

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 1st Ordinary Meeting of the
112th UQ Union Council, 2022

5:30 PM
Monday February 13th, 2023
Holt Room
UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia

a) Welcome by the Union Secretary

The Union Secretary declared the meeting open at 5:51 PM and acknowledged the traditional owners and custodians of the land, paying respect to their elders' past, present, and emerging, and extended the respects to the aboriginal and Torres strait islander people present at the meeting.

b) Credentials:

The following were present

Councillors	Student Executives and Officers	Observers
Shenalle Jiang	Richard Lee	Bradley Plant
Jacinto Hedus	Greta Simpson	Sam Adams
Claire Sturm	Joshua Marsh	Eric Yun
Daniel Lynn	Tapanega Reupena Jr.	Alex Smock
Timothy Hirsch	Ryley Calvert	Aaron Lin
Adrian Sutherland Chettle	Erin Blyth	Dylan Thomas
Karsten Duvel	Daniel Chancellor	
Toby Abrahamson	Sandra Fadia Haya	
Lily Cooke	Rita Zhou	
Jinxu Zhuang	Jester Roach	
Aydan Rusev	Sian Chadfield	
Kore Opie	Saumya Jain	
Max Thompson	Jeryn Chang	
Oscar Green	Laura Nolan	
Abraham Sunil	Ella Gutteridge	
Skye Stewart	Clara Mueller	
Alex Mcdowall	Annalise Whittingham	
Rehan Gulati	Keely Fischer	
Emma Goodwin	Misha Wright	
Utkrist Paudyal	Ahmed Abdulmunem	
Carmi More	Emily Lee	
	Dylan Thomas	

Apologies and Leave:

Shivam Shipankar

Angus McRae

Prabasha Thilakaratne

Matthew George Pereira

The following proxies were received:

Abraham Sunil to Saumya Jain

Daniel Lynn to Toby Abrahamson

Utkrist Paudyal to Sam Adams

Elise Northcote to Adrian Sutherland Chettle

Matthew George Pereira to Karsten Duval

c) Elections

Secretary Greta Simpson invited the Returning Officer Peter Travers to officiate the election process for the roles that will be elected for at the meeting.

The returning officer informed the members of the council on the change in regulations that now mean any student can be nominated to become the chair of the council instead of the previous regulations that stipulated for the chair to be a councillor of the Union council.

Alex Smock was nominated by

There being no other nominees, Returning Officer declared Alex Smock as the chair of the Union Council elected unopposed.

Alex Smock expressed his thanks to the members of the council for endorsing his nomination and having faith in his abilities to discharge the duties of the role.

It was moved

THAT THE GATTON OFFICERS BE ALLOWED AND FACILITATED TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS ONLINE

COUNCIL 112/01

MARSH/KLEIN

CARRIED

The Chair invited nominations from the floor of the council for rules committee members. Udkrist Paudyal, Jacinto hedus, Corey, Carston, Clair, Aiden, Toby nominated themselves. The election of the rules committee members was tabled for the next meeting.

It was moved

THAT THE ELECTIONS OF THE CASUAL VACANCIES FOR VP G&S, HERSTON OFFICER, GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER BE CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 112/02

SIMPSON/HEDUS

CARRIED

d) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes were corrected to reflect the fact that Lily Cook and ... were observers at the previous meeting.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 111TH UQ UNION COUNCIL HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2022 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 112/03

HEDUS/CLAIRE

CARRIED

e) Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

None

f) Requests for starrng/approval or noting of the items not starred *en bloc*

None

It was moved

TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS EN BLOC

COUNCIL 112/04

SIMPSON/HEDUS

CARRIED

g) Matters Arising from Reports of Elected Officers

None

h) Question Time

Jacinto Hedus queried Emma Goodwin on her voting on the expansion of rules committee.

The President clarified to the members of the council that the Question Time is for questions to be directed at the office bearers and not the councillors.

The Chair ruled the question by the councillor as out of order.

Queried on the structure of the Semper editorship this year and on who is the chief editor for this year. Dylan Thomas replied that there are two chief editors who are each paid half the total wages for the role, paid 19 hours of minimum wage on a fortnightly basis and the rest of the editors are on a honorary basis.

i) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil.

j) Business which has been proposed

There was a procedural motion to suspend standing orders while the proposed regulation changes are discussed and voted on.

