

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 4th Ordinary Meeting of the
105th UQ Union Council, 2015

6:00PM

Monday 23/05/2016

Innes Room 1

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

Chair: Sebastian Campbell

The Meeting Opened at 6:01pm

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Michael Lucas
- Madeline Price
- Thomas Parer
- Fei Ren
- Sachin Perera
- Elliot Steel
- Tristan Heiner
- Andrew Mylonas
- Sabina Rooney
- Alynna Wong
- Nora Abdalla
- Emil Canita
- Ange Ou
- Chao Chen
- Eden Tam
- Alex Smock
- Harry Spicer
- Zachary Thomas
- Guy Morgan
- Blair Ivens
- Gabii Starr
- Sebastian Campbell
- Rosie Katunar
- Bernadette Steinmann
- Barani Ganapathi
- Dylan Kerr
- Levi Kerr
- Darcy Bermingham
- Coen Harnischfeger

The Following Members were absent:

- Riley Williamson
- Olivia Amsden
- Samuel Kiernan
- Michael Wellington
- Amanda Lin
- Jessica Poland
- Cat Le Poidevin
- Rose Richani
- Mike Hopkins
- Natassja Bertram
- Jahmayne Coolwell
- Murrawah Johnson
- Jasmine Knight
- Laura L Anderson
- James Carroll
- Molly Frankham
- Matt Lucas
- Claudia Farhart
- Damien de Haan
- Roxanne Coleman
- Monica Farrelly
- Nick Baker
- Dominic Hansson
- Sunita Kashyap
- Michael Quirk
- Penelope Webster
- Georgia Millroy
- Kyle Jensen

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Riley Williamson
- Natassja Bertram
- Amanda Lin
- James Carroll
- Kate Watson
- Damien de Haan
- Sunita Kashyap
- Dominic Hansson
- Monica Farelly
- Olivia Amsden
- Jessica Poland

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

- Amanda Lin to Eden Tam
- Sunita Kashyap to Eden Tam
- Jessica Poland to Rosie Katunar
- James Carroll to Rohan McPhee
- Dominic Hansson to Rohan McPhee

The following others were present:

- Ismael Gonot
- Lachlan Firth
- Kurt Tucker
- Alexandra Brown
- Lindon Cox
- Nicholas Comino
- Finbar Fuller
- Thomas Wealleans
- Rohan McPhee
- Ariana Magini
- Campbell Ray
- Domenico Sottile
- Rowan Evans
- Imogen Inglis
- Shelby Thommson
- Patrick Fogg

Resignations:

Nil

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 105/106

HARNISCHFEGER/L. KERR

CARRIED

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders.

CARRIED

The Chair introduced Jeremy Crowley, UQ Corporate Operations Director and Peter Sampson, UQ Properties and Facilities Special Projects Manager, to members of Council.

Jeremy Crowley and Peter Sampson presented to Council regarding the Student Housing Project, outlining architectural plans for the spaces and the overarching goals for the space.

The Chair received a motion from the floor regarding the ability of students to report on proceedings of Union Council in student publications.

The mover of the motion spoke for the motion explaining that his intention was to report on Council, giving accurate representation on what happens at Council in an accessible, fun and light-hearted way.

It was explained that the report is likely to be submitted to Semper Floreat.

The Union Secretary explained that the Union wanted to pose this as a question to Council to ensure the members consented to the possibility of being quoted and reported on.

Question raised regarding who can publish reports on Council.

It was explained that the motion gives permission for student publications to report on Council.

Procedural motion for the motion to be put

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT STUDENTS PRESENT AT UQU COUNCIL MAY REPORT ON ITS PROCEEDINGS IN STUDENT PUBLICATIONS.

COUNCIL 105/107

EVANS/COMINO

CARRIED

A motion was received from the floor regarding whether accreditation to the National Union of Students was in the best interests of UQ students.

The mover for the motion raised that the motion does not limit the Treasurer.

The Union President raised that the motion limits future councils and is unnecessary, as accreditation to NUS has not been budgeted for.

It was raised that future Councils can change the position if they wish.

Blair Ivens entered the meeting at 6:40pm.

Whether the motion achieved a functional purpose was debated.

