

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 2nd Ordinary Meeting of the
106th UQ Union Council, 2017

6:00PM

Monday 27/03/2017

Innes Room

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

Chair: Emily McClelland

The Meeting Opened at 6:11pm

a) Welcome by Union Chairperson

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land.

b) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Gabii Starr
- Domenico Sottile
- Prianka Thomas
- Melissa Staines
- Wanwan Guo
- Emma McKenzie
- Inez Penrose
- Kurt Tucker
- Helen He
- Gabe Porritt
- Glenn Porter
- Finbar Fuller
- Emily Earle
- Sabina Rooney
- Liam Butler
- David Corporal
- Brianna Bell
- Emily McClelland
- Shannon Fogarty
- Jeremy Lwin
- Dominik Prgomet
- Mike Hopkins
- Joshua Roser
- Alynna Wong
- William Triste
- Barani Ganapathi
- Emily-Louise Coggan
- Maisha Rahman
- Aaron Vass
- Samuel Faulkner
- Zachary Thomas
- Jordan Duffey
- Paterson Boyd

The Following Members were absent:

- Tony Truong
- Matthew Cornelius
- Max Lee
- Richard Humpreys
- Tionne Seden
- Penelope Webster
- Justice Cambridge
- Ashleigh Barker
- Kwong Bolithon
- Chelsea Han
- Oliva Amsden
- Deborah Du
- Samantha Naday
- Alisha D'Souza
- Rachel Limpus
- Jayme Young
- Ben Quick
- Linh Diep
- Rosaline Vuthapanich
- Blair Ivens
- Anna Safonova
- Toby Mungomery
- Molly Frankham
- Rosy Lone
- Julia Enchelmaier

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Tony Truong
- Matthew Cornelius
- Chelsea Han
- Oliva Amsden
- Rosaline Vuthapanich

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

- Chelsea Han
- Oliva Amsden
- Matthew Cornelius
- Rosaline Vuthapanich

The following proxies were received:

- Chelsea Han to Bisma Asif
- Oliva Amsden to Finn Semple
- Matthew Cornelius to Zachary Thomas
- Rosaline Vuthapanich to Jordan Duffey
- Tony Truong to Aaron Vass
- Kurt Tucker to Dominik Prgomet

The following others were present:

- Rowan Evans
- Hannah Larrescy
- Lewis Jones
- Paul Taylor
- Finn Semple
- Kelsie McArthur
- Imogen Inglis
- Riley Williamson
- Lachlan Firth
- Bisma Asif
- Nicholas Comino

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 106/28

LWIN/DUFFEY

CARRIED

c) Elections

Nil

d) Confirmation of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes from the 1st Ordinary meeting of Council.

No amendments were suggested.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 1ST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 106TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED.

COUNCIL 106/29

DUFFEY/FOGARTY

CARRIED

e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Nil

f) Requests for Starring/ Approval or Noting of the Items Not Starred en bloc

The reports of the President, Treasurer and Union Newspaper Editor and the Annual budget were starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to consider all other reports and business en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 106/30

FOGARTY/VASS

CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 106/31

FOGARTY/VASS

CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 106/32

FOGARTY/VASS

CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON BOARD REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/45

FOGARTY/VASS

CARRIED

g) References

Nil

h) Reports of the Elected Officers

President's Report

In response to a series of questions, the President explained that the focus groups regarding business outlets will be giving feedback on a variety of areas such as product offerings, marketing and areas that are lacking in the outlets.

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/46

FOGARTY/DUFFEY

CARRIED

Union Newspaper Editor's Report

A series of questions were directed at the Union Newspaper Editor regarding the delay in the publication of the first issue, the choice of the graphic designer and the choices regarding contributors.

The Union Newspaper Editor outlined that:

- The editing team was able to negotiate a faster publication turn around than was originally quoted.
- They wanted the first publication to include submissions from students once they were on campus.
- The publication process was different from that of the Survival guide, which was produced in house with the marketing team, and based on last year's template.
- Semper Floreat uses a different graphic designer and printer from marketing because the workload of the Union's Graphic designer is too high.

Dylan Kerr entered the meeting at 6:26pm

Kurt Tucker entered the meeting at 6:32pm

Procedural motion to move to a vote

LAPSED

In response to a question regarding wages, the Union Treasurer outlined that the Semper Team has been paid three months' worth of wages- approximately \$10,000.

