

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 7th Ordinary Meeting of the 2014
UQ Union Council

6:00PM

Friday 28/08/2014

Holt Room

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

Chair: Belinda McEniery

The meeting was declared open at 6:22pm

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- McInnes, Ashleigh
- Keenan, Joshua
- Morris, Brendan
- McLean, Laurence
- Gipps, Fiona
- Keys-Macpherson, Padraig
- Manfield, Isabel
- Carrol, James
- Millroy, Joshua
- Paterson, Rachel
- Johnston, Nathan
- Morris, Natalie
- Kakoniktis, Stephen
- Cramp, Kathryn
- Scheel, Lotte
- Howden, Laura
- Farago, Mark
- Hutton, Julia
- Andrews, Joshua
- Johnston, Elinor
- Bowman, Patrick
- Chandler-Mather, Max
- McEniery, Belinda

The Following Members were absent:

- Anderson, India
- Maxwell, Danika
- Bowman, Emma
- Ngoo, Alexander
- Perey, Alexander
- Landgraf, Megan
- Dalton, Alexander
- Rossignol, Tim
- Lee, Richard
- Ruffin, Arturo
- Rodgers, Jacqueline
- Coleborn, Jamie
- Keyte, Melanie
- Theunissen, Caleb
- O'Hare, Timothy
- Budur, Christina
- Morgan, Georgina
- Acutt, Amanda
- Moses, Ivan
- Nehring, Anneke
- Rankin, Emily
- De Haan, Damien
- Hopkins, Mike
- Ivans, Blair
- Falzon, Mathhias
- Compton, Matty
- Paw, Ekta
- Jensen, Kyle

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

- Landgraf, Megan

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Anderson, India
- Landgraf, Megan
- Maxwell, Danika
- Bowman, Emma
- Dalton, Alexander
- Ngoo, Alexander
- Perey, Alexander
- De Haan, Damien
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The following applications for leave for the previous meeting were received:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

- Anderson, India to McLean, Laurence
- Perey, Alexander to McInnes, Ashleigh
- Maxwell, Danika to O'Reagan, Liam
- Bowman, Emma to Starr, Gabrielle
- Landgraf, Megan to Maggacis, Daniel

The following others were present:

- Bicknell, Lauren
- Kretowicz, Michael
- Davies, Tom
- MacMahon, Amy
- McGora, Kane
- Medcraft, Lucas
- Ngo, Ben
- Poole, Georgia
- Thomas, Rhys
- Tucker, Kurt
- Robertson, Thomas
- O'Brien, Edward
- Pirrone, Tom
- Batchelor, Kirilyn
- Smith, Dominic
- McPhee, Rohan
- Starr, Gabrielle
- Burgin, Marina
- Krynicki, Cameron
- Copley, Madeleine
- Jones, Lewis
- Maggacis, Daniel
- Slater, John
- Peut, Jared
- Ruane, Conor
- Andrews, Mitch

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 103/194

MILLROY/JOHNSTON

CARRIED

b) Elections

No nominations were received for the position of Ipswich Officer. The position will remain as a casual vacancy. No report from the Returning Officer was tendered.

It was raised that the Returning Officer's contract has expired and that the Union won't be able to appoint a new Returning Officer in time to announce the opening of nominations for the upcoming annual election.

The chair ruled council would consider the matter later in the meeting during General Business.

c) Appeals From Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil.

d) Reports of Elected Officers

The UQU President's report was starred for discussion

It was moved

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/195 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/196 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/197 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/198 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 103/199 MILLROY/MANFIELD CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Student, Tom Robertson raised a question regarding the wage of elected officers in the Union and whether it should be indexed up with inflation.

The UQU President responded that he would be uncomfortable with increasing his own wage. He explained that although the elected officers are paid an honorarium, he supports the idea of increasing the payment to elected officers to meet minimum wage standards

and suggested that perhaps this could be looked at for the next group of elected officers who will take over the administration portfolio for 2015.

It was suggested that the issue be raised during the elections to ensure that the student body understands the situation and council can make appropriate changes to the wages of elected officers and know that they have the full support of the student body.

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/200

JOHNSTON/MANFIELD

CARRIED

f) Question Time

Student, Rhys Thomas, President of the UQ Medical Society raised a question on the consultation and handover processes regarding the closure of the Herston Medical Bookshop.

Council agreed to discuss this matter in camera.

Procedural motion to allow Kurt Tucker, Rhys Parry and Lauren Bicknell to stay at the meeting if it moves in camera.

