

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the 2014
UQ Union Council

6:00PM

Friday 31/07/2014

Innes (Rm. 1)

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

Chair: Belinda McEniery

The meeting was declared open at 6:17pm

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

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| • Anderson, India | • Manfield, Isabel | • Ruffin, Arturo |
| • McInnes, Ashleigh | • Millroy, Joshua | • Acutt, Amanda |
| • Maxwell, Danika | • Paterson, Rachel | • Paw, Ekta |
| • Keenan, Joshua | • Johnston, Nathan | • Johnston, Elinor |
| • Morris, Brendan | • Morris, Natalie | • Bowman, Patrick |
| • McLean, Laurence | • Kakoniktis, Stephen | • Dalton, Alexander |
| • Bowman, Emma | • Cramp, Kathryn | • Chandler-Mather, Max |
| • Gipps, Fiona | • Scheel, Lotte | • Keyte, Melanie |
| • Keys-Macpherson, Padraig | • Howden, Laura | • De Haan, Damien |
| • Perey, Alexander | • Lee, Richard | • McEniery, Belinda |

The Following Members were absent:

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| • Falzon, Mathhias | • Rossignol, Tim | • Morgan, Georgina |
| • Ngoo, Alexander | • Moses, Ivan | • Nehring, Anneke |
| • Landgraf, Megan | • Rodgers, Jacqueline | • Rankin, Emily |
| • Carrol, James | • Coleborn, Jamie | • Jensen, Kyle |
| • Hutton, Julia | • Theunissen, Caleb | • Farago, Mark |
| • Compton, Matty | • O'Hare, Timothy | • Hopkins, Mike |

- Andrews, Joshua
- Budur, Christina
- Ivans, Blair

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

Nil

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Landgraf, Megan
- Carrol, James
- Hutton, Julia
- Andrews, Joshua
- Ngoo, Alexander
- Perey, Alexander

The following applications for leave for the previous meeting were received:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

- Landgraf, Megan to Keenan, Joshua
- Carroll, James to Tucker, Kurt
- Perey, Alexander to Chandler, Ashley
- Ngoo, Alexander to Chandler, Ashley

The following others were present:

- Bicknell, Lauren
- Smith, Dominic
- Manton, Clare
- Burgin, Marina
- Meldrum, Alistair
- Jackson, Carl
- Markey, Alexandra
- Jelacic, Amy
- Lamb, Andrew
- Medcraft, Lucas
- Yameen, Rutaba
- Chandler, Ashley
- Lee, Dion
- Kim, Matt
- Tucker, Kurt
- Peroni, Tom
- Quirk, Michael
- Jones, Lewis
- Felix, Nathaniel
- Davies, Tom
- Cosgrove, Owen
- Krynicki, Cameron
- Yates, Molly
- Kay, Jacob

The resignation of Ipswich Officer, Nikki Roestenburg was announced. The position of Ipswich Officer is now a casual vacancy.

It was moved

THAT APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED AND LEAVE BE GRANTED TO ALL APPLICANTS

COUNCIL 103/142

MILLROY/JOHNSTON

CARRIED

b) Elections

Nil

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 103/143

JOHNSTON/MANFIELD

CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/144

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/145

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/146

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/147

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/148

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil

f) Question Time

Question directed to Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, regarding Semper Floreat's budget of \$75,000 and how the budget is allocated.

Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, responded that a large amount of that funding is allocated towards wages. It also covers costs for paying a graphic designer and a launch party. He added that in order to provide firm figures on these and other areas of expenditure, this question would need to be taken on notice.

Question directed to Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, regarding the decision for Semper Floreat to allow advertising in the magazine.

Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather responded that:

- In the current issue, Semper Floreat contains a half-page advertisement.
- In previous years, advertising has been sold for issues that were never published, which meant the UQU had to refund revenue gained from advertisers. Semper Floreat's reputation amongst local businesses as a source of advertising has become quite poor.
- The strategy for Semper Floreat for 2014 was to rebuild the reputation of the magazine by achieving regular publication dates, including good quality content and good design. Semper Floreat has been contacting local businesses and hopes to rebuild trust and re-integrate advertising into the magazine.

Question directed to Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, regarding revenue earned for the half-page ad featured in the current edition.

Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, responded that he would need that question on notice but he could provide any interested party with an advertising kit which breaks down the fee structure for Semper Floreat.

Question directed to Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, regarding whether there is a hole in the Semper Floreat Budget.

Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather responded that there is no hole. The majority of the funding goes towards printing costs, wages and the graphic designer.

Question directed to Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, regarding what implications the extra advertising revenue has on the Semper Floreat budget.

Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather responded that advertising revenue was factored into the Semper Floreat Budget at the start of the year. Currently, Semper Floreat is under spending on its budget.

Question directed to Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather, regarding why Semper Floreat is spending significantly more money than last year.

Semper Floreat Editor, Max Chandler-Mather responded that last year Semper Floreat released 4 issues of the magazine, which were 32 pages long. In 2014, Semper Floreat is already up to its fifth issue. He added that most other student magazines in the country publish at least every month.

UQU Treasurer added that the budget also includes provision for other costs such as superannuation and annual leave.

UQU President Added with questions for council requiring specific details and budget figures, notice of the question should be given to allow sufficient preparation of a comprehensive answer.

Procedural motion to end question time

CARRIED

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 5TH ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED.

COUNCIL 103/149

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

Discussion regarding the process of passing, approving and correcting the minutes of the 2nd and 4th ordinary meetings of council.

It was suggested that it should not be the job of council to ensure that the minutes are correct.

The chair referenced her previous ruling that if councillors have issues with the minutes, they should contact the Union Secretary.

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 103/150

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

The Chair ruled to adjourn the confirmation of the 2nd minutes until next meeting

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL RESOLVES TO CONTACT THE UNION SECRETARY AND LAUREN BICKNELL WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING (ORD.), IN THE EFFORTS TO COMPLETE A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD.

COUNCIL 103/151	PATERSON/MCLEAN	CARRIED
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h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil.

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

No reports of other union bodies were starred for discussion.

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 103/152	MANFIELD/ MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENTS BOARD REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/153	MANFIELD/ MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/154	MANFIELD/ MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT THE STUDENT RIGHTS ACTION GROUP REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/155	MANFIELD/ MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/156	MANFIELD/ MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT THE ABILITIES COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/157	MANFIELD/ MCLEAN	CARRIED
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j) Business Which has Been Proposed

i. Regulatory Amendments

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised whether council should take more time in order to consider the amendments before putting them to a vote.

Council came to the agreement that the amendments need to be made sooner rather than later as they directly affect the upcoming election.

Council agreed to go through the regulatory amendments one by one to allow discussion and informal debate about each amendment.

Discussion on a motion which would institute a fixed date for polling for the annual elections. The suggested date was the second week after the mid-semester break.

UQU Secretary spoke for the motion. She raised that:

- Past election dates have been erratic and the motion on discussion would cement the dates and allow for political groups to plan more easily.
- The Motion would prevent people from enrolling in courses and dropping out before the census date in order to help with the campaign. While this has not been a problem at UQ, it has been a problem in other Universities around Australia.

It was raised that this motion also helps to avoid a situation where a political party loses power early on in the semester, yet retains full control over the Union's finances for several months.

Student, Lewis Jones, raised that this date could be too late in the year. He suggested the polling date as the weeks prior to mid-semester break.

It was explained that exams are still conducted in the weeks prior to mid-semester break, which would be problematic for holding the elections at the same time.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised that there is a public holiday during the campaign week suggested by the motion. Political parties would have from Tuesday to campaign, rather than from Monday.

Student, Ashley Chandler, raised that losing one day in a campaign week is not very significant.

The chair ruled that council goes to a vote on the motion.

It was moved

THAT R114.1 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“114.1 POLLING FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD DURING THE SECOND WEEK AFTER THE MID-SEMESTER BREAK OF SEMESTER TWO, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE UNIVERSITY’S ACADEMIC CALENDAR.”

COUNCIL 103/158

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

Discussion on motions regarding the giving of notice of the election before the nominations process commences.

UQU Union Secretary spoke for the motions. She raised that the first amendment is not particularly substantial. It increases the responsibility of the Returning Officer to ensure that notice of the Annual Elections is published in the Union Newspaper at least five days before the opening of nominations.

Student, A. Chandler, questioned the use of the words “if possible” in regulation 96.1 d) (“if possible sending an email to all students that includes the notice”)

It was explained that the UQU does not have access to all student emails.

It was moved

THAT R96.2 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“96.2 IN THE CASE OF THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS, THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST ALSO GIVE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION IN AN EDITION OF THE UNION NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION DOES NOT MAKE THE ELECTION INVALID.”

