

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 7th Ordinary Meeting of the
110th UQ Union Council, 2021

5.30 PM

Tuesday, 31st August 2021

Steele Building Room 309

Chair: Ryan Jover

The Meeting was declared open at 5:41 pm.

a) Credentials

i) Members present:

Councillors

Anastasia Georgiou
Annabel Bartley
David McGovern
Elise Northcote
Elloise Campbell
Gabby Callow
Hamish Barnett
Jordan Mark
Kyle Clunies-Ross
Michael Walker
Myah McGinity
Sam Adams
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
Bradley Plant
Austin Smidt
Alex Smock
Claire Sturm
Rowan Evans
Jean Cotterell
Phoenix Campbell
Tristan Murdoch
Edward Uzelin
Chris Hancock
Isabella Scattini
Christopher Stewart

Cristian Gutierrez
Glenda Jacobs
Fabby Ernesta

ii) Apologies and leave:

Nil.

iii) The following proxies were received:

Tim Heffernan to Jordan Mark
Elisha Gutteridge to Jordan Mark
Kurt Munckton to Benjamin Kozij
Julia Bejleri to Behjamin Kozij
Chamal Abeytungu to Matthew George Pereria
Darcy Creighton to Kurt Tucker
Ji Davis to Bradley Plant
Jiancong Wang to Elise Northcote
Stuart Moss to Elloise Campbell
Elise Northcote to Hamish Barnett (from 7:49 onwards)

iv) Resignations:

Nil.

b) Elections

Nil.

c) Confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE 6th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 110TH UQ UNION
COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/149

SCOTT/JOVER

CARRIED

d) Business which has been proposed

The Chair moved that Executive Business be moved to the front of the agenda.

Amendment to R21

The Chair moved that Amendment to R21 be tabled until the next meeting.

Introduction of R82A- Inability to Poll During Prescribed Polling Days

The Chair explained that the purpose of the proposed regulations was to address the possibility of there lockdown during election period, as the Regulations do not currently account I believe

The Chair referred to student Rowan Evans who was seeking to propose two amendments to the proposal. Mr Evans said there were two amendments. The initial proposal accidentally said something to the effect that the election restarts the next week after the election stops, rather than the election starts the next week after lockdown.

The second amendment would address the fact that the Regulations as they were currently written would allow for elections during SWOTVAC. As such, reference should be made to ‘teaching days’ not academic days as defined in the Constitution.

The Chair as mover was supportive of the amendments.

VP Tucker said he is going to take a different view. He believes it is better to leave this to the power of the RO. They have discretion over what they can and cannot do that is regulated by the Electoral Tribunal. He believes this to be overly complicated and that the RO already has the power to stop the election and recall the election.

The Chair stated that the general intention of the proposal was to ensure online elections could be avoided. VP Tucker responded that what Union Council should be doing is removing the references to online computer voting. VP Tucker asked if the regulations does force elections to be on campus. The Chair said that regulation does not force elections on campus, but that they do facilitate them being on campus.

Cr Clunies-Ross stated that references to electronic voting in the Regulations refer to electronic machines in a polling booth, not online elections.

The Chair said that the first amendment falling the suspension is when campus closure is defined by when UQ reopens - not when state government reopens. The second one clarifying academic days as teaching days and academic days. We need to define teaching days and academic.

VP Tucker queried why the Special Election Convention clause of the regulations proposed that a plurality of presidential candidates be needed to agree on the conditions of a reschedule election when it was within the realm of possibility that multiple candidates could run for the role of

President. He proposed that this be amended to say a majority. The mover was amenable to the change.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION REGULATIONS BE AMENDED TO INTRODUCE R82A-
INABILITY TO POLL DURING PRESCRIBED POLLING DAYS
COUNCIL 110/150 JOVER/ROWE

CARRIED

Amendment of R71

Rowan Evans explained that the purpose of the amendment was to ensure true randomness in the ballot draw, as the current system sometimes provided insufficiently random outcomes, and to reduce the fees of the Returning Officer.

VP Tucker objected to the proposal, saying that it was an unnecessary change. He also raised concern about the inclusion of a URL in the proposal.

Student Bradley Stone suggested UQU buy a bingo machine. VP Tucker concurred with this suggestion.

Cr Adams pointed out that Cr Creighton was in favour of it at Rules Committee.

