

Minutes of the
2nd Ordinary Meeting of the 111th Union Council

Wednesday, 9th March 2021
Innes Room, Level 4 Union Complex (21C)

a) Union Chairperson Sam Adams declared the meeting open at 5:42 PM

Chair Adams recognised the traditional owners of the land – the Yuggera and Turrbal people - and noted that sovereignty was never ceded, that the meeting was taking place on stolen land, and that the activities of Council henceforth should be framed by such context.

b) Credentials

The following were present:

Councillors

Anna Redshaw
Austin Smidt
Ben Myatt
Carib Phillips
Daniel Dawes
Edward Uzelin
Helen Craze
Matthew Burgin
Natasha Brettell
Julia Bejleri
Laura Nolan
Sam Adams
Samuel Chamberlain
Thomas Stephen
Utkrist Paudyal

Elected Officers

Anna Li
Rheanna Norris
Billie Kugelman
Cara Rowe
Elias Blanch
Ella Gutteridge
Emily Searle
Eric Yun
Greta Simpson
Jacinto Hedus
Jake Coleman
Justin Chen
Marisha Robinson
Myo Sumiko
Radhika Peddibhotla
Samara Paradine
Ti Parker
Alex Latham
Sachita Dahal
Trisha Harijatna

Others

Alex Smock
Barclay McGain
Bradley Stone
Christian Camuglia
Cristian Gutierrez
(Minute taker)
Glenda Jacobs
Hughston Parle
Jaafar Jabur
Logan Beam
Ryan Jover
Liam Heseltine

The following members were absent:

- Corey Paulsen
- Axel Powrie
- Michelle Ocriciano
- Corin Walker
- Harry Reuben
- Alicia Steele

Apologies were received from the following:

The following proxies were received:

- Austin Smidt to Thomas Stephen
- Elise Northcote to William Triste
- Jack Feng to Julia Bejleri
- Natasha Brettell to Alex Smock
- Ethan Jones to Hughston Parle
- Mitchell Ablett-Nelson to Karsten Düvel
- Utkrist Paudyal to Gabby Callow

- Zwe Htet Aung to William Triste

It was moved

THAT THE CREDENTIALS FOR THE 2ND ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 111TH UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED

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AUNG/STEPHEN

CARRIED

c) Elections

Nil.

d) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Secretary Cara Rowe informed Council that she had forgotten to mark William Kugelman and Jack Mackenzie as being in attendance at the previous meeting. She proposed that this be amended, as the two were, in fact, present.

Councillor Austin Smidt raised that the motion titled ‘Environmental Motion’ under General Business was incomplete, and stopped halfway-through a sentence describing the speech given by the seconder of the motion. Councillor Smidt requested that this portion of the minutes be amended.

The Chair noted that Councillor Helen Craze was also not included on the previous minutes’ attendance, and requested that this be ameliorated.

Councillor Matthew Burgin moved to substitute mentions of ‘Abilities’ to ‘Disabilities’ under Reports of Elected Officers, in line with the current state of the Regulations.

President Emily Searle requested that the paragraphs of the previous minutes covering her report under Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers be amended, particularly by removing specific mentions of ‘ATSIS’ and making clear that decisions would be made at the discretion of the Union.

Vice-President Marisha Robinson requested that any instances of ‘transwoman’ or like terms be split by a space (i.e. yielding ‘trans woman’).

It was moved

THAT THE FOREGOING AMENDMENTS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AND IMPLEMENTED

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ADAMS/ROWE

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 111TH UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED PENDING AMENDMENT

111/37

PARLE/BRETTELL

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

Secretary Rowe starred her own report.

