

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 7th Ordinary Meeting of the
104th UQ Union Council, 2015

6:00PM

Wednesday 26/08/2015

Holt Room

Level 3, Union building (Bld. 21), St. Lucia Campus

Chair: Michael Lucas

The meeting opened at 6:05pm

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

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| • Kathryn Cramp | • Murrawah Johnson | • Amanthi Fernando |
| • Tom O'Connor | • Genevieve Ash | • Jason Wang |
| • Matthew Hales | • Laurence McLean | • Ange Ou |
| • Isabel Manfield | • Patrick Bowman | • Dominic Smith |
| • Shannon Fogarty | • Danielle Rosenfeld-Lovell | • Gabrielle Starr |
| • Amy Jelacic | • Amanda Lamb | • Matthew Kim |
| • Amy MacMahon | • Jaya Prasad | • Michael Lucas |
| • Alexandra Brown | • Michael Wellington | • Blair Ivens |
| • Shilpa Datta | • Josephne Coddington | • Nicholas Tong |

The Following Members were absent:

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| • Annie Danks | • Dion Lee | • Thompson Wong |
| • Gabrielle Menolotto | • Jahmayne coolwell | • Eithandee Aung |
| • Daren Tan | • Tom Davies | • Olivia Anderson |
| • Andrew Simpson | • Laura Howden | • Mike Hopkins |
| • Joshua Roser | • Melanie Keyte | • Damien De Haan |
| • Roberto Fragoso | • Tom Millroy | • Kyle Jenson |
| • Anthony Chepurin | • India Anderson | • Alistair Meldrum |
| • Jaime Goodwin | • Aroha Liebhart | • Jacob Kay |
| • Nicholas Pratt | | |

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Mike Hopkins
- Nicholas Pratt
- Alistair Meldrum
- Jacob Kay
- Annie Danks
- Jahmayen Coolwell
- Roberto Fragoso
- Daren Tan
- Joshua Roser
- Damien de Haan

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

- Alistair Meldrum
- Joshua Roser

The following proxies were received:

- Alistair Meldrum to Thomas Robertson and Conor Ruane
- Jacob Kay to Gabrielle Starr
- Nicholas Pratt to Thomas Robertson and Conor Ruane

The following others were present:

- Imogen Inglis
- Lewis Jones
- Carl Jackson
- Jenny Day
- Lucas Medcraft
- Thomas Robertson
- Kurt Tucker
- Nick Camino
- Marina Burgin
- Rohan McPhee
- Fiona Gipps
- Reeshan Yameen
- Lauren Bicknell

The following Resignations were received:

Nil

It was moved

THAT THE NOTED APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED AND LEAVE BE GRANTED TO ALL APPLICANTS
COUNCIL 104/138 LUCAS/STARR CARRIED

b) Elections

Nil

b) Appeals from Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil

c) Reports of Elected Officers

The report of the Vice President Student Rights was starred for discussion.

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 104/139 FERNANDO/MCLEAN CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE UNION SECRETARY BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/140

FERNANDO/MCLEAN

CARRIED

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 104/141

FERNANDO/MCELAN

CARRIED

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 104/142

FERNANDO/MCELAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICERS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/143

FERNANDO/MCELAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICERS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/144

FERNANDO/MCELAN

CARRIED

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 104/145

FERNANDO/MCELAN

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE GATTON CAMPUS OFFICERS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/146

FERNANDO/MCELAN

CARRIED

Conor Ruane entered the meeting at 6:12pm.

Question raised by student, Reeshan Yameen, regarding the turn out, protest and information on fee deregulation available at Education Fair.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield, explained that information was outlined on the back of all education fair fliers, there was a photo petition and it was a good event.

Question raised by student, Carl Jackson, regarding events held at other campuses and off campus on the same issue with bigger turn outs.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Shannon Fogarty, raised that the Union has mobilised students on this issue several times and it is unfair to criticise the Union's work on advocating against fee deregulation based off the performance of one event. She added that the way Education Fair was run got more information out to students.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield, added that by running the event all day, meaningful conversations with students took place and the exchange of ideas was very positive.

