

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 8th Ordinary Meeting of the
107th UQ Union Council, 2018

6:00PM

Monday 15/10/2018

Innes Room 2

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

Chair: Matthew Diamond

The meeting opened at 6.25pm

a) Welcome by Union Chairperson

b) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Nerissa Aitken
- Rowan Evans
- Benjamin Koziy
- Coen Harnischfeger
- Jackson Rees
- Zil Silvester
- Georgia Millroy
- Nicholas Comino
- Duncan Hart
- Jeremy Lwin
- Adelaide Power
- Ethan Van Roo
- Paul Taylor
- Matthew Diamond
- Samuel Ngugi
- Kelsie McArthur
- Nathan Kerr
- Brandon Lo
- Olivia Winchester

The following members were absent:

- Aaron Barker-Smith
- Connor Haddad
- Jimmy Jin
- Samuel Kiernan
- Lianne Mellin
- Matthew Qiu
- Kevin Tian
- Rebecca Bennett
- Keira Murray
- Elif Kaya
- Kulkarawa Kukoyi
- Zach Schafferius
- Kenny Tran
- Michelle Zhang
- Lachlan Bon
- Paige Howard
- Samuel Pulsford
- Emma Shayler
- Lulu Nkwazi
- Lili Wackwitz

Apologies were received from the following members:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

- Gloria Woods to Rowan Evans
- Ethan Van Roo to Georgia Millroy
- Aaron Barker-Smith to Coen Harnischfeger
- Emma Shayler to Brandon Lo

The following others were present:

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| • Anna Heale | • Jordan Duffey | • Moe Basir |
| • Aaron Vass | • Sarah Doyle | • Finn Semple |
| • Maddie Cunningham | • Mitch Dougall | • Ambrose Boylan |
| • Alex Smock | • Harry Thompson | • Eloise Martin |
| • Zephyr Rosin | • Zainab Darbas | • Nellie Gordon |
| • Tom Landy | | |

c) Elections

Nil

d) The Minutes from the Previous Meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 7th ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/214

DIAMOND/COMINO

CARRIED

e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Councillor Hart raised that a number of questions were taken on notice at the last meeting of Union Council for discussion during question time.

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

The Finance Report was starred for discussion.

g) References

Nil

h) Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

i) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

j) Reports of Union Bodies

It was moved

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/215

DIAMOND/COMINO

CARRIED

k) Question Time

Finance Questions on Notice

The Treasurer responded to the questions taken on notice at the last meeting of Union Council, with the first question relating to the Snow Party budget. It was noted that UQU applied for funds from the University via the Welcome and Induction Committee and were granted \$85k, with an additional \$85k spent from Union funds. The net total spend was \$172.61k, resulting in a minor loss.

The second question related to the budget for the Great Court Party. It was noted that a grant of \$110k was received from the Welcome and Induction committee. The cost of the Great Court Party itself was below \$110k, however this funding also covered other O-Week events, such as the

O-Week entertainment hub and related infrastructure, such as staging. The net total spend was confirmed as \$150k, with a \$40k loss overall.

The third question related to the Environment portfolio budget. The Treasurer confirmed that the portfolio has spent \$2800 of a \$5100 budget, YTD. It was noted, however, that the net loss of a department is not reflective of their success. Successful events the environment portfolio have held this semester include the Waterfall Crawl, the Thrift Shop Ball and Sustainability Week. It was also raised that the Environment portfolio has been effective at engaging with external environmental agencies, thereby increasing the number of activations on-campus. The Treasurer cited the Goorie Berrimpa portfolio as an example. Last year, the portfolio incurred a \$12k loss. This year, the portfolio is expected to have a \$6k loss, despite running more events. This has been achieved through increasing their revenue streams, seeking sponsorship opportunities and finding cheaper alternatives when possible. The Treasurer commended Goorie Berrimpa on their financial management for 2018.

