

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 1st Ordinary Meeting of the 110th UQ Union Council, 2021

5.30 PM

Thursday 25 February 2021

Holt Room, Union Complex

Chair: Ryan Jover & Ji Davis

a) The Meeting was declared open at 5:42 pm.

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

b) Credentials

The following were present:

Councillors

Anastasia Georgiou
Darcy Creighton
Elise Northcote
Ella Gutteridge
Gabby Callow
Ji Davis
Jordan Mark
Julia Bejleri
Kyle Clunies-Ross
Michael Walker
Sam Adams
Stuart Moss
Tim Heffernan
Zoe Goss

Student Executive & Officers

Alicia Steele
Elias Blanch
Emily Scott
Emily Searle
Heisen Xu
Liam Heseltine
Lisa Pham
Matthew Johnson
Matthew McCarthy
Otis Carmichael
Ouhla Shihan
Richard Lee
Ryan Jover
Shirley Mo
Ti Parker

Others

Alex Smock
Anna Heale (Minutes)
Barclay McGain
Ben Kozij
Bradley Stone
Bronte Ruegg
Claire Sturm
Edward Uzelin
Germain Tolar
Glenda Jacobs
Jack Barton
Matthew Mercer
Matthew Pereira
Rowan Evans
Tristan Murdoch
Vishnupriya De

The following apologies were received:

- Lisa Pham

On leave:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

Annabel Bartley to Ben Kozij

Hamish Barnett to Elise Northcote

Kurt Munkton to Darcy Creighton
Thomas Stephen to Michael Walker
Elloise Campbell to Julia Bejleri
Chamal Abeytunga to Matt Pereira
David McGovern to Sam Adams
Tyson Etri to Tristan Murdoch

Resignations:

- Allen Ding resigned as Union Councillor in order to commence in his elected role as International Officer. Jiancong Wang was subsequently elected to the vacancy and notice of poll posted.

It was moved

THAT THE CREDENTIALS FOR THE 1ST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 110TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED

COUNCIL 110/01

JOVER/WALKER

CARRIED

c) Election

i. Casual Vacancy: Member – Union Council

The Union Secretary advised that, following the resignation of Allen Ding on council, Jiancong (Jason) Wang was subsequently elected to the position.

Declaration of poll was posted on 16th February 2021 by the Returning Officer.

ii. Election of Council Chair

The Union Secretary called for nominations from the floor.

Ji Davis was nominated from the floor.

It was moved

THAT JI DAVIS BE NOMINATED AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE 110TH UNION COUNCIL

COUNCIL 110/02

JOVER/EVANS

CARRIED

iii. Election of Rules Committee

It was moved

THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BE APPOINTED TO THE RULES COMMITTEE:

1. DARCY CREIGHTON
2. TIM HEFFERNAN
3. SAM ADAMS
4. JORDAN MARK
5. KYLE CLUNIES-ROSS
6. MICHAEL WALKER

COUNCIL 110/03

EVANS/HESELTINE

CARRIED

b) Confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting

The Union Secretary advised that the minutes from the Annual General Meeting would be circulated at the close of meeting.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 109TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/04

DAVIS/KOZIJ

TABLED

c) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Nil

d) Requests for Starring/ Approval of the items not starred en bloc

The President's, Treasurer's, Campus Culture, Student Rights and Semper reports were starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to consider all other reports en bloc.

CARRIED

e) Reports

It was moved

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/05

JOVER/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE STUDENT RIGHTS (COMMUNITY WELFARE) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/07

HESELTINE/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE CAMPUS CULTURE (EVENTS) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/08

MCCARTHY/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY (WOMEN'S OFFICER) REPORT BE
ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/09 SEARLE/DAVIS CARRIED

THAT THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY (QUEER OFFICER) REPORT BE ACCEPTED
AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/10 BLANCH/DAVIS CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/11 DING/DAVIS CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/12 LEE/DAVIS CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/13 SHIHAN/DAVIS CARRIED

THAT THE COLLEGE OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/14 CAMPBELL/DAVIS CARRIED

f) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

President's Report

The Union President received a query regarding the development of the Union Complex.

