

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the
105th UQ Union Council, 2015

6:00PM

Thursday 28/04/2016

Innes Room 1

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

Chair: Gabii Starr

The Meeting Opened at 6:01pm

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Michael Lucas
- Olivia Amsden
- Jessica Poland
- Jahmayne Coolwell
- Roxanne Coleman
- Molly Frankham
- Alex Smock
- Zachary Thomas
- Sunita Kashyap
- Nora Abdalla
- Madeline Price
- James Carroll
- Chao Chen
- Monica Farrelly
- Sabina Rooney
- Harry Spicer
- Darcy Bermingham
- Guy Morgan
- Gabii Starr
- Thomas Parer
- Bernadette Steinmann
- Barani Ganapathi
- Elliot Steel
- Alynna Wong
- Levi Kerr
- Coen Harnischfeger

The Following Members were absent:

- Sebastian Campbell
- Ange Ou
- Laura L Anderson
- Eden Tam
- Jasmine Knight
- Matt Lucas
- Claudia Farhart
- Blair Ivens
- Kyle Jensen
- Tristan Heiner
- Natasha Bertram
- Riley Williamson
- Rosie Katunar
- Murrawah Johnson
- Michael Wellington
- Nick Baker
- Cat Le Poidevin
- Rose Richani
- Mike Hopkins
- Dylan Kerr
- Andrew Mylonas
- Emil Cañita
- Fei Ren
- Sachin Perera
- Samuel Kiernan
- Michael Quirk
- Penelope Webster
- Georgia Millroy
- Damien de Haan
- Dominic Hansson
- Amanda Lin

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Rosie Katunar
- Riley Williamson
- Amanda Lin
- Tristan Heiner
- Ange Ou
- Fei Ren
- Dylan Kerr
- Sebastian Campbell
- Emil Cañita
- Andrew Mylonas
- Dominic Hansson

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

- Tristan Heiner

The following proxies were received:

- Tristan Heiner to Rohan McPhee
- Dominic Hansson to Dominic Smith
- Andrew Mylonas to Sabina Rooney
- Amanda Lin to Monica Farrelly
- Dylan Kerr to Coen Harnischfeger

The following others were present:

- Rowan Evans
- Nicholas Comino
- Bianca Gabel
- Campbell Ray
- Conor Ruane
- Lauren Bicknell
- Kurt Tucker
- Rohan McPhee
- Jazmin Wozney
- Rebekkah Silva
- Martin Proctor
- Marc Orchard
- Dominic Smith
- Lachlan Firth
- Amy MacMahon
- Rebecca Reddie
- Finbar Fuller
- Ismael Gonot

Resignations:

Nil

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 105/77

L. KERR/ROONEY

CARRIED

The Chair introduced a guest speaker, Marc Orchard, from the UQ Young Alumni Engagement Office

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders

CARRIED

Marc Orchard addressed Council to describe the services and goals of the UQ Young Alumni Engagement Office.

He highlighted that the Office helps students with Career development, career progression, mental and physical health and well-being. He explained that the two main programs of the Office are the Young Alumni Advisory Board and the future Leaders Program.

He welcomed members to contact him further regarding any ideas, questions or feedback.

b) Elections

Nil

c) Appeals from Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil

d) Reports of Elected Officers

The report of the Union Secretary, Treasurer, President, Vice President of Student Rights, Environment Officer and Vice President of Gender and Sexuality were all starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to carry all other reports of the Elected Officers en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

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

COUNCIL 105/78 HARNISCHFEGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/79 HARNISCHFEGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/80 HARNISCHFEGER/SMOCK CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 105/81 HARNISCHFEGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/82 HARNISCHFEGGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THAT THE TURBOT STREET OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/83 HARNISCHFEGGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON CAMPUS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/84 HARNISCHFEGGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/85 HARNISCHFEGGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THAT THE COLLEGE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/86 HARNISCHFEGGER/SMOCK CARRIED

THAT THE UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/87 HARNISCHFEGGER/SMOCK CARRIED

President's Report

Question raised regarding the SSAF survey and when the Union will be releasing it.

The Union President responded that the survey needed to go through the University's approval process and be agreed upon by the SSAF advisory committee. He explained that the survey is ready and the Union is waiting for the ideal time to release it.

Question raised regarding compulsory lecture recordings. It was explained that in some statistics courses, the lecture is recorded but notes are written on a board and not captured in the recording. It was raised whether situations like that will change.

The UQ Union President responded that he was not certain but suggested that information written onto a whiteboard would not likely be captured in the lecture recording. He added that there is currently a move in the University to encourage lecturers to incorporate all information into the recording.

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

The UQ Union President responded that he has sent a letter to the Attorney General but has not yet received a response.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/88

ROONEY/BERMINGHAM

CARRIED

Union Secretary's Report

Questions raised regarding the transition of U-Sushi to Kenko Sushi, the financial impact of the change, and the employment policy of Kenko Sushi.

