

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 1st Extraordinary Meeting of the
107th UQ Union Council, 2018

5:00PM

Wednesday 24/01/2018

Innes Room 1

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

Chair: Matthew Diamond

The Meeting Opened at 5:14pm

a) Welcome by Union Chairperson

b) Credentials

The following members were present:

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| • Jeremy Lwin | • Kelsie McArthur | • Paul Taylor |
| • Zach Schafferius | • Paige Howard | • Jimmy Jin |
| • Nicholas Comino | • Kulkarawa Kukoyi | • Samuel Pulsford |
| • Connor Haddad | • Rebecca Bennett | • Rowan Evans |
| • Ethan Van Roo | • Olivia Winchester | • Duncan Hart |
| • Georgia Millroy | • Ben Kozij | • Matthew Diamond |
| • Glenn Porter | • Zil Silvester | • Coen Harnischfeger |
| • Aaron Barker-Smith | • Emma Shayler | • Gloria Woods |
| • Brandon Lo | | |

The Following Members were absent:

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| • Keira Murray | • Nerissa Aitken | • Adelaide Power |
| • Lachlan Bon | • Jackson Rees | • Nathan Kerr |
| • Lianne Mellin | • Matthew Qiu | • Kevin Tian |
| • Elif Kaya | • Samuel Kiernan | • Lulu Nkwazi |
| • Kenny Tran | • Michelle Zhang | |

Apologies were received from the following members:

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| • Jackson Rees | • Nathan Kerr | • Nerissa Aitken |
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The following proxies were received:

- Adelaide Power to Sophia Zeller
- Kiera Murray to Emma Shayler
- Nerissa Aitken to Ethan Van Roo

The following others were present:

- Ian Trinh
- Jehiel Lomaz
- Reuben Murray
- Oula Shihan
- Henry Deake
- Selina Dowd
- Liam Brandish
- Vishnupriya De
- Zachary Thomas
- Samuel Ngagi
- Liam Brandish
- Jordan Duffey
- Lewis Jones
- Emily Westwood
- Dave Chappel
- Lachlan Myatt
- David Corporal
- Wilson Gavin
- Anna Heale

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 107/01

MCARTHUR/KOZIJ

CARRIED

c) Elections

Election of Chair

The Returning Officer noted that the regulations now require the chairperson to be elected from the floor. The vote was to be taken by a show of hands.

Brandon Lo nominated Matthew Diamond.

No further nominations were received.

The Returning Officer made a verbal declaration that Matthew Diamond was elected as Union Council Chair unopposed and explained that he would make a formal declaration to that effect shortly.

d) Confirmation of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

It was noted that no minutes from the previous meeting are available.

A motion was received to censure the previous executive.

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL CENSURE THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER
FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONSISTUTIONAL REGULATIONS

COUNCIL 107/02

MCARTHUR/LO

CARRIED

e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was again noted that no minutes from the previous meeting are available.

A motion was received to censure the previous executive.

Rowan Evans, Union newspaper editor, suggested the motion should be amended to censure the secretary only.

The mover and seconder were amendable to the amendment.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT COUNCIL CENSURE THE PREVIOUS SECRETARY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH
CONSISTUTIONAL REGULATIONS

COUNCIL 107/03

MCARTHUR/THOMAS

CARRIED

f) Requests for Starring/ Approval or Noting of the Items Not Starred en bloc

The Treasurer's report was starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to consider all other reports and business en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE UNION PRESIDENT'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/04

LWIN/MCARTHUR

CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/05

LWIN/MCARTHUR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS) BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED

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| COUNCIL 107/06 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/07 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/08 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/9 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/10 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/11 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/12 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/13 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/14 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE TURBOT ST OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/15 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE GATTON OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/16 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |
| THAT THE COLLEGE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED | | |
| COUNCIL 107/17 | LWIN/MCARTHUR | CARRIED |

g) References

Nil

The Union Secretary noted that the current regulations set out the agenda for council meetings and 'References' is included by convention. Standing orders would need to be altered to amend this.

h) Reports of the Elected Officers

No starred reports.

i) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

j) Question Time

Question raised regarding the reason for the Treasurer's resignation. The Union Secretary responded that the former Treasurer had cited personal reasons.