A motion was received from the floor requiring that the wages for the Semper Team be frozen until the next meeting.

In favour of the motion, it was raised that the editing team has not yet published the first edition of Semper Floreat, and there were mistakes in the Survival guide.

Against the motion, it was raised that the mistakes in the survival guide were an error of transcription in the design process and the President is satisfied with the volume of work being completed by the team. It was raised by a councillor that the concerns mentioned are legitimate but the response is far too drastic and inappropriate.

Procedural to put the motion to a vote.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION, COUNCIL FREEZES PAY FOR ALL SEMPER EDITORS UNTIL REASONABLE JUSTIFICATION IS GIVEN FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE AN ISSUE.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE BINDING UNTIL THE NEXT QUORATE ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL

COUNCIL 106/47

THOMAS/PRGOMET

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/48

DUFFEY/LWIN

CARRIED

i) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

j) Question Time

The Chair advised Council that Question Time would begin with questions on notice.

In response to a series of questions regarding the Colleges' access to funding, the Union Treasurer outlined that the process is the same as last year. He outlined that the Colleges prepare a written application to the Treasurer, which must show that the project would be within the SSAF guidelines. He added that the Union is trying to move away from a system of reimbursement, and are encouraging officers and funding applicants to have suppliers bill the union directly. He explained that last year, \$11,000 of college funding was not claimed.

The Union Treasurer explained that he has gone through procedures to educate colleges on the services they have available to them and how to better access their funding through regular meetings and contact.

In response to a question regarding room bookings, the Vice President of Campus Culture outlined that clubs are restricted to one booking at a time to avoid over-booking and to allow all clubs fair access to free room bookings. It was clarified that the room bookings are not paid for or provided by the Union; it is a free service offered by the University to clubs.

In response to a series of questions regarding the IT shop in the Union Complex, the Treasurer and Finance Manager outlined that the lease for the shop is negotiated through the University, but the rent goes into the structural fund which the Union can apply to have access to. The Union does not know how much rent is paid by the business, but an estimate is approximately \$10,000 per year based on the location and size.

Question raised regarding the University's continued use of food trucks.

The Union President explained that the food trucks were brought onto campus for BELfest, which was cancelled due to rain. She explained that the Union is not in favour of bringing the trucks onto campus and this has been communicated to the University.

Question raised regarding representation at the St Lucia Community Action Group.

An Office Bearer who was present at the most recent meeting outlined that nothing substantial happened at the meeting, other than the noting of community frustration on a few different developments and issues.

Question raised regarding the International Students Collective.

The International Students Officers explained that they are seeking to fill a gap and encourage International Clubs to interact with each other more, as well as work on initiatives to help and advocate on behalf of International Students.

It was suggested that the Colleges Officer was not informed of the Council Meeting.

The Union Secretary outlined that he sent the Colleges Officer an email with the notice of the meeting, requested her report, and sent follow up emails requesting her report. He suggested the Colleges Officer supply the Union with a better email address.

In response to a series of questions, the Union Newspaper Editor outlined that the team has not decided whether they will use WordPress again, and will be looking into it after the first edition is published. The editing team will be addressing the issue of publishing errors by using different processes and added that a different graphic designer will be working on Semper Floreat than the designer who worked on the Survival Guide.

In response to a series of questions regarding an NUS delegate's recent visit to the UQ campus, it was explained that the Union did not fund the visit, the Union has not budgeted for affiliation to the NUS, and the delegate was visiting UQ while they were in Brisbane visiting other accredited campuses.

No further questions were raised.

Procedural motion to close question time

CARRIED

k) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil starred for discussion.

l) Appeals

Nil

m) Executive Business

Nil

n) General Business

A motion was received from the floor regarding payment of the International Students Officer and the Abilities Officer.

Against consideration of the motion, it was raised that the motion subverts the Rules Committee, proper notice has not been given, and Council needs more time to full consider the motion prior to voting.

In favour of considering the motion, it was raised that it should be considered prior to the budget; and it does not change the Regulations; it merely enacts a power of the Regulations. As such, it is not subverting the Rules Committee. Council has been considering the motion for over a year.

Brianna Bell left the meeting at 7:22pm

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders and consider the motion

CARRIED

It was debated whether to waive the notice requirements to allow Council to vote on the motion.

