

UNION COUNCIL

MINUTES

From the 5th Ordinary Meeting of the
104th UQ Union Council, 2015

6:00PM

Friday 24/06/2015

UQ Senate and Academic Board Room

Level 5, Brian Wilson Chancellery (Bld. 61), St. Lucia Campus

Chair: Michael Lucas

The meeting opened at 6:06pm

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

a) Credentials

The following members were present:

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| • Kathryn Cramp | • Alexandra Brown | • Amanda Lamb |
| • Matthew Hales | • Roberto Fragoso | • Jaya Prasad |
| • Tom O'Connor | • Jaime Goodwin | • Jacob Kay |
| • Isabel Manfield | • Michael Wellington | • Dominic Smith |
| • Shannon Fogarty | • Michael Lucas | • Gabrielle Starr |
| • Amy Jelacic | • Dion Lee | • Amanthi Fernando |
| • Annie Danks | • Lynda Maybanks | • Laurence McLean |
| • Gabrielle Menolotto | • Laura Howden | • Danielle Lovell |
| • Joshua Roser | • Damien De Haan | • Alistair Meldrum |
| • Amy MacMahon | | |

The Following Members were absent:

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| • Daren Tan | • Matthew Kim | • Eithandee Aung |
| • Andrew Simpson | • Tom Davies | • Olivia Anderson |
| • Sophie Borzi | • Melanie Keyte | • Kyle Jenson |
| • Patrick Bowman | • Tom Millroy | • Shilpa Datta |
| • Jason Wang | • India Anderson | • Nicholas Tong |
| • Ange Ou | • Aroha Liebhart | • Thompson Wong |
| • Nicholas Pratt | • Anthony Chepurin | • Josephine Coddington |

Apologies were received from the following members:

- Daren Tan
- Jason Wang
- Matthew Kim
- Ange Ou
- Patrick Bowman
- Nicholas Pratt
- Shilpa Datta
- Nicholas Tong
- Mike Hopkins
- Blair Ivens
- Josephine Coddington
- Genevieve Ash

The following applications for leave for this meeting were received:

- Nicholas Pratt
- Ange Ou

The following applications for leave for the previous meeting were received:

- Alistair Meldrum

The following proxies were received:

- Patrick Bowman to Amanthi Fernando
- Ange Ou to Amanda Lamb
- Matthew Kim to Gabrielle Starr
- Genevieve Ash to Thomas Robertson

The following others were present:

- Murrawah Maroochy
- Duncan Hart
- Thomas Robertson
- Kurt Tucker
- Carl Jackson
- Jacob Pedersen
- Imogen Inglis
- Robert Chapman
- Reeshan Yameen
- Lauren Bicknell
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The following Resignations were received:

EAIT Councillor- Jacob Pedersen

It was moved

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

COUNCIL 104/69

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

b) Elections

The Chair explained that the preferences from the 2014 election were re-distributed and Genevieve Ash was declared as the EAIT Councillor.

It was moved

THAT THE RETURNING OFFICER'S SCHEDULE 14 DECLARATION FOR THE
REDISTRIBUTION OF THE EAIT COUNCILLOR POSITION BE ACCEPTED AND
CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/70

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

b) Appeals from Decisions of Union Bodies

Nil

c) Reports of Elected Officers

The Treasurer's report was starred for discussion.

The Chair explained that the Treasurer's report will be considered under 'business to be proposed'.

Isabel Manfield entered the meeting at 6:12pm

The Gender and Sexuality report from 5th ordinary meeting was starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to move all other reports of the elected officers en bloc.

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FROM THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE
ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/71

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE UNION SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY
MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/72

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (STUDENT RIGHTS) FROM THE 4TH AND
5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/73

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY) FROM THE 4TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/74

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (CAMPUS CULTURE) FROM THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/75

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/76

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE POSTGRADUATE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/77

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/78

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE GOORIE BERRIMPA OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/79

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

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

COUNCIL 104/80

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/81

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

Questions raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the cost and subsidised rate of the 'Too Poor for Mardi Gras Event' as well as ticket prices.

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Annie Danks responded that the cost is likely to come in at \$1,500 which is \$500 under budget. She explained that tickets will cost \$5.

It was moved

THAT THE REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT (GENDER & SEXUALITY) FROM THE 5TH ORDINARY MEETING BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/82

MCLEAN/ STARR

CARRIED

d) Matters Arising from the Reports of Elected Officers

Nil

e) Question Time

Questions raised by student, Thomas Robertson regarding a foreign object found in a meal served by a Union outlet and the steps the Union has taken in response and whether the Union is serving quality food.

The UQU President responded that the meal was crumbed fish, which comes crumbed by the supplier. All fish was pulled from the menu that day, the supplier of the fish has conducted an investigation and it would seem that the foreign object came from their conveyor belt. She added that the problem was handled well and that the issue was with the supplier and not the Union.

In response to a series of questions, the UQU Secretary outlined that the Schonell Theatre is being considered for a refurbishment and the University hopes to maintain the dual purposes of the space. The tender process was conducted by the University. The funding will largely be covered by the University and the Union will contribute significantly with finding and presenting student feedback with respect to the project. Interest groups have been contacted for feedback and also notified of the potential renovation period when they will be unable to use the space.

In response to a series of questions, the UQU Treasurer and President outlined that the Union will be funding four students to attend the upcoming Education Conference. The Union will cover their flights, accommodation and registration fee. The Union has not decided to affiliate to the NUS but sees the value in being aware of and connected to national education issues.

Question regarding whether the Union had received feedback on recent motions made in council regarding fossil fuels.

The Vice President of Student Rights, Shannon Fogarty, explained that feedback was received from some students. Those emails were directed to the Union President.

The UQU President added that she responded to those students to address any concerns they may have had as well as explain that the Union supports all jobs in all industries.

Dominic Smith entered the meeting at 6:34pm

A motion was raised regarding whether the Union should condemn the Australian Broadcasting Corporation for recent events and content on a popular program.

It was discussed whether such a motion was relevant to Union Council.

It was moved

THE UQ UNION CONDEMN THE AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION FOR
THEIR IMPLICIT SUPPORT OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM

COUNCIL 104/83

TUCKER/PEDERSEN

NOT CARRIED

Recorded vote

Proxy for EAIT Councillor 1- *In favour*

EAIT councillor 2- *Against*

Proxy for HABS Councillor 1- *Against*

HABS Councillor 2- *Against*

HABS Councillor 3- *Abstained*

BEL Councillor 1- *Against*

BEL Councillor 2- *Abstained*

BEL Councillor 3- *Absent*

Proxy HASS Councillor 1- *Against*

HASS Councillor 2- *Against*

HASS Councillor 3- *In favour*

Science Councillor 1- *Against*

Nicholas Pratt- *Absent*

Proxy for Science Councillor 3- *Against*

MABS Councillor- *Against*

Question raised regarding whether the UQU has received any correspondence from the Heads of College regarding college voting.

The UQ Union President responded that the Heads of College have contacted the Union expressing that they do not want college voting and they want the electoral requirement removed from the UQ Union Regulations.

The Colleges Officer wished to express that the students who belong to those colleges have indicated that they want college voting to remain.

The UQ Union President responded that those concerns were referenced by the Heads of College and those arguments were considered by them but they ultimately

decided they did not want College voting to go ahead. She added that students are welcome to continue to lobby the Heads of Colleges on the matter but the Union cannot enforce its rules on private property.

In response to a series of questions regarding whether Semper Floreat should move towards becoming an online publication, consider a better server and include more news articles, the Semper Floreat Editor, Laura Howden, outlined that while Semper Floreat has cut back on print runs and posts articles online, it does not intend to become a purely electronic publication. She explained that, given the tradition of Semper Floreat, the Union intends to continue as a print publication. She explained that the Semper Floreat team is considering ways to improve the website. She also explained that content relies on what is received as submissions and what students choose to write about. She added that the Semper team could advocate for more news submissions.

Question raised regarding the exam support stalls.

The Vice President of Student Rights responded that the stalls have been a great success and students have been very receptive. She reported that the stalls have included pancakes, coffee and hot chocolate, snacks throughout the campus, lollies and red bull.

f) Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

The minutes for the 3rd and 4th meetings were considered by Council.

Amendments to pages 35, 42 and 43 of the agenda for the 5th meeting were given.

It was moved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD AND 4TH ORDINARY MEETINGS OF UNION COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED SUBJECT TO MINOR AMENDMENTS ON PAGES 35, 42, 43 IN THE 5TH ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

COUNCIL 104/84

STARR/FERNANDO

CARRIED

g) Business Arising From the Minutes

The UQU Secretary addressed council regarding whether inquorate meetings count towards attendance records. He explained that the precedent of last year was that non-attendance at inquorate meetings would not count towards attendance records. He further explained that going forwards, from this meeting on, the Union wishes to change that standard and emphasised that non-attendance at an ordinary meeting, whether inquorate or not, will count towards attendance records.

The Chair added that those who cannot attend council meetings are encouraged to apply for leave ahead of time.

h) Reports of Other Union Bodies

The Chair drew attention to a new standing resolution on policy

The 5th report for the Queer Collective was starred for discussion.

Procedural motion to move all other reports en bloc

CARRIED

It was moved en bloc

THAT THE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY BUSINESS PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/85

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE GATTON CAMPUS BOARD REPORT IN THE 5TH ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/86

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORTS IN THE 4TH ORDINARY BUSINESS PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/87

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE ENVIRONMENT COLLECTIVE REPORTS IN THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY BUSINESS PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/88

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS IN THE 4TH AND 5TH ORDINARY BUSINESS PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/89

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE REPORT OF THE STUDENT RIGHTS ACTION GROUP OF THE 5TH ORDINARY COUNCIL BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/90

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE ABILITIES COLLECTIVE REPORTS IN THE 5TH ORDINARY BUSINESS PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/91

MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

THAT THE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT IN THE 4TH
ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 104/92 MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

The UQU Secretary read the standing resolution on policy, as passed by the Queer Collective, which outlines the Union's support of marriage equality.

Question raised by student, Imogen Inglis, regarding whether the language of the resolution on policy could be amended to include the representation of asexuals and trans people.

The Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Annie Danks, responded that the Queer collective could consider this suggestion, however, it would need to be considered with respect to the language requirements and limitations in the constitution and regulations.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the UQU has a place in commenting on a federal constitutional matter.

It was outlined by the Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Annie Danks, the Vice President of Student Rights, Isabel Manfield and the President that the Union will be contributing as a part of a wider campaign of not for profit organisations and academic institutions. Marriage equality was passed by the NUS as a national platform and the Union does comment on federal and state matters.

Questions raised by student, Kurt Tucker, and councillors regarding whether the Union has done any student polling in order to gauge what students at UQ believe with respect to this matter.

Vice President of Gender and Sexuality, Annie Danks, and the President responded that a photo petition was conducted with around 200 student participants which is a very strong turn out for such a petition. They outlined research conducted by Galaxy Polling which shows that approximately 80% of people aged 18-25 support marriage equality.

It was moved

THAT THE QUEER COLLECTIVE REPORT IN THE 5TH ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS
PACK BE ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED
COUNCIL 104/93 MCLEAN/STARR

CARRIED

i) Business Which has Been Proposed

i) April and May 2015 Financial Results

No questions were started with respect to the April 2015 financial results.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND THE APRIL 2015 FINANCIAL RESULTS BE
ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/94

MCLEAN/HALES

CARRIED

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the variance in the bottom line.

The UQU Treasurer responded that there has been a softening of sales across the board. He explained that the construction of the walkway was a factor, as it has diverted foot traffic away from the refectory. Another major factor was heavy rainfall during April.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding why the Redroom is closed during exams.

The UQU Treasurer and President explained that it has not been closed in its entirety and the hours of operation are set around commercial values of higher foot traffic.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding whether there were any write downs in areas such as physiol.

The UQU Treasurer explained that there has been an overall softening of sales but it has been more significant in the Union complex.

Question raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding the cost of sending students to the Education Conference.

The UQU Treasurer responded that he can take the question on notice.

Questions raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding how much the Union will be committing to in terms of the Schonell Theatre renovations and how profits of the theatre will be affected after the renovations are complete.

The UQU President, Treasurer and Secretary outlined that negotiations regarding funding are ongoing but the University understands that the Union has less ability to invest and council will be updated as those negotiations progress. In terms of the profitability

of the theatre, it was explained that efforts directed at profits from the theatre will be concentrated further down the track after approval and construction. It was, however, explained that the Union gives a lot of prime time to student groups and, as such, forgoes some revenue. The area is designed to be an area to be used by students, first and foremost, and its use as a business is secondary. It was added that the Theatre has been working closely with marketing and in the month of May, revenues came in higher than budgeted.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the Union would consider leasing the space to a commercial operator.

The UQU President responded that it has been hired out for one-off sessions in the past and it could be considered further. She later added that if the Union rents out the Schonell Theatre on an ongoing basis, the space won't be able to be used it as a lecture theatre, which is a major requirement of the University.

Question raised by student, Imogen Inglis, regarding whether the Union has plans to address the smell outside of bubble tea.

The President responded that the Union are tenants of the space and matters such as that would be for the University to address.

The UQU Treasurer reported that he could address an earlier question regarding expenditure on the Education Conference. He outlined that the Union has spent roughly \$1600 on sending four students to the conference. The Union sees this as a reasonable expenditure as the students will gain knowledge on pertinent issues facing student unions around the country.

Questions raised by student, Thomas Robertson, regarding Year-To-Date wages.

The UQU Treasurer responded that the variance is something the Union has been addressing. The contributing factors to the variance have been maternity leave, sick leave and the amount of casuals needed to cover those positions. He added that the variance has been improved upon.

It was moved

THAT THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND THE MAY 2015 FINANCIAL RESULTS BE
ACCEPTED AND CONFIRMED

COUNCIL 104/95

MCLEAN/FERNANDO

CARRIED

ii) Electronic Voting

The UQU Secretary verbally presented a report on electronic voting which had been distributed amongst council.

Shannon Fogarty, Laura Howden and Lucas Medcraft left the meeting at 7:41pm

Dion Lee and Roberto Fragoso left the meeting at 7:42pm

Gabbrielle Menolotto and Jaime Goodwin left the meeting at 7:43pm

Alexandra Brown and Amy MacMahon leave at 7:44pm

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the Union will pay for licencing of the software and equipment or whether it will be paying for BigPulse to run the election.

The UQU Secretary responded that the Union will be paying BigPulse for the licencing of the software and some support from them. The Union's IT department will be setting up the computers and other equipment

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding whether the Union will still be hiring a Returning Officer.

The UQU Secretary responded that the Union will still hire a Returning Officer but added that the Returning Officer's services will likely not cost as much, as their job will be made significantly easier.

Question raised by student, Kurt Tucker, regarding the costs of BigPulse.

The UQU Secretary responded that the Union has received a quote of \$11,500 for a twelve month licence to use the software.

Question raised regarding whether the election will still be attendance-based.

The UQU Secretary responded that the election will still be attendance-based. The Union is currently looking at having electronic voting in Main and Physiol at least, but may have to use paper ballots at external campuses. He added that based on last year's statistics, 90% of the voters are based at St Lucia.

Question raised regarding the financial and electoral impact of incentivised voting.

The UQU Secretary responded that such discussion is a side issue to electronic voting.

Questions raised regarding the process of having a voter's name checked off and verified.

It was explained that a student would go to a desk for the verification process and that process will depend on current negotiations with the University regarding the

provision of student data. Once a student's name is checked off, their vote will be unlocked for a time and students can only cast their vote once.

It was suggested that students could vote with their passwords.

It was explained that the University may not be willing to give the Union access to student passwords.

Questions raised by the Gatton Officer regarding the voting process at Gatton, the location and whether it would be more appropriate to remove the general ballots for Gatton voters.

The UQU President and Secretary outlined that the Union hopes to address voter turn out at Gatton and ideally wants to provide electronic voting at Gatton but IT logistics will need to be considered. It was explained that it is important that all students vote for the general positions, especially as those positions can greatly influence funding. To lock out Gatton students from the ability to vote for those positions would be controversial.

An amendment to the motion was suggested and accepted.

It was moved

THAT THE ELECTRONIC VOTING UPDATE BE ACCEPTED, INFORMAL SUPPORT FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING BE CONFIRMED, AND THE UNION SECRETARY BE EMPOWERED TO CONTINUE WITH THE ELECTORAL REFORM. WITH RESPECT TO ELECTRONIC VOTING.

COUNCIL 104/96

MCLEAN/ROBERTSON

CARRIED

j) Notice of Business to be Proposed

June 2015 Financial Results.

The meeting was declared closed at 8:00PM