

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 9th Ordinary Meeting of the 109th UQ Union Council, 2020

4 PM

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Boardroom, Union Complex

Chair: Ethan Van Roo Douglas

a) The Meeting was declared open at 4:07 pm.

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

Secretary Thornton handed over to President Van Roo Douglas as acting Chair of the meeting.

b) Credentials

The following were present:

Councillors

Ash Zeller
Barclay McGain
Bradley Plant
Guohang Ding
Ian Trinh
Lachlan Hardie
Myah McGinity
Priya De
Tierna Parker
Tim Heffernan

Student Executive & Officers

Christian Rizzalli
Ethan Van Roo Douglas (President)
Rebekah Thornton (Secretary)
Rowan Evans
Thomas Landy (Treasurer)

Others

Alex Smock
Anastasia Georgiou
Anna Heale (Minutes)
Anna Redshaw
Bradley Stone
Chamal Abeytunga
Emily Searle
Hamish Barnett
Jordan Mark
Michael Walker
Natasha Brettell
Ricky Lee
Ryan Jover
Will Chen

The following apologies were received:

- Chloe Ainscow
- Georgina Quayle
- Jack Dugdale
- Jennifer Wang
- Ji Davis
- Justin Gane

- Maddie Taylor
- Mitch Ablett-Nelson
- Nathan Kerr
- Olivia Nguyen
- Oula Shihan
- Rifki Sanahdi
- Swin Su
- William Kugelman

On leave:

Nil

The following proxies were received:

Ash Zeller to Tim Heffernan (5.29pm)
 Chloe Ainscow to Rebekah Thornton
 Georgina Quayle to Lachlan Hardie
 Jack Dugdale to Rebekah Thornton
 Jennifer Wang to Yihong Xu
 Ji Davis to Ethan Van Roo Douglas
 Justin Gane to Michael Walker
 Maddie Taylor to Matthew Pereira
 Mitch Ablett-Nelson to Tom Landy
 Nathan Kerr to Tom Landy
 Olivia Nguyen to Chamal Abeytunga
 Oula Shihan to Priya De
 Rifki Sanahdi to Yihong Xu
 Swin Su to Jordan Mark
 William Kugelman to Allen Ding

Resignations:

Nil

It was moved

THAT THE CREDENTIALS FOR THE 9TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 109TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED.

COUNCIL 109/159

THORNTON/VAN ROO DOUGLAS

CARRIED

c) The minutes from the previous meeting

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 8TH ORDINARY AND THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE 109TH UQ UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 109/160

THORNTON/VAN ROODOUGLAS

CARRIED

d) Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Nil

e) Requests for Starring/ Approval of the items not starred en bloc

Procedural motion to consider reports en bloc.

CARRIED

f) Reports

The Union President gave a verbal report to Union Council. They noted the following:

- They are nearing the end of their term after nearly three years with the Union.
- Handover will shortly commence to ensure a smooth transition to the next executive team.
- The Union is currently reviewing its governance structures. The first Board of Directors meeting has been scheduled for 2 December. The board will likely not be considering any substantive business for the first meeting.
- Staffing issues have been resolved with the decision to scale back outlet operations in the coming weeks. Jobkeeper is expected to end early 2021.

It was moved

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 109/161 VAN ROO DOUGLAS/THORNTON CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 109/162 THORNTON/VAN ROO DOUGLAS CARRIED

THAT THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 109/163 LANDY/VAN ROO DOUGLAS CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 109/164 RIZZALLI/VAN ROO DOUGLAS CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 109/165 WAI YAN/VAN ROO DOUGLAS CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 109/166 GREEN/VAN ROO DOUGLAS CARRIED

g) Matters arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

h) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil

i) Business which has been proposed

Architecture ‘Spill and Fill’ Change Proposal

The Postgraduate Officer read the following statement to Union Council:

