

**UNION COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**From the 8<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the**  
**110<sup>th</sup> UQ Union Council, 2021**  
**5.30pm, Monday, 27<sup>TH</sup> September 2021**  
**Holt Room**  
**Chair: Ji Davis**

**The Meeting was declared open at 5:44 pm.**

**a) Credentials**

**i) Members present:**

**Councillors**

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

**Student Executive**

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

**Others**

Tristan Murdoch  
Jack Barton  
Bradley Plant  
Ethan Jones  
Matthew Pereira  
Bradley Stone  
Rowan Evans  
Cara Rowe  
Glenda Jacobs  
Bradley Plant  
Barclay McGain  
Priya De  
Anna Redshaw  
Christopher Stewart  
Natasha Brettell  
Ben Myatt

**ii) Apologies and leave:**

**iii) The following proxies were received:**

Thomas Stephen to Edward Uzelin  
Jiancong Wang to Nguyen Thi Mai

Gabby Callow to Bradley Plant  
 Finn Wedge to Bradley Plant  
 Julia Bejleri to Oscar Green  
 Kurt Munckton to Utkrist Paudyal  
 Chamal Abeytunga to Matthew Pereira  
 Annabel Bartley to Jaafar Jabur  
 David McGovern to Cristian Gutierrez  
 Elise Northcote to Cara Rowe  
 Myah McGinity to Barclay McGain  
 Stuart Moss to Ethan Jones

**iv) Resignations:**

*Nil.*

**b) Elections**

*Nil.*

**c) Confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting**

VP Kozij raised that the minutes of the last council meeting should include the first vote held on the disaffiliation of the UQ Labor Left Club.

Cr Clunies-Ross stated that the vote VP Kozij referred to was mistakenly held and that the minutes should accurately reflect the decision making of Council.

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES FOR THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 110<sup>TH</sup> UQ UNION COUNCIL  
 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

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DAVIS/JOVER

CARRIED

**d) Business arising from the last meeting.**

**Amendment of R21**

Student Cara Rowe explained that the current Schedule 3's wording is unclear. However it is clear that the the intention of the original writer of the Schedule 3 was that the power of two of the T3 was equivalent to the power of a Councillor and 50 students, and therefore that a Councillor and 50 students needed to be explicitly stated as two distinct entities for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of a Schedule 3.

Secondly, the Rules Committee discussed and agreed to change the number from 50 to 30 students. Although this Schedule 3 could be used to appeal decisions of other unions bodies, in practice it is only

ever used for decisions of the C&S Committee. As only 30 people are required to ratify a club, it is logical that only thirty people are required to appeal against a decision involving a club.

Union Secretary Jover waived his speaking rights as Seconder.

Student Rowan Evans said he would like the amendments removed verifying a Councillor as:

- a) It is very confusing people do not know whether you are allowed to have the Councillor and 30 students; and
- b) You must convince at least one councillor to get the motion put by council, and you probably should not be bringing appeals without discussing it with councillors first. We should just remove the Councillor and just have it either be two of the T3 or 30 students.

Student, Cara Rowe argued that the point of having one Councillor on Schedule 3 is you would have to consult with somebody who is somehow semi politically engaged rather than a random student who submitted one.

Rowan Evans said that you would do it that anyway and at present the primary motivation in the first place was the fact that there was confusion which what was led to this motion because people did not know whether you would need 30 students and a Councillor or whether the council could be included in the 30.

Cara Rowe said since the motion was discussed and agreed at the Rules Committee the Union Council move to thirty signatures excluding the Councillor.

VP Kozij said he disagrees and would like to remove it back to 50 students as this schedule is used for other things not just clubs.

President Scott said that it is not difficult to find 50 who would sign although many students are trapped overseas and cannot just walk onto campus and sign a piece of paper, yet they can still enough people to operate a club. Many are operating from overseas, and the same standards should apply.

All in favor with the motion including saying “30 other” students.

*Recorded vote*

Annie Bartley proxied to Jaafar Jabur *Against*

Hamish Barnett *For*

Darcy Creighton *Against*

Sam Adams *For*

Julia Bejleri proxied to Oscar Green *Against*

Michael Walker *For*

Myah McGinty proxied to Barclay McGain *Against*

Kurt Munckton proxied to Utkrist Payadal *Against*

Anastasia Georgiou *For*

Elloise Campbell *Against*

Elisha Guttridge *Abstain*

Jason Wang proxied to Nguyen Thi Mai *For*

Thomas Stephen proxied to Edward Uzelin *For*

Elise Northcote proxied to Cara Rowe *For*

Gabby Callow proxied to Bradley Plant *Against*

Tim Heffernan *Abstain*

Jordan Mark *For*

Chamal Abeytunga proxied to Matthew Pereira *Against*

David McGovern proxied to Cristian Gutierrez *For*

Stuart Moss proxied to Ethan Jones *Against*

Finn Wedge proxied to Bradley Plant *Against*

*It was moved*

THAT R21.1 OF THE UQU REGULATIONS BE AMENDED TO READ:

21.2 UNTIL THREE CLEAR DAYS OR SEVEN CLEAR DAYS, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER, AFTER NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

- a) ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
  - i) PRESIDENT
  - ii) UNION SECRETARY; OR
  - iii) TREASURER; OR
- b) BOTH:
  - i) ONE COUNCILLOR; AND

- ii) THIRTY (30) OTHER STUDENTS, MAY APPEAL TO UNION COUNCL AGAINST THE DECISION BY DELIVERING A SIGNED MOTICE OF APPEAL I NTHE FORM OF SCHEDULE THREE TO THE UNION SECRTRY.

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ROWE/JOVER

FAILED

Cara Rowe put to Council that in the interests of clarifying the Regulations around Schedule 21 the amendment be put to Council as 50 students, not 30. The Chair agreed to vote on this amendment.

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iii) TREASURER; OR

B) BOTH:

i) ONE COUNCILLOR; AND

ii) FIFTY (50) OTHER STUDENTS MAY APPEAL TO UNION COUNCL AGAINST THE DECISION BY DELIVERING A SIGNED MOTICE OF APPEAL I NTHE FORM OF SCHEDULE THREE TO THE UNION SECRTRY.

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ROWE/JOVER

CARRIED

- e) **Requests for starring/approval or noting of the items not starred en bloc**

### **President's report**

Cr Adams said in relation to your report that in the Terms of engagement UQU (University of Queensland Union) explicitly acknowledges the UQU as the representative body that represents all students. This sounds like an important win, could you please explain more.

President Scott said she will request the Secretary to distribute the formal document and the agreed upon terms to Councillors, but unfortunately the union are still awaiting signatures. President Scott explained that each time the union sent a draft the university removed that section adding that it was explicitly stated the university were afraid that by including that clause it would mean the university would be obliged to

consult with the union on every issue. The President said that the union circumvented that by listing UQU as the Principal Consultative Partner and articulated those key issues that matter to students acknowledging that we are the elected body that represents all UQ students and the overarching organisation and overseas subsidiary representative bodies. This acknowledgement means legitimate student representatives and not any employed group.

### **Environmental**

Cr Adams asked the environment officer regarding a section about the Galilee Basin mentioned in the report. The university is identified by the government as one of the partners who will be part of “unlocking the basin’s potential”?

Student, Oula Shihan, explained that the Minister for Resources and Water identified the University of Queensland as one of the partners that were going to mine for gas in the Galilee Basin.

Cr Adams queried which parts of the university are involved and do you have any names?

Oula Shihan said the media release does not go into details but that the university has partners on campus who can conduct this research into mining.

### **Semper**

Student, Tristian Murdoch noted there was no report in the Semper about the upcoming AGM (Annual General Meeting) season regarding the election coverage.

Editor, Matthew Johnson said Semper will be interviewing presidential candidates and key candidates from every party. There will be a president’s debate booked next Thursday - 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the campaign week along with policy statements and podcasts with some of the candidates and will not be featured in the next issue but there will be a podcast shared on Facebook.

### **International Student Officers**

*The International Student Officers did not submit a report.*

Student Matthew Pereira raised that he was still waiting to receive a copy of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Students Collective meeting but had not received a response from the Officers.

President Scott said she will forward the minutes to Cr Pereira and will answer at the next council meeting.

The Chair noted that the International Officers frequently miss council meetings, noting the officers have missed five meetings.

*It was moved*

TO ACCEPT ALL ELECTED OFFICERS' REPORTS BE ACCEPTED EN BLOC CARRIED

**f) Reports of Elected Officers**

*It was moved*

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 110/167 SCOTT/JOVER CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 110/168 JOVER/SCOTT CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE STUDENT RIGHT'S (COMMUNITY WELFARE) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND  
CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 110/169 HESELTINE/JOVER CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY (WOMEN'S) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND  
CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 110/170 SEARLE/JOVER CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 110/171 SHIHAN/JOVER CARRIED

**h) Business which has been proposed**

**Disabilities Officers to become Paid Officers**

*It was moved*

THAT COUNCIL AMENDS 56.3 OF UNION REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE DISABILITIES  
OFFICERS. THE ROLES OF DISABILITIES OFFICERS THEN BECOME PAID OFFICERS, IN THE

SAME MANNER AS THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS, PAID AT THE SAME RATE FOR 10 HOURS PER WEEK, BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY OR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

REASONS:

- IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY ADVOCACY ROLE
- UNLIKE WOMEN'S AND QUEER, THE DISABILITIES COLLECTIVE HAS STRUGGLED TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN OFFICERS DUE TO THE DEMANDING AND UNPAID NATURE OF THE ROLE
- AS OF 2018, 5.68% OF STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING A DISABILITY (3050 STUDENTS). THAT NUMBER INCREASED EVERY YEAR FOR 3 YEARS PRIOR SO IS LIKELY TO BE HIGHER NOW. OVER 300 UNIQUE ACTIVE MEMBERS HAVE INTERACTED WITH THE DISABILITIES COLLECTIVE FACEBOOK GROUP SINCE THE START OF THE YEAR.
- THE ADVOCACY WORK THAT THE DISABILITES COLLECTIVE IS DOING TO MAKE BUREACRACY AT UQ MORE USER FRIENDLY AND IMPROVE POLICIES FOR EXTENSIONS AND EXCEPTIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS, IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL HAVE WIDE-RANGING FLOW ON BENEFITS FOR THE BROADER POPULATION.

110/172

STEELE/?

TABLED

### **Registration of a UQU Welfare Association under the Queensland Associations Incorporations Act 1981**

A student asked if there is are example of other student union around the country undertaking similar initiatives. General Manager, Glenda Jacobs, said there are examples of registered associations but not for a student union. Many other unions have instead become more aligned with their universities. Ms Jacobs explained that if Council does not like the direction of the Association they can stop it. It is separately elected and only requires seven members in this association. Those members elect a management committee of three and have responsibility for funds being distributed properly and members get voted every year by all the members. This could be decided on that at council and any official members elected by application can control who becomes a member. The membership can be made of council and whoever the executive of that year.

Ms Jacobs said it is open to amendments as long it does not go against 1a). If any of stages 1-6 go the union go back to council. The budget does not change, and council control does not change.

*It was moved*

THAT:

- (1) COUNCIL APPROVE REGISTRATION OF A UQU STUDENT WELFARE ASSOCIATION (CALLED THE UQU STUDENT WELLBEING AND SUPPORT ASSOCIATION) WITH THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS:

- (A) TO PROVIDE SHORT TERM FINANCIAL AND WELLBEING ASSISTANCE TO UQ STUDENTS, DERIVED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND AND/OR UQ STUDENT FEES (IN OTHER WORDS, EXCLUDING SSAF AND FSA FUNDS)
  - (B) TO PARTNER WITH SOCIAL WELFARE PROVIDERS – FOR EXAMPLE, TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THIRD-PARTY PROVISION OF FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SEXUAL HEALTH ADVICE AND TESTING FOR STUDENTS, OR (ALSO JUST AN EXAMPLE) FOR THIRD-PARTY PROVISION OF HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS’ FAMILIES
  - (C) TO PROVIDE FOR ACCOUNTABLE MANAGEMENT<sup>1</sup> OF DONATIONS FROM BENEFICIARY STAKEHOLDERS OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
  - (D) TO DO ALL SUCH OTHER THINGS AS ARE INCIDENTAL OR CONDUCIVE TO THE ATTAINMENT OF THESE OBJECTS AND THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND STUDENT UNION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF UNION COUNCIL.
- (2) SHOULD ANY OF THE STAGES 1 – 6 TOWARDS REGISTRATION (ATTACHED) NOT BE SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED, THE MATTER BE BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR RECONSIDERATION.

SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS ARE ATTACHED.

110/173

JACOBS/DAVIS

CARRIED

### **Earthquake Acknowledgement**

*It was moved*

THAT THERE WAS A DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE IN MELBOURNE THIS WEEK. ALTHOUGH THE DEVASTATION WAS SERIOUS, THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT TOGETHER WE WILL REBUILD.

110/174

EVANS/ADAMS

CARRIED

### **HSE Crackdown**

Cr Mark said there has been an extreme crackdown, student journalists arrested, forced to wear ankle bracelets, any academic perceived of being leftist or liberal have been expelled and a ban on any political demonstrations it is forbidden to make a statement on and other student. Current UQ students are terrified to speak out and afraid to return home. The Union had supported motions like this before, for example, in Hong Kong.

Cr Adams noted that UQU is the largest student union in the southern hemisphere. When it comes to other student unions it is important to express our solidarity with them.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQ UNION STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE STUDENTS OF HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (HSE), RUSSIA AND EXPRESS ITS DISGUST AT THE ARREST OF STUDENT JOURNALISTS, EXPLUSION OF LIBERAL ACADEMICS AND BAN ON STUDENT POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS.

110/175

MARK/ADAMS

CARRIED

### **Amendment of S38.1.**

Cr Clunies-Ross noted the motion had passed Rules Committee. This motion is about standing order 38.1. This is a grammatical mistake.

