

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the 2014
UQ Union Council

6:00PM

Friday 27/06/2014

UQ Senate and Academic Board Chamber (Rm. 565)
Level 5, Brian Wilson Chancellery (Bld. 61A), St. Lucia Campus

The meeting was declared open at 6:25pm by Deputy Chair, Rachel Paterson.

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Keenan, Joshua
- McLean, Laurence
- Bowman, Emma
- Ngoo, Alexander
- Gipps, Fiona
- Perey, Alexander
- Carrol, James
- Manfield, Isabel
- Landgraf, Megan
- Keys-Macpherson, Padraig
- Kakoniktis, Stephen
- Morris, Natalie
- Dalton, Alexander
- Hutton, Julia
- Acutt, Amanda
- Ruffin, Arturo
- Andrews, Joshua
- Jensen, Kyle
- De Haan, Damien
- Chandler-Mather, Max
- Millroy, Joshua
- Paterson, Rachel
- Johnston, Nathan
- Howden, Laura
- Lee, Richard
- Cramp, Kathryn
- McEniery, Belinda
- Hopkins, Mike
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The Following Members were absent:

- Anderson, India
- Maxwell, Danika
- Paw, Ekta
- Johnston, Elinor
- Roestenburg, Nikki
- Morris, Brendan
- Rossignol, Tim
- Farago, Mark
- Bowman, Patrick
- McInnes, Ashleigh
- Compton, Matty
- Rodgers, Jacqueline
- O'Hare, Timothy
- Budur, Christina
- Morgan, Georgina
- Nehring, Anneke
- Rankin, Emily
- Ivans, Blair

- Falzon, Mathhias
- Coleborn, Jamie
- Moses, Ivan
- Scheel, Lotte
- Keyte, Melanie
- Theunissen, Caleb

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

- McInnes, Ashleigh
- Johnston, Elinor
- Moses, Ivan
- Paw, Ekta
- Roestenburg, Nikki
- Rossignol, Tim

Apologies were received from the following members:

- McInnes, Ashleigh
- Moses, Ivan
- Anderson, India
- Paw, Ekta
- Rossignol, Tim
- Maxwell, Danika,
- Johnston, Elinor
- Bowman, Patrick
- Scheel, Lotte
- Roestenburg, Nikki
- Morris, Brendan
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The following applications for leave for the previous meeting were received:

- Ngoo, Alexander

The following proxies were received:

- Ngoo, Alexander to Jared Peut
- Gipps, Fiona to Tucker, Kurt
- Maxwell, Danika to Lamb, Andrew
- Brendan Morris to Tucker, Kurt
- Anderson, India to McLean, Laurence

The following others were present:

- Lamb, Andrew
- Yates, Molly
- Peut, Jared
- Slater, John
- Jones, Sydney
- Tucker, Kurt
- Smith, Dominic
- Price, Cody
- Bicknell, Lauren
- Meldrum, Alistair
- Rodwell, Mitchel
- Travers, Peter
- Jones, Lewis
- Maggacis, Daniel
- Crowley, Jeremy
- Robertson, Thomas
- Davies, Tom
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Discussion regarding Alex Ngoo's position as councillor and interpretation of section "C31" of the council constitution and section "R4.6 c)" of the regulations.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL INTERPRET THE SECRETARY'S DECISION TO DISMISS ALEX
NGOO FROM UNION COUNCIL AS BEING INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONSTITUTION
AND REGULATIONS AND THUS INVALID

COUNCIL 103/119

PEUT/PEREY

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED AND LEAVE BE GRANTED TO ALL APPLICANTS

COUNCIL 103/120

MILLROY/JOHNSTON

CARRIED

b) Elections

Discussion regarding contention around nominations lodgement process.

It was moved

THAT PETER TRAVERS (RO) BE EMPOWERED TO CONDUCT THE SCHEDULED
ELECTIONS.

COUNCIL 103/121

MCLEAN/MANFIELD

CARRIED

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders to discuss agenda item J) ii and J) iii

CARRIED

Chair ruled that the council return to standing orders

An election was held for the following positions:

- i) Chairperson of Union Council (Casual Vacancy)
- ii) Student Representative on the Administrative Committee (Casual Vacancy)

A secret ballot was held.