Question raised regarding the core purpose of the event.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield, responded that the event was part of a national campaign. She added that by holding the event, the Union was able to take the opportunity to hold stalls promoting the event and encourage discussion of fee deregulation in the weeks leading up to the National Day of Action.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the photo petition participation and whether people were engaged in the issue and whether participation was too incentivised.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield, added that she spoke to many students who enjoyed the event and wanted to be there.

The UQU President added that the only attraction which was incentivised was the survey. She explained that if the student wished to fill out a survey, they received free popcorn and they were able to answer the questions privately.

Question raised by student, Imogen Inglis, regarding the letters to the senators and whether there was too much pressure to sign it.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield, explained that her advice to the volunteers was to approach students and start a conversation about fee deregulation.

The Chair directed council that any further questions on this issue could be address in question time

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 104/147

MCELAN/STARR

CARRIED

d) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil

e) Question Time

Question raised regarding the scheduled Union Council meeting for October, noting that it now clashed with the Clubs and Societies awards night.

The UQ Union Secretary explained that availability will be gauged from councillors in early October to reschedule and ensure that there won't be a clash

Questions raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding whether there is an update on Incorporating the Union and whether it will go to a referendum

The UQ Union President responded that the Union is waiting on a response from the UQ. She explained that this is an important step towards incorporation regarding the various agreements held by the two organisations. Once this is complete, the Union will move forward with bringing more information to Council. She further explained that incorporation does not have to go to a referendum as incorporation will involve a winding up of the Union.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the photo petition at the education fair and why there was only four participants.

The UQ Union President explained that the photo petition was mostly on a separate camera and has not yet been fully uploaded. The upload will be timed with website traffic and other scheduled posts.

Question raised regarding the statistics regarding marriage equality cited at the 5th ordinary council meeting and the authority for those statistics.

It was explained that the Vice President for Gender and Sexuality, Annie Danks, who originally highlighted the statistics to council was sick tonight. It was further explained that Annie Danks has welcomed emails from councillors interested in the statistics and the authority for the statistics was given on the night of that particular council meeting. It was also added that the photo petition on marriage equality had a high participation and indicates strong support from students at UQ.

Question raised regarding volunteer awards and how many hours a volunteer would do to earn an award.

The Vice President for student Rights responded that the volunteers will get an award and some will also receive a written reference. She explained that there are different types of awards that can be earned based on how many hours a volunteer has worked.

Question raised regarding the Legislative Consultative Committee and who can attend.

The UQ Union President and Secretary explained that anyone can attend and online submissions are also welcome.

Question raised regarding the recent activity of the International students officer.

Lucas Medcraft responded that the International Students Officer is not present tonight but he can detail recent events and plans, as he has been volunteering in that portfolio. He explained that Dion Lee has been working a bare minimum of ten hours per week and has been planning and running many events including the student forum, International Ball and advocacy workshops regarding accommodation and work rights.

The UQ Union President added that the Union has also been putting more of a focus on helping students with visa issues, migration services and assistance with accommodation issues commonly experienced by international students.

Question raised regarding the recent activity of the Postgraduate Officer.

It was explained that the Postgraduate Officer was not present to detail current work but the UQ Union Treasurer was able to outline that he was aware of a number of projects in the planning stages including a networking night for postgraduate students.

The UQ Union President added that the portfolio has also been working on a business event and changes to Centrelink affecting postgraduate students. It was also suggested that students can look at the APS website for more information on current activity.

It was requested that a report from the International Students Officer and the Post Graduate Students Officer be made available at the next meeting of council.

The Chair reminded council members that if there is anything they wish to discuss at the next meeting, they can suggest items under 'business to be proposed'.

Question raised by student, Imogen Inglis, regarding complaints of students who wish to be able to vote several times at the upcoming Union elections in order to gain several Union vouchers.

The UQ Union Secretary responded that one of the benefits of electronic voting will be that double voting will be cut down on significantly. He added that the vouchers will still be available this year.

Question raised by student, Lewis Jones, regarding an event recently attended by members of the Queer Collective at the port of Brisbane.