Similar arguments as above were raised.

Emphasis was placed on the special consideration and time needed prior to voting on special resolutions, in contrast with emphasis placed on the importance of providing certainty for Officers, remunerating important positions, and the ability of Council to respond to matters quickly and efficiently.

It was moved

THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH R89, THE ELECTED OFFICER POSITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER AND ABILITIES OFFICER ARE EACH PAID TEN HOURS PER FORTNIGHT UNTIL THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING
COUNCIL 106/49 STARR/FULLER WITHDRAWN

A motion was received from the floor, seeking to censure the Union Secretary.

In favour of the motion, it was raised that the Union Secretary had misled Council to believe the meeting would be held in Innes room 1, and misled people to believe Reform was the opposition by changing the arrangement of the seating.

Against the motion, it was raised that the Union Secretary read the email notifying of the change in rooms after he had sent the business pack out and added that the meeting only moved to the next room along. He emphasised that his actions were not designed to intentionally mislead.

The motion was amended to include the requirement for a formal written apology to Council.

Liam Butler left the meeting at 7:41pm

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL CENSURE SECRETARY FULLER FOR WILFULLY MISLEADING ATTENDEES TO BELIEVE THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE IN INNES ROOM 1; FOR MISLEADING ATTENDEES INTO THINKING THRIVE ARE THE PARTY OF GOVERNMENT AND REFORM SIT IN OPPOSITION.

THAT SECRETARY ALSO BE DIRECTED TO PRESENT A FORMAL WRITTEN APOLOGY TO THIS COUNCIL.

COUNCIL 106/50 EVANS/THOMAS CARRIED

Recorded Vote

HABS Councillor: Jordan Duffey	<i>In Favour</i>
HABS Councillor: Dominik Prgomet	<i>In Favour</i>
HABS Councillor: Rosaline Vuthapanich proxied to Jordan Duffey	<i>In Favour</i>
EAIT Councillor: Jeremy Lwin	<i>Against</i>
EAIT Councillor: Matt Cornelius proxied to Zachary Thomas	<i>In Favour</i>
Science Councillor: Gabe Porritt	<i>Against</i>
Science Councillor: Zachary Thomas	<i>In Favour</i>
Science Councillor: Oliva Amsden proxied to Finn Semple	<i>In Favour</i>
BEL Councillor: Shannon Fogarty	<i>Against</i>
BEL Councillor: Samuel Faulkner	<i>In Favour</i>
BEL Councillor: Helen He	<i>Against</i>
MABS Councillor: Tony Truong Proxied to Aaron Vass	<i>Abstention</i>

HASS Councillor: Aaron Vass *In Favour*
HASS Councillor: Chelsea Han proxied to Bisma Asif *Against*
HASS Councillor: Kurt Tucker *Abstention*

2017 Annual Budget

Council agreed to consider the Abilities Portfolio budget first, due to the availability of the officers for that portfolio.

Abilities Portfolio

Questions were invited on the Abilities Portfolio budget.

Question raised regarding why the budget has been cut in advocacy, bursaries and student promotions from last year.

The Union Treasurer explained that the Union has carefully considered how much was spent last year. He added that a major objective of the Union this year is to improve its cash position and reign in spending across the board, ensuring that money is being spent effectively and within the Union's means.

The Abilities Officer, Brianna Bell, added that a lot of expenditure last year went towards setting up the abilities room, which won't be repeated in 2017. She further outlined that the portfolio has been able to cut costs on events, rather than cut events altogether.

In response to a question from the floor, the Abilities Officer outlined that they will angle for an increase in budget for next year.

Lewis Jones entered the meeting at 8:06pm

In criticism of the budget, it was raised that the portfolio has been disproportionately cut compared to other budgets; 30% of the budget should not go to wages; last year's Office Bearers spent less due to miscommunication and other circumstances.

In favour of the budget, it was raised that the portfolio will receive more than they spent last year; the Union is reigning in spending across the board; the budget was written in consultation with the Abilities Officers and in consideration of the Union's overall position.

A motion was received from the floor to increase the Abilities budget and reduce the wages in the budget to zero.

In favour of the motion, it was raised that the area is important to service; the increase would have a small impact on the overall budget, but would be immensely significant to the portfolio.