The upper management of the School of Architecture and the EAIT Faculty recently announced their plan to reconfigure UQ’s School of Architecture by the addition of a Bachelor of Design degree, which is additional to the new Master of Urban Development and Design that was instigated in 2020. While, in principle, this additional degree is not opposed by the school staff, far more details about the proposed changes are needed. The proposal for major organisational change seeks to “disestablish” 20 permanent staff from the school (19.5 FTE), and then establish 18 “new” permanent positions. Of these 18 positions, only 9 will be in the field of architecture, while the remaining 9 will all be based in design and urbanism, despite the fact that the new degree will have fewer courses to teach, while the same courses are to be delivered in the two existing degrees (the Bachelor of Architectural Design and the Master of Architecture). At the time of writing this motion: there has been insufficient details offered regarding the specific specialisations that the school is seeking for any of the 18 “new” positions; there has been no plausible timeline offered as to how this restructure will play out; and there has been no explanation of how workloads will be managed if the School management succeeds in reducing the architecture staff from 20 to 9. How the new structure and apparently reduced staff will cope with the accreditation requirements for architectural registration following the professionally-oriented Master of Architecture degree, which currently enables students to register as architects, is also unclear. The effects on HDR students are potentially severe and have not been planned for with the possible loss of numerous HDR advisors.

Undoubtedly, the issues that arise from the School of Architecture’s major change proposal are manifold. In its current state, the proposal will see multiple staff members lose their positions while those who remain are increasingly overworked; it will likely then lead to an increased casualisation of the workforce in the School of Architecture, which will further exacerbate the exploitation of early career academics (an issue that already runs rampant across Australian universities); it will impact upon existing research projects that rely upon particular staff members within the School of Architecture, and will thus have a negative flow-on effect throughout a number of other Schools and Institutes at UQ; it will cause significant disruption in the study plans of all continuing students (both undergraduate and postgraduate), who will have to work the completion of their degree around this enormous

restructure and redirection within their school; and it will likely result in the decimation of some HDR students' supervisory teams, making some students' research projects virtually untenable.

In amongst all of this, however, perhaps the most immediate threat posed by the School of Architecture's major change proposal is the precedent that it may set for other Schools and Institutes around UQ. The "spill and fill" process being deployed by the School and Faculty management here is an incredibly draconian form of change management, which in and of itself is deeply problematic. A successful and unopposed "spill and fill" in the School of Architecture would signal to other School managements that they have a new trick to try on, and could see multitudes of staff faced with similarly draconian and misguided change proposals over the coming months.

As such, it is absolutely imperative that the UQ Union stands with all staff and students who are right now waging an energetic fightback against the current major change proposal in the School of Architecture.

ENDS

It was moved

THE UQ UNION CONDEMNS THE MAJOR CHANGE PROPOSAL THAT WAS RECENTLY PUT FORWARD BY THE UPPER MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND THE EAIT FACULTY. WE EMPHASISE THAT THE "SPILL AND FILL" TECHNIQUE BEING DEPLOYED IS INCREDIBLY DRACONIAN, AND JOIN THE NTEU IN CALLING ON THE MANAGEMENT TO ABANDON THIS PROCESS IMMEDIATELY.

THE UQ UNION STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE WHO ARE CURRENTLY WAGING AN ADMIRABLE FIGHTBACK AGAINST THE MISGUIDED AND CYNICAL ACTIONS OF THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

COUNCIL 109/167

RIZZALLI/DE

CARRIED

UQ Architecture Petition and Rally

It was noted that the rally in support of staff and students in the School of Architecture would be held on the Great Court on Friday 27 November at 2.30pm. Councillors were encouraged to attend.

It was moved

THE UQ UNION COMMITS TO SUPPORTING STAFF AND STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AS THEY FIGHT TO DEFEAT THE MAJOR CHANGE PROPOSAL THAT WAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THEIR SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

THE UQ UNION COUNCIL DIRECTS THE UQ UNION SECRETARY TO PUBLISH, ON THE UQ UNION FACEBOOK PAGE, BY NO LATER THAN 5PM ON THURSDAY THE 26TH NOVEMBER:

1. THE EVENT PAGE FOR THIS FRIDAY'S UNION RALLY WITH UQ ARCHITECTURE STAFF AND STUDENTS
2. THE UNION PETITION DEMANDING THAT THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND EAIT FACULTY MANAGEMENT ABANDON THE "SPILL AND FILL" PROCESS.

