

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 7th Ordinary Meeting of the
112th UQ Union Council, 2023

5:30 PM

Monday August 28th, 2023

Holt Room

UQ Union Complex, St. Lucia

Chair: Alex Smock

a) Welcome

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:42 PM and acknowledged the traditional owners and custodians of the land, paying respect to their elders' past, present, and emerging, and extended the respects to the aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present at the meeting.

b) Credentials:

The following were present

Councillors	Student Executives and Officers	Observers
Jacinto Hedus	Richard Lee	Michael Walker
Claire Sturm	Greta Simpson	Benjamin Myatt
Timothy Hirsch	Joshua Marsh	Will Sim
Toby Abrahamson	TJ Reupena	
Utkrist Paudyal	Laura Nolan	
Skye Stewart	Ella Gutteridge	
Lily Cooke	Jordy Duffy	
Rehan Gulati	Clara Mueller	
Karsten Duvel	Erin Blyth	
Emma Goodwin	Ryley Calvert	
Lily Cooke	TJ Polataivao- Reupena	
Skye Stewart	Angus McRae	
Claire Sturm	Ella Gutteridge	
	Laura Nolan	

Apologies and Leave:

Sian Chadfield

The following proxies were received:

Adrian Sutherland Chettle to Dylan Thomas

Daniel Lynn to Jeremy

Oscar Green to Karsten Duvel

Carmi More to Toby Abrahamson

Abraham Sunil to Angus McRae

Max Thompson to Jacinto Hedus

Jinxu Zhuang to Angus McRae

Elise Northcote to Dylan Thomas

Aydan Rusov to Skye Stewart

Shenalle Jiang to Rehan Gulati

Matthew George Pereira to

c) Elections:

The Returning Officer Peter Travers explained to the members of the council on the process for electing to the casual vacancies of the C&S committee. He further explained that of the nominations, Jack Barton was deemed not eligible for contesting and that out of the three remaining candidates, the councillors would vote in a preferential voting system in a secret ballot method to elect for the two vacancies.

After the voting process and counting of the votes, the Returning Officer declared Josephine Christensen and Amrita Kaul as new elected members of the C&S committee.

d) Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and approved.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 6th ORDINARY MEETING OF THE 112TH UQ UNION COUNCIL HELD ON 24th JULY 2023 BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 112/76

HEDUS/THOMAS

CARRIED

e) Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting

Sam Adams queried on the motion passed at the last council urging the Union to post a congratulatory message to the Deakin University staff and the question was taken on notice.

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

None

VP Campus Culture TJ gave an oral report in Samoan language, starting by paying respects to the traditional owners of the land, and thanked the student executive of the year along with the members of the C&S committee for the co-ordinated efforts and help towards the planning and implementation of C&S activities this year. He further requested the council to support the C&S committee and ensure the workload of C&S is balanced. He informed the Council on the various events and activities to be taken up under the C&S aegis for the rest of the semester.

It was moved

TO ACCEPT ALL REPORTS EN BLOC

COUNCIL 112/77

CARRIED

g) Matters Arising from Reports of Elected Officers

None

h) Question Time

The Chair opened the question time at 6:02 PM.

Karsten Duvel queried the UQU treasurer on whether money made from Atlas ball will go back into the clubs. C&S committee member Michael Walker mentioned that C&S committee and the clubs haven't met yet to discuss it and the question will be taken on notice.

VP Campus Culture TJ clarified that money contributed by international collective towards atlas ball will be returned to the international collective.

Karsten Duvel further queried the UQU treasurer to confirm whether a goorie officer is no longer a UQ student and treasurer Joshua Marsh replied that he is not aware of such knowledge.

The Chair closed the question time at 6:05 PM.

i) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil.

j) Business which has been proposed

National Union of Students (N.U.S) Accreditation and Election of Delegates:

Michael Walker spoke to the members of the council on the proposed regulations for the re-accreditation of the Union with the NUS. He further highlighted how the accreditation puts UQU back on the national roadmap, giving UQU a significant voice in the national conversations about student rights and representation.