The Secretary pointed out that members cannot vote on Cr Clunies-Ross motion titled “Amending S 39.1” as council require five clear days to vote.

*The Chair said this motion be tabled for the next Council meeting.*

*It was moved*

THAT S38.1 BE AMENDED TO FIX UP A GRAMMATICAL MISTAKE (SPECIFICALLY THROUGH COUNCIL ADDED “BE” TO S38.1 AND IS THEN TO READ:

“IT MAY BE MOVED, ‘THAT (INSERT NAME OF MEMBER OR PERSON) BE SUSPENDED FROM SERVICE OF THE (INSERT NAME OF UNION BODY) FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

110/176

CLUNIES-ROSS/GEORGIU

TABLED

### **Censorship of Kurt Tucker**

Cr Clunies-Ross stated VP Tucker attempted to filibuster at the last council meeting in order to force Union Council to lose quorum and as such was suspended from council for disorderly conduct.

VP Tucker misled council on Standing Order 19 and attempted to argue that the form of debate council were in did not allow for procedural motions to be voted on and argued that the form of debate - it was informal debate – it was not clear why he was arguing that and under standing order 28.2. VP Tucker said council could not put a motion to silence the speaker because of the form of the debate. When 28.2 clearly stated that the procedural motion moved over a person takes priority over a formal discussion or debate.

Under 28.5 VP Tucker tried to say that many of the motions council were moving could not be moved at this time. Although the motion specifically stated that under Section 28.5 motions may be moved at any time. Cr Clunies-Ross believed council should censure VP Tucker for disorderly conduct.

Councillor Georgiou added that the last Council Union meeting went off the rails and the usual conventions and standards that members rely on to have a functioning council were unable to call on and not have it seen to work. It is important that we censure that kind of behaviour that prevents the function of council.

VP Kozij queried why Council would want to censure VP Tucker, adding that apart from him being a great source of entertainment, Council should not be voting until VP Tucker is present to defend himself.

*It was moved*

THAT THIS COUNCIL OF THE UQ UNION CENSURE KURT TUCKER, VICE PRESIDENT OF CAMPUS CULTURE, FOR ENGAGING IN DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE UQ UNION COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION TO THIS DISORDERLY CONDUCT, COUNCIL CENSURES TUCKER FOR MISLEADING COUNCIL ON THE MEANING OF THE UQ UNION STANDING ORDERS, SPECIFICALLY, S19, S28.2 AND S28.5.

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CLUNIES-ROSS/GEORGIU

TABLED

### **Use of C&S Facebook Page**

There were a couple of comments made on the Clubs and Societies official page. VP Kozij signed his name after some of the comments. Students do not know when the VP of Campus Culture is commenting as himself or when someone else is commenting on the official page. The motion is specifically for elected officials. Elected officials should be transparent in their communications and not be hiding behind the official Facebook page to state opinions that might not be supported by that body of the union. Some of the comments were contradictory to comments by other Clubs and Societies Committee members on their own personal Facebook account. If there is a contradiction the clubs will adhere to what the Clubs and Societies page says as to what students should follow even though it might only be a member of the committee or executive in the union who is saying that.

Student, Cristian Gutierrez provided some context to the UQU Clubs and Societies Executive group. Student, Cara Rowe put a petition to change the Clubs and Societies committee's decision that no online AGM's were allowed.

VP Kozij said club members might be allowed if they have a valid reason as the committee can give exemptions if the club has a valid reason. Being the elected VP for this position, it is assumed that when he said those comments that it is the correct information and that is what club members should be

following. VP Kozij added that he signs off on everything and if not it has been due to an error and that this should apply to any page, for example, all union run pages besides the Clubs and Societies page.

Student, Rowan Evans, stated this rule or direction needs to go to the rules committee and go in the regulations.

Student, Cara Rowe, said that focus should on the fact that official pages should have transparency and not state opinions and that this may not be supported by other committee members.

Cr Adams said the idea has merit. However, he would like to acknowledge that people who have this job could very easily forget to sign off and should not be punished. It would be appropriate to make this a direction from council rather than a regulation under the Rules Committee.

Mr Evans suggested that instead of making approaches that are consistent with each other you should be making approaches that are consistent with the regulations and is going to move that this be referred to the Rules Committee and needs to be considered in detail.

Council members were not in favour of the motion being put to the Rules Committee.

The Chair agreed it is not a rules regulation and should be a union direction. With this amendment, council encourages people to do it.

*It was moved that*

COUNCIL DIRECTS ANYONE USING ANY UNION SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE, SUCH AS, MAKING A POST OR COMMENTING ON THE PAGE, TO SIGN THEIR FIRST NAME AFTER THE RELEVANT POST, COMMENT OR COMMUNICATION.