The final question related to sales of the My UQU Reward Card. It was explained that the Union has spent \$13.5k on wages for staff at the rewards card stall, YTD. However, \$46k in revenue was made from sales of the card. Other revenue streams related to the rewards card include \$51k from advertisements in the UQU diary and \$80k from companies paying to be included in the card deals including Bavarian Bier Café, Mos Burger, and UniLodge. The Treasurer was unable to provide exact figures on how many rewards cards were sold, however it was estimated at around 6000.

Semper Editor, Rowan Evans, queried how much funding would have been lost if the rewards cards had been sold for \$10. Student, Aaron Vass, noted that the question does not take into consideration the potential for an increase in sales due to the lower cost of the card. The Treasurer noted that this was a fair point.

eSports

Gender and Sexuality Vice-President, Nicholas Comino, queried how much Tim Joyce is paid by the Union. In response, the Treasurer confirmed that Tim Joyce is a volunteer and has never received a pay cheque from UQU. It was noted that, in total, \$150 in wages has been spent on running the eSports room, which was to pay a current maintenance staff member to clean the room.

Funding Services Agreement

Councillor Hart raised that the funding services agreement (FSA) had not been discussed at the last meeting of Union Council and some council members had only become aware of its existence during the election. He queried whether councillors could be provided with a copy for review. In response, it was noted that the meeting would have to move in camera. The Union Secretary suggested a viewing session be organised with interested councillors in order to provide an explanation on the broader context of the document and the vision for the future. The Union President agreed that the document would be best presented in a viewing session with the Managing Director.

Student, Aaron Vass, queried to what extent the FSA document could be considered confidential, noting that some elements featured in the FOCUS election campaign. In response, the Union President explained that the information used during the campaign had already been made public. He noted that the ongoing confidentiality of the agreement is important, as the Vice-Chancellor could potentially face a backlash for the amount of funding provided to the Union.

The Union Secretary advised council that she would arrange a viewing session around Councillor Hart's schedule.

Councillor Hart asked for clarification on UQU's ongoing presence in the newly refurbished refectory once Physiol has been demolished and questioned how much of the space has been given over to the administration. In response, it was explained that the administration owns all of the space, which they then give UQU the opportunity to occupy. It was noted that a number of outlets will be occupying the space, with the FSA guaranteeing the Union one space rent free and, as with any business, they have the opportunity to tender for other outlets. It was explained that UQ holds contracts and legal licences with existing businesses in the current space that they are unable to terminate. Consequently, some of the outlets such as Kenko and Guzman Y Gomez will go into the new space while the student hub area is being redeveloped.

Kelsie McArthur left the meeting at 6.55pm.

Councillor Hart asked for confirmation that the redevelopment of Main and Physiol will mean most of the food provision on-campus in the interim will be the responsibility of the administration. The President responded that Pizza Caffè, The Lolly Shop and The Bakery will be decanted to alternate space in the interim, with some going into building 41. It was noted that the Union is fighting hard to get a good deal in the decant plan and discussions are ongoing.

Councillor Hart queried whether any consideration had been given in the building development plan to preserving the history of the current buildings. As an example he noted that, while it may not interest some Councillors, some of the buildings played a part in the mass mobilisations against the Vietnam war. The UQU President agreed that this is a valid concern. However, any pushback from UQU on the current design would delay the plan significantly and this would have a detrimental effect on the relationship with UQ. Furthermore, the Union has no real legal grounds to keep the buildings.

Student, Zach Thomas, raised that he sits on the CIC and there has been discussion on retaining the heritage of the buildings, particularly the Schonell Theatre. Specifically, they are investigating a way to ensure that the heritage can be honoured in the new facilities. It was explained that this could mean physically spending millions of dollars on keeping walls, or rebuilding facades to look the same way. He assured the councillor that there are groups looking into preserving the heritage separately to any work UQ is undertaking.

Kelsie McArthur re-entered the meeting at 7.03pm.