VP Tucker said that if Cr Creighton had spoken to him, he would totally be in favour of it. It is not going to happen if internet is not available.

It was moved

THAT R71 OF THE UQ UNION REGULATIONS BE AMENDED
COUNCIL 110/151 EVANS/ROWE

FAILED

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

Campus Culture

Cr Adams took issue with the C&S Committee looking to disaffiliate clubs and pointed out that some of the vocabulary students are using in relation to this is now coming out in the wash and that nobody had heard anything from C&S Committee about disaffiliating clubs and requested some clarity on the issue.

VP Kozij said that it was a topic the committee has been talking about this year and apologised for not including it in his report. He noted that club reviews are an agenda item and included in every C&S Committee meeting.

Cr Adams said that he has never seen minutes from C&S Committee. VP Kozij said that club reviews that have been undertaken and anyone is welcome to see the C&S Committee minutes.

Cr Adams stated he had never seen a C&S committee report.

VP Kozij said he believed that this is a question for the Union Secretary as he provides business packs, and the minutes are included in the business package and pointed out that he is not the chair of the committee. VP Tucker said that minutes should be provided at every council meeting.

President Scott said she believes that it does make sense for Ben to speak to council on C&S committee matters. VP Kozij responded that he is happy to answer any questions.

VP Tucker said that VP Kozij could certainly answer questions but that this is not necessarily his responsibility to be the steward of it. He is just a member of the Committee.

Cr Adams asked why these reviews have been undertaken.

VP Kozij said that the reviews were being undertaken because the committee had noticed some discrepancies with some club audits. Noting that some clubs have been taking grant funding and not paying it back or have not been using it at all and have not been engaging in campus culture. The committee want clubs on campus that are engaging in campus culture and do not want clubs that are taking the money and not doing anything with it point out that members would all desire fiscal management.

VP Tucker said there are individual examples of clubs. There is one club that has been submitting their membership list with their new members and not taking off their previous members plus seven years. Pointing out that no one has investigated this issue and that club reviews was the purpose. C&S Committee grant funding has blown out over the last few years from under \$100,000 to \$200,000 and this amount is only going to go up if the committee does act on clubs that are doing a poor job and be more selective about who we let to get grant funding. People doing the right thing are disadvantaged if the committee does not determine who is doing the wrong thing and ones doing the right thing. It makes sense to get rid of the ones who do not do the work and should have been done ten years ago. I do not believe that anyone should deem this unnecessary.

Cr Adams pointed out that did say that and asked for clarity around the process.

VP Kozij said that in relation to the process, the first thing the committee looked for was how large the clubs were by size and then cut down to a smaller number of clubs with the help of the committee. Student, Bradley Stone went through previous audits AGM minutes over the past two years audits and found discrepancies in several clubs. The committee classed them as high priority clubs that are reviewed first. There are still a lot of clubs the committee needs to review; however, these reviews take a long time, and the committee will more than likely be unable to get through them this year.

Student, Bradley Plant said that the committee had completed nine club reviews in the past eight months.

VP Kozij said that most clubs are fine, but it is a process of reviewing. Then the committee looked at clubs that had invalid AGM's.

Student Bradley said that clubs have thirty days to get thirty members.

VP Tucker said he believes this to be a fair and transparent process and more lenient than he originally intended. The committee's first criteria were clubs who did not have thirty members; the second criteria were clubs who had invalid AGM's, invalid constitution as they did not have the quorum and in terms of audit plus seven years without an audit. The committee approached every one of those clubs in terms of constitutional changes, in terms of financial audit, and then clubs that did have issues. VP Tucker argued this to be a fair and open and transparent and is being done systematically noting that there is nothing nefarious about it.

Cr Adams said that he understood how C&S operates and that members do not need to take up the whole Council meeting with it pointing out the enormity of the issue.

VP Tucker said this is probably the first time he can recall in his many years of being a committee member whereby C&S have not been trusted. He pointed out that C&S committee members are elected by and from members of the club and know what they are doing and have been for a long time. Committee members know the rules in and out and usually allowed to do what they are elected to do and their purpose without much interference. It is rare that it is coming under this scrutiny because generally people elected by and from Clubs & Societies are interested in doing the right thing.

