

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 4th Ordinary Meeting of the
106th UQ Union Council, 2017

6:00PM

Thursday 25/05/2017

Union Board Room

Level 4, Union building (Bld. 21), St. Lucia Campus

Chair: Finbar Fuller

The Meeting Opened at 6:07pm

a) **Welcome by Union Chairperson**

b) **Credentials**

The following members were present:

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| • Gabii Starr | • Finbar Fuller | • Joshua Roser |
| • Emily McClelland | • Domenico Sottile | • Emily Earle |
| • Alynna Wong | • Prianka Thomas | • Sabina Rooney |
| • Liam Butler | • Emma McKenzie | • Aaron Vass |
| • Chelsea Han | • Kurt Tucker | • Shannon Fogarty |
| • Helen He | • Jeremy Lwin | • Matt Cornelius |
| • Jordan Duffey | • Gabe Porritt | • Zachary Thomas |
| • Olivia Amsden | • Inez Penrose | • Dominik Prgomet |

The Following Members were absent:

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| • William Triste | • Melissa Staines | • Max Lee |
| • Deborah Du | • Alisha D'Souza | • Maisha Rhaman |
| • Anna Safonova | • Samantha Naday | • Richard Humphreys |
| • Emily-Louise Coggan | • Toby Mungomery | • Brianna Bell |
| • David Corporal | • Tionne Seden | • Wanwan Guo |
| • Barani Ganapathi | • Samuel Faulkner | • Rosaline Vuthapanich |
| • Molly Frankham | • Penelope Webster | • Justice Cambridge |
| • Rachel Limpus | • Rosy Lone | • Ashleigh Barker |
| • Julia Enchelmaier | • Jayme Young | • Mike Hopkins |
| • Glenn Porter | • Blair Ivens | • Kwong Bolithon |
| • Ben Quick | | |

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Tony Truong
- Samuel Faulkner
- Alisha D'Souza
- David Corporal
- Emily McClelland
- Anna Safonova
- Maisha Rhaman
- Rosaline Vuthapanich
- Wanwan Guo
- Barani Ganapathi

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

- Tony Truong
- Samuel Faulkner
- Alisha D'Souza
- David Corporal
- Emily McClelland
- Anna Safonova
- Maisha Rahman
- Wanwan Guo
- Rosaline Vuthapanich
- Richard Humphreys
- Barani Ganapathi
- Brianna Bell

The following applications for leave for the previous meeting were received:

- Richard Humphreys

The following proxies were received:

- Rosaline Vuthapanich to Domenico Sottile
- Tony Truong to Gabe Porritt
- Samuel Faulkner to Zachary Thomas

The following others were present:

- Rowan Evans
- Hannah Larrescy
- Dylan Kerr
- Lauren Bicknell
- Lewis Jones

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 106/78

FOGARTY/LWIN

CARRIED

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land.

c) Elections

Nil

d) Confirmation of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes from the 3rd Ordinary meeting of Council.

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders and consider the special resolution regarding office bearer remuneration.

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Sabina Rooney, spoke in favour of the motion. She outlined that the previous meeting lapsed when Council members pulled quorum prior to the consideration of the Special Resolution and Council should continue the debate where the last meeting ended.

Councillor Zachary Thomas spoke against the procedural motion as the minutes have not been confirmed. Council has not confirmed what took place at the previous meeting and this would break precedent regarding the way the meeting should run and Office Bearers will be forced to sit through a longer meeting.

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders and consider the special resolution regarding office bearer remuneration.

CARRIED

Special Resolution

Question raised regarding whether the chair correctly counted the vote. The vote was counted again.

Dissent was raised against the Chair, as it was suggested the Chair intentionally counted the vote incorrectly.

The Council voter in question, Councillor Helen He, explained that their vote was counted correctly.

Motion dissenting in the Chair

NOT CARRIED

Finbar Fuller resumed the position of Chair Person.

In line with the agreed schedule of facts outlined later in the meeting:

Procedural motion to move straight to a vote

In favour of the procedural motion, it was raised that the topic has been debated at length in the past and council members already know how they will vote.

Against the procedural motion, Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that moving straight to a vote is un-democratic; subverts process; and would be an abuse of power, as one

political team has the super majority of voting rights in Council. Councillor Zachary Thomas proposed to read a passage from the bible, Timothy 1:3, as relevant to the virtues of those who act on boards.

The Chair named Councillor Zachary Thomas.

Councillor Zachary Thomas dissented against the Chair for the naming ruling.

Rowan Evans was nominated as chair to facilitate the discussion of the dissent against the Chair (Finbar Fuller).

Note: It was later agreed that this appointment to Chair was out of order, as Rowan Evans was not a voting member of Council.

Zachary Thomas raised that Joske's law discusses the way meeting ought conduct itself when in committee compared to formal debate. He outlined that discussion when in committee is more broad, free flowing and less restricted compared to formal debate. He explained that Council is only in formal debate when Council votes to move into formal debate. He explained that Council was in Committee and he should have been allowed to speak freely and for longer periods of time when Council is in Committee. He suggested the ruling was not in the spirit of Council being held in Committee. He also outlined that the passage he was reading at the time was relevant to debate as he was trying to encourage councillors to act virtuously.