The Union Secretary read the resignation email to council upon request.

Questions were raised as to whether the Environment Officers were planning on taking on a more political role for the coming year.

Samuel Pulsford, Environment Officer, responded that:

- He recently met with a representative from Fossil Free UQ to discuss their current strategy and what role the Environment Collective can play. Fossil Free explained that they are focussing on gaining a larger membership and have not yet decided upon the contribution of the Collective.
- Samuel Pulsford expressed the desire to take the advice of Fossil Free UQ before further action.

Questions raised regarding the unions plans to incorporate and the date of the general meeting.

The Union Secretary responded that:

- The Union is currently in talks with a lawyer who specialises in incorporation and they are taking her advice on these matters.
- Meetings are being planned with previous secretaries.
- More information will be available at future council meetings.
- No date is currently set for a general meeting.

Further information was requested on the delay.

The Union President responded that:

- Former legal advice has directed the union to change fundamental parts of the organisation, including electoral requirements and general meetings. More information is required in order for the executive to be confident in the proposed model.

The Union President took the request for more information on notice.

Questions raised regarding the reports missing from the business pack.

The Union Secretary responded that SSAF funding applications have taken priority over the last week. She noted that council members are welcome to ask office bearers for their reports during the course of the meeting.

Questions raised on the recent SSAF proposal submissions and how much the Union can expect to receive.

The Union Secretary responded that the SSAF funding has already been received, and that the recently submitted proposal is to justify this funding.

The Managing Director, Glenn Porter, stated that SSAF funding amounts to \$2.7m. Entitlement for semester two included another \$90k, but this must be applied for. This takes the total to nearly \$2.8m.

Councillor, Duncan Hart, asked for confirmation that the elected officers were aware plans were already underway to double clubs and societies funding during their election campaign.

Student, Zachary Thomas, responded that the elected officers made the ultimate decision on where to direct the extra funding received from the SSAF and where to cut superfluous spending.

The Union President stated that the intention remains to inject money into clubs and societies. An aggressive budget has been created and this can be discussed in more depth at the budget meeting.

No further questions were raised.

Procedural motion to close question time

CARRIED

k) Reports of Union Bodies

Nil

l) Appeals

Nil

m) Executive Business

Nil

n) General Business

Clubs and Societies Review Committee

Student, Zachary Thomas, put forward a motion regarding the creation of a review committee for clubs and societies. He spoke for the motion, briefly outlining the rationale for the proposed committee. He explained that:

- There have been instances in the past where affiliated clubs have abused the process and engaged in bad practice.
- The current Clubs and Societies Committee have no investigative powers and exist as a reactive body only. The proposed Review Committee would exist as an investigatory body.
- The Review Committee aims would be to identify clubs with duplicate aims and those engaged in bad practice. An example of their investigatory powers would be the ability to demand AGM minutes.
- The Review Committee could pass up recommendations to the Clubs and Societies Committee, who, if in agreement, would then pass these up to council where permanent changes could be passed.

Nicholas Comino, Gender and Sexuality Vice President, queried why these powers cannot simply be extended to the Clubs and Societies Committee already in existence.

The Union President responded that the Clubs and Societies Committee is effective for affiliating clubs only and that a more proactive approach is required for investigating clubs.

Kulkarawa Kukoyi entered the meeting at 17.59.

Nicholas Comino, Gender and Sexuality Vice President, noted that a digital accounting system would put an end to club mismanagement.

The Union Secretary raised that there was a need for a clear separation between investigative and regulatory bodies.

Student, Sophia Zeller, raised that the Clubs and Societies Committee is already accountable to council and the creation of a Review Committee will add an additional and unnecessary bureaucratic layer.