Against the motion, it was raised that the budget was written with careful consideration and consultation, and should not be amended in this fashion; cuts to budgets were made sensitively; the budget is aiming to ensure the longevity of the Union.

Wanwan Guo left the meeting at 8:23pm

Procedural to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT

- 1) TO ADD A LINE TO THE UQU ABILITIES COLLECTIVE BUDGET SECTION FOR \$14,000 AS 'DISCRETIONARY SPENDING'.
- 2) TO ADJUST THE "WAGES AND ONCOSTS" LINE TO \$0 AT THIS POINT

COUNCIL 106/50

TUCKER/THOMAS

NOT CARRIED

Recorded Vote

HABS Councillor: Jordan Duffey	<i>Against</i>
HABS Councillor: Dominik Prgomet	<i>In Favour</i>
HABS Councillor: Rosaline Vuthapanich proxied to Jordan Duffey	<i>Against</i>
EAIT Councillor: Jeremy Lwin	<i>Against</i>
EAIT Councillor: Matt Cornelius proxied to Zachary Thomas	<i>In Favour</i>
Science Councillor: Gabe Porritt	<i>Against</i>
Science Councillor: Zachary Thomas	<i>In Favour</i>
Science Councillor: Oliva Amsden proxied to Finn Semple	<i>Against</i>
BEL Councillor: Shannon Fogarty	<i>Against</i>
BEL Councillor: Samuel Faulkner proxied to Kurt Tucker	<i>In Favour</i>
BEL Councillor: Helen He	<i>Against</i>
MABS Councillor: Tony Truong Proxied to Aaron Vass	<i>Against</i>
HASS Councillor: Aaron Vass	<i>Against</i>
HASS Councillor: Chelsea Han proxied to Bisma Asif	<i>Against</i>
HASS Councillor: Kurt Tucker	<i>In Favour</i>

In response to a series of questions on the portfolio, the Abilities Officers, Emma McKenzie and Brianna Bell, explained that the advertising costs have been absorbed into other areas of the budget, such as events; bursaries are allocated through SHOC

Question raised regarding the promotions line in the budget.

The Union Treasurer explained that it covers a lot of miscellaneous and smaller events.

Brianna Bell and Emma McKenzie left the meeting at 8:30pm

Annual Budget Overview

The Treasurer verbally spoke to the written Annual Budget. He highlighted that there will be a net operating loss of just over \$93,000, but added that the budget also accounts for over \$800,000 in depreciation.

The Treasurer invited questions on the budget.

Question raised regarding projected assets value at the start of the year, compared to the end of the year, factoring in depreciation.

The Finance manager explained that the Union will be acquiring new assets for Darwins and Physiol, will also be investing in IT infrastructure, and has set aside funds in case of an IT emergency such as a server breakdown. He added that some items may have fallen off the depreciation schedule, as the asset register changes over time. He suggested that the question be sent to him in an email for further analysis.

Procedural motion to adjourn the meeting

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Meeting resumed at 9:02pm

It was raised that the meeting should move in camera to discuss sections of the budget which are commercial in confidence.

Procedural motion to move in camera

CARRIED

Meeting moved in camera at 9:04pm

Meeting moved ex camera at 9:22pm

Members present when the meeting moved ex camera:

Alyna Wong, Will Triste, Inez Penrose, Emily Earle, Sabina Rooney, Prianka Thomas, Domenico Sottile, Melissa Staines, Gabii Starr, Finbar Fuller, Josh Roser, Emily McClelland, David Corporal, Aaron Vass, Jordan Duffey, Shannon Fogarty, Gabe Porritt, Kurt Tucker, Jeremy Lwin, Zachary Thomas, Helen He, Dominik Prgomet, Glenn Porter, Mike Hopkins.

Others Present when the meeting moved ex camera:

Lewis Jones, Lachlan Firth, Nick Comino, Kelsea McArthur, Rowan Evans, Lauren Bicknell, Finn Semple.

Kurt Tucker and Shannon Fogarty left meeting at 9:22pm.

The Chair explained that discussion can continue while the meeting is inquorate but Council cannot vote on anything.

Council agreed to delay conversation until quorum was regained.

Shannon Fogarty and Kurt Tucker entered the meeting at 9:25pm.

Quorum was regained.

