

# UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

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From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the  
108<sup>th</sup> UQ Union Council, 2019

5:00PM

Monday 18/03/2019

**Innes Room 2**

Union Building (Bld. 21C), St. Lucia Campus

Chair: Ethan Van Roo Douglas & Kurt Tucker

*The meeting was declared open at 5:14pm*

## **a) Welcome by Union Chairperson**

## **b) Credentials**

**The following members were present:**

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| • Chloe Ainscow        | • Mohammed Al-Basir     | • Ambrose Boylan    |
| • Tom Campbell         | • Priya De              | • Sarah Doyle       |
| • Jordan Duffey        | • Rowan Evans           | • Nellie Gordon     |
| • Coen Harnischfeger   | • Phillip Janowicz      | • Nathan Kerr       |
| • Benjamin Kozij       | • Tom Landy             | • Jehiel Lomaz      |
| • Roxxanne MacDonald   | • Georgia Millroy       | • Connor Morin      |
| • Gustavo Pazo         | • Bradley Plant         | • Isabella Scattini |
| • Amy Sienkiewicz-Grob | • Lachlan Thomson       | • Ian Trinh         |
| • Kurt Tucker          | • Ethan Van Roo Douglas | • Kaiyin Wu         |

**The Following Members were absent:**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| • Katie Andersson          | • Alexander Asher  | • Georgia Baird     |
| • Georgia Boon             | • Selene Cannelli  | • Lachlan Gillespie |
| • Emil Hansen              | • Murrawah Johnson | • Joseph Krebs      |
| • Radin Manafi-Khosroshahi | • Bethany McLeod   | • James Perkins     |

- Campbell Ray
- Nicholas Rowan
- Lucas Schober
- Sari Simawy
- Finnian Sonter
- Ezra Taliv Mo
- Rebekah Thornton
- Jesse Tong
- Lili Wackwitz
- Tiantian Zhao

**Apologies were received from the following members:**

*Nil*

**The following proxies were received:**

- Georgia Boon to Amy Sienkiewicz-Grob
- Alexander Asher to Isabella Scattini
- Lachlan Gillespie to Benjamin Kozij
- Lili Wackwitz to Benjamin Kozij
- Joseph Krebs to Bradley Plant
- Campbell Ray to Gloria Woods
- Priya De to Duncan Hart
- Nicholas Rowan to Gustavo Pazo

**The following others were present:**

- Alex Smock
- Dominic Smith
- Duncan Hart
- Ash Zeller
- Oula Shihan
- Madeline Cunningham
- Selina Dowd
- Mitch Dougall
- Zainab Darbas
- Sophie Cookson
- Finn Semple
- David Corporal
- Imogen Inglis

**Resignations:**

*Nil*

### **c) Elections**

It was raised that, in accordance with C21.2, in the absence of the Chairperson, Union Council must elect one of its members to chair the meeting.

*Procedural motion that the motion be put*

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT ROWAN EVANS BE NOMINATED AS UNION COUNCIL CHAIR FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDINARY MEETING IN ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
COUNCIL 108/35                      THOMSON/GORDON                      NOT CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT ETHAN VAN ROO DOUGLAS BE NOMINATED AS UNION COUNCIL CHAIR FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ORDINARY MEETING IN ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
COUNCIL 108/36                      SCATTINI/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

**d) The Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 108<sup>TH</sup> UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 108/37                      DOUGLAS/KOZIJ                      CARRIED

**e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

*Procedural motion to suspend standing orders to discuss the schedule 5 from the previous meeting*

CARRIED

Freedom of Speech Charter

Councillor De explained that the purpose of the schedule five is to safeguard the independence of the Union, and to allow them to voice opinions without fear of repercussions from UQ administration. The charter would also safeguard the rights of expression for students.

It was noted that the charter is in response to a move by the Liberal government last year to prevent the most accessible form of free speech for students – protesting. The move was an attack on a

basic democratic right by making students pay for the cost of protests. Council were advised that similar motions have been passed at multiple student unions around Australia.

The Union President expressed her wholehearted support and noted that, as soon as you impose a financial penalty on protests, you are disenfranchising protestors from marginalised groups. Council were advised that procedurally more discussion is required on how to implement the charter in rules or regulations or a governing document to make the resolution as effective and accessible as possible.

