQU President raised that it would be politically damaging to withhold wages from the Semper Floreat editors.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why there is a requisite of six people in order to run a ticket for council.

EAIT councillor responded that the requisite ensures that electoral group names can't be registered too easily, which stops the system from being abused in that sense. It also ensures that candidates are running under a serious ticket.

UQU President added that when candidates run as a ticket, they can work with students who have similar aims. It would be difficult to present as an "above the line" ticket on a ballot paper when you only represent one faculty.

EAIT Councillor added that candidates can still run as independents below the line.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that the set of motions entrenches a system with more tickets which means that independent candidates have even less chance of winning a seat on council. He suggested removing the above the line system for positions on council altogether.

Semper Floreat editor raised that removing the above the line voting system in Council could disadvantage under-resourced tickets. In order to campaign under a below the line council voting system, a candidate would need more campaigners to help explain the system and explain how to vote to students.

Student, Jared Peut, responded that the team name could still appear next to the name of the candidate for council.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding how such a system would affect voting and the count.

It was clarified that the voting system will be different from last year and students will receive a council ballot paper based on the faculty they belong to.

It was raised that removing the above the line option for the council ballot paper will make the system too complicated for students who want to vote for every candidate from a given political team in their faculty.

Student, John Slater, raised that a complicated system could make the voting process take too long, increase the number of informal votes, and students may lose interest.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that students should be capable of handling a below the line voting system.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised that evidence from senate elections indicates that complicated voting systems can be problematic.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that once you vote below the line in a senate election, it's compulsory to number all boxes whereas at the UQU elections, students would only have to number as many boxes as they choose.

EAIT Councillor raised that changing the council ballot paper to a below the line ballot would require a different regulation change to the one that has been presented to council. He added that he would be happy to waive notice if council would like to vote on such a change. He clarified that the motions presented to council are more in regards to the requisites for registering an electoral group name.

Question from student, John Slater, regarding where the Semper Floreat editors will work if one ticket wins semper Floreat and another wins the Executive portfolio,

UQU Treasurer responded that the plan is to eventually have Semper Floreat working in a completely different space from the executive.

EAIT councillor raised that if the motions regarding electoral group registration do not pass tonight, it will be very difficult to meet all ticket requirements, considering that the Turbot St campus is closing.

The Chair ruled that council will later return to discussion on the motions regarding electoral group registration and move on to the next set of regulatory amendments for discussion.

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, presented a set of motions that will see above the line and below the line ballots printed onto the same paper, rather than having the options printed on separate papers.

Question from student, John Slater, regarding whether this will involve more paper.

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, clarified that the presentation of the ballot will remain fairly condensed and described how it will look. The executive ballot paper will only require more paper space if there is more than four groups nominated in that category.

*It was moved en bloc*

THAT SCHEDULE NINETEEN AS ATTACHED BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULES AND REPLACE THE EXISTING SCHEDULE NINETEEN.

COUNCIL 103/217                      MCLEAN/PATERSON                      CARRIED

THAT THE WORDS "ABOVE THE LINE" BE DELETED FROM R117.1.

COUNCIL 103/218                      MCLEAN/PATERSON                      CARRIED

THAT R117.1(A) BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

"A) TAKE THE FORM OF SCHEDULE NINETEEN AND MUST BE PRINTED ON PAPER SIZE A3 (297MM X 420MM) UNLESS THERE ARE FIVE OR MORE ELECTORAL GROUPS, OR FIVE OR MORE CANDIDATES FOR A POSITION ON THE BALLOT PAPER IN THAT ELECTION IN WHICH CASE IT MUST BE PRODUCED ON PAPER SIZE A2 (420MM X 594MM). THE RETURNING OFFICER SHALL NOT ALTER THE TEXT, FORMATTING OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOT PAPER, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:  
I) ENTERING THE ELECTORAL YEAR; AND  
II) ENTERING ELECTORAL GROUP NAMES AND CANDIDATE'S NAMES WHERE INDICATED ON THE SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOT PAPER; AND  
III) CHANGING THE PAGE FROM PORTRAIT TO LANDSCAPE IF SCHEDULE NINETEEN MUST BE PRINTED ON A3; AND  
IV) CHANGING THE WIDTH SPACING OF THE TABLE TO ALLOW FOR ALL GROUPS AND CANDIDATES TO HAVE EQUAL SPACING BETWEEN THEM."

COUNCIL 103/219                      MCLEAN/PATERSON                      CARRIED

THAT R117.2 BE DELETED.