Councillor Shannon Fogarty outlined that motions regarding dissent in the chair have a time limit on speaking times for those in favour or against of 5 minutes.

Councillor Zachary Thomas explained that the rule referred to only applies when Council is in formal debate and that members of council are free to filibuster when Council is in committee.

Councillor Zachary Thomas outlined that the vote on the dissent in the chair is important, as is the vote to move straight to a vote on the special resolution. He outlined that, as per, Timothy 1:3, councillors should act and vote consistently with the virtues of those who act on boards. He proceeded to read the passage Timothy 1:3.

Chairperson, Rowan Evans, outlined that he would name the councillor if the Councillor did not make it clear what they were talking about.

Councillor Zachary Thomas explained that councillors need to consider the virtues with which they ought to behave. He added that as council is in Committee, he is permitted to speak in broader terms that are not directly relevant to the motion at hand.

Chairperson, Rowan Evans, outlined that Councillor Zachary Thomas was using the Bible inappropriately. He explained that Councillors need to conduct themselves in a professional manner. He outlined that using the Bible in a tongue-in-cheek manner is not professional. He raised that he would name the Councillor if he continued

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that the passage is regularly considered in a modern context.

The Chair requested that the Councillor make their point efficiently as members may not be disruptive to the meeting. The point has been made repetitively.

Councillor Zachary Thomas, raised that professionalism must be considered. He raised that filibustering has been used in a variety of professional settings, such as US Senate, and invoked in situations like this. He raised that Timothy 1:3 is the basis of the way in which board members should act and should be considered. The Councillor raised that if the Chair wishes to make a ruling on his behaviour, there would need to be a section to rely on for the ruling.

The Chair raised that the behaviour is disruptive. The Chair suggested a time limit on speaking times.

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that speaking limits are not appropriate when Council is in Committee. He began reading Timothy 1:3 from the beginning.

Members of Council requested that he read from where he left.

Councillor Zachary Thomas responded that he did not want to lose the context of the whole passage.

The Chair explained that as per Regulation 5.2(a), the speaker must be heard in silence, which has been enforced; as per Regulation 5.2(b), members must not behave in a disruptive way.

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that his behaviour is not disruptive.

The chair requested that Councillor Zachary Thomas submit the bible to the Chair.

The chair requested that the Councillor succinctly explain the relevance of the passage from Timothy.

Councillor Kurt Tucker explained that the passage from Timothy outlines the characteristics, values and behavioural traits required of voting members in a board environment such as Council. He submitted that it is important to consider the mindset required of a good board member when voting on motions. He suggested that the entire book of Timothy should be read to Council or allow the Councillor to read the passages he thinks are relevant.

Procedural to move to a vote regarding the dissent against the Chair, Finbar Fuller.

Agreed to adjourn for 5 minutes to allow Councillor Zachary Thomas to read the Regulations regarding procedural matters before the meeting and voting proceeds.

The meeting resumed at 6:53pm.

The Chair, Rowan Evans, outlined that as per Regulation 21.3, the person who dissented against the Chair is to propose an alternative ruling and the chair is then allowed to respond, the motion must then be put to a vote.

The Chair requested that Councillor Zachary Thomas propose an alternative ruling. The original Chair, Finbar Fuller may then reply, and then the motion of dissent against the Chair will be put to a vote.

Councillor Kurt Tucker suggested that, as the Council is in Committee, Councillor Zachary Thomas is permitted to take as long as he likes to suggest an alternative ruling.

The Chair requested that Councillor Zachary Thomas propose an alternative ruling and then speak to that ruling.

It was agreed that the original ruling was when the Chair named Councillor Zachary Thomas for being disruptive.

Councillor Zachary Thomas, explained that he was discussing Timothy 1:3 when he was named. Timothy 1:3 is relevant as it outlines the virtues of those who act on boards. He suggested that interpretation of the passage has a degree of nuance. He will not recite passages that he has previously read, but will continue to read further passages to provide context to the alternative ruling. He began to read Timothy 1:3

Chairperson, Rowan Evans, named Councillor Zachary Thomas.

Councillor Kurt Tucker dissented against the Chair.

A ballot by a show of hands was conducted for the position of Chair. Candidates were Sabina Rooney and Lewis Jones.

Sabina Rooney was appointed as Chair.

Note: It was later agreed that this appointment to Chair was out of order, as Sabina Rooney is not a voting member of Council.

Councillor Kurt Tucker spoke in favour of the dissent in the Chair, Rowan Evans. He explained that the Chair named Councillor Zachary Thomas for reading Timothy 1:3. Councillor Kurt Tucker commenced reading Timothy 1:3.

Chairperson, Sabina Rooney, named councillor Kurt Tucker for being disruptive.

Councillor Kurt Tucker dissented against the Chair.

Nominations for a new Chair were called.

It was raised that the Chair should be a voting member of Council.