*It was moved*

THAT THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH CHARTER AS PRESENTED AT THE 108<sup>TH</sup> UQU  
COUNCIL BE ADOPTED AS A STANDING RESOLUTION AT UQ UNION  
COUNCIL 107/38 MILLROY/DE CARRIED

Councillor Asher entered the meeting at 5:22pm.

Councillor Asher left the meeting at 5:22pm.

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

The Colleges report was starred for discussion.

The 2019 Budget was starred for discussion.

*It was moved en bloc*

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 108/39 VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 108/40 VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB CARRIED

THAT THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 108/41 VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 108/42                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 108/43                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 108/44                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 108/45                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 108/46                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 108/47                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND  
CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 108/48                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 108/49                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 108/50                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE TURBOT ST OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 108/51                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 108/52                      VAN ROO DOUGLAS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB                      CARRIED

**g) References**

*Nil*

**h) Reports of the Elected Officers**

Colleges Report

Councillor Thomson queried why the Colleges Officers had failed to submit a report. The Union Secretary noted that he had asked all elected officers to submit a report and it is up to them to submit the report on time.

Mitch Dougall noted that a question was put on notice at the last Council meeting regarding the colleges that did not attend the breakfast event with guest speaker Nina Funnell. The Union Secretary responded that neither Colleges Officer is in attendance to confirm. It was suggested that the question be tabled until an officer is present.

**i) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers**

*Nil*

**j) Question Time**

Volunteer Program

Councillor Hart asked for further details on the Volunteer Program. Student Rights VP Isabella Scattini explained that the program is a formalised system whereby volunteers are recruited through the website and student volunteer hours are logged for reward and recognition. So far, over 200+ volunteers have been recruited. Council were advised that the long-term plan is to reach out to external providers such as charities and NFP organisations.

### Collective Rooms

Councillor Duffey queried the response to the change in the Collective room opening times. The Women's Officer explained that an informal meeting had been held and any outstanding concerns were resolved.

### Notice for Reports

Councillor Thomson queried whether reports can be sent out prior to the day before Council in future. He explained that allowing one day to dissect the budget is not adequate time for councillors.

In response, the Union Secretary apologised for the lateness and explained that he had been waiting for as many reports as possible before distributing the business pack. It was agreed that councillors would be provided with more notice in future. However, it was noted that Momentum councillors were invited to meet beforehand to discuss the budget and the invitation was declined.

Councillor De questioned when the invitation had been received by Momentum councillors. The Treasurer responded that the executive had reached out on Sunday, the day prior to Council. It was raised that the day prior to the meeting is not sufficient time. The Union Secretary responded that the meeting was moved forward to accommodate other Councillors and this resulted in a narrow window in which to finalise the budget.

### Standardised Submissions

Madeline Cunningham noted that the report states the Union is looking into standardised submission deadlines. She queried whether there were also any plans to abolish late penalties, as has been done at QUT. Student Rights VP Kaiyin Wu explained that UQ are considering standardising the penalty amount, but will not be abolishing the penalty itself.

## **k) Reports of Union Bodies**

*Nil*

## **l) Appeals**

Nil

**m) Executive Business**

**2019 Budget**

*Environment Collective*

Councillor De queried why the environment budget has been lowered. The Treasurer explained that, last year, the Environment Officers spent only \$1800 of their budgeted \$8k. This year, a lot of the events they have planned are not very costly and they are also seeking more external sponsorship.

Councillor De noted that she had asked the Environment Officers to help cover some costs for the Climate Strike and was told that they were unable to help fund the event because they did not have the discretionary budget to do so.

The Union President noted that it would be rare for portfolios to have discretionary budgets.

Priya De left the meeting at 5.53pm.

Student, Ash Zeller, stated that climate change is currently the most important social issue in the world and the key union body in Australia has cut the Environment Officer's funding. She questioned the logic at a time when the climate is in crisis. She noted that the lack of spending last year was because the Environment Officer did not believe in climate change.

The Union Treasurer responded that he had met with the officers and budgeted according to the events they had planned. He noted that if there were any questions on the specific events, these should be directed to the Environment Officers themselves.