The President advised that, best case scenario, the Schonell Theatre will be demolished in 12 months' time. However, the Union will at least be fighting to preserve the indigenous mural and the mural at the theatre. In addition, they will be lobbying for the new development to be named the Union Complex.

Executive Wages

Councillor Hart raised that, during recent campaigning, it had been revealed that Student Rights Vice-President, Paul Taylor, has been receiving payment for some of Zach Schafferius' allocation of Student Rights hours. The councillor sought confirmation on the number of hours that have been redistributed.

The chair raised that any discussions relating to wages would have to be conducted in camera, unless the Vice-President in question is comfortable discussing the issue publically.

The Vice-President responded that he has been receiving payment for eight hours out of Zach Schafferius' fifteen hours.

Councillor Hart noted that the issue is further confirmation that LNP members are not fit to hold elected positions in the student union and the vice-president has failed to live up to his responsibilities. In response, Paul Taylor raised that Zach Schafferius has been working on implementing scholarship programs for LGBTIQ+ students and hosts Kampus Kitchen every Wednesday. Furthermore, it was noted that it is the shared view of the executive that Gender and Sexuality Vice-President and LNP member, Nicholas Comino, is one of the hardest working Vice-Presidents, hosting a number of successful events including Queer Conference and Pride Ball.

Student, Zach Thomas, noted that he has witnessed Labor members in former executives work none of their hours while continuing to claim 100% of their wage. Further, it is not unreasonable for the Vice-President to identify that, due to this other responsibilities, his hours at the Union should be redistributed to another executive officer. In response, Councillor Hart clarified that he was directing his questions to the current administration only.

Vietnam War

The mover of the motion, Rowan Evans, explained that Councillor Hart had suggested that no one in the room cares about the Vietnam war and he argued that this is not the case.

The motion was identified as frivolous and the mover was encouraged to withdraw the motion.

The mover withdrew the motion.

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THAT THEY DEFINITELY CARE ABOUT THE VIETNAM WAR

COUNCIL 107/216

EVANS/SILVESTER

WITHDRAWN

Student Bar

Councillor Millroy asked for confirmation on whether the current plans for the bar were in the works from 2009. In response, the President explained that, when FOCUS took office, the current designs for the redevelopment had assigned the Union one level in the new building, with no plans to rebuild the function spaces. The current bar and function space design is the result of three months' worth of study on the current useage of the buildings to demonstrate why they are so valuable and put the design back on the table. The University informed the Union that the spaces could not be integrated into the new building, and would have to be put into building 41, and this is how the current design came into being.

Welfare Officers

Student, Jordan Duffey, asked for an update on the clubs and societies welfare officers. Student Rights Vice-President, Paul Taylor, responded that, so far, five clubs have expressed an interest, with two applications received from SASS and UQ Dance.

The Chair asked for an explanation on the role of the proposed welfare officers. It was explained that the officers will look out for other students by acting as a key point of contact and staying sober at social events. They will receive training from the Union which will include mental health training in collaboration with UQ's Mental Health Champions network.

Semper Editor, Rowan Evans, queried whether Oxfam has expressed an interest in the program. The Vice-President responded in the negative.

Further clarification was sought on the work being done to promote the initiative. Gender and Sexuality Vice-President, Nicholas Comino, suggested that the initiative was initially promoted via a workshop at the clubs and societies executive retreat and a similar workshop would likely be run at the next retreat. He noted that welfare officers are becoming the norm at social events and the cultural shift has already happened. The chair concurred that most colleges have welfare officers in the form of sober leaders.

Jordan Duffey asked for more information on the training the officers would receive. Council were advised that this would take the form of mental health and first aid training and were assured that a plan will be outlined for the incoming executive to continue the work in this area.

UQU Election and Returning Officer

Student, Mitch Dougall, queried when the Goorie officers for the upcoming year would be elected. Councillor Millroy explained to Council that there had been an issue with the nominations as the officers had been nominated by a non-student, and the positions will now have to be appointed through an extraordinary meeting of Union Council once the current officers' term has expired.