COUNCIL 103/159

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R96.3 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“96.3 ON THE DAY NOTICE IS GIVEN FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS, THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST MAKE THE DETERMINATION REQUIRED BY C19.2(F).”

COUNCIL 103/160

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved En Bloc

THAT R96.1 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“96.1 FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS, NOTICE OF THE ELECTION SHALL BE GIVEN ON THE MONDAY SIX WEEKS BEFORE POLLING COMMENCES, WHICH SHALL BE DONE BY WAY OF:
A) PLACING A NOTICE ON THE UNION NOTICEBOARD; AND

B) PLACING A NOTICE BY WAY OF A FACEBOOK POST ON THE UQ UNION FACEBOOK PAGE OR ITS SUCCESSOR; AND
C) PLACING A NOTICE BY WAY OF A FACEBOOK POST ON THE UQ UNION NOTICEBOARD FACEBOOK PAGE OR ITS SUCCESSOR; AND
D) IF POSSIBLE SENDING AN E-MAIL TO ALL STUDENTS THAT INCLUDES THE NOTICE.”

COUNCIL 103/161 PATERSON/MCLEAN CARRIED

THAT R96.2-R96.4 BE RE-NUMBERED R96.3-R96.5

COUNCIL 103/162 PATERSON/MCLEAN CARRIED

THAT R96.2 BE INSERTED, AND READ:

“96.2 FOR BY-ELECTIONS, NOTICE OF THE ELECTION SHALL BE GIVEN ON THE DAY NOMINATIONS ARE OPENED, AND BE DONE BY WAY OF:
A) PLACING A NOTICE ON THE UNION NOTICEBOARD; AND
B) PLACING A NOTICE BY WAY OF A FACEBOOK POST ON THE UQ UNION FACEBOOK PAGE OR ITS SUCCESSOR; AND
C) PLACING A NOTICE BY WAY OF A FACEBOOK POST ON THE UQ UNION NOTICEBOARD FACEBOOK PAGE OR ITS SUCCESSOR”

COUNCIL 103/163 PATERSON/MCLEAN CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R95.1 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“95.1 FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS OPEN ON THE MONDAY FIVE WEEKS BEFORE POLLING COMMENCES FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS.”

COUNCIL 103/164 PATERSON/MCLEAN CARRIED

Discussion on a motion that would change R100.1 to increase the nominations period from one week to two.

The following items were raised

- The length of the nominations period.
- The safety of information given in the nominations forms.
- Whether regulations pertaining to the Returning Officer need to be looked at and considered.
- Whether there should be a space at UQ for the Returning Officer which is separate from the UQU building.

- It was suggested that the legislative consultative committee meet on these and other issues before the next meeting of Union Council.

Procedural motion to adjourn voting on the amendment relating to R100.1

CARRIED

Discussion of a motion regarding publication of reserved electoral group names in the lead up to the election.

Student, A. Chandler asked whether the process for changing names remains the same

It was explained that the process would remain the same.

Procedural motion to adjourn voting on the amendment

WITHDRAWN

It was moved

THAT R96.6 BE INSERTED, AND READ:

“96.6 FOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS, THE LIST OF ALL RESERVED ELECTORAL GROUP NAMES AS PER THE REGISTER REFERRED TO IN R106.12 MUST BE PUT ON THE NOTICE OF ELECTION STATING THAT THESE ELECTORAL GROUP NAMES HAVE BEEN RESERVED.”

COUNCIL 103/165

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

Discussion on motions which propose changes to the nomination form (Schedule 21).

Student, A. Chandler, raised whether it's possible to incorporate a “back-up seconder” to avoid situations where a nomination could be found invalid due to a technicality regarding the nomination's seconder.

The chair ruled that council move on to the next amendments while a motion regarding schedule 21 was drafted.

It was moved en bloc

That the period at the end of R98.3(b) be replaced with a semi-colon.

COUNCIL 103/166

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

That R98.3(c) be inserted, and read:

“c) from the UQ Union Noticeboard Facebook page or its successor.”

COUNCIL 103/167

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

The chair ruled that council resume discussion of motions which propose changes to the nomination form.

The use of the terms “nominators” and “seconders” was discussed.

Council agreed to change the language to nominators rather than have a distinction between the two.

The chair ruled that council move on to the next amendments while a motion regarding schedule 21 was drafted.

Discussion on allowable devices and methods of submission of policy statements to the Returning Officer.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised that perhaps a floppy disc should still be included.

Council agreed that floppy discs are out-dated.