Semper Ed. Rowan Evans raised that the Environment Collective was established more than a decade ago. At that time, UQ was not taking action on climate change. UQ is now running campaigns such as UQ Unwrapped, an initiative of the Sustainability Office. He noted that the Environment Collective will eventually reach a point of diminishing returns and the money invested in the Collective will not have a significant impact on campus. Other issues, such as



sexual assault on campus, are more important issues for the Union to be tackling as UQ is not doing enough in this area.

Duncan Hart queried whether the budgetary allocation had been determined by the Collective. The Union Secretary explained that it was determined by the Officers and Union Treasurer in consultation with one another.

The Union Treasurer noted that the dollar value allocated to the collective does not represent the quality and number of events the collective will hold.

Councillor Lomaz queried whether there was an opportunity for the collective to approach the Treasurer for more funding if circumstances changed. The Treasurer stated that this would be a possibility, however, the policy this year is to spend wisely as it is easy for the budgets to blow out.

Councillor Thomson queried whether there was a process through which the elected Office Bearers talk to the Collectives about setting budgets for the year. It was noted that Office Bearers are elected representatives for the collectives, and the executive therefore work under the assumption that those officers have a good understanding of the needs of the collective.

### eSports

Councillor Hart raised that eSports has collectively been allocated \$83k in the budget. However, it was argued last year at Council that eSports would be cost-neutral.

The Treasurer explained that the eSports room falls under business trading. The eSports department in the student services budget focuses on events such as competitions etc. It was noted that the Union receives a subsidy funded by SSAF on the Student Services side to make the room cheaper for students. The total net cost on the Student Services side was confirmed as \$7k.

The Treasurer explained that the meeting would have to move in camera to discuss the profit generated by the eSports room itself.

### Colleges

Mitch Dougall queried why the colleges budget had been increased. The Treasurer responded that the funding allocated to each individual college remains the same as last year. The additional discretionary funding is to encourage new cross-college events. Colleges can apply for extra funding through a grant system. It was noted that colleges grants are historically underutilised.

Councillor Thomson questioned why, if the grants are often underutilised by colleges, they remain a priority for funding. The Union President responded that, as with any grant system, the executive will only approve events that they deem to be in line with the events they want to promote on campus, such as the breakfast with guest speaker Nina Funnell, and they will not simply be funding bar tabs.

Councillor Thomson noted that it is fairly easy to abuse the grant system and this is common practise across the colleges. He raised that in his position as Union treasurer, he had applied for money to pay for buses back from drinking events. The Union Treasurer responded that applications must state what the money will be used for and they will be assessing applications against set criteria. The Union President reiterated that the funding will only be used for non-drinking events, with the exception of networking events where drinking is not the sole focus.

Duncan Hart queried whether the allocation had been funded by SSAF, or whether this is funding that the Union provide. The Treasurer took the question on notice.

Colleges Officer, Chloe Ainscow, entered the meeting at 7.08pm.

It was noted that the Colleges Officer was now present and questions could be directed to her. Councillor Thomson queried what the additional \$30k will be spent on in the Colleges portfolio. The Colleges Officer explained that the money will be used for grant funding. The idea is to encourage events that pivot the culture of colleges and discussions are ongoing with college presidents on the kind of events they wish to see implemented.

Councillor Gordon queried whether there is set criteria for grant application assessments. The Colleges Officer responded that cross-college collaboration is one of the criterion. She noted that she would be happy to organise a more formal written report.

### *Student Opinion*

Duncan Hart queried what the \$80k for Student Opinion would be spent on. The Union President explained that the idea for Student Opinion is to compile a database of the common issues facing students. A research assistant will survey the student body on meaningful issues and compile proper research to eventually train the SHOC advocates in the issues that are actually affecting students. The Union can then provide UQ with concrete data when advocating on certain issues. It was noted that the cost is covered by SSAF.

#### Goorie Berrimpa

Councillor Campbell queried the rationale for cutting the Goorie funding by \$4k. The Union President explained that Goorie are a portfolio that receive a lot of external sponsorship, including from external companies, from UATSI and from UQ.

#### 2018 Budget & Actuals

Duncan Hart asked for an explanation on the significant discrepancy on the balance sheet between the budgeted amount and the actuals for 2018. The Treasurer responded that the discrepancy is partly due to the loss of Physiol, the Union's most profitable outlet, and the related impairment of assets. In addition, the estimates on the income statement were overestimated by a staff member that is no longer with the Union. This year, there has been a concerted effort on the BT side to more accurately estimate revenue and costs.

