

Media Release:

Students overwhelmingly turn out to the UQ Union General Meeting

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The University of Queensland Union (UQ Union) has recorded an extraordinary turnout of students at the General Meeting held at the UQ Centre on Wednesday 29 May 2024.

More than 500 students packed into the meeting venue and another 700+ livestreamed the meeting outside while the meeting was conducted. The students of UQ overwhelmingly voted in favour of all of the three motions:

1. That UQ should sever ties with companies that supply the Israeli Defence Force;
2. That UQ should shut down the Boeing Centre;
3. That UQ should financially divest from Israel.

UQ Union Secretary Alex Smock, who chaired the meeting, reported that the meeting was conducted in an orderly manner and in accordance with the Union's Constitution, Regulations, and Standing Orders.

Mr. Smock said that he was able to certify that the meeting had reached the minimum requirement for quorum, which is 300, after 484 students were recorded being inside the room at the time the meeting commenced.

UQ Union President Angus McRae said that this meeting demonstrates the relevance of student voice and the UQ Union to the student body.

"The number of students in attendance is incredible and demonstrates that UQ students demand that their voices are heard. Yesterday, students stated loud and clear their support for UQ to take concrete action," he said.

The UQ Union is committed to fostering an inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their nationality, faith, or background.

The UQ Union is the peak instrument of the student body to voice their opinions at the University of Queensland and is one of the largest student-led organisations in the southern hemisphere.