Procedural motion to consider the remaining reports en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE STUDENT RIGHTS (WELFARE) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/38	COLEMAN/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE STUDENT RIGHTS (ACADEMIC) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/39	PARADINE/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE CAMPUS CULTURE (CLUBS & SOCIETIES) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/40	NORRIS/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE CAMPUS CULTURE (EVENTS) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/41	CHEN/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE GENDER & SEXUALITY (WOMEN) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/42	SIMPSON/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE GENDER & SEXUALITY (QUEER) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/43	ROBINSON/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/44	SUMIKO/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/45	GUTTERIDGE/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/46	TRISTE/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/47	REUBEN/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE COLLEGES OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/48	LATHAM/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE TURBOT STREET OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/49	DAHAL/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/50	POWRIE/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE DISABILITIES OFFICERS' REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/51	STEELE/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE SEMPER FLOREAT EDITOR'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/52	KUGELMAN/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/53	SEARLE/ADAMS	CARRIED
THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED		
111/54	PEDDIBHOTLA/ADAMS	CARRIED

g) Reports of Elected Officers

Secretary's Report

Secretary Rowe presented a brief oral report, noting that control of Student Voice Week – formerly inaugurated and run by the University - has entered under the Union’s control, in accordance with the terms of the Financial Services Agreement.

It was moved

THAT THE SECRETARY’S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

111/55

ROWE/ADAMS

CARRIED

h) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil.

i) Question Time

Nil.

j) Reports of Union bodies

Nil.

k) Business which has been proposed

Tabled Schedule 3 from Previous Meeting

Chair Adams and Secretary Rowe reminded Council that a Schedule 3 appeal which had been raised at the previous meeting of the Council had been tabled, and had to be heard. The schedule consisted of a proposal to reverse a decision of the Clubs & Societies Committee, who had resolved not to affiliate the UQ Political Science and International Relations Society (UQPSIR).

Procedural motion to take the question from the table.

CARRIED

Original mover, Councillor Natasha Brettell, explained that the C&S Committee had originally approved the club’s initial objectives and name, but later requested the UQPSIR club remove ‘International Relations’ from their name and objectives following a request from the UQ United Nations Student Association (UQUNSA). She expressed her belief that UQPSIR’s aims, objectives, and prospective status as a faculty club sufficiently distinguished the club from UQUNSA.

As seconder, Councillor Ben Myatt noted that proceedings to have the UQPSIR affiliated have been underway for approximately 6 to 8 months. Councillor Myatt elaborated on the guiding motivation for creating the club, and its distinctions from UQUNSA and the UQ Politics, Philosophy & Economics Society (UQPPES).

Student Hughston Parle queried Vice-President and C&S Committee Chair Rheanna Norris’ opinions on the affiliation of the club. She stated that she stands by the decision of the C&S Committee. When asked to clarify the C&S Committee’s reasoning for its decision, Vice-President Norris explained that the 2022 Committee initially approved the formation of the club after receiving an application form which was a revised version of an application that was rejected in 2021. However, after UQPSIR had held its IGM, the C&S Committee found that the constitution which was passed contained a number of discrepancies and removals. Chiefly concerning was a removal regarding the political neutrality of the club, which was – in the estimation of the Committee – integral to the club’s identity and distinctiveness. On this basis, and given the nature of the removals, the C&S Committee declined to ratify and confirm the IGM. Vice-President Norris also reported that the Committee conferred with the UQPPES and UQUNSA; UQUNSA in particular requested that UQPSIR change their name to include ‘International Studies’. Following these discussions, the C&S Committee decided that they would only affiliate the club on the proviso that their Constitution remained in line with the aims that were originally outlined. Vice-President Norris was at pains to emphasise that the decision was made

by the C&S Committee as a whole, and that vilification of any one member or student was inappropriate.

Councillor Myatt stated that the UQPSIR made an “honest mistake” in changing their aims, but pointed to Section 18 of their Constitution, which retained provisions for political neutrality. Councillor Myatt elaborated that the appeal was brought to Council as a response to the requested name change, which he saw as an unfair further demand in light of the C&S Committee’s initial acceptance.

In response, Vice-President Norris clarified that she did not reach out to UQPPES and UQUNSA prior to the initial ratification in 2022. She revealed that, in search of practical advice, she consulted with former Committee members (including Student Bradley Plant) in order to ascertain the reasoning undergirding the decision of the Committee in 2021. She felt that further consultation was required, and thereafter sought out the executives of UQUNSA and UQPPES. After this series of consultations came the name-change request, as a decision of the Committee as a whole.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQ POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SOCIETY BE AFFILIATED WITH THE UQ UNION

111/56

BRETTELL/MYATT

CARRIED

Councillor Natasha Brettell left the meeting at 6:10pm, her proxy to Alex Smock becoming effective.