Council were advised:

- The last development plan has been scrapped by UQ and they are starting from scratch.
- A new working group has been created, similar to the one in 2018, with the same UQ staff members, including Andrew Lee and Cordelia, and new student reps.
- The first meeting focused on the exact sizing and office layout of the current Union spaces. For the next meeting, they will be discussing specific demands for future space.
- The executive team are open to student input and suggestions. They intend to consult with many more students prior to the next meeting.
- UQ have set November as the deadline for finalising development plans.

A student queried the Union's current position on the redevelopment.

The President responded that they intend to fight to keep the Schonell Theatre, while acknowledging that other parts of the complex need an upgrade.

Student, Priya De, raised that the Union Complex is a historic space and the Union should therefore demand no part of complex be demolished.

The Union President advised that they intend to maintain the significance of the space and ensure that the redevelopment plans are appropriate for the growing needs of the Union.

Members queried the content of the most recent Senate meeting. The President advised that items discussed included academic integrity reviews and the ATSYS strategy.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/15

WALKER/MARK

CARRIED

Semper Report

Officer Shihan queried why, in the latest edition of Semper, the editor chose to amplify Bob Katter's voice when he is a right wing conservative who has no relevance to the fight for student rights.

They noted that the article omitting the following information regarding Bob Katter's history:

- Was part of a high court case blocking indigenous people from purchasing land in QLD
- Opposed condom machines during the AIDS crisis
- Supported a Trump-like Muslim travel ban
- Called Fraser Anning's 'final solution' speech 'solid gold'
- Is a notorious homophobe who claimed being gay was a fashion trend, voted against same sex marriage and stated that nobody in his electorate was gay

Semper Ed. Johnson responded that Bob Katter's political views were an oversight and this was a mistake they apologise for. It was explained that the intention was to interview a prominent alumni who was actively involved with the Schonell in the seventies.

It was suggested that Officer Shihan write a response to the article in the next issue of Semper. Semper Ed. Johnson welcomed the suggestion.

It was moved

THAT THE SEMPER EDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/16

WALKER/MARK

CARRIED

Student Rights' (Academic) Report

Officer Shihan asked why the student representative application process for the Academic Advocacy Network involved the submission of a resume.

Student Rights VP, Josie Vu, explained that the intention was to consider students' past involvement on campus to ascertain whether they have the passion and experience to contribute to the AAN.

Cr Gutteridge raised that they should be encouraging as many students as possible to engage in activism and there is no rationale for making it such an exclusive process.

VP Vu noted that, last year, the process was restricted to undergraduates only. This year, they have opened the process to both undergrads and postgrads. The selection process ensures student representatives have the passion and experience to fight for students in their school. It was noted that there are 29 schools, with a maximum of 2 representatives per school to ensure the network is a manageable size. Once the network is more established, the next elected officer can decide whether to broaden the applicant pool and/or remove the resume requirement.

Student, Bradley Plant, raised that representatives from club and societies are the most effective in the position, as those in club executives are in the unique position of being able to reach their entire cohort.

Vice-President Vu stated that they consulted with previous representatives and reached out to societies and associations directly. In addition, the Clubs Manager emailed all faculty and school clubs requesting the details of their democratically elected academic officer.

It was moved

THAT THE STUDENT RIGHTS (ACADEMIC) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/17

GUTTERIDGE/HEFFERNAN

CARRIED

Campus Culture Report

Student, Ben Kozij, raised that the Campus Culture report discussed clubs' conference. However, the VP was not in attendance.

In response, Vice-President Xu explained that they had arrived late due to an issue with student services. They noted that they would be happy to make themselves known at the next event.

It was moved

THAT THE CAMPUS CULTURE (CLUBS AND SOCIETIES) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/18

XU/DAVIS

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report

The Chair noted that the Treasurer was not in attendance to discuss the report.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/19

DAVIS/BENK

TABLED

g) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil

h) Business which has been proposed

Society Recognition Scheme

Mover, Bradley Plant, advised that:

- The scheme has little support in the clubs community and has been consistently voted down.
- The ranking system creates unhealthy competition and hundreds of hours of paperwork.
- Alternative schemes have been suggested that have more support, such as a club mentoring program, and this would be far more beneficial to the clubs community.
- The intention of the motion is to put council's opposition in writing and to prevent the clubs department from pursuing the scheme.