#### Stock Turnover Ratios

Councillor Thomson noted that the Union's stock turnover ratios look unhealthy and he expressed his concern for the Union's short-term liquidity.

The Union Treasurer took the comment on notice.

#### SHOC

Duncan Hart raised that there has been an increase in the budget for SHOC, but the budget does not provide much detail on where this is being spent. He noted that there had been some discussion last year on hiring a female G&S advocate and queried whether this had been addressed in the budget for SHOC in 2019.

The Union President responded that a new manager has been employed for SHOC and the increased budget reflects the higher wage. 2 SHOC counsellors resigned at the start of the year and the Union are currently in the hiring process for a replacement with the intention of hiring a generalist and potentially a part-time female G&S advocate. However, it was noted that UQ's counselling service address the needs of the G&S space well. Interviews commence this week and the Union will be looking for someone in the education & appeals and migration space, as this is where demand is high and independence from UQ is essential. It was noted that the current migration advocate has been moved to full-time, as was discussed last year.

#### Capital Expenditure

Councillor Thomson asked the Treasurer to run through the capital expenditures.

- Computer Services:

The Treasurer explained that Computer Services relates to updating the Union computers, which are slow and outdated.

- Pizza Café Refurbishment

The Pizza Café has been refurbished. The Union President noted that they had applied for reimbursement from UQ, as it is a P&F issue.

- UQU Website

The Union President explained that the UQU website needed updating as it was created in 2012 and was not built to last. The click-through rate is low, staff and students find it clunky to use and it is often difficult to find resources. It was noted that a new SHOC booking system is included in the cost. The Union President confirmed that multiple quotes were received and they decided to go with Orange Digital. Council were advised that marketing are hoping to launch the new site in Semester 2.

- Rewards Card App

The Treasurer explained that the app shows people where to access My UQU Rewards Card deals.

- Pantry 063

It was explained that the costs are those associated with setting up a new outlet.

### Structural Fund

Duncan Hart asked for further details on how the structural fund is spent by the University. The question was taken on notice.

### Operating Costs

Mitch Dougall queried the costs for conferences, seminars and travel on the consolidated budget sheet. The Treasurer explained that this covers expenses such as the C&S camp, the International Exec camp and the recent AICD course the President, Secretary and Treasurer attended.

### Returning Officer

Councillor Thomson queried the costs of the student election. The Secretary explained that negotiations are ongoing with the Returning Officer, Computershare, and Council would need to move in camera to discuss these costs.

### UQIC

Duncan Hart queried the costs for UQIC. The Union Treasurer explained that this related to 'UQ Interfaculty Competitions', which now forms part of the Funding Services Agreement with the University. The Treasurer noted that the costs do not include revenue generated from registration costs.

### Executive Wages

Councillor Thomson queried whether the three executive positions are paid the same as last year. The Union Secretary confirmed that the executive wages have not increased.

#### eSports Coordinator

Duncan Hart queried whether Zach Thomas had been employed in the eSports Coordinator position. The Union President confirmed that the Union followed an internal hiring process and decided that Zach Thomas was the most qualified for the role.

Gloria Woods queried how many applications had been received. The Union President responded that 2 applications were received for the job share position.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:08pm.

#### Volunteering

Councillor Hart asked for confirmation that the volunteering portfolio costs are covered by SSAF. The Union Treasurer confirmed that the costs will be covered by additional SSAF funding.

Councillor Thomson asked for a breakdown of the volunteering costs. In response, Student Rights VP Isabella Scattini explained that the bulk of the cost is for the Volunteer Coordinator wage, however other costs include insurance, reward and recognition, and food and drink at volunteer community events.

Councillor Thomson asked for confirmation that under no circumstances will the volunteers but undertaking work that would usually be done by a paid staff member. This was affirmed by the executive.

#### Rewards Card

Councillor Hart asked for further details on the financial viability of the rewards card. The Treasurer suggested that the details be tabled for discussion once the meeting has moved in camera, as this relates to the business trading side of the business.

*Procedural motion that the meeting move in camera*

CARRIED

*Procedural motion that the meeting move ex camera*

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE 2019 UQ UNION BUDGET BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 108/53

KERR/TRINH

CARRIED

**n) General Business**

Cement Box Theatre

The mover of the motion, Rowan Evans, advised Council that the name has been changed to that of an alumni of the University. He stated that it would be appropriate to return the theatre to its original name.