WAP is an LNP-Together Feeder Ticket

Semper Editor Kugelman and Vice-President Marisha Robinson noted their estimation that the motion spoke for itself and waived any further speaking time.

Councillor Helen Craze elected to speak against the motion, noting that she had been elected “fair-and-square” as the Councillor for the Women’s Action Party.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

FAILED

Councillor Craze continued, reminding Council that the presently-existing procedures for counting votes led to her election under WAP, and that the party does indeed exist in its own right, regardless of the opinions of the movers. Regarding concerns raised in the motion’s preamble regarding the recent appearance of a WAP Facebook page, Councillor Craze explained that WAP’s recent advancement to the digital age was, in fact, a cause for celebration, and implored Council to like and follow the page.

Councillor Laura Nolan conveyed to Council that regardless of these points, WAP *in practice* represents a feeder ticket for Together, consists solely of a member who also ran under Together, and that the motion censuring Semper Floreat at the previous Council meeting amounted to nothing more than a cynical right-wing attack on the Union Newspaper.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

Recorded vote:

Edward Uzelin	<i>In Favour</i>
Julia Bejleri	<i>Against</i>
Natasha Brettell to Alex Smock	<i>In Favour</i>
Utkrist Paudyal	<i>In Favour</i>
Elise Northcote to William Triste	<i>In Favour</i>
Elloise Campbell	<i>Against</i>
Austin Smidt	<i>In Favour</i>
Ethan Jones	<i>Against</i>
Ben Myatt	<i>In Favour</i>
Matthew Burgin	<i>Against</i>
Zwe Htet Aung to William Triste	<i>In Favour</i>
Gabby Callow	<i>Abstain</i>
Thomas Stephen	<i>In Favour</i>
Anna Redshaw	<i>In Favour</i>
Mitch Ablett-Nelson to Karsten Düvel	<i>Against</i>
Samuel Chamberlain	<i>Against</i>
Carib Phillips	<i>In Favour</i>
Daniel Dawes	<i>Against</i>
Laura Nolan	<i>In Favour</i>
Jack Feng to Julia Bejleri	<i>Against</i>
Helen Craze	<i>Against</i>
Shenalle Jiang	<i>Abstain</i>

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL PROCLAIM AS FACTUAL ITS UNDERSTANDING THAT ‘WAP’ IS AN LNP-TOGETHER FEEDER TICKET

111/57

KUGELMAN/ROBINSON

CARRIED

Vindicating Semper Editors

Vice-President Robinson spoke, on the preceding recognition of the fact that WAP is an LNP-Together Feeder ticket, that the motion passed censuring the Semper Floreat editors at the previous meeting was undue – standing by the board’s original decision to not publish a report from WAP.

Semper Editor Kugelman reiterated that this issue lies at the nexus of feminism and journalistic credibility, and that the motion put at the previous Council sent the meeting into chaos.

Hughston Parle questioned how a feeder ticket was classified, and whether or not Semper Floreat would exclude Black Flag from opportunities to disseminate future reports.

Semper Editor Kugelman replied that the board would leave such deliberations and delineations (regarding, for example, the classification of Legalise Weed as a feeder ticket) to Council, and confirmed that Semper would honour any similar motions recognising feeder tickets. However, Semper Editor Kugelman made sure to clarify that there was still an element of editorial discretion at play, particularly in the absence of any such motions.

Councillor Matthew Burgin proposed an amendment, suggesting that Council withdraw the previous condemnation of the Semper Floreat Editorial Board, instead opting to strongly condemn the Chief Editor of Semper Floreat for ignoring the valuable role women play in the Union and the democratic process, for wasting Council’s time, and for being a “sook”. Speaking in favour, Councillor Burgin

opined that Council had wasted time by considering the motions put forth on the topic, especially considering that the budget was yet to be discussed.

Hughston Parle seconded the sentiments of Councillor Burgin, drawing attention to what he saw as an unsatisfactory response from the Chief Editor.

Vice-President Robinson spoke against the amendment, calling it (as the woman who proposed the motion) ridiculous, and questioning how exactly WAP fights for the rights of women when it ignores the needs of trans women.