CARRIED

Procedural motion to pause question time and move in camera.

CARRIED

Meeting moved in camera at 6:35pm

Meeting moved ex camera at 6:44pm

Student, Rhys Thomas, raised a question regarding room hire for the UQ Medical Society. He explained that the UQ Medical Society de-affiliated from the Union several years ago and has been getting free room hire at university facilities. The society has recently received correspondence from the University explaining that rooms are no longer free as they are not affiliated with the Union, as per a recent correspondence between the Union and the University.

UQU President responded that he wasn't aware of the referenced correspondence. He suggested that the decision could be due to insurance reasons or the lack of a code of conduct guarantee from the Union (both of which are covered for affiliated clubs.)

Rhys Thomas clarified that his question is regarding University facilities, rather than Union facilities.

UQU President explained that the Union does not have power over those facilities.

UQU Treasurer raised that the Union has not been contacted with the context of room hire for the UQ Medical Society but perhaps the University asked if the society was affiliated and that triggered their decision.

The UQU president raised that he believed all clubs could hire rooms but that perhaps the policy is only in regards to affiliated clubs.

Vice-President (Gender and Sexuality), Kathryn Cramp, noted that the Women's and the Queer Collective had the same problem and were required to appeal directly to the university.

UQU President explained that he would happily write a letter of recommendation to the University and will be able to advocate on the UQ Medical Society's behalf.

Student, Rhys Thomas, raised a question regarding the uncertainty amongst students at the Ipswich campus regarding first year medicine in 2015 and rumours regarding the removal of the Ipswich Officer position in Council for 2015.

UQU treasurer responded that there will be an Ipswich Officer in 2015.

UQU President responded that as of the latest update to the Union from the University, he understood there will be an intake of first year medical students to the Ipswich Campus.

UQU Secretary explained that as external campuses change from time to time, explicit references to campus based officers will probably be removed from the constitution and replaced with a clause that requires an officer for every external campus. Those positions will be referenced more explicitly in the regulations.

Question directed to the UQU President regarding the opening date for the Dumpling Haus.

UQU President responded that the Dumpling Haus will be formally opened on Monday but will possibly be informally open tomorrow (Friday 29th August).

Student, Jared Peut, directed a question regarding where the Dumpling Haus will be located.

UQU President responded that the Dumpling Haus will be in the area currently being renovated.

Student, Thomas Robertson, directed a question regarding the minutes for the 2nd Extraordinary Administrative Committee meeting scheduled for 20th August. He raised that an email had been circulated to the members of the committee explaining that the secretary had received several apologies for the meeting and that it wasn't going to be quorate. He

noted that the minutes did not represent any apologies given. He went on to ask whether the meeting was cancelled because the review budget was not ready.

UQU Secretary explained that the minutes were wrong and that they will need to be fixed next time the administrative committee meets.

UQU President and Secretary added that the Review budget was passed by the executive committee on the same day.

Student, Thomas Robertson, cited a comment made by the UQU Secretary at the legislative consultative committee on August 21st where she described Nathan being locked away in his office preparing a budget.

UQU Treasurer explained that the budget was ready on time and that the UQU secretary could have been speaking in general terms.

Question regarding the completion date of the arcade construction.

Mark Farago explained that the arcade should be finished as of the 25th of September.

Student, Thomas Robertson, directed a question to the UQU Secretary on whether she can provide council with the apologies for the 2nd extraordinary administrative committee meeting.

UQU Secretary responded that she would.

Procedural motion to end question time

CARRIED

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH ORDINARY MEETING BE CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 103/201

MILLROY/MANFIELD

CARRIED

Corrections to the 2nd minutes were suggested by various students and members of council.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

TOM ROBINSON → TOM ROBERTSON

ELINOR JOHNSTON → ELLINOR JOHNSTON

AND ALL OTHER SPELLING CORRECTIONS.

COUNCIL 103/202

MCLEAN/PATERSON

CARRIED

h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil.

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

The reports from the Clubs and Societies Committee, the Administrative Committee and the Environment Collective were starred for discussion.

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/203

MANFIELD/ MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT THE STUDENT RIGHTS ACTION GROUP REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/204

MANFIELD/ MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 103/205

MANFIELD/ MCLEAN

CARRIED

Student, Kurt Tucker, noted the absence of a report from the environment collective despite sustainability week having just passed.

The environment officer explained that she covered sustainability week in her report.

UQU Secretary commented that perhaps she missed the email which is why there was no environment officer report in the agenda.