COUNCIL 109/168

RIZZALLI/DE

CARRIED

Yihong Xu entered the meeting at 4.19pm.

Griffith Administration Attacks Staff: 300 Jobs Cut

The Postgraduate Officer read the following statement to Union Council:

Recently, Griffith University announced a plan to cut 300 full time positions across their campuses. Secretary of the NTEU's QLD Division, Michael McNally, explained that "the majority of the cuts target the professional staff that make the university work. Student support staff, IT, integrated learning and many other critical areas are affected." Another key element of the proposed changes is focused upon redirecting academic staff away from research and into more teaching-intensive roles. And in amongst all of this, the Griffith art school (the Queensland College of Art, QCA) is facing the removal of entire departments and studio spaces, resulting in enormous job losses for both permanent and casual staff, matched by a veritable decimation of the study options available to current and prospective students.

These cuts from Griffith's profit-hungry management are a bad sign for all staff and students in the tertiary education sector. They are part of a broader attempt to push the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic onto staff and students while universities continue to rake in significant surplus and sit upon their billions of dollars in assets (\$2.5 billion worth, in the case of Griffith). All the while, Griffith uni continues to plow ahead with their multiple glossy building projects, the cost of which totals over 1 billion dollars. In the face of this, it is imperative that we stand in solidarity with all staff and students at Griffith as they resist these attacks.

ENDS

Councillor De raised that the move could have wide-reaching implications and the motion would therefore set a precedent in opposing these kinds of cuts at UQ.

It was moved

THE UQ UNION STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS AT GRIFFITH WHO ARE CURRENTLY FACING AN ENORMOUS ATTACK FROM

THEIR UNIVERSITY'S MANAGEMENT. WE CONDEMN THE GRIFFITH MANAGEMENT FOR THEIR PLAN TO CUT 300 JOBS, AND EMPHASISE THAT THIS IS COMPLETELY UNJUSTIFIABLE IN LIGHT OF GRIFFITH'S CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION.

COUNCIL 109/169

RIZZALLI/HANN

CARRIED

Expansion of Rules Committee membership

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders

CARRIED

Semper Ed., Rowan Evans, explained that the proposed reforms would come into effect prior to the next meeting of Rules Committee. Bradley Plant and Ian Trinh are no longer associated with their electoral ticket, and by appointing Ryan Jover and Evan Van Roo Douglas, Rules Committee will be more representative of the electoral groups at UQ. It was noted that a number of regulatory changes would be brought to the next meeting that would require cross-party support.

Councillor De raised that councillors are welcome to attend and contribute to the discussions at Rules Committee. Rules Committee members were rightfully elected to their position at the start of the year and Union Council should therefore not have the power to appoint members as and when they see fit.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

FAILED

The mover responded that observers are unable to contribute substantively to the meeting. In order to make meaningful change, members must be representative of the political parties within the Union. Union Council will in turn be more conducive to changes recommended by Rules Committee.

Cr McGain queried why Ethan Van Roo Douglas and Ryan Jover were chosen. It was explained that they are respectively Liberal and Labor members. Each would be given voting power and this would raise the number of committee members to seven.

Cr De raised that the individuals were elected following a valid election at the start of the year. That the individuals are no longer part of the groups they once were is irrelevant. Ethan Van Roo Douglas and Ryan Jover are able to have their say on the proposed changes at the next meeting of Union Council.

It was moved

IN THE INTERESTS HOLDING A REPRESENTATIVE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE NEXT MONTH, COUNCIL EXPAND RULES COMMITTEE IN

Electoral Breaches – Balance of Probabilities vs Beyond Reasonable Doubt [R104.5]

Procedural motion to suspend standing orders

CARRIED

For context, Cr McGain noted that the electoral tribunal met on 24 November to discuss the appeal of the annual election. The current system of proving a breach ‘beyond reasonable doubt’ is dysfunctional in that it is near impossible to determine what factors have influenced a student’s vote. The change to a ‘balance of probabilities’ system would be in the interest of democracy and fairness and would come down harder on electoral breaches. It was noted that the current system, which imposed only a 90-minute campaign penalty on the individual responsible for this year’s breach, sets a precedent that encourages misbehaviour.