Seconder Ben Myatt agreed with the sentiments expressed and urged the council to endorse this move.

Jacinto Hedus proposed a number of amendments and the mover and seconder were amenable to them.

It was moved

THAT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE TO THE UNION REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULES IN RELATION TO THE ACCREDITATION OF THE UQU TO THE NUS

Part Four - National Union of Students (N.U.S) Accreditation and Election of Delegates R57A Accreditation to the National Union of Students

57A.1 Union Council may pass a resolution by an absolute majority to accredit to the National Union of Students (N.U.S).

57A.2 When such a resolution is passed by the Union Council in accordance with R58.1, the accreditation shall only apply until such time a resolution is carried by an absolute majority of Union Council which reverses this decision.

R57B Election of Delegates

R57B.1 This part applies only in the event that the Union Council has passed a resolution with absolute majority that UQU shall be an accredited member of the National Union of Students (N.U.S) for a particular year.

R57B.2 In the event that Union Council passes a resolution to be an accredited member of the National Union of Students (N.U.S) for a particular year, there shall be a ballot of all students held during the annual election period to elect Delegates to the National Conference of the National Union of Students Incorporated as laid out in the National Union of Students' Constitution, Regulations and By-laws.

R57B.3 For the sake of clarity, National Union of Students Delegates shall not be considered Elected Officers in accordance with Part 3 of the Regulations, and are therefore not members of the Union Council.

R57B.4 If there is to be an election of Delegates, The Union Secretary must notify the N.U.S National General Secretary of the election by certified mail and at least 2 weeks before the close of nominations.

R57B.5 Nominations for N.U.S. Delegates must be advertised on the Union Noticeboard.

R57B.6 When an election of N.U.S. Delegates occurs, the Returning Officer must, within 13 calendar days after the end of the election period, prepare and sign a report on a UQU letterhead stating: a) That the election was conducted in accordance with N.U.S. By-laws; and b) The names of delegates and the order in which they were elected; and c) The rules under which the election was conducted; and d) Details of the election results.

57B.7 In the event that the number of nominations received is equal to the exact number of delegate positions to be elected, the nominations are taken to be elected unopposed.

597B.8 In the event that the delegates are elected unopposed in accordance with R59.7, the returning officer must convene a meeting of the elected candidates within 12 calendar days of the close of nominations to determine an agreed order of election. It shall be up to the Returning officer to determine the method of reaching an agreed order of election. The agreed order of election must be signed by each delegate. The Returning Officer must prepare a report which states that the election of delegates was conducted in accordance with N.U.S By-laws, and which also states the agreed order of election, within 24 hours of the conclusion of the convened meeting of delegates.

R57B.9 In the event that a meeting of delegates elected unopposed is convened in accordance with R59.8, and the delegates are unable to agree to an order of election, the Returning Officer shall determine the election by lot.

R57B.10 The Returning officer must provide the report on the election of the delegates to the N.U.S Accreditation Committee: a) In the event of an election conducted in accordance with R59.6, within 14 calendar days from the declaration of poll, or b) In the event of an election conducted in accordance with R59.7, within 14 calendar days from the close of nominations.

R57B.11 All provisions of R74 shall apply to the election of Delegates.

R57B.12 The provisions of R91A shall apply to the election of Delegates to the National Union of Students and to the Schedule Twenty-Five ballot paper.

R57C Method of Election

R57C.1 Delegates must be elected: a) By secret ballot; and b) On a separate ballot paper from other elected positions, in the form of a Schedule Twenty-Five; and c) Using the Method of Counting for Optional Preferential Proportional Representation for Multi-Member Offices as set out in the Regulations.

R 57C.2 Delegates must be students: a) Students, and b) Elected only by students

R57C.3 No term limits shall apply for students to be elected as National Union of Students Delegates.

R57C.4 Where these regulations fall silent for the election of National Union of Students Delegates, the returning officer shall act in accordance with the regulations, by-laws and constitution of the National Union of Students.

R57C.5 The number of Delegates to be elected at an election shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of the National Union of Students.

