

# UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the  
111<sup>th</sup> UQ Union Council, 2022

5:30 PM  
Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Innes One**  
**UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia**  
Chair: Cara Rowe

The Deputy Chair Cara Rowe declared the meeting open at 5:40PM and acknowledged the traditional owners and custodians of the land, paying respect to their elders' past, present, and emerging.

**a) Credentials:**

**The following were present**

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Student Executives and Officers</b>	<b>Observers</b>
Utkrist Paudyal	Emily Searle	Glenda Jacobs
Ethan Jones	Cara Rowe	Clint Wooler
Austin Smidt	Radhika Peddibhotla	Jason Cheung
Matthew Burgin	Samara Paradine	Will Triste
Anna Redshaw	Rheanna Norris	Emily Scott
Edward Uzelin	Justin Chen	Natalie Scott
Zwe Htet Aung	Marisha Robinson	Abigail Drew
Ella Gutteridge	Myo Sumiko	Eric Yun
Natasha Brettell	Anna Li	Dylan Thomas
Louisa McCarthy	Greta Simpson	Liam Heseltine
Laura Nolan	Elias Blanch	Serge Abbari
Gabby Callow	Alicia Steele	Toby Abrahamson
Carib Phillips	Ti Parker	Emma Hansen
Ben Myatt	Jake Coleman	Tom Waters
Jack Feng		Kore Opie
Shenalle Jiang		Asha Coles
Max Thompson		Ryan Jover
		Bradley Stone
		James Bradley Plant
		Hannah Thaesler
		Trent Boyce
		James Hohl
		Ryley Calvert
		Barclay McGain
		Matthew George Pereira
		Cristian Gutierrez
		Diana Elizabeth Aswon

### **Apologies and Leave:**

- Samuel Chamberlain
- Elise Northcote
- Samuel Adams
- Elloise Campbell
- Mitchell Ablett-Nelson
- Julia Bejleri

### **The following proxies were received:**

- Samuel Chamberlain to Barclay McGain
- Elise Northcote to Dylan Thomas
- Daniel Dawes to Jack Feng
- Helen Craze to Matthew Burgin
- Samuel Adams to Cristian Gutierrez
- Mitchell Ablett-Nelson to Matthew Pereira
- Julia Bejleri to Kurt Tucker

### **b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to reflect the fact that it was 4<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting and not 2<sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Meeting, the usage of the word “Hex” has been corrected as “HECS” in the minutes and the members of the council observation noted to use a bigger font for the minutes next time onwards.

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 4<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 111<sup>TH</sup> UQ UNION COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 2022 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 111/30

UZELIN/GUTIERREZ

CARRIED

### **c) Business arising from the Minutes of the previous Meeting**

#### ***UQIC Funding***

UQU General Manager Glenda Jacobs addressed the council at 06:05PM

UQU General Manager Glenda Jacobs informed the members of the council that the general managers and finance manager of UQU undertook an investigation related to the UQIC funding usage. The concerns were constructively addressed in around 2.5 hours over two meetings. In the matters considered, three specific issues were looked at and UQU were able to talk to the UQIC regarding improvement in procedure. The General managers recommendation to the T3 is that the UQIC funding be unfrozen. This was irrespective of the articles and/or things said or posted on social media or amongst students.

UQU President Emily Searle updated the council on the background of the matter and where things are right now. UQIC is one of the recipients of the funding required. UQIC funding was raised by 30000 dollars this year compared to the last. UQU received several complaints related to UQIC and hence, UQU decided to investigate before releasing the funding to UQIC. At a C&S committee meeting, UQIC terminated their relationship with UQU. To avoid the burden of hardship on students, UQU decided to refund the students who need the subsidised access

to sports and amenities. Lawyers were consulted and replied in the affirmative on the defamation aspect, process followed and later the subsidies.

The President further mentioned that the nonexistence of a formalized agreement between UQU and UQIC is a detriment to both parties, for the Union must be able to access financial information regarding grant of money.

Hence, two motions in this matter, one to unfreeze the funding to UQIC and Second one is to have formal agreement for funding any third party

James Bradley Plant mentioned that this year's funding should not be dependent on the formalization of the partnership and the chair clarified for him that the law does not apply in retrospect and is to be worked on this year, for the next year.

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

**Semper Report**

Gabby Callow mentioned that the Semper reported to have picked up a lot of traction, which is positive and points out in the direction of what students really care about. Owing to the absence of Billie at the council, Gabby's question on "depending on the gravity and possibility of claims" phrase in the report, will be taken on notice by Billie.