The Vice President for Gender and sexuality, Amy Jelacic, explained that no Union resources were used and members attended the strike out of solidarity.

The UQ Union President added that attendance at the event was not an official Queer Collective initiative. A member posted online informing other members that they would be attending and invited others who wanted to join them or car pool.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the finances with respect to the education fair and whether students were being recruited to join the NTEU as members.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that to his knowledge the NUS and NTEU did not fund the event. He explained that the Union spent \$2,600 for the animals, snow cones and other entertainment on the day.

The UQ Union President added that the NTEU was not collecting membership.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield, added that those sorts of events are not often used for recruitment and that the day was more about the issue of fee deregulation.

Question raised by student, Lewis Jones, regarding the attendance of members from the Queer Collective at the Port of Brisbane strikes with respect to the use of a Queer Collective banner and Union funds.

The UQ Union President responded that the Queer Collective did not expend any resources on attending the strike as the banner already existed.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the number of issues of Semper Floreat scheduled for release this year.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that the schedule was for one issue in every academic month, six in total.

The UQ Union President added that the editor wished to wait for distribution of the women's edition of Semper Floreat to be fully taken up before releasing the next issue. She further explained that it was originally released towards the end of last semester.

Question raised regarding whether there was an update on college voting.

The UQ Union President responded that Joshua Roser, the Colleges Officer, met with the Heads of College and position of the Heads of College has still not changed.

Question raised regarding any follow up plans from the Education Fair.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield, responded that there is another campaign in the planning stages.

Question raised by student, Lewis Jones, regarding finger buns and why they are no longer on offer at the Union bakery.

The Operations manager explained that the menu was reconsidered for the bakery and all items were assessed. The items that were not selling well were replaced by new products.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding whether the Union intends to lobby the Queensland Government with respect to recent decisions on the costs of fares.

The Union President responded that she has sent a letter to the Transport Minister outlining that Brisbane is already one of the most expensive cities in the world with regards to transport costs and added that she has received a verbal response to that letter. She will be looking into having a meeting with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the Union will be lobbying the Government on this issue.

Question raised regarding the Union's approach to lobbying on this matter.

The UQ Union President responded that the Union has begun by contacting the Government directly.

Question raised regarding the current status of the Gatton Students Association.

It was explained that GSA is an unaffiliated club which also owns a bar and largely works to organise events across the Gatton student body, working in conjunction with other clubs.

A question was raised by student, Lewis Jones, regarding whether the Union has considered lobbying the current Transport Minister regarding the provision of more buses at night servicing the nearby areas.

The UQ Union President responded that the Union met with the Department of Transport and Main Roads last month regarding such issues and explained that the UQ will be considering the issue as well.

A question was raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the pay rates for elected officers.

The UQ Union President responded that the Vice Presidents are paid \$17.23 per hour, the top three positions are paid \$15 per hour and all other elected officers, excluding Postgraduate and the International Students Officers, are unpaid.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why there is a disparity between the rates of pay.

The UQ Union President responded that the system was inherited from previous administrations and the current executive did not want to reduce the rates of pay for Vice Presidents who all hold very time consuming positions, despite the cap placed on the amount of hours they are paid for. She added that the money received for a Vice President Position is often not sufficient to pay rent and buy groceries.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the elected officers are all work the requisite amount of hours and whether time sheets will be made available at the next council.

The UQ Union President explained that all elected office bearers are working the required amount of hours. She explained that, as a lot of work occurs outside of the Union building, thumb scan records do not always reflect the amount of hours worked each week. She further explained that the top three positions are not required to use the thumb scan device. She added that she is satisfied with the amount of work people are engaging in and asked if he had a complaint regarding performance.

Student, Kurt Tucker, advised that he is satisfied with the amount of work being done by paid office bearers.

f) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCIL 104/148

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

g) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil

h) Reports of Other Union Bodies

Procedural motion to move the reports of Union Bodies en bloc

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/149

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/150

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/151

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/152

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/153

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES COLLECTIVE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/154

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE RETURNING OFFICER SELECTION PANEL REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/155

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

i) Business Which has Been Proposed

i) July 2015 Financial Results

The UQ Union Treasurer outlined the financial results for July 2015.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the 2015 actuals as a variance to the budget.