The Union President raised that, as per R109.1, the amended electoral regulations would not take effect during the current electoral period (which the Union remains in due to the ongoing appeals process).

[See below:]

R109 Application of Amendments

109.1 No amendment to this Part, including to this clause, made during the Election period shall have effect until the conclusion of the Election period unless approved by the Electoral Tribunal.

The motion was tabled for referral to Rules Committee.

It was moved

THAT UQ UNION COUNCIL CALL UPON THE RELEVANT BODIES TO AMEND THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE UQ CONSTITUTION TO FORCE APPELLANTS TO MERELY FULFILL THE STANDARD OF BALANCE OF PROBABILITIES WHEN IT COMES TO ELECTORAL BREACHES AS OPPOSED TO THE UNFAIR STANDARD OF BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT WHICH IS NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVE GIVEN THE NATURE OF A SECRET BALLOT

COUNCIL 109/171

MCGAIN/MCGINITY

TABLED

Liveris Building

The mover withdrew the motion.

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE NEW LIVERIS BUILDING IS
ACTUALLY JUST ANOTHER CUBE

COUNCIL 109/172

EVANS/SEMPER EDITORS

WITHDRAWN

Electoral Booths

The mover noted that providing Cr McGain with a microphone would be a bad idea.

It was moved

THAT HYPOTHETICALLY, IF WE EVER GOT SOMEBODY TO STAND AT THE
ELECTORAL BOOTH WITH A MICROPHONE AND CAMERA, THAT IT NOT BE
BARCLAY, FOR WHOM THESE ITEMS ARE KRYPTONITE

COUNCIL 109/173

EVANS/MCGINITY

CARRIED

UQ Union Condemns Australian War Crimes

Cr Parker read the following statement to Union Council:

The recently released Brereton Report highlights some of the atrocities committed by the Australian special forces in Afghanistan. The report revealed 39 cases of civilians being unlawfully murdered at the hands of the Australian SAS. The nature of some of these killings highlight the broader nature of the wars in the Middle East that Australia is involved in.

One particularly gruesome practice that was exposed in the report is known as ‘bleeding’, the process by which junior soldiers were commanded by their superiors to shoot prisoners as their first kill. These killings were often covered up, as were many others. One practice of covering up the murders was known as ‘throwdowns’, in which Australian troops would plant weapons on civilians killed in combat to make it appear as though they were combatants.

At the moment, most of the report is redacted, meaning that not all of the information about these war crimes is publicly available. But, there have been many stories leaked about specific incidents. For example, the murder of two fourteen-year-old boys who had their throats slit by Australian troops. There are countless more stories like this one, and probably many which are still hidden from public criticism.

Many politicians and media outlets have framed these atrocities as either aberrations from the normal or as a problem of internal ‘culture’. However, the entire ‘war on terror’ is based on atrocities. These wars were started by the United States to control resources such as oil and secure regional dominance in the Middle East. The US has dropped tens of thousands of bombs over the course of the war, murdering and displacing millions of people. Australia has been the most steadfast ally of the United States and, as the Brereton Report reveals, equal participants in torture and atrocities.

Massive amounts of racism and Islamophobia had to be drummed up to justify these wars and dehumanise the people in the countries they wanted to invade. The crimes revealed in the Brereton report are just ones which break the rules of war, but the whole invasion was murderous and unjustifiable.

ENDS

Cr Parker raised that the instances outlined in the report are clear-cut war crimes, including 39 murders. The war was an imperial venture by the United States that has led to 3 million deaths, including those who have starved to death and those who have had no access to medical treatment, with levels of displacement not seen since the Second World War. The full contents of the report should be made publically available.

The seconder, Anna Redshaw, raised that UQU represents students and students have no interest in war. The Union should therefore support the motion and take a stand against the media that has represented the actions contained in the report as those of a few bad apples, rather than indicative of the culture of the SAS. It was noted that Scott Morrison has yet to offer compensation to the families of those murdered.

Cr McGain raised that Scott Morrison was responsible for allocating the funds for the report. They noted that, while there would likely be clear support in Council for calling out war crimes, the motion also calls for disbanding the SAS, which is a more contentious issue. While the officers involved should be prosecuted for their crimes, disbanding the SAS would weaken Australia's capacity to defend itself and demonises an entire military unit.