Kurt Tucker and Jeremy Lwin were nominated for the position of Chair.

Jeremy Lwin was appointed as Chair.

Councillor Kurt Tucker raised that he was named for reading a passage from the Bible, Timothy 1:3.

The Chair named Councillor Kurt Tucker.

Councillor Kurt Tucker dissented against the Chair.

Shannon Fogarty was appointed as Chair unopposed.

It was outlined that two of the namingS were not valid because the Chairs were not voting members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Meeting resumes at 7:34pm

Council agreed on the following Schedule of facts regarding the meeting up to this point:

--Beginning of agreed schedule of facts--

- VP Gender & Sexuality, Sabina Rooney, moved a procedural motion to put the special resolution to vote.
- VP Gender & Sexuality, Sabina Rooney spoke in favour of the motion
- Councillor Zachary Thomas spoke against the motion
- Chairperson, Finbar Fuller, named Councillor Zachary Thomas
- Councillor Zachary Thomas dissented against the Chair for the naming ruling.
- Rowan Evans was nominated as chair to rule on the motion of dissent (*This was out of order as Rowan Evans was not a voting member of Council*)
- Councillor Zachary Thomas spoke in favour of the motion of dissent
- Chair person, Rowan Evans, names Councillor Zachary Thomas for being disruptive
- Councillor Kurt Tucker dissented against the Chair, Rowan Evans, for the naming
- Sabina Rooney was nominated as chair to rule on the motion of dissent (*This was out of order as Sabina Rooney was not a voting member of Council*)

- Councillor Kurt Tucker spoke in favour of the dissent.
- Chairperson, Sabina Rooney, named Councillor Kurt Tucker.
- Councillor Kurt Tucker dissented against the Chair, Sabina Rooney, for the naming.
- Councillor Jeremy Lwin was elected as Chairperson.
- Councillor Kurt Tucker spoke in favour of the motion of dissent against Chairperson Sabina Rooney.
- Chairperson Jeremy Lwin named Councillor Kurt Tucker.
- Councillor Kurt Tucker dissented against the Chair, Jeremy Lwin, for the naming
- Councillor Shannon Fogarty was nominated as Chairperson unopposed.
- Chairperson Shannon Fogarty called an adjournment.
- Meeting resumed.

--End of agreed schedule of facts--

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Meeting resumed at 7:53pm

The Chair made a ruling that if the dissent was removed, the relevant person's naming would also be removed. All dissents and namings were withdrawn.

Finbar Fuller resumed the position of Chair at 7:58pm

Procedural motion to go back to standing orders and consider the confirmation of the minutes

CARRIED

d) Confirmation of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Chairperson, Finbar Fuller, noted that he had received an application of leave for the current and previous meeting from the Gatton officer, Richard Humphrey.

IT WAS MOVED THAT LEAVE BE GRANTED FOR THE 3RD AND 4TH ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO RICHARD HUMPHREY.

COUNCIL 106/79

TUCKER/THOMAS

CARRIED

Council considered the minutes of the 3rd ordinary meeting of Union Council.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 3rd ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 106TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED.

COUNCIL 106/80

LWIN/SOTTILE

CARRIED

e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Nil.

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

The following reports and items of business were starred for discussion:

Report from the President, Union Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of Student Rights, Vice President of Campus Culture, Vice President of Gender & Sexuality, Abilities Officer, Environment Officer, International Students Officer, Union Newspaper Editor; Executive Business; Regulatory Amendments; Clubs and Societies Committee Report.

Procedural to move all other business not starred en bloc.

CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/81 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/82 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/82 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/85 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE TURBOT ST OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/83 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON CAMPUS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/84 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE COLLEGE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/86 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/87 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/88 VASS/DUFFEY CARRIED

g) References

Nil

h) Reports of the Elected Officers

President's report

Questions were raised regarding the tender process for the NUS Education conference and costs of the conference.

The Union President and the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Sabina Rooney, explained that Curtin University also tendered for the conference. Several people from the UQ Union assisted in putting together the tender to host the conference at the Union. The theme of the conference will be 10 years on from voluntary student unionism. The Union will be able to speak with other student union who have gone through similar processes of physical re-development on campus (in light of the University's redevelopment plans for the Union Complex). The Union is waiting on a response from the Human Rights Commissioner who has been invited as a panellist.

The Union Treasurer explained that the Union plans to re-adjust the budget once costs are known.

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/88 SOTTILE/VASS CARRIED

Secretary's Report

Question raised regarding whether the Union secretary is in support of the UQ master plan and whether the benefits to students are greater than the short term negatives.

The Union Secretary responded that the Union is broadly supportive of it and that the long term vision of the master plan is beneficial.

Question raised regarding an update on incorporation and the previous target date.

The Union Secretary responded that recent consultation with UQ law students went well with great contributions. He explained that the main hold up is the legal requirements regarding whether the Union needs to have a General meeting to incorporate and the use of the words 'University of Queensland' in the name.

Councillor Kurt Tucker responded there's always a way around the constitution and requested that his winking gesture be minuted.