Cr Adams said the broadly speaking he does trust C&S Committee members but pointed out that the whole mass audit had never been done before and therefore considered extraordinary circumstances. VP Tucker said that a mass audit had been undertaken previously and that the committee had not labelled it.

Environment

VP Tucker questioned Officer Shihan's environment report as to why uranium mining is being opposed pointing that uranium is one of the lowest emissions of generated baseload power and when Australia has the third largest uranium deposit in the world.

The Chair said that as the Environment Officers were not here he will take that question on notice.

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 110/152

KOZIJ/ROWE

CARRIED

f) Reports of Elected Officers

The Union Treasurer provided a verbal report.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/153

PHAM/JOVER

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 110/154

SCOTT/JOVER

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/155

JOVER/SCOTT

CARRIED

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 110/156

HESELTINE/JOVER

CARRIED

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 110/157

SEARLE/JOVER

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/158

DING/JOVER

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE DISABILITIES OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/159

STEELE/JOVER

It was moved

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 110/160

SHIHAN/JOVER

CARRIED

g) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers and General Managers

President Scott's Report

The UQU President, Emily Scott invited Mr Fabby Ernesta, Director, Properties and Facilities, University of Queensland, to give updates about Schonell and the student complex. President Scott wanted to give a brief overview due to miscellaneous reports being mentioned and rumours about whether UQU own the building or do not own the building. President Scott said she does not expect to make any decisions tonight. Just to let UQU Council have some information so that if members have any questions, the Council can make decisions in future council meetings. The Chair will send you the document with the full history.

President Scott said, UQU have two separate issues: the Union building and the Schonell building and will deal with them separately even though are both under their masterplan. President Scott explained that the nion building cost \$400,000 but a sympathetic government paid \$200,000 towards the building and the rest was sourced by Australian University's Commission and the University - all those grants were paid to the University for our use. UQU never actually owned the original union building located where the Commonwealth Bank is. This was the original piece, and everything attached to it over the years.

VP Tucker asked when was the complex was built.

President Scott said, the first part of the complex opened in 1958 but it was completed in 1961.

President Scott further explained that for the Schonell Theatre, UQU had been raising funds to build it since 1945 before we even moved to St Lucia. However, in that year it was decided that the Schonell be built at St Lucia. The theatre ended up being funded 90% by the union and 10% by Aust. University's Commission specifically for the foyer and common areas and the university did not contribute to that. Commonwealth Bank funded the commercial precinct that was built at the same time in exchange for fifteen years free rent. President Scott said she is unable to find any conditions of use for that building and will continue searching through the Fryer library archives.

President Scott said she finds it odd that UQU would spend \$800,000 at the time, equivalent to \$10M now, on a building that UQU did not own but will look further into that. President Scott said, it is quite clear the union building itself was owned by the university because UQU signed conditions of use and occupation in 1961 of which the university handed over rights to UQU subject to conditions which included reporting to the Union House Committee and Union Building Committee, both of which have since been disbanded.

In the mid 2000's President Scott found there had been a lot of confusion about how the first Financial Services Agreement (FSA) came about and UQU's original licences to occupy. She explained that after the introduction of VSU in 2006 the President at the time signed a deal for \$970,000 per year to keep UQU alive. This was the same amount UQU receive annually on top of SSAF from the University of Queensland. That agreement continued, however, UQU got a less a less sympathetic Chief Operating Officer who in 2008, who believed that UQ should stop giving the union this money in good faith and instead attach KPI's to it. UQ sent Jeremy Crowley from University of Queensland to draft the first FSA with UQU which was signed in 2009 and then re-signed in 2014 and 2018. Gradually since then, our rights to the buildings have withered away.

Come 2019 with the Qld Heritage Register and circa 2017 UQ announced their masterplan for the building. In response, Jeff Ricketts from the Fryer Library lodged an application to heritage list the Union Complex, including the Schonell. As a result of this, the university contracted an independent global construction consultancy firm to compare high level costings for future proofing the theatre within the union complex based on non-invasive investigation that does not include detailed electrical and asbestos concerns.

The consultancy company produced two plans for retention and one plan for rebuilding: the retention plans both cost around \$50M (2019 money) subject to inflation and increased reconstruction costs. Meanwhile, the cost to rebuild was \$38M.

In 2021, the full report, which is confidential, apart from some general details permitted to pass on, the maintenance required to reopen the theatre after recent closure will be around \$3,251,2888 which includes works such as fire, safety, electrical, infrastructure, access requirements for works, lifting and hoist equipment and contingency.

