

Monash Student Council **Confirmed Minutes**

Meeting 6/18 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Thursday 28th June, 2018 in the Conference Room, Level 1 Campus Centre, Monash University, Clayton.

Meeting Opened: 2.05pm

1. Attendance

President:	Michael Fisher	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Grace Rodrigues	
Secretary:	Caitlin McIvor	(Minutes)
Education (Academic Affairs):	Lexi Kowal	Proxy to Santino Raftellis
Education (Public Affairs):	Jake Humphreys	
Activities:	Matt Powers	Proxy to Henry Fox
Welfare:	Oli Robertson	
Indigenous:	Krystal de Napoli	Apology
Environment & Social Justice:	Ayushi Panjwani	Proxy to Jess Evans
Women's:	Alisha Rao	Proxy to Millie Dalton
Queer:	Harry Kennewell	
Disabilities & Carers:	Emily Griffith	
People of Colour:	Anna Faili	
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	Absent
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Apology
Clubs & Societies:	Glenn Donahoo	Proxy to Gigi Samuel
Radio Monash:	Cassandra Votzourakis	
General Representative:	Jessica Bennett	Proxy to Alex Niehof
General Representative:	Jett Fogarty	
General Representative:	Yen Ng	
General Representative:	Yasmin Poole	Proxy to Josh Hanegbi
General Representative:	Tom Benning	
Observers:	Shreeya Luthra Jasmine Duff Dao Hu David Power Denise Atzinger	

2. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the people of the Kulin nation 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

Jett Fogarty expressed that he would like the Agenda order changed as follows:

- 1. Attendance**
- 2. Acknowledgement of traditional owners of land**

- 3. Confirmation of agenda order
- 4. Change of MSC Membership
- 5. Confirmation of previous minutes
- 6. Reports
- 7. Summary of Executive Financial Motions
- 8. MSA Financials
- 9. Proposed Amendments to Election Regulations
 - Publicity Motion
 - Campaigning Motion
- 10. Proposed Amendments to Committee Regulations
- 11. Proposed Amendments to Election Regulations (continued).
 - Transitional Clause
 - NUS By-Law Mirror Motion

Agenda continues as normal from this point.

Agenda order confirmed as above.

4. Change of MSC Membership

Astan Ure has resigned from the position of Education (Academic Affairs) Officer, as of 18 June 2018.

Rhyss Wylie has resigned from the position of General Representative, as of 26th June 2018. Tom Benning has been nominated to be his replacement.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes

a. MSC 5/18 Minutes

Attached to email

Motion 1:

"That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 5/18 as a true and accurate record of that meeting."

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

6. Reports

a. MAPS (5/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
b. Radio Monash (5/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
c. Education (Academic Affairs)	Attachment 1
d. Education (Public Affairs)	<i>Not submitted</i>
e. Welfare	<i>Not submitted</i>
f. Environment & Social Justice	Attachment 2
g. Women's	Attachment 3
h. Queer	Attachment 4
i. Indigenous	<i>Not submitted</i>
j. Disabilities & Carers	Attachment 5
k. People of Colour	<i>Not submitted</i>
l. Lot's Wife	<i>Not submitted</i>

Motion 2:

"That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc."

Moved: Henry Fox

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 3:

"That this MSC notes that MAPS, Radio Monash and Ed Pub are in breach of the MSA Regulations for Office-Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies, for failing to submit their reports (5/18) on two consecutive occasions. In accordance with 17.4.3 of the regulations, this MSC directs the above listed persons to submit their reports (5/18) to the next MSC."

Moved: Jake Humphreys

Seconded: Henry Fox

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Caitlin read out the following expenditure:

5/6 **Stress Less Week**
 \$1,000.00

5/6 **Tony Lang (Retainer)**
 \$16,500.00

5/6 **Tim Stanford – MSA Strategic Review and Plan (2019-2021)**
 \$3,960.00

5/6 **Queer Collaborations Funding**
 \$2,495.00

5/6 **Students of Sustainability Conference Funding**
 \$3,060.00

5/6 **Querelle Funding**
 \$2,000.00

5/6 **Vygo Tutoring Services**
 \$5,500.00

Shreeya enquired about the amount that the Executive had approved for Tony Lang, and whether this is over the amount the Executive is allowed to approve.