110/179

CLUNIES-ROSS/GEORGIU

CARRIED

### **Interpretation of Present in Model Constitution**

Cr Clunies-Ross said that there has been much confusion over whether AGMs are *allowed* to be held over zoom or *must* be held over zoom. It is important that the council clarify exactly what clubs should do given that many clubs follow the Clubs and Societies model constitution in terms of their general meetings.

The model constitution states:

“Under Section 21 - Procedure at General Meeting subsection C:

Every question matter or resolution should be decided by a majority of votes of the members present.”

Cr Clunies-Ross added that the meaning of the term “present” meant physically present, however given the pandemic many club meetings had moved online. Therefore, Union Council should explicitly interpret “present” to mean not “physically present” but instead to mean present either in person or online, in order to allow online attendees to be able to participate in a meeting in accordance with Section 21 of the model constitution. This would mean the ability to vote on questions, matters and resolutions and that the people online count towards quorum as well. Many clubs especially prior to 2019 merely copied the model constitution, and they have not had a general meeting to change “present” to clarify expressly that the word “present” means present online or in person.

Cr Georgiou said that clubs want to clarify this as “present” includes online attendance that would be subject to the same existing regulations around “in person” confirming their identity and that in these uncertain times this kind of clarification and adaptation is necessary as official to the student body.

Rowan Evans said that the Clubs and Societies Committee have made a resolution with the intended opposite effect of this motion. The problem is AGM season is approaching without a ruling on this matter. It is valid to ask if C&S Committee decisions overrule a Clubs and Societies constitution

Cr Clunies-Ross added this motion is specifically interpreting Schedule 14.

Tristan Murdoch said that the C&S committee draft minutes state: “No AGM’s that are held online would not be considered valid.” Some clubs do have constitutions which is expressly allowed. Council is saying the term “present” being online. UQ considers online as present. It is unfair to have an AGM where people cannot participate in the elections for the executive when they have participated in the clubs throughout the year.

VP Kozij said students are no longer in lockdown restrictions and can have meetings in person. Students should return to campus to support our union outlets and campus culture and not encourage meetings online. However, if a club wants a meeting online if their constitution allows it, they can have it online. If they need an exemption because they are unable to change their constitution, they can contact the C&S Committee and if they have a valid reason and we will most likely approve it.

Cara Rowe said campus culture must move back online in some capacity at least until international travel is back. There are some people who have meaningful engaged in clubs and events who will be unable to vote and produce motions at the AGM. C&S have not given clubs enough time to hold an AGM to change their constitution.

VP Kozij said C&S have several clubs who have applied to have their meeting online and if they offer a valid reason then we can approve it.

Tristan Murdoch said this is just interpreting the meaning of present. This is leaving it up to the executive to decide what is best for their club. it does not have to be a full on-line most clubs can do it semi-in person, semi-online because the people stuck overseas can participate in meetings throughout the year then have the option. There is still merit in having discretionary interpretation for this year as the covid pandemic continues to progress.

Rowan Evans said that the C&S Committee is a hoop that people do not need to jump through. The minutes have not been approved by Council.

President Scott said this is the interpretation of the regulations as it currently stands based on the pre-existing policy according to the regulations, where it is actually about interpreting the regulations as they currently stand. To many people's understandings the regulations do not limit online AGM's or meetings of union bodies. This motion is regarding the interpretation of the regulations whether it is online AGM's or not should not be relevant to the motion which is stating how the union interpret such regulations. The C&S Committee decision as the draft minutes were not approved is entirely irrelevant. For clarification, the motion that was moved put to the draft minutes by the C&S Committee was that: "The C&S reaffirms its policy that all clubs and societies must hold any general meetings as physical meetings on campus and in person and any future general meetings held online will automatically be ruled in valid as a matter of course. "

President Scott added that there is no mention of exceptions in the motion that was moved. Some clubs find it is impossible to hold face to face meetings. If the C&S Committee believe such exceptions do exist, they should consider changing their original motion.