R57C.6 Any one candidate can only appear on the ballot for National Union of Students Delegates one time.

R57C.7 Voting for National Union of Students Delegates shall take place on the same days and at the same polling places and be open during the same times as the annual elections.

R57C.8 Ballot papers for National Union of Students Delegates shall be given at the same time as all other ballot papers for the annual elections, including for postal voting.

R74 Electoral Groups

R74.2 An Electoral Group for positions to be elected at the Annual Elections may be registered by submitting a nomination in the form of Schedule Eighteen. The nomination must:

- a) state the name of the Electoral Group;
- b) be personally signed by the candidates; and
- c) contain the name and student numbers of:
 - i. 7 candidates in the Annual Elections, exclusive of any candidates for the positions of Councillor or Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat), including at least two candidates for the positions of Herston Officer, Medical Students Officer and Gatton Campus Officer, and including at least two candidates for the positions of Environment Officer, International Students Officer, Goorie Berrimpa Officer and Colleges Officer; and/or
 - ii. 6 candidates for the position of Councillor in the Annual Elections; and/or
 - iii. 5 candidates for the position of Union Newspaper Editor (Semper Floreat) in the Annual Elections; and/or
 - iv. 6 candidates for the position of Delegate to the National Union of Students.

R74.24 In the event that the Union is entitled to less than 6 Delegates to the National Union of Students Electoral groups can be registered by submitting a nomination in the form of a Schedule Eighteen. The nomination must:

- a) state the name of the Electoral Group;
- b) be personally signed by the candidates; and
- c) contain the name and student numbers of a number candidates equal to the number of positions being elected.

R74.25 Electoral Group names registered in accordance with R74.24 shall only be eligible to be used for the election of Delegates to the National Union of Students, and not on any other ballot, unless registered in line with the requirements established in R74.2 c) i, ii, iii.

R74.26 Notwithstanding the provisions of R74.25, Electoral Group names lodged under this regulation shall be protected in the same way as names lodged under R74.2

R85 Form of Ballot Papers

85.5 The Delegates to the National Union of Students (N.U.S.) ballot paper must:

a) Take the form of a Schedule Twenty-Five and be printed on a paper size deemed reasonable by the Returning Officer relative to the number of nominations received for the election. The Returning Officer shall not alter the text, formatting, or any other aspect of the Schedule Twenty-Five ballot paper, with the following exceptions:

i. Entering the electoral year; and

ii. Entering electoral group names and candidate's names where indicated on the Schedule Twenty-Five ballot paper; and

iii. Changing the width spacing of the table to allow for all groups and candidates to have equal spacing between them; and

iv. Ensuring the number of columns is equal to the total number of electoral groups contesting the election, plus one for ungrouped candidates; and

v. Changing typeface and font sizes to appropriately match the number of nominations received, however ensuring that typeface and font size remain consistent across the entirety of the ballot paper. b) the Returning Officer shall place all Candidates on one single ballot paper and depending on the number of Candidates at that election, must ensure that all columns are of equidistant width, height and spacing. The text within the columns must be of consistent size, font and spacing.

R91B Form of Electronic Voting Ballot

91B.6A The election for Delegates to the National Union of Students (N.U.S) shall have its own page or section of the ballot system.

91B.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 R91B.3 or R91B.4, if the candidate is part of an electoral group complying with R74.2(c)(i);

b) Positions in R91B.5, if the candidate is part of an electoral group complying with R74.2(c)(ii);

c) Positions in R91B.6, if the candidate is part of an electoral group complying with R74.2(c)(iii);

d) Positions in R91B.6A, if the candidate is part of an electoral group complying with R74.2(c)(iv), or R74.24; or

e) Positions in R91B.7, if the candidate is part of an electoral group which complies with either R74.2(c)(i) or R74.2(c)(iii)

COUNCIL 112/78

WALKER/MYATT

CARRIED

Incorporation of UQU

Joshua Marsh spoke to the members of the council on the proposed move to incorporate the Unio. He further mentioned that the current discussion is only to discuss the merits of such a move and to invite the opinions of the members of the council on the same.