President Scott said P&F are here to discuss these reports and their plans for the future of the complex. Essentially, UQU have the option to continue to fight keep saving the schonell and accept being given a new theatre.

UQ promised we would manage the theatre if the new one would be built. However, there is a concern as UQ are considering merging it as a music hall to fit both purposes and the music school would facilitate music performances. This is a brief outline. What are our rights to the Schonell? Just to recap: we do have the option of saving the building as well as saving \$15M (2019 reports) to retain the Schonell or \$38M for the rebuild that would be paid for by the university infrastructure development before anything is signed off on in case something historically had been forgotten over the years.

VP Kozij said the Schonell is not being saved yet that poster states rebuild or save the Schonell?

President Scott said UQ are committed to saving Schonell.

Cr Adams asked if an independent international company gave those numbers. President Scott said the reports are confidential and cannot say who did it.

Cr Adams asked if UQU could trust their numbers. President Scott responded that there had been several different reports and shares concerns with one of the reports, specifically if the cost of it is attributed to Schonell or the complex (as a whole) and that includes works outside, for example, around the hill. The reason this report is more trustworthy is that these were numbers approved by the court, not questioned, which gave them some merit. UQU cannot really afford to do their own contract assessment and suggested Cr Adams is more than welcome to go through the available reports.

Cr Adams asked for clarification as to when those reports were made whether the authors work for university administration?

President Scott said she believes they were technically though not entirely sure.

Cr Adams asked if the reports are impartial. President Scott said the reports were supposed to be and directs the question to Mr Ernesta. Mr Ernesta said, back in 2018/19 there was a challenge to heritage list the theatre and the complex and that led to a court case as UQ challenged it and through that process several documents were produced. The report was by an independent surveyor Stuart Roberts. They were appointed to provide costings on the option of whether we save the theatre or demolish it. What is critical, besides the asbestos is that the building was built in circa 1960's so it does not comply with today's code that is where the costs go up. They had to appoint an independent certifier to look at extensive renovations to the theatre. Currently, the building does not comply with the code. On the back of that the QSM than costed those upgrades and that is where the costings come from. They had to appoint an independent certifier. And that shows two costings: the report one was about doing all the work to get compliance; second was getting a new one.

President Scott gives a break down for those \$50m figures: \$35M for building works and around \$15m for provision of equitable access and amenities.

Cr Adams asked if an independent contractor was appointed to provide those reports. Mr Ernesta responded that Rider Levitt Bucknell was the contractor.

Cr Adams asked who appointed the contractors and if the University paid them to do the work. Mr Ernesta confirmed that the university paid them to do that work. Mr Ernesta stated that no one would misappropriate the numbers and that the contractors had to provide an honest report.

President Scott asked Mr Ernesta that based on what people were saying could he give UQU an idea of what the major physical changes or alterations and retention works would be in terms of the equitable access and changes to the foyers. Mr Ernesta said that we have all seen that the building is on a slope. Currently one cannot get access in a wheelchair access. It must be structural, connect to the roof, the design of that to correct the access then to make sure they are able to access the building in a wheelchair.

President Scott said she assumed the reason the cost is larger for leavening out the ground for the retention option rather than the rebuild option is due to the roof holding the building up. President Scott queried if it is because it is holding the building up as you are cutting out underneath.

Mr Ernesta said that is the case.

VP Tucker said that he believes the big question between the two is just how long will it take.

Mr Ernesta responded by saying that if you were to renovate the building in isolation obviously it would be shorter. Because if you must develop it, you must do it in context to the entire complex. It will be a disruptive period. There will be noise. Renovation would be quicker process than rebuilding the whole complex.

Cr Adams asked that the two cost options were part of the issue over whether if the building could be heritage listed. Mr Ernesta said that it was not the sole reason and to remember that the University started to do some work to it to look at the future of the site.

President Scott said that she did give the break down previously: \$37M for the new theatre; 1M for demolition and around \$700,000 for asbestos removal.

VP Tucker questioned the removal of the asbestos?

President Scott stated that was for if they must demolish it. That was based on an estimate from a quantity surveying firm. She concurred that she also thought about that - but that it was due to the landscaping around it. It is cheaper to do the full demolition than the partial demolitions. The break down will be in that document.

