

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 8th Ordinary Meeting of the
111th UQ Union Council, 2022

4:00 PM
Monday September 5th, 2022

Heath Room
UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia
Chair: Samuel Adams

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:11 PM and acknowledged the traditional owners and custodians of the land, paying respect to their elders' past, present, and emerging.

a) Credentials:

The following were present

Councillors

Utkrist Paudyal
Austin Smidt
Ella Gutteridge
Natasha Brettell
Louisa McCarthy
Laura Nolan
Gabby Callow
Carib Phillips
Elise Northcote
Matthew Burgin
Jack Feng
Helen Craze
Max Thompson
Anna Redshaw

**Student Executives
and Officers**

Emily Searle
Cara Rowe
Radhika Peddibhotla
Justin Chen
Marisha Robinson
Greta Simpson
Elias Blanch
Jake Coleman
Samara Paradine

Observers

Logan Bean
Jack Walmsley
Maximilian Klean
Treffery Webb
James Hudson
Ryan Jover
Matthew English
Joshua Todd Cooper
Emma Godbold
Serge Abbari
Ryley Calvert
Hughston Parle
Dylan Thomas
Barclay McGain
Elias Blanch
Lauren Ward
Banjo Waring

Apologies and Leave:

- Myo Sumiko
- Samuel Chamberlain
- Rheanna Norris
- Mitchell Ablett-Nelson
- Alicia Steele
- Ben Myatt
- Edward Uzelin
- Anna Li
- Julia Bejleri
- Ethan Jones
- Daniel Dawes
- Zwe Aung

The following proxies were received:

- Sam Chamberlain to Barclay McGain
- Julia Bejleri to Hughston Parle
- Ethan Jones to Hughston Parle
- Daniel Dawes to Matthew Burgin
- Mitchell Ablett-Nelson to Lauren Ward
- Zwe Htet Aung to Dylan Thomas
- Elloise Campbell to Helen Craze
- Ben Myatt to Ryley Calvert
- Edward Uzelin to Carib Phillips
- Shenalle Jiang to Elias Blanch

Elections of the Student members for UQU BOD:

Secretary Cara Rowe informed the council on the role of Board of Directors of the UQ Union and the procedure for election of student representatives from the union Council to the board.

The chair invited nominations from the floor of the Council. Elias Blanch and Natasha Brettell nominated themselves for the role and were elected as student representatives to the UQU BOD as nominated by the Council.

b) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to reflect the attendance of Jack Feng, Helen Craze and the typo in observers was removed.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 8TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 111TH UQ UNION COUNCIL HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 111/ 74

CARRIED

c) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting :

Regs Changes :

Banning electoral groups from using party names :

Secretary Cara Rowe spoke on the proposed motion explaining why it is a bad practice that needs to be stopped. She further mentioned that it is a deliberate ploy to confuse the students and a stance needs to be taken against it, to make elections more accessible.

The motion seconder Ryan Jover spoke on how the credibility of Union is affected by such practices and not agreeing with the motion would be doing a disservice to the union.

Elias Blanch spoke on how such practices are a barrier for the disabled students as it creates cognitive confusion.

Hughston Parle mentioned that the motion is broadly phrased and the unintended consequences of such regs changes can potentially affect parties. He further opined that it might be easier to make a list of parties and ban them rather than make it a blanket ban as it prohibits a lot of normal words from being used.

Secretary Cara Rowe clarified to the Council that the intended move is not have the power in the hands of student political representatives but rather leave it to the barristers in the election tribunal

It was moved

THAT THE ELECTORAL GROUPS IN UQU ELECTIONS BE BANNED
FROM USING POLITICAL PARTY NAMES

COUNCIL 111/75

ROWE/JOVER

NOT CARRIED

Recorded Vote

Edward Uzelin *proxy For*

Julia Bejleri *proxy Against*

Natasha Brettell *Against*

Utkrist Paudyal *For*

Elise Northcote *For*

Austin Smidt *For*

Elloise Campbell *proxy Against*

Ben Myatt *proxy For*

Matthew Burgin *Against*

Zwe Htet Aung *proxy For*

Gabby Callow *For*

Max Thompson *For*

Anna Redshaw *For*

Mitch Ablett Nelson *proxy Against*

Sam Chamberlain *For*

Carib Phillips *For*

Daniel Dawes *proxy Against*

Jack Feng *Against*

Laura Nolan *For*

Shenalle Jiang *proxy For*

Helen Craze *Against*

Ethan Jones *proxy Against*

RO has reasonable discretion for the size and type of ballot :

Secretary Cara Rowe explained to the council on the ballot paper design proposed and how it would simplify the cumbersome and lengthy ballot paper hitherto used, making it more accessible and informative to the students.