Mike Hopkins and Glenn Porter left the meeting at 9:26 pm

It was noted that the numbers of comparison to previous years in the Annual Budget were generated from the December end of year monthly financial report. It was noted that there were only a few minor anomalies in comparison to previous budgets. The Union Treasurer raised that this does not affect the integrity of the budget.

Gender & Sexuality

It was clarified that although the Women's and Queer portfolios are functionally separate, they are required to be represented in the budget together, as they form the Gender and Sexuality portfolio. It was explained that the women's portfolio spends more, which is proportionate to the sizes of the groups the portfolios represent.

In response to a series of questions from the floor, the Vice President for Gender & Sexuality, Sabina Rooney, explained that:

- The feminist week budget was higher than it needed to be last year, and it is unlikely that the full amount was spent, which is why it has been reduced this year.
- Take back the campus will be an advocacy campaign on preventing rape and sexual assault on campus.
- The previous Women's officer who ran the International Women's Day and International Day of the Girl Child events at Gatton advised that the events did not go very well and did not recommend doing it again. She explained that she will focus more on the general Blue Stockings Week campaign instead. She added that she attended the Gatton Market day, is trying to raise more interest amongst students for the Women's Collective and is talking to the University about getting a Women's Room at Gatton. VP of Gender and Sexuality, Will Triste, added that the clubs at Gatton also hold women's events.
- NOWSA is a national conference that will be attended by the Human Rights Commissioner and the Women's Officer plans to attend.
- The Collective is working on gaining sponsorship for certain events, and it's likely that the sponsors will pay invoices directly, which is why the sponsorship is not reflected as income.
- Expenditure on furniture will go towards blinds for the Women's Room, which currently has uncovered windows.

In response to a series of questions from the floor, the Vice President for Gender & Sexuality, Will Triste, explained that:

- The portfolio expects income from selling the rainbow UQU shirts.
- There will be equity tickets allocated to the pride ball, in order to make the event more affordable for students of a lower socio economic background.
- The portfolio is in discussions with SHOC regarding who will be funding the bursaries. It has not been included in the Queer budget in order to avoid an accidental double-up of funding allocation.
- Funding for Ally Training has been cut, and some of that funding has been moved to Mental Health First Aid.
- The Halloween Party was removed from the budget to make way for new ideas, such as Queer Beers.

A motion was received from the floor regarding the inclusion of bursaries in the queer budget.

In favour of the motion, it was raised that if SHOC allocates funding to the bursaries, the allocation in the Queer budget will merely be a favourable variance at the end of the year; and the figure suggested is based on last year's figures.

Against the motion, it was raised that the budget should only be amended after a proper conversation with SHOC, as this would set a dangerous precedent for amending budgets without proper consideration; and it would be better to make an appropriate amendment when more information is available to Council.

It was raised that speakers are being repetitive and inefficient.

It was raised that council members need to be willing to stay for the length of the meeting without stifling discussion.

Will Triste left the meeting at 10:18pm

Procedural motion requiring that each time a person has the right to speak, they may only speak on an issue for 1 minute.

CARRIED

Procedural motion to revert previous carried procedural motion, with the addendum that speakers be limited to a reasonable amount of time.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT

ADD LINE-

QC: EMERGENCY BURSARY

- GRANTS
- \$1000.

COUNCIL 106/51

THOMAS/PRGOMET

NOT CARRIED

Student Rights

In response to a series of questions, the Vice Presidents of Student Rights, Domenico Sottile and Emily Earle, outlined that:

- The Education Campaign is relevant to educational policy at UQ. It will be campus based and focused on the student strategy.
- The Centrelink Campaign related to the Centrelink debt recovery letters. It will involve working with SHOC's welfare advocate, providing advice to students, and raising awareness around the issue.
- They were unaware of what the student poverty campaign involved last year or whether it happened under the previous Vice Presidents of Student Rights, which is why it was cut from the budget this year.
- Social Justice Week will not be happening this year, as advice from previous Vice Presidents and from the Clubs and Societies Administrator was that the clubs did not get a lot out of the event.
- Last year involved projected income. This may be due to a ticketed event, however, this year, there are no plans to run a ticketed event.
- The exam support stalls funding has been reduced due to the likelihood of the University providing food trucks. The portfolio is currently considering ways they can support students during exams other than the provision of food.

The Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Will Triste, explained that the anti-discrimination campaign was run in conjunction with the Queer collective last year, and in 2017 it has been rolled into pride week.

