UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 2nd Ordinary Meeting of the 107th UQ Union Council, 2018

5:00PM

Tuesday 20/03/2018

Innes Room 1

Level 4, Union building (Bld. 21), St. Lucia Campus Chair: Matthew Diamond

The Meeting Opened at 5.15pm

a) Welcome by Union Chairperson

The chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land.

b) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Jeremy Lwin
- Nathan Kerr
- Paul Taylor
- Kulkarawa Kukoyi
- Samuel Pulsford
- Benjamin Kozji
- Aaron Barker-Smith
- Ethan Van Roo
- Gloria Woods

- Kelsie McArthur
- Jackson Rees
- Jimmy Jin
- Nicholas Comino
- Lili Wackwitz
- Matthew Diamond
- Emma Shayler
- Duncan Hart
- Adelaide Power

- Sam Ngugi
- Rebecca Bennett
- Zach Schafferius
- Rowan Evans
- Georgia Millroy
- Coen Harnischfeger
- Keira Murray
- Brandon Lo
- Paige Howard

The Following Members were absent:

- Zil Silvester
- Olivia Winchester
- Nerissa Aitken

- Kenny Tran
- Michelle Zhang
- Matthew Qiu

- Kevin Tian
- Elif Kaya
- Samuel Kiernan

- Lianne Mellin
- Lulu Nkwazi
- Connor Haddad

• Lachlan Bon

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Zil Silvester
- Kenny Tran
- Michelle Zhang

• Gloria Woods

The following proxies were received:

- Gloria Woods to Rowan Evans
- Olivia Winchester to Nelson Reed-Banyard
- Zil Silvester to Duncan Hart

- Nerissa Aitken to Ethan Van Roo
- Coen Harnischfeger to Georgia Millroy

The following others were present:

- Jordan Duffey
- Bradley Stone
- Nelson Reed-Banyard

• Zach Thomas

It was moved

THAT THE NOTED APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED AND LEAVE BE GRANTED TO ALL APPLICANTS

COUNCIL 107/77

KOZJI/DIAMOND

CARRIED

- c) Elections
- i. Election of Clubs and Societies Committee Members

The chair informed council that Samuel Ngugi has been elected as Union Treasurer unopposed.

Union President, Jeremy Lwin, welcomed Sam to council.

d) The Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and no amendments were suggested.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 1^{ST} ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/78

DIAMOND/KOZJI

CARRIED

e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was noted that a number of motions were tabled at the previous meeting of Union Council.

Conference Centre Names

The Union President raised that no submissions were received for conference centre names. It was also noted that property and facilities would need to be contacted in regards to changing the plaque. It was suggested that this motion remain tabled until the next meeting of Union Council.

Red Zone Report

Nicholas Comino, Gender and Sexuality Vice President, noted that he is currently meeting with colleges, the work is ongoing and he would like to withdraw his motion relating to the Red Zone Report.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONDEMNS THE BEHAVIOUR OUTLINED IN THE RED ZONE REPORT INTO AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HAZING RITUALS, NOTING HOWEVER ITS SUPPORT OF COLLEGES AND A CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO WORKING CLOSELY AND COLLABORATIVELY WITH COLLEGES TOWARDS A BETTER CULTURE

COUNCIL 107/55

COMINO/MILLROY

WITHDRAWN

<u>Underground Productions</u>

The Union President explained that he had met with the manager of the Schonell Theatre and, while bookings have already been confirmed for this year, it was agreed that four one-week slots at a reduced rate would be scheduled for Underground in the Schonell Theatre next year. In addition, the Union will lobby for Underground to have a rehearsal space in the new building once the current Union complex is demolished. He advised that Union Council should, considering all of the evidence, vote the original motion down and instead vote up a new motion that will allocate Underground four one-week slots at a reduced rate with the proviso that the union will also allocate up to 100 hours a year in alternative rehearsal spaces for the club.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION RECOGNISE UNDERGROUND'S PAST AND CONTINUING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CULTURAL LIFE AT UQ AND THAT IN LIGHT OF THIS CONTRIBUTION THEY BE GIVEN ACCESS TO THE SCHONELL THEATRE FREE OF CHARGE AS PER THEIR PREVIOUS AGREEMENT (2010-2017)