He elaborated on the background and work done in this regard, highlighting to the members of the council that the law firm engaged to formulate a proposal was instructed to ensure the current governance structure of the Union remains the same.

President Richard Lee spoke to the members of the Council on the various benefits of incorporating the Union and how the move would ultimately benefit the Union as well as the students. The President encouraged the members to pursue the proposed model of constitution and offer their insights and opinions towards the same.

The proposed constitution and all other relevant materials pertaining to the Incorporation of the Union were tabled for the next meeting.

UQU Elections Voting Times

Secretary Greta Simpson spoke to the Council on the proposed regulation changes to the voting times and polling places during the Union elections and highlighted how the changes would make the elections more accessible.

It was moved

THAT REGULATION R83 BE AMENDED SO THAT IT READS

R83 Polling Places

83.1 For Annual Elections there must be polling booths open at the following places and times:

a) in the Holt Room, and/or Heath Room, and/or Innes Room from 9:30am to 4:30pm on each day of polling, and until 7:00pm on *the Wednesday* of polling.

b) in the Physiology Refectory, from **9:30am to 4:30pm** on each day of polling **and until 7:00pm on the Wednesday of polling.**

c) at the **Herston Campus**, from **9:30am to 4:30pm** on the Wednesday and Thursday of polling.

d) at the Gatton Campus, from **9:30am** to 4:15pm on **the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** of polling, and from 4:45pm until **8:00pm** in or nearby the main dining hall on the **Wednesday** of polling.

e) at the Pharmacy Australia Centre of Excellence, from **9:30am to 4:30pm** on **Tuesday and Wednesday** of polling; and

f) at other places and times as determined by a simple majority of the Union Council, upon the recommendation of the Returning Officer.

COUNCIL 112/79

SIMPSON/HEDUS

CARRIED

Academic Teams Funding Board

Michael Walker informed the Council on the proposed move to reinstate the Academic teams Funding Board and further explained on the working of the body and how it benefits the student community.

It was moved

THAT THE REGULATION R20 BE AMENDED SO THAT IT READS

R20 Academic Teams Funding Board

20.1 Members of the Academic Teams Funding Board are:

- a) The Treasurer (voting);
- b) 2 Members elected by Union Council (voting);
- c) 2 members appointed by the Clubs and Societies Committee (voting);
- d) 2 Members elected by the Academic Teams Funding Board (voting);
- e) any member of union council (non-voting); and
- f) any member of the Clubs and Societies Committee (non-voting).

20.2 The chair of the Academic Teams Funding Board shall be the Treasurer.

20.3 The chair has overall responsibility for calling meetings of the Academic Teams Funding Board and giving notice of those meetings.

20.4 The members described under 20.1.b shall be elected via a proportional voting method conducted by the Returning Officer, or any impartial actor they delegate their responsibilities to.

20.5 The members described under 20.1.c shall be appointed by the Clubs and Societies Committee at the first meeting of the Committee in each given academic year.

20.6 The members described under 20.1.d shall be elected at the final meeting of the Academic Teams Funding Board in each given academic year.

20.7 All members' terms begin upon the declaration of their election, and cease:

- a) upon a new member being declared elected;
- b) when they are no longer a student;
- c) after a period of 2 years has expired since their election; or
- d) when their resignation is received by the Union Secretary.

20.8 The Academic Teams Funding Board is delegated general responsibility for the Academic Teams Funding Grant, and any other affairs Union Council or the Treasurer deems appropriate.

20.9 The Academic Teams Funding Board must develop a robust and encompassing process for applications, so as to ensure a fair distribution of resources in the event not all applicants can be funded.

20.10 All applications for funding must be delivered to the Union Treasurer or the Union reception desk with a Schedule Twenty-Four as its cover.

