

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 8th Ordinary Meeting of the
104th UQ Union Council, 2015

4:00PM

Tuesday 08/09/2015

Jenny Knowles Clubs and Societies Room
Level 4, Union building (Bld. 21), St. Lucia Campus
Chair: Michael Lucas

The meeting opened at 4:18PM

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Kathryn Cramp
- Tom O'Connor
- Matthew Hales
- Daren Tan
- Annie Danks
- Dion Lee
- Patrick Bowman
- Danielle Lovell
- Amanda Lamb
- Michael Lucas
- Jaya Prasad
- Ange Ou
- Jacob Kay
- Amanthi Fernando
- Laurence McLean

The Following Members were absent:

- Gabrielle Menolotto
- Isabel Manfield
- Shannon Fogarty
- Amy Jelacic
- Amy MacMahon
- Alexandra Brown
- Shilpa Datta
- Anthony Chepurin
- Nicholas Tong
- Roberto Fragoso
- Michael Wellington
- Josephne Coddington
- Genevieve Ash
- Jaime Goodwin
- Andrew Simpson
- Joshua Roser
- Linda Maybanks
- Sophie Borzi
- Alistair Meldrum
- Jason Wang
- Dominic Smith
- Aroha Liebhart
- Thompson Wong
- Eithandee Aung
- Olivia Anderson
- Gabrielle Starr
- Nicholas Pratt
- Matthew Kim
- Tom Davies
- Laura Howden
- Melanie Keyte
- Tom Millroy
- India Anderson
- Blair Ivens
- Mike Hopkins
- Damien De Haan
- Kyle Jensen

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Shannon Fogarty
- Shilpa Datta
- Matthew Kim
- Gabii Starr
- Alexandra Brown
- Nicholas Tong
- Blair Ivens
- Jason Wang
- Amy MacMahon
- Joshua Roser
- Genevieve Ash
- Alistair Meldrum

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

- Alistair Meldrum
- Shilpa Datta
- Alexandra Brown
- Amy MacMahon
- Joshua Roser
- Matthew Kim
- Genevieve Ash

The following proxies were received:

- Alistair Meldrum to Conor Ruane
- Matthew Kim to Laurence Mclean
- Jason Wang to Ange Ou
- Gabii Starr to Amanthi Fernando

The following others were present:

- Sabina Rooney
- Gzia Marim
- Nora Abdalla
- Rosie Katunar
- Carl Jackson
- Lucas McDermid
- Georgia Woodroffe-Hill
- Michele Russel
- Bethany Cave
- Adam Jacobus
- Rebecca Cone
- Jenna Brown
- Kurt Tucker
- Duncan Hart
- Imogen Inglis
- Zach Thomas
- Elliot Griffin
- Lauren Bicknell
- Sioryn Willet
- Georgia Young
- Conor Ruane

The following Resignations were received:

Nil

It was moved

THAT THE NOTED APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 104/187

HALES/LUCAS

CARRIED

b) Elections

Nil

c) Appeals from Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil

d) Reports of Elected Officers

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/188

MCLEAN/KAY

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICER BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/189

MCLEAN/LOVELL

CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil

f) Question Time

Question raised regarding the campaign for fair work rights mentioned in the report of the International Students Officer and whether the Union is able to do anything to encourage students to communicate with various government departments on the employment issues they have faced.

The International Students Officer explained that it's difficult to encourage students who come forward with complaints as they have not been offered amnesty. He explained that the Union is communicating with Government departments on their campaign to educate International Students regarding their rights at work in Australia. That campaign will also be supported by the Union on campus.

The Union will also be running workshops on employment.

Procedural motion to close question time

CARRIED

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

It was explained that there are some spelling errors that have been noted.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 7TH ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED WITH MISTAKES CORRECTED (SPELLING)

COUNCIL 104/190

MCLEAN/FERNANDO

CARRIED

h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

It was moved

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/191

MCLEAN/FERNANDO

CARRIED

j) Business Which has Been Proposed

i) Regulatory Amendments

It was explained that the regulatory amendments are mostly technical. Newly added motions distributed earlier in the day were highlighted.

Council was directed to consider any amendments those present would like to star for discussion.

Proxy voting rights were given to Jaya Prasad from Dominic Smith at 4:31pm

It was moved

THAT THE NOTICE PERIOD TO CONSIDER REGULATORY AMENDMENTS BE WAIVED, WITH URGENCY DUE TO THE ELECTION PERIOD STARTING TOMORROW

COUNCIL 104/192

MCLEAN/BOWMAN

CARRIED

Recommendation 62, regarding abstention voting, was starred for discussion.

It was moved

THAT R99.3 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH:

If the nomination is rejected, the Returning Officer must notify the person concerned or have sent notification to the person by 9:00am three Academic Days following the close of nominations. The notification must state the reasons for the rejection and include the telephone number of the Electoral Tribunal Registrar. If a telephone number has been included on the nomination form the Returning Officer must attempt to notify the person by telephone as soon as possible.

COUNCIL 104/193

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R106.4(a) BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH:

a) If the election is conducted with paper ballots, then for an Electoral Group to appear on the Schedule Nineteen ballot paper as defined in R117.2, the Electoral Group must comply with R106.2(c)(i).

COUNCIL 104/194

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R109.2(p)(ii) BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

ii) that is, or is likely to be, misleading or deceptive; and

COUNCIL 104/195

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R117A.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

This regulation applies for all Elections to be conducted by Electronic Voting.

COUNCIL 104/196

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R118.1(b) BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

b) sign the voters' roll against their name, if a voters' roll is used in the election.

COUNCIL 104/197

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R119.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

All students who are issued a ballot paper or have their vote unlocked in an Electronic Voting ballot at the Annual Elections will receive a voucher redeemable at any Union operated outlet.

COUNCIL 104/198

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R123B.8 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

For pages or sections of the ballot system, where more than one position is being elected, or the position being elected is a Multi-Member Office, then an above-the-

Question raised regarding whether the voter can tell the polling clerk that they wish to submit an informal vote.

The UQ Union President responded that voters should not have to tell the polling clerks that they wish to vote informally.

The wording of the message was discussed and the motion was read aloud again.

Question raised regarding how student will redeem their vouchers if they vote electronically.

It was explained that students will still receive a physical voucher from the polling clerk.

It was moved

THAT R123B.10 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

The ballot system will allow the voter to abstain from any ballot, although a warning message may be displayed prior to confirmation, to alert the voter.

COUNCIL 104/204

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

k) Notice of Business to be Proposed

- i) August 2015 Financial Results.

The meeting was declared closed at 4:49PM

THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE UNION COUNCIL AND ARE TO BE TAKEN AS DRAFT UNTIL SUCH A MEETING OCCURS.