

UNION COUNCIL MINUTES

From the 2nd Extraordinary Meeting of the
107th UQ Union Council, 2018

6:00PM

Wednesday 23/05/2018

Innes Room 1

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

Chair: Kelsie McArthur

The meeting opened at 6.02pm

a) Welcome by Union Chairperson

The chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land.

b) Credentials

The following members were present:

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| • Jeremy Lwin | • Kelsie McArthur | • Lulu Nkwazi |
| • Rowan Evans | • Nathan Kerr | • Jackson Rees |
| • Nicholas Comino | • Paul Taylor | • Samuel Pulsford |
| • Zach Schafferius | • Georgia Millroy | • Ethan Van Roo |
| • Aaron Barker-Smith | • Gloria Woods | • Duncan Hart |
| • Olivia Winchester | • Adelaide Power | • Keira Murray |

The Following Members were absent:

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| • Benjamin Kozij | • Lili Wackwitz | • Emma Shayler |
| • Zil Silvester | • Rebecca Bennett | • Kenny Tran |
| • Michelle Zhang | • Matthew Qiu | • Kevin Tian |
| • Samuel Kiernan | • Lianne Mellin | • Matthew Diamond |
| • Lachlan Bon | • Elif Kaya | • Brandon Lo |
| • Emma Shayler | • Paige Howard | • Jimmy Jin |

- Nerissa Aitken
- Connor Haddad
- Samuel Ngugi

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Brandon Lo
- Matthew Diamond

The following proxies were received:

- Emma Shayler to Keira Murray
- Benjamin Kozij to Ethan Van Roo
- Elizabeth Silvester to Duncan Hart

The following others were present:

- Zachary Thomas
- Joseph Cross

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 107/135

MCARTHUR/WOODS

CARRIED

c) Elections

It was moved

THAT KELSIE MCARTHUR BE NOMINATED AS COUNCIL CHAIR FOR THE 2ND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE 107TH UNION COUNCIL

COUNCIL 107/136

MCARTHUR/WOODS

CARRIED

d) The Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and no amendments were suggested.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE 3rd ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

e) Business Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was raised that a number of motions were tabled at the previous meeting of Union Council.

UATSIS

The Union Secretary updated council members on the UATSIS affiliation process. It was noted that in order to finalise affiliation, a number of requirements must be met. This includes providing the union with the most up-to-date version of the regulations and constitution, which are still in the process of being updated since the amendments were passed in council. Council were advised that this process is underway.

Conference Centre Names

The Union Secretary suggested a meeting be organised with councillors invested in the conference centre name change. Councillors agreed that a meeting should be organised after the exam period.

Councillor Duncan Hart raised that the name plates are still on the wall of the conference centre. In response, the Union President stated that he would contact the relevant people in regards to the removal of the plaque.

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

Councillor Duncan Hart starred the Union Secretary's report for discussion. Further clarification was requested on the HASS faculty meeting report, particularly in relation to declining class attendance and assessment and their causes.

The Union Secretary responded that the drop in attendance has been attributed to the availability of lecture material online, which was described as a university-wide issue. It was noted that the HASS faculty is looking at cutting courses and streamlining degrees and a working party will be created to action these changes.

Councillor Duncan Hart requested that follow-up information be provided to Council once the courses to be cut are decided.

The Union President raised that they will be convening a committee to advise the HASS faculty and suggested the councillor join. It was noted that the union would be launching changes to the advocacy system from the next council meeting and more information would be provided at a later date.

Councillor Duncan Hart asked for the Treasurer's report to be put on notice in the Treasurer's absence, as further clarification was requested regarding the discrepancy between the budgeted profit and the loss in actuals for April. The question was tabled for discussion at the next council meeting.

g) References

Nil

h) Reports of the Elected Officers

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 107/138 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 107/139 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE UNION TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 107/140 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER TABLED

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

COUNCIL 107/141 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY) BE ACCEPTED
AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/142 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) BE ACCEPTED
AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/143 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/144 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/145 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/146 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/147 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/148 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE MEDICAL STUDENTS OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/149 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE TURBOT ST OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/150 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 107/151 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

THAT THE COLLEGE OFFICER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 107/152 MCARTHUR/HARNISCHFEGER CARRIED

i) Matters Arising from the Reports of the Elected Officers

Nil

j) Question Time

'Better Buses' Campaign

Environment Officer, Samuel Pulsford, directed a question to Paul Taylor, Vice-President of Student Rights. An update was requested on the 'Better Buses Now' campaign, with a particular focus on the measures taken to reach out to influential stakeholders.