20.11 The Academic Teams Funding Board may not grant funding to any team that does not comply with the following criteria:

- a) The team or contingent must be representing UQ, or UQU,
- b) If an affiliated Club or Society is making the application, the affiliated Club or Society must be up to date with the financial requirements required of them set by the Clubs and Societies Committee,
- c) If an affiliated Club or Society is making the application, attendance at the conference or event must fit within the affiliated Club or Societies aims and objectives,
- d) The funding must be specifically for a team attending an event, and not for the conference or event itself,
- e) The conference or event must not be hosted or affiliated with the Australian National Union of Students,

f) The conference or event must not be hosted or affiliated with any registered political party, or be overtly connected to any political organisation.

20.12 The Academic Teams Funding Board may consider the following criteria when assessing the validity of a grant application:

a) How attendance at the conference or event meaningfully contributes to the social and academic outcomes of the students attending,

b) How attendance at the conference or event meaningfully contributes to the standing of the University or the UQU,

c) If the team or contingents membership were selected based on merit,

d) If the team or contingents membership were selected with a progressive affirmative action policy that is consistent with the values of UQU,

e) If the team could reasonably be expected to raise the funds themselves or from their society,

f) If the team could reasonably be expected to gain full or partial sponsorship by their school or faculty,

g) If the team is being fiscally responsible with their travel and accommodation plans befitting a University students means;

h) If the Union can pay the event or conference for the expenses directly, as opposed to depositing the money into the applicants bank account;

i) The degree of detail included in the application for funding.

20.13 The quorum for the Academic Teams Funding Board shall be four.

20.14 All members of the Academic Teams Funding Board shall be students for the duration of their term.

20.15 Vacancies that occur on the Academic Teams Funding Board shall be filled as follows:

a) Members described under 20.1 b) shall be appointed by Union Council at its next meeting after the vacancy occurs;

b) Members described under 20.1 c) shall be appointed by the Clubs and Societies Committee at its next meeting after the vacancy occurs; and

c) Members described under 20.1 d) shall be appointed by the remaining members of the Academic Teams Funding Board, or if the Board is unable to meet quorum will be appointed by Union Council at its next meeting.

20.16 In the event the Academic Teams Funding Board does not meet for a period of greater than 3 calendar months, not including the months of January,

November or December, all business proposed to the Board shall be heard at the next meeting of Union Council.

COUNCIL 112/80

MARSH/WALKER

CARRIED

Proposed Regulation changes – Postal Voting

Secretary Greta Simpson spoke to the Council on the proposed changes to the postal voting process and further explained on how it would make the elections more accessible to the students and that it was based on a recommendation from the Returning Officer.

Seconder Michael Walker echoed the sentiments made by Greta Simpson.

There was a procedural motion to vote on the three motions related to the postal voting, en bloc

It was moved

THAT THE REGULATION R81.9 BE REMOVED AND, R81.5, R81.6, R81.8, R81.10 BE AMENDED SO THAT IT READS

R81.5 For the Annual Elections applications must be received by the Returning Officer no later than mid-day Friday of campaign week.

R81.6 For By-elections, applications must be received by the Returning Officer no later than 4:30 PM three days before the close of polling.

R81.8 The Returning Officer must by the close of post two days before polling closes send to each student who has applied and is eligible:

- a) instructions on the procedure for postal voting.
- b) ballot papers.
- c) a plain envelope large enough to contain all ballot papers.
- d) an envelope large enough to contain the envelope referred to in (c), with (where the ballot papers are sent to an Australian address) postage prepaid; and
- e) omit f) a declaration in the form of Schedule Eleven.

R81.10 Postal votes must be received at the address designated by the Returning Officer no later than mid-day Friday one week after the end of polling.

COUNCIL 112/81

SIMPSON/WALKER

CARRIED

Removal of Schedule 16

Michael Walker spoke on the proposed motion saying previous changes to regulations have made Schedule 16 irrelevant and hence it should no longer be included in the schedules.