Question raised regarding the increased funding coming out of the structural fund and what it's going towards.

The Union President, Treasurer and Secretary responded that the bursaries and funding for the Education Conference along with a few other items will come out of the structural fund, and going forward, the wages for the Top 3 Executive will also come out of the Structural fund. The fund will not be called the structural fund in the future, and will cover a broader range of areas of expenditure rather than just capital works.

Question raised by Lewis Jones regarding whether the UQ has considered the impacts of the tunnel involved with the redevelopment.

The Union Secretary responded that the UQ has probably considered the impacts.

The Union treasurer added that it's not the Union's responsibility.

It was moved

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 106/89

FOGARTY/DUFFEY

CARRIED

Student Rights Vice President Report

No questions were starred regarding the Student Rights Portfolio report, other than to gauge whether any students in the room currently received penalty rates. Several student responded that they were.

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 106/89

FOGARTY/LWIN

CARRIED

Abilities Officer Report

No questions were starred with respect to the report of the Abilities Officer's Report

It was moved

THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 106/90

DUFFEY/LWIN

CARRIED

Environment Officer's Report

Questions raised regarding the funding of the Students of Sustainability Conference.

Environment Officer, Liam Butler, responded that the portfolio has not looked into finances yet.

It was moved

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 106/90

DUFFEY/SOTTILE

CARRIED

Union Newspaper Editor's Report

Questions raised regarding the reduction of Semper Floreat Issues from 6 per year to 3 and the associated workload.

Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, outlined that there will be more of a focus on online content, interactive engagement and one last print edition which will be larger. The website should be launched soon. The workload will still be significant with the coordination of different online content and campaigns aimed at gaining more in the way of online engagement.

Question raised regarding the kind of content which will be featured online.

Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, outlined that the Semper team will be aiming for quality over quantity and hoping to feature more articles which are hard-hitting.

Question raised regarding whether metrics of performance or KPIs can be implemented.

Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, agreed that such mechanisms could be implemented with respect to Semper Floreat.

Question raised regarding reader accessibility of the website.

Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, responded that the team has consulted with the Abilities Officer regarding how to make the content accessible and compatible with accessibility software and guidelines.

Kurt Tucker and Imogen Inglis left the meeting at 8:51pm

Kurt Tucker proxied to Dominik Prgomet.

Question raised regarding whether the printed edition of semper will focus less on minority themes to gain a larger readership.

Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, responded that the printed edition will have different themes within the one publication.

Question raised regarding student feedback.

Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, responded that the team has received emails and facebook messages from students in support of the publication and appreciating the work from the Semper Floreat team.

Question raised regarding examples the team looked at regarding their re-focus towards online content.

Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, responded that she looked towards other student union publications and consulted with student groups on campus.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 106/91

DUFFEY/LWIN

CARRIED

Report of the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality

Question raised regarding the procedures which have been drafted to handle sexual misconduct and harassment on campus.

The Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Sabina Rooney, explained that as the policy is still being drafted with UQ, she is unable to go into too much detail but explained that the focus is to write a policy which is more trauma informed and will focus more on what's best for the survivor. The policy will help to develop fairer processes on how to respond to complaints.

Question raised regarding the IDAHOBIT Breakfast.

The Union President explained that the event was cancelled, as only 7 tickets were sold.

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 106/91

SOTTILE/LWIN

CARRIED

Report of the Vice President of Campus culture

Question raised regarding the tickets sold for the pub crawl and whether there was a profit.

Vice President of Campus Culture, Prianka Thomas, responded that about 100 tickets were sold. The event was budgeted for a \$5,000 loss but the event was less of a loss.

Question raised regarding whether the Ramadan event will use the full budgeted amount.

The Union Treasurer responded that the event organiser for Ramadan is very good with her budgets and often spends less.

Question raised regarding Cultural Fiesta and whether it was affected by the rain

The Union secretary responded that the event went very well.

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 106/92

LWIN/DUFFEY

CARRIED

i) Reports of Union Bodies

Procedural motion to consider the Clubs and Societies Report

CARRIED

Question raised regarding the ratification of the Medical Society

The Union Secretary responded that the Medical Society was not affiliated to the Union and they intend to affiliate now.

It was moved

**THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED**

COUNCIL 106/93

DUFFEY/FOGARTY

CARRIED

j) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

k) Question Time

Question raised regarding how student can contact the Managing Director of the Union

The Union President recommended emailing the managing Director to arrange a meeting.

Question raised regarding where the editors of Semper Floreat were, when the previous meeting of Council was taking place.

The Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, explained that another editor had planned to come to the meeting of council but pulled out at the last minute due to a family issue. She explained that once she found out the other editor was unable to attend, she had been drinking at a friend's birthday celebration and did not think it would be appropriate to attend Council when she had been drinking. Other editors were unavailable on the evening at short notice.

Question raised regarding questions raised at the previous meeting of Council and whether a Semper Floreat editor wished to respond now. The question was regarding the justification of the 500 hours of paid work when only one issue had been published.