The Returning Officer's report was presented

Belinda McEniery was elected as Chairperson of Union Council

The election of Student Representative on the Administrative Committee will be announced on
Monday 30th June.

It was moved

THAT THE RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 103/122

MCLEAN/MANFIELD

CARRIED

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders to discuss agenda item J) ii and J) iii

CARRIED

j) Business Which Has Been Proposed

ii) 2013 Financial Results and Audit

Discussion on the financial results and audit.

The treasurer summarised that the audit found no flags for improper accounting for the 2013/2014 financial year.

It was moved

THAT THE 2013 FINANCIAL RESULTS AND AUDIT BE ACCEPTED
COUNCIL 103/123

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

iii) Issues Surrounding Herston Medical Bookshop

It was moved

THAT JEREMY CROWLEY AND LAUREN BICKNELL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE
ROOM

COUNCIL 103/124

PATERSON/PEUT

CARRIED

The meeting was moved in camera at 8:08pm.

The meeting was moved ex camera at 8:23pm.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQU APPROVE THE SALE OF THE HERSTON MEDICAL BOOKSHOP (HMBS)
TO THE CO-OP BOOKSHOP FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR FIXTURES PLUS \$100,000
FOR GOODWILL AND THE FAIR VALUE OF THE REMAINING INVENTORY
(ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$250,000)

COUNCIL 103/125

JOHNSTON/MILLROY

CARRIED

c) Appeals From Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil.

d) Reports of Elected Officers

No reports were starred for discussion

The chair ruled that all reports of the elected officers would be moved en bloc.

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/126 JOHNSTON/MANFIELD CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/127 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/128 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/129 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/130 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/131 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Discussion of reports from the UQU President and the UQU Secretary regarding the general election dates.

UQU President responded that the UQU is yet to confirm what the dates will be. The dates should be confirmed by early Semester two and the election will be held in the second half of semester two.

Discussion regarding reports from the UQU President and the UQU Secretary regarding a referendum date.

UQU President responded that due to financial pressures, the referendum is likely to be held at the same time as the general election.

Question to the UQU president regarding the costs involved with using the Australian Electoral Commission during the next election.

UQU President responded that they are still awaiting for a formal quote from the AEC.

Discussion on regulatory amendments regarding election and voting processes. It was agreed that this will be looked into at the next council meeting.

Question regarding whether vouchers (received by students when they vote) will be indexed up with CPI.

UQU President responded that this can be looked into but has not yet been considered.

f) Question Time

Question directed to the UQU President, regarding health and safety issues at the “Morning Marmalade” free breakfast.

UQU President responded that the UQU have been found to be compliant with OH&S standards. The UQU “Morning Marmalade” initiative is not subject to the Queensland Food Safety Act as it is not a commercial venture and no profit is gained. Peanut butter will no longer be served to avoid contamination.

Question directed to UQU President on whether the union will provide hand washing facilities and covers for food at the “Morning Marmalade” free breakfast.

UQU President responded that hand sanitising is already provided.

Question regarding whether “Morning Marmalade” is sponsored by Semper Floreat.

UQU Students Rights Vice President, Laura Howden, responded that when the “Morning Marmalade” crowd funding page was originally set up, one of the prizes was a half-page article in Semper Floreat, which was offered as incentive. The editor of Semper Floreat also hands out copies during the breakfast. Semper Floreat does not contribute financially to the event.

Question to UQU President regarding whether the Union plans to institute caps on campaign printing and fundraising at the upcoming general election.

UQU President responded that he's looked into this and it could be very difficult to enforce based on examples of other universities who have tried to enforce similar rules.

Question directed to UQU President regarding what the UQU has done for campus culture. Question referenced originally proposed events such as Carnivale, Cinco de Mayo, Full Moon Party, Chinese New Year, FIFA Screenings, State of Origin Live and Licenced and asked what happened with those plans.

UQU president responded that the Cinco de Mayo event took place, he considers the FIFA screenings to be a success, the UQU sponsored campus clubs and cultural groups to hold events including Chinese New Year events, and the Full Moon Party is being considered for next semester.

Question directed to UQU Vice President for campus culture, Stephen Kakoniktis, Regarding plans to screen State of Origin Live and Licenced in the great court and whether the union will be doing this for the third game after the first two games were not screened.