It was moved

THAT THE SCHEDULES OF UQ UNION BE AMENDED TO REMOVE SCHEDULE 16

COUNCIL 112/82 WALKER/PAUDYAL CARRIED

Replacing Schedule 17

Michael Walker spoke to the Council on the proposed motion to replace schedule 17 with updated model constitution stating that the new model constitution has been extensively drafted to bring club constitutions in line with regulatory changes at UQ Union and to ensure compliance with state and federal legislations.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION SCHEDULES BE AMENDED TO REPLACE SCHEDULE 17 WITH THE UPDATED MODEL CONSTITUTION

COUNCIL 112/83 WALKER/PAUDYAL CARRIED

UQU demands the University of Queensland to halve the rent in student accommodations

Alex McDouall spoke to the Council on the proposed motion highlighting the increase in student accommodation rents by 40% and stressed that the University should be making it easy for students to access education.

Will Sim mentioned that University should provide housing to the students regardless of their affordability levels and urged the members to support this motion.

In response to a query from Lily Cooke, it was mentioned that the percentages quoted were based on UQ Res and Gatton Campus.

President Richard Lee suggested an amendment to the motion to direct the motion towards UQ Res Holdings and UQ Senate, and the movers of the motion agreed to the amendment.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU DEMANDS THE UQ SENATE AND UQ RESIDENTIAL HOLDINGS TO HALVE THE RENT IN STUDENT ACCOMODATIONS

COUNCIL 112/84

McDOUALL/SIM

CARRIED

UQU calls on Labour to scrap the tax cuts for the rich

The movers of the motion highlighted the fact that people across Australia are facing cost of living crisis and that the tax cuts for the top 20% is shameful. They urged the Union to take a firm stance and fight this.

VP Student Rights TJ Reupena spoke in favour of the motion saying that spending 300 billion dollars on AUKUS deal while a significant percentage of students are on the verge of homelessness, should be condemned.

VP G&S Erin Blyth mentioned through her experiences in working the school system, it is pretty appalling to see the effects of the removal of lower middle ta.

In response to a query from Laura Nolan on condemning the members from labour left for not offering opinions on the issue, President Richard Lee stressed that he has spent the last decade fighting against such policies and has always been vocal about such in internal party discussions.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CALLS ON LABOUR PARTY TO SCRAP THE TAX CUTS FOR THE RICH

COUNCIL 112/85

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CARRIED

UQU supports the fight of QUT Guild against the QUT Board

spoke on the proposed motion commending the stance of QUT Guild against the QUT board of directors where the board has stopped any representative from the guild from functioning and have no access to finances of the guild. It was further noted that the QUT board members are invoking intimidatory tactics against the students, office bearers and the clubs and that the UQU should show solidarity with QUT Guild.

VP Student Rights Ryley Calvert highlighted the turn of events since the changes were made at QUT in 2019 and mentioned that no student body should be controlled by unelected bureaucratic bodies appointed by the University.

Laura Nolan appreciated the show of support from the Council and urged the members to show solidarity on this issue.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU SUPPORTS THE FIGHT OF QUT GUILD AGAINST QUT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COUNCIL 112/86

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CARRIED

UQU Opposes NSW Labour's queerphobic religious vilification bill

The movers of the motion urged the Council to condemn the bill passed by the NSW government purporting to protect the rights of religious minorities, and that the bill criminalizes the right to protest against discriminatory bills and powers and that the UQU should take a stand against it.

Emma Goodwin spoke against the proposed motion saying that private institutions especially of religious nature should be able to operate under rules and regulations as permitted by the law.

Toby Abrahamson clarified that the proposed bill is only an amendment to the existing law and is not discriminatory as argued by the movers of the motion and urged the Council to vote against it.

Kore Opie spoke in favour of the motion mentioning that the bill would enable the religious institutions to discriminate through their anti-LGBTQ+ practices and not protect religious minorities as it purports to.

There was a procedural motion that the motion be put.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU OPPOSES NSW LABOUR'S QUEERPHOBIC
RELIGIOUS VILIFICATION BILL

COUNCIL 112/87

CARRIED

UQU Accredits to the National Union of Students

President Richard Lee spoke to the Council highlighting the fact that this move would put UQU on the national road map and have a voice vote in student representation and participation on student issues at national level.

Ella Gutteridge mentioned that this move would enable better use of Union resources and co-ordinated efforts to fight for student issues across the country.