The UQ Union Treasurer explained that the income earned from U-Sushi was relatively similar to the rent earned from Kenko Sushi. The Union President explained that he wasn't sure of the student employment policy of Kenko Sushi, and explained that the contract is administered by the University.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/89

L. KERR/HARNISCHFEGER

CARRIED

Vice President of Student Rights

In response to a series of questions from council members and non-members, the Vice President of Student Rights, Olivia Amsden, outlined the following:

- The ECQ will be running stalls encouraging students to enrol to vote. The stalls will not be politically aligned.
- Free meals at Gatton are run monthly by the Union.
- The Union assisted with preparations for Social Justice Day through overarching organisation and the provision of stalls.
- Hours of work per project are not calculated, as the Vice Presidents are often juggling several tasks at any given time.
- The Union wants to engage further with the Attorney General before any campaign is launched regarding the lock out laws.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 105/90

ROONEY/KASHYAP

CARRIED

Report Vice President Gender & Sexuality

The Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Madeline Price, invited questions to her report.

Question raised regarding a sum of money which was administered by QRAG.

The UQ Union Treasurer explained that she is looking into it and is working with the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Emil Cañita, to find out more.

Question raised regarding the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Emil Cañita, and whether he will be able to attend future Council meetings.

The Union Secretary responded that he has only missed two meetings and should be able to attend meetings in the future.

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 105/91

L. KERR/SMOCK

CARRIED

Environment Officer's report

The Environment Officer, Bernadette Steinmann, invited questions to her report.

Question raised regarding discussion at the 'Let's Talk About Land Clearing' event and whether it was evenly weighted and represented a diverse range of opinions.

The Environment Officer responded that the collective tried to get a diverse range of speakers. She added that they tried to have a representative from an agricultural forestry background but that didn't work out.

It was raised that a broad range of topics were discussed at the event.

Question raised regarding whether the environment collective has a connection with Fossil Free UQ.

The Environment Officer explained that some of the members of the Environment Collective support Fossil Free UQ, but explained that it is a separate club.

It was moved

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 105/92 L. KERR/ROONEY CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil.

f) Question Time

Question raised regarding the intentions of the recent National Day of Action.

Vice President of Student Rights, Olivia Amsden, responded that the intention was to discuss major issues and gauge student opinion regarding the recent developments in the federal government. It was explained that the UQ National Day of Action was separate to the march which occurred on the same day.

Question raised regarding the Faculty Consultative Committee.

The UQ Union President explained that the first meeting was inquorate. The Union Secretary added that the second meeting went well. She explained that it was held for the HASS Faculty and added that the meeting helped to identify a range of actionable issues which the Union can now bring to the University for consideration.

A motion was received from the floor, extending condolences to the people affected by the Port Arthur tragedy.

The mover of the motion raised that it is important to remember those affected by the tragedy on its 20th anniversary. The significance of the event to the ending of gun violence in Australia was emphasised.

An amendment was proposed by student, Kurt Tucker, which removed reference to actions taken by the Howard Government following the events that unfolded at Port Arthur.

The mover of the amendment raised that the motion should simply remember the victims of the event and that reference to Government policy is not appropriate.

It was moved

THAT THE MOTION REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF CONDOLENCES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PORT ARTHUR TRAGEDY BE AMENDED TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO GOVERNMENT POLICY.

COUNCIL 105/93

TUCKER/L. KERR

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION EXTENDS ITS CONDOLENCES TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE PORT ARTHUR TRAGEDY, WHICH OCCURRED 20 YEARS AGO TODAY, AND APPLAUD THE ACTIONS OF THE HOWARD GOVERNMENT TO CURB GUN VIOLENCE IN AUSTRALIA.

COUNCIL 105/94

SPICER/MCPHEE

CARRIED

Question raised regarding whether the Union can invite all councillors and clubs to all Union events.

The UQ Union Treasurer and President responded that it is not realistic to personally invite all clubs and councillors to all events. It was suggested that councillors follow the Union pages in order to be aware of upcoming events. It was later explained that the Union page also shares events.

A motion was received from the floor, condemning a bill in parliament which seeks to ban a ride-sharing service.

The mover of the motion raised that the industry should have a fair playing field, competitors should be encouraged, the service is a good avenue for employment for students and provides a more affordable way of getting around.

It was raised that frivolous motions are becoming destructive for the meeting and can make Union policy overly restrictive on areas such as the affiliation of certain clubs.

It was raised that the motion is relevant to students and the bill could affect students greatly through the cost of transport, loss of employment or the potential to lose their licence through participation in the service.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION CONDEMNS THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR SUPPORTING THE KATTER'S AUSTRALIA PARTY'S ANTI-UBER BILL WHICH SEEKS TO BAN THE RIDE-SHARING SERVICE.

COUNCIL 105/95

MCPHEE/SPICER

CARRIED

Question raised regarding development of the Nescafe Thinkspace.

The Union President responded that nothing has changed since the last meeting of Union Council and the contracts are administered by the University.

Question raised regarding the materials used by the Union for the National Day of Action.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Olivia Amsden, responded that the materials were produced in house by the Union's marketing department.