VP Xu explained that the scheme intends to support smaller clubs. Currently, 80% of funding is distributed based on membership, and the rationale was to develop a better system for grant allocation.

It was moved

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES DEPARTMENT CEASE ALL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "SOCIETY RECOGNITION SCHEME", "INCENTIVE SCHEME" OR ANY SIMILAR SCHEME UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE C&S COMMITTEE OR AT A CLUBS AND SOCIETIES GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN VOTED DOWN NUMEROUS TIMES BY BOTH COUNCIL AND C&S COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS.

THERE HAS BEEN MULTIPLE PETITIONS FROM CLUB PRESIDENTS AND EXECUTIVES AGAINST THIS PROGRAM.

THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM IN THE C&S DEPARTMENT BUDGET

THIS MOTION WAS JUST PASSED BY THE C&S COMMITTEE IN FEB.
COUNCIL 110/20

PLANT/BARTLEY

CARRIED

Censure Campus Culture (Clubs) Vice-President

Student, Ben Kozij, raised that the Vice-President was not active on Market Day and offered no help to the C&S department.

VP Xu responded that they had been busy setting up stalls and assisting with the coordination of the Speed Friending event.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION COUNCIL CENSURES THE CURRENT VICE-PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) CLUBS & SOCIETIES HEISEN XU FOR FAILING TO CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS PER C34.1(B) & R51.2

COUNCIL 110/21

KOZIJ/DAVIS

CARRIED

Centrelink Youth Allowance

Mover, Michael Walker, raised that students should have access to income support while at university.

Seconder, Jordan Mark, noted that support for parents in high-income families isn't always guaranteed.

It was suggested that the motion be amended to remove reference to 'the NUS campaign', as Union Council have previous taken as a policy position not to be associated with the NUS.

The mover was amendable to the change.

It was moved

THAT UQU SUPPORTS THE CAMPAIGN TO LOWER THE AGE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR CENTRELINK YOUTH ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS FROM 22 TO 18. IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE AGE!

COUNCIL 110/22

WALKER/MARK

CARRIED

Trans legislation

The following statement was read to council:

Queensland has some uniquely backwards anti-trans legislation on the books, even when compared to other Australian states. Of particular interest, though, is the law that requires people to undergo gender reassignment surgery to be allowed to change the sex marker on their birth certificate. This surgery is extremely expensive and notoriously hard to access. For trans people who aren't wealthy, or for trans people who just don't wish to have gender confirming surgery, this means there is a massive monetary barrier on changing their marker. It should also be noted that there is no sex marker option for trans people who fall outside the binary either. The medicalised gatekeeping of trans peoples' lives extends much further than this, as trans people also have to go through unnecessary bureaucracy and medical appointments to change documents like passports and licenses. It is unacceptable that the state government would allow such laws to persist.

ENDS

Mover, Cr Gutteridge, explained that Queensland are the last state in Australia not to change the births, deaths and marriages act to be more inclusive of trans people. They noted that, for those who cannot afford invasive gender reassignment surgery, the current laws represent a class barrier to having the correct pronouns on their legal documents.

Officer Parker noted that the campaign is already gaining momentum in student groups. They urged Union Council to affirm people's right to their gender identity.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ STUDENT UNION CONDEMN THE QLD GOVERNMENT FOR ITS DISCRIMINATORY LAWS AGAINST TRANS PEOPLE AND STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION TO THE QLD GOVERNMENT DEMANDING REFORM OF THE BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES ACT TO INCLUDE LGBT PEOPLE

THE SECRETARY WILL ADVERTISE THE PETITION PUBLICLY ON THE UQU FACEBOOK PAGE, ALONG WITH AN ARGUMENT TO STUDENTS AS TO WHY THEY SHOULD SIGN IT, CONDEMNING THE OUTMODED AND DISCRIMINATORY LAWS

COUNCIL 110/23

GUTTERIDGE/PARKER

CARRIED

Call for immediate release of asylum seekers and refugees

The following statement was read to council:

As part of the Australian government's decades long attack on asylum seekers, precipitated by both liberal and labor governments, there are currently around 1,400 asylum seekers and refugees detained across Australia's network of offshore and onshore refugee prisons.