COUNCIL 107/72

GOOD/THE SEMPER EDITORS

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UNION PROVIDES FOUR ONE WEEK SLOTS AT THE SCHONELL THEATRE, AT \$1500 A WEEK, FOR UNDERGROUND. THE UNION WILL ALLOCATE UNDERGROUND UP TO 100 HOURS A YEAR IN ALTERNATIVE REHEARSAL SPACES COUNCIL 107/79 LWIN/MILLROY CARRIED

Labor Left Club

The chair asked student Mitch Dougall if he would like to provide council with more information on the fine he received from UQ security, as requested at the 1st Ordinary Meeting of Union Council, and was informed that the club no longer wished to pursue this item of business.

f) Requests for Starring/ Approval or Noting of the Items Not Starred en bloc

Procedural motion to move the Treasurer's report to 'Any Other Business'

CARRIED

The Environment Report was starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to consider all other reports and business en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/80 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/81 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/82 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/83 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/84 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/85 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED COUNCIL 107/86 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED COUNCIL 107/87 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

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COUNCIL 107/88	LWIN/MCARTHUR	CARRIED
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COUNCIL 107/91	LWIN/MCARTHUR	CARRIED
THAT THE GATTON OFFICER'S RE	EPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRM	MED
COUNCIL 107/92	LWIN/MCARTHUR	CARRIED
THAT THE COLLEGE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
COUNCIL 107/93	LWIN/MCARTHUR	CARRIED
g) References Nil		
$\mathbf{h})$ Reports of the Elected Officer	S	
Nil		
i) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers		
Nil		
j) Question Time		
i. Environment Officer's Re	port	

Councillor Duncan Hart questioned why the Environment Collective had achieved such low attendance to their meetings and queried whether the officers have a strategy to engage with environmentally-conscious students on campus.

Environment Officer, Lili Wackwitz, responded that they had received feedback from the single attendee at the first meeting that some students did not wish to associate personally with the Focus executive. Strategies used to improve attendance included creating an event on the Facebook page, sending emails to all those who signed up on market day and, going forward, the collective intends to send notice of meetings to environment club executives to distribute throughout their networks. It was noted that the Environment Officers see themselves as capable of making decisions, although they reiterated that they would rather members attend meetings.

The chair queried the number of clubs that come under the environment umbrella. The Environment Officers named a number of clubs including Fossil Free, AYCC and GEMS.

ii. Deb Frecklington

Councillor Duncan Hart questioned the rationale behind hosting Deb Frecklington, the leader of the Queensland Opposition and leader of the Liberal-National Party, as a speaker at the International Women's Day breakfast this year. He noted that Frecklington has publicly supported cuts to the penalty rate, which he stated will negatively impact on poorer women in the female dominated industries of retail and hospitality, and has opposed legislative changes to legalise abortion in Queensland, which remains on the criminal code.

In response, the Union's Women's Officer, Kulkarawa Kukoyi, explained that they had sent invitations to various Labor party members and had received no response. She noted that they endeavoured to host political diverse speakers.

Queer Officer, Nicholas Comino, advised that Daile Kelleher, State Executive Officer for Girl Guides Queensland and former Greens candidate, was also a speaker at the breakfast. He noted that she gave an engaging speech that touched on issues surrounding refugees, Adani and abortion and to therefore imply that the event was somehow partisan is unfounded.

Councillor Duncan Hart responded that the question was centred on why Deb Frecklington was chosen as a speaker, given her record on women's rights, other than the fact that she is a woman.

In response, the Union Secretary noted that, during her speech, Deb Frecklington identified as a feminist, encouraged women to get involved in politics and described how she has fought against inequality. She advised that the event had represented a wide spectrum of feminist thinking.

Procedural motion to close question time

CARRIED

k) Reports of Union Bodies

Procedural motion to consider all other reports en bloc.

CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/94 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/95 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE COLLEGES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/96 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/97 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

THAT THE STUDENT RIGHTS ACTION GROUP REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/98 LWIN/MCARTHUR CARRIED

l) Appeals

Nil

m) Executive Business

Socialist Alternative Rally

A motion was received regarding the recent SAlt rally.