COUNCIL 103/220                      MCLEAN/PATERSON                      CARRIED

THAT R117.5(A) BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

"A) AN EXECUTIVE BALLOT PAPER IN THE FORM OF SCHEDULE NINETEEN; AND"

COUNCIL 103/221                      MCLEAN/PATERSON                      CARRIED

THAT R123.5 BE ADDED AND READ:

"123.5 IF A VOTER PLACES MARKINGS IN BOXES ABOVE THE LINE AND BELOW THE LINE, THEN THEIR BELOW THE LINE SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE.

A) IF THE BELOW THE LINE VOTE IS INFORMAL AND THE ABOVE THE LINE VOTE IS FORMAL, THE VOTE SHALL BE CONSIDERED FORMAL AND THE ABOVE THE LINE VOTE SHALL BE RECORDED."

COUNCIL 103/222                      MCLEAN/PATERSON                      CARRIED

UQU Secretary presented a set of motions to allow for the union to have the option of an attendance based electronic vote.





DESCRIBED IN R117.1 AND R117.3, BUT THE LAYOUT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS IN SCHEDULES NINETEEN OR TWENTY-TWO.

117A.8 THE ELECTRONIC POLLING DEVICES MUST NOT ALLOW FOR ANY PERSON TO VIEW ANY BALLOTS OR ANY RESULTS OF BALLOTS PRIOR TO THE SCRUTINY OF BALLOTS.

117A.9 VOTERS WHO APPLY FOR POSTAL VOTES UNDER R113 SHALL RECEIVE PAPER BALLOTS AS PER R117.

117A.10 IN THIS REGULATION, POLLING PLACE REFERS TO A POLLING PLACE IN R115.”

COUNCIL 103/225

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

THAT R124.1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

“124.1 VOTES (OTHER THAN POSTAL VOTES AND ELECTRONIC VOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH R117A) MUST BE CAST BY PLACING THE BALLOT PAPERS IN A SEALED BALLOT BOX PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE AT EACH POLLING PLACE.

COUNCIL 103/226

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, presented a set of motions regarding polling times.

Student, Jared Peut, suggested an amendment which would see polling at Gatton for a second night as many Gatton students are not on campus during the day.

Late night voting at Darwins was discussed. It was argued that there weren't many voters at that polling station last year at night.

Late night voting at colleges was discussed. It was agreed that voting between 8:00pm until 10:00pm is minimal and perhaps not necessary.

Council agreed on amendments to the motion.

*It was moved*

THAT R115.1 BE AMENDED TO READ:

“115.1 FOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS THERE MUST BE POLLING BOOTHS OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES AND TIMES:

A) IN THE HOLT ROOM OR HEATH ROOM, FROM 9:30AM TO 4:30PM ON EACH DAY OF POLLING, AND UNTIL 7:00PM ON ONE DAY OF POLLING;

B) IN THE PHYSIOLOGY REFECTORY, FROM 12:15PM TO 3:30PM ON EACH DAY OF POLLING;

C) IN THE FOOD SERVICES FACILITY LOCATED AT THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES LIBRARY, FROM 10:00AM TO 11:45AM ON EACH DAY OF POLLING;

D) IN THE IPSWICH CAMPUS REFECTORY, FROM 10:00AM TO 4:00PM ON TWO DAYS OF POLLING;

E) AT THE PRIMARY NON-ST LUCIA CAMPUS FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS, FROM 10:00AM TO 4:00PM ON TWO DAYS OF POLLING;

F) AT THE TURBOT STREET CAMPUS, FROM 10:00AM TO 4:00PM ON ONE DAY OF POLLING;

G) AT THE GATTON CAMPUS, FROM 10:00AM TO 4:15PM ON TWO DAYS OF POLLING, AND FROM 4:45PM UNTIL 8:00PM IN OR NEARBY THE MAIN DINING HALL ON TWO DAY OF POLLING;

H) AT THE PHARMACY AUSTRALIA CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, FROM 10:00AM TO 4:00PM ON ONE DAY OF POLLING;

I) AT EACH COLLEGE OTHER THAN AT GATTON CAMPUS FROM 5:00PM TO 08:00PM ON ONE DAY OF POLLING; AND

J) AT OTHER PLACES AND TIMES AS DETERMINED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF UNION COUNCIL, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE RETURNING OFFICER.”

COUNCIL 103/227

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, presented a set of regulatory amendments regarding authorisation of campaign material, including online campaign material and flyers.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that such regulations would be difficult to manage and would involve too many things for the Returning Officer to authorise. It could be easier for the Returning Officer to simply respond to complaints.

