

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

1st Extraordinary Meeting of the
104th UQ Union Council, 2015

6:00PM

Tuesday 31/03/2015

Holt Room

Level 4, Union Complex (Bld. 21), St. Lucia Campus

Chair: Michael Lucas

The meeting was declared open at 6:03PM

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

- Kathryn Cramp
- Thomas O'Connor
- Matthew Hales
- Isabel Manfield
- Shannon Fogarty
- Annie Danks
- Daren Tan
- Joshua Roser
- Amy MacMahon
- Tom Davies
- Tom Millroy
- Blair Ivens
- Michael Lucas
- Jacob Pedersen
- Laurence McLean
- Patrick Bowman
- Amanda Lamb
- Jason Wang
- Ange Ou
- Jacob Kay
- Dominic Smith
- Gabrielle Starr
- Nicholas Pratt
- Matthew Kim
- Amanthi Fernando

The Following Members were absent:

- Amy Jelacic
- Gabrielle Menolotto
- Andrew Simpson
- Alexandra Brown
- Anthony Chepurin
- Roberto Fragoso
- Shilpa Datta
- Nicholas Tong
- Jaime Goodwin
- Michael Wellington
- Josephne Coddington
- Dion Lee
- Lynda Maybanks
- Sophie Borzi
- Laura Howden
- Melanie Keyte
- India Anderson
- Aroha Liebhart
- Thompson Wong
- Eithandee Aung
- Olivia Anderson
- Mike Hopkins
- Damien De Haan
- Kyle Jenson
- Danielle Lovell
- Alistair Meldrum
- Jaya Prasad

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Alistair Meldrum
- Amy Jelacic
- Sophie Borzi
- Jaya Prasad
- Danielle Lovell
- Shilpa Datta
- Nicholas Tong
- Alexandra Brown
- Dion Lee
- Damien De Haan

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

- Danielle Lovell

The following proxies were received:

- Alistair Meldrum to Thomas Robertson
- Danielle Lovell to Matthew Kim

The following others were present:

- Lauren Bicknell
- Conor Ruane
- Kurt Tucker
- Imogen Inglis
- Martin Procter
- Nathan Johnston
- Andrew Lamb
- Thomas Robertson

The Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged the Jagera and Turrbal people as the traditional owners of the land.

It was moved

THAT THE NOTED APOLOGIES BE ACCEPTED AND LEAVE BE GRANTED TO ALL APPLICANTS.

COUNCIL 104/39

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

b) Elections

Nil

c) Appeals From Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil

d) Reports of Elected Officers

Nil

e) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil

f) Question Time

The chair directed council that any questions relating to the Annual Budget should be saved for when the meeting considers the budget later in the agenda.

Procedural motion to close question time

WITHDRAWN

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding what the Union spends SSAF money on.

The UQU President responded that SSAF money is spent on advocacy through SHOC, The Gender and Sexuality portfolio, The Student Rights portfolio and Buildings.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding whether SSAF money goes towards items such as t-shirts and merchandise.

The UQU Treasurer responded that there are categories regarding what the Union can spend SSAF money on.

The UQU President explained that the Union has not made a claim for such items this year.

The UQU Treasurer added that he would like to further look into the question and provide an answer later on.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding whether the UQU President would be concerned if the Union was seen to be openly campaigning for political purposes.

The UQU President requested clarification regarding whether the question related to prior questions.

Student, Thomas Robertson, directed council to Section 19, Part 38 of the Higher Education Legislation where the legislation guides that a higher education provider must not spend the amount paid to the provider as Student Services and Amenities Fee on political parties or elections. He then presented council with a photograph of the UQU Secretary wearing a UQU t-shirt in front of a labour corflute.

The UQU Secretary responded that the t-shirt in the photograph was worn that day at work, and was taken off shortly after the photograph once another shirt was available.

Student, Thomas Robertson, suggested that taking a photograph in front of a corflute while wearing the t-shirt is actively campaigning. He suggested that this violates the legislation.

The UQU President suggested that the Union could investigate whether SSAF money was actually spent on those t-shirts.

The questioner was agreeable to this.

The chair received two motions. He explained that they must be considered in the order that they are received.

It was moved

THAT QUESTION TIME BE CLOSED

COUNCIL 104/40

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

Imogen Inglis, Kurt Tucker and Martin Procter entered the meeting at 6:14pm

The second motion was read aloud to council for consideration. It was a motion to censure the UQU Secretary for misappropriation of UQ Union resources for partisan political purposes.