Vice-President Simpson posed a question to Councillor Craze, asking her how WAP actually represents women or stands-up for women's issues.

Councillor Craze and Hughston Parle queried the relevance of the questions to the amendment being discussed.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL AMENDS THE MOTION PUT BY ROBINSON TO READ:

“THAT UNION COUNCIL WITHDRAWS ITS CONDEMNATION OF THE SEMPER FLOREAT EDITORIAL BOARD, BUT INSTEAD STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE CHIEF EDITOR FOR:

- A) IGNORING THE VALUABLE ROLE WOMEN PLAY IN OUR UNION AND OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS;
- B) GENERALLY WASTING COUNCIL'S TIME, AND;
- C) BEING A SOOK”

111/58

BURGIN/PARLE

FAILED

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

Recorded vote:

Edward Uzelin	<i>In Favour</i>
Natasha Brettell to Alex Smock	<i>In Favour</i>
Julia Bejleri	<i>Against</i>
Utkrist Paudyal	<i>Abstain</i>
Elise Northcote to William Triste	<i>In Favour</i>
Elloise Campbell	<i>Against</i>
Austin Smidt	<i>In Favour</i>
Ethan Jones to Hughston Parle	<i>Against</i>
Ben Myatt	<i>In Favour</i>
Matthew Burgin	<i>Against</i>
Zwe Htet Aung to William Triste	<i>In Favour</i>
Gabby Callow	<i>Against</i>
Thomas Stephen	<i>In Favour</i>
Anna Redshaw	<i>In Favour</i>
Mitch Ablett-Nelson to Karsten Düvel	<i>Against</i>

Sam Chamberlain	<i>Against</i>
Carib Phillips	<i>In Favour</i>
Daniel Dawes	<i>Against</i>
Laura Nolan	<i>In Favour</i>
Jack Feng to Julia Bejleri	<i>Against</i>
Helen Craze	<i>Against</i>
Shenalle Jiang	<i>Abstain</i>
Sam Adams (Tiebreaker)	<i>In Favour</i>

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL AFFIRMS SEMPER FLOREAT’S DECISION NOT TO INCLUDE WAP’S NON-EXISTENT REPORT IN 2022’S FIRST PRINT PUBLICATION, AND FUTURE DECISIONS NOT TO INCLUDE WAP AND OTHER FEEDER TICKET REPORTS IN FUTURE PUBLICATIONS.

111/59

ROBINSON/KUGELMAN

CARRIED

Councillor Austin Smidt left the meeting at 6:28pm, his proxy to Thomas Stephen becoming effective.

The UQ Union Stands Against Transphobia and Discrimination

Procedural motion in mover’s name to table the motion until after presentation of the Budget.

CARRIED

UQU 2022 Budget

Treasurer Radhika Peddibhotla spoke to the Union’s budget for the year. She began by outlining the priorities determined by the Executive and the Union’s General Managers. She explained that the first of these was a concern for the long-term financial longevity of the Union, and the second was a concern for the general visibility of the Union amongst students, particularly in competition with UQ Life. Explaining the figures that would be presented, she reiterated (following from the previous Council meeting) that the budget was constructed with reference to the actual expenditure figures from 2021, rather than the budgeted figures. She continued, explaining that past Executives were instructed to overestimate their budgets as a means of attracting more funding from the University – but that this year, the financial entitlements of the Union were much clearer under the FSA and general SSAF agreements with the University. As a consequence, she was of the opinion that the 2022 budget was significantly more accurate and specific than previous budgets. She flagged that the Budget had been composed in close consultation with the Union’s Marketing Department and Finance Team, leveraging their data, insights, and experience. Additionally, she highlighted in particular the across-the-board increases for Student Services in 2022.

Treasurer Peddibhotla continued with verbal presentation of the budget, referring to the documents distributed in the meeting’s business pack titled:

- *Portfolio Budget Summaries*
- *Student Services Budget 2022*
- *UQU 2022 Budget Breakdown by Project*

During this presentation, Treasurer Peddibhotla highlighted that the documents included figures from the 2019 budget, as a point of reference to a period with a greater number of students on-campus. Treasurer Peddibhotla then waived the balance of her time to her seconder.

