

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 4th Extraordinary Meeting of the
107th UQ Union Council, 2018

6:00PM

Thursday 18/10/2018

UQ Union Boardroom

St. Lucia Campus

Chair: Kelsie McArthur

The meeting opened at 6.06pm

a) Welcome by Union Chairperson

b) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Nerissa Aitken
- Georgia Millroy
- Ethan Van Roo
- Brandon Lo
- Nicholas Comino
- Emma Shayler
- Olivia Winchester
- Aaron Barker-Smith
- Gloria Woods
- Kelsie McArthur
- Benjamin Kozij
- Paige Howard

The following members were absent:

- Paul Taylor
- Kulkarawa Kukoyi
- Elif Kaya
- Matthew Qiu
- Lianne Mellin
- Lachlan Bon
- Rebecca Bennett
- Coen Harnischfeger
- Adelaide Power
- Zach Schafferius
- Lili Wackwitz
- Kenny Tran
- Kevin Tian
- Lulu Nkwazi
- Nathan Kerr
- Matthew Diamond
- Keira Murray
- Jimmy Jin
- Samuel Pulsford
- Michelle Zhang
- Samuel Kiernan
- Connor Haddad
- Jackson Rees
- Zil Silvester
- Duncan Hart

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Samuel Pulsford

The following proxies were received:

- Coen Harnischfeger to Georgia Millroy
- Adelaide Power to Priya De
- Duncan Hart to Priya De

The following others were present:

- Anna Heale
- Jordan Duffey
- Bradley Plant
- Zach Thomas
- Isabella Scattini
- Shannen Colaco
- Thomas Campbell-Hardwick
- Amy Grob
- Priya De

It was moved

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

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MCARTHUR/MILLROY

CARRIED

c) Elections

Nil

d) Confirmation of The Minutes from the Previous Meeting

e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Nil

g) References

Nil

h) Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

i) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

j) Appeals

Nil

k) Question Time

l) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil

m) Executive Business

Nil

n) Business which has been proposed

NUS Representative

The mover of the motion, Nicholas Comino, spoke for the motion. He raised that an external NUS representative has travelled interstate to assist with an election campaign and it is not appropriate.

Student, Priya De, spoke against the motion. She raised that the motion is frivolous, and UQ is a public university and the campus is a public space open to all. Mark Pace, the representative in question, is from the same faction as some members of Momentum, and the same has occurred with visiting members of Labor Right. Furthermore, the President of the NUS is able to visit and speak at the biggest university in Queensland and this would be seen as standard practice.

Councillor Lo noted that at other large universities it is against the electoral regulations, though this is not the case at UQ.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION CONDEMNNS THE NUS AND NLS FOR SENDING A NON-UQ STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO A NON-NUS AFFILIATED CAMPUS TO INTERFERE IN OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

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COMINO/KOZIJ

CARRIED

Referendum

The mover of the motion, Zach Thomas, noted that the motion in question is the same referendum motion that was passed at the previous meeting of Union Council. However, the only substantive difference is the second question relating to elected officer titles has been removed to ensure Council are more comfortable supporting the motion. It was noted that some minor amendments were made to the questions for consistency.

It was moved

THAT DUE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PREVIOUSLY PASSED REFERENDA QUESTIONS BEING RULED INVALID WITHOUT SUFFICIENT NOTICE UNION COUNCIL MOVES THAT;

THE FOLLOWING REFERENDA QUESTIONS BE PUT TO THE STUDENT BODY ON THE 12TH – 16TH OF NOVEMBER ALONGSIDE THE SSAF SURVEY. THE REFERENDA IS TO BE PUT ONLINE WITH SUCH NEW RULES AS ARE NECESSARY TO BE CONDUCTED IN LINE WITH A PAPER BALLOT. THERE WILL BE AN UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL RELEVANT OPPOSITION PARTIES, INCLUDING THOSE THAT CONTESTED THE ELECTION THIS YEAR, WILL BE CONSULTED ON THE NEW RULES BEFORE BEING PUT TO COUNCIL.

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THOMAS/TAYLOR

CARRIED

O) Notice of Business Proposed

Nil

p) General Business

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 6.18pm

Appendix 1

Question 1: Should the Constitution, excluding C54, be alterable by both Referenda and General Meetings of the Student Body

C9.1 A General Meeting may:

a) By a simple majority:

- i) Direct any Union body to make any decision within the Union body's powers; and
- ii) Determine a matter of Union policy; and
- iii) Amend the Constitution or Regulations

b) By a three-quarters majority dismiss any Officer

C54.1 C54 may only be amended by Referenda in accordance with C10.1(d).

C54.2 Subject to C54.1, the remainder of this Constitution may only be amended by Referenda in accordance with C10.1(d) and General Meetings in accordance with C9.1(a).iii

C54.3 An amendment to this Constitution is deemed to have come into effect at the time the resolution was passed, unless the resolution provides otherwise.

Question 2: Should paid student union executives be able to take a 'sabbatical' year, deferring studies for the period of their term whilst still remaining eligible to hold their positions?

- 25.1 Subject to C25.2, C25.3 and C25.4, up to two people may on a shared basis stand for and hold any Elected Officer position.
- 25.2 C25.1 does not apply to the President, Union Secretary, Treasurer or Vice-President positions.
- 28.1 Subject to the remainder of C28, all students may stand as, vote for, or nominate or second candidates for any position created by the Constitution or Regulations.
- 28.2 Professional Staff of the Union and the University may not stand for any Officer position.
- 28.3 A person who has been a member of Union Council for 3 years or more in total may not be nominated or elected as a member of Union Council.
- 28.4 The Electoral Tribunal shall have the power to deem a person ineligible to stand or vote if they are found to be in breach of the Regulations that pertain to Elections.
- 28.5 Only Postgraduate Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in an Election for the Postgraduate Officer.
- 28.6 Only College Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in an Election for Colleges Officer.
- 28.7 Only Dentistry Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in an Election for Turbot Street Officer.
- 28.8 Only Gatton Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in elections for Gatton Campus Officer.
- 28.9 Only Gatton Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in elections for Gatton Board Officer.
- 28.10 Only Medical Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates for the Medical Students' Officer.
- 29.1 A person may not:
- a) stand for more than one Elected Officer position; or
 - b) hold more than one position on any single Union body, but may hold a position on more than one Union body.

29.2 A person who would otherwise be in breach of C29.1 must vacate sufficient positions so as to not breach C29.1 within 24 hours of being called upon to do so by the Union Secretary.

29.3 A person who does not comply with C29.2 shall be deemed to have vacated any and all of the positions that put them in breach of C29.1.

29.4 For the Elected Officer positions described in 24.1.a) - 24.1.f) and 24.1.p) a person remains eligible to hold their position established by the Constitution, even if they would be ineligible to stand for that position if an Election were to be held, if they would be made ineligible due to 28.1.

29.5 Subject to 29.4, for all other Elected Officer positions, a person ceases to be eligible to hold a position established by or under the Constitution or the Regulations if they would be ineligible to stand for that position if an Election were to be held.

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