The Union Newspaper Editor, Inez Penrose, responded that the team had been conducting interviews and stockpiling content.

The Vice President of Student Rights responded that the editor also helps at workshops, takes photos and publishes them online.

Procedural motion to end question time

CARRIED

l) Appeals

Nil

m) Executive Business

I. April Financial Results

The Union Treasurer outlined that the biggest developments to the financial results is that the Union received more funding from the Structural Fund. He added that the Union is also trying to improve financial modelling.

He highlighted that although sales were down, management of wages helped to offset the loss and the Union came ahead of budget in business trading by approximately \$6,500.

He noted that the bakery is performing especially well and the Union is also working on updating product offerings through the Lollyshop and main course.

Question raised regarding whether the Union would have gained revenue from an event held by the Greens State Council.

The Union President responded that the event would have been a function which we would have charged for.

Question regarding why the bakery started performing better.

The Union Treasurer explained that it isn't completely clear, but positive factors include extra barista training and increased waiting space.

A motion was received from the floor for discussion.

In favour of the motion, it was raised that the relevant student was trying his best and it's good to see students getting involved in politics.

Against the motion, it was raised that the motion was clearly designed to deter the student and to bully the student and should not be supported.

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL CONGRATULATE LEWIS JONES FOR TRYING HIS BEST
COUNCIL 106/94 EVANS/ROONEY NOT CARRIED

Discussion returned to the Treasurer's report and the Bakery.

It was explained that the bollards at the front of the Bakery are designed to encourage two lines for ordering. It was commented that the staff attitude feels friendlier.

Question raised regarding the photocopying printing and stationary budgets and whether the budget lines have been looked into.

The Union Treasurer responded that the IT manager may have discovered where some of the variance is coming from and that the budget also needs to be adjusted to account for the amount of printing the Union usually does.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 106/94 FOGARTY/PRGOMET CARRIED

A motion was received from the floor directing the Secretary to apologise for the clash between the scheduled meeting of Council and the airing of the Survivor television program.

In favour of the motion it was raised that it is important that people are able to stick to their viewing schedules; and the motion is not frivolous.

Against the motion it was raised that the meeting was scheduled in a way that wouldn't clash with other meetings or State of Origin and the Secretary tried to consider the availability of Council Members; it would be difficult to satisfy everyone's schedule; and the program was screened earlier in the day.

During the discussion Joshua Roser was named for being disruptive.

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL DIRECT SECRETARY FULLER TO WRITE A FORMAL APOLOGY TO ROWAN EVANS (AND COUNCIL) FOR PUTTING COUNCIL ON THE NIGHT OF THE SURVIVOR GAME CHANGERS FINALE

COUNCIL 106/95

EVANS/MCKENZIE

LAPSED

Recorded Vote

HABS Councillor: Jordan Duffey	<i>In Favour</i>
HABS Councillor: Dominik Prgomet	<i>Against</i>
HABS Councillor: Rosaline Vuthapanich proxied to Domenico Sottile	<i>In Favour</i>
EAIT Councillor: Jeremy Lwin	<i>Against</i>
EAIT Councillor: Matt Cornelius	<i>Abstain</i>
Science Councillor: Gabe Porritt	<i>Against</i>
Science Councillor: Zachary Thomas	<i>In Favour</i>
Science Councillor: Olivia Amsden proxied to Sabina Rooney	<i>In Favour</i>
BEL Councillor: Shannon Fogarty	<i>Against</i>
BEL Councillor: Samuel Faulkner proxied to Zacahary Thomas	<i>In Favour</i>
BEL Councillor: Helen He	<i>In Favour</i>
MABS Councillor: Tony Truong proxied to Gabe Porritt	<i>Against</i>
HASS Councillor: Aaron Vass	<i>Abstain</i>
HASS Councillor: Chelsea Han	<i>Against</i>
HASS Councillor: Kurt Tucker proxied to Dominik Prgomet	<i>Abstain</i>

II. Regulatory Amendments

International Students Collective

It was explained that at the previous meeting, there were two motions presented regarding the renaming of the International Students Board to the International Students Collective. It was explained that through confusion, only one motion was voted on. The motion which will be voted on at the current meeting corrects a spelling error and also corrects all references in the Regulations to the International Students Collective.

It was moved

THAT:

The following *Notice of Motion to Amend the Regulations No 2 of 2017* (Re-naming of the International Student's Board).

Union Council resolves by Special Resolution to amend the Regulations in accordance with amendments (1) and (2).

(1) Amendment

It is resolved that Union Council will amend **R42 International Students Board** to:

Repeal 'International Students Board' and ***insert*** 'International Students Collective.'

Repeal 'International Students Board' and ***insert*** 'International Students Collective.'
For sub-Regulations R42.1, R42.2, R42.3, R42.4, R42.5, and R42.6.

(2) Consequential Amendments

It is resolved to consequently amend the Regulations to

Repeal 'International Students Board' and ***insert*** 'International Students Collective'
for sub-Regulations R53.1(a), R59.1(c), R80.1, and R33.1(h).