Student, Thomas Robertson spoke for the motion. He raised that the photograph politicises the UQ Union and that SSAF money should not be spent on political campaigns.

It was raised that the union should explore how the t-shirt was purchased before council considers the motion.

The UQU Treasurer explained that the funding for the t-shirt could have come out of profits from Union businesses.

Student, Thomas Robertson, explained that regardless of how the t-shirt was paid for, the photograph politicises the union.

The chair received a separate motion regarding whether there should be an investigation into how SSAF money is spent. He read the motion aloud on request from a councillor.

It was raised that if such an investigation took place, perhaps council should wait to vote on the censure motion after the findings of an investigation are finalised.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised that last year council was advised that there is no way to tell whether expenditure derived from SSAF funding or the UQ Union business trading arm.

The UQU Treasurer responded that there are different streams of funding and that money can be traced back to where it came from.

The costs, practicality and necessity of whether an independent audit is appropriate for the matter were discussed by council members and non-members.

It was raised that the Union has been recently independently audited for 2014 but the t-shirt would have been purchased in 2015.

It was raised that another audit could cost approximately \$10,000 and council was urged to consider whether an independent audit is justified in order to find out how a single t-shirt was paid for.

Council agreed that the union could look into the matter internally in order to find a reasonable answer to the question.

It was moved

THAT THIS COUNCIL OF THE UQ UNION CENSURE THE UQ UNION SECRETARY FOR AN EGREGIOUS MISAPPROPRIATION OF UQ UNION RESOURCES FOR PARTISAN POLITICAL PURPOSES.

COUNCIL 104/41

ROBERTSON/SMITH

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THIS COUNCIL OF THE UQ UNION CALLS ON THE UQ UNION PRESIDENT TO COMMISSION AN INVESTIGATION INTO HOW THE STUDENT SERVICES & AMENITIES FEE IS BEING SPENT AND THE FULL FINDINGS BE RELEASED TO ALL MEMBERS OF UQ UNION COUNCIL AT THE MAY ORDINARY MEETING.

COUNCIL 104/42

ROBERTSON/RUANE

CARRIED

Upon receiving no further questions from the floor, the chair ruled that question time be closed.

g) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

It was explained that as the previous meeting occurred very recently, the minutes for that meeting have not been fully compiled for consideration.

h) Business Arising From the Minutes

Nil

i) Reports of Other Union Bodies

Nil

j) Business Which has Been Proposed

i. The Annual Budget

The chair explained that references to page numbers will be in terms of the bottom left corner page number.

The UQU Treasurer explained a minor error that had been discovered in the budget since the last meeting.

Council first examined the budget for Student Services.

Advocacy

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the verbal reference to 'admin girls' is indicative of discrimination in the recruitment process for that role.

The UQU Treasurer responded that he referred to the people currently holding positions in administration in such a way because they are both women.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the expenditure of \$1000 for condoms.

UQU Vice President for gender and Sexuality responded that they help to prevent STIs.

Question from student, Kurt Tucker, International Women's Day and National Coming Out Day and why they fall under advocacy and not under the portfolio of Gender and Sexuality.

UQU Treasurer and Vice President for Gender and Sexuality explained that both portfolios contributed to those events separately.

Gender and Sexuality

The UQU Treasurer explained that the Union wanted to grow and develop the Gender and Sexuality portfolio for 2015.

Question from Student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why the income for Gender and Sexuality will be less for 2015.

The UQU President responded that there will be less income on ticket sales for the ball.

Student, Thomas Robertson, noted increased funding for the ball in 2015 and suggested that the money could be allocated to other projects rather than alcohol.

The UQU President and the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality explained the following:

- The ball provided an important opportunity for queer students who couldn't attend things like their year 12 formal.

- Last year there was an accounting error in the Gender and Sexuality budget.

Question raised regarding the turn out for events in 2015 in the portfolio.

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality responded that early semester events have a good turnout of about 70 people. Events in the queer room are low cost and tend to attract about 30 people. She added that they have been trying to put events on at popular times and try to make the budgets for the events reflective of the amount of people that are likely to attend.

Question from Student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether fewer people will be going to the ball.

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality clarified that the budget for the ball in 2015 is different to 2014 based on a review of all of the costs incurred last year, some of which were not originally budgeted for in 2014.

Question raised regarding other operating costs in the portfolio

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality responded that it covers things such as tea and coffee in the women's and queer room and food bank for the queer room.