President Scott said the Vice Chancellor assured the Board that UQU will continue to control student theatre - that is the status quo and our starting point. UQU is still investigating a joint theatre in which the music school would have a stake that we do not know much about and is something to consider that we may be sharing part of the building time with the music school.

A student commented on Notre Dame unfortunately burning to the ground and that while it might be cheaper to tear down a 700-year-old grand structure, it could be argued should the university not be prepared to spend on the history of the university, the culturally recognised history of the

university? Mr Ernesta said he would try and answer the question. He said that the University is looking at the history, the culture and what is important to students.

Cr Clunies-Ross had two questions: the first for President Scott. When you said, “the VC told me”. Which VC?

President Scott informed the Cr that Professor Deborah Terry is the VC. If you are talking about my comment regarding the new theatre, the union would be managing bookings as we usually do and certain agreements that we have with the universities regarding our conditions to operate. That is the current state and may potentially change with the music school presence. UQU would still manage the theatre side and commented on a great deal of conditionals. President Scott pointed out that the VC said mentioned that to the BOD’s and has it in writing.

Cr Clunies-Ross's also asked how it is possible to get an accurate estimation of building costs if UQU are not even aware of what sort of layout inside the new building and pointed out that there is a lot of variances?

Mr Ernesta said that at the time they looked up a building of a comparable size theatre but in a more efficient way and bricks for square metre required so you can do a high-level visibility - on whether there is a big variance.

President Scott said the new theatre/music school is a 450-seater and is quite similar and could provide sketches pointing out that that it seems extremely like for like. The costs were based on the new complex but there has been a change of direction. Instead of having the Westfield model they want lots of distinct buildings and parks that connect so we can still have open space tower.

Mr Ernesta said what is important to note is that to go back to first those principles, we are consulting and looking at the history, the culture, heritage and what is important to students. Past, present, future

What that means, as a first principle: we have gone away from the idea of building a big building on the site - first we are respecting the site. And various buildings connect to the main complex to connect their living space that is special to students. We will have a similar style but more modern representation.

Cr Clunies-Ross said that he thinks the main thing is knowing that it is the current VC and the fact that it is signed and in writing and whatever the whatever committees end up talking to each other, the final design is then based on trust. You have got to be able to trust that.

President Scott said the committee has not signed off on this issue as currently calling for tenders for an architect. Her understanding is at the last meeting the Steering Committee endorsed an investigation of the current plan. That is what the committee endorsed at the last meeting and that has not been put in writing in a letter to me. That information would be in the minutes that the committee endorsed that included myself, the VC, Mr Ernesta and the Chief Operating Officer.

Cr Clunies- Ross asked whether that meant UQU might get the same architect as the ones who designed that haematoma of a new building? President Scott said she is not involved in tenders.

Mr Ernesta agreed. He stated that they have committed to a consultancy over the next three months and correcting the brief is part of that process. From there it needs to go to internal governments and from there we are going to open tenders for the design.

Mr Ernesta said that UQU will especially be consulted.

President Scott said in relation to the murals and in my presentation with the steering committee that the union should consult with the access unit and a decision needs to be made regarding this concern.

Mr Ernesta said the indigenous principles is one of the stake holders and is about to launch about how we have a clear principle from landscape and will have to tick the box.

President Scott said the university is working with us in a positive way.

President Scott said that keeping some of the breeze blocks is only one of the remaining visuals and some of the visuals along the brick wall of Comm Bank plus the union statue.

VP Tucker asked if this is the most pertinent stuff we can talk about? Everyone is curious about the complex.

President Scott agreed. We need to discuss what is happening around it and questioned it.

VP Tucker requests a motion

A student stated that UQU's access to outlets generates revenues. What provisions will the university be undertaking to ensure the unions access to our revenue source and what it maintains?

Mr Ernesta said the previous model of the development (inaudible)

Clint Wooler, Manager of Operations stated that we have already had conversations regarding the new phase and asked how the university might accommodate and support UQU on campus. We need to be mindful of Schonell - what we might need to do and ask these questions. They would help us with that financially. One thing is right now it can only be handed to someone is positive. What is the best outcome for students? Mindful of the fact that we are talking about Schonell and ask these questions.

