

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the
110th UQ Union Council, 2021

5.30 PM

Wednesday, 7th July 2021

Innes Room, Union Complex

Chair: Ji Davis

a) The Meeting was declared open at 5:41 pm.

b) Credentials

The following were present:

Councillors

Anastasia Georgiou
Annabel Bartley
Darcy Creighton
David McGovern
Elise Northcote
Elloise Campbell
Gabby Callow
Hamish Barnett
Jason Wang
Jordan Mark
Kyle Clunies-Ross
Michael Walker
Myah Davis
Sam Adams
Stuart Moss
Thomas Stephen

Student Executive

Alicia Steele
Benjamin Kozij
Emily Scott
Emily Searle
Kurt Tucker
Liam Heseltine
Lisa Pham
Ryan Jover

Others

Jack Barton
Greta Simpson
Benjamin Myatt
Matthew Pereira
Bradley Stone
Austin Smidt
Alex Smock
Claire Sturm
Rowan Evans
Cara Rowe

The following apologies were received:

Nil

On leave:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

Elise Northcote to Cara Rowe
Jason Wang to Cara Rowe
Annabel Bartley to Kurt Tucker
Gabby Callow to Finn Wedge
Anastasia Georgiou to Kyle Clunies-Ross
Julia B to Darcy Creighton
Chamal Abeytunga to Matthew Pereira
Stuart McGovern to Jack Barton
Elisha Gutteridge to Tim Heffernan

Resignations:

The Union Secretary confirmed Tyson Etri has resigned as Union Councillor on 25th June 2021.

c) Elections

The Returning Officer declared Finn Wedge elected to the position of Union Councillor. Declaration of poll has been posted to the Union noticeboard.

a) Confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE 4th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 109TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 110/132 DAVIS/ROWE CARRIED

b) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Irish Society Funding

It was moved

THAT UQU COUNCIL CONDEMNS THE C&S COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO CAP THE IRISH SOCIETY'S FUNDING.

ACTION: THIS DECISION BE OVERTURNED IMMEDIATELY
COUNCIL 110/123 SEARLE/WALKER

WITHDRAWN

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

The VP Clubs and Societies report was starred for discussion.

Members asked for details of the recent Tertiary Access Group (TAG) conference the Campus Culture VPs attended. It was noted that the name has been changed to the Student Experience Network. It was explained that the conference facilitates connections between student unions around Australia, with UQU emerging as one of the best run student unions. It was noted that other SU's are feeling the pressure to sell out to their university administration, and UQ Union should be applauded for continuing to champion democratically elected students. The alternative is an attack on student unionism.

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

COUNCIL 110/124

KOZIJ/ROWE

CARRIED

d) Reports

The Union Treasurer provided a verbal report.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/125

PHAM/DAVIS

CARRIED

Procedural motion to consider all other reports en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/126

SCOTT/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/127

JOVER/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/128

JOVER/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE STUDENT RIGHT'S (COMMUNITY WELFARE) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/129

HESELTINE/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY (WOMEN'S) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/130

SEARLE/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY (QUEER) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/131

BLANCH/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/132

SHIHAN/DAVIS

CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/133

BLANCH/DAVIS

CARRIED

e) Matters arising from the Reports

Nil

f) Business which has been proposed

Nil

H) General Business

Nil

DRAFT

g) Question Time

Student, Jack Barton, noted that the table flag of the Holy See in the Union Secretary's office. He asked if the Union Secretary would be attending mass on Sunday. The Union Secretary responded that he would attend if Jack came with him.

Student, Matthew Pereira, queried how the International Student Officers plan to select members of the International Board. It was noted that there appeared to be a large Chinese demographic at the first meeting that did not represent the diversity of students at UQ.

The Union Secretary took the question on notice.

Members asked for further details on the sense of belonging funding the Union will receive from UQ.

The Union President explained that the Union are expected to receive 100k from the DVCA, via UQ Life, to enhance a sense of belonging on campus. It was noted that more details will be provided once the funding has been finalised. As the funding is external, Union Council are not required to formal approve any funding decisions. However, Council will be informed as to how the funds are eventually allocated amongst the portfolios.

Members queried whether the Semper Editor, Matthew Johnson, could provide any details on the recent meeting of the QUT Guild, and the changes to their constitution.

Johnson advised that the meeting had been a shitshow, with multiple calls for the Chair to be removed. The new constitution prohibits campaigning on campus, with online only campaigning permitted. They have also signed off on changes to the university senate, reducing the number of student representatives.

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL CONDEMNNS THE NOOSA TEMPLE OF SATAN AS CRINGE
COUNCIL 110/134 HESELTINE/DAVIS CARRIED

Council queried the outcome of the decision to relocate the Disability Collective space to the former childcare centre. The Union President advised that the intention is to relocate the Returning Officer's office to Innes 3, with UQIC moved to the current Disabilities Collective room. This would leave the current RO office vacant for the Disabilities Collective, which has improved accessibility and a kitchenette. They are yet to hear back from UQIC for confirmation, but the Union will proceed with the relocations assuming they are happy to move.

The General Manager, Student Affairs, noted that the childcare centre will be used as a contractor's office during the student hub redevelopment. UQ Life have already begun removing their storage equipment.

Members asked for an update on the Schonell. The Union President advised that the electrical work was due to commence mid-month, however, this was delayed until the asbestos can be contained. Law revue are currently looking at alternative venues. The President met with UQ last week and they have confirmed that they will assist in identified an appropriate alternative and will reimburse any additional costs.

Council suggested that the same financial assistance should apply for Clubbies.

A member queried why the Campus Culture VP had chosen to submit a photo in lieu of a written report. The VP explained that they have been attending as many club events as possible and the photo was representative of this. It was suggested that a written report would have been more appropriate. The VP confirmed that they would submit a written report for the next meeting of Council.

h) Other business

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.02 PM.