Caitlin responded that the limit on Executive approval (\$6,000) does not include industrial and legal expenditure.

8. MSA Financials

a. May MSA Financial Summary

No questions arising.

Attached to email

9. Proposed Amendments to Election Regulations

Jake explained that he had issues with the lack of definition for publicity at the last election, as it left the discretion to the Returning Officer to decide what materials and actions were publicity, and therefore what actions and materials the Election Regulations apply to. He continued that defining publicity also made the interpretation of the regulations easier for students during the election period.

Motion 4:

"Preamble:

Despite appearing more than a dozen times in the Election Regulations, including as the heading to Clause 25, the term 'publicity' is not given meaning by the Election Regulations. As the interpretation of the word by the Returning Officer has, within the context of the Regulations, tended to differ from that of its ordinary meaning, disagreements over what is considered publicity (and therefore subject to the publicity rules in the election regulations) and what is not have previously arisen. This wastes the time of both the Returning Officer and the disputant. This MSC therefore resolves to define the word 'publicity' by partially adapting the definition of 'election material' by UMSU in their Electoral Regulations, at 1.4.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends the Election Regulations by inserting the following words after 1.1.5.:

1.1.6. "Publicity", means any material, action or other thing that comments, either literally or figuratively, on a candidate or group of candidates that the Returning Officer considers is intended, or likely intended, to advantage a candidate in an election.

That this MSC additionally appropriately amends the enumeration of other subclauses."

Moved: Jake Humphreys

Seconded: Tom Benning

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jett explained that campaigning currently isn't defined and is up to the Returning Officer's discretion as to what campaigning is. This definition seeks to narrow the discretion of the Returning Officer and make clear to all students what they can and cannot do if they are unable to campaign due to a ban.

Motion 5:

"Preamble

While critical to the operation of the MSA Elections, the Election Regulations do not provide a definition of campaigning.

This can create a lack of clarity in circumstances where the Returning Officer has ruled an individual has been campaigning while not authorised to do so. This amendment to the election regulations clears any ambiguity in relation to the question of what is campaigning.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends the Election Regulations by inserting into clause 1 under subclause 1.1.7 the following

1.1.8 “Campaigning” means any activity intended to influence voting in an election to which these regulations apply or to provide support to a ticket during the hours of polling during the MSA election. This includes but is not limited to manning a ticket’s table. “campaign” and “campaigner” have related meanings.”

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Proposed Amendments to Committee Regulations

Micky defers the chair to Grace 2.23pm

Micky explains that everyone has been witness to the extensive expansion of the creative and live arts offering to students through the creation of the weekly Wednesday Sessions and Thursdays at Sir John’s. He continued that currently this is being run by the Activities Officers, which is a significant burden on the department to expand their responsibilities so dramatically. He continued that the creation of the Creative and Live Arts Committee, and subject to student referenda, Creative and Live Arts Department, will allow the creative and live arts offerings by the MSA to further expand and grow in the future, while also not limiting the capacity of the current Activities Department and allowing Activities to return to its more traditional purpose.

Micky resumes the chair 2.24pm

Motion 6:

“Preamble

Since the election of the current administration of the MSA, there has been a significant expansion in MSA’s creative and live arts offering to students.

The creative and live arts offering has largely been driven by the MSA Activities department, stretching the capacity of the office bearers beyond what can reasonably be expected of office bearers. That is, to deliver on their ordinary expected activities as Activities Officers, while managing the workload equivalent to another additional department.