In response, it was explained that during the petitioning process and after extensive feedback, the campaign will now be extended beyond the 66 to other bus routes. Meetings have been held with Joanne Wright, the DVCA, and Greg Pringle, the COO and they are sympathetic to the Union's cause. The next step will be to connect with the P&F contact responsible for dealing with Translink. Council were advised that the original focus of doubling services in the mornings and afternoons has been changed to a request for articulated buses on these routes. The officer raised that he has been working closely with UQU's marketing team to put together a campaign encouraging people to send in timestamp photos in order to present a solid photographic case demonstrating pressure points in the current bus services.

The Environment Officer asked for confirmation that the campaign currently has no tangible business case three to four months since its conception. He suggested that the next step should be contacting the government directly. It was noted that the Environment Officer had spoken to the deputy mayor about the campaign and was informed that he had heard nothing about the initiative. He raised that the original strategy brought to council had included contacting Brisbane City Council and this has not been achieved.

In response, it was raised that input is required from students at UQ before further action can be taken and a significant amount of time has been spent gathering testimonies online and on the ground. Time is being taken to address all of the issues students have identified. It was also noted that the 'Better Buses' campaign is only one of the officer's many commitments, including hosting workshops, Morning Marmalade and Kampus Kitchen and exam support stalls.

The Environment Officer requested a ballpark date for the creation of a tangible business case.

In response, it was explained that the target for signatures has almost been reached and that a business case would be prepared before the mid-semester break.

Environment Collective Meetings

Semper Editor, Rowan Evans, raised that the Environment Collective had met for the first time on the 22nd May. It was noted that the priorities of the Environment Collective are vastly out of line with the Environment Officer's own priorities. It was suggested that the Environment Officer had no legitimate business case and he questioned when the officer would be tendering his resignation.

In response, the Environment Officer stated that he would not be tendering his resignation. He explained that his ideas were brought to the collective for deliberation and consultation and this is the intention of the meetings.

Councillor Gloria Woods raised that while she was pleased that the meeting went ahead, she would like to recognise the efforts of her friend in ensuring the meeting reached quorum with her 'Cool Kids of the Environment' Facebook group. It was noted that the same friend was unable to contact the Environment Officer for a number of weeks and questioned why making contact has been so difficult.

The Environment Officer responded that he had asked for contact to be made via Facebook and he had received no messages.

Councillor Woods asked for further details on the discussion at the Environment Collective meeting. The Environment Officer advised that he had received a basic overview of the discussion which was as follows;

- The cane toad strategy that had been proposed was passed
- The 'Politics in the Pub' session at Gatton was presented to the collective and no issues were flagged
- The topic of camels at semester 2 market day was raised and there was some disagreement
- A campaign to reduce plastic waste on campus was discussed

Councillor Woods queried what the first steps would be to implementing the plastic waste campaign on campus.

The Environment Officer responded that the first steps would be as follows;

- Make contact with Brisbane City Council.
- Discuss campaign with the individual who had initially raised the issue.
- Consider a reduction in the use of plastic straws at the Red Room
- Survey student opinion
- Promote across campus and on social media
- A whole-scale implementation of the scheme

Semper editor, Rowan Evans, questioned whether the Environment Officer would be willing to admit that the latest and first initiative of the Environment Collective this year arose in spite of the officer's actions, rather than due to any effort on his behalf.

The Environment Officer responded that the collective has held two events and four meetings and would consider this a success. It was also noted that the officer has an open door policy.

Scholarships/Award Rates on Campus

Councillor Duncan Hart requested an update on the LGBTQI+ scholarships discussed at the last council meeting. Student Rights Vice-President, Zach Schafferius, advised that he has consulted SHOC and there are a range of legal issues related to scholarships for LGBTI+ people, for example, having this criterion as part of the visa process could put applicants in certain communities at risk. It was suggested that bursaries may be safer than scholarships and they are currently working with the University on this. Council were advised that the officer is also working on a new project to reform the current advocacy structures within the university.

The Union President expanded on this. Council were advised that the proposed advocacy structure would create union touchpoints at faculty and school level to address academic issues. The proposed structure was devised in consultation with a union in the UK who have successfully implemented an education network of 100 volunteers who act as union representatives within courses. A proposal is being created and the union will apply for funding. Recruitment is due to begin next semester and a more in-depth explanation will be provided at the next council meeting.