It was raised by student, Kurt Tucker, that initiatives such as free condoms, International Women's Day and Coming Out Day should not be in the advocacy portfolio and should fall under the Gender and Sexuality portfolio. He further suggested that the two portfolios could be combined into one.

The UQU President explained that the two areas have separate budgets for separate events and initiatives. She explained that combining the two areas into one would confuse the roles of each portfolio and how they relate to each other.

Question raised regarding queer promotions and what that entails.

It was explained by the UQU Treasurer and the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality that the Queer Collective is very active with an average of three events per week and often the work they do is reflexive to issues and initiatives that come up throughout the year. As such, the line in the budget for queer promotions allows for spending on projects that will develop as the year progresses.

Student Rights

The UQU Treasurer presented the budget for the Student rights portfolio

Question raised by Student Thomas Robertson, regarding the budget for Morning Marmalade last year and why the figure has increased.

The UQU Treasurer explained that last year morning marmalade cost around \$12,000. He explained that the budget has increased to provide a free breakfast on Thursdays as well. He added that cost saving measures have also been introduced.

Questions raised by student Kurt Tucker, regarding advertising costs for the portfolio and whether the expenditure was necessary.

The UQU Treasurer, President and Vice President of Student Rights responded that the money largely goes towards t-shirts for Morning Marmalade and explained that last year's shirts have mostly worn out as they were used regularly around food.

Nathan Johnston entered the meeting at 6:57pm

Question raised regarding the advertising of Food Bank.

UQU President responded that it is advertised through SHOC and its associated Facebook page as well as the Facebook page of the Union.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the student rights ball and what it involves.

Vice President for Student Rights responded that it will be an op-shop ball and it was an election promise. She added that it will be cheaper to attend and less expensive to dress for compared to other balls.

Discussion regarding the budget for reactionary campaigns.

It was raised by, student, Kurt Tucker that it could allow for too much spending on events that aren't appropriate. He also suggested that the Vice Presidents could apply for further funding when future campaigns arise.

It was raised by councillors that student unions play an important role in advocacy campaigns for students and sometimes campaigns are too urgent to wait for the next meeting of council to be approved for funding.

The UQU Treasurer raised that part of the role of the Student Rights portfolio to react to events and it is appropriate to allocate money to that role.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding whether the budget for reactionary campaigns will be used to fight the TTCC.

A councillor explained that he understands the State Transport Minister is trying to get rid of the card.

The UQU President added that the Union has requested a meeting with Jackie Trad regarding the TTCC.

Student, Kurt Tucker, raised that this approach seems less enthusiastic compared to 2014.

An informal agreement on each section was suggested in order to gauge whether members of council approve of the separate elements of the budget.

Informal agreement was reached for the portfolios of Advocacy, Gender and Sexuality and Student Rights.

Campus culture

The UQU Treasurer presented the budget for Campus Culture.

Question raised regarding expected attendance at Winter Carnival after a low turnout last year. Expected attendance enquiry regarding Lunar New Year was also made. A question was also raised in terms of whether the costs of those events are justified.

The UQU President explained that due to concerns that the event could be over-attended, the Union was limited in terms of being able to advertise the event. This year, an agreement has been reached that advanced advertisement will be authorised and the issue won't be replicated.

Vice Presidents of Campus Culture explained that the Lunar New Year celebration has already occurred and was very well attended. They added that some events cost more to run if they are held externally from the Red Room as there are more costs involved with hire fees.

Andrew Lamb entered the meeting at 7:18pm

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding expenditure on the cricket world cup.

Vice President of Campus Culture explained that the figure in the budget was a projected amount from the start of the year, not the actual amount spent. She explained that the Union spent approximately \$2,000 on the Cricket World Cup.

Question regarding whether the Union has figures on events that have already occurred.

Vice President of Campus Culture responded that the Union spent approximately \$7,000 on Lunar New Year.

Question regarding the rodeo referenced in the budget.

Vice President Campus Culture and the UQU Treasurer responded that there will be a rodeo themed event. It was explained that the event is still in the design process.

Question regarding whether there is an estimate on expenditure from the Ignition Party.

The UQU Treasurer responded that there was a positive variance on the budget of about \$10,000. He explained that the event ran at a loss of approximately \$8,000 compared to a projected loss of \$17,000.

Question regarding the end of year party.

