

**UNION COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**From the 1st Extraordinary Meeting of the
105th UQ Union Council, 2016**

6:00PM

Wednesday 3/08/2016

Innes Room 1

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

Chair: Sebastian Campbell

The Meeting Opened at 6:07pm

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

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| • Michael Lucas | • Nora Abdalla | • Gabii Starr |
| • Sebastien Campbell | • Emil Canita | • Thomas Parer |
| • Rosie Katunar | • Roxanne Coleman | • Monica Farrelly |
| • Bernadette Steinmann | • Molly Frankham | • Sabina Rooney |
| • Alynna Wong | • Natassja Bertram | • Alex Smock |
| • Dylan Kerr | • Conor Spence | • Tristan Heiner |
| • Harry Spicer | • Thomas Wiltshire | • Zachary Thomas |
| • Amanda Lin | • James Carroll | • Darcy Bermingham |
| • Sunita Kashyap | • Guy Morgan | |

The Following Members were absent:

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| • Riley Williamson | • Madeline Price | • Olivia Amsden |
| • Ange Ou | • Laura L Anderson | • Fei Ren |
| • Barani Ganapathi | • Jahmayne Coolwell | • Sachin Perera |
| • Chao Chen | • Murrawah Johnson | • Eden Tam |
| • Samuel Kiernan | • Jasmine Knight | • Michael Quirk |
| • Michael Wellington | • Matt Lucas | • Penelope Webster |
| • Rose Richani | • Claudia Farhart | • Georgia Millroy |
| • Cat Le Poidevin | • Blair Ivens | • Mike Hopkins |
| • Nick Baker | • Elliot Steel | • Coen Harnischfeger |
| • Andrew Mylonas | | |

Apologies were received from the following members:

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| • Blair Ivens | • Fei Ren | • Ange Ou |
| • Jahmayne Coolwell | | |

d) Reports of Elected Officers

The report of the President, Treasurer and Secretary were starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to move all remaining reports of Elected Officers en bloc

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS) FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/139

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY) FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/140

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/141

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/142

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/143

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/144

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/145

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/146

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/147

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE TURBOT ST OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/148

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE COLLEGE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/149

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

THAT THE UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/150

BERMINGHAM/SMOCK

CARRIED

President's report

Question raised regarding the costs of the RedRoom refurbishment.

The UQ Union President responded that the refurbishment cost approximately \$140,000.

Question raised regarding whether the results of the SSAF survey are public.

The UQ Union President responded that a summary of the results were given in his reports, there will be information on the UQU website and the full report will also be available.

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/151

THOMAS/SMOCK

CARRIED

Secretary's Report

No questions were raised.

It was moved

THAT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 105/151

SPICER/THOMAS

CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil.

f) **Question Time**

Question raised regarding the cost of sending Semper Floreat reporters to Splendour in the Grass.

UQ Union Newspaper Editor, Molly Frankham, responded that no money was spent to send reporters from Semper Floreat to Splendour in the grass. She explained that the newspaper was given a media pass to report on the festival and Semper Floreat.

Question raised regarding whether inquorate council meetings count towards a Council Member's attendance record.

The UQ Union President responded that, by following precedent, inquorate meetings would not count.

Question raised regarding whether the Union knows the reasons for lower sales in food outlets.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that this is an issue she will be addressing later in the meeting during her report. She added that the University enrolments are at the same levels but there is no data on foot traffic or campus attendance. She explained that other non-Union outlets have noticed a decrease in income as well.

Question raised regarding a club, which held two stalls at the semester two market day.

It was explained that there was a club, which was given a stall in the Great Court and that club also set up a stall without permission in a separate location.

Council considered a motion from the floor regarding Union representatives at NUS conferences.

The mover of the motion outlined that the motion would allow for a more democratic and transparent method of choosing delegates

The UQ Union President raised that this motion has been heard before and it's not a productive use of Council's time.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT ANY PERSONS SENT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UQU TO ANY NUS OR NUS-AFFILIATED CONFERENCES OR EVENTS MUST BE APPOINTED BY A PROPORTIONAL VOTE OF THE UQ UNION COUNCIL.

“REPRESENTATIVE” INCLUDES ANY PERSONS RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UQU TO ATTEND NUS OR NUS-AFFILIATED EVENTS.

COUNCIL 105/152

TUCKER/THOMAS

NOT CARRIED

Council considered a motion regarding the Union’s stance on the treatment of animals.

The mover of the motion outlined that it is an aspirational motion to endorse the far treatment of animals.

The UQ Union President raised that the wording of the motion may be too vague.