The UQ Union Treasurer explained that there has been an influx of SSAF funding which hasn't been fully reflected in the budget. That influx offsets negative variances and the budget will balance out in the long run. He explained that this is particularly relevant with respect to the student services area where negative variances are largely due to a mis-match in timing between spending and income.

Question raised regarding a variance of \$1 under the student services support budget.

The UQ Union Treasurer responded that it is likely an error but he will look into it.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the expenditure on elections and referendums.

The UQ Union Secretary explained that the expenditure was in regards to the licencing of BigPulse.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/156

MCLEAN/LOVELL

CARRIED

ii) Review Budget

The Chair explained that the Review Budget contains some information which is commercial in confidence. He emphasised the importance of confidentiality at this meeting.

It was agreed that the meeting would move in camera.

Procedural to move in camera

CARRIED

Meeting moved in camera at 7:07pm

Meeting moved ex camera at 7:33pm

It was moved

THAT THE 2015 REVIEW BUDGET BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/156

MCLEAN/HALES

CARRIED

iii) Regulatory Amendments

The chair explained that each recommendation will be treated as a motion.

Question raised regarding the role of Turbot St Officer and what will happen to that position.

It was suggested that the role should be open to the students who used to study at Turbot St which include students enrolled in a Bachelor of Dental Science, Bachelor of Oral Health or a Bachelor of Dentistry.

It was suggested that a motion be drafted in order to officially clarify the role of Turbot St Officer.

Recommendations 22, 25, 27, 41 and 44 were starred for discussion.

It was moved

THAT FOR CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE ELECTIONS, STUDENT STUDYING A BACHELOR OF DENTAL SCIENCE (HONS); OR BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH; OR DIPLOMA OF CLINICAL DENTISTRY SHALL BE CONSIDERED TURBOT STREET STUDENTS FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTIONS IN 2015.

COUNCIL 104/157

MCLEAN/ROBERTSON

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural motion for all recommendations which had not been starred to be moved en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT R90.2 BE ADDED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“If the election is to be conducted with Electronic Voting, then there should be a general understanding that regulatory directions for ‘ballot papers’ are applicable to the ‘Electronic Voting Ballot’, unless stated otherwise.”

COUNCIL 104/158

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R98.2(b) BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“b) A candidate may neither nominate nor second their own candidacy.”

COUNCIL 104/159

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

THAT R99.4 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“No decision of the Returning Officer to reject a nomination may be appealed to the Electoral Tribunal more than three days, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, after the close of nominations. To effect an appeal under this regulation, written notice setting out the decision which is appealed and the grounds of the appeal is to be provided to the Electoral Tribunal Registrar within the time required herein.”

COUNCIL 104/160

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R101.1(a) BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“a) for Annual Elections, no later than 5:00pm two Academic Days after the day nominations close”

COUNCIL 104/161

MCLEAN/HALES

CARRIED

THAT R104.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“For Annual Elections, the Returning Officer must, by 5:00pm five days, exclusive of Saturday and Sunday, after the day nominations close, place on the Union Noticeboard a list of candidates in the order they will

appear on the Ballot Paper. If a current appeal before the Electoral Tribunal prevents compliance with this regulation, the Returning Officer must post the list of candidates at the earliest reasonable opportunity.”

COUNCIL 104/162

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R106.2(c)(i) BE AMENDED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE BEGINNING OF THE CLAUSE:
“7”

COUNCIL 104/163

MCLEAN/HALES

CARRIED

THAT R106.4 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- “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 R117.1, the Electoral Group must comply with R106.2(c)(i).
b) If the election is conducted with electronic voting, for an Electoral Group to appear on electronic voting ballot as defined in R123B.3, the Electoral Group must comply with R106.2(c)(i).”