Ms Glenda Jacobs, Manager, UQU asked that if Council does want to finally decide and think about Schonell - that they do not want the Schonell to be demolished and would rather go with the retention what weight that would have with the University.

President Scott said she could pose the theoretical questions to the steering committee.

VP Tucker questioned the plans for the site at Staff House Road knowing that over a couple of years ago nobody used it last time he checked.

Mr Wooler said that under the current (inaudible) the retail and Red Room, the bakery designs going to Building 41 as part of creating space for the new complex. That agreement is described as Building 41 and part of (inaudible).

President Scott said that it was her understanding that Building 41, since undergoing works has become offices for the access units that are currently scattered across the university and pointed out that as Mr Wooler just stated that it has triggered us to renegotiate our FSA.

VP Tucker stated he cannot think of anywhere you could put the Red Room. President Scott agreed that UQU will look at decant solutions as well issues some of them may work for this steering committee have some discussions regarding student residence and VP Kozij attended one of the discussions and the thoughts around that - so that would be a place to consider.

Mr Ernesta said that to fully answer the question UQ go back to principles. The Red Room goes back into the union complex. Therefore, it is a temporary decant.

Cr Adams stated that when the university brought in the smoking ban a few years ago students could not smoke on campus and was curious to know why UQ have non-smoking areas on campus. President Scott said that this is not relevant. VP Tucker said it is extremely relevant. It is crucial for the life of the bar that they be able to smoke there. The atmosphere is so completely dead. Mr Ernesta said it is a valid point. What you should look at is in that brief bring those things up. But I think it is safe to assume in all modern public spaces there are smoke free.

VP Tucker said that in most modern licenced bars there is a smoking area, and there will be for a long time.

President Scott asked if anyone had any relevant questions.

Cr Adams said that he does not want to make it seem that he does not trust people. He pointed out that property development is often over budgeted and under-delivered. How certain can UQU be and how trustworthy can it be said that the construction company and consultants are if the project goes over budget. Mr Ernesta said that like every project there is an element of contingency to allow for any unknown.

President Scott said that as a quick summary the figures she gave were estimates of the original union committee that had to scale back the project.

Cr Adams said that the University obviously wants the cheaper option. Mr Ernesta said that it is not just about the money. It is about function as well. This is a special site collectively to create something for hundreds of years to come.

President Scott said that she had a small issue with something you said. Second time do it better if you look at Central station, they would have built it on the cheap. To me the options are heritage is more important whatever we think the improvement is no matter what facilities you put in there modern and should be about heritage.

Mr Ernesta said that you can still live in a modern evolution of the theatre, but you cannot change the functionality. That is the balance we have here.

President Scott said that the steering committee has two or three meetings - that is the difference we can speak directly to it.

President Scott said a motion before ordering for someone to make that decision she points out that there is not an entire party here. With the new VC there has been a change and President Scott believes it is more than just who is the VC. You are right

President Scott said that she believes everyone still needs to know what we want then we'll make a motion.

Student, Rowan Evans believes the council is not given a particularly despite what you're

Student Tristan Murdoch asked if outside donations were being source or if the building will be fully funded by UQ funds. Mr Ernesta said that at UQ, donations come through for scholarships or for sport. Not for construction itself.

Mr Ernesta leaves the meeting.

Student, Rowan Evans stated that Union Council should be the only decision maker on the union complex and that the Steering Committee be abolished.

President Scott believes UQU can have the first part without having to do the second.

Student, Rowan Evans said that in principle Union Council should agree to the President being on the Steering Committee but that Union Council should be sole decision makers.

General Manager's Report

SAS as a Registered Association

The Chair spoke directly to the Ms Glenda Jacobs, Manager, UQ Union to her item.

Ms Jacobs said in the current agenda there is an item about creating a registered association that can accept charitable donations. Because UQU is a charity it cannot accept charitable donations because of the benevolent bodies unless UQU are a registered association will not be able to be tax exempt. Donations and grants can only give to this type of registered association. UQU identified what the objects of it would be and the association would be to provide short term welfare assistance. There are several people who would give the union money and save the union money. To provide council management of donations Ms Jacobs added this because VP Tucker made the issue of how and where council fits into this.

Ms Jacobs said in this document she created a series of questions:

Ms Jacobs queried what other concerns Council need answering.

Cr Adams asked Ms Jacobs what her opinion was in doing this in terms of negatives.