The mover of the motion, Nicholas Comino explained that on Monday 19th March, there was a rally to promote the National Day of Action. He noted that no student money was put towards the rally and congratulated SAlt on holding the event without the use of student money. However, he proposed the National Day of Action be renamed the National Day of Contradictions, as Terri Butler's presence at the event is in contradiction to their protest against her when she was billed as a speaker at last year's International Women's Day Breakfast. He stated that the National Day of Action tramples on engineering students and steel workers and questioned where the jobs will be for UQ's engineering students if we turn away from coal.

Councillor Duncan Hart clarified that there had been no protest against Terri Butler in previous years and stated that they stood by their argument that \$22m per tank for 500 jobs is inefficient and a waste of money that reflects badly on the Lib-Nat government.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONGRATULATE THE NUS, SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE AND NLS FOR UTILISING THE PRINCIPLES OF CONSERVATISM AND LIBERALISM BY ORGANISING THEIR OWN RALLY YESTERDAY WITHOUT THE USE OF UQ STUDENT FUNDS. HOWEVER, THE UQU CONDEMNS THIS RALLY AS AN ATTACK ON ENGINEERING STUDENTS, STEEL WORKERS AND THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE COUNCIL 107/99 COMINO/VAN ROO NOT CARRIED

Kampus Kitchen

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Rowan Evans, proxy for councillor Gloria Woods, spoke for the motion. He explained that Kampus Kitchen currently does not have enough food to last beyond 6pm.

The Union President noted that Kampus Kitchen is one of the most successful initiatives the Union has and that it is a shame that it runs out of food so quickly. He noted that another \$5100 has been allocated to Kampus Kitchen in the 2018 budget.

The Union Treasurer pointed out that the Kampus Kitchen budget was previously at \$15k, so the increase in funding is proportionately large.

Student Rights Officer, Paul Taylor, explained that the extra funding would allow them to purchase an additional hot box and serve more food.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION TAKE AS AN OFFICIAL POLICY POSITION THAT KAMPUS KITCHEN NEEDS MORE FUNDING AS TO STAY OPEN PAST 6PM IN THE FUTURE COUNCIL 107/100 WOODS/THE SEMPER EDITORS CARRIED

Academic Teams Funding Board

A motion was received regarding the creation of an Academic Teams Funding Board, as per appendices A, B and C.

It was raised that this must first be considered by Rules Committee as is it relates to the creation of a Union body.

The Union President gave a brief overview of the motion. He explained that in the 2018 budget academic teams will be able to apply for funding. The motion therefore proposed a board be created with some independently elected members to assess the validity of grant applications.

The chair questioned whether the Academic Teams Funding Board needed to be created as a board, or whether it could exist as a committee.

The Union Treasurer noted that the idea is to avoid centralising all of the decision-making power with a few individuals. Rather than having a committee that makes recommendations to the treasurer, a Union body has the autonomy to make funding decisions.

It was moved

THAT APPENDICES A, B AND C BE ACCEPTED

COUNCIL 107/101

THOMAS/NGUGI

REFERRED TO RULES

COMMITTEE

XXXX Workers

A motion was received regarding the Queensland XXXX brewery workers.

The mover of the motion, Rowan Evans explained that XXXX has enforced job cuts and job casualization on a number of Queensland workers with work moving to NSW. He suggested that council strongly consider the beers offered on tap in the Red Room at the next opportunity. He noted that he was aware they will not be able to immediately take these beers off tap but that this should be considered at the next contract negotiation.

The Union President questioned whether the motion was directed at Lion Co. or at XXXX specifically.

The seconder of the motion, Councillor Duncan Hart, raised that it is important for the Union to show solidarity with other unions and workers that are facing a tax on their conditions. He noted that around 100 workers have been impacted by the changes.

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THE QUEENSLAND XXXX WORKERS WHO FACE JOB LOSS TO NSW AND CASUALISATION. COUNCIL ALSO DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE TO PREFERENCE THE MOST WORKER-FRIENDLY ORGANISATION IN THE MARKET AT THE NEXT RED ROOM CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

COUNCIL 107/102 EVANS/HART CARRIED

Proxy Regulation

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It was raised that any motion relating to amendments to regulations must be referred to Rules Committee.