Councillor raised that motions such as this are frivolous, do not contribute to council and could be used against the Union or a Union-affiliated club later on.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS UNION THAT ANIMALS SHOULD BE TREATED TO HUMANE STANDARDS, WHERE HUMANE IS DEFINED AS NOT CAUSEING UNDUE SUFFERING & SHOWING COMPASSION

COUNCIL 105/153

EVANS/FRANKHAM

NOT CARRIED

An anti-plagiarism software product being used in a trial at UQ was raised as a topic of discussion. In response to a series of questions from Council, the UQ Union President outlined that the University is trialling the software in five courses. It uses a number of new plagiarism detection mechanisms and the aim is to stop students from buying essays online. He explained that the UQ is within their rights to run the trial and the software is also being trialled at the University of Melbourne. He explained that the trial is aimed towards testing the software rather than penalising students. He added that the University is running workshops on academic integrity which councillors are welcome to attend.

Question raised regarding whether the Union is able to introduce another inter-campus bus service.

The UQ Union President and Treasurer explained that the Union has looked into it and the service provider should be able to begin next semester. It was explained that the need for the service was raised as important at the Gatton Board.

Question raised regarding security and the 24 hour Study Space

The UQ Union President responded that UQ Security has assured the Union that they check on the study space four times per night.

Procedural motion to end question time

CARRIED

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

It was raised that Conor Spence did attend the 6th ordinary meeting but was unaware he needed to sign the attendance book.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 4TH, 5TH & 6TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 105TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED

COUNCIL 105/154

THOMAS/MORGAN

CARRIED

h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

The Legislative Consultative Committee report and the Clubs & Societies Committee report were starred for discussion.

Procedural motion that all other reports of Union Bodies be moved en bloc

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE 8TH & 9TH ABILITIES COLLECTIVE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/155

SPICER/SOTTILE

CARRIED

THAT THE 6TH & 7TH ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/156

SPICER/SOTTILE

CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON BOARD REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/157

SPICER/SOTTILE

CARRIED

THAT THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/158

SPICER/SOTTILE

CARRIED

Clubs and Societies Committee Report

Question raised regarding when the last quorate meeting of the Clubs and Societies Committee occurred.

The Vice President of Campus Culture, Thomas Parer, responded that he wasn't sure.

Question raised regarding whether the Committee is required to follow the UQ Union Regulations.

It was explained that they are required to follow the regulations.

It was moved

THAT THE 6TH & 7TH CLUBS AND SOCIETIES REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/159 SPICER/TUCKER CARRIED

Legislative Consultative Committee Report

It was raised that the minutes are not a fully true and accurate record of the meeting, which occurred and are missing some subjects of discussion.

The UQ Union President clarified to Council that the recording device failed at that meeting which is why not all subjects were covered in the minutes. He added that members who were present at that meeting had been contacted for their input on the minutes.

It was moved

THAT THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/160 LUCAS/MORGAN CARRIED

HABS Councillor: Amanda Lin *In favour*
HABS Councillor: James Carrol *Abstention*
HABS Councillor: Sunita Kashyap *In favour*
EAIT Councillor: Coen Harnischfeger proxied
to Darcy Bermingham *In favour*
EAIT Councillor: Guy Morgan *Abstention*
Science Councillor: Andrew Mylonas proxied to
Domenico Sottile *In favour*
Science Councillor: Zachary Thomas *Abstention*
Science Councillor: Darcy Bermingham *In favour*
BEL Councillor: Tristain Heiner proxied to Kurt
Tucker *Abstention*
BEL Councillor: Harry Spicer *Abstention*
BEL Councillor: Thomas Wiltshire *Abstention*
HASS Councillor: Alex Smock *In favour*
HASS Councillor: Dylan Kerr *In favour*
HASS Councillor: Conor Spence *Abstention*

j) Business Which has Been Proposed

I. May & June 2016 Financial Results

The UQ Union Treasurer took her reports as read. She noted that the Union has experienced soft sales throughout the past few months but has also controlled wages and other costs as tightly as possible. She added that the Union will be making adjustments to the budgeted sales income in the Review Budget. She added that the Union has also received an increase in SSAF funding. It was explained that the increase in SSAF funding will be represented fully in the review budget.

Question raised regarding the amount spent on legal fees for the year.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that the Union has spent \$40,000 on legal fees with respect to incorporation.

Question raised regarding the over-spend in May for the Goorie Berrimpa portfolio.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that the budgeted expenditure for NAIDOC celebrations and the Indigenous Uni Games has been spread out across several months and the expenditure on those things will even out over the year.

Question raised regarding the expenditure under the Semper portfolio.

The UQ Union treasurer responded that the negative variance is due to the timing of invoices for graphic design and printing.

Question raised regarding the negative variance under student services overheads across May and June.