It was moved

THAT R108.5 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“108.5 UNLESS WAIVED OR MODIFIED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER WHERE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST, POLICY STATEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER ELECTRONICALLY:

A) BY EMAIL; OR

B) ON A USB DRIVE.”

COUNCIL 103/168

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

The chair ruled that council resume discussion of motions which propose changes to the nomination form.

It was moved

THAT THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE 21 IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THREE NOMINATORS, WHICH IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT THE NOMINATION WILL STILL ONLY BE VALID IF THERE ARE TWO VALID NOMINATORS/SECONDRS ON THE FORM.

COUNCIL 103/169

MCLEAN/KEYS-MACPHERSON

WITHDRAWN

It was moved

THAT R98.2 (A) BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“A) ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE PERSONALLY SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE
AND AT LEAST TWO NOMINATORS”

THIS IS TO BE REFLECTED IN SCHEDULE 21, WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR THREE
NOMINATORS.

COUNCIL 103/170

CHANDLER/MCINNES

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT R98.1 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“98.1 NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN THE FORM OF SCHEDULE TWENTY-ONE.
ANY NOMINATION BY WAY OF SCHEDULE FIVE OR SCHEDULE TWENTY
SHALL BE INVALID.”

COUNCIL 103/171

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT R98.2(C) BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“C) BY SIGNING THE NOMINATION, THE CANDIDATE AGREES TO COMPLY
WITH THE CONDITIONS SET OUT IN SCHEDULE TWENTY-ONE.”

COUNCIL 103/172

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT SCHEDULE TWENTY BE DELETED FROM THE SCHEDULES.

COUNCIL 103/173

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT SCHEDULE TWENTY-ONE AS ATTACHED BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULES.

COUNCIL 103/174

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R108.6 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“108.6 POLICY STATEMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3:00PM ON THE MONDAY
AFTER CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS.”

COUNCIL 103/175

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

Discussion on a set of motions regarding the layout of the ballot paper and that would re-introduce Optional Preferential Voting.

UQU Secretary spoke for the motions. She explained that the motions:

- Allow for OPV (optional preferential voting)

- Remove inconsistencies between the regulations and the constitution in regards to voting procedure
- Split the ballot papers up (there would be separate ballots for the executive, council and union newspaper editors).
- Include more language options for the instructions on how to complete the ballot.
- Make modifications to the logistics of ballot papers

L. McLean spoke to his seconding rights. He emphasised that the amendments separate the elections to allow parties to run for Semper Floreat positions without having to run for the executive positions. Parties can also just run for council.

Discussion regarding the splitting of the ballot between the executive, council and Semper Floreat. Discussion also focussed more specifically on Semper Floreat in relation to the proposed regulatory amendments.

- It was explained that proposed schedules 22 and 23 account for above the line and below the line voting for Semper Floreat and Council.
- Student, Lewis Jones, suggested that separating the Executive, Council and Semper Floreat in the ballot could split the union too much.
- Councillors raised that splitting the power up in the union could foster democracy
- Student, Ashley Chandler, raised whether individuals can be elected as Semper Floreat editors or whether they must be part of a group.
- It was clarified that a candidate running for the Semper Floreat position is required to have at least one other person running with them.
- Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding the approval of the president before Semper Floreat is printed.
- It was clarified that the approval is only pending defamatory, offensive or discriminatory material. This regulation is in place because, at present, the President is personally liable for what is printed. The only way to remove this regulation at this stage would be to shift liability to the editor. Alternatively, the union could become incorporated.
- A proportionately elected group of editors was suggested by student, Kurt Tucker.
- It was argued that such a system would not function very well. The disagreement between proportionately elected editors would be prohibitive to meeting production deadlines. Best practice examples of other union magazines across the country does not involve proportionately elected editorial teams.

Discussion regarding “above the line” and “below the line” voting.

- Student, Ashley Chandler, raised that keeping “above the line” voting as an option on the ballots could mean that some voters may overlook independent candidates.
- Councillors argued that if “above the line voting” is not given to students as an option, many student may not vote at all.
- The UQU president added that Optional Preferential Voting provides students with more choice. They will no longer have to request a “below the line” ballot, both ballots will be on the same paper.

Student, Kurt Tucker, questioned why the proposed regulatory amendments seek to split the council and executive ticket.

The UQU President responded that they are separate chambers and they serve split purposes.

The proposed Schedule 22 was presented to council in order to explain how the ballot will appear.

Discussion regarding the languages offered for translated instructions on how to vote.

