

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the
112th UQ Union Council, 2023

5:30 PM
Monday July 24th, 2023
Morrison Hall
UQ Gatton Campus
Chair: Alex Smock

a) Welcome

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:58 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
Jacinto Hedus	Richard Lee	Michael Walker
Claire Sturm	Joshua Marsh	Benjamin Myatt
Emma Goodwin	Clara Mueller	Sam Adams
Utkrist Paudyal	Annalise Whittingham	Barclay McGain
Matthew George Pereira	Erin Blyth	Natasha Brettell
Lily Cooke	Sian Chadfield	Jack Barton
Rehan Gulati	Angus McRae	Ryan McDonald
Adrian Sutherland Chettle	Dylan Thomas	Glenda Jacobs
Max Thompson	Keeley Fischer	
Karston Duvel		

Apologies and Leave:

Daniel Chancellor
TJ Polataivao- Reupena
Shivam Shipankar
Greta Simpson

The following proxies were received:

Skye Stewart to Ryan McDonald
Abraham Sunil to Adrian Sutherland Chettle
Oscar Green to Karston Duvel
Ayden Rusov to Karston Duvel
Daniel Lynn to Jacinto Hedus
Toby Abrahamson to Benjamin Myatt
Jinxhu Zhuang to Angus McRae

c) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and approved.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 5th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 112TH UQ
UNION COUNCIL HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2023 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 112/60 HEDUS/STURM CARRIED

d) Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

None

It is minuted that this is the first UQU council meeting without the attendance of any socialist alternative members.

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

It was moved

TO TABLE THE REPORTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

f) Matters Arising from Reports of Elected Officers

None

g) Question Time

Matthew Pereira queried on the duties of environmental officers and the work done by them as part of their portfolio and the question was taken under notice.

Karsten Duvel queried on the status of the affiliation request of UQLNC club and Michael Walker informed the members that it is pending resolution.

Karston further queried on the stall allocation for UQLNC for market day and the provision of signage for the same and the questions were taken under notice.

h) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil.

i) Business which has been proposed**5-year Name Ownership and Maximum Name Ownership**

Michael Walker and Jacinto Hedus spoke on the proposed motion, highlighting that it was recommended by the rules committee as well as the Returning Officer of the UQU elections. They further mentioned that the proposed motion keeps in mind the cyclical nature of the Union elections and the electoral groups that participate in the election process.

Matthew Pereira spoke against the motion saying that the proposed change does not realistically make any significant change and that the creativity and ingenuity of students and councillors should be encouraged.

It was moved

THAT THE 5 YEAR NAME OWNERSHIP AND THE MAXIMUM NAME OWNERSHIP FOR ELECTORAL GROUPS BE ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

Democratic and Legitimate name Ownership

The motion was tabled for the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- This meeting of UQ Union Council condemns the environmental officers and the salt collective for not showing up at the council meeting and not showing their support for the students and staff at Gatton

It was minuted that Karsten Duvel wishes for the members of Socialist Alternative to attend the Union Council meetings.

Matthew Pereira mentioned that the Council at the previous meeting has agreed on holding the next one at Gatton and show the support for students at Gatton and that the members of Socialist Alternative should be condemned for not showing up.

Claire Sturm spoke against the motion saying that it is unfair to specifically target office bearers for not attending the meeting considering their schedules and logistical difficulties.

The Chair noted that the meeting has representation from every electoral group except for the socialist alternative.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION COUNCIL CONDEMN THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE FOR NOT SHOWING UP AT THE COUNCIL MEETING TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT GATTON

COUNCIL 112/63

DUVAL/PEREIRA

NOT CARRIED

- This meeting of the UQU Council reaffirms its support to UQ Gatton Students and acknowledges the support of Jim McDonald and Scott Buchholz towards regional tertiary education

Lily Cooke and Ryan McDonald spoke on the proposed motion saying that students at Gatton should continue to be supported and that the council should reaffirm its support for the leaders who facilitated the regional tertiary education.

There was a procedural motion to amend the proposed motion to strike out the second part of the motion.