Student, Priya De, raised that the crux of this discussion is related to spending student money appropriately. She suggested there is a more general discussion to be had on this and that student money is disproportionately spent on parties.

The chair asked that contributions to the discussion remain relevant.

The chair named Priya De.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT A COMMITTEE BE CREATED AS PER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE IN APPENDIX A
COUNCIL 107/18 THOMAS/MCARTHUR CARRIED

Student, Zachary Thomas, put forward a motion regarding the appointment of students to the aforementioned Review Committee.

Procedural motion to move to formal debate

CARRIED

Formal debate on the Review Committee members

The mover of the motion, Zachary Thomas, spoke for the motion, briefly outlining to council the members he would suggest be appointed and his reasoning.

The seconder of the motion, the Union Secretary, waived her speaking rights.

Councillor Duncan Hart spoke against the motion. He explained that he had no confidence in the impartiality of the proposed committee members.

Union President, Jeremy Lwin, spoke in favour of the motion. He raised that the proposed members possessed a mixture of skills and qualifications suitable to the role.

Nicholas Comino, Gender and Sexuality Vice President, spoke against the motion. He noted that council had, earlier in the same meeting, censured the secretary now being considered for appointment to the Review Committee.

Procedural motion to adjourn the meeting

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 18.24

The meeting resumed at 18.34

When the meeting resumed, the following members were present:

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| • Jeremy Lwin | • Kelsie McArthur | • Paul Taylor |
| • Zach Schafferius | • Paige Howard | • Jimmy Jin |
| • Nicholas Comino | • Kulkarawa Kukoyi | • Samuel Pulsford |
| • Connor Haddad | • Rebecca Bennett | • Rowan Evans |
| • Ethan Van Roo | • Olivia Winchester | • Duncan Hart |
| • Georgia Millroy | • Ben Kozij | • Matthew Diamond |
| • Glenn Porter | • Zil Silvester | • Coen Harnischfeger |
| • Aaron Barker-Smith | • Emma Shayler | • Gloria Woods |
| • Brandon Lo | | |

Councillor Georgia Millroy suggested the motion be amended to replace Finbar Fuller with Ben Kozij.

The mover and seconder were amenable to the amendment.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT, CONTINGENT ON THE IMMEDIATELY PREVIOUS MOTION PASSING, UNION COUNCIL PROPOSE TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS TO THE COMMITTEE:

- BEN KOZIJ
- NERISSA AITKEN
- ZACHARY THOMAS
- GEORGIA MILLROY
- DYLAN KERR
- JIMMY JIN & PAIGE HOWARD

COUNCIL 107/19

THOMAS/MCARTHUR

CARRIED

Invasion Day Rallies

A motion was received from the floor seeking the Union's support for the Invasion Day rallies taking place on 26th January 2018 in Brisbane.

Procedural motion to move to formal debate

CARRIED

Formal debate on the Invasion Day Rallies

The mover of the motion, Priya De, spoke for the motion. She raised that the Union cannot be neutral on issues of social injustice and should recognise that the Australia Day celebration is an insult to indigenous peoples. She reaffirmed that the Union should support progressive causes.

The seconder of the motion, Oula Shihaan, spoke for the motion. She raised that, as a progressive institution, the Union should support this motion in recognition of the indigenous history of genocide and dispossession.

Student, Wilson Gavin, spoke against the motion. He raised that changing the date of Australia Day is not supported by 90% of Australians and that the Union should have no part in these kinds of political issues.

Student, Lachlan Myatt, spoke against the motion. He raised that the function of council does not include having an opinion on wider societal issues and that this issue does not impact on the life of the average student.

Sophia Zeller, proxy for councillor Adelaide Power, spoke for the motion. She raised that issues of social justice should be the focus of council and that the union has a history of standing

against social injustice. She noted that most students are in support and that this should not be immaterial.

Goorie Berrimpa Officer, Connor Haddad, spoke against the motion. He noted that, while he personally supports changing the date, he believes it is not the Union's role to politically align itself and that the Union shouldn't be forced to take a political stance.