Procedural motion for the motion to be put

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS FOR UQU TO ACCREDIT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS (NUS)

COUNCIL 105/108

L.KERR/THOMAS

CARRIED

b) Elections

Nil

c) Appeals from Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil

d) Reports of Elected Officers

The reports of the President, Treasurer, Environment Officer and Vice President Student Rights were all starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to move all other reports of elected officers en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/109

L.KERR/MYLONAS

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/110

L.KERR/MYLONAS

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/111

L.KERR/MYLONAS

CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/112

L.KERR/MYLONAS

CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/113

L.KERR/MYLONAS

CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/114	L.KERR/MYLONAS	CARRIED
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THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/115	L.KERR/MYLONAS	CARRIED
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THAT THE TURBOT STREET OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/116	L.KERR/MYLONAS	CARRIED
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THAT THE GATTON OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/117	L.KERR/MYLONAS	CARRIED
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THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/118	L.KERR/MYLONAS	CARRIED
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THE COLLEGE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/119	L.KERR/MYLONAS	CARRIED
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THE UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/120	L.KERR/MYLONAS	CARRIED
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President's report

Question raised regarding the Student Leaders Conference and whether Councillors will be invited.

The UQ Union President responded that there was an error in his report and explained that not all invitations have been sent yet.

Question raised regarding what the Union has done in response to the motion passed at the last meeting of Council regarding the Uber app.

The Union President responded that he has been invited to meet with the head of Uber and will take that opportunity to pursue discussion.

A question was put on notice for the Union to provide an update regarding Uber at the next meeting of Council.

A question was put on notice for the Union to provide an update on the Redroom refurbishment at the next meeting of Council.

The UQ Union President agreed, but added that a large amount of the refurbishment will have already taken place by the time Council meets again.

He reported that the Union will be using the designers who worked on the Charming Squire pub. He explained that plans involve making the venue brighter and using old University furniture from places such as science labs. He explained that the Union is still negotiating costs and hoping to stay on budget.

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/121

D.KERR/MYLONAS

CARRIED

Vice President Student Rights

Question raised regarding whether the Union will be using the coffee cart from Darwins for the exam support stalls.

The Union Treasurer responded that the idea had not been brought up yet and she will look into it.

Question raised regarding progress the Union has made over lock out laws.

The UQ Union President responded that the Student Rights Vice Presidents had been awaiting the response of the Attorney General.

Question raised regarding the parking petition and whether the Union should be asking for more spaces.

The UQ Union President responded that the Union is trying to pursue realistic goals, rather than asking for more infrastructure which could take a long time to come to fruition. In answer to a later question, he explained that he is hoping to have the signatures presented at the next parking advisory committee.

Question raised regarding the relevance of campaigns run by the Union against fee deregulation

The UQ Union President responded that education is important to all students and campaigning on it is implicit in the Union's objectives.

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/122

SMOCK/D.KERR

CARRIED

Environment Officer

Question raised regarding the delegation of Environment Collective members to the Adani case and whether that was funded.

The Environment Officer, Rosie Katunar, explained that the delegation was not funded and that members were just encouraged to attend.

It was moved

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/123 L.KERR/SPICER CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil.

f) Question Time

Question raised regarding the women's edition of Semper Floreat and whether a male editor of the magazine earned a wage from the production of it.

One of the Union Newspaper Editor's, Sabina Rooney, responded that the editorial credit in the magazine was a printing oversight and explained that the male editor earned a wage for his contributions to the online content over that time.

Question raised regarding how much money the Union has earned through sponsorship on the website.

The Union Treasurer responded that figures are not yet firm but she will be working closely with marketing to keep an eye on it.

A series of questions were directed to the President regarding the 24 Hour Study Space. In response, the President outlined:

- The Union can look into alternative bathroom options near the space but it may take until next year to finance a solution.
- The Union can look into kettle and other boiling water options for the space.
- Security completes rounds on the rooms four times per night and the policy is that they will check ID cards to ensure that the rooms are only being used by students. He added that he can confirm whether this practise is being followed.
- The Union can look into a system where the bins for the space are emptied on Sunday by a staff member from an outlet, and rubbish under the lounges can be mentioned to the cleaning staff.
- The Union is aware that one of the doors open onto a balcony. He explained that the Union has put a lot of thought into it and has decided to leave it unlocked. He added that there is CCTV in the area. He further responded that the Union is not considering turning the balcony into a designated smoking area.

The Operations Manager also explained that the Union is looking into more desk space for the area but has not yet decided when a purchase will be made.

A question was put on notice regarding whether the Union can open the lobby leading into the Holt Room for bathroom access closer to the 24 Hour study space.

The President suggested that if students or members of Union Council wish to raise such items in the future, they are also welcome to email him directly.

Question raised regarding future themed editions of Semper Floreat and whether the Union would consider a sports themed edition.

A Union Newspaper Editor, Sabina Rooney, responded that the Semper Floreat team had not considered a sports theme. She raised that she could bring it up with the editorial team and see what they think. She raised that whether there would be enough content would be a big consideration.