COUNCIL 106/96

STARR/FULLER

CARRIED

III. Special Resolution

A procedural motion was moved to move the meeting into formal debate

Councillor Zachary Thomas spoke against the procedural motion. He began to read from a passage in the Bible, Timothy 1:3.

It was suggested the reading of the passage was an abuse of process.

The Chair made a ruling that the reading was not relevant to the procedural motion.

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that the reading was related and dissented against the Chair.

Councillor Shannon Fogarty was nominated as Chairperson and was appointed unopposed.

Councillors Zachary Thomas, Matt Cornelius and Dominik Prgomet left the meeting at 9:46pm and quorum was lost.

Question raised regarding whether a councillor may be considered as present at a meeting when they attend via a telecommunications device.

The minute taker explained that Council has allowed for this in the past where a MABS Councillor was considered as present at a meeting, as they were away on a placement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47pm.

The meeting resumed at 9:55pm

Quorum was regained.

When the meeting regained quorum the following people were present:

Members:

Gabe Porritt, Dominik Prgomet, Zachary Thomas, Matt Cornelius, Jeremy Lwin, Chelsea Han, Helen He, Aaron Vass, Jordan Duffy, Shannon Fogarty, Emma McKenzie, Sabina Rooney, Emily Earle, Inez Penrose, Prianka Thomas Domenico Sottile, Joshua Roser, Finbar Fuller, Gabii Starr.

Others:

Rowan Evans, Dylan Kerr, Lauren Bicknell, Hannah Larrescy, Lewis Jones

The Chair advised members that if they become repetitive, they will be given a warning.

Student Dylan Kerr, A point of order was raised based on *Joske's Law* where the Chair may advise and council the meeting and has the power to direct what is to be done, deny discussion on what is to be done, refuse motions thereon, or disregard or overrule the opinion of members. As per standing order 2.1, the standing orders in the UQ Union Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the most recent edition of *Joske's Law*.

It was reasoned that the chair can direct that a speaker no longer be heard after a reasonable amount of time.

Councillor Zachary Thomas responded that if the Regulations contradict *Joske's Law*, the Regulations prevail.

The Chair explained that contradiction must be explicit and direct contradiction, not silent contradiction and there is no contradiction in this instance.

Tony Truong joined the meeting via phone at 9:58pm

Student, Dylan Kerr, raised a point of order, submitting that the Chair has the power to direct what is to be done. It was reasoned that where a member is merely reading passages from the Bible, they should no longer be heard, as the passages have no relevance.

The Chair counselled Councillor Zachary Thomas to sit down and suggested another member of Council speak for or against the motion.

Councillor Zachary Thomas suggested other members would not be allowed to speak for or against the motion of dissent and continued to read from Timothy 1:3.

Chairperson, Shannon Fogarty, asked Councillor Zachary Thomas to make his point succinctly.

Student, Dylan Kerr, raised a point of order based on *Joske's Law*, regarding the use of filibusters in order to prevent a matter being brought to a vote and the Chair's discretion to bring a motion to a vote.

Councillor Zachary Thomas suggested that those rules are only relevant when the Council is in formal debate and not in committee and there should be no time limit.

Student Dylan Kerr explained that this ruling would not be using a time limit, it's past practice that Council puts motions while in committee.

The Chair ruled in favour of the position of student, Dylan Kerr regarding the ability of the Chair to bring a motion to a vote.

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that he intends to dissent the Chair.

It was raised that dissenting in the chair would be an abuse of process. The procedural motion has been discussed exhaustively and should be put to a vote.

Councillor Zachary Thomas dissented against the chair, Shannon Fogarty.

It was raised that it allow dissent in the Chair when they are only the chair to rule on a previous dissent on a previous Chair is not proper.

Councillor Zachary Thomas argued that such an interpretation would allow a group with a majority vote to rule however they wanted.

Emma McKenzie left the meeting at 10:07pm.

It was raised that the Chair has the power to put the procedural motion to a vote.

It was raised that it would be a perverse interpretation of the rules to continue debating a procedural motion regarding a dissent in the chair

Councillor Zachary Thomas outlined that there are rules regarding the ability to speak on a motion of dissent against the Chair in the Regulations.

It was explained that, as the Union is an unincorporated entity, the Regulations work as a contract and reasonable terms can be implied into them to allow for efficacy of the Rules.

It was raised that Union Council has the inherent power to interpret the Rules and Regulations of the UQ Union via a motion regarding this issue.

Councillor Zachary Thomas explained the motion cannot be considered prior to the procedural motion regarding the dissent against the Chair.

Student, Dylan Kerr, raised that the situation and procedural interpretation of Councillor Zachary Thomas is an abuse of process and should not be allowed to continue.

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that it is inappropriate to silence discussion.

The Chair ruled that he has been given enough time to speak and ruled the procedural motion be put.

Motion to put the motion to a vote regarding dissent in the Chair, Finbar Fuller
CARRIED

Procedural Motion regarding the dissent against the Chair, Finbar fuller
NOT CARRIED

Finbar Fuller resumed the position of Chair.