Campus Culture

In response to a series of questions from the floor, the Vice President for Campus Culture, Prianka Thomas, explained that:

- In 2016, the Roller Rink was run when the portfolio had money left over in their budget. As it turned out to be very popular, the portfolio has decided to run it again and include it in this year's budget.
- Craft n' Crafts is a monthly event prior to Queer Beers in the Redroom, where the portfolio leads a craft session when the Redroom sells craft beer.
- Feminist music week will involve female musicians and a pizza promotion. The focus will be mostly on music rather than feminism, which is why the event is under the Campus Culture portfolio.
- No Lights, No Lycra is an event that runs similarly to the concept of a silent disco. It's run by a company who supplies all of the equipment needed and the event is covered by their insurance.
- The budget for Oktoberfest is preliminary. The previous Vice President who ran that event will be contacted for further advice regarding budget and whether there are any decorations which can be re-used.

In response to a series of questions from the floor, the Vice President for Campus Culture, Alynna Wong, explained that:

- The pop culture convention will be an event that involves all types of cultures, including the 'geek clubs'.

- The Professional Development Sessions for clubs and societies has begun for the year and is facilitated by the VP of Campus culture, which is why it falls under the Campus Culture portfolio.
- Easter on Forgan receives less funding than events such as Ramadan and Diwali because the Ramadan and Diwali events involve giving away free food, which is a central aspect of those festivals. Whereas the Easter event will have food available for purchase.

In response to a series of Questions, the Union Treasurer explained that:

- Income is projected higher than last year, due to the sale of t-shirts at Ignition, and Ignition sponsorship from Drinkwise.
- The Redroom held a St Patricks day event.
- There is some variance on the Ignition event budget compared to last year under campus culture, as some of the event costs have been moved into other lines of expenditure.
- The promotions line in the Campus Culture budget is bigger, due to the much larger size of the portfolio. The Treasurer agreed to take a question on notice regarding a breakdown of the promotions line for Campus Culture. He explained that the promotions line in the Campus Culture budget operates differently than in other budgets, as the portfolio is very different to others.

Shannon Fogarty left at 10:56 pm

Kurt Tucker left at 11:02pm

Quorum was lost.

In response to a question regarding the promotions line in the budgets, the Union Treasurer outlined that sometimes an amount of money will be set aside in case an event goes over budget. In some cases, that buffer is included in the event budget allocation. In other cases, the contingency is allocated under promotions.

Kurt Tucker entered the meeting at 11:04pm

Quorum was regained

Question raised regarding the Campus Bus.

It was explained that previously, the University was paying for half of the cost of the buses and the Union was paying for the other half through a SSAF application, while the Union also ran the service. It has been agreed that the University would fund the service completely and also run it.

A motion was received from the floor seeking to direct the Treasurer to answer a question regarding the promotions line in several budgets.

In favour of the motion, it was raised that contingency allocations suggested by previous motions were rejected and it would be inconsistent to include contingencies in other budgets.

Against the motion, it was raised that a 'yes or no' answer would be inappropriate; the Treasurer has already answered the question; and the Treasurer has already agreed to give a more detailed response by taking the question on notice.

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL DIRECTS THE TREASURER TO ANSWER YES OR NO TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION AS ACCURATELY AS THEY CAN

“IN ANY ‘[PORTFOLIO] PROMOTIONS’ ITEM, HAS ANY CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THAT ITEM’S EXPENDITURE ESTIMATE?”

COUNCIL 106/52

THOMAS/TUCKER

NOT CARRIED

In response to a series of questions regarding clubs, the Union Treasurer explained that:

- Tickets for the President’s Camp were sold at \$50 per person. In 2016, the deposit payment to the camp facility was paid in the year prior, which accounts for some of the variance between this year and last year.
- Although the membership grant is budgeted lower than last year, the actual spending by clubs last year is lower than what has been budgeted for 2017.

Colleges

In response to a series of questions, the Union Treasurer outlined that:

- The Colleges budget is lower, but the Union also now runs and provides a lot of other services for Colleges through other portfolios. Further, the Colleges are already well-resourced and generally the College Presidents were understanding of the bigger picture. The Union has allocated extra eftpos machines for colleges, access to marquees and a discount card. Regardless of the reduction, the Colleges are still getting a significant amount of funding.
- Several people at the Union have tried to contact the Colleges Officer multiple times and she has not responded. In previous years the Treasurer has often dealt with College Presidents directly. For these reasons, the Treasurer continued to negotiate with College Presidents directly. The Colleges Officer and College Presidents did not inform the Treasurer of any complaints in this respect.