Question raised regarding when the minutes will be published online.

The Union Secretary responded that they will be published in a more timely fashion in the future and the Union aims to publish them soon.

The International Students Officer, Barani Ganapathi, addressed Council with respect to the recently failed motion enabling the Union to pay particular Officer Bearers. He requested clarification on why Councillors were not in favour of the motion.

Those not in favour of the motion raised:

- There was a concern that strict key performance indicators are not in place for smaller Office Bearers and they perform different functions compared to other Office Bearers.
- Union resources are limited.
- Traditionally those positions are held on a volunteer basis for the love of contributing to the campus.
- Rather than spending money on wages, the funds could go directly to the portfolio activities.
- Appreciation for work does not need to be financial in those roles.

Those in favour of the motion raised:

- All Office Bearers have targets and expectations on performance. It was further clarified that the work is similar, in that it often includes advocacy, event planning and representation.
- The Union can afford to recognise the work of Office Bearers through a tokenistic wage.
- Some Office Bearers, such as the International Students Officer, represent a significant proportion of students.
- Some of the Office Bearers, such as the International Students Officer or the Abilities Officer, have significant financial burdens

- Many of the Office Bearers proposed for remuneration have been working tirelessly and deserve the small financial recognition.
- The Regulations allow for payment.

Procedural motion to extend question time by 20 minutes

NOT CARRIED

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Council was given time to consider the minutes of the previous meeting. The following amendments were suggested:

- The capitalisation of the letter 'T' in Kurt Tucker's name.
- The Abilities Officer should be noted under 'others present'

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 105TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED

COUNCIL 105/124

THOMAS/SPICER

CARRIED

h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

Procedural motion to move the Reports of Other Union Bodies en bloc

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/125

HARNISCHFEGER/BERMINGHAM

CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/126

HARNISCHFEGER/BERMINGHAM

CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES COLLECTIVE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/127

HARNISCHFEGER/BERMINGHAM

CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON BOARD REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/128 HARNISCHFEGER/BERMINGHAM CARRIED

THAT THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/129 HARNISCHFEGER/BERMINGHAM CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/130 HARNISCHFEGER/BERMINGHAM CARRIED

THAT THE FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/131 HARNISCHFEGER/BERMINGHAM CARRIED

j) Business Which has Been Proposed

I. April 2016 Financial Results

The UQ Union Treasurer spoke verbally to her written report.

Question raised regarding what the 'contribution' line of the budget is representative of under consolidated income.

The UQ Union Treasurer explained she would need to consult the Finance Manager and respond to the question at a later time.

Question raised regarding why business trading income is down from last year's sales.

The UQ Union Treasurer explained that sales have been softer.

The UQ Union Operations Manager added that the introduction of Guzman Y Gomez and Indian Feast have also had an impact on sales income.

Question raised regarding whether the Union could access an analysis of other businesses and outlets on campus in order to further understand general campus sales trends.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that she is unsure what data the Union could access, as that sort of analysis would largely be commercial in confidence.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/132 L. KERR/KATUNAR CARRIED

II. Regulatory amendments

A series of regulatory amendments were presented to Council, proposing to amend R54, R52 and Schedule 3 of the UQ Union Regulations.

Procedural motion to waive notice to consider the regulatory amendments.

CARRIED

Council was presented with a motion which proposed to change the number of people required to appeal decisions of Union Bodies.

The mover of the motion outlined that currently, to appeal a decision of a Union Body, two of the top three positions of the Union or 10 members of council or 150 students must sign the appeal. It was argued that the requirements are too high, the mechanism of appeal is not realistic and the requirements may also be intimidating for students.

The seconder of the motion added that lowering the number of people required for an appeal ensures greater transparency and democracy.

Council members discussed appropriate requirements for the number of people required for an appeal. It was raised that:

- Changing the numbers required is un-necessary, as decisions can be considered at council before they are ratified.
- An appeal should require reasonable number of Council members in order to have enough support to warrant discussion and debate.
- Setting the threshold too low could result in too many frivolous appeals.
- It was suggested that if the appeals became frivolous, Council could reconsider the requirements at a later meeting.
- The rights of appeal should be open to just one of the top three positions of the Union.
- It was suggested that the requirements for councillors and students lodging an appeal could be lower but also cumulative.

An amendment to the motion was presented.

The mover of the amendment explained that the amendment would still lower the current threshold but will also help to avoid frivolous appeals.