Councillor Duncan Hart spoke for the motion. He raised that Union is a political body, demonstrated by the fact that councillors were elected to their positions. He raised that passing this motion would be a concrete way of showing solidarity to an oppressed group.

Councillor Ethan van Roo spoke against the motion. He raised that the Union should not concern itself with niche social issues.

Councillor Brandon Lo spoke for the motion. He raised that councillors were elected to represent students and that the Union would be doing so by supporting this motion. He raised that the Union needs to remain a socially progressive organisation.

The Union Secretary spoke against the motion. She raised that the Union has an in-house marketing and business trading team with their own functions and that this motion would put them in a difficult position. She raised that some of the action items specified in the motion are unactionable, for example, it is infeasible to email every student at UQ. She advocated for an amendment to the motion from a business perspective.

Student, Zachary Thomas, suggested the motion be amended to strike the email clause specified: 'Send an email to students to promote the event and encourage attendance'. He explained that University policies and procedures give the Union the power to email all students once a semester. He noted that there is the upcoming election of treasurer this semester and a general election to be held the following semester, and that it would be unwise to misuse this important tool.

The mover, Priya De, and seconder, Oula Shihan, were not amenable to the amendment. The seconder of the amendment, the Union president, reserved his right to speak.

Student, Kurt Tucker, spoke against the amendment. He raised that no amendment should be required, as the original motion should be voted down.

Zach Schafferius, Student Rights Vice President, spoke for the amendment. He raised that the Union shouldn't be pushing an agenda onto students via email and that this would be classified as spam.

Procedural motion to put the amendment to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE MOTION MOVED BY PRIYA DE AND OULA SHIHAN REGARDING THE INVASION DAY RALLIES BE AMENDED TO REMOVE THE ACTION POINT: 'SEND AN EMAIL TO STUDENTS TO PROMOTE THE EVENT AND ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE'

COUNCIL 107/20

THOMAS/LWIN

NOT CARRIED

Councillor Duncan Hart suggested the motion be amended due to the logistical problems inherent with the email clause, suggesting instead that the clause be amended to state 'Send an email to *as many students as possible* to promote the event and encourage attendance'.

The mover, Priya De, and seconder, Oula Shihan, were amenable to the amendment.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION ENDORSES THE INVASION DAY RALLIES AND WILL ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE EVENT TAKING PLACE ON 26TH JANUARY 2018 IN BRISBANE.

CONTEXT

JANUARY 26TH MARKS THE INVASION OF INDIGENOUS LAND THAT HAS LED TO THE GENOCIDE AND DISPOSSESSION OF AUSTRALIA'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE UNION TO STAND WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ON THIS DAY OF MOURNING AS WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, FREEDOM AND RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, AND CONTINUE TO, AS A RESULT OF COLONIZATION.

ACTION POINTS

- A MEDIA RELEASE STATING THE UQ UNION'S ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF THE INVASION DAY RALLIES
- SEND AN EMAIL TO AS MANY STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE THE EVENT AND ENCOURAGE ATTENDANCE

- LIAISE WITH THE NTEU UQ BRANCH TO ORGANIZE A CONTINGENT TO ATTEND
- SHARE THE EVENT ON THE UNION'S FACEBOOK PAGE

COUNCIL 107/21

DE/SHIHAN

NOT CARRIED

Higher Education Cuts

A motion was received from the floor seeking the Union's support against the federal government's higher education funding cuts.

The mover of the motion, student Sophia Zeller, spoke for the motion. She raised that the Liberal government cuts to higher education effectively create a tiered system, barring 10,000 students from acceptance into university.

Councillor Ethan Van Roo raised a point of clarification, seeking confirmation that the motion referred to the Liberal National Party, rather than the Liberal party. Sophia Zeller confirmed this.

The seconder of the motion, Duncan Hart, spoke for the motion. He raised that this motion relates to a pressing issue affecting the higher education sector and that informing and mobilising students about these kinds of issues is what student unionism is about.

