

Monash Student Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 1a/17 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Tuesday the 10th of January, 2017 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

Meeting opened: 2:12pm

1. Attendance

President:	Matilda Grey	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Caitlin Brown	
Secretary:	Jessica Stone	(Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Corey Rosevear	Proxy to Juliet Steel
Education (Academic Affairs):	Harini Kasthuriarachchi	
Activities:	Sarah Harris	
Welfare:	Nicholas Virgo	
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	
Women's:	Shreeya Luthra	
Queer:	Andrea Duval	
Disabilities & Carers:	Melanie Loudovaris	
People of Colour	Jasmine Nguyen	
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	Proxy to Joy Lau
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	
Clubs & Societies:	Glenn Donahoo	
Radio Monash	Aleks Djukic	
General Representative:	Eve Ward	Proxy to Raphael Tell
General Representative:	Sasha Brady	Proxy to Bryda Nichols
General Representative:	Benjamin Caddaye	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott	
General Representative:	Elizabeth Jackson	
Observers:	Jasmine Duff	
	Nikola Gužys-McAuliffe	
	Denise Atzinger	
	Nawama Green	

2. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the people of the Kulin nations as the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land. The MSA commits itself to actively fight alongside Indigenous peoples for reconciliation and justice for all Indigenous Australians.

3. MSC Executive

Attachment 1

Caitlin explains that the motion allows the Executive to make purchases for projects under \$6000, enabling the MSA to run more effectively.

Jessica says that the ability for the Executive to spend up to a certain amount allowed purchases to be made more quickly, without having to call an MSC. She said this was so departments had the ability to get things done quickly.

Rebecca asked why the amount was increased to \$6000 when the limit was \$5000 last year. Jessica explained that technically the increase should be to \$10,000 due to inflation and that the \$1000 increase was more reasonable.

Motion #1:

That this MSC resolves to allow the Executive to authorise expenditure of up to \$6,000 per item in its role as day-to-day Manager of the MSA, pursuant to the MSA Constitution excluding staffing, industrial and legal expenditure. Further, that a summary of executive financial motions be tabled at every MSC meeting.

Moved: Caitlin Brown

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

Raphael said that Eleanor would be a great asset to the Executive which showed through her kindness and compassion.

Bryda said that she would be a great candidate.

Glenn asked if only MSC General Representatives could vote on this motion. Matilda stated that only MSC General Representatives could vote on the motion.

Motion #2:

That this MSC approves the election of Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(e) of the MSA Constitution, until the 31st December 2017.

Moved: Raphael Tell

Seconded; Bryda Nichols

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Draft motion:

"That this MSC approves the election of [divisional representative] to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, until the 30th September 2017."

MOTION DEFERRED THROUGH THE CHAIR

Jessica explained that having two signatories from the MSA Executive on financial documents ensured accountability.

Caitlin stated that passing this motion enabled the MSA Executive to do their job.

Motion #3:

That this MSC recognises that for the purposes of cheques and other similar financial documents two signatures will be required from the MSA Executive, namely those of the Treasurer (Caitlin Brown) and either the President (Matilda Grey) or the Secretary (Jessica Stone). In the event that the Treasurer is unable to attend the office for more than 2 working days, the signatures may be sought from both the President and the Secretary during that period of absence.

Moved: Jessica Stone

Seconded: Caitlin brown

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3
MOTION CARRIED

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of MSC will be on a date to be confirmed.

Meeting closed: 2:25pm

Attachment 1: MSC Executive

Title of Agenda Item:

MSC Executive

Author:

Jessica Stone

Purpose:

To establish the 2017 MSC Executive

Draft Motions:

Draft motion #1:

“That this MSC resolves to allow the Executive to authorise expenditure of up to \$6,000 per item in its role as day-to-day Manager of the MSA, pursuant to the MSA Constitution excluding staffing, industrial and legal expenditure. Further, that a summary of executive financial motions be tabled at every MSC meeting.”

Draft motion #2:

“That this MSC approves the election of [general representative] to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(e) of the MSA Constitution, until the 31st December 2017.”

Draft motion #3:

“That this MSC approves the election of [divisional representative] to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, until the 30th September 2017.”

Draft motion #4:

“That this MSC recognises that for the purposes of cheques and other similar financial documents two signatures will be required from the MSA Executive, namely those of the Treasurer (Caitlin Brown) and either the President (Matilda Grey) or the Secretary (Jessica Stone). In the event that the Treasurer is unable to attend the office for more than 2 working days, the signatures may be sought from both the President and the Secretary during that period of absence.”

Explanation:

The Monash Student Council (MSC) Executive is a sub-committee of the MSC. It is responsible for the day-to-day management of the MSA, and it is also the body deemed by the MSA Constitution as the one in charge of drafting and monitoring the overall MSA budget. It is important to establish the MSC Executive as soon as possible as it is difficult for the organisation, staff and services to operate without it.

There are two things that must be addressed before the 2017 MSC Executive can meet in full:

1. The authorisation of a discretionary limit for the Executive on administrative items
2. The election of the Executive's remaining members

The MSC conventionally places a discretionary limit on the expenditure of administrative items. This is so the Executive, which generally meets more regularly than MSC, can authorise expenditure on relatively smaller financial items that cannot wait until the next MSC. The first draft motion is the standard motion that has been passed at every first MSC of the year for at least the last ten years (probably longer) and has been generally uncontroversial. The draft motion also stipulates that a summary of all financial motions that are authorised by the Executive must be tabled at every MSC. This is to ensure that MSC can be kept up to date with Executive expenditure.

The Executive has five members and these are the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, a MSC General Representative elected from the five MSC General Representatives and a MSA Divisional Representative elected from the three Divisional Representatives on MSC. The President, Treasurer and Secretary for 2017 were elected at the MSA annual elections in September 2016. The remaining members, the general representative and divisional representative have not yet been elected. Even though the quorum requirement of three for MSC Executive means that Executive can still meet it is not good practice and unfair not give the other members a chance to be elected so they can attend Executive meetings from the beginning. Therefore, the draft motions concerning the election of the general representative and divisional representative can be deferred if need-be, but it would ideal if this election could occur at this MSC.

The fourth draft motion concerns the Executive's role as the body that acts as the signatory to the MSA accounts and is responsible for signing off on cheques, financial requisitions and other financial documents. This uncontentious motion has been passed at the first MSC of the year for a number of years, and establishes that it is the Treasurer and one other Executive office-bearer (either the President or Secretary) who must sign off on expenditure before it is processed by the MSA's finance department. The motion establishes a contingency in the event that the Treasurer is unable to attend the office for two working days, by allowing the President or the Secretary to act as signatories if this occurs.