UQU Secretary raised that the amendments are fairly standard and are already used within other student unions. The amendments could also help prevent slanderous material.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether studies have been done to indicate that more people recycle when a recycle logo is printed on the material and also whether the lack of the logo will make the material non-compliant.

A council member staff representative explained that he has qualifications in applied social psychology and that studies have shown that the logo does encourage people to recycle.

Question from student, John Slater, regarding what the regulatory amendment would require in terms of the recycling logo.

EAIT Councillor clarified that the amendment would require the words “please recycle” to appear on any flyer produced by a political team.

Student, John Slater, raised that requiring the Returning Officer to Approve of online material could mean that candidates won't be able to engage in frank discussion.

It was clarified that the policy allows for commenting without approval

Student, John Slater, raised a question regarding the consequences of non-compliance with this amendment if it carries and becomes a regulation.

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, explained that there is another amendment which will be discussed later in the meeting that could give the Returning Officer disciplinary powers.

Councillors raised that the amendments give the Returning Officer more work rather than more power.

EAIT Councillor Laurence McLean responded that it ensures Accountability and responsibility for their publications and campaign material

*Procedural motion to vote on the regulatory amendment regarding campaign material*

**CARRIED**

*It was moved*

THAT R110 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“R110 AUTHORISATION AND APPROVAL OF PUBLICITY

110.1 ANY MATERIAL CONCERNING THE ELECTIONS, PRODUCED, DISPLAYED, OR DISTRIBUTED DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD, THAT EITHER EXPLICITLY MENTIONS, OR COMMENTS VISUALLY, LITERALLY, OR FIGURATIVELY ON THE ELECTIONS, THE CANDIDATES, OR THE ISSUES INVOLVED, MUST BE AUTHORISED BY A STUDENT AND THE RETURNING OFFICER BEFORE THAT MATERIAL IS DISPLAYED, DISTRIBUTED, OR PUBLISHED.

110.2 THE STUDENT’S FULL NAME AND STUDENT NUMBER MUST APPEAR LEGIBLY IN PRINT ON THE MATERIAL PRIOR TO APPROVAL BY THE RETURNING OFFICER.

A) ALL MATERIAL, ONCE PUBLISHED OR PRINTED, MUST STATE THAT THE MATERIAL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER.

110.3 THE STUDENT MUST ADVISE THE RETURNING OFFICER OF A CURRENT CONTACT PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS.

110.4 A COPY OF ALL MATERIALS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE RETURNING OFFICER BEFORE IT IS DISTRIBUTED, DISPLAYED, OR PUBLISHED. THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST NOTE THE TIME AND DATE OF RECEIPT OF MATERIALS.

A) THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST MAKE AVAILABLE BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY ALL MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED.

110.5 MATERIALS MAY NOT BE DISTRIBUTED, DISPLAYED, OR PUBLISHED, UNTIL THE RETURNING OFFICER HAS PROVIDED WRITTEN APPROVAL.

110.6 MATERIAL WHICH IS DEEMED TO BE SEXIST, RACIST, QUEERPHOBIC OR ABLEIST MUST NOT BE AUTHORISED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER.

110.7 ALL MATERIALS PRINTED ON PAPER MUST CONTAIN THE WORDS “PLEASE RECYCLE”.

110.8 WHERE MATERIAL HAS BEEN AUTHORISED, IT MAY BE REPUBLISHED IN DIFFERENT FORMATS (INCLUDING ELECTRONICALLY) WITHOUT BEING SEPARATELY AUTHORISED AS LONG AS THE CHANGE IN FORMAT DOES NOT ALTER THE CONTENT OR MESSAGE ORIGINALLY AUTHORISED, AND THE MATERIAL CARRIES THE PUBLISHED AND AUTHORISATION LINES REQUIRED BY THESE REGULATIONS.

110.9 THE CREATION OF PAGES, WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS, ONLINE PUBLIC FOR A RELATING TO THE ELECTION NEED TO BE AUTHORISED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER, AND CARRY AUTHORISATIONS DESCRIBED IN R110.2.

110.10 IN ONLINE MEDIA (PARTICULARLY SOCIAL MEDIA) WHERE IT IS CUSTOMARY TO POST SHORT UPDATES; SEPARATE AUTHORISATION AND THE AUTHORISATION AND PUBLISHING LINES IN R110.2 ARE NOT REQUIRED WHEN:

A) THE ITEM IS LIMITED TO ENCOURAGEMENT TO VOTE FOR A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE AND/OR TICKET AND DOES NOT INTRODUCE ANY NEW MATERIAL BEYOND WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AUTHORISED; AND

B) THE ITEM DOES NOT COMMENT ON ANY OPPOSING CANDIDATE OR TICKET; AND

C) THE ITEM IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS BEING POSTED BY A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE OR TICKET, AND CONTAINS A LINK TO OR APPEARS ON THE MAIN SITE OF THAT CANDIDATE OR TICKET WHICH HAS ITSELF BEEN AUTHORISED.