Secondly, Union Secretary Rowe, waived her speaking time to the Union's Finance Manager, Jason Cheung.

Jason Cheung did not elect to speak to the Budget at this time.

The Chair opened the floor to questions on the Budget.

Hughston Parle asked what the Union's current Net Operating Position was, over both Student Services and Business Trading.

It was raised that the meeting should move *in camera* in order to discuss matters which were commercial-in-confidence.

Procedural motion to move in camera.

CARRIED

Procedural motion to move ex camera.

CARRIED

While in camera, Utkrist Paudyal left the meeting, his proxy to Gabby Callow becoming effective.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION PASSES THE BUSINESS TRADING BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

111/60

ROWE/PEDDIBHOTLA

CARRIED

Treasurer Peddibhotla resumed the floor and began to respond to a question from Hughston Parle (originally asked *in camera*) regarding the allocation to the Student Executive portion of the Student Services budget, particularly with respect to wages. Treasurer Peddibhotla clarified that she was unable to disclose the wages of any employee of the Union, but explained that the increase in wages was attributable to the addition of the SSAF Co-Ordinator mandated under the FSA. She assured Council that it did not account for the entire budget variance from the previous year. She proceeded to list a number of the main components of this variance (across the whole budget), including:

- A general increase to events and initiatives;
- Engagement and outreach;
- Variable-cost-reducing investments, e.g. purchasing rather than hiring things like fairy floss machines;
- Improvement and refurbishing of communal Union spaces including the Redroom.

Councillor Craze asked whether or not the Executives gave themselves a pay-rise. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer all emphatically responded in the negative, and outlined the current prescriptions for their pay at the national minimum wage, as stated in the Regulations.

Councillor Gabby Callow noted an increase to the 'Contingency Fund', and questioned if this amounted to a surreptitious over-estimation of the budget despite earlier claims to conservative construction.

Treasurer Peddibhotla suggested that generally the generally over-estimated 2021 budget effectively obviated the need for any specific 'Contingency Fund', which explained the seemingly sudden appearance of this allocation in the 2022 budget. She clarified that money earmarked under the Contingency Fund was there for unexpected expenses such as recent flood relief initiatives, and committed to bringing future Contingency Fund expenditures before Council in the interests of transparency.

President Searle noted that the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) had tentatively agreed to grant the Union an additional \$6,000 for use on Morning Marmalade and Kampus Kitchen seven times a week as part of efforts to provide flood relief.

Hughston Parle queried how increases to the advertising budget were planning to be spent. Treasurer Peddibhotla explained that the increases under the Student Executive portfolio quoted by Parle represented a reallocation from other portfolio budgets (e.g. collective budgets), in addition to an increase. This reallocation was made as part of an increased focus on promotional merchandise for the Union as a whole – including t-shirts, diaries, bags, and face-masks – rather than portfolio-specific materials. General brochures for the reception area and mug-shots for the Executive Officers were also considered to fall under this allocation.

Councillor Samuel Chamberlain asked whether the Executive would be amenable to reconsidering the expenditure on face-masks given a rolling-back of mask mandates. Treasurer Peddibhotla flagged that these had already been ordered, and noted that face-masks were still required on public transport at present. Additionally, she explained that the order was made on the recommendation of the Union's Marketing Department, who predicted that face-masks would remain a valuable commodity for the foreseeable future. President Searle noted that the Union office receives many visitors in search of face-masks.

Hughston Parle queried the increases to the Postgraduate budget.

Secretary Rowe noted that part of this increase was tied to conditions attached to the increase in SSAF funding from the University.

President Searle suggested that William Triste field this question, given that he was party to negotiations with the University in his capacity as Treasurer of the UQU Association of Postgraduate Students.

William Triste noted that postgraduate students comprise 40% of students at the university, while only receiving 5% of SSAF funding. He expressed the view that the Graduate School, along with the majority of C&S clubs, societies, and initiatives did not adequately service postgraduate students. In response to a question from Councillor Craze, William Triste clarified that the additional funding would be put to use in servicing the demand for these kinds of engagements amongst postgraduate students. Secretary Rowe noted that cost breakdowns per project and portfolio were distributed in the meeting's business pack.