Rowan Evans, Union newspaper editor, spoke against the motion, raising that it has been the stance of council since 2016 not to support the NUS. Therefore, it would be contradictory for the Union to support this campaign.

Nicholas Comino, Gender and Sexuality Vice President, spoke against the motion. He raised that, in fact, it was the Labour governments uncapping of student places that has impacted negatively on universities, turning them into corporate machines and oversaturating the market. He urged council to maintain their stance on the NUS.

Procedural motion to limit speaking time to two minutes

CARRIED

Councillor Gloria Woods spoke against the motion. She raised that some of the action points are unactionable as O-Week arrangements, including stalls, are already finalised.

Councillor Duncan Hart responded that the printed material specified in the motion would be displayed at existing union stalls.

It was moved

THAT THE UQ UNION TAKES A STAND AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION CUTS.

THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW WAVE OF ATTACKS AGAINST AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES. THESE CUTS INVOLVE A \$2.2 BILLION CUT TO FUNDING IN THE FORM OF A CAP ON COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACEMENTS OVER 2 YEARS FROM 2017, AS WELL AS PLANNING TO LOWER THE HECS REPAYMENT THRESHOLD FROM ITS CURRENT LEVEL TO \$45,000. THE IMPACT OF THE CAP ON PLACEMENTS HAS ALREADY BEEN ESTIMATED TO HAVE EXCLUDED 10,000 STUDENTS IN THIS SEMESTER ALONE FROM ATTENDING UNIVERSITY.

ACTION POINTS

- UQU SUPPORTS THE ONGOING EDUCATION CAMPAIGN OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS
- UQU OFFICE BEARERS WILL HELP PROMOTE AND ATTEND THE UPCOMING NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION (NDA) AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT'S CUTS TO EDUCATION ON MARCH 21.
- UQU WILL UTILIZE ITS EMAIL LISTS TO INFORM STUDENTS OF THE CUTS AND THE NDA, AND SEEK TO MAKE MEDIA COMMENT HIGHLIGHTING OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S MEASURES.
- UQU OFFICE BEARERS WILL MAKE THE EDUCATION CUTS AND THE NDA A PRIORITY DURING INFORMATION STALLS DURING THE BEGINNING OF SEMESTER
- UQU WILL PRINT MATERIALS TO AID THE PROMOTION OF THE NDA FOR STUDENT CLUBS WISHING TO ENGAGE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

COUNCIL 107/22

ZELLER/HART

NOT CARRIED

Sexual Harassment on Campus

A motion was received from the floor seeking the Union's support for movements against sexual harassment, specifically the #metoo and #timesup movements.

The mover of the motion, Nicholas Comino, spoke for the motion. He raised that the Union needs a firm action plan to combat sexual harassment on campus. He noted that the Gender and Sexuality portfolio will be running a campaign throughout the year.

The seconder of the motion, Paige Howard, reserved her right to speak.

Student, Kurt Tucker, spoke against the motion. He agreed that legitimate action was needed to combat sexual harassment. However, he raised that this should come from policy, not from twitter hashtags, and that the emphasis should be placed on targeting the root causes of sexual harassment.

Rowan Evans, Union newspaper editor, suggested that the motion be amended to remove the references to the hashtag campaigns.

The mover of the motion, Nicholas Comino, and seconder, Paige Howard, were amenable to this amendment.

The mover of the motion, Nicholas Comino, asked that the motion be amended to state the Union will 'endorse the campaign of the Gender and Sexuality portfolio'.

The seconder of the motion, Paige Howard, was amenable to this amendment.

Student, Priya De, raised that support for this motion demonstrates that the Union can take a stance on political issues.

The mover of the motion, Nicholas Comino, responded that this motion is more clear cut than others and raised that higher education cuts were more of a grey area.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT UQU WILL ACTIVELY FIGHT AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON CAMPUS,
THAT IT REMAINS INTERSECTIONAL AND THAT UQU WILL ENDORSE THE
CAMPAIGN OF THE GENDER AND SEXUALITY PORTFOLIO

COUNCIL 107/23

COMINO/HOWARD

CARRIED

Motions relating to political issues

A motion was received from the floor regarding the consideration of frivolous motions relating to wider political issues.