The Union Secretary explained that a meeting of the Colleges Committee has not been called because the Colleges Officer has not directed him to do so.

It was requested that the Colleges Officer supply the Union with the best method of contact.

Procedural motion to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:36pm.

The meeting resumed at 11:44pm.

It was suggested that conference, seminar, travel and accommodation lines in the budget could be cut instead of Colleges.

Environment

In response to a series of questions the Environment Officer, Melissa Staines, explained that:

- Expenditure on Earth Hour involved \$575 on performers, \$550 on the stage, lighting and renting a PA system. A solar power battery was used for one and a half hours, which has become a long-term purchase. It was explained that although running an event can create pollution, this event also builds a community and drives engagement in sustainability, evidenced by the increase of membership in the Environment Collective during the event. Further, the event was very self-sustaining.
- If the Environment Collective pursues t-shirts, they will be sourced from op-shops and screen printed, otherwise the money will go towards other marketing items.
- Some of the budget allocated into the How to Greenie workshops may be re-distributed to other areas. The workshops will involve sessions such as how to make soaps and conditioners.
- The increase to the Environment Collective is necessary. It was explained that the collective has already spent on the solar battery, and an increase in funding is needed to support the Food Co-Op, which is now weekly instead of fortnightly.
- The Portfolio did not opt for an allocation of funding into wages, as the office bearers for 2017 would prefer to volunteer and use further funding on other projects.
- The Earth Sounds event will be different from Earth Hour, as it will be seeking to appeal to a broader audience.

Melissa Staines left the meeting at 11:59pm

Goorie Berrimpa

In response to a series of questions, the Goorie Berrimpa Officer, David Corporal, explained that:

- Projected income relates to tickets sales from the NAIDOC Ball.
- The Goorie Berrimpa Officers decided they did not want an allocation on wages.
- Uni Games expenditure will cover travel and accommodation. The portfolio will also seek sponsorship. The officer may consider approaching UQ Sport, but has not done so yet.
- The cross cultural workshop will be run with international students who want to know more about indigenous culture.

The Union Treasurer explained that the increase of funding to the portfolio is in line with extra costs incurred last year.

Semper Floreat

In response to a series of questions, the Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, explained:

- The editing team intends to gain income through advertising and sponsorship but does not plan to engage in sponsored articles.
- Actual expenditure on wages was lower last year, as some paid editors did not complete their hours from time to time.
- The team plans to publish six editions, with the possibility of a seventh, depending on income from advertising.
- Some of the cost cutting measures introduced this year include publishing editions where the number of pages are divisible by 16, and using a different printer.
- The time quoted to publish the first edition was originally 3 months, and the team was able to bring that lead time down significantly.
- The team wanted to publish the first edition with submissions from students on campus. In the lead up to O-week, the team was getting set up, organising the different Semper platforms and writing content.
- The graphic design won't take as long in future issues, as the template has been made now.

A motion was received from the floor, seeking to increase the Semper Floreat Budget.

In favour of the motion, it was raised that the 2017 Semper Floreat team has not been delivering the same quality of product as last year, and may need more funding to ensure the quality of future publications.

Against the motion, it was raised that building sponsorship and advertising relationships is important to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the publication; and the editing team believes they can continue to publish under this current budget.

It was moved

THAT

ADJUST 'SEMPER FLOREAT MONTHLY EDITION' ITEM TO \$6K

ADJUST 'SEMPER FLOREAT ISSUES' ITEM TO \$18K

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THOMAS/TUCKER

NOT CARRIED

Executive

The Union Treasurer explained that a breakdown of wages in the Executive budget can only be provided with further consultation with the Finance Department.

It was explained that the Student Leaders Conference was cut, as it was identified as an area that could be provided for elsewhere.

Executive Elections and Referendums

It was explained that expenditure on elections is set to be lower for 2017, as the Union is asking the Returning Officer to bill the Union differently. Further, last year involved several casual vacancies elections throughout the year.

The Union is not budgeting for a referendum.