Dylan Thomas mentioned that he is proud to have been associated with the work done since last year to initiate this move.

Michael Walker spoke in favour of the motion stating that the move makes the NUS take QLD seriously and provide space for adequate representation and importance for UQ student community.

The Chair mentioned that this is a very important step for UQU, reversing a decision made 17 years ago to disaccredit the Union from NUS. The Chair offered special thanks to Michael Walker for drafting the regulation changes that enabled this move.

It was moved

THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND UNION COUNCIL
AUTHORISE THE UNION EXECUTIVE TO ACCREDIT THE UNION TO
THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS(NUS)

COUNCIL 112/88 LEE/GUTTERIDGE CARRIED

UQU condemns the VC and the University management for removal of Women's officer from the sexual harassment prevention working group

Greta Simpson spoke to the Council informing the importance of working group setup against sexual harassment and how the removal of women's officer from the working group is a symbolic move of cutting off the student representation and voice in such important discussions.

Claire Sturm mentioned that it is highly unprofessional to lock out a student from such meetings and groups and that it should be condemned.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONDEMNS THE VC AND UNIVERSITY
MANAGEMENT FOR REMOVAL OF WOMENS OFFICER FROM THE
SEXUAL HARRASMENT WORKING GROUP AND ADVOCATES FOR
ADEQUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATION GOING FORWARD

COUNCIL 112/88 SIMPSON/STURM CARRIED

UQU condemns the QLD Labour and every member of QLD Labour for suspending the QLD Human Rights Act

Claire Sturm spoke on the proposed motion saying that the suspension of human rights act is shocking and that even the stated purpose of doing it should be condemned.

Sam Adams mentioned that youth crime is rooted in conditions that lead to it and instead of punishing the youth in more horrifying and draconian way, the government should instead spend the money to address those conditions.

Erin Blyth mentioned that the solution is never to lock up the kids and while agreeing with the premise of the motion suggested an amendment to exclude the part condemning every single member of the QLD labour party, as it should be

noted to keep in mind those who have not had the opportunity yet to fight on the issues.

Sam Adams mentioned that the members who dissociate with such policies of the party should leave the party instead considering their efforts and steps to fight such draconian measures have failed.

There was a procedural motion to move an amendment by Erin Blyth to strike out the part saying every member of QLD labour party.

It was moved

TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REMOVE THE PART CONDEMNING EVERY MEMBER OF QLD LABOUR

COUNCIL 112/89

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQU CONDEMNS THE QLD LABOUR FOR SUSPENDING THE QLD HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

COUNCIL 112/90

STURM/ADAMS

CARRIED

HDR STUDENTS MOTION

COUNCIL 112/91

CARRIED

Permission to Semper Editor for recording a Council Session

Semper Editor Dylan Thomas spoke to the Council on the proposed motion requesting permission from the Council to film the next Council meeting for the documentary being made about the Union.

The movers of the motion agreed with the amendment suggested by the Chair to exclude any in-camera sessions.

Michael Walker suggested a further amendment to state that the Council has the final approval of the final cut of the recorded session and the movers of the motion agreed with the amendment.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU COUNCIL APPROVES THE SEMPER EDITOR DYLAN THOMAS FILMING THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING EXCLUDING ANY IN-CAMERA SESSION AND THAT THE COUNCIL HAS THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE FINAL CUT OF THE RECORDED SESSION

COUNCIL 112/92

THOMAS/STURM

CARRIED

I, Michael Walker move that the UQU Council congratulate the UQU Disability Officer Jordy Duffey on their election as the Undergraduate Academic Board Member

Michael Walker spoke to the council on the elected students to the Academic Board, who are also active members of the Union and have always actively fight for students rights and representation.

It was moved

THAT THE UQU COUNCIL CONGRAGULATES THE UQU DISABILITY OFFICER JORDY DUFFEY ON THEIR ELECTION AS THE ACADEMIC BOARD MEMBER

COUNCIL 112/93

CARRIED

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8:01 PM