Procedural motion to extend Question Time by a further 45 minutes

CARRIED

Mitch Dougall asked for details on the quote the returning officer had originally provided to the Union. Councillor Millroy requested that the Union Secretary provide context on the returning officer selection process. The Secretary responded that the Returning Officer Selection Panel was called once Peter Travers' term had ended. It was noted that Peter Travers, the former RO, had been charging on average around \$110k a year. Throughout the year, HR was tasked with recruiting a suitable replacement. HR received applications from a number of potential candidates, including Computershare. Computershare's original quote was around \$52k, and this was the lowest quote received. It was noted that they received 13-15 applications, many of which were from unqualified candidates, with only three candidates interviewed. This was then taken to the Returning Officer Selection Panel, as per the regulations. The panel then resolved to hire Computershare as the returning officer. After the meeting of the selection panel, Computershare's initial quote was increased.

The Treasurer noted that Computershare are an ASX 50 company with a good reputation. It was also raised that the Secretary had received very positive reviews from QUT Guild.

Mitch Dougall queried whether any other student unions had used Computershare for their election, aside from QUT Guild. The Secretary responded that they have conducted trade union elections only, though it was noted that it would be rare to find a qualified RO who has conducted a student union election.

Mitch Dougall queried why the returning officer was not 'on the ground' for the entire election period. The Secretary responded that they were operating under the impression that she would be on site for the full two-week period and Computershare were given a clear brief in this regard.

Mitch Dougall queried how much of an increase on the quoted price is expected. The Secretary responded that they have been charged \$11k for printing, a provision for travel expenses is included in the contract and scrutineering may not be included in the consulting fees. The Treasurer raised that he expects the final quote to be equal, if not more, to Peter Travers' quote. The Secretary noted that the Union are cataloguing the breaches made by Computershare and they will be speaking to a lawyer prior to payment.

Mitch Dougall raised that, aside from the campaign managers, students were not kept well informed about polling times, which have differed from previous years. He questioned how students on external campuses were expected to know when and where polling was held and stated that the timing and notice was unclear. In response, it was noted that the polling times followed the regulations and had been posted on the Union Facebook page and noticeboard. The

Secretary also noted that she consulted with the Union marketing manager on the steps taken to publicise the election in the past, which were then followed. Zach Thomas noted that it is the first time since 2014 that marketing has posted the times of polling on the Facebook page and more students voted this year and the criticism is therefore unfounded.

Mitch Dougall asked for clarification on why there were so many provisional votes. It was explained that there had been issues with transferring the data from the student register to Computershare's database. Computershare are currently working with Student Affairs to sort through the provisional votes.

Feminist Week

Student, Maddie Cunningham, queried why Feminist Week was organised by the women's collective committee and not the elected Women's Officer. Councillor Millroy explained that Paige Howard, Hannah Dawe and the incoming Women's Officer have been working together to organise Feminist Week. It was noted that the current Women's Officer, Kulkarawa Kukoyi, has been unable to come into work and has not been receiving a wage.

Clarification was sought on the selection process for the Women's Officer role. Council advised that the role was advertised on the Women's Collective Facebook page in February this year, with the opening and closing of nominations clearly posted.

eSports Director

Student, Aaron Vass, queried whether the eSports director position will be advertised externally. The President explained that the position will be advertised internally, as with all Union positions, and will then be advertised externally if they do not find a suitable internal candidate.

Campaigning in Inclement Weather

Semper Editor, Rowan Evans, queried the Union Secretary's position on campaigning in the rain. The Secretary responded that she did not like it, as it had made her sick. Evans stated that Council should care about campaigners as well as students, and urged Council to implement a wet weather procedure during campaign week.

Councillors agreed that there were more important issues to consider and identified the discussion as time-wasting.