It was agreed that the environment officer would present her report verbally.

The chair ruled that council move to the next point of discussion while the environment officer prepares.

Student, Jared Peut, referenced a motion in the administrative committee report which appoint McCullough Robertson as the Union's lawyers to oversee incorporation. He asked for clarification over whether that firm is now the Union's solicitors in general or whether they are only tasked for the project of incorporation.

UQU President responded that McCullough Robertson have been appointed specifically for the task of incorporation.

Student, Jared Peut, directed a question to the UQU President regarding whether the Union has appointed solicitors for the union for 2014 in a general sense.

UQU President responded that the Union has discretionary powers to appoint solicitors for certain matters for a fee of up to \$15,000. For matters that will cost more than \$15,000, those costs need to be authorised through the administrative committee.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding whether there was a budget for the appointment of McCullough Robertson.

A Councillor suggested the figure was \$10,000.

The UQU Treasurer corrected the councillor and estimated that the figure was around \$28,000 to \$29,000 to appoint McCullough Robertson.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question on what matter cost the union \$10,000 in legal fees.

It was agreed that the matter could not be discussed unless the meeting moved in camera.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question over whether there are any other legal matters that the Union incurred costs for and what those costs were.

UQU President responded that there may be one other matter but he doesn't have those figures with him in the meeting.

It was agreed that the UQU President would be able to respond to the question in three days.

Student, Jared Peut, requested the total legal budget along with the total spend.

The UQU Treasurer responded that he would see what he could find to satisfy the request.

It was moved

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 103/206 MANFIELD/ MCLEAN CARRIED

The Environment Collective's report was presented verbally.

- It was suggested that the notice period for elections be moved to Tuesday, in order to allow council to reconvene on the night of Monday 1st September and debate the electoral regulatory amendments.

The Chair ruled that council would discuss the next item on the agenda while a set of motions would be drafted in response to the discussion regarding the notice period for the regulatory amendments.

ii. 2014 Review Budget

It was agreed that council would go through the Review Budget section by section and areas could be starred for discussion or flagged for questions as the presentation of the report progressed.

The 2014 review budget was presented by the Treasurer.

Student, Tom Robertson, raised a question regarding the shortfall on the budgeted net profit for the Bakery.

UQU Treasurer explained that the shortfall was due to the Bakery's proximity to construction.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding Darwin's net profit reaching a higher than expected figure.

UQU Treasurer explained that Darwin's performed better than expected primarily due to very good management, a good range of options and its appeal to high income earners on the campus.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding the closure date of the Herston Refectory.

Mark Farago clarified the closure date will be the 12th of September.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding whether there will be something at the campus to replace the refectory.

UQU Treasurer explained that there will be a new café. The Union put in a tender to run the café but did not win the contract.

A councillor raised that, as the refectory will be shutting down and the Herston Medical Bookshop will be closing, the UQU input to the Herston campus is now low.

UQU Treasurer emphasised that the Union did not want to shut down the refectory.

Question raised regarding the refectory at the Ipswich Campus and whether UQ is leasing that space.

UQU Treasurer explained that the building is leased. The Union was hoping to be able to run the refectory for longer but that lease will expire on December 31st and USQ will take over the refectory operations.

Question regarding the shortfall on the budgeted net profit for Main Course.

UQU Treasurer explained that the shortfall was due to Main Course's renovations. Their space and capacity is reduced and this has affected efficiency as well.

Question regarding the shortfall on the budgeted net profit for Physiol.

UQU Treasurer responded that the budget was, perhaps, too hopeful. He noted that although they did not reach the budgeted net profit, Physiol's performance is better when compared to the same period last year.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding the financial results for the Schonell theatre.

UQU President responded that the Union is considering moving the Schonell theatre into the Student Services portfolio as it often functions as a student service rather than a commercial outlet.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding why the Schonell theatre lost more than the Union budgeted for.

UQU Treasurer explained that the Schonell Theatre did not receive the amount of bookings it expected to receive.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding how many people are employed at the Schonell theatre.

UQU Treasurer responded that there are two permanent staff members as well as casuals to work behind the candy bar.

UQU Treasurer added that transferring the Schonell theatre would not mean shutting it down, it would just mean that the theatre would be viewed as a service rather than a business.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding whether the budget for advertising for the Schonell theatre is necessary.

UQU President responded that the Schonell Theatre still earns revenue as a result of advertising.

UQU Treasurer added that due to restrictions from the University over that building, the Union is limited in terms of opportunities to make money from the theatre.