The UQU Treasurer explained that last year the Union party was a pub crawl but this year it is yet to be decided what kind of event it will be.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding whether there are any plans for Passover, Hanukah or other Jewish celebrations.

The UQU President responded that the Union reached out to the Jewish community at the start of the year and did not receive a response but the Union is happy to try again.

The International Students Officer welcomed the suggestion and encouraged council to pass on any contacts

It was raised by, student, Imogen Inglis whether it's too late to contact the Jewish community regarding events that are soon to take place.

The UQU President responded that the Union reached out earlier in the year but did not receive a response and explained that the Union will try again.

Question raised regarding Beer Day and what that may involve.

UQU Treasurer responded that it will be a celebration of craft beer.

Question regarding whether the Union will be doing anything for Easter.

Vice President of Campus culture responded that the Union did not want to double up on the Easter egg hunt at St Lucia planned by the University but added that the Union will be giving out Easter eggs at external campuses.

Question regarding whether expenditure on photography is valuable.

The UQU Treasurer responded that clubs and colleges use the photos and marketing can also use the photos to help increase brand awareness of the Union and use of the Union facebook page.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding expenditure on music in the refectory and whether the union should spend less.

UQU President explained that expenditure also covers live musicians.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding whether the Union should engage students to play for free.

UQU Treasurer responded that it is important to engage quality musicians and that the union often pays student musicians to play.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker, addressed to most portfolios regarding whether they would prefer the money be re-allocated into their portfolio and out of live music at the refectory.

The Vice President of Gender and Sexuality added that student feedback indicated that students wanted more live music.

The Operations Manager added that live music in the area of the refectory is could for business and the refectory has recently recorded high profits on days where live music was played.

Question raised regarding the difference between Beer Day and Oktoberfest.

The UQU Treasurer responded that Oktoberfest is a cultural event.

The Vice President for campus Culture added that Beer Day will be on the 1st of August.

Question raised regarding winter carnival and how the approach will be different to attract a higher attendance.

The UQU President and the UQU Vice President of Campus culture responded that the event will be advertised more. They added that the event last year was well attended but just not as high as the union hoped. It was explained that over the course of the day about 1000 students attended winter carnival.

Question raised regarding what the Winter Carnival involves.

The UQU Treasurer explained that there will be activities such as rides, fairy floss and a petting zoo.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Campus Culture budget.

Safety Bus

The UQU Treasurer presented the Safety Bus budget

The UQU Treasurer explained that the variance from this budget was largely due to a wage increase.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Safety Bus budget.

Clubs and Societies

The UQU Treasurer presented the Clubs and Societies budget.

Question raised regarding whether discretionary funding had been allocated to the Clubs and Societies Portfolio.

The UQU Treasurer responded that it hadn't. He agreed that he could provide that breakdown before it is allocated.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the campus Clubs and Societies budget.

Colleges

The UQU Treasurer presented the Colleges budget.

Question raised by, student, Thomas Robertson, regarding why the budget for Colleges dropped.

The UQU Treasurer responded that the change is still in line with previous administrations.

The UQU President added that the student executive had met with most of the colleges and they were happy with the funding.

The Colleges Officer explained that colleges were satisfied with this year's allocation.

Question regarding whether there are restrictions on spending at colleges.

The UQU Treasurer responded that the representatives of the colleges understand what they need and the Union wants to support those needs. He added that they are unlikely to spend the money on anything outrageous.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Colleges budget.

Environment

The UQU Treasurer presented the Environment budget.

Question raised regarding the earth hour campaign, how much carbon was emitted because of the event and how much the union spent on the event.

The environment officer responded that the event was attended by approximately 350 – 450 students and there were acoustic musicians, food available and a raffle for the cyclone pam relief effort. She added that half of the outlay spent on food was recouped. She explained that in order to make the event sustainable, the microphone was turned off for an hour, people were asked to turn off mobile phones, lights were solar powered and people brought their own plates and cutlery to cut down on waste.

Question regarding what was covered by the expenditure from the event.

The Environment Officer explained that items such as food, musicians and prizes for the raffle were covered in the event budget.

Question regarding whether the environment collective has spent its grant.

The UQU Environment Officer and UQU Treasurer responded that it has not been spent yet.

Question regarding carbon emissions and the candles used at the Earth Hour event.

The Environment Officer responded that the candles used were made of beeswax which are not a hydrocarbon.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Environment budget.

The Student Executive

The UQU Treasurer presented the Student Executive budget.

The negative variance in wages was discussed.