110.11 THE RETURNING OFFICER MAY BAN THE USE OF SPECIFIC ONLINE SITES OR SOCIAL MEDIA SERVICES FOR ELECTION MATERIAL.”

COUNCIL 103/228

MCLEAN/PATERSON

NOT CARRIED

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, presented a regulatory amendment which would require campaigners to wear a lanyard or similar with their ID card displayed.

Question raised by a councillor regarding whether secondary student cards will suffice in this instance if they don't have the student number on them.

EAIT Councillor responded that the student number must be on the card.

Question from student, Edward O'Brien, regarding whether this rule would cover people who are just wearing team shirts.

EAIT Councillor responded that it would if they are deemed to be campaigning.

*Procedural motion to put the regulatory amendment to a vote*

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT R109.3 BE ADDED AND READ:

“109.3 STUDENTS WHO ARE CAMPAIGNING IN AN ELECTION ON CAMPUS MUST WEAR A LANYARD OR SIMILAR WITH THEIR STUDENT ID CARD DISPLAYED.”

COUNCIL 103/229

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, presented a motion regarding campaigning hours.

Councillors and students discussed the following in favour of the amendment:

- The time limits will make it fairer for smaller teams who have fewer campaigners. Independent campaigners will be able to compete on a level playing field.
- Students who live far away will be less disadvantaged.
- Campaigners will be more productive if they are not as exhausted.
- This will be better for the health of the campaigners and candidates by ensuring they aren't campaigning for too many hours in the day. The regulations need to look after the welfare of the students engaging in the election
- Campaigners often get in the way of students and can be unwelcome.

Councillors and students discussed the following against the amendment:

- A day has already been shaved off campaigning by the public holiday and now more time will be lost.
- The choice should be the campaigners. The branding advantage to reform is significant and new teams will need to campaign as much as possible.
- The motions reward people for working less hard.
- Campaign hour restrictions may make it difficult to campaign during peak hours, especially when candidates and campaigners also need to attend class or work.

Student, John Slater, requested clarification on what time you are allowed to set up your tent.

Clarification requested from Student, Kurt Tucker, on what a campaigner is allowed to do if a student approaches them before 9am.

EAIT Councillor responded that the tent can be set up but it can't display the name until 9:00am

Clarification requested by Student, John Slater, on whether the amendment will preclude 8am lecture bashes.

EAIT Councillor responded that it will preclude 8am lecture bashes.

*Procedural motion to vote on the regulatory amendment*

NOT CARRIED

Councillors raised that students dislike the face-to-face campaigners and votes are won via social media.

A councillor requested clarification on what to do with materials such as A-Frames during set up.

EAIT Councillor responded that materials could be covered up.

Procedural to put the motion regarding campaign times to a vote

CARRIED

*It was moved that*

THAT R109.4 BE ADDED AND READ:

“109.4 STUDENTS MAY NOT DISTRIBUTE OR DISPLAY NON-ELECTRONIC MATERIALS RELATING TO THE ELECTION PRIOR TO 8:30AM ON ANY DAY DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD, OR AFTER 8:00PM ON ANY DAY DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD.

A) THIS REGULATION DOES NOT INCLUDE SHIRTS. STUDENTS MAY WEAR SHIRTS OR DISTRIBUTE SHIRTS TO OTHER CAMPAIGNERS ON THEIR TICKET AT ANY TIME.”

COUNCIL 103/230

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

EAIT Councillor presented an amendment regarding when online campaign material can be first published.

Student, John Slater, raised that it could be difficult to police speculation on the elections from other UQ websites which would mean that teams aren't able to respond to information about them, even when it is not correct.

UQU Secretary raised that the amendment allows for smaller or newer teams to gather all of their material and makes sure that established teams don't have an unfair head start.

Question from student, John Slater regarding whether candidates would be allowed to say who they are and what position they would be going for.

EAIT Councillor responded that such statements would be ok. The amendment is more for the purposes of preventing a bombardment of campaign material before the election actually begins.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that limiting the dates for when a team can start publishing online disadvantages new teams as they need as much time as possible to get their name recognised.