The chair names Priya De.

The mover of the motion, Rowan Evans, spoke for the motion. He raised that using council to instruct the executive to act as a political mouthpiece means they may not be passionate about the causes they are asked to advocate for. He noted that autonomous collectives can support and advocate for political issues and refer these to the executive.

Councillor, Duncan Hart, spoke against consideration of the motion. It was raised that the motion is not compliant with the regulations and goes against the powers of council.

The chair ruled that the motion is in order, and not against the regulations.

Aaron Barker-Smith left the meeting at 7.46.

Nicholas Comino, Gender and Sexuality Vice President, spoke against the motion. He raised that councillors should be able to advocate for these issues as this is what they were elected to do.

Aaron Barker-Smith entered the meeting at 7.48.

Student, Sophia Zeller, spoke against the motion. She raised that they were elected to advocate for radical left issues and to encourage council to have a political debate.

The Union President responded by raising that the objective of council is to hear the viewpoint of others, but that they should be careful not to disengage people and waste council's time.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THIS UNION COUNCIL NOT CONSIDER FRIVOLOUS MOTIONS THAT INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE TO ACT AS A MOUTHPIECE FOR WIDER POLITICAL ISSUES

COUNCIL 107/24

EVANS/PULSFORD

NOT CARRIED

O) Notice of Business Proposed

Procedural motion to move the regulatory amendments to the top of 'Notice of Business Proposed'

CARRIED

I. Regulatory Amendments

Regulation 39 - Clubs and Societies Committee

Procedural motion to wave standing orders in order to vote on the proposed regulatory amendment

CARRIED

The mover of the motion, the Union Secretary, spoke for the motion. She explained that this exact regulatory change was moved on the 7th November by the past VPCC and Union President via flying minute, and “passed” by the 106th Union Council. This motion is therefore put forward to err on the side of caution and to ensure that proper governance processes are actioned. She noted that the current clubs and societies committee have been elected based on this amendment.

It was moved

THAT R39.1 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED, RETROSPECTIVELY TAKING EFFECT FROM 7TH NOVEMBER 2017, WITH:

39.1 THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE ARE:

- A) VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) (VOTING); AND
- B) SIX STUDENTS ELECTED BY AND FROM THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM STUDENTS WHO WERE PRESIDENT OF UQU CLUBS OR SOCIETIES FOR THE TERM IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (VOTING).

COUNCIL 107/25

MCARTHUR/LWIN

CARRIED

Regulation 88- Entitlements and Payments

Procedural motion to wave standing orders in order to vote on the proposed regulatory amendment

CARRIED

The mover of the motion, the Union Secretary spoke for the motion. She explained that this exact regulatory change was moved on the 30th November by the past Union President and Union Treasurer via flying minute, and “passed” by the 106th Union Council. This motion is therefore put forward to err on the side of caution and to ensure that proper governance processes are actioned.

She raised that the motion would align the student executive with the Fair Work Minimum Wage requirements, with Vice Presidents paid for 15 hours a week and the top three paid for no more than 38 hours a week. She noted that these working hours mean there is no time to take up other employment.

Councillor Duncan Hart spoke against the motion. He raised that the executive earn above what most students would be earning and that the position is a voluntary one. He noted that council have dismissed other motions as too costly, but wish to increase their own wages. He raised that this is not an appropriate way to spend student money.

It was requested that it be recorded that Councillor Duncan Hart advocates for the student executive to be paid below the minimum wage.

The Union's Managing Director, Glenn Porter, spoke for the motion. He raised that this issue is about compliance with government legislation. He stated that he had queried the matter with an employee relations solicitor to consider this issue from a legal perspective. She advised that the elected officers would be classed as employees. The Union HR officer had the same view. He raised that it would be poor governance to purposely not comply with government legislation.