*It was moved*

THAT THE SEMPER REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 111/31

MYATT/PHILLIPS

CARRIED

**President Report**

To a query regarding the decant, UQU President Emily Searle mentioned that construction was expected to be started in November, hoping to get it done by April 2023. She also explained to the members of the council on the SAIC and agreed on sending the notes from that committee meeting to be sent to Utkrist Paudyal and Gabby Callow.

Utkrist Paudyal mentioned that the food trucks prices were expensive, especially compared to last year, and suggested that making it affordable would be good. Emily Searle replied that this was the first year Union took over the food trucks from the University. Earlier, University was paying the food distributors to come to the Campus and paid them to subsidize the food, which costs around 200,000 dollars per year. Instead, Union ran Kampus Kitchen on all the days during the exams, and actively encouraged the providers of Food Trucks to subsidise their offerings. She further mentioned that Union is in concurrence with council to actively pursue affordable options in the future .

Utkrist queried on the library consultation and the capacity of the libraries mentioned in the report and was clarified in reply by Emily Searle. She further mentioned that the students are already heavily impacted by the construction and Union is actively engaging with the university on redressal.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 111/32

ROWE/AUNG

CARRIED

### **Student Rights**

THE Vice President Student rights Samara Paradine agreed to disseminate the information that formed the basis of the report to all the students. Cristian Gutierrez sought clarification on the consultations that went into the report, councillors who liaised with in the process and samara Paradine agreed to provide the documentation regarding the said consultations. During the discussion, she further clarified for the members of the council on the material used, discussed, or pursued in the previous reports from Student rights. Zwe Htet Aung sought a clarification on the usage of phrase “UQU can guarantee” in the report and was answered by the VP Student Rights that it is on a case-by-case basis.

*It was moved*

THAT THE VP STUDENT RIGHTS REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 111/33

ROWE/GUTIERREZ

CARRIED

### **Women’s collective report**

Gabby Callow queried on the work being done by the women’s collective especially considering the NSSS report release and the collective’s response towards the same. Greta Simpson spoke on the experiences of the students in reporting incidents of harassment, assault and safety issues and the work Union and Women’s collective are doing in that regard. She mentioned that University has really failed at Sexual harassment issues, creating more awareness, and providing right training programs and education. Women’s Collective and the union are focused on addressing the immediate issue at the earliest, by having in place Safety officers, train psychology students in compassion etc amongst others to ensure no undue pressure is placed on the students who need help or are in distress. There would be tentatively a minimum of two safety officers to go along and be the beacons for the students who attend all club events and activities.

To a query on the VC Advisory group, Radhika Peddibhotla replied that there is now an advisory group formed by the Vice Chancellor, on Sexual Misconduct. NSSS response is a big part of the advisory group priority and functioning and that the group is in the process of creating the working groups and identifying the key stakeholders and members. She mentioned that the student executives are always open to consultations regarding the initiatives and would always welcome student input. She further mentioned that there is ongoing consultation with professionals to get the message right, identify the scope of positions and types of training, to ensure the position can be sustainable. The members of the council were informed that the Sexual health and Safety Campaign will be unveiled next semester including but not limited to workshops on campus, social media campaigns amongst others. It was noted that the UQU Safety officers’ initiative had the support from the university and recognition of the need too.

To a query from Gabby Callow on the usage of poem in the report, Greta Simpson replied that it was to convey multiple layers of meaning in few words.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 111/34

ROWE/THOMPSON

CARRIED

**RECORDED VOTE:**

Edward Uzelin *For*  
Julia Bejleri proxy *Against*  
Natasha Brettell *Against*  
Utkrist Paudyal *Abstain*  
Elise Northcote proxy *For*  
Austin Smidt *For*  
Benjamin Myatt *For*  
Matthew Burgin *Against*  
Zwe Htet Aung *For*  
Gabby Callow *Abstain*  
Max Thompson *For*  
Anna Redshaw *For*  
Mitch Ablett Nelson proxy *Against*  
Samuel Chamberlain proxy *Against*  
Samuel Adams proxy *For*  
Carib Phillips *For*  
Jack Feng *Against*  
Daniel Dawes proxy *Against*  
Laura Nolan *For*  
Shenalle Jiang *Abstain*  
Helen Craze proxy *Against*

**International Report**

Matthew Pereira queried the international officer Myo Sumiko on the plans to engage with international Students in Gatton, especially during the Atlas ball. Myo Sumiko replied that there is active engagement with the international students as well as the international Students club at Gatton Campus and that a bus will be provided to ferry the students from Gatton Campus to the ball. Utkrist Paudyal queried Myo Sumiko on UQ Wellbeing and the work they do. In response, Myo Sumiko gave the background on the UQ Wellbeing and, how information is shared, and a support network developed between the UQU and UQ Wellbeing, to the members of the Council.