*The Chair ruled to defer voting on the amendment regarding online publishing until later in the meeting.*

EAIT Councillor presented a regulatory amendment regarding the disciplinary powers of the Returning Officer.

Student Kurt Tucker, raised concerns with the motion giving the Returning Officer the power to ban someone from campaigning.

Councillors raised that the Returning Officer already has the power but this motion allows for punishments that are less harsh.

Student, John Slater, raised a question regarding whether the ability to make such decisions will be part of the Returning Officer selection criteria

EAIT Councillor responded that it will.

UQU secretary added that the Returning Officer has to be competent

Student, Jared Peut, added that the ability to use disciplinary powers was already part of the Returning Officers job, the motion simply allows the Returning Officer to give out lesser punishments.

*It was moved en bloc*

THAT R92.4 BE ADDED AND READ:

“92.4 THE RETURNING OFFICER SHALL HAVE THE POWERS TO PROHIBIT STUDENTS OR ELECTORAL GROUPS FROM CAMPAIGNING TOTALLY, OR IN A SPECIFIC WAY, WHEN THEY ARE IN BREACH OF THE REGULATIONS. THE RETURNING OFFICER MAY PROHIBIT STUDENTS OR ELECTORAL GROUPS FROM CAMPAIGNING TOTALLY, OR IN A SPECIFIC WAY, FOR:

- A) ONE HOUR;
- B) A NUMBER OF HOURS;
- C) THE REMAINDER OF A DAY;
- D) A NUMBER OF DAYS;
- E) UNTIL THE END OF THE ELECTION PERIOD.”

COUNCIL 103/231

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

THAT R92.5 BE ADDED AND READ:

“92.5 THE POWERS GIVEN TO THE RETURNING OFFICER IN 92.4 ARE INTENDED AS PUNISHMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO BREACH THE REGULATIONS, AND MORE MINOR BREACHES SHALL WARRANT LOWER PUNISHMENTS.”

COUNCIL 103/232

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

EAIT Councillor presented a motion regarding the location for the Returning Officer to work in.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that this amendment should be mandatory,

UQU President responded that it is not always possible for the Union to request a room from the University.

EAIT Councillor added that the regulations need to be flexible for any year where the University may not be able to help the Union by providing a room for the Returning Officer.

UQU Treasurer suggested that certain areas could be excluded as options, such as building 21 A.

Student, Jared Peut, suggested an amendment to the motion which states that the Returning Officer must be satisfied that no unauthorised persons can gain access to the room.

*It was moved*

THAT R92.6 BE ADDED AND READ:

“92.6 IF POSSIBLE, THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST BE PROVIDED A LOCATION TO WORK FROM WHICH IS NOT IN THE UNION BUILDING.”

A) WHEREVER THE ROOM IS, THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST BE SATISFIED THAT NO UNAUTHORISED PERSONS HAVE ACCESS TO THE ROOM.”

COUNCIL 103/233

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

Council resumed discussion on an amendment regarding campaigning prior to campaign week, including online campaigning.

*It was moved*

THAT R109.5 BE ADDED AND READ:

“109.5 NO MATERIAL IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED, DISPLAYED, OR PUBLISHED PRIOR TO 4:00AM ON THE SATURDAY 9 DAYS PRIOR TO POLLING COMMENCING.”

COUNCIL 103/234

MCLEAN/PATERSON

NOT CARRIED

Council resumed discussion on a set of motions regarding the registration of an electoral group name.

It was raised that if the motions don't pass, you would need a group of 25 candidates to run under a ticket.



An amendment was suggested where the above the line vote is removed from council.

The chair ruled that business move to the Review Budget while relevant motions were drafted

**ii. 2014 review budget**

*Procedural motion to allow Lauren Bicknell to stay in the room while the meeting moves in Camera*  
CARRIED

The Chair ruled that the meeting move in camera  
CARRIED

Meeting moved in camera at 8:48pm

Meeting moves ex camera at 8:54pm

UQU Treasurer presented council with a breakdown of college expenditure

The review budget was amended by the mover and seconder of the motion to accept the budget. The amendment was to raise the Herston Campus Budget to \$12,000. This was noted to council.

*It was moved*

THAT THE 2014 REVIEW BUDGET BE ACCEPTED  
COUNCIL 103/235 JOHNSTON/MILLROY CARRIED

**i. Regulatory Amendments**

Council Resumed discussion on regulatory amendments

EAIT Councillor presented council with a set of additional motions to add on to the original motions presented regarding the registration of electoral group names.