1) Notice of Business Proposed

Referendum

The mover, Zach Thomas, explained the context for the motion. It was explained that the referendum was found to be invalid due to an insufficient notice period, and the ballots were consequently destroyed. However, it remains important to put the referendum questions to the student body. In order to now fulfil the notice requirements, the earliest possible time to conduct the referendum would be during exam period, which would be inconvenient for campaigners and would make it difficult to meet the constitutional requirement of 2500 votes. However, the Union will be conducting their mandatory SSAF survey in the coming weeks. Therefore, the intention is to combine both the referendum and SSAF survey.

Council were advised that the online referenda section of the rules is incomplete and the regulations will therefore have to be amended in order to conduct an online referendum in this way. It was noted that all parties will be included in the amending of the rules in order to ensure fairness across the board. If passed via Council, the referendum would be sent out between the 7th and 17th of November, as per the motion. The timeline was clarified as follows:

- Union Council pass the motion to allow an online referendum
- Notice is posted the following day
- Electoral rule changes are made prior to the commencement of the referendum

The Union Secretary raised that, as part of the notice requirements in the constitution, polling places must be outlined. If polling places are not defined, then the referendum is again in crisis. Furthermore, she questioned the logic of posting notice prior to having the rules approved.

Councillor Hart raised that, in previous discussions on electronic voting, it was implied that polling locations would still be physically located, with votes recorded electronically. It is therefore implied that the regulations allow for electronic voting only, not online voting. In response, Zach Thomas noted that this difference was not made explicit in the rules. While he agreed that physical campaigning should be the case for general elections, he questioned whether this should necessarily apply for referendum questions.

The Union President raised that the average student will be indifferent to whether the referendum is conducted online or not and an online referendum is the best outcome for the Union and the student body.

Kelsie McArthur left the meeting at 7.52pm.

The chair asked for the constitutional regulation that allows for online voting to be read aloud. The following regulation was read to Union Council:

C13 Notice of Referenda

- 13.1 Notice of the Referendum must be given within fourteen (14) clear days of the requisition or decision having been made to call a Referendum.
- 13.2 a) The notice of a referendum must be placed on the Union Noticeboard and outside all Union-run premises at least fourteen (14) clear days before the commencement of the Referendum and state the time, dates and places of polling and the question to be considered.
b) No Referendum may be held until C13.2(a) has been complied with.
- 13.3 A Referendum which has been requisitioned must be held within fourteen (14) clear days of notice having been given.

Councillor Hart raised that the constitutional section on referendums states that there must be three days of polling. It was noted that 'place of polling' could be considered to be online, as there is no reference to physical polling locations.

Councillor Hart expressed concern at the precedent set by online voting. Councillor Millroy suggested that the motion be amended to state it should not be considered a precedent for online voting in the future.

Council were advised that an extraordinary, bipartisan meeting of Rules Committee would have to be held to pass the changes to the rules. The changes would then have to be accepted through Union Council.

Student, Mitch Dougall, raised that the motion is being put forth on the basis of Zach Thomas' interpretation of the constitution. Given that this could be challenged retrospectively; it is a concern.

Councillor Millroy raised that the referendum question relating to sabbatical officers is a path the University actively wishes the Union to pursue and it is therefore important to put the question forward. Furthermore, if the rules are changed via a bipartisan meeting, there should be no reason to appeal the referendum.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

The meeting reconvened at 8.15pm.

When the meeting resumed, the following members were present:

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| • Olivia Winchester | • Nicholas Comino | • Matthew Diamond |
| • Rowan Evans | • Georgia Millroy | • Samuel Ngugi |
| • Benjamin Kozij | • Jeremy Lwin | • Nathan Kerr |
| • Coen Harnischfeger | • Paul Taylor | • Brandon Lo |

The meeting became inquorate at 8.15pm.

Gloria Woods, Nerissa Aitken and Ethan Van Roo entered the meeting via voice call at 8:18pm.

It was raised that the standing orders allow councillors to be considered in attendance via voice call as per S6, once the Secretary has granted leave.