*Recorded Vote*

Annie Bartley proxied to Jaafar Jabur *Against*

Hamish Barnett *For*

Darcy Creighton *Against*

Sam Adams *Against*

Elise Northcote proxied to Cara Rowe *For*

Julia Bejleri proxied to Oscar Green *Against*

Kyle Clunies-Ross *For*

Michael Walker *For*

Myah McGinty proxied to Barclay McGain *For*

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Anastasia Georgiou *For*

Elloise Campbell *Against*

Elisha Gutteridge *Abstain*

Nuen's Proxy Jason Wang *For*

Thomas Stephen *For*

Gabby Callow proxied to Bradley Plant *Against*

Tim Heffernan *Abstain*

Jordan Mark *For*

Chamal Abeytunga proxies to Matthew Pereira *For*

David McGovern proxied to Cristian Gutierrez *Against*

Stuart Moss proxied to Ethan Jones *Against*

Finn Wedge proxied to Bradley Plant *Abstain*

*I move*

THAT THE MEANING OF THE “PRESENT” IN THE C&S MODEL CONSITUTION SHOULD BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING “PRESENT, EITHER IN PERSON OR ONLINE, SUCH AS TO BE ABLE TO PARTICUPATE IN THE MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH S21 OF THE MODEL CONSTITUTION.” SIMILAR TERMS IN CLUB CONSITUTIONS SHOULD BE INTERPRETED IDENTICALLY. IN ADDITION, COUNCIL RECOGNISES GENERALLY THAT THE UQU REGULATIONS, STANDING ORDERS AND CONSITUTION (WHERE RELEVANT) PERMIT C&S AGM’S TO INCLUDE ONLINE MEMBERS AS IF THEY WERE PHYSICALLY PRESENT, INCLUDING THAT THESE ONLINE MEMBERS COUNT TOWARDS A QUORUM. ONLY WHERE A CLUB CONSTITUTION EXPRESSLY REQUIRES MEETINGS TO BE “IN-PERSON” SHOULD A GENERAL MEETING HAVE TO BE HELD IN-PERSON.

FURTHERMORE, NON-COMPLIANCE IN ONLINE MEETINGS ARE ALREADY SUBJECT TO EXISTING REGULATIONS AROUND IDENTITY CONFIRMATION. AS SUCH, COUNCIL (OR ANOTHER AFFILIATED UNION BODY, SUCH AS CLUBS AND SOCIETIES) SHOULD PRODUCE GUIDELINES ON HOW TO COMPLIANTLY RUN MEETINGS (E.G. THAT MEETINGS SHOULD BE RECORDED, STUDENT IDs SUBMITTED, THAT ATTENDANCE OCCUR OVER A UQ ZOOM ACCOUNT, ETC.)

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CLUNIES-ROSS/GEORGIU

TABLED

**Jover Is In Need of Encouragement**

*I move*

THAT RYAN JOVER NEEDS TO CIRCULATE THE DAMN RULES COMMITTEE MOTIONS AT A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME.

110/181

EVANS/ADAMS

CARRIED

**Motion to Support The Health before Profits campaign.**

Student, Ella Gutteridge said the government’s proposed roadmap signals an extremely gross attack on public health. It is a class question of why we should oppose this plan? It is about sending workers back to work and exposing our most vulnerable to potentially debilitating illness and death for the interests of businesses to make profits again and not caring about the long-term effects on the population. It is an

extremely reckless plan as the government is doing away with lockdowns, open state borders, do away with the public health measures that saving lives when they reach a level of 60% vaccinations which no way near herd immunity to protect our most vulnerable people in society. The government has totally failed to vaccinate the most vulnerable in society - 40% on NDIS have not been vaccinated. The government is telling us we need to live with the virus when this is not absolutely the case – elimination of covid is possible even in Qld just recently the delta outbreak was stopped by the use of extensive public health measures. We have seen many health workers come out and break the silence when they see ambulances queued up outside of hospitals with live covid cases. It is obvious why the student union should take the position of protecting workers and vulnerable from this deadly virus and conceding nothing to the argument that workers should die for the economy. Our union should do everything that we can to defend public health and take the right stance on this issue: for health for profits, pro elimination, pro eradicating this virus.

Student, Priya De said the Australian Nurses and Midwifery Federation said the health systems will be overrun if the LNP government get away with their plan to reopen the economy. Every single day nurses and paramedics and receptionist are having to choose who lives and who dies. This is a very bad situation with the case numbers going down in NSW which proves the case for elimination strategy. The Student Union has the responsibility to take positions that are right for the working-class people in Australia and to pay attention to the most vulnerable. Secondly, the impact on Aboriginal communities. The situation in Wilcannia is terrible where the average life expectancy for Aboriginal men is age 36. In the community of Yarrabah, the vaccination rate stands at 20% vaccinations. This plan as a massive attack on the rights of workers.

Barclay McGain said many Aboriginal communities have high vaccination rates. Goondiwindi has the highest rates in the state.

Cara Rowe said that it is better to lockdown because than the government has an incentive to pay hospitality workers for the work that the state knows they are missing. Many in the hospitality industry would support lockdowns over working.

Student Barclay McGain said that the demonisation of people going out to make a profit, entrepreneurs and small business owners, which is about 80% of all businesses in Australia, is not appropriate. The economy is entirely about workers, the health of workers and is the means to the end of which all things operate. He said that at this point in the pandemic Indigenous communities have been extensively targeted for the vaccine roll outs.