*It was moved*

THAT NOTICE BE WAIVED TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO R117.3 AND R123A AND SCHEDULE 22  
COUNCIL 103/236 MCLEAN/ MANFIELD CARRIED

*Procedural motion to move all motions en bloc*  
CARRIED

*It was moved en bloc*

THAT R123A BE DELETED

COUNCIL 103/237

MCLEAN/MANFIELD

CARRIED

THAT R117.3 BE AMENDED TO REPLACE “SEVEN OR MORE ELECTORAL GROUPS” WITH “30 OR MORE CANDIDATES”

COUNCIL 103/238

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

THAT R117.3 B BE AMENDED TO REPLACE “ELECTORAL GROUPS” WITH “CANDIDATES”

COUNCIL 103/239

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

THAT SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE LINE, PUT GROUP NAMES NEXT TO CANDIDATE NAMES, REMOVE A COLOUMN, REMOVE REFERENCES TO ABOVE AND BELOW THE LINE VOTING

COUNCIL 103/240

MCLEAN/KEYS-MACPHERSON

CARRIED

THAT R106 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“106.1 CANDIDATES MAY ONLY FORM AN ELECTORAL GROUP FOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH R106.

106.2 AN ELECTORAL GROUP FOR POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS MAY BE REGISTERED BY SUBMITTING A NOMINATION IN THE FORM OF SCHEDULE EIGHT. THE NOMINATION MUST:

A) STATE THE NAME OF THE ELECTORAL GROUP;

B) BE PERSONALLY SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATES; AND

C) CONTAIN THE NAME AND STUDENT NUMBERS OF:

I) 7 CANDIDATES IN THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS, EXCLUSIVE OF ANY CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF COUNCILLOR OR UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR (SEMPER FLOREAT), INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF TURBOT STREET OFFICER, MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER, IPSWICH CAMPUS OFFICER AND GATTON CAMPUS OFFICER, AND INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF ENVIRONMENT OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER, GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER AND COLLEGES OFFICER; AND/OR

II) 6 CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF COUNCILLOR IN THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE CANDIDATE FROM EACH OF AT LEAST FOUR FACULTIES; AND/OR

III) 5 CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR (SEMPER FLOREAT) IN THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

106.3 CANDIDATES CANNOT REGISTER THE NAME OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP ALREADY REGISTERED AT THAT ELECTION, OR AN ELECTORAL GROUP PROTECTED PER R106.6-R106.7

106.4 FOR AN ELECTORAL GROUP TO APPEAR ON THE SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOT PAPER AS DEFINED IN R117.1, THE ELECTORAL GROUP MUST COMPLY WITH R106.2(C)(I).

106.5 FOR AN ELECTORAL GROUP TO APPEAR ON THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO BALLOT PAPER FOR A FACULTY AS DEFINED IN R117.3, THE ELECTORAL GROUP MUST COMPLY WITH R106.2(C)(II) AND HAVE AT LEAST ONE CANDIDATE IN THE ELECTORAL GROUP FROM THAT FACULTY. IF THE ELECTORAL GROUP DOES NOT COMPLY WITH R106.2(C)(II) BUT HAS AT LEAST ONE CANDIDATE IN THE FACULTY, THEN THE CANDIDATES IN THAT ELECTORAL GROUP SHALL APPEAR AS INDEPENDENTS.

106.6 FOR AN ELECTORAL GROUP TO APPEAR ON THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-THREE BALLOT PAPER AS DEFINED IN R117.4, THE ELECTORAL GROUP MUST COMPLY WITH R106.2(C)(III). IF THE ELECTORAL GROUP DOES NOT COMPLY WITH R106.2(C)(III) BUT HAS AT LEAST ONE CANDIDATE FOR UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR (SEMPER FLOREAT), THEN THE CANDIDATE(S) SHALL BE LISTED AS A GROUPING OF INDEPENDENTS.”

106.7 CANDIDATES CANNOT REGISTER THE NAME OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP THAT IS PROTECTED BY THE LODGEMENT OF A SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN, OTHER THAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THAT SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN.

106.8 FOR THE PURPOSES OF R106.7, THE APPLICATION OF R106.16(D-F) SHALL EXTEND TO ANY ELECTORAL GROUP PROTECTED BY THE LODGEMENT OF A SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN, SUCH THAT ANY COMPETING CLAIM AGAINST THE NAME OF A PROTECTED ELECTORAL GROUP SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE APPLICABLE SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN.

106.9 AN ELECTORAL GROUP MAY NOMINATE TO PROTECT THEIR ELECTORAL GROUP NAME BY SUBMITTING A SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN WITH THEIR ELECTORAL GROUP NOMINATION, OR T ANY TIME UP TO THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS AT THE NEXT “ELECTION PERIOD”.