COUNCIL 112/05

CARRIED

Regulation Changes:

The Secretary informed the council members on the regulation changes being proposed, the motions related to them and gave a summary on the reasons as to why they are being proposed.

It was moved

THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE POSTGRAD OFFICERS AND DISABILITY OFFICER AND QUORUM IS INCREASED

COUNCIL 112/06

SIMPSON/JAIN

CARRIED

The Union Secretary then explained to the members of the council on the proposed regs changes to pay the office bearers, highlighting the extreme amount of work done by the office bearers, that the amount they are paid is minimum wages and it is only right to remunerate the office bearers for the work they do for the Union.

In response to a query on the role, Ella Gutteridge replied with regards to the Environmental officer role saying that each environmental officer is paid 10 hours per week. The role is to facilitate discussions about environment, organize events and screenings on campus, and encouraging students' participation in environmental causes.

The President explained the role of Goorie Berrimpa officers for the understanding of the members of the council. The President explained that the role liaises with the university on the representation and inclusion of indigenous students in university programs and plans, chairs the Goorie Berrimpa

collective, co-ordinating indigenous representation and ideas in Union activities and events among other things. The President further informed the council that each Goorie officer gets paid 5 hours per week.

There was a procedural motion to vote on proposed regs changes en bloc

COUNCIL 112/07 SIMPSON/HEDUS CARRIED

There was a procedural motion to vote on proposed regs changes individually on each proposed regulation change.

COUNCIL 112/08 SIMPSON/HEDUS CARRIED

Greta Simpson waived her speaking rights on the Goorie Berrimpa Officers pay motion.

The motion seconder Jacinto Hedus mentioned on the expectation from the university that the role should be a paid role, that there have been complaints from indigenous department and that leaving the role unpaid puts a strain on the indigenous students.

Treasurer Joshua Marsh in response to a query replied that the increased allocation of SSAF compared to previous years would allow for the proposed pay changes to be accommodated into Union's budget plans easily.

There was a procedural motion to have recorded vote for the proposed regs changes.

It was moved

THAT THE ENTITLEMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR GOORIE
BERRIMPA OFFICERS BE APPROVED

COUNCIL 112/09 SIMPSON/HEDUS CARRIED

Recorded Vote :

Shenalle Jiang For
Jacinto Hedus *For*

Claire Sturm For
Daniel Lynn proxy For
Timothy Hirsch For
Adrian Sutherland Chettle For
Karsten Duvel For
Toby Abrahamson For
Lily Cooke
Elise Northcote proxy For
Jinxu Zhuang proxy For
Aydan Rusev For
Kore Opie For
Max Thompson For
Oscar Green For
Abraham Sunil proxy For
Skye Stewart For
Alex Mcdowall For
Rehan Gulati For
Emma Goodwin Against
Utkrist Paudyal For
Matthew George Pereira proxy For
Carmi More proxy For

The President clarified to the members of the council that the entitlements and payments for the postgraduate officers will not in anyway impact the union's budget as it will be borne out of the APS budget allocated by the University to the Association of Postgraduate Students. The President highlighted the fact that over 35% of the students at UQ are postgraduate students and that as a student union, UQU should be doing more to ensure postgraduate students' welfare and wellbeing.

Oscar Green queried on the need for paying post graduate officers when there is no such representation for under graduates. The President clarified that the proposed motion and payment of postgraduate officers is not related to the union's funding or budget but rather showing solidarity with the postgraduate students and acknowledging the systemic issue of underrepresentation of postgraduate students in the Union, which in turn affects the ability of Union in servicing the needs and development of postgraduate students in it's plans.