Kelsie McArthur entered the meeting via voice call at 8.19pm and granted the applications for leave to attend the meeting with use of technology for Gloria Woods, Nerissa Aitken and Ethan Van Roo.

Kelsie McArthur left the meeting at 8.20pm.

The motion was amended to state that the online referendum is due to extraordinary circumstances and should not be considered a precedent for online voting. The mover was amenable to the amendment.

Procedural motion for the motion to be put

CARRIED

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 7TH – 17TH 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.

COUNCIL 107/216

THOMAS/TAYLOR

CARRIED

[See Appendix 1]

Gloria Woods, Nerissa Aitken and Ethan Van Roo left the meeting at 8:30pm.

The meeting became inquorate at 8.30pm.

The Chair agreed that an extraordinary meeting should be convened in order to consider the financials. The meeting was adjourned to ascertain whether the opposition members would be returning to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.30pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.36pm

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 the elected officers of the Union be changed to the below:

President, Union Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President (Community), Vice-President (Academic), Vice-President (Social Engagement), Vice-President (Clubs & Societies), Vice-President (Diversity and Welfare), Vice-President (Campus Affairs), Postgraduate Officer, Turbot Street Officer, Medical Students Officer, Gatton Campus Officer, Colleges Officer, and Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat).

C24.1 Subject to the Constitution and Regulations, the following Officers must be directly elected by and from students:

- a) President;
- b) Union Secretary;
- c) Treasurer;
- d) Vice-President (Campus Affairs);
- e) Vice-President (Academic);
- f) Vice-President (Community);
- g) Vice-President (Clubs and Societies);
- h) Vice-President (Social Engagement);
- i) Vice-President (Diversity and Welfare);
- j) Postgraduate Officer;
- k) Turbot Street Officer;
- l) Medical Students Officer;
- m) Gatton Board Officer;
- n) Gatton Campus Officer;
- o) Colleges Officer, and
- p) Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat).

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.

25.3 Up to ten persons may on a shared basis stand for and hold the position of Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat).

25.4 When more than one person is elected to hold an Elected Officer position:

- a) the rights and responsibilities (including but not limited to the voting rights and remuneration) are attached to the position and not the individuals who hold the shared position;
- b) each person so elected has the same rights and responsibilities as if only one person had been elected;

- c) except for the Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat), if a vacancy occurs in the position of one person so elected, a vacancy occurs in the position as a whole. The remaining person ceases to hold the position and the provisions of C31 shall apply;
- d) if a vacancy occurs in the position of one person so elected to the position of Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat), a vacancy occurs only for that person, not for the Elected Officer position as a whole. The person shall be replaced in accordance with C31;
- e) for the purposes of attendance at meetings of Union bodies, the attendance of one of the persons so elected shall be sufficient for the Elected Officer to be considered in attendance; and
- f) in the event that a vote at a Union body is taken and there is an irreconcilable difference among the persons sharing the Elected Officer position as to the manner in which the vote shall be cast, the Elected Officer's vote will be recorded as an abstention.

25.6 No Elected Officer position may be shared other than in accordance with C25.

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.

28.3 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.

28.4 Only Postgraduate Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in an Election for the Postgraduate Officer.

28.5 Only College Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in an Election for Colleges Officer.

28.6 Only Dentistry Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in an Election for Turbot Street Officer.

28.7 Only Gatton Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in elections for Gatton Campus Officer.

28.8 Only Gatton Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates in elections for Gatton Board Officer.

28.9 Only Medical Students may stand as, vote for, nominate or second candidates for the Medical Students' Officer.

29.4 The position of Vice-President (Diversity and Welfare) may only be held by an individual eligible to run for an Officer position that sits on the Diversity and Welfare Committee, as determined by Union Council in the Regulations.

31.3 Where Union Council is required to elect a person under C31.2, the following process will apply:

- a) The Returning Officer must give seven days' notice of the Casual Vacancy;

CONFIRMED

Question 3: 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?

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.i) 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.