COUNCIL 104/164

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R106.5 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- “a) If the election is conducted with paper ballots, then for an Electoral Group to appear on the Schedule Twenty-Two ballot paper for a faculty as defined in R117.3, the Electoral Group must comply with R106.2(c)(ii) and have at least one candidate in the Electoral Group from that faculty. If the Electoral Group does not comply with R106.2(c)(ii) but has at least one candidate in the faculty, then the candidates in that Electoral Group shall appear on the electronic voting ballot as independents.
b) If the election is conducted with electronic voting, then for an Electoral Group to appear on the electronic voting ballot for a faculty as defined in R123B.5, the Electoral Group must comply with R106.2(c)(ii) and have at least one candidate in the Electoral Group from that faculty. If the Electoral Group does not comply with R106.2(c)(ii) but has at least one candidate in the faculty, then the candidates in that Electoral Group shall appear on the electronic voting ballot as independents.”

COUNCIL 104/165

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R106.6 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- “a) If the election is conducted with paper ballots, then for an Electoral Group to appear on the Schedule Twenty-Three ballot paper as defined in R117.4, the Electoral Group must comply with R106.2(c)(iii). If the Electoral Group does not comply with R106.2(c)(iii) but has at least one candidate for Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat), then the candidate(s) shall appear on the ballot paper as a grouping of independents.
b) If the election is conducted with electronic voting, then for an Electoral Group to appear on the electronic voting ballot as defined in R123B.6, the Electoral Group must comply with R106.2(c)(iii). If the Electoral Group does not comply with R106.2(c)(iii) but has at least one candidate for Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat), then the candidate(s) shall appear on the electronic voting ballot as a grouping of independents.”

COUNCIL 104/166

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R106.17 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“A complete list of all candidates who are members of an Electoral Group and the position for which they are standing must be submitted to the Returning Officer by the close of nominations in hard copy and electronic copy form. Failure to do both methods will not invalidate the electoral group.”

COUNCIL 104/166

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R106.18 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“The Returning Officer must not, prior to the close of nominations, make available any information about Electoral Group registrations received for that Annual Election. This Regulation does not apply to confirmation of receipt of a registration to the Campaign Manager of the Electoral Group, or advising the Campaign Manager that the proposed name of their Electoral Group has already been registered for the election or a previous election in accordance with R106.10.

- a) If the name has been previously registered within the Election Period, then the Returning Officer must advise the candidate or campaign manager that the name cannot be used.”

COUNCIL 104/167

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R107.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“Candidates who register an Electoral Group must nominate the name, mailing address, email address and all contact details of a student to be the Campaign Manager for the Electoral Group.”

COUNCIL 104/168

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R108.10 BE ADDED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“Policy Statements will not appear on electronic voting ballots or ballot papers, unless determined by a two-thirds majority of Union Council, and upon the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

- a) If so determined, the policy statements should be activated as a drop-down box or hover box.”

COUNCIL 104/169

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

THAT R109.2(o) BE INSERTED AND READ:

“o) intentionally making any statement which is materially false in relation to any candidate, the UQ Union, the UQ Union Staff or the Election.”

AND THAT R109.2(p) BE INSERTED AND READ:

“p) a person shall not, in relation to an Election, print, publish or distribute, or cause, permit or authorise to be printed, published or distributed, any matter or thing containing a statement:

- i. that is untrue; or
- ii. that is, or is likely to be, misleading or deceptive; or
- iii. it shall be a defence to an allegation of breach of this subsection if the person proves that they did not know and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the matter or thing contained a statement of the kind referred to in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) above.”

COUNCIL 104/170

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

R110.6 BE INSERTED AND READ:

“Social media accounts or pages, such as Twitter accounts, Instagram accounts, Facebook pages and the like, must have the name, profile picture and cover photo of the account or page approved by the Returning Officer prior to publication. The other electronic materials of these pages or accounts do not require approval.”

AND THAT R110.7 BE INSERTED AND READ:

“The Returning Officer may require that the social media account or page take electronic material down if the Returning Officer deems that it breaks the electoral regulations, other than just not being authorised.”