It was moved

THAT RULES COMMITTEE SPLIT R25.7 SO THAT "A PROXY MAY NOT BE EXERCISED WHILE THE MEMBER IS PRESENT AT THE MEETING" IS ITS OWN REGULATION COUNCIL 107/103 EVANS/LWIN REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE

[FOCUS] Executive

A motion was received regarding the attractiveness of the [FOCUS] executive.

The chair noted that the motion had not been seconded and likely was not moved by Zach Thomas and therefore ruled that the motion was out of order.

THAT COUNCIL CONGRATULATE THE [FOCUS] EXECUTIVE FOR BEING THE MOST ATTRACTIVE, HANDSOMEST EXECUTIVE TO EVER RUN THE UNION COUNCIL 107/104 THOMAS/HAHA, JUST KIDDING OUT OF ORDER

Independent Clubs and Societies Review Committee

A motion was received regarding the appointment of Mitch Dougall to the Independent Clubs and Societies Review Committee.

The mover of the motion, Mitch Dougall spoke for the motion. He raised that he has a unique perspective on clubs and societies and that his appointment would bring balance to the committee.

The Union President noted that, while he understood the argument for fairness and balance, he suggested that Councillor Duncan Hart would be better suited to a position on the committee as an elected member of council.

The councillor noted that it would not be appropriate for him to be appointed to the committee as he did not support its creation. He raised that the committee is not supposed to be partisan but

questions have been raised regarding this and advised that it would be an act of goodwill to elect Mitch to the committee.

The Union President expressed his support for the motion.

It was moved

THAT MITCH DOUGALL BE ELECTED TO THE INDEPENDENT CLUBS AND SOCIETIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

COUNCIL 107/105

DOUGALL/HART

CARRIED

Independent Clubs and Societies Review Committee #2

A motion was received regarding the appointment of Rowan's wife to the Independent Clubs and Societies Review Committee.

The mover of the motion, Rowan Evans, spoke for the motion. He noted that his wife, upon hearing the committee was expanding, wished to be appointed as a member.

The Union President spoke against the motion, questioning the experience Rowan's wife has had with clubs and societies.

In response, it was noted that Rowan's wife has had a hard life growing up in a former Soviet bloc country and has found it difficult migrating to Australia. She would therefore have a clear understanding of the trials and tribulations that union clubs face.

It was moved

THAT ROWAN'S WIFE BE APPOINTED TO THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

COUNCIL 107/106 EVANS/PULSFORD NOT CARRIED

n) General Business

Nil

O) Notice of Business Proposed

p) Any Other Business

i. Treasurer's Report: Budget 2018

Councillor Duncan Hart raised a question in relation to the money allocated for the refurbishment of Physiol. UQ Union Managing Director, Glenn Porter, explained that the money would be used to create another point of sale and an additional entranceway in order to ease the flow of traffic.

The councillor requested clarification on the structural fund. In response, it was explained that the structural fund is used to maintain the buildings and is shared between the union and other union groups. The total income the union receives from the fund is \$600k, though the executive advocates for more each year.

Councillor Duncan Hart noted that the balance sheet indicates around \$800k in asset depreciation and queried whether the large amount of depreciation is relative to the fact that the buildings are scheduled to be demolished. The Union President explained that they would be using the demolishment of the buildings as a bargaining tool for which they hope to receive compensation.

Councillor Ethan Van Roo questioned the reduction in Campus Culture funding. He noted that, while he understands the Campus Culture budget must take clubs and societies into account, it is important to balance the two. In response, it was explained that the events that have been cut from the Campus Culture budget achieved very low attendance rates in the previous year, including the #DankAF pub crawl, 'Dancing in the Dark' and the 'Stress Less Week' carnival, but the successful union-run events have remained. He advised that the Union will be focussing on larger events and not crowding the clubs and societies space.

