

Minutes of the 10th Ordinary Meeting of the 110th Union Council

25th November 2021

Innes Room

5:30 PM

The meeting was declared open at 5:45PM

a) Credentials:

Councillors:

Anastasia Georgiou
Darcy Creighton
Elloise Campbell
Gabby Callow
Ji Davis
Jordan Mark
Michael Walker
Myah McGinity
Sam Adams
Stuart Moss
Thomas Stephen

Elected Officers:

Billie Kugelman
Emily Scott
Emily Searle
Lisa Pham
Ryan Jover

Others:

Austin Smidt
Barclay McGain
Cara Rowe
Greta Simpson
Hughston Parle
Jack Barton
Julian Hay
Tristan Murdoch

The following proxies were received:

Kyle Clunies-Ross to Tristan Murdoch
Julia Bejleri to Darcy Creighton
Kurt Munckton to Darcy Creighton
David McGovern to Julian Hay
Hamish Barnett to Jordan Mark
Elise Northcote to Jordan Mark

b) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting:

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 9TH ORDINARY MEETING OF UNION COUNCIL
BE ACCEPTED

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DAVIS/JOVER

CARRIED

c) Business arising from the previous meeting

Nil

d) Requests for starring/approval or noting of the items not starred en bloc

The President's, Treasurer's and Semper Floreat reports were starred.

e) Reports of Elected Officers

President's Report

Student Jack Barton asked how the Union was going at that moment. Treasurer Pham noted that next year the Union had managed to secure control of the exam period food trucks from UQ Life.

Cr Adams asked about President Scott's upcoming meeting with the University over wildlife safety. The University has said via email that they intended to put up signs regarding wildlife but that this has not yet occurred. The President's meeting will be about broader wildlife safety issues, particularly during the Union complex redevelopment. Cr Adams noted that it appeared once again that the University's main priority was its image and advertising.

Student Tristan Murdoch asked President Scott about the new bar being sprouted for the student residences. President Scott said that the intention of

Cr Georgiou asked a question on notice for the VP Students Rights for how she perceived the AAN was going at this stage of the year.

Semper Floreat

Cr Adams asked Chief Editor Kugelman for an updated.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
110/205 SCOTT/DAVIS CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
110/206 PHAM/DAVIS CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY (WOMEN'S) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
110/207 SEARLE/DAVIS CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE STUDENTS RIGHTS (ACADEMIC) REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
110/208 LE/DAVIS CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE SEMPER FLOREAT REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
110/209 KUGELMAN/DAVIS CARRIED

f) Question Time

Jack Barton asked President Scott if she knew why the University had decided to close the veterinary clinic at Dayboro. President Scott stated that she did not know the reasons as she had not yet been able to discuss the issue with the University.

g) General Business

Uni Admin's Cancellation of Emails for Life

Student Carl Nimmo spoke about his reliance on his UQ alumni email address, and that the decision to rescind the access to those emails on the part of the University was a very disruptive decision. Cr Adams stated that students had taken the University on their word, and that this will severely impact many people. Cr Adams further noted that the University's claims that they consulted were unsubstantiated, and that as the Union was the elected representative body of students the fact that they were not consulted should be of great concern.

Rowan Evans noted that a potential solution would be to never graduate from UQ.

It was moved

A) THE UQU CONDEMNS THE UNIVERSITY ADMIN DECISION TO RESCIND ITS PROMISE OF AN "EMAIL FOR LIFE" FOR ALL UQ STUDENTS

B) THE UQU IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S "CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS" DID NOT INCLUDE CONSULTATION WITH THE UNION

C) THAT UNION REPRESENTATIVES MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE RELEVANT UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS MAKING THESE TWO POINTS

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NIMMO/ADAMS

CARRIED

Dayboro Clinic

Austin Smidt spoke against the closure of the Dayboro vet clinic, saying that it severely impacting hundreds of UQ students and staff, as well as members of the Dayboro community. Smidt called on the Union to support the motion and the petition.

Cr Walker waived his right to speak.

Chair Davis asked why Smidt was so interested in the issue. Smidt responded that this decision speaks to the broader problem of the University approaching decisions primarily from a commercial perspective rather than a learning perspective.

It was moved

THIS COUNCIL CONDEMNS UQ'S PLANS TO CLOSE THE UQ VETERINARY CLINIC AT DAYBORO.

THIS COUNCIL DIRECTS THE UNION SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT TO PUBLISH DETAILS OF THE PETITION SURROUNDING THE CLOSURE TO THE UNION FACEBOOK PAGE

110/211

SMIDT/WALKER

CARRIED

Online AGM's

The Chair asked for clarification if the motion required referral to Rules Committee. Cr Creighton raised that a similar motion had been raised only two months before and had been rejected. The Chair asked for a point of order on whether or not it should be heard. Student Tristan Murdoch stated that it was fine for Council to reconsider the motion. Cara Rowe stated that now that AGM season was over it was appropriate for Council to revisit the issue.

The Chair decided to hear the motion.

Rowan Evans stated that he believed the motion was out of order as it should be referred to C&S Committee.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Tristan Murdoch called for dissent in the chair.

Council voted for dissent in the chair.

Cara Rowe stated the importance for clubs to be able to hold their AGM's. She particularly noted the need for some clubs to hold general meetings over the summer break, and that forcing clubs to drag people back onto campus during this period would make it very difficult for clubs to reach quorum during this period.

Hughston Parle stated that it was standard for organisations to require in person AGM's and that many had done so. He also believed that this was an issue that should only be in the purview of the C&S Committee.

Cara Rowe noted that people travelled away from Brisbane during the summer break and that for some clubs it would be impossible to successfully hold a meeting.

Chair Davis stated that clubs should be responsible enough to not need to hold a general meeting over the summer break.

Cr Creighton left the meeting.

Sam Adams *For*
Hamish Barnett proxied to Jordan Mark *For*
Gabby Callow *For*
Elloise Campbell *Abstain*
Julia Bejleri proxied to Darcy Creighton *Against*
Darcy Creighton *Against*
Jordan Mark *For*
Myah McGinity *For*
David McGovern proxied to Julian Hay *For*
Elise Northcote proxied to Jordan Mark *For*
Anastasia Georgiou *For*
Kyle Clunies-Ross proxied to Tristan Murdoch *For*

Cr Campbell left the meeting.

It was moved

COUNCIL INTERPRETS THE MEANING OF "PRESENT" IN THE UQU

REGULATIONS REGARDING SGMS AND AGMS OF CLUBS AND SOCIETIES TO
ALLOW FOR ONLINE ATTENDANCE OF AGM'S. CLUBS AND SOCIETIES ARE
THUS PERMITTED TO HAVE ONLINE OR PARTIALLY ONLINE GENERAL
MEETINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THEIR CONSTITUTION.

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ROWE/JOVER

TABLED

Rowan Evans dissented in the Chair's count. The Chair noted that the meeting was inquorate and was thus unable to vote on the dissent. The Chair tabled the motion until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:34PM.

CONFIRMED