The seconder of the motion, Gloria Woods, expressed her wholehearted support for the motion and urged members to vote it up.

*Procedural motion that the motion be put*

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE UNION SEEKS TO REINSTATE THE 'CEMENT BOX' THEATRE NAME TO THE  
THEATRE BELOW SCHONELL

COUNCIL 108/54

EVANS/WOODS

CARRIED

Deebing Creek

Councillor De explained that at Deebing Creek protestors have been camping out in defence of their land for more than six weeks. They have been met with brutal state repression, with police driving their cars through the site in an attempt to destroy the camp. As an anti-racist body and the biggest student union in Australia, she urged Council to show solidarity with the protestors by passing the motion.

The seconder reserved their speaking rights.

*It was moved*

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND STUDENT UNION EXPRESSES OUR SOLIDARITY WITH YUGGERA-UGARAPUL PEOPLE AT DEEBING CREEK IN THEIR FIGHT FOR LAND RIGHTS AGAINST FRASERS PROPERTY AUSTRALIA.

DEEBING CREEK IS A HERITAGE SITE. FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WERE FORCIBLY TAKEN TO THE MISSION. SOME WERE CHILDREN SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES, OTHERS WERE OLDER AND COMPELLED TO PERFORM UNPAID LABOUR. THERE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN A MASSACRE COMMITTED ON THE DEEBING CREEK SITE, FOR WHICH THERE HAS BEEN NO RECOGNITION FROM SUCCESSIVE GOVERNMENTS.

FRASERS PROPERTY AUSTRALIA HAVE UNLAWFULLY ACQUIRED LAND AT DEEBING CREEK. THEY HAVE IGNORED APPEALS FROM TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO CEASE THE DEVELOPMENT. SOME EGREGIOUS ELEMENTS OF THEIR PLAN INCLUDE RUNNING A SEWAGE PIPE UNDERNEATH A SACRED BUNYA TREE WHERE THE BODIES OF BABIES WHO DIED ON THE MISSION HAVE BEEN BURIED.

AS A PROGRESSIVE, ANTI-RACIST BODY, UQU COUNCIL STANDS WITH INDIGENOUS PROTESTORS AND SUPPORTERS.

COUNCIL 108/55

DE/DOYLE

CARRIED

Islamophobia



Oula Shihan raised that the murder of 50 people in Christchurch by a racist white supremacist demonstrates the rise of the far right all over the world. She urged the student union to stand in solidarity against Nazis and fascists but also all politicians that seek to use Muslims as scapegoats.

The Union President expressed her wholehearted support for the motion and stated that it is particularly important at this time to stand firmly against islamophobia.

*Procedural motion that the motion be put*

CARRIED

*Recorded Vote:*

Benjamin Kozij	<i>In Favour</i>
Georgia Boon Proxied to Amy Sienkiewicz-Grob	<i>In Favour</i>
Lili Wackwitz Proxied to Benjamin Kozij	<i>In Favour</i>
Ian Trinh	<i>In Favour</i>
Joseph Krebs Proxied to Bradley Plant	<i>In Favour</i>
Bradley Plant	<i>In Favour</i>
Gustavo Pazo	<i>In Favour</i>
Coen Harnischfeger	<i>In Favour</i>
Lachlan Gillespie Proxied to Benjamin Kozij	<i>In Favour</i>
Alexander Asher Proxied to Bella Scattini	<i>In Favour</i>
Nicholas Rowan Proxied to Gustavo Pazo	<i>In Favour</i>
Campbell Ray Proxied to Gloria Woods	<i>In Favour</i>
Priya De	<i>In Favour</i>
Jehiel Lomaz	<i>In Favour</i>
Sarah Doyle	<i>In Favour</i>
Connor Morin	<i>In Favour</i>
Nellie Gordon	<i>In Favour</i>
Mohammed Al-Basir	<i>In Favour</i>
Ambrose Boylan	<i>In Favour</i>
Tom Campbell	<i>In Favour</i>

Lachlan Thomson *In Favour*  
Jordan Duffey *In Favour*

*It was moved*

UQ UNION COUNCIL STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH MUSLIMS AFTER THE HORRIFIC, RACIST VIOLENCE IN CHRISTCHURCH ON MARCH 15.