Student, Tom Robertson, raised a question regarding what falls under “total other income” in the Schonell Theatre financial results.

UQU Treasurer responded that “total other income” for the Schonell Theatre is primarily from bookings.

Student, Kurt Tucker, suggested movie screenings during business hours.

UQU Treasurer explained that in the past it hasn't worked. He also explained the difficulty in such activities during business hours due to the leasing agreement the Union has with the University.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding the net profit of Pizza Caffe.

UQU treasurer explained that gross profit has been more stable in the past few months. He added that a significant amount of work has gone into getting the Pizza Caffe performing more strongly and that this performance should improve over the next few months.

Mark Farago explained that a change in personnel added financial pressure.

A Councillor added that the financial performance would have been affected by the closure of the Pizza Caffe for one week due to a problem with the oven.

Question raised regarding the excellent performance of the 2nd hand bookshop and why the Union shut down the Herston Medical Bookshop.

UQU Treasurer explained that the main source of income for the 2nd Hand Bookshop are things like stationary and other items.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding the net profit of the lolly shop and why the profit was lower than expected.

Mark Farago explained that discretionary spending trends this year have seen food sales increase while lolly and alcohol sales have decreased.

Question from students, Kurt Tucker and Rhys Thomas, regarding the closure of the Herston medical Bookshop despite a higher than expected net profit.

UQU Treasurer responded that the new bookshop facility would require a store re-fit and approximately \$500,000 worth of new books. After considering options carefully, the Union agreed that it could not afford to run the Herston Medical Bookshop.

UQU President added that many courses are trying to go “textbook-less” and the future of book sales is uncertain.

Question raised regarding the positive variance for the net profit in the Business Trading Overheads.

UQU Treasurer clarified that there was a mistake in the original budget where maintenance wages were allocated incorrectly. The Maintenance wage was meant to be allocated between Business Trading Overheads and the Student Services arm and this mistake explains unusual variances in both sets of the financial results.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding why there was an under-spend on advertising as well as events and projects.

UQU Treasurer explained that there was a staff turnover in the advocacy area. Original SHOC staff may have indicated that they wanted to run certain events or projects, which would have been accounted for in the budget. When the new staff members came in they may have chosen to focus on other areas.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding whether the Union intends to spend another \$200,000 on student advocacy by the end of the year.

UQU Treasurer responded that the union does intend to spend that much.

UQU President noted that the Union employs a lot of staff under that portfolio.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding whether the Gender and Sexuality portfolio is likely to use the rest of their budget by the end of the year.

UQU Treasurer responded that part of the budget will be used for a women’s ball or a similar function during white ribbon week in October.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding why the Gender and Sexuality budget has been cut.

UQU Treasurer explained that the Union has received correspondence from the AEC stating that they will not be able to handle the UQU election. Under the AEC,

incentivised voting is not allowed and so the original budget did not account for the \$5 union outlet vouchers offered to students when they vote. The Union now needs to allocate more funding to the elections portfolio in order to account for the cost of the vouchers. The Treasurer felt that the fairest way to handle this was by cutting a small amount of funding from most budgets and re-allocating it to the election budget.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding the predicted net profit of the Union if all changes recommended in the Review Budget are adopted.

UQU Treasurer responded that the current forecasted net profit, if all changes to the budget are adopted, will be \$153,967.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that if the council does not make the cut to the Gender and Sexuality Portfolio, the Union will not significantly suffer.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding why the Student Rights portfolio have overspent on their budget.

UQU Treasurer would need to take the question on notice but it's possibly associated with the free breakfast.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question over why the free breakfast require funding. He explained that he thought the breakfast was funded by donations.

UQU Treasurer explained that some of the food is donated and some of the food has to be purchased.

Student, Jared Peut, requested that the breakdown of the Student Rights events and projects budget be made available at the next Union Council meeting.

Student, Kurt Tucker, requested that the amount of donations received for the free breakfast be made available at the next Union Council meeting.

Student, Tom Robertson, requested the breakdown of the Gender and Sexuality events and projects budget be made available at the next Union Council meeting.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding why the Campus Culture Budget has over spent on the budget and whether this is due to the Toga Party.

UQU Treasurer responded that the negative variance was primarily due to the shortfall in ticket sales for the Toga Party.

Question from Student, Jared Peut, regarding the amount of money spent on Administrative Expenses and Labour costs and what those expenses were.

The UQU Treasurer responded that he would need to take the question on notice.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised a question regarding why the College Area has spent significantly less than their YTD budget.