The UQU President and the UQU Treasurer and the previous UQU Treasurer explained that the wages for one administrative staff member had been moved out of SHOC and into the Student Executive line as it became a more accurate reflection of the work. It was explained that the student executives did not receive a pay rise.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker, regarding student promotions.

The UQU Treasurer responded that it covers events and other discretionary funding.

Question regarding an annual student union conference.

The UQU President responded that she will be going to Chile and it is funded by the University.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Student Executive budget.

Executive Elections and Referendums

The UQU Treasurer presented the Executive elections and Referendums budget.

The correct pluralisation of referendums was verified.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding the negative variance.

It was explained by the previous treasurer that the variance exists because the student vouchers were not originally budgeted in 2014.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding electronic voting and associated costs.

The UQU Treasurer and UQU Secretary responded that the costs of electronic voting haven't been fully looked into yet. They explained that it may cut costs but this hasn't been accounted for as more needs to be understood about electronic voting.

Question regarding whether a referendum and an election would be held at the same time

The UQU Secretary responded that if Incorporation goes to a referendum, it will be held at the same time as the annual elections.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Executive Elections and Referendums budget.

Goorie Berrimpa

The UQU Treasurer presented the Goorie Berrimpa budget.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding who the Goorie Berrimpa Officers are.

The UQU President responded that the Goorie Berrimpa Officer is Lynda Maybanks.

Question raised by, student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the increase in discretionary spending in some portfolios compared to the decrease of discretionary spending in Clubs and Societies.

The UQU President responded that the increase in some portfolios is largely for good accounting practise.

The UQU Treasurer added that the discretionary spending will be itemised as it occurs.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Goorie Berrimpa budget.

International Students

The UQU Treasurer presented the International Students budget.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding the budget which was agreed upon for 2014 for the International Students Portfolio.

The UQU Treasurer responded that the agreed budget for 2014 was \$40,312.

Question raised regarding the Eid event.

The UQU President explained that the Eid event is similar to Ramadan but separate. She explained that one event is in September and one is in July

Question raised regarding whether the wages for the International Students Officer and the Postgraduate officer have been agreed upon.

The UQU President responded that the officers will receive five hours each per week.

Question regarding an idea suggested last year where the International Students Officer would organise for more support to International Students and whether that has been budgeted for.

The International Students Officer responded that the support can be provided at close to no cost. He added that the idea will come under SHOC as well.

Question regarding the International Student Department.

The UQU President responded that it will be an online hub for International Students to Access.

Question regarding what kinds of grants will be provided to International Students

The UQU President responded that the grants will be bursaries mostly handled by SHOC.

Question regarding the UQ Diner

The International Students Officer explained that the budget is meant to read "Dinner". He explained that it will be a picnic event for International Students.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the International Students budget.

Postgraduate Students

The UQU Treasurer presented the Postgraduate Students budget.

Question regarding what APS is.

The UQU President explained that APS is the Association of Postgraduate Students which is a Union Body.

Question raised regarding the expenditure on the AGM.

The UQU President responded that the expenditure covered things such as food and drinks.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Postgraduate Students budget.

Semper Floreat

The UQU Treasurer presented the Semper Floreat budget.

Questions raised by, student, Thomas Robertson regarding how many issues are expected.

The Semper Floreat Editor responded that there will be six issues for the year.

Questions raised by, student, Thomas Robertson regarding an early expenditure listed in the budget.

The Semper Floreat Editor responded that there was money set aside if Semper Floreat chose to have a launch party but they chose not to have one.

Question raised by, student, Imogen Inglis regarding whether Semper Floreat can be described as monthly.

The Semper Floreat Editor responded that there will be an issue for each academic month.

The UQU President explained that issues won't be released during exams.

It was raised by, student, Kurt Tucker that the Semper Floreat Editor position is paid full time. He raised a question regarding whether the editors are producing enough work.

The UQU President explained that if the editors aren't working, they don't get paid as they are required to clock in and out for their shifts. She added that a lot of work goes toward layout, procedures, policies and planning for the year ahead.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding 'Semper Speaks' and what it involves.

The UQU Treasurer responded that 'Semper Speaks' is an idea where the Semper Floreat team might survey students to gauge opinions on pertinent issues.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Semper Floreat budget.

One further question was raised regarding Semper Floreat and whether it intends to earn income through advertising.

The Semper Floreat Editor responded that they might if the opportunity arises and later added that the marketing team offers Semper Floreat as an option to advertisers.