UQ UNION COUNCIL REJECTS ALL FORM OF ISLAMOPHOBIA, WHETHER IT IS EXPRESSED BY MAINSTREAM POLITICIANS OR FAR-RIGHT OUTFITS.

WE AFFIRM FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS AND STAFF AT UQ, AND OTHER THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, THAT THEY ARE WELCOME, AND AFFIRM OUR INTENTION TO FIGHT ISLAMOPHOBIA ON CAMPUS OR THROUGHOUT SOCIETY MORE BROADLY.

AS ACTION, COUNCIL WILL TAKE A PHOTO TOGETHER TO PUBLISH ONLINE WITH THE TEXT OF THIS MOTION.

WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE MUSLIM LIVES MATTER DEMONSTRATION ON MARCH 23, AT 1PM IN KING GEORGIA SQUARE.

COUNCIL 108/56

SHIHAN/MILLROY

CARRIED

Kurt Tucker entered the meeting at 5.48pm and resumed as Council Chair.

#### Misappropriation of Funds

The mover of the motion, Rowan Evans, stated that it is despicable for a Treasurer to openly misuse grant funds to fund drinking events.

Councillor Al-Basir explained that the issue had been raised only to highlight the need to implement a structure that prevents misuse of funds in the future.

Councillor Thomson suggested that the motion be amended to include the name of the UQ Union Treasurer at the time, as they were equally responsible for approving the grant proposal.

The Chair ruled that this would substantively change the motion.

*Procedural motion that the Chair's ruling be dissented from*

NOT CARRIED

*Procedural motion that the motion be put*

CARRIED

*Recorded Vote:*

Benjamin Kozij	<i>In Favour</i>
Georgia Boon Proxied to Amy Sienkiewicz-Grob	<i>In Favour</i>
Lili Wackwitz Proxied to Benjamin Kozij	<i>In Favour</i>
Ian Trinh	<i>In Favour</i>
Joseph Krebs Proxied to Bradley Plant	<i>In Favour</i>
Bradley Plant	<i>In Favour</i>
Gustavo Pazo	<i>In Favour</i>
Coen Harnischfeger	<i>In Favour</i>
Lachlan Gillespie Proxied to Benjamin Kozij	<i>In Favour</i>
Alexander Asher Proxied to Isabella Scattini	<i>In Favour</i>
Nicholas Rowan Proxied to Gustavo Pazo	<i>In Favour</i>
Campbell Ray Proxied to Gloria Woods	<i>Abstention</i>
Priya De Proxied to Duncan Hart	<i>Against</i>
Jehiel Lomaz	<i>Against</i>
Sarah Doyle	<i>Against</i>
Connor Morin	<i>Against</i>
Nellie Gordon	<i>Against</i>
Mohammed Al-Basir	<i>Against</i>
Ambrose Boylan	<i>Against</i>
Tom Campbell	<i>Against</i>
Lachlan Thomson	<i>Against</i>
Jordan Duffey	<i>Against</i>

*It was moved*

THAT COUNCIL CENSURE LACHLAN THOMSON FOR HIS MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS WHILE UNION TREASURER

COUNCIL 108/57

EVANS/SIENKIEWICZ-GROB

CARRIED

Fraser Anning Press Release

Councillor Trinh explained that he believes the press release issued by Fraser Anning was deplorable and Council should stand against it. He noted that, while the previous motion standing against islamophobia is positive, it is important to name the senator specifically.

The Union President raised that she did not wish to give Fraser Anning any legitimacy or a platform. She instead urged members to focus on supporting those who were damaged by his press release and the hatred he has incited. However, she noted that support of the motion should be a personal choice.

Councillor Hart suggested the motion be amended to name the government of Australia as they are also responsible for the horrific racist attack in Christchurch. He clarified that the racism of the mainstream parties in government has created the atmosphere of islamophobia that led to the attack.

The Chair ruled that the amendment would substantively change the motion.

The mover withdrew the motion.

*It was moved*

THAT GIVEN THE EVENTS IN NEW ZEALAND, UQU CONDEMNS THE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY FRASER ANNING

COUNCIL 108/58

TRINH/KOZIJ

WITHDRAWN

Lolly Shop Cigarette Sales

The mover commended the motion to the floor.