These asylum seekers and refugees are subject to ongoing inhumane and systematically cruel treatment. Many were moved to Australia under the now-repealed medevac law, after having spent more than 7 years in offshore detention centres in concentration camp-like conditions. Shamefully, many of these refugees have still not received medical treatment 14 months later, as Immigration Minister Peter Dutton has admitted himself. Instead they have been locked in hotel-prisons, including the Kangaroo Point Central Hotel in Brisbane.

The Australian government has shown its commitment to detaining refugees indefinitely, but refuses to provide them with adequate and comprehensive medical care, for example just yesterday ABC news reported that a refugee from Iran, Amin Afravi, was having to collect rainwater in a bucket to soothe a serious skin condition. This is a disgrace, and amounts to torture-like conditions and human rights violations.

There is plenty of precedent for the Australian government openly denying basic human rights to refugees. Dental records from Manus and Nauru detention centres show children's mouths full of rotten teeth from poor diets. Mental health issues such as PTSD and depression are rife, as well as chronic conditions such as asthma and malnutrition. Self-harm is endemic.

Under these purposefully inhumane conditions, clearly intended to be both physically and psychologically torturous, every illness and death which occurs, occurs at the hands of the Australian government.

The latest victim of this torturous treatment is Abdulrahman, who died of a heart attack on the 16th of February, still waiting to be released from detention. Abdulrahman was a Somalian refugee who was originally detained on Nauru for approximately 7 years. He was then moved to Kangaroo Point Hotel, despite having his asylum plea accepted by the United States, and from there was detained in Perth. He never saw freedom before his death.

Blood is on the hands of the Australian government.

Many others like Abdulrahman remain imprisoned indefinitely around Australia, under conditions which are fit for no human being. This cruelty must end.

ENDS

Officer Shihan raised that the recent death of Abdulrahman demonstrates how egregious the practise of locking up refugees is. They noted that community detention is ongoing at the Kangaroo Point Hotel, with their only crime the seeking of asylum in Australia. A similar motion was moved by council last year backing the national day of action for refugee freedom. This year's event should be advertised to all students to challenge the government in their racist and cruel treatment of refugees.

Cr Mercer noted that the campaign has been ongoing over the holiday break and demonstrations has continued outside the Kangaroo Point hotel. They urged Union Council to reaffirm its support for the campaign and encourage students to get involved.

Council members queried why the demand for citizenship was specified in the motion. It was explained that the demand for citizenship is the demand for absolute equal rights. This would also prevent the government imposing restrictions on work rights upon release. The granting of temporary protection visas means they must reapply every 6 months to remain in the country.

It was moved

THAT UQ STUDENT UNION CONDEMNS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES WHICH HAS LED TO THE DEATH OF YET ANOTHER REFUGEE, ABDULRAHMAN. UQ STUDENT UNION CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES INTO THE COMMUNITY WITH FULL CITIZENSHIP.

THAT THE UQU SECRETARY SHARE THE FACEBOOK EVENT TO THE MARCH 5 RALLY AND BRISBANE CONTINGENT TO THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR REFUGEE RIGHTS ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE, MAKING AN ARGUMENT ABOUT SOLIDARITY IN WHY STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND

COUNCIL 110/24

SHIHAN/MERCER

CARRIED

Youth Crime Laws

The following statement was read to council:

The Queensland Labor government is set to introduce a new set of laws which would, shamefully, enforce extremely punitive measures on youth offenders and increase police powers, particularly in regards to bail conditions. Perhaps most egregiously is the

required fitting of electronic monitoring devices, GPS Trackers, on minors out on bail, those aged 16 and 17. The past decade, in fact, has seen an overall decrease in the number of youth crime offenders in Queensland. The repeat offenders that Palaszczuk claims the new laws will be targeting number supposedly number only around 400 individuals, many of whom are indigenous. Most of these offenders only commit property crimes, crimes of poverty, which are not at all violent in nature. These are crimes of circumstance, committed by the most downtrodden in our society, and Palaszczuk's drive to increase police powers in this way will, as any increase in the powers of the Australian police inevitably does, overwhelmingly affect Indigenous people, in this case Indigenous children. The idea that these offenders, who aren't even adults, should be forced to wear GPS ankle bracelets is absolutely disgusting. There is not even a façade of addressing the root causes of such crime, just a knee-jerk immediate resort to authoritarianism. We should say firmly that these laws are not about protecting the public interest, but are about increasing state powers and punishing those left behind by our society, and have been justified by a manufactured hysteria about youth crime created by the state government.

ENDS

Cr Mercer raised that police campaigning on youth crime laws is racist propaganda on youth crime that is used as justification for increasing police powers. These crimes have a basis in the poverty and oppression of indigenous people in Australia.

The seconder waived their speaking rights.

It was moved

THE UQ STUDENT UNION DECLARES THAT IT FINDS THE QUEENSLAND LABOR GOVERNMENT'S NEW YOUTH CRIME LAWS ABHORRENT AND THAT IT OPPOSES THEM.

COUNCIL 110/25

MERCER/DE

CARRIED

Ramsay Centre Deal

The following statement was read to council:

The birth child of notorious racists and Liberal party figureheads such as John Howard and Tony Abbott, the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation is a racist degree. It seeks to whitewash history and promote a right-wing ideological challenge to left and liberal

ideas on campuses. Despite mass opposition from students and staff, culminating in the historic Student General Meeting in 2019 where over 500 students voted to oppose the Ramsay Centre, the University of Queensland administration has accepted the Ramsay Centre's proposal to establish a degree on campus, and their donation of approximately \$50 million in doing so.

Now that the degree has been established, however, the university refuses to release the details of their agreement with Ramsay to the NTEU.

This not only raises concerns about the corporatisation of university degrees - the fact that precedent has been set that explicitly political, right-wing corporations are able to buy political influence in a public university by throwing enough money at it - but also raises the question of why the university is being so secretive. Secretary of the QLD Division of the NTEU, Michael McNally, said that this decision undermines the "very purpose of our public universities", and the values of transparency and accountability. Staff and students have a right to know what will be taught on their campus, to what ends, and what the university administration feels it has to hide in this deal.

ENDS

Cr Gutteridge urged council to stand with staff on this issue by demanding the details of the deal be released.

Cr Heffernan, decried that a public university is failing to listen to the will of staff and students. They noted that it is clear that the deal is likely to draw criticism to UQ.

Student, Chris Stewart, spoke against the motion. They noted that the syllabus includes works from Judith Butler and Michel Foucault, and showcases a spread of classical ideas and thought. While the acceptance of corporate money is a separate issue, the criticisms of racism are unfounded.

Officer Shihan noted that council are beyond discussing whether the Ramsay Centre is racist. The focus of the motion is the fact that no other degree is permitted to hide this kind of information from the public domain.

Abilities Officer, Alicia Steele, noted that language offensive and discriminatory to people with disabilities had been used during the discussion and asked that this language be avoided in the future. Union Council were in agreeance.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU STANDS WITH STAFF DEMANDING TRANSPARENCY AND DEMANDS THAT THE UQ ADMIN RELEASE THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF TO WHOM IT IS OF INTEREST

COUNCIL 110/26

MERCER/DE

CARRIED

Increase to Jobkeeper

The following statement was read to council:

At the end of March the government plans to end the Coronavirus Welfare Supplement, sending more than a million people further below the poverty line.

The Liberal government has recently proposed an increase to the base rate of Jobseeker by \$50 per fortnight. The \$50 a fortnight proposed raise to Jobseeker, is a slap in the face. This increase divides out to only an extra \$3.57 a day.

This will be the first time that the Jobseeker rate has been increased in 20 years, despite the cost of living in Australia increasing. This measly increase will keep people below the poverty line and unable to keep up with expenses.