In response, it was explained that the objective of the SAS is to be offensive, not defensive. The whistle-blowers involved have detailed the violent nature of the SAS and characterised them as highly trained killers. It was noted that they are also responsible for turning back refugee boats and for committing atrocities in East Timor and Vietnam. The recent report is therefore not the only blemish on their record.

Recorded vote:

Ash Zeller	<i>In Favour</i>
Barclay McGain	<i>Against</i>
Bradley Plant	<i>Abstain</i>
Rebekah Thornton (proxy for Chloe Ainscow)	<i>Abstain</i>
Lachlan Hardie (proxy for Georgina Quayle)	<i>Against</i>
Guohang Ding	<i>In Favour</i>
Ian Trinh	<i>Abstain</i>
Rebekah Thornton (proxy for Jack Dugdale)	<i>Abstain</i>
Yihong Xu (proxy for Jennifer Wang)	<i>In Favour</i>
Ethan Van Roo Douglas (proxy for Ji Davis)	<i>Abstain</i>
Lachlan Hardie	<i>Against</i>
Maddie Taylor	<i>Abstain</i>
Matthew Pereira	<i>Abstain</i>
Michael Walker	<i>Abstain</i>

Tom Landy (proxy for Mitchell Ablett-Nelson)	<i>Abstain</i>
Myah McGinity	<i>Abstain</i>
Tom Landy (proxy for Nathan Kerr)	<i>Abstain</i>
Chamal Abeytunga (proxy for Olivia Nguyen)	<i>Abstain</i>
Priya De (proxy for Oula Shihan)	<i>In Favour</i>
Priya De	<i>In Favour</i>
Yihong Xu (proxy for Rifki Sanahdi)	<i>In Favour</i>
Jordan Mark (proxy for Swin Su)	<i>In Favour</i>
Tierna Parker	<i>In Favour</i>
Tim Heffernan	<i>In Favour</i>
Guohang Ding (proxy for William Kugelman)	<i>Abstain</i>
Jordan Mark	<i>Abstain</i>

It was moved

- UQ UNION CALLS FOR THE FULL CONTENTS OF THE BRERETON REPORT TO BE RELEASED.
- UQ UNION CALLS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO AFGHANI VICTIMS OF SAS CRIMES
- UQ UNION AFFIRMS THAT THE OFFICERS WHO OVERSAW THESE UNITS SHOULD BE HELD TO ACCOUNT AND CHARGED FOR THEIR CRIMES AND THAT THE SAS SHOULD BE DISBANDED
- UQ UNION OPPOSES WAR AND CALLS FOR ALL TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM AFGHANISTAN

COUNCIL 109/174

PARKER/REDSHAW

FAILED

UQ Union condemns the Ramsay Centre appointment of Patrick Parkinson

Cr Parker read the following statement to Union Council:

The UQ Ramsay Centre of Western Civilisation has appointed disgraced former Law Dean Patrick Parkinson. Parkinson is infamous for comparing transgendered youth to teens with eating disorders. This action proves what we already know about the Ramsay Centre-- that it coalesces and emboldens the far-right on our campus. As a representative body of students meant to stand up for students' rights, the UQ Union should condemn the Ramsay Centre for the hire of Parkinson, as his appointment reflects the ongoing culture war pushed by the conservative right, and the disgusting nature of the Ramsay Centre itself.

ENDS

Cr Parker noted that at the General Meeting held last year, 500 students voted against the Ramsay Centre. The Ramsay Centre are now appointing homophobes and transphobes and the Union must take a position.

Cr McGain raised that the comments were specifically in relation to minors and did not apply to the wider transgender community.

Cr Zeller responded that the outcome is the same; Patrick Parkinson's statement equates those who do not conform to gender norms as mentally ill.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION CONDEMNS THE RAMSAY CENTRE'S DECISION TO HIRE PATRICK PARKINSON

COUNCIL 109/175

PARKER/ZELLER

CARRIED

Election Regulatory Amendments

Cr De noted that the proposed regulatory amendments were found favourable by Rules Committee. The changes would allow free, democratic participation in the student elections by preventing unfair rigging and ballot crowding. Councillors running for the same position is highly unusual and the regulatory amendments provide a quick fix by allowing candidates for council to appear only once. The changes also provide leeway to candidates that may have made a minor mistake, by giving the returning officer time to contact the relevant campaign manager. This prevents entire tickets being invalidated over minor issues.