Ms Jacobs said that she genuinely can only see positives, that the money can only be used for UQU and that she sees this as an additional source of revenue for the Union.

VP Tucker said he was curious what is the Board's stance on this because he was aware that it was previously not necessarily rejected but not agreed to.

Ms Jacobs said the Board does not have to agree. Ms Jacobs said that when it was presented to them Board initially saw it through the lenses of it terms of incorporation as a company limited by guarantee, a proposal which was rejected by council and thought this was similar. She believes she did not present it clearly enough.

President Scott said at the last meeting of the Board, the Board endorsed progressing the proposal.

Ms Jacobs said UQU did not want to draft regulations before speaking to Council. The questions raised were beneficial, if those questions can be answered it will make it clearer on what exactly we are proposing. She said that Fleur Kingham, Chair of the Board suggested that money that comes from the student cannot be placed into this fund which means that SSAF can never put money into the fund and only external bodies can place into that fund. Ms Jacobs requested council send questions and if there were any issues she would like to be informed and had no intention of council deciding now until they have seen the regulations and the draft.

i) Question Time

VP Tucker had a question for himself.

VP Tucker said that the UQU will be holding an Oktoberfest Festival as an event for the whole family. He noted, the party will not be based entirely on the drinking of beer and that that is not what the festival is about and welcomed members and students to attend.

Student, Jack Barton said that Oktoberfest is not supposed to be in September and that it is held in October. VP Tucker pointed out that according to the Bavarian calendar it is held in September.

d) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Appeal of a Union Body Decision- Disaffiliation of UQ Labor Left Club

The Chair put to Union Council the Schedule 3 submitted to the last Union Council meeting regarding the disaffiliation of a club.

VP Tucker stated that the Schedule 3 should be ruled out of order. He said that the reason the motion was tabled at the last meeting was question over its validity. He said there were not enough signatures on the appeal. There was fifty students (including a Councillor), not fifty students plus one Councillor. There were also some issues with some people not having verifiable student numbers as well.

The Chair said it is his decision to put the motion to council.

Cr Mark moved that the motion be put.

A vote was conducted on whether to uphold the Schedule 3 appeal.

VP Tucker and VP Kozij noted that under R21, Union Council must reconsider the motion in the form it was first considered by the relevant Union body. Therefore, the vote that had just been conducted meant that votes had been conducted in the reverse of Councillor's intentions. The Chair stated that the intention of Councillors was clear, but that a revote would be held.

VP Tucker said that the regulations clearly state that the appeal is decided by a vote on the original motion.

President Scott pointed out that the Chair explicitly said that "for" was to endorse the appeal.

The Chair named VP Tucker

VP Kozij expressed profound tiredness and the need to go home.

The Chair informed Council that they will vote again.

The Chair named VP Tucker a second time.

Student, Bradley Stone suggested people vote on whether their vote is affiliated or disaffiliated?

VP Tucker said that he had already moved that Council table it. VP Tucker said that he moves to table it and that as far as he was concerned, he is the mover of the motion.

The Chair said that VP Tucker can only vote on the original motion.

Cr Clunies-Ross and Cr Mark commented that VP Tucker made a speech on the issue at the previous meeting of Union Council.

VP Tucker argued that it was the wrong motion and that the Chair had already ruled that Council voted on the wrong motion and now we are tabling a new motion. If we are reconsidering the original motion as it is up to original body, and VP Tucker believes he is the original mover, and the Chair puts the motion until he moves it. He stated that the way it is framed in the regulations means we must discuss the original motion as it was put to the original body. It is a complete reconsideration of the original motion.

Student Bradley Stone asked if VP Tucker if he is moving the motion to disaffiliate the club. VP Tucker responded that he is happy to move that.

VP Tucker said that Union Council has not had a debate on the original motion. Firstly, the regulations of UQU. We will work through those, so we understand the UQU regulations pertinent to discussion of disaffiliation or affiliation of clubs.

VP Tucker proceeded to read from the UQU Regulations.

Student, Bradley Stone said that whilst this committee or form of debate can move a procedural motion. VP Tucker pointed out that the regulations state that a member can only gag a member during formal debate.

Cr Clunies-Ross said that a member can move a procedural motion at any time. Under Standing Order 28.5 procedural motions can be heard at any time include a motion the speaker no longer be heard. VP Tucker responded by saying that he feels like Council is getting to the nuts of the issue.