106.10 UPON THE LODGEMENT OF A COMPLETED SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN, THE USE OF THE ELECTORAL GROUP NAME WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE CONDITIONS SET OUT WITHIN THAT ELECTORAL GROUP’S COMPLETED SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN AND WILL BECOME BINDING UPON THAT NAME FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED WITHIN THE COMPLETED SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN.

106.11 IN THE CASE WHERE A COMPLETED SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN IS SILENT ON ALTERING THE TERMS GOVERNING THE USE OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP NAME, THE CONDITIONS SET DOWN IN THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN REGISTERING THE NAME MUST BE ADHERED TO.

106.12 SCHEDULE EIGHTEEN IS INTENDED TO BE A SELF-GOVERNING DOCUMENT REGARDING THE USE OF ELECTORAL GROUP NAMES AND MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE REGULATIONS.

106.13 THE TRIBUNAL REGISTRAR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A REGISTRAR OF ELECTORAL GROUP

NAMES AND THE CONDITIONS SURROUNDING THEIR USE. THIS REGISTER SHALL BE USED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE.

106.14 THE NAME OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP MUST BE NO LONGER THAN FIVE WORDS, INCLUDING ANY ACRONYM.

106.15 THE NAME OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP MUST NOT INCLUDE ANY WORDS THAT ARE OR ARE A PART OF:

- A) A REGISTERED TRADEMARK OF THE UNIVERSITY;
- B) THE NAMES OF BUSINESSES AT THE UNIVERSITY;
- C) THE NAMES OF ANY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE; OR
- D) THE NAMES OF THE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTIES OR SCHOOLS.

106.16 THE NAME OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP MUST NOT:

- A) BE ONE THAT A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD THINK THAT THE ELECTORAL GROUP CAN OR CANNOT PROVIDE A GOOD OR SERVICE, OR A THING BY WHICH A PERSON MAY OBTAIN A GOOD OF SERVICE, FREE OF CHARGE OR AT A SIGNIFICANT DISCOUNT;
- B) INCLUDE THE NAME, OR AN ABBREVIATION, VARIATION OR DERIVATIVE OF THE NAME, OF ANOTHER ELECTORAL GROUP;
- C) INCLUDE A WORD THAT SO NEARLY RESEMBLES THE NAME, OR AN ABBREVIATION, VARIATION OR DERIVATIVE OF THE NAME, OF ANOTHER ELECTORAL GROUP, THAT IT IS LIKELY TO BE CONFUSED WITH OR MISTAKEN FOR THAT NAME;
- D) BE ONE THAT A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD THINK SUGGESTS THAT A CONNECTION OR RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN THE ELECTORAL GROUP AND ANOTHER ELECTORAL GROUP, OR BETWEEN THE ELECTORAL GROUP AND ANY OF THE ITEMS REFERRED TO IN R106.15 OR R119; OR
- E) INCLUDE THE WORD "INDEPENDENT" OR "VOUCHER".

106.17 A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL CANDIDATES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP AND THE POSITION FOR WHICH THEY ARE STANDING MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER BY THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS.

106.18 THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST NOT, PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS, MAKE AVAILABLE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTORAL GROUP REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED FOR THAT ANNUAL ELECTION. THIS REGULATION DOES NOT APPLY TO CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF A REGISTRATION TO THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER OF THE ELECTORAL GROUP, OR ADVISING THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER THAT THE PROPOSED NAME OF THEIR ELECTORAL GROUP HAS ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED FOR THE ELECTION.

A) IF THE NAME HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED WITHIN THE ELECTION PERIOD, THEN THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST ADVISE THE CANDIDATE OR CAMPAIGN MANAGER THAT THE NAME CANNOT BE USED.

106.19 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS, THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST DISPLAY ON THE UNION NOTICEBOARD A LIST OF ELECTORAL GROUP REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED.

COUNCIL 103/241 MCLEAN/PATERSON CARRIED

THAT THE REFERENCE TO R106.12 IN R96.6 BE AMENDED TO A REFERENCE TO R106.13.

COUNCIL 103/242 MCLEAN/PATERSON CARRIED

THAT R50.2(B) (2) BE DELETED

COUNCIL 103/243 MCLEAN/PATERSON CARRIED

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding who can use a name once it has already been registered.

Student, Jared Peut, clarified that the original signatories to the name can sign off on the use of the name.

Business moves to discussion on the Returning Officer and whether Peter Travers' appointment can be extended to allow the announcement of the opening of nominations. The Union would then appoint another Returning Officer to run the election.

It was raised that at the last council meeting, councillors and students raised that council does not have the power to extend the appointment. It was argued that council is allowed to extend or abridge any time limits as per the constitution, and this could apply to extending the time limit relevant to Mr Travers' appointment.

It was raised that the Union currently has limited options in terms of appointing someone soon enough to announce the opening of nominations.

It was agreed that either Mr Travers' appointment needs to be extended or the announcement of the opening of nominations needs to be pushed to a later date.

Question raised over how the breakdown of positions for council were worked out for the informal notice that has already been posted.

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, explained that he retrieved data from the university website regarding student figures per faculty in order to construct the breakdown of council positions available in the up-coming election.

UQU Secretary added that if the Returning Officer makes a different ruling regarding the breakdown, the ruling of the Returning Officer will stand.

Question regarding the new faculty breakdown in the University and how that will affect the council positions.

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, explained that the breakdown of council positions has to remain in line with the existing faculties at the University.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding the potential extension of Mr Travers' appointment and whether he will undertake the whole role including tasks such as opening nominations, giving acceptances and making rulings.

UQU Secretary confirmed that he would.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether Mr Travers would brief the next Returning Officer.

UQU Secretary confirmed that he would and added that all of the correspondence would be kept in a union email address for the Returning Officer, whoever they are.

It was raised that the advertisement does not have to be active for a week in order to uphold regulations.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding the deadline on the advertisement for the closing of applications.

UQU Secretary responded that the close of applications deadline is the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 5:00pm.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding when the elections start.

UQU Secretary responded that polling commences on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

Student, Jared Peut, raised concerns over extending the appointment of Mr Travers and having two Returning Officers for one election. He suggested moving the dates again to allow more time to complete the recruitment process.

It was raised that pushing the dates further and further could be problematic.

It was raised whether Mr Travers would consider undertaking the job for another year.

UQU Secretary responded that he is not comfortable at this point, with committing to another year.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding whether the Union has been actively looking for a Returning Officer.

UQU Secretary requested that Lauren Bicknell address council on this matter, as she had some involvement with the recruitment process.

Lauren Bicknell raised that many election companies are not interested in the role. One of the major reasons is because the contention surrounding student elections takes up a lot of valuable time and resources and this election has become particularly notorious. There are other elections that are easier to run and more profitable which makes this one less appealing. It's also a particularly busy time of year for elections with other organisations and the Queensland state election is coming up as well. Individuals who offer Returning Officer Services are not interested as the job is too big.

UQU President added that the ECQ and the AEC have had their budgets cut and can't help. Regardless of payment, they don't have the resources or the staff to do it.

Question regarding whether Mr Travers would be interested in running the annual election and resigning when it's over.

UQU Secretary responded that he's unsure whether he can get the time off work to run the election as he is a fulltime barrister.

It was raised that Big Pulse may be an option as they believe they can run the election and provide a Returning Officer but they couldn't be engaged until the regulations allowing for an electronic vote were passed.

Lauren Bicknell added that it may be easier to find a Returning Officer if there is an electronic vote as quite a lot of the work will be taken up by Big Pulse. Running a paper ballot attendance based vote for a 17,000 voter turn-out is simply too big for most individuals.

It was suggested that Mr Travers could appoint a deputy Returning Officer who can take on the bulk of the administrative and logistical work for the election.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that it's important for the Returning Officer to be qualified and capable of making judgements and rulings.

Council agreed to make regulatory amendments that will move the dates for the announcement of the opening of nominations and allow more time to appoint a Returning Officer.

*It was moved*

NOTICE BE WAIVED TO CONSIDER CHANGES TO R95 AND R96

COUNCIL 103/244

MCLEAN/PEUT

CARRIED

*It was moved en bloc*

THAT UNION COUNCIL DIRECT THAT THE RETURNING OFFICER SELECTION PANEL  
BE CALLED FOR FRIDAY THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 6PM.

COUNCIL 103/245

PEUT/PEREY

CARRIED

THAT R95.1 BE AMENDED TO CHANGE “FIVE” TO “FOUR”

COUNCIL 103/246

MCLEAN/PEUT

CARRIED

THAT R96.1 BE AMENDED TO REPLACE “TUESDAY SIX WEEKS BEFORE POLLING  
COMENCES” TO “SATURDAY BEFORE THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS”

COUNCIL 103/247

MCLEAN/PEUT

CARRIED

### **k) Notice of Business to be Proposed**

*The meeting was declared closed at 9:34PM*