

# UNION COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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From the 6th Ordinary Meeting of the  
104<sup>th</sup> UQ Union Council, 2015

6:00PM

Friday 29/07/2015

**Innes Room**

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

Chair: Michael Lucas

The meeting opened at 6:04pm

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

### a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Kathryn Cramp
- Tom O'Connor
- Matthew Hales
- Isabel Manfield
- Shannon Fogarty
- Annie Danks
- Daren Tan
- Joshua Roser
- Amy MacMahon
- Roberto Fragoso
- Shilpa Datta
- Nicholas Tong
- Michael Wellington
- Josephne Coddington
- Mike Hopkins
- Laurence McLean
- Matthew Kim
- Amanthi Fernando
- Patrick Bowman
- Danielle Lovell
- Alistair Meldrum
- Amanda Lamb
- Jason Wang
- Ange Ou
- Dominic Smith
- Gabrielle Starr
- Alexandra Brown

The Following Members were absent:

- Amy Jelacic
- Gabrielle Menolotto?
- Andrew Simpson
- Anthony Chepurin
- India Anderson
- Aroha Liebhart
- Thompson Wong
- Jacob Kay
- Jaime Goodwin
- Dion Lee
- Nicholas Pratt
- Jahmayne Coolwell
- Eithandee Aung
- Olivia Anderson
- Blair Ivens
- Murruwah Maroochy-Johnson
- Tom Davies
- Laura Howden
- Melanie Keyte
- Tom Millroy
- Damien De Haan
- Kyle Jenson
- Jaya Prasad
- Genevieve Ash

**Apologies were received from the following members:**

- Dion Lee
- Alistair Meldrum
- Jacob Kay
- Murruwah Maroochy-Johnson
- Jaya Prasad
- Gabrielle Menolotto
- Blair Ivens
- Nicholas Pratt
- Jahmayne Coolwell
- Damien de Haan

**The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:**

- Nicholas Pratt

**The following proxies were received:**

- Jaya Prasad to Conor Ruane
- Jacob Kay to Laurence McLean

**The following others were present:**

- Kurt Tucker
- Jillian Ash
- Ashan Dehanayake
- Alex Smock
- Harry Rolf
- Olivia Amsden
- Carl Jackson
- Michael Quirk
- Fiona Gipps
- Tom Pirrone
- Conor Ruane
- Duncan Hart
- Kat Henderson
- Lauren Bicknell

**The following Resignations were received:**

- Linda Maybanks

*It was moved*

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

COUNCIL 104/97

LUCAS/MCLEAN

CARRIED



### The Secretary's Report

The Secretary outlined progress regarding the plans to introduce Electronic Voting.

He reported that the Union bakery 'On A Roll', has received refurbishments and there will be an Indian Restaurant in the space that was previously occupied by Noggi.

The Secretary reported that the funding for the refurbishment of the Schonell Theatre is under negotiation and that greater understanding of the funding situation for the plans should be reached by late August.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the costs of printing for Clubs and Societies in the new space.

The UQ Union President explained that clubs receive an allocation of free printing.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the copy shop has closed.

The UQ Union President explained that the business has been closed for quite some time.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE UNION SECRETARY BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 104/100 FERNANDO/STARR CARRIED

### Vice President (Students Rights) Report

Shannon Fogarty reported that, as it has been the mid-year break, the Students rights Vice Presidents have been focussing on preparing for projects in Semester 2. She highlighted ongoing work with Morning Marmalade, the plans and preparations for the Thrift Shop Ball, Education Fair and the Food Co-op.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS (STUDENT RIGHTS) BE ACCEPTED  
AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 104/101 MCELAN/STARR CARRIED

### Vice President (Gender and Sexuality) Report

Annie Danks, Vice President (Gender and Sexuality), reported that the portfolio has been working on events and projects planned for semester 2 including the UQ ally Network, Queer Ball and Queer Careers.

She added that the Queer Collective was able to attend a conference in Canberra hosted by the ANU.

Ange Ou entered the meeting at 6:16pm

Question raised regarding why the Union is partnering with the NTEU for Blue Stocking Week.

The UQ Union President responded that the NTEU has a strong interest in representing women students and staff. By partnering with them for the event, the University is supporting it and there will also be more of an audience.

Question was raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the success of the 'Too Poor for Mardi Gras' event.

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Annie Danks, responded that the venue was at capacity and attendees reported that they enjoyed the event.

Question raised regarding whether there was an authority for the statistics highlighted at the previous council meeting regarding support for marriage equality.

The UQ Union President and the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Annie Danks, explained that the authority for those statistics were given at that council meeting and can be found in the minutes.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS (GENDER & SEXUALITY) BE ACCEPTED  
AND CONFIRMED  
COUNCIL 104/102 STARR/MCELAN CARRIED

#### Vice President (Campus Culture) Report

The Vice President of Campus Culture, Daren Tan, highlighted recent and upcoming events including Ramadan, the International Pub Crawl, Market day, Open Day, World Beer Day and International Hangover Day.

Question raised regarding World Beer Day followed by International Hangover Day and whether those events support binge drinking to excess.