To a query from Hughston Parle, Secretary Cara Rowe read out the relevant portion from the returning officer report from last year.

It was moved

THAT THE RO HAS REASONABLE DISCRETION IN DECIDING THE SIZE AND TYPE OF BALLOT FOR UQU ELECTIONS

COUNCIL 111/76

ROWE/JOVER

CARRIED

Improving accessibility during elections

Secretary Cara Rowe spoke on the proposed motion explaining how it covers the semi-fixed publicity that limits mobility and why it is important to address the issue and also clarified that semi fixed publicity does not include leaflets or the campaigners.

To a query from Hughston Parle, Secretary Cara Rowe explained that RO has to first determine what and whether it affects accessibility and if it does, remove it and if not, quote the regulations and explain that it cannot be removed. She further mentioned that this is to set a precedent so that it is part of regs and cannot be contested.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU COUNCIL ENDORSES THE MOTION TO ALLOW THE RO TO ENSURE IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY DURING THE UQU ELECTIONS

COUNCIL 111/77

ROWE/JOVER

CARRIED

Removing Gender from Schedule 21 and removing all references to gender from Schedule 16

Secretary Cara Rowe spoke on the proposed motion explaining the importance of the removal of gender from Schedule 21 and the references to gender from Schedule 16.

Hughston Parle queried on the timeframes for the schedules to be updated and published. Secretary Cara Rowe assured to have them uploaded/published by Wednesday.

To a query from Barclay McGain on the nature of inclusion of gender and/or Sexuality, Secretary Cara Rowe informed that the nomination form clarifies the eligibility already. She further clarified that the Old Schedules 21 and 16 will still be valid for the UQU 2022 elections.

It was moved

THAT GENDER BE REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE 21 AND ALL REFERENCES TO GENDER BE REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE 16

COUNCIL 111/78

ROWE/BLANCH

CARRIED

Justin Chen entered the meeting at 5:01 PM

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

None

It was moved

TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS EN BLOC

COUNCIL 111/79

CARRIED

e) Matters Arising from Reports of Elected Officers

None

f) Question Time

Marisha Robinson queried Hughston Parle on having a common agreement against bullying, harassment during election campaign and Hughston Parle clarified that the discussion arose during the rules committee meeting. He further clarified explaining his staunch advocacy on anti-bullying during

elections and expressed his readiness to have discussions with whomsoever it concerns to find common ground.

Matthew Burgin queried the President on what legal advice she received before the publication of the recent edition of *Semper* and was replied that as there was no legal issue involving the publication, she did not seek or receive any legal advice.

The Chair queried Barclay McGain on whether he obtained permission from Courier Mail before posting the courier mail article on stalker space and was replied in the negative.

Hughston Parle queried Secretary Cara Rowe on the timeline of publishing advertisement on SEEK for the position of RO and how it was not enough of a notice. Secretary Cara Rowe replied that it was something she was following up from the 7th of July and has oft tried to get it posted much earlier.

g) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil.

h) Business which has been proposed

Referendums :

PACE/TRI Officer, Changing Turbot Street to Herston, Removal of C21.5

Secretary Cara Rowe queried the members of the Council on whether agreement can be obtained on the PACE officer referendum going ahead and also explained the change from Turbot Street to Herston. Members of the council expressed views in agreement.

Secretary Cara Rowe then explained to the Council on the referendum involving the removal of C21.5 pertaining to the chair of UQU Council and various members expressed their opinions towards the same.

To a query from Helen Craze, Secretary Cara Rowe clarified on what happens in the absence of the Chair unable to attend meetings. She further explained to a query from Matthew Burgin on the role of Chair during Council proceedings.