COUNCIL 104/171

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

THAT R117.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“This regulation applies for all Elections to be conducted by paper ballot, and for any postal ballots, and for any part of an Election being conducted by Electronic Voting for polling places where Electronic Voting is not being utilised. Disregard this Regulation, except for postal votes and for polling places where Electronic Voting is not being utilised, if the Election is to be conducted by Electronic Voting, in accordance with R117A.”

AND THAT R117A.7 BE DELETED AND R117A.8 BE RENUMBERED AS R117A.7

THAT R117A.8 BE INSERTED AND READ:

“Voters at polling places conducting a paper ballot as determined by R117A.11 must have their votes conducted in a similar manner to a postal vote, with the voter receiving the items referred to in R113.8(b-d), exclusive of postage requirements, so that students cannot vote in both the Electronic Voting ballot and the paper ballot.”

AND THAT R117A.11 BE INSERTED AND READ:

“The Returning Officer may determine that some polling places are unsuitable for Electronic Voting due to lack of facilities at the polling place, or lack of IT devices for Electronic Polling, and conduct part of the election as a paper ballot per R117.”

THAT R117A.12 BE INSERTED AND READ:

“The Returning Officer shall be the only person who administers the Electronic Voting system login details, and may create accounts in the system for polling clerks and Assistant Returning Officers for those people to perform their duties.”

COUNCIL 104/171

MCLEAN/HALES

CARRIED

THAT R118.3 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“At polling places where the election is being conducted by paper ballot, the poll clerk must:

- a) verify that the voter is the student whose card it is by checking the signature and the photograph
- b) initial each ballot paper for the Officers the student is entitled to vote for; then
- c) issue the ballot papers.”

AND THAT R118.4 BE INSERTED AND READ:

“At polling places where the election is being conducted by Electronic Voting, the poll clerk must:

- a) verify that the voter is the student whose card it is by checking the signature and the photograph

- b) unlock the student's vote using the Electronic Voting system and allow access to all ballots with positions the student is entitled to vote for; then
- c) allow the student to vote on the Electronic Voting system."

COUNCIL 104/172

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

R123.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

"R123 applies to Schedule Nineteen paper ballots only."

COUNCIL 104/173

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

THAT R123A BE INSERTED AND READ:

"R123A Above the line voting – Schedule Twenty-Two

123A.1 R123A applies to Schedule Twenty-Two paper ballots only.

123A.2 For the purposes of Council ballots, above the line voting allows for a student to vote for all of the candidates in an electoral group for councillors in the order specified by that electoral group.

123A.3 For the purposes of Council ballots, below the line voting allows for a student to vote for candidates in any order they wish, regardless of an electoral group's preference order.

123A.4 If a voter places markings in boxes above the line and below the line, then their below the line shall take precedence.

- a) If the below the line vote is informal and the above the line vote is formal, the vote shall be considered formal and the above the line vote shall be recorded.

123A.5 Where a student votes above the line on Schedule Twenty-Two, the preference that the voter indicates to the left of electoral group's name will carry through to the applicable positions in order of the preference specified by the electoral group, and then to the preferences specified by the voter's second electoral group (if applicable), and so on.

123A.6

- a) The order of candidates specified by the electoral group to apply to above the line votes for that electoral group shall be submitted to the Returning Officer as per R103.2.
- b) Copies of the order of candidates specified by each electoral group to apply to above the line voting shall be made available to students by poll clerks. The order in which candidates appear below the line upon the Schedule Twenty-Two ballot paper shall be indicative of the order of candidates specified by that electoral group, in accordance with R123A.6(a)."

COUNCIL 104/174

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

THAT Schedule Six as proposed in Tabled Document 1 be included in the Schedules and replace the existing Schedule Six.

COUNCIL 104/175

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

COUNCIL 104/176	MCLEAN/CRAMP	CARRIED
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COUNCIL 104/178 MCLEAN/HALES CARRIED

COUNCIL 104/179 HALES/FOGARTY CARRIED

COUNCIL 104/180

HALES/FOGARTY

CARRIED

It was explained that this allows for more notice and more time to complete administrative work surrounding the calling of elections.