The councillor questioned the reduction in SHOC funding and queried whether this would compromise the service provided to students. The Union President explained that the advocacy budget has been reduced from 'events and projects', which has been brought it in line with actuals. The service has not been cut in terms of number of hours, instead efficiencies have been found. He noted that some advocates were not being utilised to their potential and they will be focusing on bringing them to 100% utilisation.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED COUNCIL 107/107 LWIN/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 6.11pm

APPENDIX A: NOTICE OF MOTION TO CREATE THE "ACADEMIC TEAMS FUNDING BOARD"

- 1.1. The Union is committed to the good and proper use of student resources to maximize social and academic outcomes for its members. It aims to provide an environment that fosters educational and academic progress, foster the principle of student unionism and advance the interests of students.
- **1.2.** The Union acknowledges that specific Clubs and Societies, and other affiliated Union Bodies participate in events and activities that maximize achieve the above aims at great personal cost to the membership
- **1.3.** It is in the interests of the Union to assess if participation in those events and activities could be further maximized by providing those members access to funding.
- **1.4.** To maximize transparency and ensure the process is representative of the will of the student body at large, the Union shall construct the Academic Teams Funding Board (the Board) as a Union Body to implement that funding.

APPENDIX B: REGULATORY AMMENDMENTS

R52 Academic Teams Funding Board

- 52.1. Members of the Academic Teams Funding Board are:
 - a) The Treasurer (voting),
 - b) 2 Members elected by Union Council (voting),
 - c) 2 Members elected by the C&S General Assembly (voting), and
 - d) 2 Members elected by the Academic Teams Funding Board (voting).
- 52.2. The chair of the Academic Teams Funding Board shall be the Treasurer.
- 52.3. The chair has overall responsibility for calling meetings of the Academic Teams Funding Board and giving notice of those meetings.
- 52.4. The members described under 52.1.b shall be elected via a proportional voting method conducted by the Returning Officer, or any impartial actor they delegate their responsibilities to.
- 52.5. The members described under 52.1.c shall be elected by the C&S Assembly but need not be members of the C&S Assembly.
- 52.6. The members described under 52.1.d shall be elected at the final meeting of the Academic Teams Funding Board in each given academic year.
- 52.7. All members' terms begin upon the declaration of their election, and cease upon a new member being declared elected.
- 52.8. The Academic Teams Funding Board is delegated general responsibility for the Academic Teams Funding Grant, and any other affairs Union Council or the Treasurer deems appropriate.

- 52.9. The Academic Teams Funding Board may not grant funding to any team that does not comply with the following criteria:
 - a) The team or contingent must be representing UQ, or UQU,
 - b) The funding must be specifically for a team attending an event, and not for the conference or event itself,
 - c) The conference or event must not be hosted or affiliated with the Australian National Union of Students (ANUS),
 - d) The conference or event must not be hosted or affiliated with any registered political party.
- 52.10. The Academic Teams Funding Board may consider the following criteria when assessing the validity of a grant application:
 - a) How attendance at the conference or event meaningfully contributes to the social and academic outcomes of the students attending,
 - b) How attendance at the conference or event meaningfully contributes to the standing of the University or the UQU,
 - c) If the team or contingents membership were selected based on merit or by a progressive affirmative action policy that is consistent with the values of UQU,
 - d) If the team could reasonably be expected to raise the funds themselves or from their society,
 - e) If the team could reasonably be expected to gain full or partial sponsorship by their school or faculty.
- 52.11. The quorum for the Academic Teams Funding Board shall be four.

APPENDIX C: ALTERATIONS FOR THE FIRST ATFB

Union Council resolves to alter the following Regulations for the 1st Academic Teams Funding Board and for no successive boards:

52.12. The members described under 52.1.b shall be elected via a proportional voting method conducted by the Returning Officer, or any impartial actor they delegate their responsibilities to.

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The members described under 52.1.b shall be elected via a proportional voting method conducted by the *Chair of Union Council*, or any impartial actor they delegate their responsibilities to.

52.13. The members described under 52.1.c shall be elected by the C&S Assembly but need not be members of the C&S Assembly.

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The members described under 52.1.c shall be elected by the *C&S Committee but need not be members of the C&S Committee*.

52.14. The members described under 52.1.d shall be elected at the final meeting of the Academic Teams Funding Board in each given academic year.

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The members described under 52.1.d shall be elected at the *first* meeting of the Academic Teams Funding Board.