The UQ Union President noted that the recovery day does not feature any alcohol.

It was raised by student, Ashan Dehanayake, that a hangover does not necessarily indicate an over-consumption of alcohol and may be an indicator of the lack of ability to metabolise alcohol.

*It was moved*

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

COUNCIL 104/103

MCELAN/ STARR

CARRIED

Environment Officer's Report

The Environment Officers addressed the council and requested informal indication regarding whether council would like them to formally present their report or if those present would like to ask questions relating to the report.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the upcoming film being screened by the environment collective.

The Environment Officers responded that they will be screening a documentary entitled 'Saving the Turtles of Port Headland'.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the Australian Conservation foundation collaboration, ACF activities and what the ACF does in relation to UQ students.

The Environment Officers responded that a number of the Environment Collective members are also members of the ACF.

The ACF is currently running a national campaign regarding heritage sights around Australia as well as community forums, and training young people on how to be environmental leaders.

*It was moved*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICERS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/103

MCELAN/ FERNANDO

CARRIED

The student who had originally starred all reports requested that they no longer be starred for discussion.

*It was moved en bloc*

THAT THE REPORT OF THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/104

MCELAN/ STARR

CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 104/105

MCELAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE MEDICAL STUDENTS' OFFICER BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/106

MCELAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE COLLEGE OFFICERS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/107

MCELAN/ STARR

CARRIED

#### **d) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers**

Nil

#### **e) Question Time**

Question raised regarding the Union's current deficit and whether the Union is concerned.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that the current deficit is approximately \$5,000, which is entirely manageable. He added that the business trading arm is doing well and wages are under control.

The President added that some programs and portfolios won't spend all of their allocated funding.

Question raised regarding progress on the Schonell theatre.

The UQ Union Secretary responded that in the last month funding negotiations have been underway. Student feedback and submissions have indicated that students are hoping the use of the space for cultural productions will be retained.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the National Union of Students Conference and whether the Union helped to fund the attendance of four delegates.

UQ Union President responded that the question has been answered in the previous council meeting. She explained that the Union paid for flights on Tiger Air, subsidised housing and conference registration.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why the flights were booked for the day prior to the beginning of the conference.

The UQ Union President responded that by choosing earlier flights, the tickets were at a lower price.

Question raised regarding the Council of International Students Australia conference and any ideas or strategies that came out of the conference which may be applied at the University of Queensland.

The Postgraduate Officer, Roberto Fragoso, responded that the idea of utilising state funding and ways to participate in initiatives regarding transport could be considered.

Student, Kurt Tucker, moved a motion regarding the process of sending delegates to conferences of the NUS. He was advocating for a proportionate representation across campus political groups.

Question regarding whether the mover intends for councillors to be sent to the conference.

The mover of the motion clarified that he is suggesting that council elects the delegates.

*It was moved*

THAT ANY REPRESENTATIVES RECEIVING UQU FUNDING TO ATTEND NUS CONFERENCES OR EVENTS BE APPOINTED BY UQU COUNCIL BY A VOTE OF PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

COUNCIL 104/108

TUCKER/PIRRONE

NOT CARRIED

#### **f) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

An amendment was suggested regarding attendance and it was noted that Jillian Ash was present.

*It was moved*

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 104/109

FERNANDO/MCLEAN

CARRIED

#### **g) Business Arising From the Minutes**

Nil









An Abilities Collective representative raised that the collective could be contacted regarding the wording in order to consider it further.

It was raised that the regulatory amendments could still pass at this meeting and once the Abilities Collective has considered concerns raised, they could advise council on any further amendments at a later meeting.

*It was moved en bloc*

THAT R81A BE INSERTED AND READ:

R81A Abilities Officer

81A.1 The Union shall have an Abilities Officer.

81A.2 The Abilities Officer shall be an Elected Officer for the purposes of the Regulations and Standing Resolutions on Policy.

81A.3 The Abilities Officer shall be elected at the Annual Elections, with casual vacancies being filled at a meeting of Union Council.

- a) Only students who identify as being (dis)abled may stand for the position of Abilities Officer.
- b) Only students who identify as being (dis)abled may vote for the position of Abilities Officer in an Annual Election.

81A.4 The Abilities Officer is delegated the same responsibilities as the Abilities Collective

81A.5 The Abilities Officer may only exercise the powers of the Union with respect to those responsibilities in accordance with R83.

COUNCIL 104/128                      MCLEAN/CRAMP                      CARRIED

THAT R51.1(A) BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- a) Abilities Officer (Voting)”

COUNCIL 104/129                      MCLEAN/CRAMP                      CARRIED

THAT R51.4(D) BE DELETED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- d) Directing the Abilities Officer in the conduct of their duties as they relate to the Abilities Department”

COUNCIL 104/130                      MCLEAN/CRAMP                      CARRIED

THAT R51.6 BE INSERTED AND READ:

Unless the Abilities Collective resolves otherwise, a student holding the position of Abilities Officer be Chair of the Abilities Collective.