There is significant opportunity to grow the creative and live arts offering at Monash through a dedicated committee responsible for the development of this area. The principal obstacle to further development in this already growing area is the capacity of existing office-bearers being limited by the scope of their positions and their respective existing workloads.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends the Committee Regulations by inserting the following words under 10

11 Creative and Live Arts Committee

11.1 The Creative and Live Arts Committee is responsible for:

- 11.1.1.** organising major creative and live arts events for the Clayton Campus;
- 11.1.2** working with MSA office bearers, staff and partners to expand the number and quality of creative and live arts events for Clayton students;
- 11.1.3** promoting and assisting in the development and maintenance of a creative and live arts event agenda within the University;
- 11.1.4.** liaising with the relevant committees of the Divisions in order to expand, develop and co-ordinate the range of creative and live arts events for students; and
- 11.1.5.** making recommendations to the MSC on ways in which the MSA could better co-ordinate its creative and live arts events for students.

11.2. The members of the Creative and Live Arts Committee are:

- 11.2.1.** The Creative and Live Arts Officer (Chair); and
- 11.2.2.** 9 members directly elected by and from students.

Regulation 11.2.1 will be valid only after the successful passing of a student referendum in 2018 establishing the Creative and Live Arts Office-Bearer position.

That this MSC appropriately amends the enumeration of the following clauses in the Committee Regulations."

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Henry explained that currently there is no formal Activities Advisory Committee, with the membership of the current collective just being any students that choose to attend. He continued that the department would greatly benefit from a formalised committee, with students elected to positions, to advise and assist the office-bearers with the creation of new and continuation of pre-existing events. He also explained that this would also expand their pool of volunteers for assistance with the execution of events from just Host Scheme, to Host Scheme and their committee.

Motion 7:

"Preamble

Activities and the work of the Activities Department of the MSA are a significant and growing element of MSA.

Activities Department would benefit significantly by a formalised committee structure, elected by and from the students, in the many ways which other departments currently benefit from associated committees.

Formalising such a committee structure by way of election will significantly increase the capacity of MSA to deliver a dynamic and relevant portfolio of activities, and see the consistent treatment of the Activities Committee with other similar departments.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends the Committee Regulations by replacing the words contained in **10** with the following:

10. Activities Advisory Committee

10.1. The Activities Advisory Committee is responsible for:

- 10.1.1.** organising major social events for the Clayton Campus, including during Orientation Week;
- 10.1.2.** organising and promoting barbecues, balls, parties and union nights for students;
- 10.1.3.** liaising with the relevant committees of the Divisions in order to expand, develop and co-ordinate the range of social activities for students; and
- 10.1.4.** making recommendations to the MSC on ways in which the MSA could better co-ordinate its activities relevant to social activities for students.

10.2. The members of the Activities Advisory Committee are:

- 10.2.1.** the Activities Chairperson (Chair); and
- 10.2.2.** 9 members directly elected by and from students.

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Election Regulation Amendments (Continued)

Jett explained that the following motion was to add a transitional clause to the Election Regulations allowing elections for positions dependent on the success of a student referenda. He continued that at the previous student referenda in 2016, following the successful establishing of the POC Department, the MSC then selected to POC Officers for 2017. By adding a Transitional Clause, this allows the democratic election of the new office-bearers to occur at the same time as the student referenda.

Motion 8:

"Preamble"

The MSC may move for a special resolution to be passed by way of student referendum held during the MSA elections in 2018, resolving for new office-bearer positions to be created.

Students should have the opportunity to run for these prospective positions in the MSA elections, and if these positions are eventually created by way of student referendum, the victorious candidate(s) for these positions should be held to be elected for the newly created positions.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends the Election Regulations by inserting the following words under a newly established clause 57:

57 Transitional clause

57.1 Where a student referendum which seeks to establish a new office bearer position or multiple office bearer positions or a new committee and committee positions and the referendum is conducted concurrently with the general elections of the MSA, the Returning Officer must:

57.1.1. Open nominations for the prospective office-bearer and committee positions as per s9.1. of these regulations. Subject to there being limitations on the students who are able to nominate for such a position, contained in the proposal for referendum, all students will be eligible to nominate for the prospective position(s).

57.1.2. Conduct an election for the prospective position(s) as per these regulations, and consistently with all other positions open for election.

57.2. Where the referendum is successful, and the MSA Constitution accordingly is to be amended to reflect the result of the referendum, the Returning Officer must declare that the victorious candidate for the prospective position(s) has been elected according to s41(1) of the MSA Constitution as the officer(s) responsible for the newly-created position(s) for the term of the following 1 December to 31 December of the next year.