Procedural motion to put the motion to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT R88.1 AND R88.3 BE REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH:

R88 ENTITLEMENTS AND PAYMENTS

88.1 THE ELECTED OFFICERS WHO ARE PAID FULL-TIME (SEVENTY-SIX HOURS PER FORTNIGHT) ARE:

- A) PRESIDENT;
- B) UNION SECRETARY;
- C) TREASURER; AND
- D) UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR

88.2 THE ELECTED OFFICERS WHO ARE PAID PART-TIME (SIXTY HOURS PER FORTNIGHT) ARE:

- A) VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS);
- B) VICE-PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE); AND
- C) VICE-PRESIDENT (GENDER AND SEXUALITY RIGHTS).

R88.3 ELECTED OFFICERS WHO ARE PAID SHALL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MINIMUM WAGE SET ANNUALLY BY THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION.

COUNCIL 107/26

MCARTHUR/LWIN

CARRIED

Recorded Vote:

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| HASS Councillor: Ethan Van Roo | <i>Abstention</i> |
| HASS Councillor: Olivia Winchester | <i>In Favour</i> |
| HASS Councillor: Duncan Hart | <i>Against</i> |
| BEL Councillor: Georgia Millroy | <i>In Favour</i> |
| BEL Councillor: Ben Kozij | <i>In Favour</i> |
| BEL Councillor: Matthew Diamond | <i>In Favour</i> |
| BEL Councillor: Zil Silvester | <i>Against</i> |
| EAIT Councillor: Coen Harnischfeger | <i>In Favour</i> |
| EAIT Councillor: Aaron Barker Smith | <i>In Favour</i> |
| HLBS Councillor: Emma Shayler | <i>In Favour</i> |
| HLBS Councillor: Keira Murray Proxied to Emma Shayler | <i>In Favour</i> |
| Science Councillor: Nerissa Aitken Proxied to Ethan Van Roo | <i>In Favour</i> |
| Science Councillor: Gloria Woods | <i>In Favour</i> |
| Science Councillor: Adelaide Power Proxied to Sophia Zeller | <i>Against</i> |
| MBS Councillor: Brandon Lo | <i>In Favour</i> |

The chair named Priya De for the third time.

The chair asked Priya De to leave.

II. Treasurer's Report

Procedural motion to consider all financials en bloc

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE AUGUST 2017 FINANCIALS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/27

MCARTHUR/LO

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIALS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/28

MCARTHUR/LO

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE OCTOBER 2017 FINANCIALS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/29

MCARTHUR/LO

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE NOVEMBER 2017 FINANCIALS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/30

MCARTHUR/LO

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT THE DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIALS BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/31

MCARTHUR/LO

CARRIED

p) Any Other Business

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 8.16pm

APPENDIX A: NOTICE OF MOTION TO CREATE THE “INDEPENDENT CLUB AND SOCIETIES GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE”

1. Purpose and Objectives

- 1.1. The Union is committed to the good and proper use of student resources to maximize social and academic outcomes for its members. It aims to provide an environment that fosters educational and academic progress, fosters the principles of student unionism and advances the interests of students.
- 1.2. The Union acknowledges the Clubs and Societies (C&S) arm of the Union is one of the most effective mechanisms it has to enact its aims.
- 1.3. It is in the interests of the Union to regularly re-assess the C&S landscape to ensure its funds and activities are being utilized efficiently.
- 1.4. This policy aims to put action to the above purposes.
- 1.5. The objects of this policy are to investigate and recommend solutions to:
 - a) Clubs & Societies with duplicate aims,
 - b) Clubs & Societies with duplicate names,
 - c) Clubs & Societies with inefficient models or practices, and
 - d) Clubs & Societies that engage in cartel behavior.

2. Structure

- 2.1. The committee will consist of 6 voting members, appointed by Union Council.
- 2.2. The committee may invite any such guests to participate or observe the committee as it so chooses. These guests may not be voting members.
- 2.3. Union Council may invite any such guests to participate or observe the committee as it so chooses. These guests may or may not be voting members.
- 2.4. The chairperson of the meeting shall be elected by and from the ‘voting members’ of the committee.