Councillor Kozij stated that students can currently only purchase cigarettes on campus at the newsagency, which inflate prices and rip off students.

Duncan Hart raised that the Union should have nothing to do with a trade that is responsible for the deaths of so many people and stated that it was a positive step for the Union to cease selling cigarettes last year.

It was queried why the motion refers to the smoking ban as 'sexist'. The Union President explained that the Union opposes the smoking ban on the grounds that it forces women off-campus late at night. In regards to the sale of cigarettes at the Lolly Shop, the newsagent currently has a monopoly and it makes financial sense for the Union to compete. However, the President noted that it is a controversial issue and the executive will first be discussing with UQ the implementation of designated smoking zones for safety reasons.

Councillor Campbell raised that the reference to the ban as 'sexist, racist and anti-student' is an attempt to conceal the executive's agenda of making a profit from the sale of cigarettes.

Semper Ed. Rowan Evans suggested that the motion be amended to read 'and urges the executive to immediately recommence the sale of tobacco products in its outlets where possible *until the newsagency ceases selling cigarettes*'.

The mover was not amenable to the amendment.

Gloria Woods raised that the proposed amendment goes against the spirit of the motion, which expresses a concern for the safety of students. It was noted that ceasing the sale of cigarettes on campus will not make women any safer.

The mover of the amendment, Rowan Evans, raised that he was never given the opportunity to speak for his amendment. The Chair responded that the mover had already moved the amendment and this is sufficient. The mover stated that moving a motion and speaking to the motion are different things.

*Procedural motion that the Chair's ruling be dissented from*

NOT CARRIED

*Procedural motion that the motion be put*

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO READ:

THAT UQU COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS OPPOSITION TO UQ'S SEXIST, RACIST AND ANTI-STUDENT SMOKING BAN AND URGES THE EXECUTIVE TO IMMEDIATELY RECOMMENCE THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN ITS OUTLETS WHERE POSSIBLE 'UNTIL THE NEWSAGENCY CEASES SELLING CIGARETTES'

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EVANS/PLANT

NOT CARRIED

*Procedural motion that the motion be put*

NOT CARRIED

Councillor Al-Basir queried what could be considered racist or sexist about UQ not allowing the sale of cigarettes on campus. While he acknowledged that these criticisms could be levelled at the ban itself, he queried why this relates to the sale of cigarettes specifically. In response, Councillor Tucker explained that the demographics of those that choose to smoke tend to be those of a lower socioeconomic status, with high rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as opposed to white Australians. Furthermore, the fastest growing demographic of smokers are young women. Therefore, predatory pricing behaviours by retailers on campus does adversely and disproportionately affect women and people of colour on campus.

The Union Secretary raised that the motion does not state that being unable to sell tobacco products on campus is sexist and racist, it states that the ban is sexist and racist.

The Union President suggested that the motion be amended to remove the reference to the smoking ban entirely, and instead focus on the sale of tobacco products.

The Chair ruled that the amendment would substantively change the motion.

*It was moved*

THAT UQU COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS OPPOSITION TO UQ'S SEXIST, RACIST AND ANTI-STUDENT SMOKING BAN AND URGES THE EXECUTIVE TO IMMEDIATELY RECOMMENCE THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN ITS OUTLETS WHERE POSSIBLE

COUNCIL 108/60

TUCKER/KOZIJ

CARRIED

Sporting Club Affiliation

*It was moved*

THAT UQ UNION COUNCIL REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR CLUBS NOT TO OVERLAP WITH UQ SPORT

COUNCIL 108/61

EVANS/MILLROY

REFERRED TO RULES  
COMMITTEE

*The meeting was declared closed at 8.12pm.*

Flying Minutes

The following was passed via flying minute on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

*It was moved*

THAT UQU COUNCIL, FROM THE APRIL 15, 2019 UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL, TEMPORARILY SUSPEND R59 (APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER) AND R61 (ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER) OF THE REGULATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CURRENT CASUAL VACANCIES WITHIN THE UNION. COUNCIL MAY NOMINATE AND APPOINT AN INTERIM ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICER BY MAJORITY VOTE PER AGENDA ITEM (C). THE DURATION OF THIS APPOINTMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY LAPSE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 3RD ORDINARY MEETING. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE RETURNING OFFICER WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE THROUGHOUT.

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CARRIED