The UQ Union Treasurer explained that the negative variance is due to the timing of invoices and expenditure for internal charges and legal fees.

Question raised regarding the expected budget for legal fees.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that the budget is \$70,000 including what has already been spent.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH ORDINARY MEETINGS BE
ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/161

SPICER/BERMINGHAM

CARRIED

II. Regulatory amendments

Returning Officer Position Advertisement

The mover of the motion explained that the current requirement for the advertisement to be placed in a newspaper is expensive and also ineffective as most of the applications received come through job seeking websites.

The seconder of the motion added that the requirement is an unnecessary expense and a waste of money.

It was explained that the Returning Officer Selection Panel still chooses the candidate and the advertisement is created by HR staff.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT 91.10 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH:

91.10 The position of Returning Officer must be advertised externally in at least one prominent online job seeking website before an appointment can be made

COUNCIL 105/162

STARR/ABDALLA

CARRIED

Abilities Officer Council Membership

The mover of the motion explained that, as the Abilities Officer is a recent position created through the regulations, they have not been technically included as a member of Council, which is outlined in the Constitution. He explained that this motion seeks to include that officer as a member of Council.

Question raised regarding what would happen if that Officer missed three meetings.

A councillor suggested the attendance rule would not apply to them, as it is a rule applying to positions listed in the Constitution.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT 81A.6 BE INSERTED AND READ:

81A.6 The Abilities Officer will be a member of Council as an Elected Officer (non-voting).

COUNCIL 105/163

LUCAS/STARR

CARRIED

Goorie Berrimpa Officer Remuneration

The motion was amended to read:

“THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH R89, THAT THE ELECTED OFFICER POSITION OF GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER IS PAID TEN HOURS PER FORTNIGHT UNTIL THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING.”

The mover of the motion outlined that the students holding the Goorie Berrimpa position should be compensated for the work they do in representing Indigenous students on campus.

It was raised that the issue has been raised several times in Council and the position of several councillors is that the officers were elected into an unpaid role and the position should be reward enough.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH R89, THAT THE ELECTED OFFICER POSITION OF GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER IS PAID TEN HOURS PER FORTNIGHT UNTIL THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING.

COUNCIL 105/164

RAY/EVANS

NOT CARRIED

Requirement for Women Executive Members in Clubs in Order to Access Facilities

The mover of the motion outlined that the motion seeks to ensure that opportunities are made available to women, increasing chances of future employment and making the campus culture scene more inclusive.

It was raised that this could be difficult in situations where some clubs represent degree cohorts, which don't have any women students.

The Union Secretary raised that some clubs also don't attract the interest of women as members. She added that the clubs and Societies Administrator has recommended that if the Council wanted to pass a motion like this, it should consider a positive motion to provide extra incentive for clubs with women in the executive, rather than a motion that punishes clubs who don't have women in the executive.

It was raised that the motion requires more thought and is over-simplified in its current form.

It was moved

THAT 189.17 BE INSERTED AND READ:

189.17 In order for a club to use union facilities, such as barbecues or booking rooms as a UQU affiliated club, at least one executive member of the club's President, Secretary or Treasurer must identify as a woman

COUNCIL 105/164

RAY/EVANS

WITHDRAWN

Requirement for Women Executive Members in Clubs in Order to Access Subsidy

It was raised that the ideas behind the motions should be considered further through discussions with the Clubs and Societies Administrator and Union Treasurer. It was raised that discussion should be in reference to incentivising the inclusion of women rather than penalising clubs; a full cost impact analysis; or a system involving access to discretionary funding for women-specific events.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

NOT CARRIED

Procedural motion to hold the motion over to the next meeting

CARRIED

III. Incorporation

The UQ Union President outlined that the process of Incorporation started in 2010 and was also explored in the 1980's. He added that the Union is now further along in the process than it has ever been before.

He explained that Council members are invited to review the legal advice given to the Union when the meeting moves in camera.

Question raised regarding the timeline of incorporation.

The UQ Union President responded that the Union does not intend to rush the process through and added that some of the steps towards incorporation will be outlined in the legal advice.

Procedural to move in camera

CARRIED

All non-members of council left the room, excluding those holding proxy votes and the minute taker.

Meeting moved in camera at 7:28pm

Meeting moved ex camera at 8:24pm

Motion considered while in camera:

It was moved

THAT THE UNION COUNCIL AGREES TO PROCEED AS RECOMMENDED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE LEGAL ADVICE TABLED

COUNCIL 105/161

LUCAS/STARR

CARRIED

k) Notice of Business to be Proposed

- i) July financials
- ii) 2016 Review Budget

The meeting was declared closed at 8:26 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