Cr Adams said opening the economy knowing people are going to die just because people want to make money is wrong. If you want to vote against this motion, you are saying that human life has no value.

Cr Mark said he would like to comment on how easy it is, for people who work as political staffers in air conditioners officers, to comment on this as if they are affected. He stated that during the height of the pandemic he worked as a trolley pusher and cleaner and was terrified of being exposed to COVID-19, and would not have gone to work had he had the realistic choice to.

Cr Walker is in support of this motion during this pandemic I have had two relatives who became extremely sick and admitted to ICU. Under the current situation in NSW because the lock down came too late, I would not have been able to see them as they lay there dying and it is only because of the strong held response from Labor Party states, for example, Annastacia Palaszczuk and Jeanette Young and WA fighting against what the Morrison government is saying that we need to open, and the economy is more important than people's lives. We need to agree with this motion.

Student Cara Rowe said that her family in western Sydney have been in quarantine for months on end and now are not getting out until Christmas.

VP Kozij, said he lost several friends to suicide. Humans need to socialise for their mental health and need basic human interaction and does not want to see young people taking their lives because of these lockdowns.

*It was moved that*

UQ UNION SHOULD SUPPORT THE HEALTH BEFORE PROFITS CAMPAIGN THAT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY A NUMBER OF ACTIVISTS, NURSES, AND DOCTORS TO FIGHT FOR THESE PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES AND AN OVERALL STRATEGY OF STRIVING FOR COVID ELIMINATION. FACED WITH A CHOICE BETWEEN THE BOSSES' PLAN TO UNLEASH MASS INFECTION AND DEATH ON THE POPULATION, AND THE DEMANDS OF THE MAJORITY FOR SOCIAL SOLIDARITY AND PRIORISATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UQ UNION MUST STAND FIRMLY ON THE SIDE OF THE LATTER AND SUPPORT THE HEALTH BEFORE PROFITS CAMPAIGN IN CONTINUING TO WAGE THE ARGUMENT FOR ELIMINATION OF THE VIRUS.

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### **Condolence motion on the death of Norm MacDonald**

*I move*

THAT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES THE NORM MACDONALD RECENTLY FOUGHT CANCER TO A DRAW WHEN BOTH HE AND THE CANCER DIED TOGETHER ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2021. THAT COUNCIL FURTHER NOTES, THAT WE DID NOT EVEN KNOW HE WAS SICK.

110/183

EVANS/ADAMS

CARRIED

**A formal motion by Anna to condemn the right-wing protest in Melbourne.**

Cr Bartley said this represents a far-right group in Australia. The main focus was the anti-vax sentiment. If the protestors' demands were met it would mean more deaths. Knowing fascists figures were at these rallies. There has been an outpouring of pro-vaccine and pro-union sentiment from union workers. The union should fight for the general principles. It is important the union take this seriously and wanted to know what the Labor Left had to say about this.

Student, Tim Heffernan agrees with the motion. It is about opposing one of the most serious developments in recent history where the absolute scum of the earth ideologies has led to the death of millions of people with their ideas of anti-disability anti-racial minorities, anti-worker – the worst excesses of our society can be seen the politics these people are advocating. These people are sick. They are talking about resistance to vaccines which are health measures and some of the most successful preventative health measures in history – vaccines have saved millions of lives and will continue to with the vaccine roll out now. To oppose this is insane lunacy based on the rejection of hundreds of years of scientific progress that basically helped people having happier healthier lives. It is pure anti-humanity.

It would be remiss not to mention, that Newscorp, the liberal party pushing the thin edge of the wedge of these antisocial anti-lockdown antivaccine casting doubts about them seeking to reopen the economy for profits. These people need to be seen as Scum the most extreme form of capitalist ideology. This is the place for unions around the country to condemn this scum who were demonstrating on the streets of Melbourne and this motion should be passed.

Barclay McGain said there are bad people at every protest and it is important to be very principled when talking about protesting. In support of the school strike on climate there were people who wanted a day off. With the Black Lives Matter there were people who wanted to loot and destroy and burn down property. To call them all far right fascists towing the line of John Sector and people within the union movement who are people who would stand to gain from having have a successful reputation of the union movement. There is never a time in history when there is an uprising against the union. These are people who stand to gain at the union's reputation. The socialist alternatives should take a principled stance that these people were against them having their bodily autonomy taken away in terms of having the right of not being vaccinated. Barclay McGain believes council should be voting against this as it is a veiled support of the Victorian Police who have been conducting heinous police brutality under the guise of public orders.

Cr Clunies-Ross said it would be blinding to say that there were not far right people at the protest. Council on principle should approve this motion. People were beaten, bottles of urine were thrown at reporters, and health care workers were spat in the face for providing vaccines and tests. Adding this is the sort of behaviour expected from the far right. We saw this at during the certification of results.