It was moved

THAT THE ENTITLEMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR POSTGRADUATE OFFICERS BE APPROVED

COUNCIL 112/10

SIMPSON/KLEIN

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

Shenalle Jiang For
Jacinto Hedus For
Claire Sturm For
Daniel Lynn proxy For
Timothy Hirsch For
Adrian Sutherland Chettle Against
Karsten Duvel Against
Toby Abrahamson For
Lily Cooke
Elise Northcote proxy For
Jinxu Zhuang proxy For
Aydan Rusev
Kore Opie For
Max Thompson For
Oscar Green For
Abraham Sunil proxy For
Skye Stewart For
Alex Mcdowall For
Rehan Gulati For
Emma Goodwin For
Utkrist Paudyal For
Matthew George Pereira proxy For
Carmi More proxy For

It was moved

THAT THE ENTITLEMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR HERSTON OFFICERS BE APPROVED, TO BE RECOGNIZED IN R56 OF THE REGULATIONS

COUNCIL 112/11

SIMPSON/HEDUS

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE ENTITLEMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS BE APPROVED, TOBE RECOGNIZED IN R56 OF THE REGULATIONS

COUNCIL 112/12

SIMPSON/HEDUS

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE ELECTED GATTON OFFICERS BE PAID 40 HOURS PER FORTNIGHT, TO BE RECOGNISED IN R56 OF THE REGULATIONS

COUNCIL 112/13

SIMPSON/HEDUS

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

Shenalle Jiang For
Jacinto Hedus For
Claire Sturm For
Daniel Lynn proxy For
Timothy Hirsch For
Adrian Sutherland Chettle For
Karsten Duvel Against
Toby Abrahamson For
Lily Cooke For
Elise Northcote proxy For
Jinxu Zhuang proxy For
Aydan Rusev Against
Kore Opie For
Max Thompson For
Oscar Green For
Abraham Sunil proxy For
Skye Stewart Against
Alex Mcdowall For
Rehan Gulati For
Emma Goodwin For
Utkrist Paudyal For
Matthew George Pereira proxy For
Carmi More proxy Against

Environmental officer Ella Gutteridge spoke on the work done by environmental officers and that the council needs to recognise the efforts of the

role as well as the office bearers in that role and acknowledge that the role should be paid in consideration of the role and the work done.

Emma Goodwin spoke against the motion saying that the role is almost not representative of the students themselves but rather is a radicalised body of people and that marginalised group of people of such views should not be funded by the Union.

Oscar Green appreciated the conciliatory view of the environmental officer and expressed hope that such cordial equation continues in future. He further mentioned that in his opinion, the role as it stands does not benefit the union and the activities undertaken by the role and/or office bearers in the role can be done in their own time and should not be a paid role.

Joshua Marsh mentioned that it is about paying the role and that should be kept in mind and not identify it with the office bearers holding the role.

There was a procedural motion to recess for 15 minutes.

The chair resumed the meeting at 7:37 PM

Max Thompson spoke saying that he initially wanted to vote against the motion, expressing disagreement at the way environmental officers engage with students on campus and that some of the activities of the environmental officers are not related to environmental causes. Considering that it would not affect the labour party stance on things, he now agrees to vote in favour of the motion.

It was moved

THAT THE ELECTED ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICERS BE PAID PART TIME, 40 HOURS PER FORTNIGHT, TO BE RECOGNISED IN R56 OF THE REGULATIONS

COUNCIL 112/14

SIMPSON/HEDUS

CARRIED

Recorded Vote :

Shenalle Jiang For
Jacinto Hedus For
Claire Sturm For
Daniel Lynn proxy For
Timothy Hirsch For
Adrian Sutherland Chettle For
Karsten Duvel Against
Toby Abrahamson For
Lily Cooke For
Elise Northcote proxy For
Jinxu Zhuang proxy For
Aydan Rusev Against
Kore Opie For
Max Thompson For
Oscar Green Against
Abraham Sunil proxy For
Skye Stewart Against
Alex Mcdowall For
Rehan Gulati For
Emma Goodwin Against
Utkrist Paudyal For
Matthew George Pereira proxy Against
Carmi More proxy For

UQU Supports NTEU

Erin Blyth spoke to the council on the ongoing negotiations between UQ staff and UQ management for over 600 days, highlighting the casualization of UQ staff and the need to offer job security to the UQ staff members along with better pay and working conditions, which is what the NTEU is fighting for. As a Union, she urged the members of the council to support the NTEU in their struggle for a fair EPA and urged the members to attend the NTEU rally.

Motion Seconder Jacinto Hedus spoke further highlighting that the negotiations should not be dragged this long and that the members should support the NTEU in its efforts for a better working condition and pay for the UQ Staff members.