Councillor Hart requested an update on award rates on campus. Student Rights Vice-President, Paul Taylor, noted that he has been in contact with the students that have had difficulties with non-union outlets on campus with testimonies only coming through in the last week or so. He advised that the businesses concerned are large, popular outlets on campus and students fear retribution for speaking up. A meeting has been organised with the Managing Director to discuss how staff members can contribute to the wages campaign. In terms of timing, they are looking at the beginning of next semester for the roll-out of a community campaign.

k) Reports of Union Bodies

Procedural motion to consider all other reports en bloc.

CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 107/153 MCARTHUR/WOODS CARRIED

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 107/154 MCARTHUR/WOODS CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON BOARD REPORT BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 107/155 MCARTHUR/WOODS CARRIED

l) Appeals

Nil

m) Executive Business

Nil

n) General Business

Nil

O) Notice of Business Proposed

Academic Teams Funding Board

The nominees were named by the chair as follows:

- Joseph Cross
- Chantel Morris
- Lilly Gibson-Dougall

The chair advised that Chantel Morris had incorrectly submitted a schedule twenty-one. Council were advised that they could vote to accept the form for consideration.

It was moved

THAT THE SCHEDULE TWENTY-ONE BE ACCEPTED FOR CONSIDERATION
COUNCIL 107/156 MCARTHUR/WOODS CARRIED

Joseph Cross spoke in support of his appointment to the board. He advised council that he is the current President of UNSA and the group felt it was appropriate to have a representative on the board.

It was moved

THAT JOSEPH CROSS BE ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIC TEAMS FUNDING BOARD
COUNCIL 107/157 CROSS/HARNISCHFEGGER CARRIED

It was raised that the remaining motions are counter-opposing as there are only two appointments available in total.

The chair advised that an additional schedule one been received nominating Zachary Thomas for the remaining appointment.

The meeting adjourned at 6.49pm

The meeting resumed at 7.04pm

When the meeting resumed, the following members were present:

- Jeremy Lwin
- Rowan Evans
- Nicholas Comino
- Zach Schafferius
- Aaron Barker-Smith
- Olivia Winchester
- Kelsie McArthur
- Nathan Kerr
- Paul Taylor
- Georgia Millroy
- Gloria Woods
- Adelaide Power
- Lulu Nkwazi
- Jackson Rees
- Samuel Pulsford
- Ethan Van Roo
- Duncan Hart
- Keira Murray

Gender and Sexuality Vice-President, Nicholas Comino, spoke in support of appointing Zachary Thomas to the board. It was raised that he has a vast amount of experience with the UQ Debating Society. Further, he is responsible for a significant amount of the groundwork for the Academic Teams Funding Board and it would therefore be beneficial to have a member of the board with an understanding of the model.

The chair advised Council a nomination for Ian Trinh had been received.

Semper editor, Rowan Evans spoke to the motion. He advised that the funding board would act according to a system and Ian Trinh appreciates a good system.

Joseph Cross noted that, if Council will be considering Ian Trinh for the appointment, he would suggest Lilly Gibson-Dougall be considered instead, as she is also an executive member of UNSA but with a lot more knowledge in this area. It was also raised that it would be unwise to appoint anyone as a joke as the board will be dealing with large sums of money.

The seconder of the motion, Samuel Pulsford, raised that Ian Trinh is a great pragmatist and commended council to vote in his favour.

Procedural motion to put the motions to a vote

CARRIED

It was moved

THAT CHANTEL MORRIS BE ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIC TEAMS FUNDING BOARD

COUNCIL 107/158

CROSS/HARNISCHFEGER

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT LILLY GIBSON-DOUGALL BE ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIC TEAMS FUNDING BOARD

COUNCIL 107/159

CROSS/ HARNISCHFEGER

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT IAN TRINH BE ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIC TEAMS FUNDING BOARD

COUNCIL 107/160

EVANS/PULSFORD

NOT CARRIED

It was moved

THAT ZACHARY THOMAS BE ELECTED TO THE ACADEMIC TEAMS FUNDING BOARD

COUNCIL 107/161

COMINO/SEMPER EDITORS

CARRIED

p) Any Other Business

Nil

The meeting was declared closed at 7.11pm