Cr Adams said in his opinion workers' rights should not be infringed by forcing people to be vaccinated. The motion specifically said there is nothing redeemable about this protest and that is something that is

redeemable. The fact that these cops were bashed was one tiny redeemable feature and that certain people might choose to vote in favour of this motion If they acknowledged this fact.

Student, Anna Redshaw said as we have seen from the far-right protests that they have taken a disgusting plan by the Liberal party and businesses to reopen for the sake of profits. These far-right protests are anti-human, anti-solidarity and anti-working class and nothing of them is redeemable. It attracted people of the far right and should be called out publicly and UQU should as part of the previous motion.

*I move*

1. THAT UQ UNION CONDEMNS THE RECENT PROTESTS LED BY COVID DENIERS AND FAR-RIGHT GROUPS AGAINST MANDATORY VACCINATIONS AND LOCKDOWNS, AND THEIR ATTACK ON THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE VICTORIAN CFMEU.
2. UQ UNION DECLARES ITS SUPPORT FOR COVID SAFE WORKPLACES AND CLASSROOMS WITH ADEQUATE PPE, VENTILATION AND SICK LEAVE FOR STAFF, AND WILL CAMPAIGN PUBLICLY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF TO GET VACCINATED,
3. UQ UNION AGREES TO WORK WITH ANTI-RACIST AND ANTI-FASCIST CAMPAIGNS TO PROTEST AGAINST THE GROWING FAR RIGHT MOVEMENT WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO SO AND SHARE THIS INFORMATION WIDELY.

110/184

REDSHAW/HEFFERNAN

CARRIED

**A formal motion by Barclay McGain – Solidarity with NPAQ.**

Barclay McGain said the Queensland Nurses Professional association are listening to their members on forced vaccinations.

Cr Adams these terms like bodily autonomy is a sneaky way of saying we don't believe in vaccinations and voted against the motion.

*It was moved that*

THE UQ UNION COUNCIL EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THE NURSES PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS TO HAVE BODILY AUTONOMY REGARDING THE COVID-19 VACCINE AND EXPRESS THAT WHILST VACCINATION IS IMPORTANT, NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL. FURTHERMORE, WE CONDEMN THE INACTION OF THE UNIONS IN SUPPORTING THE WORKERS WHO PAY THEIR FEES EACH YEAR TO UNION WORKERS.

110/185

MCGAIN/ADAMS

FAILED

**Decision to ban police from marching in the LGBTIQ Pride March.**

VP Kozij said banning the police from marching at Pride March was not going to improve the relationship between police and the LGBTIQ community.

Ella Gutteridge said it is a progressive that that Pride March had taken to ban police from marching in the Pride March. It has been a demonstration against police brutality and she agrees with the decision by Brisbane pride.

*I move*

THAT THE UQU CONDEMN BRISBANE PRIDE ON THEIR DECISION TO BAN LGBTIQ AND POLICE OFFERS FROM MARCHING AT BRISBANE OPRIDE THIS SATURDAY AND STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL LGBTIQU AND OFFICERS OF THE LAW

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KOZIJ/GREEN

FAILED

**A formal motion by Walker - UQ Life and NPAQ are one and the same.**

Walker said the Nurse's Professional Association Qld is an industrial association is an unregistered trade union.

*I move*

THAT UQ LIFE AND NAPAQ ARE ONE AND THE SAME. THE UQ UNION NOTES THAT SUPPORT OF NPAQ IS DIRECTLY COMPARABLE TO UQ LIFE.

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WALKER/UZELIN

FAILED

**A formal motion by Student, Oula Shihan – UQ Union endorses the COP26 Global Day of Action.**

UN hosts a convention on climate change has been going on for 26 years and has not taken any action on this.

*It was moved that*

- THAT UQ UNION SUPPORTS GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION COINCIDING WITH COP26
- UQ UNION WILL SHARE THE BRISBAE PROTEST EVENT ON ITS FACEBOOK PAGE
- UQ UNION REPRESENTATIVES WHO SUPPORT THIS MOTION WILL HELP WITH ONLINE PROMOTION OF THE EVENT AND WILL ATTEND.

110/188

SHIHAN/NOLAN

CARRIED

**A formal motion by Student, Rowan Evans on amendment to the regulations regarding Union Council Meeting dates.**

*It was moved*

THAT THE REGULATIONS BE AMENDED TO SAY THAT THE SECRETARY MUST ANNOUNCE THE DATES OF ALL UNION COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR ANY GIVEN SEMESTER BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER.

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EVANS/JOVER

CARRIED

**k) General Business**

**The meeting was declared closed at 9.09pm.**