The Liberals say that this increase will cost \$9 billion, this is nothing compared to the \$27 billion given in subsidies to the fossil fuel industry.

Australia currently ranks the lowest in the OECD countries when it comes to welfare payments, despite being a very wealthy country.

Many advocacy groups have demanded a higher increase to the payment. In the federal senate the Greens have passed a motion with the support of Labor senators and independents (passed 31-30) supporting an increase which would bring the rate up to \$80 per day.

Students will be massively affected by any changes to welfare payments, and the student union should support lifting students out of poverty by increasing the payment rate.

ENDS

Officer Parker noted that the Greens had recently moved a motion in Senate demanding a higher increase to the payment.

Cr Heffernan, advised that the change amounts to a cut of \$100 a fortnight. They noted that the government has spent large amounts on bailing out airlines, big business and the fossil

fuel industries, and these funds should be spent on supporting ordinary people at a rate that affords them dignity. It was noted that large numbers of students regularly skip meals to afford basic expenses.

It was moved

THAT UQ UNION SUPPORTS AN INCREASE TO THE JOBSEEKER RATE TO \$80 A DAY, BRINGING STUDENTS ABOVE THE POVERTY LINE

COUNCIL 110/27

PARKER/HEFFERNAN

CARRIED

Addition of R164A

Amendment of R158.1

The Chair was provided with two standing resolutions on policy relating to R164.A and R158.1. As per the regulations, the proposals were referred to Rules Committee for consideration by Council at a later date.

It was moved

THAT THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS ON POLICY RELATING TO REGULATORY CHANGES BE REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE

COUNCIL 110/28

CLUNIES-ROSS/MURDOCH

CARRIED

UQIC office space

The Chair stated that the issue does not need to be considered at Council and ruled the motion out of order.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION GIVES UQIC – UQ INTERFACULTY COMPETITIONS BACK THEIR KEYCARD ACCESS TO THE UNION BUILDING. WE HAVE AN OFFICE IN THERE, WE LITERALLY CANNOT ACCESS IT WITHOUT ASKING RECEPTION. RECEPTION IS NOT STAFFED AT TIMES WE OPERATE

COUNCIL 110/29

PLANT/CALLOW

OUT OF ORDER

Daycare centre in Union Complex

Cr Adams raised that the former daycare centre space is currently not being utilised. They suggested that the space be opened up to students as a potential study area, rather than sitting vacant.

The councillor was advised that the space is used for storage by UQ Life.

Members queried whether a refurbishment of the space would be worthwhile, considering plans for the larger complex redevelopment. The councillor advised that the intention would be simply to utilise the existing space, without undertaking any major work.

Officer Shihan stated that UQ Life should not be using Union space.

It was raised that the motion should be amended to change ‘*be turned into a new bar, or at least a student space*’ to ‘*be used as a student space and kick out UQ Life*’

The mover was amenable to the change.

It was moved

THAT THE FORMER CHILDCARE CENTRE IN THE UNION COMPLEX BE USED AS A STUDENT SPACE AND KICK OUT UQ LIFE

COUNCIL 110/30

ADAMS/JOHNSON

CARRIED

Censure Bradley Plant

Cr Adams explained that the motion is to censure Bradley Plant for his recent actions, including smuggling alcohol into the Red Room and interfering with a club’s stall on Market Day.

Council agreed to table the motion to allow time for gathering evidence and context.

It was moved

THAT BRADLEY PLANT IS TO BE CENSURED AND AT THE NEXT MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO C8 FOR

1. IMPROPERLY USING HIS POSITION TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN ADVANTAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH C33.1(A&B)
 - A) ON MARKET DAY 2021
 - B) INSIDE THE RED ROOM
2. ACTING IN BAD FAITH IN DISCHARGING DUTIES PURSUANT TO C34.1(A)
 - A) ON MARKET DAY 2021

IF THE ALLEGATIONS ARE PROVEN, BRADLEY PLANT MUST BE REMOVED FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED ROLES PURSUANT TO C8.1

COUNCIL 110/31

ADAMS/JOHNSON

TABLED

i) Question Time

Nil

j) Other business

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.35 PM.