UQU Treasurer responded that the College Area is likely to claim their grants towards the end of the year when they have their balls. He added that some colleges, even if they have already had their ball, may retrospectively claim their grant towards the end of the year as a reimbursement.

Student Kurt tucker raised a question regarding whether NAUCC Scholarships had been paid.

UQU Treasurer responded that he would need to take the question on notice.

Question from a councillor regarding whether the claim from the ICC has been paid.

UQU treasurer responded that the claim was being processed and that the Union is waiting for the ICC to provide them with invoices.

Question from Student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether colleges can claim on a grant after an event.

UQU Treasurer responded that they can but they need to provide documentary evidence on what was spent and why.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding the College Area budget and why it hasn't been cut to help fund the election.

UQU Treasurer responded that he didn't think Council would pass a cut to that area but that could be amended if council would like to.

Student, Kurt Tucker, directed a question to UQU Treasurer regarding the Environment portfolio's advertising budget and whether they could have used it to make more money.

UQU Treasurer responded that he does not believe they would have made more money. He added that the environment portfolio possibly doesn't need an advertising budget and he will pass that advice onto the Treasurer for next year.

Question from student, Rohan McPhee, regarding how the environment collective earned any income.

UQU Treasurer responded that they earned income through two movie nights.

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding why the executive budget is increasing by 2.44%.

UQU Treasurer explained that this the budget was assessed and it was agreed that it could not meet the original target.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why the wages did not meet the expenditure target.

UQU Treasurer explained this was due to wages for administration staff.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding the administrative expenses and other operating costs of the executive.

UQU Treasurer explained that he would need to look into those costs and star them for discussion at the next meeting.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the advertising budget for the executive.

UQU Treasurer explained that this mostly covers printing.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding costs of the elections.

UQU Treasurer explained that the budget had to be adjusted for the use of vouchers.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the students will receive an additional voucher for voting in the referendum and whether the vouchers will be indexed up with CPI.

UQU Treasurer responded that students won't receive an additional voucher for voting at the referendum and the voucher won't be indexed up with CPI.

Discussion regarding the vouchers

- It was raised that regulations require the vouchers to be indexed up with CPI
- It was raised that there are no records to indicate when that regulation was written and what years need to be taken into account to adjust for CPI
- It was raised that the regulation could be changed so that CPI does not need to be accounted for.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding what major events are ahead for the Goorie Berrimpa budget.

Goorie Berrimpa Officer responded that the next big expenditure will be sending a group of 15 students to the Indigenous Uni games in Perth. He explained that although this is something the Goorie Berrimpa portfolio does every year, it will cost more this year as sponsorship has been harder to get.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why the NAIDOC dinner event did not go ahead.

Goorie Berrimpa Officer explained that this year, the Goorie Berrimpa officers did not have extensive experience in planning events. They cancelled the dinner because it wasn't shaping up to be a good enough event. They did not want to throw an event that reflected badly on the Union and so they have decided to put their efforts towards a better event at the end of the year or at the start of next year.

Question Regarding why the International portfolio spent less than they were allocated.

UQU Treasurer responded that the variance wasn't very large.

The Goorie Berrimpa officer raised that it can be hard to spend an entire budget when the position is voluntary, as a significant amount of work goes towards projects and events to use the money.

UQU President raised that the International Portfolio also has some large events coming up towards the end of the year.

Discussion on the possibility of paying elected officers. Council agreed to defer this debate to a more appropriate time.

Question regarding why the Postgraduate portfolio has underspent on their allocated budget.

UQU Treasurer responded that the postgraduate portfolio has large events towards the end of the year.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why Semper Floreat had a predicted income of \$9,000, while actual income reached \$300.

UQU Treasurer responded that it was hoped Semper Floreat would be able to earn more revenue from advertising and sponsorship. He added that unfortunately the reputation of Semper Floreat, due to erratic publishing dates in previous years, will need to be rebuilt.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the Editor of Semper Floreat is interested enough in earning revenue in order to subsidise the Semper Floreat budget.

UQU Treasurer responded that the main issue is that the reputation of the magazine from previous years has made local businesses hesitant to advertise in Semper Floreat.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding how many issues of Semper Floreat were planned for, compared to how many have been released.

It was agreed amongst council members and non-members that the June issue was not published but every other issue was.

Question regarding whether there are still plans to release an election issue of Semper Floreat.

UQU Treasurer responded that they still plan to release an election issue of Semper Floreat.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether there will still be a Semper Floreat party.