The UQU Treasurer added that he budgeted for zero advertising revenue in case the magazine did not attract any advertisers.

Building Expenses, Professional Services and Student Services Overhead

The UQU Treasurer presented the budgets for Building Expenses, Professional Services and Student Services Overhead.

Question raised by, student, Thomas Robertson regarding the depreciation on fit out costs.

The UQU Treasurer responded that the depreciation costs are ongoing and recurring.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding 'Other Operating Costs'.

The UQU Treasurer responded that other operating costs mostly refer to insurance.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding an expenditure on printing, postage and photocopying in January.

The UQU Treasurer responded that the expenditure can be explained by printing associated with O-week and also the replacement of cartridges.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Building Expenses, Professional Services and Student Services Overhead budgets.

Gatton, Ipswich, Herston and Turbot St

The UQU Treasurer presented the budgets for Gatton, Ipswich, Herston and Turbot St.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding similar expenditure on the Ipswich budget despite the campus no longer belonging to UQ.

The UQU treasurer responded that SHOC services will continue to be available to UQ students at Ipswich.

The UQU President added that those services are particularly important for students facing difficulty associated with academic processes and handover.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding whether the services provided by USQ are available to UQ students.

The UQU President responded that USQ cannot advise on UQ specific matters.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding events expenditure at Ipswich.

The UQU Treasurer responded that it is still important to represent Ipswich students with events.

Question raised by, student, Thomas Robertson regarding whether there are plans to merge the budgets for Ipswich and Herston.

The UQU Treasurer responded that such a merger would require amending the regulations.

Council indicated an informal agreement to the Gatton, Ipswich, Herston and Turbot St budgets.

Income Statements

Question raised, student, Thomas Robertson regarding 'Other Expenditure'.

The UQU Treasurer explained that the breakdown is provided in documents presented to council.

The Chair directed council to raise any questions regarding the remainder of the document.

Question raised by, student, Thomas Robertson regarding capital expenditure in 2015.

The UQU Treasurer responded that he would need to take the question on notice.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker regarding the Schonell Theatre and which portfolio it falls under now.

The UQU Operations manager explained that the Schonell Theatre is in the Business Trading Portfolio.

Question raised by, student, Kurt Tucker the predicted operating profit or loss for the Schonell Theatre.

The UQU Treasurer responded that the Schonell Theatre has a predicted operating loss of \$95,000.

Question raised by, student, Andrew Lamb regarding the amount of income the Union earns from cigarettes.

The UQU Treasurer responded that they have not looked into those figures yet.

Question raised by, student, Thomas Robertson regarding the provision for doubtful debts and how the union arrived at that figure for 2015.

The UQU Treasurer responded it may be an accounting standard used by the UQU finance Manager and explained that it is unlikely that it would be modelled too closely from 2014 as that year involved the closure of several businesses.

Question raised by, student, Jacob Pederson regarding whether the clubs and societies will have the rights to photographs taken by the Union funded photographers.

The UQU Treasurer and UQU President explained that clubs and societies can have access to the photographs with a UQU logo on them but if the club or society wanted a high res photograph with their own logo, they would need to pay for them.

It was moved

THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 104/43

O'CONNOR/HALES

CARRIED

The chair read a motion from the floor aloud to council regarding full confidence in the UQU Secretary.

Laurence McLean spoke for the motion. He outlined that the Secretary does a good job and that if he has made any mistakes, he has undoubtedly learned from them.

A recorded vote was requested

It was moved

THAT UNION COUNCIL HAS FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE UNION SECRETARY IN BEING ABLE TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES.

COUNCIL 104/44

MCLEAN/LAMB

CARRIED

Recorded vote:

EAIT Councillor 1 *Opposed*

EAIT Councillor 2 *In Favour*

HABS Councillor 1 *In Favour*

HABS Councillor 2 *In Favour*

HABS Councillor 3 *Opposed*

BEL Councillor 1 *In Favour*

BEL Councillor 2 *Absent*

BEL Councillor 3 *In Favour*

HASS Councillor 1 *In Favour*

HASS Councillor 2 *In Favour*

HASS Councillor 3 *Opposed*

Science Councillor 1 *In Favour*

Science Councillor 2 *Opposed*

Science Councillor 3 *In Favour*

MABS Councillor *In Favour*

k) Notice of Business to be Proposed

The meeting was declared closed at 8:34 PM