Consideration returned to whether Council will move into formal debate.

The Chair advised that in consideration of previous rulings, members are to keep their points relevant to the question at hand and not be obstructive.

Councillor Zachary Thomas requested advice on what he was doing previously which would be considered in breach of this direction.

The Chair explained that the Councillor was not discussing relevant matters regarding the procedural motion to move into formal debate.

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that Council should consider the powers of the chair. Referencing *Joske's Law*, it was suggested that the Chair may advise Council but has no power to direct what is to be done, deny discussion of what is to be done, refuse motions thereon, or disregard or overrule the opinion of members. He began reciting the section of *Joske's Law* which describes what can be done to preserve order.

A point of order was raised by student, Dylan Kerr, that the Councillor was filibustering by reading large segments of *Joske's Law*. Attention was drawn to the section of *Joske's Law* which deals with filibustering. It was suggested that it is permissible to put the motion. The case of *University of Sydney Union v University of Sydney* was raised where the meeting became so out of order that the chair was permitted to do what it takes to preserve order.

The Chair ruled that he was happy to take that as a precedent and moved the procedural motion to a vote, ruled in favour of the point of order as the Councillor's behaviour was disruptive.

Councillor Zachary Thomas dissented against the Chair.

Student Dylan Kerr, responded that dissent on the Chair for a similar ruling has already been considered and to dissent again would be an abuse of process and the Councillor should be no longer recognised by the Chair.

Councillor Zachary Thomas raised that the ruling is different and can be dissented against

Councillor Dominik Prgomet raised that in a case of disorder, as per *Joske's Law*, the Chair only has the power to adjourn the meeting.

Procedural motion to move to formal debate.

CARRIED

Formal debate on the Standing Resolution on Policy

The mover of the motion, Gabii Starr, waived her speaking rights.

Councillor Zachary Thomas spoke against the motion. He submitted that the system of volunteerism for the Union and for those positions should continue in order to attract good candidates who want the position for the right reasons and who have more passion for the role. He raised that the system of student volunteerism at UQ is productive and effective. Paying a wage for the role may result in a situation where Office Bearers want the position because of the wage, and the portfolio will become less effective. The wage will divert funds which would have otherwise gone towards the portfolio, which is why other Office Bearers have not requested a wage.

An amendment was suggested to include back pay in the special resolution. The mover and seconder was amenable to the amendment.

Union President, Gabii Starr, spoke in favour of the motion. She outlined that the Union has had ongoing discussions with the relevant portfolios. She explained that the Abilities Officers and International Students Officers are inherently disadvantaged due to their circumstances which make them eligible for their portfolio positions. Remunerating those positions is in fitting with the goals and ideals of the Union. The collectives unanimously voted in favour of paying the officers. And voting in favour of the special resolution would be in keeping with the principle of the autonomy of the Union Bodies.

Councillor Lewis Jones spoke against the motion. He raised that the resolution is an example of student politicians giving themselves a pay rise. Those Office Bearers should volunteer for the love of the position. Those roles should be about standing up for students, rather than increasing the amount of Union hacks who want to include the role on their resume. The money should go towards student initiatives and not towards wages.

Councillor Jeremy Lwin spoke in favour of the motion. He submitted that UQU has clear responsibilities that need to be met and human capital needs to be invested in. He raised that remunerated Office Bearers will be able to invest more time into their roles and achieve better outcomes for their portfolios.

It was explained that as Council was in formal debate, questions were not permitted. It was agreed to allow Councillor Helen He to speak against the motion, in order to ask questions for other speakers to address. She raised that the Office Bearer roles are similar to other volunteer roles on campus and are generally part time, which should allow those students to also have enough time to earn money in another job. She also raised that not all students in the International Collectives and Disability Collectives are necessarily and inherently disadvantaged, which is an argument which has been relied upon. She raised that it is not clear why those are the only portfolios which have been suggested for remuneration compared to other portfolios.

Abilities Officer, Emma McKenzie, spoke in favour of the motion. She raised that the positions would not be completely remunerated. They would receive an honorarium which would not remunerate all of the tasks they complete. The idea would be to give the Office Bearers a little bit of money to enable them to go above and beyond what a normal volunteer would do. The honorarium would enable them to invest more time and effort into the role. Regarding the argument that the Office bearers of those portfolios are generally disadvantaged, she explained that it is hard to say who is or isn't disadvantaged and how to define 'disadvantage' but generally, people who identify with those groups are disadvantaged on some level. The money would help them to be more effective. For instance, she (Emma McKenzie) cannot drive and the money would go towards transport to the campus each day. The honorarium would not be about getting a paid job, it's about getting compensated for what the Office Bearers do and it would be a sham to give up on a great opportunity because of needing paid work.

Councillor Dominik Prgomet spoke against the motion. He raised that many students volunteer their time without the expectation of getting paid. The Officers were elected on the knowledge that the roles were not remunerated. He raised questions regarding whether those Office Bearers were promised remuneration prior to nominating for the position. He raised that this could open a floodgates where more students involved with the Union expect to be paid, and the motives of Office Bearers or other position holders wanting to be paid should be questioned.