- Student, Ashley chandler, raised whether it is necessary to print instructions in all of the different languages listed, given that all students need to be able to speak, learn and study in English.
- Councillors and executives explained that it is the responsibility of the Union is to look after all student’s needs by ensuring that all voters understand what they’re doing when they vote. Some students might not understand election language. ICTE students will be able to vote this year and they don’t have the same language requirements as other students. Some students aren’t comfortable approaching campaigners with questions.
- Council agreed that costs aren’t prohibitive
- Dion Lee, student and representative of CISA (Council of International Students Australia) addressed council on the matter. He raised that best practice as shown by the Australian Electoral Commission is to offer a translation service. He added that a lot of international students are not familiar with what it is and what it means to vote. He also added that student elections and how they relate to international students could help foster democracy around the world.
- Student, Ashley chandler, raised a question on how the selected languages were chosen and whether it has been ensured that every major campus language has been represented.
- It was raised that UQ keeps track of the largest languages spoken. Perhaps the Union could request the information they have to ensure that every major language will be represented.

- CISA representative and student, Dion Lee, addressed council explaining that he works at the UQ International Office and would be able to help the union access such information.

It was moved

THAT THE PURPOSED ADMENMENT 61, 117.6 BE ADMENDED TO INCLUDE CHINESE (TRADITIONAL) AND KOREAN.

COUNCIL 103/176

LEE/CRAMP

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT SPANISH AND PORTUGESE ARE ADDED TO THE LIST OF LANGUAGES IN R117.6 (B) IN MOTION 61

COUNCIL 103/177

MCLEAN/KEYS-MACPHERSON

CARRIED

Student, Kurt Tucker, asked for clarification on the process of how council positions will be elected.

It was explained that 4 faculties will be represented by 3 councillors each, 1 faculty will be represented by 2 councillors and 1 faculty will be represented by 1 councillor, as per student population quotas.

It was moved

THAT THE PURPOSED ADMENDMENT 61, 117.6 (B) BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE “AND ANY LANGUAGE THE RETURNING OFFICER SEE FITS”

COUNCIL 103/178

LEE/RUFFIN

CARRIED

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised whether council needs more time in order to consider the amendments before voting on them.

Student, Ashley Chandler, commented that she agreed more notice should have been given, however, the amendments relate to fundamental changes that need to happen as soon as possible.

The time-sensitive nature of the amendments was re-iterated and it was explained that as much notice as was practicable was given.

Procedural motion for the vote on remaining amendments to be delayed.

NOT CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT R122.1 BE DELETED.

COUNCIL 103/179	PATERSON/MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT R122.2 BE DELETED.

COUNCIL 103/180	PATERSON/MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT R122.3 BE DELETED.

COUNCIL 103/181	PATERSON/MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT R122.4 AND R122.5 BE AMENDED REPLACING ALL INSTANCES OF
“CANDIDATE” WITH “CANDIDATE, OR ELECTORAL GROUP AS APPLICABLE,”

COUNCIL 103/182	PATERSON/MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT R122.4 AND R122.5 BE AMENDED REPLACING ALL INSTANCES OF
“CANDIDATES” WITH “CANDIDATES, OR ELECTORAL GROUPS AS APPLICABLE,”

COUNCIL 103/183	PATERSON/MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT R122.4-R122.5 BE RENUMBERED R122.1-R122.2.

COUNCIL 103/184	PATERSON/MCLEAN	CARRIED
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THAT R117 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“R117 FORM OF BALLOT PAPERS

117.1 THE ABOVE THE LINE EXECUTIVE BALLOT PAPER MUST:

A) TAKE THE FORM OF SCHEDULE NINETEEN AND MUST BE PRINTED ON
PAPER SIZE A3 (297MM X 420MM) UNLESS THERE ARE FIVE OR MORE
ELECTORAL GROUPS IN THAT ELECTION IN WHICH CASE IT MUST BE
PRODUCED ON PAPER SIZE A2 (420MM X 594MM). THE RETURNING OFFICER
SHALL NOT ALTER THE TEXT, FORMATTING OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE
SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOT PAPER, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- I) ENTERING THE ELECTORAL YEAR; AND
- II) ENTERING ELECTORAL GROUP NAMES AND CANDIDATE’S NAMES
WHERE INDICATED ON THE SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOT PAPER; AND
- III) CHANGING THE PAGE FROM PORTRAIT TO LANDSCAPE IF SCHEDULE
NINETEEN MUST BE PRINTED ON A2.