COUNCIL 104/131

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

Council considered a motion regarding schedule 21. No objections were raised.

*It was moved*

THAT R98.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Nominations must be in the form of Schedule Twenty-One. Any nomination by way of other Schedules shall be invalid.

COUNCIL 104/132

HALES FOGARTY

CARRIED

Daren Tan and Shannon Fogarty left the meeting at 7:23pm

Discussion moved to college voting.

A letter from the Head of Colleges, Stephen Foley, was discussed. The letter explained that the Colleges no longer permit college voting and want the provision removed from the UQ Union Regulations.

Question raised regarding whether Council can extend an invitation to Stephen Foley to attend a meeting of UQ Union Council in order to speak to members regarding his request.

The UQ Union President explained that Stephen Foley was very clear on his position and the colleges will refuse to allow voting on their property. She added that if this rule remains in the Regulations, the UQ Union Annual Elections could be invalidated.

The colleges officer raised that the Heads of College have not been clear on why they want voting removed and added that it is not what the students want.

It was suggested that some colleges have indicated support for College voting, the position is no longer unanimous amongst the colleges, and that perhaps some of the locations could be retained.

The President responded that the Regulations can't favour just two or three colleges over the rest. She added that the Union has been advised that the colleges would move as a block to remove voting from colleges and if that has changed, it has not been communicated formally.

It was raised that the regulations will still allow for extra places as the Returning Officer sees fit.

Background on the debate was sought by a councillor for clarification on the issue.

It was explained that the Heads of College presented to the Union and advised that they will not be allowing voter booths on their property at this year's elections. They requested that the regulations change to reflect this.

Questions raised by the Gatton Officer regarding Gatton polling times and voter turn-out.

The UQ Union President responded that the Union will be addressing those issues and will communicate more with Gatton regarding the best times for Gatton voting. It was further clarified that the voting booth at the Halls of Residence has not been removed by the discussed amendments.

*It was moved*

THAT R115.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

115.1 For Annual Elections there must be polling booths open at the following places and times:

- a) in the Holt Room, and/or Heath Room, and/or Innes Room from 9:30am to 4:30pm on each day of polling, and until 7:00pm on one day of polling;
- b) in the Physiology Refectory, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on each day of polling;
- c) at the Ipswich Campus, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on one day of polling;
- d) at the primary non-St Lucia campus for Medical students, from 10:00am to 4:00pm on two days of polling;
- e) at the Gatton Campus, from 10:00am to 4:15pm on two days of polling, and from 4:45pm until 8:00pm in or nearby the main dining hall on two days of polling;
- f) at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence, from 10:00am to 4:00pm on one day of polling; and
- g) at other places and times as determined by a simple majority of Union Council, upon the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

COUNCIL 104/133

HALES/O'CONNOR

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT R115.2 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

115.2 For By-elections there must be polling booths open at the following places and times:

- a) in the Holt Room, and/or Heath Room, and/or Innes Room from 9:30am to 4:30pm on each day of polling, and until 7:00pm on one day of polling;
- b) in the Physiology Refectory, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on each day of polling;
- c) at the Ipswich Campus, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on one day of polling;
- d) at the primary non-St Lucia campus for Medical students, from 10:00am to 4:00pm on two days of polling;

- e) at the Gatton Campus, from 10:00am to 4:15pm on two days of polling, and from 4:45pm until 8:00pm in or nearby the main dining hall on two days of polling;
- f) at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence, from 10:00am to 4:00pm on one day of polling; and
- g) at other places and times as determined by a simple majority of Union Council, upon the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

COUNCIL 104/134

HALES/O'CONNOR

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT R159.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

159.1 For each referendum there must be polling places:

- a) in the Holt Room, and/or Heath Room, and/or Innes Room from 9:30am to 4:30pm on each day of polling, and until 7:00pm on one day of polling;
- b) in the Physiology Refectory, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on each day of polling;
- c) at the Ipswich Campus, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on one day of polling;
- d) at the primary non-St Lucia campus for Medical students, from 10:00am to 4:00pm on two days of polling;
- e) at the Gatton Campus, from 10:00am to 4:15pm on two days of polling, and from 4:45pm until 8:00pm in or nearby the main dining hall on two days of polling;
- f) at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence, from 10:00am to 4:00pm on one day of polling; and
- g) at other places and times as determined by a simple majority of Union Council, upon the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

COUNCIL 104/135

HALES/O'CONNOR

CARRIED

**iii) Financial Statements and Audit Report**

No questions were starred regarding the 2014 Audit Report and Financial Statements.

*It was moved*

THAT THE UQ UNION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDIT REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/136

HALES/O'CONNOR

CARRIED

*It was moved*

THAT THE CORRESPONDENCES TITLED TABLED DOCUMENT 1 AND TABLED DOCUMENT 2 BE NOTED IN RELATION TO APPENDIX B

COUNCIL 104/137

MCLEAN/BOWMAN

CARRIED

**j) Notice of Business to be Proposed**

- i) July 2015 Financial Results.
- ii) 2015 Review Budget

*The meeting was declared closed at 7:40PM*

Confirmed