57.3. Where the referendum is unsuccessful, all candidates for the prospective position(s) will have not been elected to that position."

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jake explains that the NUS motion is to allow the election regulations to mirror the NUS By-Laws.

Jasmine stated that it was up to NUS to discipline their National Officers, and it shouldn't be the place of the Returning Officer at individual campuses to uphold the NUS By-Laws.

Micky defers chair to Grace 2.29pm

Micky explains that this was not about the Returning Officer disciplining NUS Officers, but rather ensuring that the MSA as an NUS Affiliate Body, is ensuring that their regulations meet the

obligations under the NUS By-Laws and ensure that their elections for NUS Delegates are conducted fairly.

Micky resumes the chair 2.30pm

Motion 9:

"Preamble:

The NUS Constitution requires in By-Law B68 that National Officers (defined at 38.1(i) as a member of an office or committee of the National Union of Students) do not participate in elections, designed so that the NUS's membership does not interfere in the election of delegates to the NUS's National Conference. As an affiliate to the NUS, it is a gap in the MSA's regulations that the Returning Officer is not explicitly empowered to enforce this By-Law due to its absence from the Election Regulations. Though there is an implicit ability to enforce the Regulation due to the Returning Officer's responsibility to ensure NUS delegates are elected validly, including in compliance with all NUS by-laws, this MSC should resolve to adopt an explicit mirror provision, the applicability of which is clear.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends the Election Regulations by inserting the following words:

48.4.25. participating in an MSA election while also holding a National Office in the National Union of Students.

48.4.25.1. For the purposes of **48.4.25.** 'participating' means any conduct likely to directly affect the casting of a vote, including campaigning, or interacting with a campaigner, and 'office' has the same meaning as C38 of the National Union of Students Incorporated Constitution 2017.

This MSC further amends the Election Regulations by deleting the word 'and' from **48.4.23.** and amending all other grammatical marks."

Moved: Jake Humphreys

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jake explained that he thought this motion was fairly uncontroversial, and simply aimed to create a requirement for a more detailed report from the Returning Officer on the annual election in order to gain more comprehensive feedback in the way that the MSA can improve their annual elections and also inform future Returning Officers on the previous interpretation and application of the Election Regulations.

Motion 10:

"Preamble:

It is common practice at student unions around the country for the Returning Officer to prepare a report synopsising the conduct of the election, reports and decisions made by the Returning Officer, and recommendations for future elections. These publicly available reports assist in ensuring future

elections run as well as they can. Examples of such reports can be seen at the University of Melbourne here: <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/getinvolved/elections/reports/> and the ANU here: <https://anusa.com.au/about/elections/>. This MSC should resolve to ensure that the MSA can commence such a practice to ensure transparency within our elections, as well as consistency of decision making and interpretation of the Regulations.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends the Election Regulations by inserting the following words:

6.5. The Returning Officer must, within 30 days of the close of polling, prepare a written report on the conduct of the elections and the result, and provide the report to the Monash Student Council. The Returning Officer's report must contain:

- 6.5.1.** The results of the election as placed under **47.1.3.;**
- 6.5.2.** Details of the conduct of the election;
- 6.5.3.** Any recommendations of the Returning Officer;
- 6.5.4.** A summary of complaints and rulings made over the election period; and
- 6.5.5.** Such other information as the Returning Officer considers appropriate.

6.6. The Secretary of the MSA must make available the Returning Officer's report on the MSA website."

Moved: Jake Humphreys

Seconded: Tom Benning

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Micky explained that as Harry's motion to amend the Election Guide motion was invalid under the Standing Orders, it could not be considered by the council, however, he was welcome to discuss the reason for submitting an amendment.

Harry explained that it is unclear in the current regulations that s.24.7.7. is actually for candidates and authorising officers to review what is contained in the Election Guide before it is published. Therefore, having a time frame of 12pm-5pm is the review period, and it wouldn't make sense to change this to simply 5pm.