B) NOTWITHSTANDING R117.1(A), THE RETURNING OFFICER SHALL PLACE
ALL ELECTORAL GROUPS ON ONE SINGLE BALLOT PAPER, IN THE FORM OF
SCHEDULE NINETEEN AND DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF ELECTORAL
GROUPS AT THAT ELECTION, MUST ENSURE THAT ALL COLUMNS ARE OF
EQUIDISTANT WIDTH, HEIGHT AND SPACING. THE TEXT WITHIN THE
COLUMNS MUST BE OF CONSISTENT SIZE, FONT AND SPACING.

117.2 THE BELOW THE LINE BALLOT PAPER(S) MUST:

A) CONTAIN THE NAMES OF ALL CANDIDATES AT THAT ELECTION AS SET OUT ON THEIR NOMINATION FORMS, IN THE ORDER DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH R103; AND

B) ON BALLOTS FOR OFFICER POSITIONS THAT ARE NOT MULTI-MEMBER OFFICES, NEXT TO THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE LIST THE NAME OF THE ELECTORAL GROUP OF WHICH THE CANDIDATE IS A MEMBER OR IF THE CANDIDATE IS NOT A MEMBER OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP THE WORD “INDEPENDENT”; OR

C) ON BALLOTS FOR MULTI-MEMBER OFFICES, LIST THE NAME OF THE ELECTORAL GROUP ABOVE THE NAME OR NAMES OF CANDIDATES REPRESENTING THE SAME ELECTORAL GROUP OR THE WORDS “UNGROUPE-INDENENT” ABOVE THE NAME OR NAMES OF CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT A MEMBER OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP;

D) BE IN A FORM ENABLING:

I) THE INCLUSION OF INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FORMALLY COMPLETE THE BALLOT PAPER;

II) THE VOTER TO INDICATE THE VOTER’S PREFERENCE FOR THE CANDIDATES; AND

III) THE VOTES TO BE COUNTED UNDER THE RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THIS REGULATION

117.3 THE COUNCIL BALLOT PAPER MUST:

A) TAKE THE FORM OF SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO AND MUST BE PRINTED ON PAPER SIZE A4 (210MM X 297MM) UNLESS THERE ARE SEVEN OR MORE ELECTORAL GROUPS IN THAT ELECTION IN WHICH CASE IT MUST BE PRODUCED ON PAPER SIZE A3 (297MM X 420MM). THE RETURNING OFFICER SHALL NOT ALTER THE TEXT, FORMATTING OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO BALLOT PAPER, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

I) ENTERING THE ELECTORAL YEAR; AND

II) ENTERING ELECTORAL GROUP NAMES AND CANDIDATE’S NAMES WHERE INDICATED ON THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO BALLOT PAPER; AND

III) ENTERING THE FACULTY NAME AND THE NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS TO BE ELECTED.

B) NOTWITHSTANDING R117.3(A), THE RETURNING OFFICER SHALL PLACE ALL ELECTORAL GROUPS ON ONE SINGLE BALLOT PAPER, IN THE FORM OF SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO AND DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF ELECTORAL GROUPS AT THAT ELECTION, MUST ENSURE THAT ALL COLUMNS ARE OF EQUIDISTANT WIDTH, HEIGHT AND SPACING. THE TEXT WITHIN THE COLUMNS MUST BE OF CONSISTENT SIZE, FONT AND SPACING.

117.4 THE UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR (SEMPER FLOREAT)

BALLOT PAPER MUST:

A) TAKE THE FORM OF SCHEDULE TWENTY-THREE AND MUST BE PRINTED ON PAPER SIZE A4 (210MM X 297MM. THE RETURNING OFFICER SHALL NOT ALTER THE TEXT, FORMATTING OR ANY OTHER ASPECT OF THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-THREE BALLOT PAPER, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

- I) ENTERING THE ELECTORAL YEAR; AND
- II) ENTERING ELECTORAL GROUP NAMES AND CANDIDATE'S NAMES WHERE INDICATED ON THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-THREE BALLOT PAPER.

