

## Monash Student Council

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 12/16 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting opened: 2:03pm*

### 1. Attendance

President:	Abby Stapleton	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Matilda Grey	
Secretary:	Glenn Donahoo	
Education (Public Affairs):	Sulaiman Enayatzada	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Daniel Ffrench-Mullen	
Activities:	Ben Parker	Proxy to Jessica Stone (Minutes)
Welfare:	Brendan Holmes	Proxy to Jasmine Nguyen
Indigenous:	Samantha Hyde	
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	Proxy to Kim Stern
Women's:	Melanie Loudovaris	
Female Queer:	Amy Grimmer	
Male Queer:	Martinus Kraan	Proxy to Andrea Duval
Disabilities:	Viv Stewart	
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	Absent
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Proxy to Laura Birch
Clubs & Societies:	Pat Callanan	
General Representative:	Shreeya Luthra	
General Representative:	Kapil Bhargava	
General Representative:	Caitlin Brown	
General Representative:	Naish Gawen	Absent
General Representative:	Yasemin Shamsili	Proxy to Jasmine Duff
Observers:	Denise Atzinger	
	Michael Mitchell	
	Beth Jackson	
	Jesse Clifton	
	Georgia Leng	
	Harrison Schulz	
	Raphael Tell	

### 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. Change in Membership

Kapil Bhargava resigned from his position on Student Affairs Committee on 19 October, 2016. In accordance with clause 54.2 of the Election Regulations, Benjamin Knight has been appointed to fill this position for the remainder of 2016.

Karekhaa Nair resigned from her position as President of MUISS on 11 November, 2016. In accordance with the MUISS Constitution, the MUISSEC have co-opted Jason Nguyen to fill this position for the remainder of the term.

**4. Confirmation of agenda order**

Confirmed.

**5. Confirmation of previous minutes**

**Attachment 1**

**Motion #1:**

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 11/16 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved through the chair

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Reports**

<b>6.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.2. MUISS (for MSC 3/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.3. MUISS (for MSC 6/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.4. MUISS (for MSC 8/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.5. MUISS (for MSC 10/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.6. President (for MSC 11/16)</b>	<b>Attachment 2</b>
<b>6.7. Education (Public Affairs)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.8. Education (Academic Affairs)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.9. Welfare</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.10. Environment and Social Justice</b>	<b>Attachment 3</b>
<b>6.11. Women's</b>	<b>Attachment 4</b>
<b>6.12. Female Queer</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.13. Male Queer</b>	<b>Attachment 5</b>
<b>6.14. Indigenous</b>	<b>Attachment 6</b>
<b>6.15. Disabilities and Carers</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.16. Clubs &amp; Societies</b>	<b>Attachment 7</b>
<b>6.17. MAPS</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>6.18. MUISS</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.

Moved through the chair

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Annual Reports**

<b>7.1. Clubs &amp; Societies</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>7.2. MAPS</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>7.3. MUISS</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>7.4. President</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>

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| 7.5. Treasurer                                      | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.6. Secretary                                      | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.7. Education (Public Affairs)                     | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.8. Education (Academic Affairs)                   | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.9. Welfare  | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.10. Environment and Social Justice                | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.11. Women's                                       | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.12. Female Queer                                  | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.13. Male Queer                                    | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.14. Indigenous                                    | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| 7.15. Disabilities and Carers                       | <i>Not Submitted</i>     |
| <b>8. Summary of Executive Financial Motions</b>    | <b>Attachment 8</b>      |
| <b>9. Financial Statements</b>                      |                          |
| 9.1. Financial Statement Summary for August 2016    | <b>Attached to email</b> |
| 9.2. Financial Statement Summary for September 2016 | <b>Attached to email</b> |
| 9.3. Financial Statement Summary for October 2016   | <b>Attached to email</b> |
| <b>10. Standing Orders</b>                          | <b>Attached to email</b> |

Glenn outlined that the major change to the Standing Orders were to reduce the minimum number requirement of meetings, as each year this was often breached because of conferences and holiday periods. Glenn also reminded Council that proxies could not vote on this motion.

**Motion #3:**

That this MSC adopts the proposed changes to the Standing Orders.

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Matilda Grey

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 6

MOTION CARRIED

**11. 2017 People of Colour Office-Bearers**

Sulaiman mentioned the Public Affairs-run campaign for creating a People of Colour Department within the MSA and the campaigns run around the referendum to change the MSA Constitution. He noted the great work and involvement of both Jasmine and Kapil in the campaign and said they would be great in this role.

Shreeya said that Kapil and Jasmine had been very involved with the campaign from early on and that their work was vital in establishing the department.

**Motion #4:**

Pursuant to section 65(1) of the MSA constitution (as established by the 2016 MSA Referendum), this MSC appoints Jasmine Nguyen and Kapil Bhargava to the position of MSA People of Colour Officer for 2017.

Moved: Sulaiman Enayatzada

Seconded: Caitlin Brown

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 5  
MOTION CARRIED

## **12. General Business**

### **Procedural Motion: To accept the Monash Counselling motion into General Business.**

Moved: Jasmine Duff

For: 17

Against: 1

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Jasmine Duff said it was outrageous that the University was cutting vital services needed by students. She also stated that this showed that the University wasn't prioritising mental health. She said the MSA's ESJ Department had been actively postering around the campus in conjugation with the NTEU. She encouraged other departments to become involved in the campaign.

Kim stated that the role of counsellors was being undermined, and that these cuts presented a major attack on mental health. They said it has been great working with the NTEU, as this is a staff issue as well. They said that counsellors were required to reapply for their old positions. Kim also noted that issue had been reported on by Triple J and that there was also an article in the Leader. They said that they had also been involved in postering around exam venues and further encouraged other departments to engage in the campaign.

Abby said that this was an important campaign, as hiring more psychologists instead of counsellors, restricted treatment to students on mental health care plans or to those students that could pay the fee. She stated that counsellors are important for students who are struggling with the transition to university and moving from overseas and not necessarily able to access these services. She also notes that there was no consultation with staff over these staffing changes.

Viv said that the cuts to counselling staff were incredibly ridiculous. They stated that they met with the University about expanding mental health services, however these recent cuts seemed counter to the things discussed at the meeting. Viv also noted that she has dealt with students that are struggling to get the help they need and that often it is difficult to obtain a diagnosis to see a psychologist.

Melanie stated that counsellors served a different role to psychologists and that triage services were already a problem at the start of the year. They also noted that this was an important service for all students.

Jesse stated that the University management continued to cut costs and it impacted student welfare. He stated that the MSA should ensure it remains critical of the actions of the University management.

Caitlin said that it was important to recognise that students require these counselling services to stop things from getting worse, and that they are a good bridge between diagnosis and seeing a psychologists. She also noted that under Medicare and other schemes there may be limited use of free psych appointments and that counsellors provided help when these appointments ran out. Limited use of psych appointments.

### **Motion #5:**

This MSC condemns the Universities attempts to cut Monash counselling staff and Clayton and Caulfield campus, and to further privatise the service. The counselling services at Monash University require more salaried staff paid by the University to service the increasing number of student enrolled at Monash, they do not need more outsourcing that provides inadequate support for students and undermines staff rights.

The MSA endorsed the campaign to stop counselling cuts and will utilise its resources including the MSA Facebook page, members email list and printing to continue raising awareness amongst students and staff of the cuts.

Moved: Jasmine Duff

Seconded: Kim Stern

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**Procedural Motion: To accept the Donald Trump motion into General Business.**

Moved: Kim Stern

For: 17

Against: 1

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Kim stated that there was a protest on Saturday that had good attention from the media, and that the next protest would be on Friday. They said that there is also a rally being organised to protest Trump's inauguration, to show the shock and horror at his election and for Western societies to show that they are against his politics.

Georgia stated that Trump was extremely racist and dangerous. She mentioned that students in the United States have been engaging in sit-ins and offering to harbor illegal immigrants that Trump threatened to deport. She noted that internationally, conservative leaders have celebrated his victory, including neo-Nazi groups. She said it would be good to promote the rallies on campus to show solidarity with those in the US.

Shreeya stated that Trump's election is shocking and had a wide-reaching impact throughout the world. She stated that it was his vile and horrible platforms that got him elected. She also wanted to mention that it was important to ensure minority groups were consulted before any rallies were held.

Viv mentioned that Trump was also extremely ableist, that he mocked reporters with disabilities and the like. They moved an amendment to include 'ableism' in the list of things mentioned in the motion. This was amenable to the mover and seconder.

Jasmine Duff mentioned that there have been school walkouts and protests to not accept Trump as President.

Michael stated that Trump's presidency held a dangerous level of racism and that we need to fight back against neo-fascists.

Abby mentioned that Trump's election exhibited the distrust in political systems that people often see. She also said that Trump and his views would spur on hates crimes within countries across the world.

Kapil mentioned that the impact of Trump's election also hit at a local level. He said that Trump validates racism on mainstream media and that young children and students were seeing these beliefs as the norm. He said that combatting this behaviour with campaigns against right views was the best way to deal with these beliefs.

Harrison mentioned local rallies where people from both sides clashed, and that students in the States and Australia were rising against.

Jesse said it was important to fight against oppression.

Denise said it was important to remember that people of colour talk about these issues all the time, but had not yet been given a public platform to express these views. They said we needed to ensure people of colour were front and centre of campaigns, where racial issues are normalised in society.

Beth stated that racism was an ever present issue in or society and that it was important to fight back against racism and racist behaviours.

**Motion #6:**

This MSC extends solidarity to the protesters in the United States against President-elect Donald Trump. Trump has demonstrated his bigotry in the form of extreme islamophobia, racism towards people from Latin America, sexism, ableism, homophobia, and transphobia. He has advocated for a reduction in the corporate tax rate and pride in underpaying workers. The MSA will support any actions against this agenda in the United States, and will campaign against similar forms of politics, such as Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party, in Australia. The MSA will assist in the promotion of the anti-Trump demonstrations on November 18, 20 and the demonstration against Trump on his inauguration day on January 21st using resources including online promotion and printing.

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Jasmine Duff

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Procedural Motion: To accept the Malaysian Protests motion into General Business.**

Moved: Jasmine Duff

For: 18

Against: 0

PROECURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jasmine Duff said that the actions were a part of the pro-democracy movement, mass protests against corruption, and noted that it was often illegal to organise or protest in Malaysia. She mentioned that Monash had emailed students to remind them that attending the protests was illegal under Malaysian law, but that the University may take disciplinary action against those students that attended the protests.

Michael said that it was unjust that the University threatened disciplinary action against those students that attended the protests, and that we should stand in solidarity with the Malaysian students. He also mentioned that university is often touted as a place for academic and social freedom.

Georgia noted that the University hasn't warned students about safety around at the protests ad that their communication served solely for a punitive purpose.

Kim mentioned that they and Tess has been in communication with the student union over there and encouraged Council to show their support for the Malaysian students.

Abby said she would draft up a statement for a media release on the issue.

**Motion #7:**

This MSC condemns the recent threat made by Monash University against Malaysian students for enacting their basic right to protest. The actions of the University amount to a direct attack upon the

political freedom of students. The MSC demands that the University retract any official opposition to students engaging in political assembly, and opposes any disciplinary measures doled out to students as a result of their participation in protests. The MSC stands in solidarity with Malaysian students involved in the protest-driven campaign for democratic rights, and against the authoritarian actions of their government. The MSC commits itself to opposing any future actions by Monash that seek to curtail students' exercising of political freedoms.

Moved: Jasmine Duff

Seconded: Kim Stern

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Procedural Motion: To accept the Refugee Visa motion into General Business.**

Moved: Melanie Loudovaris

For: 17

Against: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Melanie stated that seeking asylum was not a crime under the UN Convention and noted that Australia was a signatory.

Amy stated that the legislation had already passed. She also noted that it was important to focus on issue her in Australia, particularly those surrounding refugees.

Jasmine Duff mentioned this was a part of continued attacks on refugees, and formed a part of larger campaigns such as #LetThemStay and #BringThemHere.

Matilda mentioned this was a lifetime ban affecting many people. She also noted that this legislation would affect tourist and bridging visas. She said that families may be torn apart, and that the impact is huge and far reaching.

**Motion #8:**

That this MSC condemns the proposed legislation for a lifetime ban on visas for refugees who have arrived by boat since 2013, as well as future refugees who will be arriving to seek protection, and supports the #BlocktheBill campaign.

Moved: Melanie Loudovaris

Seconded: Amy Grimmer

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting closed: 2:52pm*

## Monash Student Council

# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 11/16 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting opened: 2:05pm*

### 1. Attendance

President:	Abby Stapleton	
Treasurer:	Matilda Grey	(Chair)
Secretary:	Glenn Donahoo	
Education (Public Affairs):	Sumudu Setunge	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Jessica Stone	Proxy to Daniel Ffrench-Mullen
Activities:	Katie Power	Proxy to Ben Parker
Welfare:	Tim Berenyi	Enters at 2:17pm
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	
Environment & Social Justice:	Kim Stern	
Women's:	Isabelle Willis	
Female Queer:	Amy Grimmer	
Male Queer:	Martinus Kraan	Proxy to Ellie King-Cain
Disabilities:	Viv Stewart	Proxy to Jessica Stone (minutes)
MUISS:	Karekhaa Nair	Absent
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	
Clubs & Societies:	Patrick Callanan	
General Representative:	Shreeya Luthra	
General Representative:	Kapil Bhargava	
General Representative:	Caitlin Brown	
General Representative:	Naish Gawen	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Yasemin Shamsili	Proxy to Jasmine Duff
Observers:	Michael Mitchell	
	Sulaiman Enanyatzada	
	Beth Jackson	
	Georgia Leng	
	Melanie Loudovaris	Enters at 2:06pm
	Naish Gawen	

### 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. Change in Membership

Glenn Donahoo began his term as President of Clubs & Societies on October 1, 2016. As he already holds a vote on Monash Student Council in his capacity as Secretary, he is ineligible to also hold the

vote of C&S for the remainder of 2016, pursuant to clause 16.8 of the MSC Standing Orders. Glenn Donahoo has nominated Patrick Callanan to hold the Clubs & Societies vote for this meeting of MSC. Tess Freeman resigned from her position as a General Representative on Monash Student Council on October 4, 2016. In accordance with clause 54.2 of the Election Regulations, Caitlin Brown has been appointed to fill this position from the remainder of 2016.

**4. Confirmation of agenda order**

Confirmed.

**5. Confirmation of previous minutes**

**Attachment 1**

*Melanie Loudovaris enters at 2:06pm.*

**Motion #1:**

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 10/16 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved through the chair

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 5

MOTION CARRIED

**6. Reports**

6.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/16)

*Not Submitted*

6.2. MUISS (for MSC 3/16)

*Not Submitted*

6.3. MUISS (for MSC 6/16)

*Not Submitted*

6.4. MUISS (for MSC 8/16)

*Not Submitted*

6.5. Education (Public Affairs) (for MSC 10/16)

**Attachment 2**

6.6. Welfare (for MSC 10/16)

**Attachment 3**

6.7. Disabilities (for MSC 10/16)

**Attachment 4**

6.8. President

*Not Submitted*

6.9. Treasurer

**Attachment 5**

6.10. Secretary

**Attachment 6**

6.11. Activities

**Attachment 7**

6.12. Lot's Wife

**Attachment 8**

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.

Moved through the chair

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**7. Annual Reports**

7.1. MAPS

*Not Submitted*

7.2. Clubs & Societies

*Not Submitted*

7.3. MUISS

*Not Submitted*

**8. Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

**Attachment 9**

**9. John Medley Library**

Jayden talks about the renaming of the John Medley Library after discovery that John Medley was a member of the eugenics society, which justified the White Australia policy during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The renaming would involve the Indigenous Collective and Indigenous students at Monash. The Collective and the Indigenous Officers would bring a name to MSC in the future, and will most likely be that of a prominent Indigenous Australian.

Glenn mentioned that the University of Melbourne Student Union was also running a campaign to rename buildings on campus that were named after figures involved racial discrimination and the like. The library is likely to reopen next year before orientation with the new name.

Naish raised the potential for changing the name of Sir John's Bar, according to similar reasoning that JML was being renamed. Glenn stated that Sir John's was named after Sir John Monash and the university and hence would likely stay with the same name.

Jasmine commended the change of name as a move away from memorialising colonialism and recognising atrocities of the past.

**Motion #3:**

That this MSC directs the MSA Secretary to work with the MSA Indigenous Officers to investigate the renaming of the John Medley Library, with a proposed name to be brought to a future MSC for approval.

Moved: Jayden Crozier

Seconded: Glenn Donahoo

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

## 10. Bring Them Here Campaign

*Tim Berenyi enters at 2:17pm.*

Georgia stated it was important to show solidarity with refugees on Manus Island and Nauru, and to promote resettlement within the community. She said the MSA plays an important role in campaigning on issues such as this, and is a good way to promote activism within the union and Monash community.

Kim said that the Environment and Social Justice Department were working on a photo campaign to pressure the Government to stop offshore detention. Kim suggested that this MSC participate in the photo campaign after the meeting closes to show solidarity.

Naish commended the motion and encouraged everyone to become involved in the campaign. He also said members present that were a part of organisations involved in offshore detention should reconsider their membership.

**Motion #4:**

That this MSC condemns the treatment of refugees and demands the government bring them here and let them stay. Reports of torture and sexual abuse in the Nauru leaks reveal the inhumanity of the Australian government's detention policy, and the desperate need for solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers.

This MSC supports the #BringThemHere campaign. The MSA will continue raising awareness of the treatment of refugees among staff and students and promoting refugee activism on campus, including printing posters and using the MSA online resources.

Moved: Jasmine Duff  
Seconded: Kim Stern  
For: 19  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **11. Marriage Equality**

Beth mentioned that the issue of marriage equality is all over the media, and that the Liberal Government is delaying in instituting marriage equality. She encouraged progressive institutions such as the MSA to get involved in the campaign to show solidarity. She mentions the marriage equality rally taking place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October and encourages members present to attend.

Amy stated that the advertising around the plebiscite for both sides of the debate is potentially harmful and wasteful. She reminded Council that it was important to support the push against a plebiscite.

#### **Motion #5:**

The Australian government has delayed marriage equality again by insisting that it will hold a plebiscite on the issue. The equal marriage debate has gone on long enough and the right for all couples to be equal under the law is supported by the majority of Australians.

The Monash Student Association commits to promoting and attending the rally for Marriage Equality Now this Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at the State library of Victoria.

Moved: Kim Stern  
Seconded: Amy Grimmer  
For: 19  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **12. General Business**

#### **Procedural Motion: To accept the Welfare Day of Action motion into General Business.**

Moved: Abby Stapleton  
For: 19  
Against: 0  
PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kim Stern stated that the rationale behind the Welfare Day of Action on welfare was the Liberal Government's constant attacks on welfare. They mentioned the rhetoric around the welfare dependent generation of students and young people. Kim also said that the pressures of balancing study and work and the unavailability and inaccessibility of scholarships and support put many people in a vulnerable position. They also said that it was great to see the National Union of Students taking a stand against these cuts. They mentioned that the protest was in a few weeks and that the MSA should get on board and promote the rally alongside welfare based activities on campus.

Jasmine stated that the Liberals were determined to cut the rights of students, young people and pensioners. She also said that Pauline Hanson has shown support for the Liberals cuts to welfare support. She also mentioned the welfare card that was designed to limit individual control over welfare support payments, as was trialled in Indigenous communities. She was pleased that the student union was supporting this rally and encouraged the use of MSA services to advertise the rally.

Tess mentioned that the WDA was voted for at National Conference and impacts students across the country. She referred to the WDA planning meeting with the NUS Welfare Officer the previous night, to organise a central rally at the State Library. She encouraged members of MSC to attend to boost numbers.

Melanie mentioned ensuring there were accessible activities for those that were unable to attend the rally but wanted to show their support and solidarity.

**Motion #6:**

The Budget Savings omnibus bill 2016 saw \$1.3 billion cut from welfare, making it much harder for students to access the start-up scholarship loan. The Minister for Social Services Christian Porter has raised a four week waiting period on access to the dole, and the Youth Jobs PaTH (prepare-train-hire) program is still on the Liberal Party's agenda. It is important students and student unions oppose these measures and demand real liveable income support. This MSC supports the National Union of Student's Welfare Day of Action on Wednesday 19th October. The MSA should promote this action on campus by printing posters, handing out leaflets at MSA events, sending out emails to members, and attending the Welfare Day of Action.

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Jasmine Duff

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting closed: 2:27pm*

**ATTACHMENT 2 | President's Report to MSC 11/16**

	<p><b>ABBY STAPLETON</b> <b>PRESIDENT</b> <b>Report to MSC 11/16</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016</b></p>
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*Report covering 24/08/2016-04/10/2016*

**Key Activities**

**Meeting with David Copolov**

I have had my second last meeting with David Copolov for the year. We went over the list of goals and actions I had proposed at the beginning of the year and ticked off which ones had been completed. This year the executive have completed most of what we wanted to at the beginning of the year; including a tax advice service, legal service, workers' rights advice service which will both be operating through the Springvale legal service. We also expanded the services of the MSA van to include soup and coffee during night exams as well as serving

coffee down at halls of residence. On top of this the executive worked with the executive officer to introduce the fine defender service.

We also discussed what needed to be worked on next year, we talked about the opening of a centerlink branch on campus as well as increased lighting and parking; something I have worked extensively on this year. Matilda will pick these tasks up at the beginning of next year and I wish her the best of luck.

### **Meeting with Helen Dunn**

I met with Helen Dunn this semester to discuss my year as president and how we can increase MSA membership next year. This year we worked to see the sign up of over 10,000 MSA members, more than any other year. Helen will work cohesively with MSA departments to see next year bring in an even larger membership.

### **NUS National conference**

Over the past few weeks, myself and several other office bearers have been investigating the possibility of hosting NUS national conference at Monash Clayton. Unfortunately the conference organisers have decided to go ahead and book Deakin Geelong instead. Since 2014 Natcon has been held at Mannix College, we were given very little notice that the location as well as the dates were going to be changed. Many students planning on attending the conference had already booked flights for the first week of December, so we looked into some last minute bookings at Monash for that week. Initially university admin were really onboard with this, however recently we were told that the bookings that were made were 'void' due to construction. This was obviously an obstacle we would have been able to overcome if we were given more time to plan and prepare.

### **MSA awards night**

Much of my time has been spent preparing for MSA awards night. Initial emails were sent out to gauge which date would be most suitable. I have been working closely with Jess and Dan from the education academic affairs department to plan a cohesive merge of the MSA alumni awards night and the MSA teaching awards. We have received most of the RSVPs and Ed Ac are working on putting a booklet together. I have spent the past few weeks locking in a MC for the night as well as a guest speaker. Past office bearers as well as incoming OBs are invited to the event, however due to capacity limitations we have not been able to invite as many people as we had liked. In future I would like to see the MSA book a larger space to expand the event. I would also like to commend Jess and Dan on their hard work, without their persistence and patience this night would not have come together.

### **Actions and Achievements**

- Continue discussion around the parking mess
- Continue meetings for the introduction of the Worker's Rights Advice Service and legal service
- Organise the MSA awards night

- Promoted the NUS wellbeing survey
- Attend a fourth sub committee meeting
- Plan for NUS National Conference
- Met with Helen Dunn to discuss MSA membership
- Met with David Copolov to discuss goals and achievements

### **List of goals to be completed by this report**

1. Continue campaigning around cuts to higher education
  - **VERDICT: ONGOING**
2. Assist other office bearers in running their department weeks
  - **VERDICT: COMPLETED**
3. Continue to plan the MSA alumni awards night
  - Sent out preliminary emails, as well as follow up phone calls
  - Sent out final invitations
  - Secured an MC and guest speaker for the night
  - Received RSVPs
  - **VERDICT: COMPLETED**
4. Attend a fourth finance sub committee meeting
  - Attending these meetings is crucial to the day to day running of the MSA
  - **VERDICT: COMPLETED**
5. Continue to set up a Worker's Rights Advice Service and Legal Service
  - I have met with two off campus organisations to discuss how we can collaborate. This project will take up a lot of my time during semester 2.
  - **VERDICT: ONGOING**

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### **ATTACHMENT 3 | ESJ Report to MSC 12/16**

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ESJ report 11/16

#### **Campaigns:**

##### 1. Marriage Equality campaign

- Organised heavy promotion of the Marriage Equality demonstration on September 14th at Clayton campus, including postering, flyering, petitioning for Marriage Equality to be passed immediately, a banner painting and online graphics for promotion through social media.
- Collaborated with the MSA Queer department to organise a contingent of Monash student to attend the demonstration.
- Promoted and attended the National Equal Love rally on 8 October

## 2. Anti-Hanson campaign

- Promoted the meeting 'Make Melbourne a Hanson Free Zone' on 27 September, organised by the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism.
- Assisted in organising the 'Stand up to Hanson, No to Racism' protest on October 7 in collaboration with the NUS Victorian State Branch President. The department heavily promoted this demonstration at Monash University and across Melbourne. We organised contingent of students from Monash University to attend. One of the ESJ office bearers also chaired the demonstration.
- Organised a 'Halal not Hanson' BBQ on 11 October in collaboration with the Monash University Islamic Students Society to raise awareness of the threat of islamophobia and build the opposition to it.

## 3. Welfare Day of Action October 19th

- Attended 2 Welfare Day of Action planning meetings in the city to organise the event
- Assisted in reaching out to the media to publicise the event
- Made placards and a pinata for the event in collaboration with other MSA departments
- Publicised the event on campus through leafleting, stickers, posters, and petitioning students on stalls; and via social media
- Organised a contingent of Monash students to attend the demonstration

## 4. Refugee rights campaign

- Organised a #BringThemHere campaign at Monash University, involving the NTEU, Student clubs, tutorials and students we met on stalls taking photos with a #BringThemHere sign. The images are displayed on our Facebook page, and currently total 49 solidarity photos.
- Organised a contingent of Monash student to attend the 'Bring Them Here' protest organised by the Refugee Action Collective for November 5th

## 5. No Counselling Cuts campaign

- The ESJ department has been collaborating with the NTEU, Student advocacy and support, Lot's Wife and the Women's department in the campaign to stop Monash University cutting counselling staff. Thus far we have created an online [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition which currently has over 1000 that emails the Monash Senior Management Team each time someone signs, we have designed posters and put them up around the campus and the exams area, we have composed an open letter for staff to sign on to, and on Tuesday 15th we will be leafleting students coming out of their exams with NTEU members to raise awareness of the cuts.

## 6. Anti-Trump campaign

- With the surprise election of Donald Trump as President of the United States, and the immediate protest actions taken by Americans in opposition to this right wing bigot, the ESJ department organised a demonstration for the weekend immediately after his election. This demonstration attracted approximately 170 people through 2 days worth of online promotion.
- The ESJ department has called another protest for this Friday 18 November to provide a forum for students to continue to express their outrage at the election of Donald Trump, and opposition to similar politics emerging in the Australian political scene.

- The ESJ department is also promoting and organising Monash activists to attend the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism's protest of people who oppose Donald Trump for Sunday 20th, to counter the 'victory march' of the United Patriots Front and the True Blew Crew, neo-fascist outfits mimicking the victory march of the KKK in North Carolina.

**ESJ week 11:**

For ESJ week we organised a 'Halal Not Hanson' BBQ for Tuesday in collaboration with MUISS, and a meeting titled 'Is Democracy Possible Under Capitalism' for Thursday.

The meeting involved a political discussion on democracy in the world today, in light of the USA Presidential race featuring two of the most hated Presidential candidates in US history. It attracted approximately 30 students.

**Other activities:**

- Attended and promoted the snap action 'Justice for Elijah' demonstration on 10 September, in response to the murder of a 14 year old Indigenous boy Elijah Doughty and in solidarity with the protestors and rioters in Kalgoorlie.
- Attended and organised a group of Monash students to attend the snap action 'Demand VicPol be accountable' on 24 September, in response to the violent arrest of anti-racist activist Jafri Ibra

**Goals from last report:**

Goal:

Hold an ESJ collective meeting

Status:

Completed

Goal:

Hold two political discussion on campus

Status:

We only organised one political discussion on campus due to the important campaigns and demonstrations that we needed to promote, but were not expecting.

Goal:

Organise a Monash Contingent for the Marriage Equality rally on 14 September

Status:

Completed.

Goal:

Promote the CARF anti-Hanson forum on 27 September

Status:

Completed.

**Goals for the remainder of tenure:**

1. Organise handover

2. Organise actions against Donald Trump, including the protest on November 18th, to provide a way of uniting people against his bigoted and right wing politics
3. Promote the demonstration against Donald Trump planned for his inauguration on January 21st
4. Continue the campaign against cuts to Monash counsellors, including circulating the petition and getting names onto the open letter.

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**ATTACHMENT 4 | Women's Report to MSC 12/16**

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**Women's Officer Report to MSC 12/16**

*Report covering: 08/09/2016 – 17/11/2016*

**Key Activities:**

*1. Dissent*

The last project while the students were on campus for the Women's department was a creative one – the creation and publication of the department Zine 'Dissent'! It was exciting for the department to have an ongoing, creative and inclusive project to get more of the student body involved in the department. We ran a series of workshops and open sessions for women to explore ideas together for the zine. The Lot's Wife team, in particular Lisa Healy and Carina Florea who co-produced and edited the zine, were wonderful at pulling everything together into an A5, 40 paged, colour zine with over 15 different contributions. We couldn't have managed without them!

We celebrated the end of the year and launched the zine at a co-hosted afternoon-tea party in SWATVAC with Lot's Wife. It was a great success and the department are very proud of their efforts in producing the zine that has not been done for 2 years now and hopefully sets a precedent for next year!

*2. Monash Cuts to Counselling On-campus*

Just as the student body left campus to study for exams and major assignments Monash uni announced that they were cutting funds to counselling staff on campus. Great! The counselling services on campus at Monash are a vital part of some students' lives and cuts to these services will be detrimental to the student body and their experiences of uni life. The Women's department have been working with Student Rights, Lot's Wife and ESJ to build a campaign to protest against these cuts. There was an article written and published online through Lot's Wife early in October and since there have been multiple petitions used and a build of awareness raising materials online.

*3. Sexual Assault Campaign*

The department was contacted and has since been working with a brave survivor, Miranda Lucas around her ideas for a campaign against sexual assault on campus. As we are well aware by now, this is a major problem facing women at university and been the major source of our work as women's officers this year. One of the main issues that has arisen out of our interactions with survivors, other services and the university itself is the bad treatment that these women have experienced when seeking out help from university services. Miranda identified issues with Monash counselling, Special Consideration and Safer Communities that she

passionately feels needs to be addressed. Along with the results from the National Survey on Sexual Assault on campus that was launch in September by the Australian Human Rights Commission and Miranda action proposal, the MSA Womne's department have started the process of compiling all the resources and creating a campaign to address this issue.

*4. General*

Generally the department has been tying up loose ends and getting ready to hand over to our future Women's Officers. Congratulations to Shreeya and Nikola who will be Women's Officer for 2017! The consistent up keep of the Women's Room has continued as the year wraps up and handover begins.

**Goals from last report:**

1. Continue running Discussion Groups, Q2 meetings and women's room up-keep – Partly achieved, Women's room is fine but we lost track of discussion groups ect.
2. Host a successful Women's Week – Achieved!
3. Organise panels, discussion groups and workshops for Women's Week – Achieved!
4. Continue and then finalise Dissent submissions – Achieved!
5. Organise printing and publishing for Dissent – Achieved!

**Finito! So long and farewell and thanks for all the fish!**

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**ATTACHMENT 5 | Male Queer Report to MSC 12/16**

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**Male Queer Officer report to 12/16 MSC**

**Martinus Kraan**

**Male Queer Officer**

**18th September 2016**

**Report covering 18/11/16 - 8/9/16**

*Actions:*

*Wrapping up Semester 2*

The rest of the semester was spent on some smaller events as attendance is generally at its lowest for the year. The regular events such as morning tea, queery, queer beers and collective were run with greater numbers than anticipated, as a wrap up for the year we ran much bigger for national coming out day, 'SWOTVAC and chill' as a way for students to de-stress during exam time and a end of semester party at Sir John's as a big farewell party, for both the students and the staff of the bar who we have a close relationship with.

As Melbourne and Deakin uni had left their own queer balls till quite late in the year, we had previously bought tickets to provide to some of our own students as a way to get people involved outside of MQD. In order to give away these tickets, two competitions were run, a photo caption and badge design which we hoped would be an opportunity for many to get together which proved to be fun for everyone involved. The major success however was the number of cross-university people that have attended various queer events this year at multiple universities, this year is the first large scale attempt and we're hoping it builds a good rapport to work together in aspects such as campaigns in the future. In addition to this we also sent a large group to celebrate with the MONSU queer department as they wrapped up their year with similar festivities, as there is some concern about the future of their department we want our own members to remain in contact to provide support if needed.

#### *Activism*

Another marriage equality rally (14/9) was held in which the goal is to push to pass marriage equality without the use of a plebiscite after it failing to pass through the government. As it was at an unfortunate time there was not a massive turnout, but shortly after Equal Love organized a much larger rally (7/10) which many of us went to and lifted general confidence on the issue, however as the prime minister has announced no more plans for marriage equality there may be opportunity for something addition later in the year.

As there is time now without the constant need to be planning events I have started getting ready to formalize the exemption to the equal opportunities act to renew the queer lounge as a space legally available for queer identifying people. This includes a statement and a hearing which may not eventuate till next year, but last for 5 years.

The Australian Queer Student Network are also beginning to wrap up for the year, and we're hoping that the transition to 2017 will allow better planning for a state network once the other universities Queer Departments are settled in. And hopefully at the start of their terms are full of energy to get better establishment, and with some groundwork placed with the amount of working together achieved this year.

#### *Elections*

The elections of our Queer affairs committee happened during weeks 11, 12 and SWOTVAC where entries were open for nominations for a week, then voting was open for a further week in the queer lounge. To improve on last years system which saw a large number of informal votes it was decided we would hire a poll clerk who would ensure everyone who was voting submitted a valid ballot. As this position was constantly attended we hired previous students who already works at the uni, and paid them for the time spent at the desk and counting votes. In all 10 people applied for the 6 positions, and the first meeting to introduce the new QuAC members will be on 17/11/16.

*Handover*

As semester finishes we're having less contact with the regular amount of students, and are now focusing on having a smooth hand-over to pass along any on-going projects and to assist the new queer officers in their aspirations by helping them through the ropes.

Goals:

Now semester is over our goals mostly consist of keeping in contact with members and to go through hand-over and introduce the new queer officers to their roles.

Begin preparation to handover the department to the 2017 QO's and ensure any incomplete works in progress are finished before that time.

Achieved Goals:

- It seems compared to previous years that the expected dwindling numbers were not as severe and so we're pleased we were able to continue engagement with everyone.
- Continued to run our regular events and our special large events which had larger than expected attendance.
- Run many more inclusive events that branched outside of the department and to other universities.

***Budget Expenditure since last report:***

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount (\$)	Line item	Comments
10/16	24/8/2016	<i>DJ booking</i>	\$500	<i>653250 social functions</i>	Using a previously used DJ for queer ball

10/16	24/8/2016	<i>Deakin Pride Prom tickets</i>	\$350	653250 social functions	Purchased tickets to be given away in competition to deakin's pride prom
11/16	5/10/2016	<i>End of year Queer Beers</i>	\$496	670200 Hospitality	Providing a tab at sir johns bar for food/drink for the last queer beers
11/16	5/10/2016	<i>Food for national coming out day</i>	\$60	651100 Projects	Baking supplies to have a comfortable coming out day

**ATTACHMENT 6 | Indigenous Report to MSC 12/16**

	<p><b>SAMANTHA HYDE &amp; JAYDEN CROZIER</b></p> <p><b>Report to MSC 8/16 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016</b></p>
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*Report covering 08/09/16-17/11/16*

**Key activities:**

**Planning for End of Year Party:**

Whilst working in conjunction with the Monash Indigenous Student Committee, Samantha has contributed to the planning of an end of year party to be held on November 18. This party aims to recognise the work put in by students throughout 2016 by inviting them and their friends/families to a BBQ and party at the Indigenous student lounge at Clayton Campus. The MISC has been able to source their own

funding so will not be needing to use any of the MSA Indigenous Department budget for this event. By opening the event up to the wider Indigenous community the committee and the MSA are assisting with fostering positive relations across the Melbourne area and building a sense of inclusiveness and cooperation.

### **Handover to 2017 OBs:**

This task has been relatively straightforward as Jayden Crozier has been re-elected (unopposed) to work with Bryda Nichols as the 2017 OBs. Jayden will be drawing on his experience in 2016 to assist Bryda with navigating the MSA policies and procedures.

### **Attending Indigenous Advisory Council Meetings:**

As representatives of Indigenous students at Monash, we're able to attend and take part in the IAC meetings. The most recent of which was for the final planning of Elders Day – an annual event held at Monash whereby Indigenous Elders are invited to have lunch with the vice-chancellor and other university executives.

### **Actions & Achievements:**

- Create storyboard for anti-racism film
- Help MISC plan end of year party

### **Progress on assigned goals from last report:**

n/a

### **List of goals to be completed by next report:**

#### **Goal #1:**

Finalise handover to new OBs

#### **Goal #2:**

Assist MISC with running of end of year party

#### **Goal #3:**

Present short film plan to IAC

### **Budget expenditure since last report:**

n/a

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ATTACHMENT 7 | Clubs and Societies Report to MSC 12/16

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	<p>GLENN DONAHOO C&amp;S PRESIDENT Report to MSC 12/16 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2016</p>
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*Report covering 06/09/2016 – 14/11/2016*

**Key activities:**

**Annual General Meeting**

C&S held their AGM on Tuesday 13 September, at which the new executive were elected. I must thank the previous President Phyllis Pan for all of her work during her term, and I am glad she has been elected to continue on as a General Representative into 2017.

**Ordinary General Meeting**

C&S also held an OGM on Thursday 20 October, with the main item of business being to accept changes to the C&S Constitution. These changes were successfully passed and I wish to thank Phyllis, along with our staff Alastair and Ngan, who along with our lawyer ensured that the constitution would be fit for purpose and lead to a more efficient running of C&S and our affiliated clubs.

**Handover Dinner**

Our Annual Handover Dinner was held at Sofia's Restaurant in Burwood, where we were able to thank the outgoing executive members for all of their hard work throughout the year, and welcome all of the new executive members.

**Affiliation of New Clubs**

Our two newest clubs, Vegan Society and Campbell Hall Society, both held their Inaugural General Meetings during Week 11 of Semester. Both clubs are now up and running, and will be ready to operate fully by the beginning of the new year.

**Budget**

Along with the Support Officer and Treasurer, we put together our budget submission for 2016 which was subsequently presented to the budget committee for approval.

**Actions and achievements:**

- Chaired three meetings of the C&S Executive
- Chaired eight misconduct hearings
- Held the 2016 AGM and OGM 2-16

- Organised the Handover Dinner
- Wrote this report

**Goals for next report:**

**Goal #1:** Review the Finance Regulations and Grants Manual

**Goal #2:** Get clubs to begin updating their constitution in line with the new model constitution passed at our OGM.

**Goal #3:** Organise the Club Committee Training Day

**Goal #4:** Finalise all club grants for 2016

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**ATTACHMENT 8 | Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

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M30/16	06-Oct-16	Re upholstery of Sir Johns Couches	\$3,900.00
		Chargers for JML	\$550.00
M31/16	11-Oct-16	MUST IT Equipment	\$818.79
		Stress Less Week	\$5,000.00
		Staffing	\$7,285.00
		Vancora at Night Exams	\$2,500.00
		Staff Advertising	\$500.00
M32/16	26-Oct-16	Polling Clerks - QuAC Elections	\$555.00
		Dissent	\$250.00
		Office-Bearer Training	\$5,000.00
		Staff Training	\$79.00
M33/16	28-Oct-16	Fitout of MSA pop-up shop	\$4,518.20
		Staff Training	\$375.00
M34/16	08-Nov-16	MSA Teaching Awards	\$5,000.00
		Air Bags	\$1,925.00
		Wall Banner	\$1,254.00
		Brochure Racks	\$2,673.00
		Vancora at Night Exams	\$2,000
		Varidesks	\$1,350.00
		Office-Bearer Training	\$2,000
		Divestment of Reserves	\$2,000