Procedural motion to put the amendment to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE MOTION MOVED BY THOMAS AND TUCKER REGARDING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS REQUIRED FOR AN APPEAL BE AMENDED TO READ:

THAT R52.2 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

R52.2 UNTIL THREE CLEAR ACADEMIC DAYS OR SEVEN CLEAR DAYS, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER, AFTER NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

A) ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

- I. PRESIDENT
- II. UNION SECRETARY; OR
- III. TREASURER; OR

B) ONE COUNCILLOR; AND

C) 50 STUDENTS, MAY APPEAL TO UNION COUNCIL AGAINST THE DECISION BY DELIVERING A SIGNED NOTICE OF APPEAL IN THE FORM OF A SCHEDULE THREE TO THE UNION SECRETARY

COUNCIL 105/133

D. KERR/MYLONAS

CARRIED

Procedural motion to cut speaking times to under a minute

CARRIED

The mover of the original motion raised that the amendment changes the motion substantially, which is inconsistent with the regulations. A question was raised regarding who the mover and seconder of the motion is, now that it has been amended. It was added that the original mover and seconder of the motion no longer support the motion.

It was moved

THAT R52.2 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

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COUNCIL 105/134

THOMAS/TUCKER

WITHDRAWN

A regulatory amendment was presented to council which added the Faculty Consultative Committee to the list of consultative committees under R54.

The mover of the motion explained that the motion merely seeks to address an oversight, as the regulation was not updated when the committee was recently created.

No questions were raised with respect to the regulatory amendment.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R54.1 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:
R54.1 UNION COUNCIL SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEES:

- A) LEGISLATIVE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE;
- B) MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE;
- C) STUDENT PARENTS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE;
- D) FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COUNCIL 105/135

THOMAS/TUCKER

CARRIED

A regulatory amendment was presented which would update Schedule 3- '*Appeal of Union Body Decision*' to the UQ Union Regulations. The mover of the motion explained that the Schedule has information which is out of date and this motion will correct that information.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT SCHEDULE 3 BE ALTERED TO READ "PURSUANT TO R52.2" INSTEAD
OF REFERENCING R51.2.

ALSO AMEND TO SAY

- 10 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
- 150 STUDENTS

AND PROVIDE 150 SPOTS FOR SIGNATURES.

COUNCIL 105/136

THOMAS/TUCKER

CARRIED

Council was presented with a new motion which proposed to change the number of people required to appeal a decision of Union Bodies.

Procedural motion to waive notice to consider the regulatory amendment.

CARRIED

The mover of the motion explained that the motion would reduce the number of students required to sign an Appeal of Decisions of Union Bodies to two of the top three positions of the Union or one Councillor and fifty students.

An amendment was suggested where the requirement for the number of students would be reduced to thirty.

It was moved

THAT THE MOTION MOVED BY MCPHEE AND D. KERR REGARDING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS REQUIRED FOR AN APPEAL BE AMENDED TO READ:

THAT R52.2 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

R52.2 UNTIL THREE CLEAR ACADEMIC DAYS OR SEVEN CLEAR DAYS, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER, AFTER NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

A) ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING:

- I. PRESIDENT
- II. UNION SECRETARY; OR
- III. TREASURER; OR

B) ONE COUNCILLOR; AND

C) 30 STUDENTS, MAY APPEAL TO UNION COUNCIL AGAINST THE DECISION BY DELIVERING A SIGNED NOTICE OF APPEAL IN THE FORM OF A SCHEDULE THREE TO THE UNION SECRETARY

COUNCIL 105/137

THOMAS/TUCKER

NOT CARRIED

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R52.2 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

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- II. UNION SECRETARY; OR
- III. TREASURER; OR

B) ONE COUNCILLOR; AND

C) 50 STUDENTS, MAY APPEAL TO UNION COUNCIL AGAINST THE DECISION BY DELIVERING A SIGNED NOTICE OF APPEAL IN THE FORM OF A SCHEDULE THREE TO THE UNION SECRETARY

COUNCIL 105/134

MCPHEE/D. KERR

CARRIED

It was raised that Schedule Three needed to be updated in fitting with the motion.

Procedural motion to waive notice to consider the Regulatory Amendment

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT SCHEDULE 3 BE ALTERED TO READ

- 1 COUNCILLOR; AND
- 50 STUDENTS

AND REDUCING LINES TO 50

COUNCIL 105/136

L.KERR/MCPHEE

CARRIED

k) Notice of Business to be Proposed

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 8:59 PM

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE UNION COUNCIL AND ARE TO BE TAKEN AS DRAFT UNTIL SUCH A MEETING OCCURS.

Confirmed