117.5 ALL VOTERS SHALL RECEIVE:

- A) AN ABOVE THE LINE EXECUTIVE BALLOT PAPER IN THE FORM OF SCHEDULE NINETEEN, UNLESS THE VOTER REQUESTS BELOW THE LINE BALLOT PAPER(S) FROM THE POLL CLERK, OR IF THE VOTER COMPLETES THE SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOT PAPER AND SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTS BELOW THE LINE BALLOT PAPER(S), THEREBY ELECTING TO HAVE THEIR ABOVE THE LINE EXECUTIVE BALLOT PAPER DISREGARDED; AND
- B) COUNCIL BALLOT PAPER(S) IN THE FORM OF SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO FOR THE FACULTY/FACULTIES THEY ARE ENROLLED IN; AND
- C) UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR (SEMPER FLOREAT) BALLOT PAPER(S) IN THE FORM OF SCHEDULE TWENTY-THREE; AND
- D) ANY OTHER BALLOT PAPERS FOR OTHER POSITIONS BEING ELECTED NOT COVERED BY SCHEDULE NINETEEN OR SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO OR SCHEDULE TWENTY-THREE.

117.6 ALL BALLOT PAPERS MUST:

- A) BE IN A FORM AND ACCOMPANIED BY DOCUMENTS THE RETURNING OFFICER DECIDES ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT VOTES CAST ARE CAST BY ONLY THOSE ENTITLED TO VOTE AND THE BALLOT REMAINS SECRET.
- B) THE RETURNING OFFICER SHALL PREPARE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FORMALLY COMPLETE THE BALLOT PAPER IN THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES: MODERN STANDARD ARABIC, BENGALI, CHINESE (SIMPLIFIED CHARACTERS), CHINESE (TRADITIONAL), KOREAN, FARSI, HINDI, THAI, VIETNAMESE, JAPANESE, FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, MALAY AND ANY LANGUAGE THE RETURNING OFFICER SEES FIT. THE POLL CLERKS SHALL MAKE COPIES OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

117.7 A BALLOT PAPER MAY CONTAIN ON IT THE BALLOT PAPER FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION, SO LONG AS IT CLEARLY DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS.

117.8 BALLOT PAPERS MUST BE CONSECUTIVELY NUMBERED.”

COUNCIL 103/185

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT SCHEDULE NINETEEN BE REPLACED WITH SCHEDULE NINETEEN AS ATTACHED.

COUNCIL 103/186

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO AS ATTACHED BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULES.

COUNCIL 103/187

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT SCHEDULE TWENTY-THREE AS ATTACHED BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULES.

COUNCIL 103/188

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT R123 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“R123 ABOVE THE LINE VOTING – SCHEDULE NINETEEN

123.1 R123 APPLIES TO SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOTS ONLY.

123.2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALL BALLOTS OTHER THAN BALLOTS FOR COUNCILLORS, ABOVE THE LINE VOTING ALLOWS FOR A STUDENT TO VOTE FOR ALL OF THE CANDIDATES IN AN ELECTORAL GROUP FOR UNION POSITIONS OTHER THAN COUNCILLORS AND UNION NEWSPAPER EDITORS, IN THE ORDER SPECIFIED BY THAT ELECTORAL GROUP.

123.3 WHERE A STUDENT VOTES ABOVE THE LINE BY WAY OF SCHEDULE NINETEEN, THE POLL CLERK WILL MARK UPON THE VOTING ENTITLEMENT GRID, WITH AN AUTHORISED RETURNING OFFICER STAMP, ANY ADDITIONAL VOTING ENTITLEMENTS (POSITIONS LISTED IN C28.5-C28.13 INCLUSIVE) THAT THE VOTER MAY CARRY, AS SPECIFIED BY THE VOTER’S ENROLMENT RECORDS. THE PREFERENCE THAT THE VOTER INDICATES BELOW AN ELECTORAL GROUP’S NAME WILL CARRY THROUGH TO THE APPLICABLE POSITIONS IN ORDER OF THE PREFERENCE SPECIFIED BY THE ELECTORAL GROUP, AND THEN TO THE PREFERENCES SPECIFIED BY THE VOTER’S SECOND ELECTORAL GROUP (IF APPLICABLE), AND SO ON.

123.4

A) THE ORDER OF CANDIDATES SPECIFIED BY THE ELECTORAL GROUP TO APPLY TO ABOVE THE LINE VOTES FOR THAT ELECTORAL GROUP SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER AS PER R103.2.

B) COPIES OF THE ORDER OF CANDIDATES SPECIFIED BY EACH ELECTORAL GROUP TO APPLY TO ABOVE THE LINE VOTING SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS BY POLL CLERKS. THE ORDER IN WHICH CANDIDATES APPEAR UPON THE SCHEDULE NINETEEN BALLOT PAPER SHALL BE INDICATIVE OF THE ORDER OF CANDIDATES SPECIFIED BY THAT ELECTORAL GROUP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH R123.4(A).”