President Searle and Secretary Rowe clarified that the Union was very much engaged in the negotiation of these terms, in response to concerns from Hughston Parle that the University was dictating them to the Union.

Hughston Parle raised a question regarding a \$200,000 increase to Clubs & Societies, despite only a \$30,000 allocation towards Events & Projects. He queried whether or not the increase to Wages and Oncosts under the C&S budget (part of the \$170,000 not allocated for Events & Projects) could have been spent more effectively.

Treasurer Peddibhotla responded that she thought the budgeted costs were justified in light of advice from the executive staff and Vice-President Norris that the Union required additional administrative capacity. Treasurer Peddibhotla clarified that it was decided that a new position would be created under the C&S portfolio to assist with C&S marketing, and that this accounted for an increase in this section.

Hughston Parle asked why "real societies" were not seeing the benefits of the increases to the Union's SSAF funding in the budget.

Secretary Rowe noted that clubs and societies would still be receiving benefits from photography paid for by the Union, now accounted for under Advertising. Treasurer Peddibhotla explained that C&S would be also acquiring an entirely new room (in addition to its attendant maintenance costs). Treasurer Peddibhotla and Vice-President Norris cited that C&S would have more grant funding allocated in 2022 across multiple pools.

Secretary Rowe requested that it be minuted that – compared to 2021 *actual* figures – C&S Events & Projects was actually set to increase by at least \$60,000, and that the value of photography (previously included under Events & Projects) was to the value of around \$40,000.

Councillor Chamberlain requested further details on the Student Rights and Community Welfare allocations. He was concerned about the effectiveness of certain initiatives, and if their impact would move beyond the merely symbolic. For example, he was sceptical that the Union’s \$1000 ‘R U OK Day’ expenditure would be worthwhile beside larger national campaigns.

Treasurer Peddibhotla was sympathetic to these concerns and responded that she thought the costs indeed reflected an attempt to move beyond symbolic gestures such as basic social media posts. She noted that they could stand to be one of the few tangible outreach initiatives students actually see for these events.

Councillor Chamberlain asked a question about the ‘Queer Voices in the Labour Movement’ event under the Gender & Sexuality allocation. He asked if ‘Labour’ meant “‘labour’ as in ‘John Setka’, or ‘labour’ as in ‘Anthony Albanese’”.

Vice-President Robinson responded, clarifying that her intentions with the event were not to advertise or campaign for the Labor Party. Rather, the event was to be more focused on workers’ rights and the like, as relevant to the queer community.

Hughston Parle questioned a \$70,000 decrease in Events & Projects under the Campus Culture allocation.

Treasurer Peddibhotla reiterated that the reason for this decrease is because the 2021 Budget overestimated costs significantly.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

FAILED

Hughston Parle asked if the elected C&S Officials would follow the example of 2021 Vice-President Kurt Tucker in hosting a limited number of events.

Treasurer Peddibhotla stated that the fact this would not be the case could be inferred from the increased allocation to Campus Culture compared to 2021 actuals. She then yielded the floor to Vice-President Justin Chen to discuss events planned for Semester 2. Vice-President Chen detailed some of the planned events, such as:

- Publically-screened films;
- A ‘Cultural Fiesta’;
- Semester 2 Market Day;
- An art exhibition, and;
- Drinking events that activate the Redroom.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

FAILED

Councillor Julia Bejleri queried Semper Editor Kugelman for exact breakdowns of the increase of funding directed to Semper Floreat. Treasurer Peddibhotla interjected to note that Councillor Bejleri

had been sent files containing breakdowns, and had already attended a private meeting in the Treasurer's office to discuss these matters.

Councillor Burgin queried the net spend of \$1491 on the Queer Collective for Market Day expenses. He noted that the total expenditure for the Environment Collective on Market Day was approximately three times higher, at \$4500.

Treasurer Peddibhotla yielded the floor to Officer Ti Parker to explain her costs. Officer Parker explained that costs at Semester 1 Market Day were actually lower than budgeted, as the Environment Collective was able to sell surplus merchandise from last year. However, she noted that the Collective would put the merchandise purchased with the budgeted funding to use at future monthly stalls and events.