2.5. The committee shall be dissolved on the 31st of July, or whenever the final review is submitted, whichever is earlier, unless their term is extended by Union Council.

3. Meeting Procedure

3.1. Meetings shall be conducted according to as much of the Standing Orders of the Regulations as reasonably apply, unless contradicted by this appendix.

3.2. Quorum for a meeting is half of its voting members plus one.

3.3. Members voting via proxy count towards a quorum.

3.4. Meetings may be called by the chair with between 30 minutes and 3 days' notice.

3.5. If any voting member objects to the chair calling a meeting with short notice they may request a requirement of up to three clear days' notice so as to ensure all members can reasonably attend the meeting. The chair must call any meeting with the maximum amount of notice requested.

3.6. The first meeting may be called by any member of the committee, or by resolution of Union Council

3.7. The first item on the agenda of the first meeting shall be to elect a chair

3.8. The chair shall be elected by and from the voting members of the committee

4. Powers

4.1. The Committee shall have three distinct sets of powers:

- a) Investigatory Powers,
- b) Review Powers, and
- c) Enforcement Powers.

4.2. Investigatory Powers may only be used in the pursuit of information that could reasonably be justified as necessary to resolve the objects in 1.5.

4.3. Investigatory Powers are exclusively orders to produce, which include, but are not limited to,

- a) Requesting the minutes of General Meetings,

- b) Requesting the minutes of meetings of the Management Committee or Executive,
- c) Requesting a copy of the financial audit,
- d) Requesting a copy of the receipts for expenditure,
- e) Requesting a copy of Club Constitutions, Regulations, By Laws or any other such Rules that govern the clubs in question, and
- f) Requesting a copy of a membership list.

4.4. Review Powers are only to be recommended in accordance with the review process as described in Part 5. No Review Power shall be applied until the action has been approved by both the Clubs & Societies Committee and Union Council.

4.5. Review Powers are all the powers of Union Council, which include but are not limited to:

- a) Changing Clubs Aims,
- b) Changing Clubs Names,
- c) Merging two or more Clubs into fewer Clubs,
- d) Splitting Clubs into two or more distinct Clubs,
- e) Affiliating Clubs,
- f) Disaffiliating Clubs,
- g) Issuing financial penalties to clubs, and
- h) Prohibiting Clubs from participating or being associated with Union run programs or events

4.6. Enforcement Powers may only be used to ensure clubs comply with an order made using an Investigatory Power. No Enforcement Power may be applied until the relevant club(s) are given at minimum five (5) clear days' notice of any impending action.

4.7. Action undertaken by an Enforcement Power shall be lifted immediately upon the club complying with the Investigatory Power.

4.8. The Enforcement Powers are the same as those described in 4.5. excluding:

- a) 4.5.c,
- b) 4.5.d,
- c) 4.5.e,
- d) 4.5.f

5. Review Process

- 5.1. The Review Process details the way the commission must act in order to include their findings in the Final Review.
- 5.2. The Commission must submit a “Final Review” before their dissolution, detailing their honest and unanimous opinion in how to best resolve their objects described in 1.5.
- 5.3. The Commission may submit a “Monthly Review” to the C&S Committee and/or Union Council if they so choose.
- 5.4. Before any recommendation is included in the Final Review, any club affected by the recommendation must be given the opportunity to submit an opinion in the Final Review.
- 5.5. Any club affected by a recommendation must be given the opportunity to be heard before the commission.
- 5.6. For any club affected by a recommendation, the Commission must clearly inform that club’s management committee that no Review Power takes effect until approved by both the C&S Committee and the Union Council.
- 5.7. All recommendations that suggest the use of a Review Power must have clear and indisputable evidence to support the reasonable justification of such a use of that power.
- 5.8. All findings and recommendations included in the Final Review must have the unanimous support of the voting members and franchised guests of the commission.