It was moved

1. UQU acknowledges and supports the ongoing struggles of the NTEU and UQ staff members in establishing a fair EPA which includes fighting for stable jobs, against ongoing casualization and for fair pay to keep up with the pressures of rising costs.
2. UQU commits to supporting and gathering a contingency of students for the upcoming full day NTEU strike on 22nd February.
3. UQU council directs UQU to write to the Provost and VC in support of NTEU and that UQU President writes to all UQU Members in the form of a database.

COUNCIL 112/15

BLYTH/HEDUS

CARRIED

General Business:

Memorial statue for the wartime sexual violence survivors

Eric Yun spoke on the proposed motion explaining the importance of the memorial and the need to maintain the memorial, to honour the memories and spirit of the survivors.

Erin Blyth informed the council members on the upcoming movie night by Women's collective screening a movie relating to this topic and encouraged the members to attend.

It was moved

1. The current wall mural of goal of peace in front of the women's collective be permanently preserved and looked after by the UQU and Woco, to continue to remember and honour the women and children who were and are still to this day sexually abused across the world in war torn countries, regions, and areas of conflict.
2. UQU formally acknowledges the importance of remembering the survivors of wartime sexual violence. UQU will continue to advocate and fight for the proper remembrance and honour of the victims and survivors and aim to educate the university committee on accurate historical truth and continue to flourish women's rights movement on campus.
3. UQU to establish and erect a memorial statue in honour and remembrance of the women and children survivors of wartime sexual violence in pursuit of historical truth and justice. May the memorial be a place of gathering and action for future Womens rights events on campus.

COUNCIL 112/16

YUN/BLYTH

CARRIED

Reintroduction of breach of bails as an offense

Karsten Duvel spoke on the proposed motion saying that this move was long overdue and would go some way in mitigating the rate of crime and provide a relief to the victims of crime and public.

Ayden spoke on the motion saying that this was debated for over two years and that it is a welcome move.

Ella Gutteridge spoke against the motion saying that it is punitive in nature and will not translate into results as being purported.

Oscar Green spoke in favour of the motion saying that as a victim of youth crime himself, he finds the move by the Qld government a welcome move.

TJ spoke against the motion saying such laws only punish the marginalized communities and heighten the discrimination already being faced by them and urged the members of the council to vote against the motion.

Lily Cooke mentioned that the law is not to punish the youth offenders but rather to deter such incidents of crime from happening and also to stop such offenders from being forced back into the environments that are conducive to committing crime.

There was a procedural motion that the motion

It was moved

THAT THE UQU COUNCIL COMMENDS THE PALASZCZUK
GOVERNMENT ON THE LONG OVERDUE REINTRODUCTION OF
BREACH OF BAILS AS AN OFFENSE

COUNCIL 112/17 DUVEL/RUSEV

NOT CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

Shenalle Jiang Abstain

Jacinto Hedus Against

Claire Sturm Against

Daniel Lynn proxy Abstain

Timothy Hirsch Against

Adrian Sutherland Chettle Against

Karsten Duvel For

Toby Abrahamson Against

Lily Cooke For

Elise Northcote proxy Against

Jinxu Zhuang proxy Abstain

Aydan Rusev For

Kore Opie Against

Max Thompson For
Oscar Green For
Abraham Sunil proxy Abstain
Skye Stewart For
Alex Mcdowall Against
Rehan Gulati Abstain
Emma Goodwin For
Utkrist Paudyal Against
Matthew George Pereira proxy For
Carmi More proxy Abstain

The President informed the council that the SSAF survey has been moved a week forward to coincide with employability week, in a unilateral decision taken by the office of the DVCA providing the university an opportunity to set the narrative in their favour. The President explained to the council on the various categories of the SSAF mentioned in the survey, what are the categories and various services union provides for and advocates on behalf of the students. The President proposed running either a boycott campaign against the SSAF survey this year as the survey or running a strong counter campaign highlighting the services of the union to the students.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU RUN A STRONG CAMPAIGN DURING THE SSAF SURVEY WEEK SHOWCASING THE SERVICES UQU PROVIDES

COUNCIL 112/18

HEDUS/GOODWIN

CARRIED

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8:20 PM