Treasurer Peddibhotla noted that some of these expenses associated with the Environment Collective were to put the Environment Collective on 'equal footing' with the Queer Collective – for example, by purchasing items like banners which the Queer Collective already possessed.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

FAILED

Councillor Callow questioned if the increase to the International Students allocation was commensurate with projected increases in international student enrolment.

Treasurer Peddibhotla replied that there was still a large proportion of international students studying on-campus at present. She stated that she thought the increase was appropriate.

Councillor Chamberlain questioned why both Campus Culture and the Environment Collective had allocations for an Earth Day event.

Vice-President Justin Chen clarified that the line under Campus Culture was not intended to be a one-off event, but a series of engagements involving clubs and societies of a variety of sizes.

Recorded Vote:

Edward Uzelin	<i>In Favour</i>
Julia Bejleri	<i>Against</i>
Natasha Brettell to Alex Smock	<i>In Favour</i>
Utkrist Paudyal to Gabby Callow	<i>Against</i>
Elise Northcote to William Triste	<i>In Favour</i>
Elloise Campbell to Helen Craze	<i>Against</i>
Austin Smidt to Thomas Stephen	<i>In Favour</i>
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Thomas Stephen	<i>In Favour</i>
Anna Redshaw	<i>In Favour</i>
Mitch Ablett-Nelson to Karsten Düvel	<i>Against</i>
Samuel Chamberlain	<i>Against</i>
Carib Phillips	<i>In Favour</i>
Daniel Dawes	<i>Against</i>
Laura Nolan	<i>In Favour</i>
Jack Feng to Julia Bejleri	<i>Against</i>

Helen Craze	<i>Against</i>
Shenalle Jiang	<i>In Favour</i>
Sam Adams (Tiebreaker)	<i>In Favour</i>

It was moved

THAT THE 2022 STUDENT SERVICES BUDGET BE CONSIDERED AND PASSED EN BLOC
111/61 PEDDIBHOTLA/ROWE CARRIED

k) General Business

Tabled Motion: The UQ Union Stands Against Transphobia and Discrimination

The chair read the motion’s preamble. Councillor Chamberlain interjected to question whether a motion or a speech was being read. The Chair named Samuel Chamberlain.

Vice-President Robinson spoke to the necessity of Council and the Union being proactive in combatting transphobia, and tangibly fighting for the rights of all students. She emphasised the parts of the preamble that discussed the failings of the University’s current bureaucratic and administrative systems to accommodate for transgender students. She noted that the actions called for by the motion would all have a tangibly positive effect on UQ students who identified as transgender. She also explained that the motion called for no action on issues related to sport, owing to a greater need for back-and-forth communication between sporting groups in the area, although she expressed her strong belief that the Union ought to be fighting for rights of transgender students in these issues nonetheless.

Vice-President Simpson spoke in support of the motion, expressing her hope that Council agreed that all women – cisgender or transgender – ought to feel welcome on campus, particularly in the Women’s Room. She argued that the expansion of trans women’s rights did not encroach on the rights of cisgender women, and that that taking no action would simply allow the status quo for transgender students to grow worse.

Austin Smidt returned to the meeting at 8:16pm, his proxy to Thomas Stephen lapsing.

Recorded Vote:

Edward Uzelin	<i>In Favour</i>
Julia Bejleri	<i>In Favour</i>
Natasha Brettell to Alex Smock	<i>In Favour</i>
Utkrist Paudyal to Gabby Callow	<i>In Favour</i>
Elise Northcote to William Triste	<i>In Favour</i>
Elloise Campbell to Helen Craze	<i>In Favour</i>
Austin Smidt	<i>In Favour</i>
Ethan Jones to Hughston Parle	<i>In Favour</i>
Ben Myatt	<i>In Favour</i>
Matthew Burgin	<i>In Favour</i>
Zwe Htet Aung to William Triste	<i>In Favour</i>
Gabby Callow	<i>In Favour</i>
Thomas Stephen	<i>In Favour</i>
Anna Redshaw	<i>In Favour</i>
Mitch Ablett-Nelson to Karsten Düvel	<i>In Favour</i>
Samuel Chamberlain	<i>Against</i>
Carib Phillips	<i>In Favour</i>
Daniel Dawes	<i>In Favour</i>
Laura Nolan	<i>In Favour</i>