COUNCIL 103/189

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT R123A BE INSERTED, AND READ:

“R123A ABOVE THE LINE VOTING – SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO

123A.1 R123A APPLIES TO SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO BALLOTS ONLY.

123A.2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF COUNCIL BALLOTS, ABOVE THE LINE VOTING ALLOWS FOR A STUDENT TO VOTE FOR ALL OF THE CANDIDATES IN AN ELECTORAL GROUP FOR COUNCILLORS IN THE ORDER SPECIFIED BY THAT ELECTORAL GROUP.

123A.3 FOR THE PURPOSES OF COUNCIL BALLOTS, BELOW THE LINE VOTING ALLOWS FOR A STUDENT TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES IN ANY ORDER THEY WISH, REGARDLESS OF AN ELECTORAL GROUP’S PREFERENCE ORDER.

123A.4 IF A VOTER PLACES MARKINGS IN BOXES ABOVE THE LINE AND BELOW THE LINE, THEN THEIR BELOW THE LINE SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE.
A) IF THE BELOW THE LINE VOTE IS INFORMAL AND THE ABOVE THE LINE VOTE IS FORMAL, THE VOTE SHALL BE CONSIDERED FORMAL AND THE ABOVE THE LINE VOTE SHALL BE RECORDED.

123A.5 WHERE A STUDENT VOTES ABOVE THE LINE ON SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO, THE PREFERENCE THAT THE VOTER INDICATES TO THE LEFT OF ELECTORAL GROUP’S NAME WILL CARRY THROUGH TO THE APPLICABLE POSITIONS IN ORDER OF THE PREFERENCE SPECIFIED BY THE ELECTORAL GROUP, AND THEN TO THE PREFERENCES SPECIFIED BY THE VOTER’S SECOND ELECTORAL GROUP (IF APPLICABLE), AND SO ON.

123A.6

A) THE ORDER OF CANDIDATES SPECIFIED BY THE ELECTORAL GROUP TO APPLY TO ABOVE THE LINE VOTES FOR THAT ELECTORAL GROUP SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER AS PER R103.2.

B) COPIES OF THE ORDER OF CANDIDATES SPECIFIED BY EACH ELECTORAL GROUP TO APPLY TO ABOVE THE LINE VOTING SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS BY POLL CLERKS. THE ORDER IN WHICH CANDIDATES APPEAR BELOW THE LINE UPON THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-TWO BALLOT PAPER SHALL BE INDICATIVE OF THE ORDER OF CANDIDATES SPECIFIED BY THAT ELECTORAL GROUP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH R123A.6(A).”

COUNCIL 103/190

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

Procedural motion to reconsider a motion that extends the nominations period from one week to two.

CARRIED

Council agreed that the legislative Consultative Committee should convene to further discuss regulations regarding the returning officer before next council meeting

It was moved

THAT R100.1 BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH:

“100.1 FOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE RETURNING OFFICER BY 3:00PM ON THE SECOND FRIDAY AFTER THE OPENING OF NOMINATIONS.”

103/191

PATERSON/MCLEAN

CARRIED

ii. Other Motions on Notice

Affiliation to CISA

Dion Lee, student and representative from CISA (Council of International Students Australia), addressed council. He gave a short presentation and explained what CISA is, what it does and why he hopes the University of Queensland Union will officially affiliate itself with CISA

The following documents were made available to council in regards to CISA affiliation

- Council of International Students Australia (CISA) Constitution
- CISA Application for Membership
- Council of International Students Australia (CISA) printed presentation
- CISA O-week Flyer

Student, Ashley Chandler, raised a question on how much affiliation with CISA will cost.

Dion Lee explained that the cost is \$300 for the first initial annual membership and \$250 for subsequent years.

Lucas Medcraft spoke to his seconding rights in favour of affiliation.

UQU President spoke in support of the motion

It was moved

THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND UNION BECOME AN AFFILIATE OF THE COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AUSTRALIA (CISA)

COUNCIL 103/192

D. LEE/MEDCRAFT

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE SECRETARY IS DIRECTED TO CALL A MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO DISCUSS CHANGES TO REGULATIONS REGARDING THE RETURNING OFFICER.

COUNCIL 103/193

MCLEAN/CHANDLER

CARRIED

k) Notice of Business to be Proposed

Findings of the Legislative Consultative Committee to be presented to council.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:10PM

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