Secretary Cara Rowe explained to the Council on how the referendum happens and clarified on the instances of a tie and how to resolve it during Council proceedings.

There was a procedural motion that the motion be put

It was moved

THAT THE UQU COUNCIL ENDORSES THE THREE MOTIONS/REFERENDUMS AND PUBLICIZES THEM ON ALL SOCIAL MEDIA, ENCOURAGING THE STUDENTS TO VOTE FOR THEM

COUNCIL 111/80

ROWE/JOVER

CARRIED

Incorporation Working Party :

Secretary Cara Rowe informed the members of the council on forming an incorporation working party that will meet every 2-3 weeks. She further mentioned that the T3 will be on the working party and invited other members of the Council to be part of the same.

To a query from the Chair on whether a decision has been made regarding the incorporation, Treasurer Radhika Peddibhotla clarified that working party will review the appropriate literature and then make a recommendation.

The Chair, Utkrist Paudyal, Ti parker, Matthew Burgin, Natasha Brettell, Marisha Robinson, Elise Northcote, Austin Smidt, Radhika Peddibhotla nominated themselves for the Incorporation Working Party.

I, Jack Walmsley move to expedite welfare bursaries for all UQ Res RAs

Jack Walmsley spoke to the council on the recent events happening at UQ Res explaining how the dismissals of many RAs many of whom relied on the position for sustenance created a huge issue and why he is proposing this motion to expedite the grant of welfare bursaries for those students as the current waitlist for student welfare appointment at the union is almost 3-4 weeks.

President Emily Searle spoke to the Council explaining how the issue unfolded over time and agreed with the motion on Council endorsing the ways to help the UQ Res RAs at the earliest.

Elise Northcote mentioned it is heartening to see issues surrounding UQ Res are being highlighted at the Council and agreed that the Council should do everything possible to support them.

To queries from members of the Council, Jack Walmsley clarified on the number of Ras, how the university is simply dragging its feet in the name of various fact-finding meetings to discuss alleged incidents and violations including but not only cited social media policy etc. He urged the Council members to find it important to ensure the affected students are taken care of.

Jake Coleman queried on what makes these student cases deserve special attention over those already in the waiting list and Jack replied that he is speaking only on behalf of the affected UQ Res students and not trying to say who gets priority or why.

Treasurer Radhika Peddibhotla explained to the members of the Council how the SAS appointments are done, the element of triaging and how the severity or priority of each application received/processed is done on a case-by-case basis and that SAS staff will still use their discretion accordingly.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE UQU IN FINDING WAYS TO EXPEDITE THE GRANT OF WELFARE BURSARIES for all UQ RES RAs

COUNCIL 111/81

WALMSLEY/SEARLE

CARRIED

Elias Blanch left the meeting at 5:58 PM

Logan Bean left the meeting at 5:58 PM

UQ Union provides for the president of Kev Committee of Kev Carmody house to formally request funding from UQU

Jack Walmsley informed the members of the Council present that the terms of reference and the organizational structure for the proposed body are being drafted and clarified that the aspect of funding referred in the motion is only asking for support from the Council to the idea at this point and not necessarily asking for funding at this point of time.

To a query Jack Walmsley replied that every single student at UQ deserves an accommodation that is reasonable and affordable.

President Emily Searle seconded the motion agreeing with the sentiments expressed in the motion.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION PROVIDES FOR THE PRESIDENT OF KEV COMMITTEE OF KEV CARMODY HOUSE TO FORMALLY REQUEST FUNDING FROM UQU

COUNCIL 111/82 WALMSLEY/SEARLE CARRIED

Radhika Peddibhotla left the meeting at 6:08 PM

UQ Union supports the creation of a Kev Carmody house college officer to sit as an elected officer on the UQ Union and the UQ Union supports the recognition of Kev Carmody house as a nominal college

Jack Walmsley spoke on the proposed motion explaining why he feels it is important to create the proposed role and the importance of the representation from Kev Carmody house in the Union.