*It was moved*

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICER REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 111/35

ROWE/PEREIRA

CARRIED

**UQU GM Glenda Jacobs Report**

UQU GM Glenda Jacobs replied in affirmative to Utkrist Paudyal's request to provide a report at every Council meeting. Glenda Jacobs spoke about the SES(Student Exam Support) program, mentioning that the marketing and events team of the union put in a lot of hard work and efforts during the program run and it was heartening to see the impact it made and the appreciation from the students.

To a query from Edward Uzelin on the UQIC investigation, she replied that information was sought from UQIC to ensure that the three flagged instances/topics are either dealt with appropriately and/or are works in progress. Some are recommendations going forward, some are actions to take and some things on how to take things forward in future when any issue arises. She informed the members of the council that the report was made in consultation with UQIC.

Barclay McGain asked Glenda Jacobs on how to avoid large number of students getting affected in such instances when it could be one disgruntled student making a complaint. Glenda Jacobs replied that any complaint arising due to the usage of SSAF funding must be investigated appropriately as UQU is accountable to UQ as well as the Government.

She clarified to the members of the council that it was never intended to be a drawn-out process and as soon as UQIC did approach UQU for discussions, the issues raised were resolved within two meetings. To a query from Utkrist Paudyal on whether the UQIC report can be sighted by the Council or if it is fully confidential, it was clarified that it should be in camera and all the information observed shall remain strictly confidential. Glenda Jacobs made a final observation that it is important to note that the agreement resolving the issues was finalized in agreement with UQU and UQIC together.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQU GM REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

COUNCIL 111/36

ROWE/PAUDYAL

CARRIED

**ACTION ITEM:** Glenda Jacobs to provide a report at every Council meeting.

*It was moved*

TO ACCEPT ALL OFFICER REPORTS EXCEPT STARRED ABOVE BE APPROVED AND ACCEPTED EN BLOC

COUNCIL 111/37

ROWE/MYATT

CARRIED

**e) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers**

*Nil.*

**f) Question Time**

To a query from the observer of the meeting on if reports are accessible to non-council members and was replied in the affirmative by the chair.

**g) Reports of Union Bodies**

*Nil.*

**h) Business which has been proposed**

**Condemn the late upload of grades**

The Chair spoke on the proposed motion mentioning the administrative error that resulted in the marking of final semester grade as “X” for honours students and the distress it has caused to a lot of students.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQU CONDEMNS THE ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR THAT RESULTED IN HONOURS STUDENTS RECEIVING A GRADE OF “X” IN THEIR FINAL SEMESTER, WHICH HAS BEEN HIGHLY EMOTIONALLY DISTRESSING FOR THE AFFECTED STUDENTS

COUNCIL 111/38

ROWE/PHILLIPS

CARRIED

**The UQ Union Stands Against Transphobia in Sports**

The motion mover VP Gender and Sexuality Marisha Robinson spoke on the recent decision by FINA to exclude transgender athletes from women’s competitions and the urgent need to stand against similar efforts in other sporting bodies to exclude transgender athletes. Marisha further mentioned that there is no evidence to suggest transgender athletes have any significant advantage over cisgender women and offered to provide any documentation and evidence towards the same, to the members of the council. The draconian policy change by FINA requires athletes to have transitioned before puberty to become eligible for competitions, the change in policy also allows for indiscriminate targeting of female athletes, subjecting them to invasive tests and procedures.

Motion Seconder Greta Simpson spoke about transgender women who take hormone replacement therapy, the resulting changes in their bodies etc. Greta Simpson mentioned that it is important to note that women competing against transgender women in sports are generally unconcerned by transgender women competing with/against them.

Diana Aswon argued against the motion saying the proposed motion brings a negative aspect to the transgender community, the policy change by FINA is not transphobic and asked the members of the council to vote against the motion.

Ella Gutteridge mentioned that the policy change is totally unscientific and the very people who do not care about LGBTQ+ are the ones making laws about representative population.

She further said that the FINA policy change is not about equality or fairness but rather a dog whistle attack on transgender rights and, urged the council members to vote for this motion.

*There was a procedural motion that the motion be put*

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQ UNION STANDS AGAINST TRANSPHOBIA IN SPORTS

COUNCIL 111/38

ROBINSON/SIMPSON

CARRIED

**Recorded Vote**

Edward Uzelin *Abstain*

Julia Bejleri proxy *Abstain*

Natasha Brettell *Abstain*

Utkrist Paudyal *For*

Elise Northcote proxy *For*

Austin Smidt *For*

Ben Myatt *For*

Matthew Burgin *Abstain*

Zwe Htet Aung *Abstain*

Gabby Callow *Abstain*

Max Thompson *Abstain*

Anna Redshaw *For*

Mitch Ablett Nelson proxy *Abstain*

Samuel Adams proxy *Abstain*

Carib Phillips *Abstain*

Daniel Dawes proxy *For*

Jack Feng *For*

Laura Nolan *For*

Shenalle Jiang *Abstain*

Helen Craze proxy *Abstain*

**ACTION ITEMS :**

1. The UQ Union shares the Queer Collective's post on the topic of transgender athletes.
2. The UQ Union condemns FINA for its unscientific and discriminatory transgender policy and calls upon other sporting organisations to not follow suit.



3. The UQ Union expresses that we stand with Lia Thomas and other transgender athletes facing discrimination by sporting organisations like FINA

### **Consolidated Motion on Academic Policy**

Matthew Burgin spoke on the proposed motion saying it is important to understand the key priorities in this area and why it is important to lobby UQ for the implementation of these policies.

The policies proposed to be implemented across faculties are:

1. The revision period SWOTVAC must last a minimum of five academic days
2. No Assessment pieces may have due dates in SWOTVAC
3. All ECPs must be published before class preferencing opens.
4. All grades for final assessment pieces must be released in all courses
5. Online proctored exams be banned from 2023 onwards
6. All results in a course must be released at least 24 hours before a final exam in that course
7. Information pertaining to exam deferral, assignment extension and alternative exam arrangements be distributed to all students and the accessibility of these options is increased.

Motion Seconder Samara Paradine agreed on the motion on getting more substance and discussion on this area.

Cristian Gutierrez mentioned that it is generally not the fault of academics themselves, it can sometimes be a matter of resources or funding. Elias Blanch spoke on how it does not really fix the issues with course co-ordinators ,systemic issue of fixing it and not just UQ is not fixing it alone.

President Emily Searle mentioned that the mentioned different bodies are different in their own way and there is a meeting with DVCA, and these matters will be brought up for discussion at the meeting.

Motion was Withdrawn and to come back later

**ACTION ITEM:** Emily Searle, Samara Paradine to meet with Matthew Burgin and discuss on this subject further.

### **Max Joseph Thompson's Maiden Speech**

Councillor Austin Smidt welcomed the new council member Max Thompson and mentioned that the council is interested to hear the new member's speech.

Max Thompson appreciated the welcome from the Council members and mentioned that as the newest leader of the only climate justice party in UQU and he aims to work towards resolving Climate issues

### **UQU Opposes Punitive Welfare restrictions**

Motion mover Asha Coles spoke on the recent changes in jobseeker program, and how the new requirements are shameful. She condemned how the government subsidizes companies to

provide work to people and such workplaces are usually areas highly at risk of danger and harassment to the people seeking employment at such places. As a student union which represents many students who are on jobseeker, she highlighted the importance of opposing this and the need to stand up for student rights.

Motion Secunder Anna Redshaw concurred with Asha Coles and further mentioned that the proposed changes are an attack on the poor. She said that it is an ongoing trend, and not mere neglect but rather actively and punitively punishing poor people in dangerous and discriminative workplaces and jobs. Now people are being forced to fulfill more and more meaningless bureaucratic hoops.

Ben Myatt mentioned that the labour government did introduce last minute changes to ease the transition as it is completely unavoidable to not introduce the changes. Austin Smidt spoke against the motion saying that the welfare system is still broken for the people dependant on it. He further mentioned that the previous mutual dependence program was very restrictive, and the current workforce program offers a wide range of options.

*There was a procedural motion that the motion be put.*

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQU CONDEMNS THE GOVERNMENT'S PUNITIVE REACTIONARY MEASURES AND CALLS FOR THE EXPANSION OF WELFARE AND INCREASE OF JOBSEEKER PAYMENTS

COUNCIL 111/39

COLES/REDSHAW

CARRIED

### **UQU Stands Against Climate Destruction**

Motion mover Abigail Sayer spoke on the devastating impact of Climate destruction on local marine life, prehistoric sites and culture emphasising the importance of the Union taking a stand against it.

Motion seunder Ella Gutteridge waived her speaking rights in favour of Anna Redshaw.

Anna Redshaw spoke on how approving new gas projects goes against labour government's climate commitments. She further mentioned that net zero is the need of the hour and the prime minister saying we need to work together is invariably letting the fossil fuel companies make their own rules towards addressing climate change and it is harmful.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQU REJECTS NEW COAL AND GAS PROJECTS THAT WILL CAUSE UNJUSTIFIABLE HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TAKES SERIOUS ACTION TO HALT EMISSIONS AND ACT ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

COUNCIL 111/40

SAYER/GUTTERIDGE

CARRIED

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. UQ Union supports the protest on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of July, and encourages its members to attend
2. UQ Union shares the event on its social media accounts

### **Workers should not pay for the cost-of-living crisis!**

Louisa McCarthy spoke on the existing cost-of-living crisis affecting people of Australia in great numbers. She mentioned how the rise in inflation greatly affects the population, particularly the students. Students are greatly affected by this as most students are in casualized low jobs. She further mentioned that students should argue for more and fight better, fight for pay rises and focus on organizing students to fight for pay rises and concerted efforts in fighting the inflation.

Kore Opie spoke on how the rise in inflation turns any purported wage rise at the given rate into a pay cut in fact. Those on the minimum wage and below poverty line are adversely impacted by this and more so, due to the large corporations choosing to maintain their profits and increasing the prices further.

*There was a procedural motion that the motion be put*

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQU CONDEMNS THE DECISION OF THE FAIR WORKS COMMISSION TO HAND WORKERS A PAY CUT. WE COMMIT TO FIGHTING IN OUR UNIONS TO MAKE THE BOSSES PAY FOR THEIR SHARE OF THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS, NOT THE WORKING CLASS AND THE POOR

COUNCIL 111/41

MCCARTHY/OPIE

CARRIED

### **UQ Union stands in solidarity with Blockade Australia and against police repression of activism**

Motion mover Ti Parker spoke on the proposed motion saying the climate activists are being thrown into jail while people responsible for decades of climate destruction are continuing to plunder resources. On top of it, continuing with their activities causing further climate destruction. As a student union, she urged to vehemently protest this and, encouraged everyone to come to the upcoming climate protest.

Motion Seconder Asha Coles spoke saying it is disgusting that the billionaires make millions of dollars while climate activists face jail for basic climate protests. She further mentioned that it is an attack on basic civil rights considering the massive fines and jail times imposed on the activists. As a student union, it is always seen that vast majority of students are passionate about climate action and hence it is now very much important to stand in solidarity with these activists and join protests

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQ UNION STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH BLOCKADE AUSTRALIA  
AND AGAINST POLICE REPRESSION OF ACTIVISM

COUNCIL 111/42      PARKER/COLES      CARRIED

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. UQ Union will publish a joint statement with the UQU Environmental Collective on their social media.
2. UQ Union will share Blockade Australia's legal fund on social media, encouraging students to donate

**UQIC funding to be unfrozen**

The council was informed that UQU and UQIC have met over the last two weeks to resolve this issue and hence as a result it is now proposed to unfreeze the UQIC funding.

*It was moved*

THAT THE "UQIC" BUDGET DEPARTMENT BE UNFROZEN

COUNCIL 111/43      JACOBS/SEARLE      CARRIED

**Recorded vote:**

Edward Uzelin *For*

Julia Bejleri proxy *For*

Natasha Brettell *For*

Elise Northcote proxy *For*

Austin Smidt *For*

Ben Myatt *For*

Matthew Burgin *For*

Zwe Htet Aung *For*

Gabby Callow *For*

Max Thompson *For*

Anna Redshaw *For*

Mitch Ablett Nelson proxy *For*

Samuel Chamberlain proxy *For*

Samuel Adams proxy *For*

Daniel Dawes proxy *For*

Carib Phillips *For*

Laura Nolan *For*

Jack Feng *For*

Shenalle Jiang *For*

Helen Craze proxy *For*

**UQ Union only provide SSAF funds to a third parties with which they have a signed partnership agreement**

The council members discussed the proposed motion and decided that Rules Committee is the appropriate forum to discuss this instead.

**SES Support**

The motion mover Utkrist Paudyal spoke on the proposed motion commending the current T3 and the volunteers who were responsible for the SES initiative and mentioned that the proposed motion is to make the SES bigger and better next time around. Motion Seconder Rheanna Norris mentioned that in her capacity as C&S committee president, she will communicate with all clubs and societies to encourage people to participate

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQU COUNCILLORS FROM ALL ELECTORAL GROUPS VOLUNTEER IN THE SES PROGRAM (PENDING AVALABILITY) AND ENCOURAGE OTHER STUDENTS TO BECOME INVOLVED. VICE-PRSIDENT CAMPUS CULTURE RHEANNA NORRIS WILL EMAIL ALL CLUBS AND SOCIETIES TO OFFER THEM VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PROGRAM

COUNCIL 111/44

PAUDYAL/NORRIS

CARRIED

**UQ Union supports abortion rights**

The chair mentioned that the abrogation of abortion rights in USA the start of an absolute witch hunt, it is terrible abhorrent and requested the members present at the council meeting to attend the rally to be held at King George Square. She also reminded the council that the UQ Union position by referendum is to support abortion by demand.

Laura Nolan mentioned on how the decision in USA is an attack on women and that the UQ union should stand in solidarity with the tens of thousands of women doing protests in USA to have control over their own bodies and expressed her hope to see everyone at the protest rally and champion women's right to choose

Barclay McGain mentioned that the impetus for discussion today is US Supreme Court decision, and if the Supreme Court role is to interpret the US Constitution alone and not a reflection on whether it is an implicit right or not in the constitution, it should rightly be left to democratically elected states and not left to the choice of Supreme court elected 50 years ago. He further opined that even if one is pro-choice, it is insidious to support this motion. To a query from Cristian on if he will support the motion if the first part was removed, Barclay replied that he disagreed with the motion itself and refused to offer any amendment

Edward uzelin mentioned that the motion is not about pro- life or pro-choice but rather if one is pro-women or anti-women and that anyone opposed to this motion is being anti-women

Anna Redshaw mentioned that millions of women's rights were abrogated, and their lives are put in danger because of the decisions of 9 judges and when legal system has failed the women, it is seen as historic victory of far right and anyone who cares about women's right must organize and protest outside the existing systems and structures and urged everyone to attend the rally

Matthew Burgin said it is disgraceful that constitutional protection is left in the hands of 9 people and encouraged everyone to support the motion.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UNION COUNCIL CONDEMNS THE US SUPREME COURT FOR ITS DECISION TO OVERTURN ROE VS WADE WHICH REMOVES THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

THAT THE UNION COUNCIL AFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND'S POSITION,AS DECIDED BY REFERENDUM,IN SUPPORT OF FREE,SAFE,ABORTION ON DEMAND SO ALL WOMEN HAVE A GENUINE CHOICE WHEN FACED WITH UNWANTED PREGNANCY

THAT THE UNION COUNCIL ENCOURAGES ALL THE STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE RALLY BEING HELD TOMORROW 5:30 PM AT KING GEORGE SQUARE IN DEFENCE OF ABORTION RIGHTS HERE IN AUSTRALIA AND WORLDWIDE

COUNCIL 111/45

ROWE/NOLAN

CARRIED

### **Disability Collective Survey**

The chair mentioned that the disability collective survey is to understand and investigate experiences of disability students and encourages all disability students to participate in the survey.

Alicia Steele mentioned that it is fully anonymous, being done by the Union, closes Monday 9AM and urged the members present to remind everyone they know of as students with disabilities to undertake the survey. It is uploaded on all social spaces .

Elias blanch stressed that any form of anxiety counts too, and those students can take the Survey too, which helps in identifying the issues and work with UQ in addressing them.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UNION COUNCIL ENCOURAGES ALL STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND ENCOURAGES ALL STUDENTS TO SHARE THE SURVEY TO RAISE AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION

COUNCIL 111/46

ROWE/STEELE

CARRIED

**Council Motion 111/17 as passed at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Meeting to be enforced by the executive**

Matthew Burgen spoke on the proposed motion saying that the Council motion 111/17 as passed be enforced.

*There was a procedural motion that the motion be put*

*It was moved*

THAT THE COUNCIL MOTION 111/17 AS PASSED AT THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ORDINARY MEETING  
BE ENFORCED BY THE EXECUTIVE

COUNCIL 111/

BURGEN/PEREIRA

NOT CARRIED

Nominations for the Rules Committee were tabled until the next Council meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

APPROVED