It was moved

The instance of “Saturday” be replaced with “Wednesday”

COUNCIL 104/181 MCLEAN/CRAMP CARRIED

The day would be changed to one week earlier. It was explained that, traditionally, the nominations period went for a week. Last year it was extended to two weeks to reflect a system where elections could be called at any time and allow for enough time for preparation. It was explained that this year, the dates have been set

and all interested parties have had the entire year to prepare for those dates and the need for a two week nomination period has diminished.

It was explained that this will save on costs as it reduces the length of time the Returning Officer is required for that particular task.

Question raised regarding why the nominations period should be shortened this year when it was lengthened last year.

The UQ Union President responded that last year the Returning Officer received no nominations in the first week. She added that, as the election dates have been set for the entire year which means that electoral groups have had longer notice in 2015.

It was added that there is now more time to allow for appeals and the verification of candidates.

Question raised regarding whether savings on costs will be made, considering the Returning Officer will still be working for the same period of time.

The UQ Union President responded that cost savings will depend on the kind of contract that is negotiated with the Returning Officer.

It was raised that as well as allowing for more time to handle appeals ahead of campaign week, and more time for the Electoral Tribunal to meet if necessary, the change will also allow for more time to then finalise the ballots.

It was raised that the period was originally extended for smaller tickets to get organised.

The UQ Union President responded that the dates of the election have been publicly available all year and smaller groups have been able to organise their group all year.

The UQ Union Secretary added that the Union will be promoting the dates online as well.

Question regarding whether the nomination forms are available prior to the nominations week.

The UQ Union Secretary responded that the forms are all available in the regulations and could be filled out at any time.

It was moved

THAT R100.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“For Annual Elections, nominations must be received by the Returning Officer no later than 1:00pm on the first Friday after the opening of nominations.”

COUNCIL 104/182

HALES/MCLEAN

CARRIED

Council discussed a motion pertaining to the option for a randomisation of candidates under electronic voting. The motion sets out that that the enactment of such an option would require authorisation from a two-thirds majority of Union Council and the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

Question raised regarding what the randomisation would look like in practice.

It was explained that it would not be used in a situation where an electoral group submitted a particular order of candidates for a multi member office and that order cannot be kept.

It was suggested that perhaps the groups could be randomised in terms of where they are placed on the ballot, but the candidates will remain in the same order.

Question raised regarding what the default option would be.

It was explained that the default option will be for no randomisation.

It was moved

THAT R103.4 BE INSERTED AND READ:

“103.4 This regulation applies to Electronic Voting Ballots, unless the Electronic Voting system allows for some form of randomisation of ballots or candidate rotation so that each voter is presented with a different order of candidates. If this is the case, the randomisation of ballots must be authorised by a two-thirds majority of Union Council, and upon the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

- a) If the randomisation of ballots or candidate rotation does not allow keeping the order of Multi-Member Offices where Electoral Groups may submit a list of candidates in order, then this regulation shall still apply and randomisation of ballots or candidate rotation shall not be used.”

COUNCIL 104/183

MCLEAN/HALES

CARRIED

A question was raised regarding an earlier amendment which was passed, pertaining to the approval of the Returning Officer for social media accounts and whether that rule is currently too ambiguous and may apply to personal accounts unintentionally.

It was suggested that the changes would be read in the context of the regulation as a whole and would not be interpreted too broadly.

It was raised that it could affect accounts such as stalker space or personal accounts of students who make posts about the election.

A motion was drafted to address the ambiguity.

It was discussed that the new motion could be too prescriptive and it would be preferable for the Returning Officer to interpret the regulation sensibly.

It was moved

THAT NOTICE PERIOD BE WAIVED TO CONSIDER INSERTING R110.8

COUNCIL 104/184

MCLEAN/STARR

WITHDRAWN

It was moved

THAT R110.8 BE INSERTED AND READ

“110.8 R110.6- 110.7 DO NOT APPLY TO PERSONAL ACCOUNTS.”

COUNCIL 104/184

MCLEAN/STARR

WITHDRAWN

Council discussed a motion regarding the value of the voucher which students will receive when they vote, removing the adjustment for CPI and allowing Council to set the voucher at an appropriate value. The motion also addresses the ability for students to receive a voucher when voting electronically.