Caitlin agreed that the reading of the provision as Harry had stated made much more sense, but perhaps should be worded "be available for review in electronic format from 12pm-5pm on the Friday 2 weeks before the annual election", as "be available for viewing" suggests that it is for public viewing, which creates the confusion that led to the suggested amendment.

Caitlin and Jett agreed to withdraw the motion and suggested that the regulation be amended in time for the 2019 Annual Elections.

Draft Motion:

"Preamble

The current section 24.7.7 contains information on when the Election Guide will be available for viewing. It currently reads from 12pm-5pm on the Friday 2 weeks before the annual election. While it seems likely that it was intended that the guide be uploaded between 12pm and 5pm, the current wording of the provision is can be interpreted that the guide only be available for viewing during this 5 hour period. Making this change clears up these interpretation issues, providing that the guide must be available from 5pm.

Amending Directives

That this MSC amends s.24.7.7 of the Election Regulations to read as follows:

24.7.7 be available for viewing in electronic format from 5pm on the Friday 2 weeks before the annual election;"

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MOVER AND SECONDER

Jasmine said she felt the motion was unnecessary, as this sort of conduct is already covered by the prohibitions against misleading and deceptive conduct towards voters in s.48 of the Election Regulations. She also questioned whether or not this would create issues for tickets that have any similarity in their promotional material to other campaigns run by other student organisations. She continued that it was clear that the mover intended to prohibit tickets from using the material of other major commercial brands or organisations, but the amendment appears to catch any group, no matter the size or purpose.

Micky added that it appeared problematic to prohibit promotional material being similar to any group. He used 'Together for Swinburne' as an example and questioned whether the Returning Officer could reject the promotional material of a group at future elections because it is too similar to another group who only created that content after the Monash ticket's content had been created. He also used the example of tickets that are groups at other universities campuses, and how far this prohibition could be applied if the Returning Officer so chooses.

Jake points out that the provision has been taken word for word from the University of Sydney Election Regulations, and they haven't run into any issues between tickets and other tickets at other universities.

Motion 11:

"Preamble

The text of the amending directive in this draft motion is borrowed from the University of Sydney's election regulations (Part Eight – Elections, Clause 7(g)(iv)). There is extensive marketing

scholarship which supports the view that the use of familiar imagery benefits a brand or product [1] [2], including a political brand [3]. The reasons for this beneficial effect are very interesting and are detailed in the sources previously cited in this motion. In pursuit of ensuring that election material is as informational as possible, as well as minimizing the risk that tickets will engage in behaviour infringing on copyrights, this MSC should adopt the following amendments.

Amending directives

That this MSC amends the Election Regulations by inserting the following text:

25.18. The Returning Officer shall reject the content of any promotional material on the grounds that it is sufficiently similar to another group, organisation or brand's promotional material such that it may confuse or unfairly take advantage of that group, organisation or brand's efforts or celebrity.

This MSC further amends the Election Regulations by amending the enumeration of all subsequent clauses.

- [1] <http://dx.doi.org/10.6007/IJAREMS/v3-i5/1250> (most pertinently pp 184-5)
- [2] <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4359675/>
- [3] <https://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/03090561011020516> “

Moved: Jake Humphreys

Seconded: Tom Benning

For: 3

Against: 3

Abstentions: 12

MOTION FAILED

Draft Motion:

“Preamble

During the 2017 election, an advantage was conferred on several candidates, via different pieces published in Lot's Wife, who were running under the same ticket as that which the 2017 Lot's Wife Editorial team was elected under. Some of these articles were found to be in breach of the then-Election Regulations, whereas others were found to be consistent with the Election Regulations. The reach and the credibility offered by the Lot's Wife Magazine platform means that it is especially vulnerable to political exploitation. These amendments seek to give effect to further constraints on the ability of Lot's Wife to directly or indirectly benefit a ticket or candidate during an election.