Question raised regarding the nature of the student Leader's Conference.

The UQ Union President responded that the Union is hoping to encourage development amongst student leaders, such as club presidents. He explained that the date was chosen based on overall availability of students, availability of the venue and other competing events.

Question raised regarding UQ Sport and the renting out of fields to third parties that are not affiliated with the University.

The Union Secretary responded that this point has been raised at the UQ Student Experience Committee and that the University is aware of the concern.

A motion was received from the floor regarding the practice of having animals on campus for events and how to ensure the practice is ethical.

The mover of the motion explained that the intention of the motion is not to stop the practice and raised that having animals on campus can be a good thing, it just needs to be done humanely and ethically. He suggested that the process of having animals on campus should be done pending approval by an external body such as the RSPCA.

The Union President raised that the motion requires Council to seek advice from a body that reports to council and suggested it would be better to simply ask the environment officers to report to council with advice at the next meeting. He suggested another mechanism for receiving a report on this matter would be to put a question on notice for the next meeting of Council.

It was raised that the motion could create too much red tape for clubs wanting to hold events involving animals.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UNION WILL SEEK ADVICE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT COLLECTIVE ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE BODY TO APPROVE ANY ANIMALS BROUGHT TO CAMPUS, AND THAT WHILE WAITING FOR THIS ADVICE, THE UNION WILL SEEK THE APPROVAL FROM THE RSPCA

COUNCIL 105/96

EVANS/FRANKHAM

NOT CARRIED

Procedural motion to end question time

CARRIED

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Council members reviewed the minutes of the 2nd Ordinary meeting of Union Council.

The following amendments and suggestions were received:

- The official title for Thomas Parer should be changed to Vice President Campus Culture.
- The recorded votes for Jessica Poland need to be amended
- The spelling to James Carroll's name is to be corrected.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 2ND ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 105TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED.

COUNCIL 105/97

THOMAS/HARNISCHFEGER

CARRIED

h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Question raised regarding the allocation of further funding to PACE students agreed upon at the previous meeting and whether there have been any developments regarding the allocation.

The Union Treasurer responded that she has been in touch with relevant students at PACE and has asked them to suggest areas for expenditure. She explained that she will be able to report to council on the planned expenditure breakdown once she receives more information.

A councillor raised that she has since been consulting with the Pharmacy School and other students in order to work out how best to spend the funding.

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

The Clubs and Societies Committee Report was starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to move all other reports of other Union Bodies en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE ABILITIES COLLECTIVE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/98 ROONEY/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/99 ROONEY/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON BOARD REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/100 ROONEY/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/101 ROONEY/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/102 ROONEY/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE FACULTY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/103 ROONEY/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

Clubs and Societies Committee Report

Question raised regarding the ratification of the Muslimah Society. It was raised whether the clubs aims clash with other clubs on campus. Discussion was had regarding gender segregation and whether the club was set up in response to exclusion from other clubs.

Parallels were drawn between the club and the Robogals, SciGirls. It was raised that ratifying the club is not inconsistent with the regulations and is in fitting with precedent of the ratification of other clubs.

It was raised that the people who have started the club felt that they wanted to provide services and events that other clubs do not currently provide and it was explained that the club has a very different direction to other clubs.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/104

L. KERR/KASHYAP

CARRIED

j) Business Which has Been Proposed

i. March 2016 Financials

The UQ Union Treasurer spoke to her written report and invited questions from Council.

Question raised regarding a variance in the Goorie Berrimpa portfolio.

It was explained that the variance was a mismatch between expected timing of expenditure and actual timing of expenditure.

Question raised regarding the variance in the Colleges portfolio.

The Treasurer responded that the ICC grant was allocated for that month but it will likely be used later in the year.

Question raised regarding the variance in the Gender and Sexuality portfolio.

The Treasurer responded that the portfolio has been very cost efficient.

Question raised regarding the variance in the Postgraduate Students Portfolio.

The Treasurer explained that the variance is, again, due to a mismatch in timing for expenditure and the portfolio will likely spend the money later in the year.

Question raised regarding the International Students Officer portfolio.

The Union Secretary raised that the new officers had not commenced in their roles in March.

Question raised regarding where the structural fund falls under the Union financials.

The UQ Union Treasurer explained that the structural fund is managed separately to the Union's financials.

Question raised regarding the savings of \$55,000 in consolidated operating expenses and where the savings came from.

The Treasurer responded that the variance is largely reflected by money that has not yet been spent in the Student Services arm

Question raised regarding questions on notice and the procedure to put a question on notice if it has already been raised in Council. It was raised whether it is enough to state that the question is on notice or whether the question needs to be sent in a follow up email or other correspondence.

The Union Secretary advised that it would best to also send an email confirming the question on notice.

The President raised that the executive will also try to keep better records of questions on notice raised at Council.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 105/105

HARNISCHFEGER/L. KERR

CARRIED

k) Notice of Business to be Proposed

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 7:39 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.