Question raised regarding why the adjustment with CPI was removed.

The UQ Union President responded that if it is not removed, the Union will have to spend approximately an extra \$13,000 on the election based on voter turn-out in 2014 and added that students are not dissatisfied with the value of the current \$5 voucher.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the Union is helping students in need.

The UQ Union President raised that the Union was able to provide an extra \$20,000 in welfare bursaries to students who were in need in 2015.

It was raised by student, Carl Jackson, that the voucher should be removed entirely.

It was raised that the voucher goes to every student who votes, regardless of who they vote for and that encourages voter participation.

It was raised that the motion also ensures that students who vote electronically will receive their voucher.

It was suggested that other areas of the regulations dealing with monetary values are indexed up with CPI and that should be consistent. The wages of the Vice Presidents was given as an example.

It was clarified that the wages of the Vice Presidents are not indexed up with CPI.

It was moved

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

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

AND THAT R119.2 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

“The value of the voucher will be set at \$5.00, unless determined otherwise by a two-thirds majority of Union Council.”

A question was raised regarding the existence of the Ipswich Officer.

The UQ Union President responded that there will still be an Ipswich Officer position during the teach-out period. She added that if a new constitution comes into effect, the wording will allow for external campus positions to change over time.

It was moved

THAT R123B BE INSERTED AND READ:

“R123B Form of Electronic Voting Ballot

123B.1 R123B applies only to Electronic Voting ballots.

123B.2 The Returning Officer has discretion to the layout of the ballot generally, subject to clauses in this regulation.

123B.3 The following positions shall have their ballot on the first page or first section of the ballot system, in the following order:

- a) President
- b) Union Secretary
- c) Treasurer
- d) Vice-President (Student Rights)
- e) Vice-President (Campus Culture)
- f) Vice-President (Gender and Sexuality)
- g) Environment Officer
- h) Administrative Committee

123B.4 The following positions shall each have their own individual ballots on their own page or section of the ballot system, and only appear for those students eligible to vote for the position:

- a) Postgraduate Officer
- b) Turbot Street Officer
- c) Medical Students Officer
- d) Ipswich Campus Officer
- e) Gatton Campus Officer
- f) International Students Officer
- g) Goorie Berrimpa Officer
- h) Colleges Officer
- i) Abilities Officer
- j) Gatton Board Member

123B.5 The election for Councillor shall have its own pages or sections of the ballot system, with each faculty having its own page or section, and each faculty only appearing for students in that faculty.

123B.6 The election for Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat) shall have its own page or section of the ballot system.

123B.7 Any other position(s) not covered above shall have its own page or section of the ballot system, and only appear for those students eligible to vote for those position(s).

123B.8 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-line voting option should be available to allow voters to vote for all positions the same way or to vote the ticket for Multi-Member Offices.

- a) This above-the-line voting option shall function like a Schedule Nineteen ballot paper pursuant to R123.4 in the event of multiple positions being elected at once; and
- b) This above-the-line voting option shall function like a Schedule Twenty-Two ballot paper pursuant to R123A.5-R123A.6 in the event of a Multi-Member Office.

R123B.9 The candidate shall have the Electoral Group name next to their name, where the candidate appears on an electronic ballot of:

- a) Positions in R123B.3 or R123B.4, if the candidate is part of an electoral group complying with R106.2(c)(i);
- b) Positions in R123B.5, if the candidate is part of an electoral group complying with R106.2(c)(ii);
- c) Positions in R123B.6, if the candidate is part of an electoral group complying with R106.2(c)(iii);
- d) Positions in R123B.7, if the candidate is part of an electoral group which complies with either R106.2(c)(i) or R106.2(c)(iii).

R123B.10 The ballot system will allow the voter to cast an informal vote for any ballot, although a warning message may be displayed prior to confirmation, to alert the voter.”

COUNCIL 104/186

MCLEAN/CRAMP

CARRIED

j) Notice of Business to be Proposed

- i) August 2015 Financial Results.
- ii) Report of the International Students Officer
- iii) Report of the Postgraduate Students Officer

The meeting was declared closed at 8:42PM