Cr Heffernan explained that the changes would put an end to the ridiculous registering of multiple and misleading council tickets. It was noted that preference flow is an affront to the spirit of democracy.

The Union President noted that this practice is seen across the political spectrum. While they are broadly in support of restricting identical tickets, the limit of one is particularly restrictive, as both parties may agree on a candidate.

Cr McGain expressed his support for the motion. They noted that council would continue to see exploitation of loopholes unless the regulations are changed. If both parties agree on a candidate, they have the liberty to vote for said candidate.

Semper Ed., Rowan Evans, raised that, while Rules Committee found the changes favourable, the committee members are unrepresentative of the political environment at UQ. Labor and Liberal party representatives on Council have been left to make a quick decision on a complicated regulatory change. Furthermore, the changes do not address the specific behaviour of sniping other groups' names.

The Union Secretary noted that the Rules Committee would be meeting again prior to the Annual Meeting of Union Council.

The Union President noted that, had members had more forewarning that the item would be on the agenda, they would have had time to consider the changes in more detail.

Cr De raised that political parties should not have the power to decide who is elected; the student body decides. It is typical in other student unions across Australia that candidates appear only once on the ballot for one position and the current undemocratic practices over the last few years are deceptive to students at UQ. The changes would also make it easier for those contesting positions to understand.

In response, Semper Ed. Rowan Evans noted that this is in fact not the standard across the board, including at USQ and La Trobe. Firstly, the changes would primarily benefit Socialist Alternative, who have not changed their campaign name for the last eight years and who rarely cross-nominate. Secondly, the changes would harm bipartisan agreements between Labor and Liberal parties. They suggested an alternative change be workshopped that addresses cynical election practices without risking these agreements.

The Chair named Priya De.

Cr De responded that Socialist Alternative do not use underhanded methods because they have political principles. They accepted that cross-nominations on executive tickets can be the result of genuine collaboration and this is why they have drafted separate regulations for the executive. Furthermore, passing the proposed changes would not preclude the drafting of new regulations specifically designed to put a stop to groups registering the same electoral ticket name.

Cr Parker noted that, if candidates wish to be elected, a genuine ticket should be created, they should campaign and students should be given the opportunity to speak to candidates.

The Union President suggested that prohibiting the submission of identical tickets would resolve the feeder ticket issue without interfering with the number of groups a candidate wishes to nominate with.

Semper Ed. Evans noted that, as the proposed regulations stand, any multiple of six would allow you to register another ticket and that still presents the same harm. They advised that it would not be in council's best interest to pass the changes in their current form during the meeting and suggested that they are reconsidered at Rules Committee.

Cr Pereira raised that voters can clearly see on the ballot when the same six candidates are running under a different name.

In response, Cr McGain responded that, while this may be the case, they do not understand the reasoning for the registering of multiple tickets.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

FAILED

Ash Zeller left the meeting at 5.29pm.

Cr McGain raised that the average student at UQ does not care about internal political squabbles and political groups should not be enforcing their internal disputes on the student body. The motion is clear-cut, stamps out malpractice and is to the benefit of 50k+ students. They noted that the suggestions for amending the proposed regulations are from members who want to hold onto the loophole that they currently exploit.

Cr McGinity urged members to look outside of their own political bubbles and raised that the benefits of the amendment far outweigh the small inconveniences.