UQU Vice President for campus culture, Stephen Kakoniktis, responded that after weighing up the Union's options, the costs involved were too prohibitive.

UQU President added that the area in question isn't Union property, consideration for university activities had to be taken into account, the union couldn't get a licence and the games were broadcast in the Red Room.

Question directed to several UQU officers on whether the Reform party has lived up to election promises.

The following responses were provided:

- UQU Vice President for campus culture, Stephen Kakoniktis, responded that reform has tried their best
- UQU Science Councillor, Isabel Manfield, responded that she thinks by the end of Reform's time with the UQU, they will have fulfilled their promises.
- UQU EAIT councillor, Lawrence McLean, responded that Reform has done quite a lot and their work is ongoing
- UQU President responded that he believes Reform has lived up to most of their main promises and that financial pressures of running a union need to be taken into account

Question regarding promise of electoral overhaul and increased transparency directed to the UQU President.

UQU President responded the council meetings are now a more open forum where students and councillors can put forward their questions; the meetings are now filmed; but holding a referendum at the same time as the general election will be more cost-effective which is why they are waiting.

Question directed to UQU President regarding whether regulations relating to elections could be amended.

UQU President responded that regulatory changes will be looked at during the next council meeting.

Question regarding budget accountability forums directed to UQU Treasurer.

UQU treasurer responded that this can go ahead now that an approved audit has been completed.

UQU President added that the Union Council meeting itself provides a forum for budget accountability.

Question directed to UQU President regarding progress update on increasing student safety on campus.

UQU President responded that he has met with the head of security twice and he also brings up the issue with the director of student affairs in their weekly meeting. A range of initiatives are being put into place, including awareness raising. Campus safety survey submissions have been completed and they'll go forward with the new information once the data has been fully collated. Once they have finished the report, the UQU will be able to use it for more substantial representation on this issue.

UQU Vice President for Gender and Sexuality, Kathryn Cramp, responded that the report found students feel unsafe on campus at night but incidents are comparatively low so part of the Union's approach will be to make students aware of the services available to them. The Union will be advertising the number for security and the number for the Dutton Park police station, these numbers will be advertised and distributed during market day. There will be a key ring and torch distributed with these numbers. The union will also be presenting the report to the University and the report will make further recommendations such as increased lighting in certain areas.

UQU President added that the UQU has hosted safety seminars, however, they were poorly attended.

Question directed to UQU President on whether such requests for increased lighting have been taken to the University yet or if the Union is waiting for the report to be finalised.

UQU President responded that as the survey has only been closed this week, the UQU are waiting for the report to be finalised before such requests are made.

Discussion on whether awareness raising approaches achieve enough.

UQU Vice President for Gender and Sexuality, Kathryn Cramp, commented that part of the campaign is to discourage offenders by providing information on penalties and procedures for making a complaint. Surveys also indicated that students weren't aware of processes to lodge a complaint or the services available to them.

Question directed to UQU President regarding what has been achieved on the issue of student safety on campus in the time-frame since last council meeting where the original motion was put forward to look into it.

UQU President responded that any individual enquiries and complaints were responded to with information on security services. Installing increased lighting would cost a lot of money and it will take time to request installation. The installation process, itself, will take time if it does go ahead. UQU President has spoken with student affairs and security regarding complaints but wanted to wait for substantive information to be finalised.

Discussion on student safety.

UQU Vice President for Gender and Sexuality, Kathryn Cramp, responded that part of the union's approach has been to increase night time activities on campus in order to increase populace of campus at night. They have volunteers to walk with students at night.

Question repeated regarding what has been achieved on the issue of student safety on campus in the time-frame since last council meeting where the original motion was put forward to look into it.

UQU President responded that he has spoken with security explained that he will begin lobbying for further changes once the final reports from the surveys are completed.

UQU Vice President for Gender and Sexuality, Kathryn Cramp, responded that the UQU have increased Union presence on campus at night with activities and volunteers, the President has met with Security and the University about this topic and they've met with previous Equity Office as well as SHOC on how best to handle the issue.

Procedural motion to extend question time for an additional 15 minutes

CARRIED

Question repeated regarding what has been achieved on the issue of student safety on campus in the time-frame since last council meeting where the original motion was put forward to look into it.

UQU SBS Councillor, Pdraig Keys-Macpherson, responded that the motion was to put out a survey and gather data. The UQU has achieved this as well as the aforementioned initiatives.

UQU President added that Dutton Park Police have also increased their presence in the relevant areas

Question for UQU Vice President for Student's Rights, Laura Howden, regarding the success of the late night support stalls project.

UQU Vice President for Student's Rights, Laura Howden, responded that the events were quite successful:

- Roughly 100- 200 people were served each night at the pancakes stall
- Roughly 300- 400 people were served each night at the Barbecue stall
- Roughly 250 people were served each night at the coffee cart

Question directed to UQU Treasurer on whether the refectory will be opened on weekends.

UQU Treasurer responded that the union is looking into this, but it's quite cost-prohibitive.

Question directed to UQU Treasurer regarding cheaper and healthier food options.

Question passed to UQU President.

UQU President responded that the union provides combo deals in the refectory and discounts with wholesalers, salad options have been expanded, there is now a healthy pick and mix section.

Question directed to UQU President on whether there will be permanent cuts to food prices or whether price cuts will only be in the form of short term promotions.

UQU President responded that while offers such as the coffee deal have been short term, others have been longer lasting. Every week at least a few combo options in the refectory have been provided. He added that having a few significantly cheaper options available for students is more effective than cutting prices to food by a small amount across the board.

Question directed to the Vice President of Students' Rights regarding whether the union has been producing a student course guide or a student subsidies guide.

Vice President of Students' Rights, Laura Howden, responded that:

- A site has been on "Stalker Space" in past few weeks called UQ Review. The Union has approached the creator of the website and the Union hopes to use that information as well as information the Union has collected to create something which can be used to provide advice to students on courses as well as articles.
- Other endeavours have included skilling up the employees of SHOC to handle employment difficulties that students face. This includes handling cases for students working at union outlets.

UQU Treasurer added that the subsidy guide was being worked on by a member of staff who has now left. The union will need to start again on this project and it still intends to go forward with the guide.

Question Directed to Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, regarding the absence of a June Edition and, specifically, regarding the progress of a particular article submitted by Lewis Jones.

Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler- Mather, responded that it was deemed the June issue would be a wasted expenditure during the exam block where students are not on campus. The article in question will be assessed and possibly revised for the next issue.

Procedural motion to extend question time for an additional 15 minutes

CARRIED

Question Directed to UQU President regarding progress on improvements intended for Ipswich campus.

UQU President responded that, as the Ipswich officer is not present at the meeting, he is unable to go into full detail but:

- The UQU has been conducting student consultations
- The biggest issue has been the proposed sale of the Ipswich Campus to USQ and the President believes this has been dealt with well. He's happy to see that students can now complete their degrees at Ipswich (with some exceptions such as Medical and Paramedic students).

UQU Treasurer added that the ATM installation has not yet been followed through with due to high costs and the potential sale of the campus.

Question directed to UQU regarding whether buses have been provided for the Ipswich campus to Union events such as “Toga Party”.

UQU clubs and Societies Officer, Stephen Kakoniktis, responded that buses weren’t provided to the Toga Party but there was a ticket sale stall at the Ipswich campus.

Question Passed on to UQU President.

UQU President responded that there was another Ipswich event on the same night and interest was very low.

Question Directed to UQU Treasurer regarding whether the Gender and Sexuality councillors were re-hired.

UQU Treasurer responded that the union consulted with the SHOC Centre and they were advised that the money would be better invested into rebuilding the SHOC brand. Once demand for those services has re-emerged, the re-hiring of the gender and sexuality councillors will be reconsidered.

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Councillors were directed make written requests or complaints regarding changes to the minutes from the 2nd Ordinary Meeting and the 4th Ordinary Meeting.

Discussion regarding access to video and audio files for council meetings.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 4TH ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED.

COUNCIL 103/132

MCLEAN/MANFIELD

NOT CARRIED

The Chair ruled that Minutes from the 2nd Ordinary Meeting and the 4th Ordinary Meeting will be considered at the next Union Council Meeting.

h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil.

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

The Clubs and Societies and Colleges reports were started for discussion.

Discussion on the Clubs and Societies report regarding non-compliant clubs.

It was agreed that the UQU President or one of the UQU clubs and Societies Vice Presidents would further discuss non-compliant clubs with Kurt Tucker at a later date.

Discussion on the Colleges report.

Discussion regarding the possibility of funding the Colleges through an up-front lump sum method.

It was raised that:

- The quote for legal advice on this matter was higher than anticipated
- Colleges would need to provide the UQU with receipts and invoices quarterly. There is concern that due to a lack of resources, the colleges may not be able to maintain adequate records to meet the requirements of a lump-sum funding method. They may also breach expenditure guidelines, which would lead to a situation where funds have to be recovered after they had already been spent. This could be an irresponsible method due to associated room for abuse and exposure of the Union and University to risk.
- Discussion on the possibility of a next year funds roll-over for un-used colleges funding.
- Discussion on UQU Treasurer's ability to withhold funds from colleges. UQU Treasurer stated that as long as a functioning council exists, he will remain accountable for any funds withheld and there is no room for abuse in this regard.

The chair ruled that the reports of other union bodies be moved en bloc.

It was moved

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/133

MANFIELD/ MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/134

MANFIELD/ MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/135 MANFIELD/ MCLEAN CARRIED

THAT THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/136 MANFIELD/ MCLEAN CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/137 MANFIELD/ MCLEAN CARRIED

j) Business Which has Been Proposed

i. Regulatory Amendments

It was moved

THAT THE NOTICE PERIOD FOR PASSING REGULATIONS THROUGH COUNCIL FOR CHANGES TO COLLEGES COMMITTEE BE WAVED FOR THIS MEETING.

COUNCIL 103/138 MCLEAN/PATERSON CARRIED

The wording of the regulatory amendments were discussed.

The process for selection of college executive representatives to form part of the colleges committee was discussed.

It was moved

THAT ALL SPELLING ERRORS BE CORRECTED

COUNCIL 103/139 MCLEAN/JOHNSTON CARRIED

Discussion regarding voting rights in the colleges committee.

Discussion regarding required quorum for the colleges committee.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

NOT CARRIED

Council continued to discuss required quorum and selection of college executive representatives.

It was moved

THAT THE PROPOSED REGULATION 45.4 BE DELETED, AND THAT THE QUORUM OF COLLEGES COMMITTEE BE HALF PLUS ONE AS IN THE REGULATIONS

COUNCIL 103/140

TUCKER/CARROL

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT REGULATORY AMENDMENT (MOTION 35) BE AMENDED TO READ:

45.1 C) TWO MEMBERS NOMINATED BY EACH COLLEGE STUDENT CLUB EXECUTIVE (VOTING); AND;

COUNCIL 103/141

PEUT/CHANDLER

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R45 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“R45 COLLEGES COMMITTEE

45.1 THE MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE ARE:

- a) COLLEGES OFFICER (VOTING);
- b) VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) (NON-VOTING);
- c) TWO MEMBERS NOMINATED BY EACH COLLEGE STUDENT CLUB EXECUTIVE (VOTING); AND;
- d) ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS (NON-VOTING).

45.2 THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE IS DELEGATED GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSEEING THE COLLEGES DEPARTMENT.

45.3 WITHOUT LIMITING 45.2, THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE SHALL BE SPECIFICALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR;

- A) REPRESENTING AND FURTHERING THE INTERESTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THEM, AND ACTING AS THE MEANS OF EXPRESSION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS' CONCERNS;
- B) FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDING RESOLUTIONS ON POLICY ON ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO COLLEGE STUDENTS;
- C) DEVELOPING CAMPAIGNS BASED ON THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS ON POLICY;
- D) CO-ORDINATING SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS; AND
- E) DIRECTING THE COLLEGES OFFICER IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR DUTIES.

45.4 THE QUORUM FOR THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE HALF PLUS ONE AS IN THE REGULATIONS

45.5 THE CHAIR OF THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CALLING MEETINGS OF THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE.

45.6 UNLESS THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE RESOLVES OTHERWISE, THE COLLEGES OFFICER SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE.”

COUNCIL 103/142

DALTON/KAKONIKTIS

CARRIED

It was requested that the UQU treasurer respond to the Medical Students' Officer question on notice directly and at the next council meeting.

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

MINUTES FROM 2ND AND 4TH MEETINGS

The meeting was declared closed at 10:20PM

CONFIRMED