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Sabina Rooney, raised that it's offensive to suggest that people will only participate in these roles if they are paid. Council needs to question what we need out of the people in those positions, and grant them the ability to invest more of their time towards being effective Office Bearers. She raised that the roles can be very emotionally demanding and challenging and require Office Bearers to deal with difficult subject matter on a high level, and this deserves remuneration.

It was confirmed that Councillor Tony Truong was still present via telecommunication device.

Hannah Larrescy spoke against the motion. She submitted that the use of funding towards wages will take too much away from the collectives and the students they represent. The Office Bearers have been able to successfully carry out their roles without remuneration up until this point. Some international students are not allowed to work.

Matt Cornelius spoke against the motion. He submitted that executives running clubs on campus do not expect remuneration, and they are still able to keep other commitments to work and studies as well. The funding should go towards the initiatives of the collective and not the Office Bearers.

The mover of the motion, Gabii Starr, exercised her right of reply. She outlined that many of the arguments against remuneration compare the roles to those of club executives. She raised that the comparison is not appropriate. The International Student Officers represent all international students on campus, approximately 15,000 people. The Abilities Officers represent approximately 13,000 students on campus, as they represent students dealing with mental health issues.

She raised the Office Bearers of those portfolios tend to be financially disadvantaged and the honorarium will help with the cost of living. The Office Bearer in question are not student politicians- they were voted as representatives by the relevant collectives. They should be recognised for the work they are doing and it is unfair to suggest that they are just hacks who want money. The work they do involves liaising with the University to advocate for broader scale changes. Further, it was submitted that the honorarium is below the minimum wage and their motives are not just focussed on money. She noted that it is upsetting that it has taken so long to encourage Council to recognise the work these Office Bearers do.

There was a request to record the vote.

The amended motion was read out loud.

During the vote but prior to casting his vote, Councillor Tony Truong requested clarification on the motion.

The Union President read the motion out loud to the Councillor and spoke in favour of the motion.

It was moved

THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH R89, THAT THE ELECTED OFFICER POSITIONS OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER AND ABILITIES OFFICER ARE EACH PAID TEN HOURS PER FORTNIGHT AND ARE BACKPAID FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE CURRENT UQU EXEC TEAM UNTIL THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

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STARR/FULLER

CARRIED

HABS Councillor: Jordan Duffey	<i>In Favour</i>
HABS Councillor: Dominik Prgomet	<i>Against</i>
HABS Councillor: Rosaline Vuthapanich proxied to Domenico Sottile	<i>In Favour</i>
EAIT Councillor: Jeremy Lwin	<i>In Favour</i>
EAIT Councillor: Matt Cornelius	<i>Against</i>
Science Councillor: Gabe Porritt	<i>In Favour</i>
Science Councillor: Zachary Thomas	<i>Against</i>
Science Councillor: Oliva Amsden proxied to Sabina Rooney	<i>In Favour</i>
BEL Councillor: Shannon Fogarty	<i>In Favour</i>
BEL Councillor: Samuel Faulkner proxied to Zachary Thomas	<i>Against</i>
BEL Councillor: Helen He	<i>In Favour</i>
MABS Councillor: Tony Truong	<i>In Favour</i>
HASS Councillor: Aaron Vass	<i>In Favour</i>
HASS Councillor: Chelsea Han	<i>In Favour</i>
HASS Councillor: Kurt Tucker proxied to Dominik Prgomet	<i>Against</i>

Student Dylan Kerr requested that the minutes reflect the following statement:

On the dissent motion, a ruling was made by the Chair that no debate was permitted on a procedural motion to put a question straight to a vote and that was relying on page 64 of the tenth edition of *Joske's Law and Procedure at Meetings in Australia*, in regards to putting the matter to a vote.

With the Council's leave, it was requested that the whole wording of that section be included in the minutes.

He explained that ruling was also relied upon in a later decision to move straight to formal debate, where a motion was moved in Dylan Kerr's name to put the question to a vote, and it was relying on a previous motion which was already ruled, therefore, it was consistent with the standing orders.

Dominik Prgomet requested the following statement be read into the minutes:

As per page 42 of the 11th edition of *Joske's Law*, section 6.30, *Joske's Law* reads: 'the Chair may advise and counsel the meeting but has no power to deny discussion on what is to be done.' He explained the statement is relevant to the duties of the Chair.

Dylan Kerr explained that the paragraph read into the minutes earlier was explaining that filibusters cannot be tolerated and the Chair has the power to move the meeting along.

N) General Business

Matt Cornelius left the meeting at 10:53pm

Matt Cornelius proxied to Hannah Larrescy.

A motion was read out loud to council which commended the Government on expunging past convictions regarding homosexual activity between consenting adults in Queensland.

It was raised that Councillors have not had enough time to consider and engage with the motion.

It was agreed to consider the motion at the next meeting

O) Notice of Business Proposed

Nil

P) Any other Business

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 10:54PM