Procedural motion that the motion be put

CARRIED

Recorded vote:

Tim Heffernan (proxy for Ash Zeller)	<i>In Favour</i>
Barclay McGain	<i>In Favour</i>
Bradley Plant	<i>In Favour</i>
Rebekah Thornton (proxy for Chloe Ainscow)	<i>Abstain</i>
Lachlan Hardie (proxy for Georgina Quayle)	<i>Against</i>
Guohang Ding	<i>Against</i>
Ian Trinh	<i>Against</i>
Rebekah Thornton (proxy for Jack Dugdale)	<i>Abstain</i>
Yihong Xu (proxy for Jennifer Wang)	<i>Against</i>
Ethan Van Roo Douglas (proxy for Ji Davis)	<i>Abstain</i>
Lachlan Hardie	<i>Against</i>
Maddie Taylor	<i>Against</i>
Matthew Pereira	<i>Against</i>
Michael Walker	<i>Against</i>
Tom Landy (proxy for Mitchell Ablett-Nelson)	<i>Against</i>
Myah McGinity	<i>In Favour</i>
Tom Landy (proxy for Nathan Kerr)	<i>Against</i>
Chamal Abeytunga (proxy for Olivia Nguyen)	<i>Against</i>
Priya De (proxy for Oula Shihan)	<i>In Favour</i>
Priya De	<i>In Favour</i>
Yihong Xu (proxy for Rifki Sanahdi)	<i>Against</i>
Jordan Mark (proxy for Swin Su)	<i>Against</i>
Tierna Parker	<i>In Favour</i>
Tim Heffernan	<i>In Favour</i>
Guohang Ding (proxy for William Kugelman)	<i>Against</i>
Jordan Mark	<i>Abstain</i>

It was moved

THAT UQ UNION PASS THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY AMENDMENTS:

R74.D

(E) CANDIDATES FOR UNION COUNCILLOR MUST ONLY APPEAR ONCE PER BALLOT, EITHER AS PART OF ONE ELECTORAL GROUP OR ONCE AS AN INDEPENDENT

(F) SHOULD NOMINATIONS BE RECEIVED THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH R74.2 (D)-(E) THE RETURNING OFFICER MUST CONTACT THE RELEVANT CAMPAIGN MANAGER WITHIN ONE ACADEMIC DAY FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS

II) THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER MUST BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO FACILITATE THE WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS SO AS TO CONFORM WITH R74.2 (D)-(E) BY 9:00AM THREE ACADEMIC DAYS FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS.

III) ALL NOMINATIONS FROM CANDIDATES FAILING TO COMPLY WITH R74.2 (D)-(E) BY 9:00AM THREE ACADEMIC DAYS FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS WILL BE REJECTED

COUNCIL 109/177 DE/HEFFERNAN FAILED

The mover withdrew the second regulatory amendment motion.

It was moved

THAT UQ UNION PASS THE FOLLOWING REGULATORY AMENDMENTS:

R74.2

(D) A MAXIMUM OF 3 ELECTED OFFICER CANDIDATES PER ELECTORAL GROUP CAN NOMINATE FOR THE SAME POSITION WITH MORE THAN ONE ELECTORAL GROUP

I) SHARED POSITIONS SUBJECT TO C.25 WILL BE CONSIDERED ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF R74.2 (D)

COUNCIL 109/176 DE/HEFFERNAN WITHDRAWN

Rules Committee Appointment – Barclay McGain

The Chair ruled the motion out of order as Union Council does not have the scope to replace members of Rules Committee.

It was moved

THAT UQ UNION COUNCIL RIGHTFULLY APPOINT BARCLAY MCGAIN TO HIS POSITION ON RULES COMMITTEE AND RECOGNISE THE BLUNDER THAT TOOK PLACE IN APPOINTING BRADLEY PLANT TO RULES COMMITTEE

COUNCIL 109/178 MCGAIN/MCGINITY OUT OF ORDER

Union Council Motions – Majority Systems vs Plurality of Votes

The Chair ruled the motion out of order, as Union Council does not have the power to amend the constitution.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION COUNCIL AMEND THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE UQ UNION COUNCIL WHICH STIPULATES THAT MERELY A PLURALITY OF VOTES BE NEEDED TO PASS A MOTION AT UNION COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SUPPORTS A CHANGE TO A MAJORITY SYSTEM WHICH BETTER REFLECTS SUPPORT FOR MOTIONS AND INCENTIVISES DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS TO MAKE DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE UQ UNION AS THEY'RE ELECTED TO DO

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j) Question Time

Nil

k) Other business

Nil

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 5:44 PM.

CONFIRMED