UQU Treasurer responded that there will not be a party.

Question from student, John Slater, regarding who can contribute to Semper Floreat.

UQU President responded that as far as he understood, students and alumni are able to write for Semper Floreat.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding how much funding went to the graphic design of the front cover.

UQU treasurer responded that he would need to take the question on notice.

Request from student, Kurt Tucker, to receive an itemised budget for Administrative services in student services overheads.

UQU Treasurer agreed to the request.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding whether the Returning Officer has declared a newly elected Ipswich Officer.

UQU Treasurer responded that he hasn't. There were no nominations received for the position.

Discussion regarding what happens to the position and whether a Returning Officer can announce the opening of the position again.

It was explained that this was spoken about earlier in the meeting and will be discussed later on as well.

Procedural motion to allow Lauren Bicknell to stay in the meeting while it moves in camera

CARRIED

Procedural motion to allow Rhys Thomas to stay in the meeting while it moves in camera

CARRIED

Procedural motion for the meeting to move in Camera

CARRIED

Meeting moved in camera at 8:36pm

Meeting moved ex camera at 8:42pm

UQU Secretary left the meeting while it was in camera due to a conflicting engagement

It was moved

TO THE DEFER THE VOTE ON WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE REVIEW BUDGET ON MONDAY AT THE NEXT MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL.

COUNCIL 103/209

PEUT/MORRIS

CARRIED

Discussion regarding whether the Union Council has the power to extend the contract of the Returning officer.

It was raised that the opening of nominations needs to be announced and the Union currently does not have a returning officer

Student, Jared Peut, raised a question regarding whether the Union has advertised for a Returning Officer.

UQU President has responded that the position has been advertised.

Student, Jared Peut, raised that it may be invalid for one returning officer to announce the opening of nominations and for another to continue to administer the election. He suggested that the notice period for the opening of nominations could be waived to allow the Union

enough time to appoint a Returning Officer. He also suggested an informal notice in order to start advertising key dates to the students.

It was moved

THAT PETER TRAVERS' CONTRACT AS RETURNING OFFICER IS EXTENDED UNTIL A NEW RETURNING OFFICER IS APPOINTED.

COUNCIL 103/210 MCLEAN/KEYS-MACPHERSON WITHDRAWN

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE NOTICE PERIOD TO AMEND R96.1 BE WAIVED

COUNCIL 103/211 MCLEAN/KEYS-MACPHERSON CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R96.1 BE AMENDED TO REPLACE "MONDAY" WITH "TUESDAY".

COUNCIL 103/212 MCLEAN/KEYS-MACPHERSON CARRIED

THAT COUNCIL CONVENE AN EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER AT 7:00PM

COUNCIL 103/213 MCLEAN/PATERSON CARRIED

Science Councillor, Isabel Manfield, handed out a document regarding Academic Board. She explained that the University wants to remove this committee and handover the academic review decisions to a different board consisting of University executives. She would like Council to consider signing a submission to advocate for keeping the Academic Board the way it is, which includes student representation.

Laurence McLean spoke to his seconding rights and emphasised that student representation in such processes is important.

UQU President added that the Academic Board used to be much more powerful but has been getting weaker throughout the past years with less debate and less student involvement.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding whether the University has flagged that they will possibly be removing student involvement.

UQU President explained that they haven't yet made an open statement regarding student involvement with the Academic review board standing committee.

Science Councillor, Isabel Manfield, added that it's possible.

Question from student, Jared Peut, regarding how many staff and student representatives there are on the board currently.

UQU President, Joshua Millroy and UQU Science Councillor, Isabel Manfield, explained that there are 5 student representatives (three undergraduate and two post-graduate) as well as the president of the UQU in a board of 150 people.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION COUNCIL MAKES A SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD REVIEW COMMITTEE AS A UNION BODY TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2014.

COUNCIL 103/214

MANFIELD/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQU EXECUTIVE BE DIRECTED TO PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THE CLOSING OF NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS SUCH NOTICE IS TO BE PROVIDED VIA THE UQ UNION FACEBOOK PAGE AND OTHER RELEVANT METHODS BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

COUNCIL 103/215

PEUT/KEENAN

CARRIED

Medical Students Officer, addressed council to remind them of mental health week and to encourage any support they are able to give towards this initiative.

EAIT Councillor, Laurence McLean, addressed council encouraging any feedback over the weekend in regards to the regulatory amendments to be considered on Monday.

k) Notice of Business to be Proposed

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 8:10PM