International

As the International Officer was no longer present at the meeting, the Union Treasurer fielded questions on the portfolio's budget. He explained that:

- The cut to migration workshops and the introduction of employment workshops came down the aims and preferences of the Officer. The President added that the Union has an employee providing migration services.
- Funding for a cultural event was allocated to Campus Culture for the same purposes.
- It was agreed to provide a breakdown on student promotions for the International portfolio.

Postgraduate

As the Postgraduate Officer was no longer present at the meeting, the Union Treasurer fielded questions on the portfolio's budget. He explained that:

- The postgraduate officer did not request to be paid.
- CAPA membership is a national organisation for postgraduate students. It was cut because the Union did not affiliate last year and did not see the value in affiliating this year.
- Funding for events was reduced in order to encourage more efficient spending in the portfolio.
- The portfolio has been encouraged to charge for tickets to their ball, but it will be up to the officers to decide how to manage their ball.

It was agreed to take the following questions on notice: the breakdown of the student promotions line, and analysis on why postgraduate bursaries are more effective than in other areas.

It was suggested that the nature of the work of the Postgraduate students means that they can't engage in further employment, which is why bursary programs are more significant to them personally.

Building Expenses

It was outlined that the building expenses section of the budget was prepared by the Finance manager.

It was agreed to provide a more detailed explanation regarding operating costs in building expenses, in answer to a question on notice.

It was explained that the Union is not budgeting to spend as much on utilities for 2017.

Professional services

It was explained that the two major factors in this section of the budget included insurance and the fees for the organisational consultant.

It was explained that the organisational consultant was engaged from November until March.

A correction was noted where a \$12 variance should be a positive variance of \$18.

It was explained that the fee for the consultant was determined prior to her engagement. Her hours covered research, interviews and report preparation. The consultant's report will be presented to Council.

Student services

It was explained that other operating costs under student services could be due to packaging, but the Treasurer was not certain.

Administrative expenses are likely lower due to the reception wages, but the Treasurer agreed to confirm this later by taking the question on notice.

Gatton

It was explained that the Union came to an agreement with UQ regarding the Gatton Lawes club. The Union spent \$80,000 on renovations and intends to run it as a service, rather than intending to make a profit.

In response to questions regarding the overall reduction in budget for Gatton, the Union Treasurer and Union President explained:

- Last year's review budget doubled the Gatton budget due to a significant increase in SSAF funding towards the end of the year. The Union encouraged the portfolio and Gatton clubs to spend the money, but they did not have the ability or desire to run more events.
- The Union is engaging with the Gatton Board regularly to ensure that they are providing the sorts of services, events and funding that Gatton students want.
- The Union is consulting with Gatton clubs and office bearers to determine how they would prefer to contact the union regarding applications for project funding. An online application process has been suggested.

Herston

The Union Treasurer explained:

- Last year's Herston budget is difficult to compare to, as it was affected by a last minute amendment from the floor for extra funding to PACE. That money was not spent. The Union offered to purchase assets and the Pharmacy President was also consulted.
- The phrase 'Turbot St Officer' is used because it is enshrined constitutionally.

It was moved

THAT THE 2017 ANNUAL BUDGET BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

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VASS/LWIN

CARRIED

February Financial Reports

The Treasurer spoke to his written report, highlighting that the Union is performing better than last year, with better results in consolidated income compared to 2016.

Sabina Rooney left the meeting at 1:39am

The Treasurer invited question on the report. In response to a series of questions, the Treasurer explained that:

- Cost of sales had a negative variance against the budget due to unexpected retail purchases.
- Cost of sales on commission is relevant to Pizza Caffè, which participates in Uber Eats.
- When leave is generated through TOIL, it is expressed as an accounting expense, but the expense will reverse once the TOIL is used.
- Expenditure under the seminar and conference line was related to the President's camp.
- Stationery may be higher due to the purchasing of merchandise for different portfolios.

It was raised that the photocopying budget should be set higher, as it is consistently over the projected forecast.

Domenico Sottile left the meeting at 1:49am

A question was taken on notice regarding the impact of revenue on the Redroom since the cigarette machine was removed and why the machine was removed.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

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PORRITT/LWIN

CARRIED

o) Notice of Business Proposed

- i. 2017 March Financial reports.

p) Any Other Business

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 1:52AM