COUNCIL 112/64 MARSH/WALKER CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE:

Jacinto Hedus For

Claire Sturm For

Daniel Lynn proxy For

Timothy Hirsch proxy For

Adrian Sutherland Chettle For

Karsten Duval Against

Toby Abrahamson proxy For

Lily Cooke Against

Jinxhu Zhuang proxy For

Ayden Rusov proxy Against

Max Thompson For

Oscar Green proxy Against

Abraham Sunil proxy For

Rehan Gulati proxy For

Emma Goodwin Against

Utkrist Paudyal For

Matthew George Pereira Against

Skye Stewart proxy Against

Alex Mcdowall proxy For

It was moved

**THAT THIS MEETING OF UQ UNION COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS
SUPPORT TO THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT GATTON CAMPUS**

COUNCIL 112/65 COOKE/MCDONALD CARRIED

It was minuted that the Gatton officers do not know the local LNP members whose services to the area were mentioned by the movers of the motion.

Alcohol be provided at all future UQ Union Council meetings and that ear plugs be provided when Socialist Alternative members speak at Council meetings.

The motion movers spoke on the proposed motion saying that the length and volume of the speeches by socialist alternative members during council meetings warrants the provision of ear plugs to the members of the council.

Members disagreed and spoke against the motion saying that it is not a good expenditure of the student money.

There was a procedural motion that the motion be put.

It was moved

THAT THE FUTURE UQ UNION COUNCIL MEETINGS HAVE ALCOHOL PROVIDED TO THE MEMBERS AND THAT EAR PLUGS BE PROVIDED WHEN SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE MEMBERS SPEAK AT THE COUNCIL MEETINGS

COUNCIL 112/66 DUVEL/MCDONALD NOT CARRIED

UQ Union Council congratulates Emma Goodwin on restoring the democratic balance to the UQU C&S Committee

Max Thompson spoke on the proposed motion congratulating Emma Goodwin on being elected as president of UQLNC mentioning that Emma brings a welcome addition of representation to the student politics on campus.

Claire Sturm agreed with the sentiments expressed by the mover of the motion.

It was minuted that Max Thompson mentioned that he likes people in the UQLNC.

Emma Goodwin thanked the members from the labour right and black flag for the support shown towards her.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION COUNCIL CONGRATULATES EMMA GOODWIN ON RESTORING THE DEMOCRATIC BALANCE TO THE UQU C&S COMMITTEE

COUNCIL 112/67 THOMPSON/STURM CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE:

Jacinto Hedus Abstain

Claire Sturm For

Daniel Lynn proxy Abstain

Timothy Hirsch proxy Abstain

Adrian Sutherland Chettle Abstain

Karsten Duval Abstain

Toby Abrahamson proxy Abstain

Lily Cooke Abstain

Jinxhu Zhuang proxy Abstain

Ayden Rusov proxy Abstain

Max Thompson For

Oscar Green proxy Abstain

Abraham Sunil proxy Abstain

Rehan Gulati proxy Abstain

Emma Goodwin For

Utkrist Paudyal For

Matthew George Pereira Abstain

Skye Stewart proxy Abstain

Alex McDowall proxy Abstain

UQU recommends building a new and much more sophisticated gymnasium for the benefit of students at Gatton

Matthew Pereira spoke on the proposed motion highlighting that the gymnasium at Gatton campus is outdated and that the Union Council should advocate for building of better facilities for students at Gatton.

Ryan McDonald mentioned that greatest sportspersons of Australia come from regional areas and in the spirit of supporting such talents and regional areasm this motion should be supported.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU RECOMMENDS BUILDING A NEW AND MUCH MORE SOPHISTICATED GYMNASIUM FOR THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS AT GATTON

COUNCIL 112/68 PEREIRA/McDonald CARRIED

UQU stands behind coal miners as drivers of Queensland economy

Matthew Pereira spoke on the proposed motion urging the members to show solidarity with the coal miners who are the drivers of the Queensland state economy.

Ryan McDonald seconded the sentiments expressed.

Sam Adams highlighted to the members that the coal in Queensland is owned by the public and proposed an amendment to include nationalising the coal industry.

It was moved

THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE NATIONALISING COAL INDUSTRY

COUNCIL 112/69 NOT CARRIED

The President highlighted to the members present that while the Union would always stand in solidarity with workers and Unions across industries, it should be kept in mind that the Union constitution specifically prohibits encouragement of fossil fuel industries.

There was a procedural motion that the motion be put.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE COAL MINE WORKERS WHO ARE THE DRIVERS OF QUEENSLAND STATE ECONOMY

COUCIL 112/70 PEREIRA/McDONALD CARRIED

UQU to send supporting briefs to the staff for their strike during the Enterprise Agreement bargain negotiations at Deakin University

Sam Adams and Claire Sturm spoke on the proposed motion urging the members to show their support for the staff at Deakin University who are fighting for fair work conditions and remuneration at Deakin university.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU SEND SUPPORTING BRIEFS TO THE STAFF WHO WENT ON A STRIKE DURING THE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT BARGAIN NEGOTIATIONS AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL 112/71 ADAMS/STURM CARRIED

UQU congratulates the NUS for its efforts in the government review of HECS policy for students who fail more than 50% of their classes

Dylan Thomas spoke on the proposed motion on how the NUS successfully fought for a government review on the policy of students losing out on HECS if they fail more than 50% of their classes and how such a policy affects the students otherwise.

President Richard Lee suggested an amendment to include CAPA in the motion as their efforts were significant in this regard and the movers of the motion agreed to it.

VP G&S Erin Blyth further commended the NUS for the work done in the report detailing the duty of care of the Universities with regards to SASH complaints in the Universities.

The motion had an additional amendment to include “ in pushing the duty of care onto Universities for Sexual Assault and Harassment Prevention”

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONGRAGULATES THE NUS AND CAPA FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF THE HECS POLICY FOR STUDENTS WHO FAIL MORE THAN 50% OF THEIR COURSES AND IN PUSHING THE DUTY OF CARE ONTO UNIVERSITIES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARRASMENT PREVENTION”

COUNCIL 112/72 THOMAS/STURM CARRIED

UQU liberates the cows who are being viciously exploited at UQ Gatton Dairy

Claire Sturm and Sam Adams spoke on the proposed motion saying that exploiting the animals for research perspective is a bad practice and that the cows should be liberated.

Gatton Officer Annalise Whittingham disagreed with the motion saying that while she understands the sentiments behind the motion, it is a huge task that cannot be undertaken without a huge amount of funds allocated.

There was a procedural motion that the motion be put.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU LIBERATES THE COWS WHO ARE BEING VICIOUSLY EXPLOITED AT UQ GATTON DAIRY

COUNCIL 112/73 STURM/ADAMS NOT CARRIED

This UQU Council commends the UQU Environmental officers for doing a fantastic job

Claire Sturm spoke on the proposed motion saying that the work done by the environmental officers should be commended.

Karsten Duvel disagreed with the motion mentioning that anyone else in that role other than the current environmental officers would be doing a better job.

Lily Cooke mentioned that as elected office bearers' environmental officers should be responsible to all the students and the Union and should be answering to queries regarding their roles and responsibilities.

It was moved

THAT THIS UQU COUNCIL COMMENDS THE UQU ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICERS FOR DOING A FANTASTIC JOB

COUNCIL 112/74 STURM/PAUDYAL NOT CARRIED

UQU RedRoom to Open at 10 AM and close at 10 PM each day of Academic week

The motion was tabled for next meeting.

UQU condemns the UQU College officers for not attending a single Union Council meeting this year and last year

Michael Walker and Erin Blyth spoke on the proposed motion highlighting that it is unfathomable for the elected college officers to not attend the Union council meetings.

Joshua Marsh informed the members of the Council on the funding and support the colleges receive each year from the Union.

VP Student Rights Angus McRae further highlighted that the portfolios of Colleges is not only about money or grants but also includes a lot of welfare of the students and that involvement of college officers would be beneficial.

There was a procedural motion that the motion be put.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU COUNCIL CONDEMNS THE UQU COLLEGE OFFICERS FOR NOT ATTENDING A SINGLE UNION COUNCIL MEETING THIS YEAR AND LAST YEAR

COUNCIL 112/75

WALKER/BLYTH

CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE:

Jacinto Hedus For

Claire Sturm For

Daniel Lynn proxy For

Timothy Hirsch proxy For

Adrian Sutherland Chettle For

Karsten Duval Against

Toby Abrahamson proxy For

Lily Cooke Against

Jinxhu Zhuang proxy For

Ayden Rusov proxy Against

Max Thompson For

Oscar Green proxy Against

Abraham Sunil proxy For

Rehan Gulati proxy For

Emma Goodwin For

Utkrist Paudyal proxy For

Matthew George Pereira Against

Skye Stewart proxy Against

Alex Mcdowall proxy Abstain

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8:07 PM

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