The Chair announced under standing orders 25.1 VP Tucker had been speaking for over eight minutes.

VP Tucker interjected.

The Chair named VP Tucker a third time.

VP Tucker moved dissent in the Chair each on his first, second and third naming and called for a recorded vote for each.

Cr Clunies-Ross moved that VP Tucker be suspended from the meeting. VP Tucker called for a recorded vote.

Recorded vote

Annie Bartley proxied to Kurt Tucker *Against*

Hamish Barnett *For*

Darcy Creighton proxied to Benjamin Kozij *Against*

Samuel Adams *For*

Elise Northcote proxied to Hamish Barnett *For*

Julia Bejleri proxied to Benjamin Kozij *Against*

Kyle Clunies-Ross *For*

Elloise Campbell *For*

Michael Walker *For*

Kurt Munckton proxied to Kurt Tucker *For*

Anastasia Georgiou *For*

Ella Gutteridge proxied to Jordan Mark *For*

Thomas Stephen *For*

Myah McGinity *For*

Gabby Callow *For*

Tim Hefferman proxied to Jordan Mark *For*

Jordan Mark *For*

Ji Davis to Bradley Plant *Against*

David McGovern *For*

Stuart Moss proxied to Elloise Campbell *For*

Finn Wedge *Against*

VP Tucker was suspended from the meeting.

The Chair conducted recorded votes on dissent in the Chair for VP Tucker's first, second and third naming.

Recorded vote

Annie Bartley proxied to Kurt Tucker *For*
Hamish Barnett *Against*
Darcy Creighton proxied to Benjamin Kozij *For*
Samuel Adams *Against*
Elise Northcote proxied to Hamish Barnett *Against*
Julia Bejleri proxied to Benjamin Kozij *For*
Kyle Clunies-Ross *Against*
Elloise Campbell *Against*
Michael Walker *Against*
Anastasia Georgiou *Against*
Ella Gutteridge proxied to Jordan Mark *Against*
Thomas Stephen *Against*
Myah McGinity *Against*
Gabby Callow *Against*
Tim Heffernan proxied to Jordan Mark *Against*
Jordan Mark *For*
Ji Davis to Bradley Plant *Against*
David McGovern *Against*
Stuart Moss proxied to Elloise Campbell *Against*
Finn Wedge *For*

Recorded vote

Annie Bartley proxied to Kurt Tucker *For*
Hamish Barnett *Against*
Darcy Creighton proxied to Benjamin Kozij *For*
Samuel Adams *Against*
Elise Northcote proxied to Hamish Barnett *Against*
Kyle Clunies-Ross *Against*
Elloise Campbell *Against*
Michael Walker *Against*
Anastasia Georgiou *Against*
Ella Gutteridge proxied to Jordan Mark *Against*
Thomas Stephen *Against*
Myah McGinity *For*

Gabby Callow *Against*
Tim Heffernan proxied to Jordan Mark *Against*
Jordan Mark *For*
Ji Davis to Bradley Plant *Against*
David McGovern *For*
Stuart Moss proxied to Elloise Campbell *For*
Finn Wedge *Against*

The Chair named Christopher Stewart.

The Chair said Council is going to have three minutes limited on each side of debate and then we are going to vote on Schedule 3 - the original motion. Council is going to vote on the original motion that was passed at the C&S committee.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ LABOR LEFT CLUB BE DISAFFILIATED AS A UQU CLUB
COUNCIL 110/161 TUCKER/PEREIRA FAILED

General Business

Anniversary of the Death of Princess Diana

It was moved that

AS TODAY MARKS THE 24TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES, THE UQ UNION RECOGNISES HER SELFLESS DUTY TO HUMANITARIAN CAUSES ACROSS THE GLOBE.

COUNCIL 110/162 BARTON/MCGOVERN CARRIED

Lantite Exam

It was moved that

THE UQ UNION WILL COMMIT TO OVERTURNING THE DECISION MADE BY UQ ADMINISTRATION THAT HALTED THE SUBSIDATION OF THE MANDATORY LANTITE EXAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED UNDER THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION.

COUNCIL 110/163 BARTON/ADAMS CARRIED

j) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil.

k) Business which has been proposed

Nil.

Meeting closed at 9.09pm.