President Emily Searle spoke on the motion explaining various plausible options for Kev Carmody house to have representation in the Union, either bringing in a UQ Res officer or expand the definition of colleges to include Kev Carmody House etc.

To a query from Joshua Todd Cooper, President Emily Searle replied that the issue cannot be taken to the UQ Senate before this year's election and instead Council should consider having a Kev Carmody house officer for now.

Various Council members spoke on the issue, explaining the limitations involved in the solution proposed as well as the importance of addressing the concerns of UQ Res Students.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF A KEV CARMODY HOUSE COLLEGE OFFICER TO SIT AS AN ELECTED OFFICER ON THE UQ UNION AND THAT UQ UNION SUPPORTS THE RECOGNITION OF KEV CARMODY HOUSE AS A NOMINAL COLLEGE

COUNCIL 111/83

WALMSLEY/SEARLE

CARRIED

Ryley Calvert left the meeting at 6:21 PM

THE UQ Union supports the Kev Carmody house's ability to join ICC sports competitions and ICC cultural competitions

Jack Walmsley spoke on the motion requesting the council to endorse the move to support Kev Carmody house in joining ICC sports competitions and ICC cultural competitions.

To a query from Utkrist Paudyal on why there is a fee for ICC, Elise Northcote clarified that it is to cover the costs of events run by ICC.

There was a procedural motion that the motion be put

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION SUPPORTS THE KEV CARMODY HOUSE'S ABILITY TO JOIN ICC SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND ICC CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

COUNCIL 111/84

WALMSLEY/WARING

CARRIED

The UQU Council condemns Semper Editor William Kugelman and UQU President Emily Searle for the publication of the recent edition of Semper

Natasha Brettell spoke on the proposed motion saying that the union should not advocate breaking the law or endorsing the usage of unparliamentary words.

Hughston parle spoke as the seconder of the motion on how the articles were not only in poor taste but also bring disrepute to the union and the impact it can have on those affected by the views expressed.

Dylan Thomas observed that Union and Semper are technically separate entities and in his opinion, Union isn't directly related to the articles published in Semper.

Barclay McGain mentioned that some of the articles published in the recent edition of semper are incitement for violence and breaking the law. He urged the council to take a stance on Semper Floreat having editorial integrity and condemn the recent articles and to ask for it to be retracted.

Louisa Mccarthy mentioned the hypocrisy of those who advocated against political censorship at the last council meeting only for now to oppose the publication of a student newspaper as it is against the opinions they hold.

Helen Craze spoke agreeing with the necessity aspect and free specch but still observed that the quote alluding to shooting was crossing the line.

There was a procedural motion to move the session in camera

The council session moved in camera at 6:57 PM

There was a procedural motion to move the session off camera

The council session moved off camera at 7:00 PM

President Emily Searle mentioned that the Council or the President cannot order Semper to retract articles or remove copies of the publication.

Gabby Callow left the meeting at 7:06 PM

William Kugelman mentioned that he stands by the decision to publish the recent edition of Semper, spoke on how the visibility increased for Semper as well as the union and further mentioned the vote on UQ Stalker Space page reflecting the same.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION COUNCIL CONDEMN SEMPER EDITOR
WILLIAM KUGELMAN AND UQU PRESIDENT EMILY SEARLE FOR
THE PUBLICATION OF RECENT EDITION OF SEMPER

COUNCIL 111/85

BRETTELL/PARLE

CARRIED

Recorded Vote

Edward Uzelin *proxy Against*

Julia Bejleri *proxy For*

Natasha Brettell *For*

Utkrist Paudyal *For*

Elise Northcote *Abstain*

Austin Smidt *proxy Against*

Elloise Campbell *proxy For*

Ben Myatt *Against*

Matthew Burgin *For*

Zwe Htet Aung *proxy Against*

Gabby Callow *proxy Abstain*

Max Thompson *proxy Against*

Anna Redshaw *Against*

Mitch Ablett Nelson *proxy For*

Sam Chamberlain *proxy For*

Carib Phillips *proxy Against*

Daniel Dawes *proxy For*

Jack Feng *For*

Laura Nolan *Against*

Shenalle Jiang *Against*

Helen Craze *For*

Ethan Jones *proxy For*

There being no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM