

## Monash Student Council

# NON-CONFIDENTIAL CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 5/17 of the Monash Student Council to be held at 2pm on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in **R3, Rotunda**.

*Meeting opened: 2:22pm*

### 1. Attendance

President:	Matilda Grey	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Caitlin Brown	Proxy to Sumudu Setunge
Secretary:	Jessica Stone	(Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Corey Rosevear	Proxy to Juliet Steel
Education (Academic Affairs):	Harini Kasthuriarachchi	
Activities:	Sarah Harris	Proxy to Sean Glass
Welfare:	Nicholas Virgo	
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	Absent
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	Absent
Women's:	Shreeya Luthra	
Queer:	Andrea Duval	
Disabilities & Carers:	Melanie Loudovaris	
People of Colour	Jasmine Nguyen	
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Absent
Clubs & Societies:	Glenn Donahoo	Proxy to Pat Callanan
Radio Monash	Liam Hope	
General Representative:	Eve Ward	
General Representative:	Sasha Brady	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Benjamin Caddaye	
General Representative:	Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott	
General Representative:	Elizabeth Jackson	Absent
Observers:	Denise Atzinger	
	Nawama Green	
	Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe	
	Jake Humphreys	
	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. Confirmation of agenda order

Confirmed.

### 4. Confirmation of previous minutes

**Attachment 1**

#### **Motion #1:**

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 4/17 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved through the chair

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3  
MOTION CARRIED

**5. Reports**

- 5.1. President
- 5.2. Treasurer
- 5.3. Secretary
- 5.4. Activities
- 5.5. MUISS
- 5.6. MUISS (for MSC 3/17)
- 5.7. MAPS
- 5.8. C&S
- 5.9. Radio Monash
- 5.10. Radio Monash (for MSC 3/17)

**Attachment 2**  
*Not submitted*  
**Attachment 3**  
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**Attachment 4**  
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**Attachment 5**  
*Not submitted*  
*Not Submitted*

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.  
Moved through the chair  
For: 16  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

**6. Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

**Attachment 6**

**7. Financial Statements**

- 7.1. Financial Statement Summary for April 2017

**Attached to email**

**8. Election of Divisional Representative to MSC Executive**

Patrick Callanan said that the nomination of Jason to MSC Executive was in recognition of his work so far with the MSA and how he has already worked well with the MSA Executive on a few projects.

**Motion #3:**

That this MSC approves the election of Jason Nguyen to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.  
M: Patrick Callanan  
S: Liam Hope  
For: 3  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. Leave of Absence for Sarah Harris**

**Procedural motion: To move in camera, allowing proxies to remain.**

Moved: Jessica Stone  
For: 18  
Against: 0  
PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*All observers leave at 2:30pm*

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**\*\*This section of the minutes is confidential and only available to members of the MSC.\*\***

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**Motion #4:**

That this MSC grants Sarah Harris an unpaid leave of absence for a period of up to 3 months.

Moved: Jessica Stone

Seconded: Sean Glass

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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**\*\*End of Confidential Section.\*\***

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*All observers re-enter at 2:37pm*

**10. Appointment of Caretaker Activities Officer**

Sean said that Isabelle had been involved in the social side of university since her first year and had been involved in various committees and volunteering programs such as Host Scheme. He also noted she was the most qualified to fill the position.

Matilda said that the decision for Isabelle to take up the role was made by the Activities Committee. She also noted that from her meetings with Isabelle that she would be a great asset to the Activities Department and the MSA.

**Motion #5:**

That this MSC appoints Isabelle Capomolla as caretaker to the position of Activities Chairperson for the period of Sarah Harris's leave of absence, pursuant to §38(7)(b) of the MSA Constitution.

Moved: Sean Glass

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11. Public hotline for sexual assault and domestic violence**

Shreeya said that the changes to the hotline put forward were terrible and would leave a vital service stripped of specialised workers. She noted that a triage-based model meant that not everyone would be treated equally. She also said this was privatising a vital resource.

Melanie said that 1800RESPECT was initially a good thing. She said that a triage system would be detrimental as callers are passed onto to other people or hotlines, instead of being helped immediately.

Denise said that the new changes had affected them personally, and had essentially erased a vital service entirely.

Nawama said that they had personal experience with the hotline. They also noted that it was the best hotline, with compassionate staff that provided people with the validation to seek further help. They noted that not have counselling provided over the hotline was concerning and that it may push people away from the help they need.

Matilda said that the initiative for an alternative hotline is in the process of being created and that she and others from the MSA have been in contact with various groups about the creation of a more inclusive hotline to provide help to the people affected by domestic violence or sexual assault. She said it would be timed around the release of the Human Rights Commission Survey around sexual harassment and assault. She urged members to vote for the motion to show the MSA's official endorsement of such a hotline.

**Motion #6:**

1800RESPECT is a vital resource for women and men facing domestic violence, sexual assault and the resultant trauma. The government has now put the service up for tender, privatising a vital service to those at the hands of family violence and sexual abuse.

The government also intends to change the service from a specialist counselling service to a triage model where calls are redirected to relevant external resources.

This new model strips the service of its specialist care and instead focuses on churning through calls in order to increase profit. Women's lives and wellbeing should never be monetised as such.

This MSC condemns the privatisation of 1800RESPECT and supports the movement by several groups in Australia to establish a public hotline for family violence and sexual assault survivors and victims, with experienced counsellors in the field on the line. This MSC will support such a hotline through relevant MSA departments and by publicising this service to the student body.

Moved: Shreeya Luthra

Seconded: Melanie Loudovaris

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**12. Implementation of recommendation by the Royal Commission into Family Violence**

Shreeya said that the Government often cuts vital services, however the decision to implement the Royal Commission's recommendations is a great initiative. She said it was a welcome sign after the engrained practice of Governments neglecting systemic violence against women.

Raphael said the funding for the programs was included in the State Government Budget for 2017 and was in response to the Royal Commission Report and has been the single largest investment into tackling family violence. He said that the programs included one stop safety hubs as survivors found it difficult to find help from so many areas, in high risk areas police and crisis accommodation and \$1 billion for loans for refuges or emergency housing. He also mentioned changing to the courts whereby survivors were no longer able to be cross-examined by the perpetrator and increased funding for community legal centres.

**Motion 7:**

This Monash Student Council endorses the Victorian State Government's commitment to implementing all 227 recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

This MSC echoes the Victorian Council of Social Service's commendation of the Victorian State Government for allocating \$1.9 billion in additional funding to address the scourge of family violence in our State.

This MSC emphasises that extra funding will provide specialist support and recovery for survivors, five specialist family violence courts and frontline services for families escaping violence.

Moved: Shreeya Luthra

Seconded: Harini Kasthuriarachchi For: 17 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1 MOTION CARRIED
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### **13. May 17 National Day of Action**

Juliet said it was a great turnout compared to earlier protests. She said there was great feedback from students that hadn't been before and feedback about hearing about the protest through advertising, Facebook, posters and emails and word of mouth. She said it was a positive rally with great speakers.

Jessica said it was a great turnout, although it was a shame that it was organised for the same day as IDAHOBIT. She said it was good to see a protest focussed around specific attacks on students, which also contributed to the higher turnout.

Denise said that while they fully supported the NDA and respected the hard work that went into it, they were not happy it was held on IDAHOBIT, as this was a day of remembrance around queer issues and for the community and allies to look towards the future. They noted that when other event such as the NDA are planned for the same say it took away the significance of the day and made it hard for queer identifying people to participate in the education campaign. They also noted that although there was a queer focus at the NDA, the absence of queer departments was noticed.

Melanie said she had to choose between her queer family and union family. She said it was crucial to allow communities to celebrate days for them. She said that that organising other campaigns on days like this forces people to choose between their identity and campaigns they support.

Nawama asked whether queer interests were being upheld in particular campaigns and how it was possible to forget an international day of recognition for the queer community.

Juliet said it was very unfortunate the days clashed but that it was not an MSA decision and one made by the National Union of Students. She mentioned the live stream for those that couldn't attend and how the NUS LGBTI Officer spoke about IDAHOBIT.

Andrea thanked people that recognised that the day was important. She said that the NDA days are chosen, but that IDAHOBIT is not, that it marks the date that the World Health Organisation removed the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder. She also noted that consistently choosing the same day as a Wednesday rules out many students from attending the NDAs and that it made students choose between study and supporting campaigns. She suggested that relevant groups raise the issue at Education Conference this year to change the days and increase the effectiveness of the rallies.

Denise said that they were preaching to the converted as those that they wanted to hear the criticism were not present. They said the live stream helped people who couldn't physically make it. They said everyone did an amazing job with the bad day they were given. They also noted that it took away allies supporting the movement, to celebrate with queers and talk about how issues still affect the queer community. She said the absence of allies meant that the queer community was kept isolated and not engaged with the wider community. They said it was disappointing to have to celebrate one of the queer communities most important days alone.

Raphael said that he questioned whether the NUS LGBTI Officer actually cared about queer students and wondered whether there were attempts to convince the NUS Education Officer to change the

day of the NDA. He also noted it was incredibly shameful and disrespectful that for a person that always attends MSC to not show up on this particular day.

Juliet mentioned the wheelchair accessible bus that was organised for the rally and how she hoped it would change the culture around the rallies and protests and noted that she had seen wheelchair users at rallies in the city.

Nawama commended the accessibility at recent events, but that we needed to look out for all of us. They mentioned that allies present at events like IDAHOBIT acted as a means of protection, as queerphobic violence is often perpetrated in queer only spaces without allies.

Denise expressed bitter disappointment at the fact that the NUS LGBTI Officer that was on campus today had chosen not to attend MSC.

**Draft Motion:**

This MSC congratulates the MSA on the success of the National Student Protest on May 17 against the federal fee increases to students and funding cuts to universities. This MSC recognises this positive step forward in the campaign, mobilising thousands of students across the country including a sizeable contingent from Monash, and gaining extensive media. This MSC endorses the upcoming demonstration on May 31 'No Fee Hikes, Make the Liberals Pay', and commits the MSA to promoting it to Monash students.

Moved: Juliet Steel

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

**14. General Business**

**15. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting closed: 3:05pm*

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**ATTACHMENT 1 | MSC 4/17 Unconfirmed Minutes**

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**Monash Student Council**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

Meeting 4/17 of the Monash Student Council to be held at 2pm on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2017 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting opened: 2:10pm*

**16. Attendance**

President:	Matilda Grey	(chair)
Treasurer:	Caitlin Brown	
Secretary:	Jessica Stone	(minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Juliet Steel	

Education (Academic Affairs):	Raphael Tell	
Activities:	Sean Glass	Proxy to Daniel Ffrench-Mullen
Welfare:	Patrick Stephenson	Proxy to Nicholas Virgo
Indigenous:	Bryda Nichols	
Environment & Social Justice:	Jasmine Duff	
Women's:	Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe	
Queer:	Denise Atzinger	
Disabilities & Carers:	Nawama Green	Proxy to Melanie Loudovaris
People of Colour:	Kapil Bhargava	Proxy to Jasmine Nguyen
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	apology
Clubs & Societies:	Glenn Donahoo	Proxy to Shreeya Luthra
Radio Monash:	Luka Jancijevic	absent
General Representative:	Eve Ward	
General Representative:	Sasha Brady	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Benjamin Caddaye	
General Representative:	Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott	
General Representative:	Elizabeth Jackson	
Observers:	Chris di Pasquale	
	Jake Humphreys	
	Daniel Taylor	
	Corey Rosevear	
	Harini Kasthuriarachchi	
	Ariel Zohar	
	Alexandra Kowal	
	Daniel Kahan	

**17. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land**

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**18. Confirmation of agenda order**

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**19. Confirmation of previous minutes**

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Moved through the chair

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

**20. Reports**

**20.1. Indigenous Report (for MSC 2/17)**

**Attachment 2**

**20.2. People of Colour Report (for MSC 2/17)**

**Attachment 3**

**20.3. Radio Monash (for MSC 3/17)**

*Not submitted*

**20.4. Activities Report (for MSC 3/17)**

**Attachment 4**

**20.5. Lot's Wife**

**Attachment 5**

**20.6. Environment and Social Justice**

**Attachment 6**

**20.7. Queer**

**Attachment 7**

**20.8. Women's**

**Attachment 8**

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| <b>20.9. Welfare</b>                       |                      | <b>Attachment 9</b>  |
| <b>20.10. Education (Academic Affairs)</b> |                      | <b>Attachment 10</b> |
| <b>20.11. Education (Public Affairs)</b>   |                      |                      |
|  | <b>Attachment 11</b> |                      |
| <b>20.12. Indigenous</b>                   |                      |                      |
|  | <b>Attachment 12</b> |                      |
| <b>20.13. Disabilities and Carers</b>      |                      | <b>Attachment 13</b> |
| <b>20.14. People of Colour</b>             |                      |                      |
|  | <b>Attachment 14</b> |                      |

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.  
 Moved through chair  
 For: 18  
 Against: 0  
 Abstentions: 1  
 MOTION CARRIED

**21. Yearly Goals**  
**21.1. Welfare**

**Attachment 15**

**Motion #3:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted Welfare Yearly Goals.  
 Moved through the chair  
 For: 18  
 Against: 0  
 Abstentions: 1  
 MOTION CARRIED

**22. Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

**Attachment 16**

**23. Financial Statements**

**23.1. Financial Statement Summary for March 2017**

**Attached to email**

**24. 2016 Audited Financial Report**

**Attached to email**

Caitlin said this was the final audit report. She noted this was just to ensure proper financial auditing was approved.

Jessica mentioned that this was a part of an audit documents that needed to be approved for the MSA AGM.

**Motion #4:**

That this MSC approves the submitted audited financial report for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.  
 Moved: Caitlin Brown  
 Seconded: Jessica Stone  
 For: 16  
 Against: 0  
 Abstentions: 3  
 MOTION CARRIED

**25. Election of Divisional Representative to MSC Executive**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.”

MOTION DEFERRED THROUGH THE CHAIR

**26. Academic Affairs Committee**

Raphael said that an open invitation to apply for the committee was sent out to all students via the MSA Education page. He said that it was an opportunity to gain feedback about particular courses and units run at Monash. He said that they had also approached volunteers that assisted with Academic Progress Committee Hearings and members from faculty clubs to apply. He said that the committee so far was creating working groups on particular issues and discussing upcoming campaigns. He also noted that they were still in the process of getting reps for the Education and IT faculty.

Hariri mentioned that they were engaging people from faculty clubs who had direct connections with their respective faculties.

**Motion #5:**

That this MSC appoint the following students to the Academic Affairs Committee for the period 27/04/17 until 31/12/17; Juliet Steel (Music), Philippa Cole (Arts), Maria Grant (Business & Economics), Alex Stott (Engineering), Matthew Gerbert (Eng/Sci), Rachael Matulis/Thomas Hvala (Law), Ross Lomazov (MNHS), Jason Nguyen (MUISS), Romi Stern (Nutrition & Dietetics) and Niki Malysiak (Science).

Moved: Raphael Tell

Seconded: Harini Kasthuriarachchi

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**27. Budget Rally – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Juliet said that it had evident for quite some time that the Federal Government was deprioritising accessible higher education. She said that the Government was set on putting extra burden on students living below the poverty line. She noted that the government had no plans for the future of young people in Australia. She said that there will be an Information booth and speak out to make students aware of what is going on.

Jasmine Duff said there was a trend of cutting money supporting students. She said that there was a proposed fee increase of 25%. She said the rally was important to show the fight against the consistent attacks. She said that we should make sure we are informing students of cuts as soon as they are released. She noted the importance of the Free Education campaign in ensuring education is not faced with constant attacks.

Andrea said that the Queer Department supported the event, however due to a clash with IDAHOBIT most people involved in the Queer Collective would likely not be attending the rally. She noted that the NDA should be more effective this time around as it was in response to the Budget.

Caitlin said this was a part of a continuing trend of students and young workers being taken advantage of. She said everyone had done a great job so far in building for the protest and said that the turnout should be pretty high.

Corey mentioned the attacks by the Government on higher education and noted that the rally was a great cross campus event. He said that the Free Education campaign set an agenda for the rest of the year as the Government does not have any plans for students and young people and their education or future.

Matilda said she had a list of budget predications from the NUS and was happy to circulate to them members of the MSC. She noted the 3% efficiency dividend cut to university operating grants, increase of the average student contribution rate to 50%, and student income support changes as among the predicted changes to education and student welfare. She commended the motion and said she highly supported the rally to fight back against these changes.

Melanie mentioned improving the accessibility of the protest by continuing with a live stream of the rally and speakers, ensuring there are accessible buses and ensuring that there is an opportunity for students attending IDAHOBIT events have a chance to contribute in some way to the action.

**Motion #6:**

The Liberal government's budget will be released on May 9, with major cuts to the higher education sector due to be announced. It is expected that student contributions will increase from 40% to 50%, and that the HECS repayment threshold will be lowered. This will place a significant financial strain on students, who will be forced to pay more when they have considerably less to give. This MSC recognises the intent of the Liberal government to introduce partial fee deregulation, which is likely to set the undertone for the cost saving measures.

This MSC endorses the National Union of Students' May 17 National Day of Action as a means of opposing the budget cuts, recognising that campuses play a crucial role in mobilising for the event. This MSC encourages MSA departments to promote the event, and directs the President to send out press releases the day after the Budget (May 10), and another the day before the protest (May 16).

Moved: Juliet Steel

Seconded: Jasmine Duff

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

## 28. Subway Workers

Jessica said this discovery was following on from a history of worker exploitation within the retail and hospitality industries. She noted that Subway workers were facing chronic underpayment and workplace bullying.

Beth mentioned that many of these workers were often on temporary visas or  $\$$ & visa and were often exploited within the workforce. She noted that it was often hard to organise as most of their jobs hang in the balance. She mentioned the response to Grill'd and their underpayment of workers and how the student and union movement fought back.

Melanie asked if the MSA had any contracts with Subway for catering. Jessica responded saying that Host Scheme has a sponsorship deal with Subway which caters some of their events. She mentioned she would look into it, but suggested that members of Council boycott Subway where they could to support the cause.

Raphael said that Subway had a young workforce which often meant a low union density. He also noted that individual stores set the conditions so any campaigns needed to be targeted to specific stores.

Corey mentioned that the argument made by Subway management that the pay issues went unnoticed was completely false, as each store is regularly checked.

**Procedural motion to accept Harini Kasthuriarachchi as a late proxy for Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe.**  
Moved: Jessica Stone  
For: 18  
Against: 0  
PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

**Motion #7:**  
Like many franchises and large corporations, Subway has been exposed of worker exploitation. Employees of Subway restaurants, many of whom are university students, are being paid below the award rate, and not receiving overtime pay. They are often forced into illegal unpaid training programs, and cases of workplace bullying are being reported.

This MSC condemns Subway's management for exploiting its workers, and stands in solidarity with affected employees. This MSC supports any campaigns that act to compensate Subway employees and rectify mistreatment of workers in the workplace.

Moved: Jessica Stone  
Seconded: Beth Jackson  
For: 19  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 29. Changes to Citizenship

Raphael mentioned that the Government was reforming the Citizenship test to test people on Australian values. He noted that the changes were. Forcing permanent residents to wait 3years before applying for citizenship. He condemned Bill Shorten and the Labor party for suggesting they would support these changes.

Jasmine Nguyen noted that many might fail the test because of poor language skills, as the test had a strong bias to those with high levels of English. She mentioned that failure rate was high among Chinese and Vietnamese immigrants, and that the changes disproportionately affected refugees. She said that citizenship was important and seen as a sign of acceptance and commitment to Australia.

Jasmine Duff said this was a racist ideological attack by the Government. She questioned what Australian values were and noted that this included locking up refugees and genocide of indigenous people, among other things. She also mentioned this was part of an increasing racial attack of Sudanese communities and Muslims.

Raphael mentioned the effect on Monash students, as the changes would mean that only citizens could access HECS-HELP. He said that it showed that the Government does not believe in access to education by low income families.

Andrea noted that she didn't understand why English competency tests were being used in a country where English wasn't an official language. She mentioned that queer people come to Australia as their identity is illegal back home.

Denise said that the changes to citizenship and residency disproportionately affect queer people escaping persecution.

Melanie mentioned that the idea of idea of contributing to society in a particular way excluded people with disabilities as they are often unable to work, but still able to contribute in other ways.

Daniel Taylor said it was an indictment on the Liberal Party. He said it was a return to racist fear mongering.

Denise was concerned about tying peoples worth to their ability to perform or produce or contribute. They said it was problematic and dehumanising to attach conditions on people's worth.

Raphael said he would be open to a better phrase to express the value of people that come here. He noted that everyone has value regardless of whether they can work or not.

**Motion #8:**

This MSC recalls that Australia is a project built on the dispossession, exploitation, and attempted genocide of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Any discussion of membership to the Australian state must recognise the intrinsic hypocrisy it gives rise to in creating rules which restrict people's ability to make Australia their home.

This MSC condemns the Coalition Government for its changes to the processes and requirements for attaining Australian citizenship. Forcing Australian permanent residents to wait four years before applying for citizenship is smoke and mirrors politics at its worst that causes tangible suffering to countless good people.

This MSC stresses that Australia's permanent residents contribute disproportionately to society, culture and the economy. It is naturalisation that has woven the fabric of Australian culture in the last century, not the nightmares of war or allegiance to the Commonwealth.

This MSC rejects the Prime Minister's dangerous rhetoric and calls it out for exploiting Australian anxieties, divisions and historical racism for base political gain. These changes illustrate how the Menzian proclivity for an Australian monoculture lives on in the Liberal Party.

This MSC reminds the Government that these reforms unjustly reduce access to education for young Australians. Citizenship is mandatory for accessing HECS, meaning the socio-economic mobility of thousands of young Australians who are eager to participate in Australian academic life will be locked into limbo. This is especially relevant when one considers the vastness and depth of culture found within the Monash student community.

This MSC calls on the student movement to organise itself in resisting and opposing Turnbull's efforts to weaken the diverse bedrock of Australian socio-cultural life.

Moved: Raphael Tell

Seconded: Jasmine Nguyen

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**30. Holocaust Denial Leaflets Condemnation**

Alexandra said she was at MSC last year and thanked Council for inviting and supporting member of AUJSS. She said it was a shame that they were back again condemning the same leaflets that were distributed last year. She said that this was a day of remembrance of the Jewish community to remember the Holocaust. She said that as a relative of a Holocaust survivor, the leaflets and denial of the Holocaust deeply offended the Monash Jewish Community.

Daniel Taylor said that many Jewish people have been directly or indirectly affected by the Holocaust. He said it was a core part of Jewish identity which made the material more shocking. He said that this has happened at many universities and also at Huntingdale Station. He said the Nazi group was based in Melbourne and was a part of a sticker campaign. He said that there seemed to be a general sense amongst extreme racists that this activity is warranted. He said that this is an issue that Monash should take seriously in the future.

Denise said that we live in a post-racial society and that people often forget that anti-Semitism still exists. They noted that they were a grandchild of a Holocaust survivor and that they absolutely condemn the actions of these groups.

Jasmine Nguyen said that it was our duty to remember the Holocaust.

**Motion #9:**

Holocaust denial leaflets were found for a second consecutive year linking to a Holocaust denial conspiracy website 'GeelongChemTrails'. These leaflets are a direct form of ethnic discrimination and vilification on campus and undermine Monash's inclusive, accepting and diverse student community. This incident is part of a recent rise of antisemitism across Australian campuses, including recent Swastika graffiti found at Monash University.

This MSC:

1. Condemns the publication of Holocaust denial leaflets distributed at Monash University for a second consecutive year.
2. Acknowledges that these leaflets have no academic basis whatsoever.
3. Recognises the deep emotional distress this incident has caused for Jewish students on campus.
4. Condemns all forms of antisemitism as defined by the London Declaration on Combatting Antisemitism and the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.
5. Commits itself and calls on Monash University to work collaboratively with AUJS on tackling antisemitism, Holocaust awareness and education.

Moved: Raphael Tell

Seconded: Denise Atzinger

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

**MOTION CARRIED**

**31. General Business**

**32. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

*Meeting closed: 2:55pm*

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**ATTACHMENT 2 | President Report MSC 4/17**

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**Key activities**

**Meetings**

I have been attending meetings with relevant university bodies and administrators to discuss how they are able to contribute to our campaigns and projects this year, and the role that the MSA can play in the broader Monash community. I have now met with all Faculty Deans, which has proven beneficial particularly for our sexual assault campaign and investigation into the overrepresentation

of international students in the APC process. All Deans have been very receptive to our S/A campaign, and wish to be involved in expanding the current training and education programs, and advertising the campaign and related services through their faculties. They have also agreed to send me data regarding the number of international students in their respective faculties. With Ed Ac, I met with Robert Brooks who is open to conducting a data analysis of the number of international students that have gone through the APC process against those enrolled in each faculty so that we might be able to determine the significance of the problem and the areas that we can look towards improving to better the academic experience of international students.

I have had 2 meetings with library staff regarding the number of available textbooks, and the implementation of a 24 hour library study space. Staff have said they are open to increasing the number of available textbooks for certain units that demand it, but that data will need to be collated to indicate where this is necessary. They also indicated their desire to move away from print and towards e-textbooks where they are able to. Staff denied the demand for a 24 hour library service, with concerns relating to safety and welfare of students arising as the university do not want to encourage students to be studying for 24 hours at the Clayton campus.

I have also had one meeting with the Vice Chancellor. We addressed the union's concerns regarding the lack of training for newly contracted psychologists that now tend to students as part of the counselling service restructure. Lighting on campus was discussed, and the conclusion drawn that the university would attend to the areas of concern once identified. The VC indicated that there won't be recommendations made with the release of the survey around sexual assault on university campuses, but instead 'areas of action' will be identified. She said that all universities will commit to releasing the survey, though the release day hadn't been set at that time. With regards to higher education, the VC had no insight as to the budget measures that were to follow, but stated that Universities Australia would prosecute an argument opposing any fee cuts and/or increases to student fees. She deferred parking issues to buildings and property to provide a report as to future plans for parking, and the overrepresentation of int'l students in the APC process issue to the Chair of the 'exclusion procedures advisory group.' She dictated that longer and more spacious buses will be employed to help meet the demand of students travelling from Huntingdale to the Clayton campus.

Another significant meeting I attended recently was a standing committee on mental health. Here, we discussed the progress of the newly restricted counselling service – what's working and what's not. We agreed that more training is required for licensed and contracted psychologists, particularly around university policies and procedures. Our own student advocacy and support officers should be involved in developing and conducting this training. Flaws in the special consideration process were raised, and further action will be taken to specify and rectify the problems that are identified in upcoming meetings. Concern for a lack of specialised service to demographics of the student population (int'l students, mature age students, women students etc.) was recognised, and will be discussed further in future meetings of the committee. I raised the idea of assisting Headspace to establish a branch in the Monash City Council, which members of the committee were open to. The process to do so has begun.

### **Parking/transportation campaign**

The parking saga continues! Since the last MSC I have launched a campaign around parking. I have published a petition on our website, Facebook page and E-News, had posters and online material created, written a news article for Lot's Wife and made a Facebook page for the campaign. I have also had a couple more meetings with university staff around this issue. As mentioned previously, I raised the problems with the VC, who acknowledged my concerns as valid but rather than addressing

them, referred them to the Buildings and Property Division to compile a report about future plans for parking at Clayton. I then followed the issue up with the Campus Community Division who were a lot more enthusiastic in wanting to help. I have sent them through an extensive report around parking and transportation, including feedback that their own division has received, and this has been forwarded on to Peter Marshall, the Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President. I am awaiting his response. In the meantime, we will continue to push the campaign and gain signatures to back up our efforts to resolve the parking problem.

The issue of transportation remains potent, and I have raised concerns around the lack of efficient public transport services at Monash. As a result of our discussions, the university has agreed to look into extending the shuttle bus timetable and having a more frequent shuttle bus service, and to employ buses with greater capacity to transport students between Huntingdale Station and the Clayton campus. They argue that the 601 bus service is already running so frequently that there is no space for extra buses, but that the efficiency of passenger deposit and collection can be improved. As a result of the MSA's lobbying over previous years, the upgrade of Huntingdale Station will begin in July, which once finished will add to the improvement of the transportation service to Monash students.

### **Centrelink branch on campus**

I have gained access to the relevant contacts within Centrelink, and with the Welfare and Ed Ac officers, have begun gathering important data around the demand for a Centrelink branch on campus. This has been collected through an online survey and in paper form, and once enough data has been recorded, we will be able to draw conclusions as to whether or not our bid to establish a branch on campus is feasible. So far, our data shows that about 50% of the student population at Monash utilises Centrelink services.

### **Education campaign**

Since the early declaration of budget saving measures to be taken from higher education, the MSA has been busy prosecuting a response both locally and nationally. Cuts of \$2.8 billion were announced over the forecast period, with specific measures due to disproportionately affect low income earners, New Zealand citizens and permanent residents, and students from low socio economic backgrounds. We were quick to respond, with a collaborative effort from all departments working to launch a campaign to oppose the budget attacks. While again our Education (Public Affairs) Officers spearheaded action around the issue, I helped in any way I could by issuing press releases, contacting clubs and the university, emailing MSA members, getting material up on MSA screens and the website, and contacting Radio Monash to broadcast a special segment around the budget. I attended the protest at ANU as I was in Canberra for a conference, but heard great feedback that the protest at Monash, and Victoria more broadly, was a huge success.

### **Sexual Assault campaign**

We are making headway around our sexual assault campaign at Clayton. Along with Shreeya and Nikola, I have helped to advise around the development of an app to help guide S/A survivors and friends of victims through the reporting process. We have ensured that information and advice is comprehensive and clear, and that users of the app are presented with a variety of options when choosing how to best deal with their case. We have advocated for more lighting on campus, detailing on a map where it is most needed, and have been in contact with media regarding the university's handling of sexual assault cases, outlining our campaign, and formulating a response for when the

HRC survey is released in August. This campaign will continue as one of my main focuses for the year.

### **Stress Less Week**

Along with our Ed Ac Officers, the executive has planned a week of activities for Week 12's 'Stress Less Week.' It is currently underway, with our Turkish morning tea, garlic bread free food Monday, Tuesday breakfast, BBQ and entertainment, and Hump day already having passed. We've tried to shake up the program a little this year, with our Turkish tea being a first and very successful event. Students have enjoyed engaging with the MSA during this week, which aims to provide them with a bit of relief from study and exams, and to promote student welfare and equity. All events are free, and in the next couple of days we'll have visiting puppies, a beer and board games night, and a movie night hosted by MUISS.

### **Working with MUISS/International Student Campaign**

The MSA has been working very closely with MUISS this year. Early on in the semester, we determined that international students were facing issues around worker exploitation, plagiarism, and are more likely to participate in the APC process than domestic students. MUISS office bearers noted that international students often don't feel like campaigns relate to them, so we discussed ways to involve the cohort further in our projects. To support MUISS in their campaigns, we have been in touch with the Young Workers Centre at Trades Hall to send us material that details workers' rights and what is deemed workplace exploitation. This material was translated into 4 of the most popularly spoken languages in Australia, and advertised during our MSA BBQ in week 9, and on bollards. Tying in appropriately with our own workers' rights campaign, we will explore how we can ensure international students are made a target audience in its execution.

As previously mentioned, I have been in contact with university staff and administration around obtaining statistical data around the overrepresentation of international students in the APC process. All faculty deans have been open to providing any information they have, as has the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, and Robert Brookes will soon conduct a data analysis to clearly define any areas of concern. We look forward to examining this data and taking action around areas that are shown to be lacking attention from the university. Finally, I initiated a meeting between MUISS and Wendy Blastock, manager of international student engagement, to raise the possibility of organising a forum around permanent residency status for international students. They are now in discussions about who to employ to conduct this forum that will ensure information presented is legitimate and useful to students.

### **End of year music event**

The Activities department, MSA executive, MSA staff and faculty club presidents have entered discussions to organise an end of year music event. Due to replace AXP, this event will be a close collaboration between the MSA and the major faculty clubs, and will aim to provide students with a fun and diverse experience to celebrate the end of the year and student life at Monash. I don't want to give too much away, but we have been working hard to ensure this event gets off the ground and is as successful as it possibly can be. Hopefully, it will set a wonderful precedent for the event to be run again in years to come.

### **Headspace in Monash City Council**

As previously mentioned, the Headspace community is looking to establish a branch in the Monash City Council with the additional state government funding it has recently received. I raised the idea in our standing committee on mental health, and have since been met with enthusiasm from the university. I have been appointed to the working party for the project, and look forward to putting forward a student voice in encouraging its development. With our current mental health service under strain from student demand, and with mental health problems increasingly affecting young people more than any other demographic, it is crucial that the MSA advocate for any expansion of services in this area.

### **Actions and Achievements**

- Assisted MUISS in their endeavour to roll out their international student campaigns
- Further developed our campaign around sexual assault
- Helped to organise for and attended the May 17<sup>th</sup> National Day of Action
- Initiated university support for the establishment of a Headspace in the Monash City Council
- Launched surveys around parking and use by students of Centrelink
- Successfully lobbied for improvement of bus services to the university
- Working with Welfare Officers and Monash students Gareth and Jack to organise a sleep out on campus to raise money for and awareness of homelessness

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

1. Complete meetings with faculty deans: **COMPLETE**
2. Continue to work with the Women's Officers in preparation for the launch of the sexual assault campaign: **CONTINUING**
3. Collate data from surveys around departmental feedback and parking, and take action according to those results: **CONTINUING**
4. Meet with Centrelink with regards to establishing a branch at Monash Clayton: **INCOMPLETE**
5. Meet with Library staff to discuss increasing the number of textbooks they stock: **COMPLETE**
6. Finalise and sign off on the 2017 EBA: **CONTINUING**

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

1. Continue to work with the Women's Officers around the sexual assault campaign
2. Collate data from surveys around departmental feedback, Centrelink and parking, and take action according to those results
3. Finalise and sign off on the 2017 EBA
4. Obtain data around the overrepresentation of international students in APC students
5. Continue to plan for the end of year music event
6. Provide a welfare service to students during night exams
7. Help to plan for upcoming conferences to be held during the mid-year break
8. Plan for second semester O-Week

	<p><b>JESSICA STONE</b> <b>SECRETARY</b> <b>Report to MSC 05/17</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017</b></p>
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*Report covering 27/03/2017 - 22/05/2017*

**Key activities:**

**Mid-Year Festival**

Attended first Joint Orientation Group (JOG) for planning the Mid-Year Festival. Discussions around a potential layout and whether it stays the same for this year. Potential plans to open up the space in the Airport Lounge (similar to the open-style of the OB Tent at O-Week). Also talk around a theme for the day which will make for a more interactive festival.

**MSA Office Bearer Training Refresher – Planning**

In process of planning a refresher training for office bearers (also open to divisions) to go over certain aspects of the job that training prior to commencing the role covered. So far planning to go over the Constitution and regulations, holding committee meetings, organising events and campaigns and running BBQs. Looking to hold the training day early in Semester 2.

**MSA AGM**

2016 Financial Audit was passed at the MSA AGM held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Minutes to be confirmed at the next General Meeting of the MSA.

**Stress Less Week – Planning**

Planning Stress Less Week for Week 12 alongside the Education (Academic Affairs) department. Events planned include Turkish Tea in the MSA Space, Twilight Market to raise money for NOWSA held in conjunction with Free Food Mondays, music performances, puppies, beers and boardgames in Sir John's Bar and a Movie Night with MUISS. Updates on how the week went will be in the report to MSC 7/17.

**Goals:**

Goal	Status	Comments
Finalise department weeks	In progress	Finalise department weeks for semester 2 with OBS/Kate Pullen
Schedule interviews with OBs	In progress	Liaise with Kate Pullen/OBs about times/dates Sort out equipment required Speak to Romy about editing Engage with Radio Monash
Draft changes to regulations	In progress	Amend OB Regulations, Standing Orders and/or update any regulations that may be outdated Organise subcommittees
MSA AGM	Complete	
Learn how to use CRM	In progress	Meet with Sylvia from Finance (along with Treasurer) to learn to use CRM

Assist Radio Monash with updating their Constitution	In progress	Radio Monash need to update their Constitution since becoming a division of the MSA
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**ATTACHMENT 4 | MUISS Report MSC 3/17**

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**MONASH UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SERVICE  
(MUISS) REPORT**

1. One World Adventure
  - Happens on 27<sup>th</sup> April from 11am-3pm
  - Multicultural event with contribution from cultural clubs and societies
  - Happens in Campus Centre’s Main Dining Hall
2. Radio Monash
  - Every Thursday from 1pm-2pm
  - Talk about topics related to international students
  - In need of guests for podcasts in weeks 10, 11, and 12
3. International students e-starter-packs
  - As a final project for semester 1, MUISS would like to create a starter information package for international students which will include all the information for students about to come to Monash
  - Include information on different support services for international students as well as academic integrity expectations
  - Include information on workshops and the likes offered by the university to help students better understand and practice academic integrity
  - Info might be delivered in short video format to avoid boredom
  - Open to collaboration from anyone who would like to contribute
  - Open to suggestions on what can be included
4. Over-representation of international students in APC
  - MUISS maintains our point of view that for a significant population of international students, their English is subpar which hinders class participation, learning, and social assimilation
  - Monash University seeks to help these students through Monash College but Monash College does not help (Monash College degree pathway to university has highest rate of warning with overseas tertiary qualification coming in second place and overseas tertiary qualification first in exclusion – most obvious for bus-eco and engineering)
  - For bus-eco and IT, more than half of all exclusions in 2012 and 2013 are international students (2/3 in the case of bus-eco)
  - Increasing admission standard would be preferable. However, there needs to be more support for current international students in the domain of English competency

- i. Possible to make certain English courses mandatory?
- Currently, MUISS is trying to collaborate with other international students associations in Victoria to compare data

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**ATTACHMENT 5 | C&S Report MSC 4/17**

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	<p><b>GLENN DONAHOO</b> <b>C&amp;S PRESIDENT</b> <b>Report to MSC 5/17</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017</b></p>
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*Report covering 28/3/2017 – 22/5/2017*

**Key activities:**

**One World Adventure**

Several of our cultural clubs participated in MUISS' One World Adventure on 27 April. MUISS provided funding to support each of the clubs who attended and to assist in reimbursing the costs they encountered from having a stall

**Misconduct hearings**

A number of misconduct hearings were held, mostly due to breaches of the new Off-Campus event procedures which were imposed by the University. For varying breaches of these procedures one club has been deregistered this semester, with another demoted to an associate level. We hope that as clubs get used to these procedures and understand the reason they were implemented, we will have less clubs be found to have breached these regulations.

**New Club Applications**

Three new clubs have been affiliated this semester, with their Inaugural General Meetings having been held in Week 11. These clubs are Lebanese, Buddhist and Atmosphere, Geoscience and Environments. We wish them all the best for their first full semester as clubs next semester.

**Ordinary General Meeting & By-election**

On 18 May we held our first semester OGM where a by-election took place due to the resignation of General Representative Phyllis Pan. Phyllis was first elected to C&S in 2013 as a General Representative, with this having been her third term as a General Representative following her Presidency last year. We thank Phyllis for all of her work and effort with C&S and wish her all the best for her future. We would also like to welcome her replacement Liam Perera and look forward to working with him.

**Actions and achievements:**

- Held seven meetings of the C&S Executive
- Held OGM 1-17

- Finalised all submissions of 2016 July-December Audits, with assessment almost complete.
- Wrote this report

**Goals for next report:**

**Goal #1:** Get clubs to begin updating their constitution in line with the new model constitution passed at our 2016 Semester 2 OGM.

**Goal #2:** Schedule club's attendance at the Mid-year festival

**Goal #3:** Promote the C&S Awards Night to be held on August 17 and complete public voting for awards in the most popular categories.

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**ATTACHMENT 6 | Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

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M10/17	2-May-17	MSA Camera Replacement	\$1,199.95
		Staff Training	\$81.36
		Staff Training	\$180
		Power Converter for Vancora	\$319
M11/17	12-May-17	MSA Awards Night 2016 - Quartet	\$600
		NDA Stickers	\$250
		Sir John's Bar Ice Machine	\$3,099.94
		Buggy Repair	\$419
		Stress Less Week	\$5,000
		Exam Dinners	\$2,000