Jack Feng to Julia Bejleri *In Favour*
Helen Craze *In Favour*
Shenalle Jiang *In Favour*

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION STAND AGAINST TRANSPHOBIA AND COMMITS TO FIGHTING GROWING ATTACKS ON TRANSGENDER AND GENDER-DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, RESOLVING TO UNDERTAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- THE UQ UNION WILL PRESSURE UQ TO UPDATE THE PREFERRED NAMES SYSTEM SO THAT TRANSGENDER STUDENTS STOP BEING MISGENDERED AND DEAD-NAMED;
- THE UQ UNION WILL WORK TO CHANGE UQ POLICY WHICH REQUIRES STUDENTS TO PAY TO GET A NEW GRADUATION CERTIFICATE WITH THEIR PREFERRED NAME;
- THE UQ UNION AFFIRMS THE RIGHT FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE TO USE THE BATHROOM OF THEIR PREFERENCE, AND;
- THE UQ UNION WILL RESPOND TO ANY BILLS RELATED TO TRANSGENDER PROTECTIONS AND RIGHTS BY MAKING MEDIA STATEMENTS, AND FACILITATING PROTESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE QUEER COLLECTIVE.

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CARRIED

Working Class Man

Student Ryley Calvert quoted Jimmy Barnes as he spoke to the motion, at one point referring to his phone to complete a lyrical reference. He stated that he found that, in his capacity as a working-class landscaper, he found comments made by councillors from Together at the previous Council meeting particularly distasteful.

Student Logan Beam explained that he seconded the motion in his capacity as an observer, student, human being, and essential worker. He recounted the great personal risks he had endured in these roles – mainly the latter, describing how he served the community on the “frontlines” during the pandemic. He stated that his presence as at the meeting testified to the fact that a person with a ‘real job’ could still attend Council.

No one present elected to speak against the motion. When questioned, the Chair suggested that the ‘opposition voting bloc’ referred to in the motion be determined by reference to any of the recorded votes that had taken place during the meeting.

Procedural motion that the motion be put.

CARRIED

Laura Nolan and Anna Redshaw left the meeting at 8:21pm.

Recorded Vote:

Edward Uzelin *In Favour*
Julia Bejleri *Abstain*
Natasha Brettell to Alex Smock *In Favour*
Utkrist Paudyal to Gabby Callow *Abstain*
Elise Northcote to William Triste *Abstain*
Elloise Campbell to Helen Craze *Abstain*
Austin Smidt to Thomas Stephen *In Favour*

Ethan Jones to Hughston Parle	<i>Against</i>
Ben Myatt	<i>In Favour</i>
Matthew Burgin	<i>Against</i>
Zwe Htet Aung to William Triste	<i>Abstain</i>
Gabby Callow	<i>Abstain</i>
Thomas Stephen	<i>In Favour</i>
Mitch Ablett-Nelson to Karsten Düvel	<i>Abstain</i>
Samuel Chamberlain	<i>Against</i>
Carib Phillips	<i>In Favour</i>
Daniel Dawes	<i>Abstain</i>
Jack Feng to Julia Bejleri	<i>Abstain</i>
Helen Craze	<i>Abstain</i>
Shenalle Jiang	<i>In Favour</i>

It was moved

THAT THE OPPOSITION VOTING BLOC BE CONDEMNED FOR RHETORIC AGAINST WORKING PEOPLE WITH REAL JOBS.

111/63 CALVERT/BEAM CARRIED

Thanking Cristian

The mover and seconder waived their speaking time. None present opted to speak against the motion.

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL THANK CRISTIAN GUTIERREZ FOR ASSISTING THE CHAIR BY TAKING MINUTES AND ASSISTING WITH STANDING ORDERS AND REGULATIONS. AS JEB BUSH WOULD SAY, 'PLEASE CLAP'.

111/64 STEPHEN/PHILLIPS CARRIED

The chair declared the meeting closed at 8:24PM