Amending directives

That this MSC amends the Election Regulations by inserting the following words under **26.1.:**

26.1.6. publicise the accomplishments of any former or current member of an MSA body, or candidate member of an MSA body in the year of the election, except as a matter of publishing current Office Bearer reports; and

26.1.7. publicise anything written by a Lot's Wife candidate to a greater extent than other submissions, or publicise anything written by a Lot's Wife candidate on the subject of student elections.

That this MSC further amends the Election Regulations by deleting the word 'and' from **26.1.4.**, and amends other grammatical marks in other subclauses under **26.1.**"

Moved: Jake Humphreys

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MOVER

Micky explained that for the same reasons as with the Election Guide motion, the amendment submitted by Harry could not be considered by the council, however, he was welcome to discuss the reason for submitting an amendment.

Harry explained that he had multiple issues with the below motion. Firstly, he questioned whether the motion was realistic in whether OGL could in fact get the materials and staff required for an additional polling booth with 2 weeks notice. Secondly, he questioned whether the university would likely give permission for an additional polling place with two weeks notice as the university tends to have a much larger turn around time for administrative issues such as this. Finally, he stated that an additional polling place would greatly disadvantage smaller tickets in the polls, as they would have to spread their already limited resources much further. He continued that it would be undemocratic to disadvantage any student that does not run with a large ticket from being able to campaign and become elected to a position.

Micky defers chair to Grace 3.01pm

Micky explained that he would like to address the three issues Harry mentioned. He said that OGL at the 2017 Annual Elections managed to increase their staffing and materials at the already existing polling booths the day prior when it became clear that there would be a much higher voter turnout than in previous years, and therefore an additional polling booth would not be problematic. He said that allowing a two week approval for the MSC actually allowed the MSC more time to negotiate with the University, by allowing them 7 more weeks to establish relationships with the relevant faculties and/or buildings and properties and gain permission to use a space during elections week, with the approval of MSC coming as the final step after an extra 7 weeks of communication and negotiation with the University. He added finally that there was certainly no disadvantage to smaller tickets, as both large tickets and small tickets would have to spread their resources to the additional polling place, and therefore all groups would do this and experience the same 'cost'. However, the benefit to all tickets and the MSA as a whole is greater voter turnout and engaging a larger student demographic in the annual elections.

Micky, Henry and Jett exit 3.08pm

Jasmine disagreed with Micky, stating that adding an additional polling place was not necessarily democratic, as this would attract many voters that don't know the importance of what they're voting for and vote without being informed.

Jett, Henry and Micky enter 3.09pm

Procedural motion to accept a late proxy of Shreeya Luthra for Jessica Bennett

Moved: Jett Fogarty

For: 17

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 12:

"Preamble

This amendment seeks to expand voter turnout by giving the MSC the authority to make polling places available at a wider variety of areas on campus and to a large student demographic.

Amending Directives

That this MSC amends s.33.6 of the Election Regulations to read as follows:

33.6 Additional polling places can be established by a resolution of the MSC passed by an absolute majority, up to two weeks before the annual elections."

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 10

Abstentions: 4

Against: 4

MOTION FAILED

Caitlin explained that the requirement for multi-member positions (Committee/Collective Positions and NUS Delegate Positions) to be printed on separate ballot paper to the Office-Bearer Positions was removed from the regulations at the end of 2017. She continued that in order to prevent voter confusion and limit the size of the ballot paper, it was important to ensure that the Office-Bearer Positions be printed on a separate ballot paper from other multi-member positions.

Motion 13:

"Preamble

This was removed by the 2017 MSC after the 2017 elections, however, in an effort to limit confusion for voters, this amendment seeks to reinstate the same provision ensuring that the ballot papers for committees and office-bearers are separate.

Amending Directives

That this MSC amends s.35.9 of the Election Regulations to read as follows:

35.9. Elections for any multi-member positions must be printed on separate ballot

papers, and cannot be printed on the same ballot paper as elections for any office-bearer positions."

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 13

Abstentions: 5

MOTION CARRIED

Caitlin explained that this motion returns the wording of s.48.4.20.7 to the wording prior to the changes at the end of 2017, as the updated provision created an absurd result. She continued that the provision also included an update to ensure the exclusion of the new 'Urban Community' Halls (Campbell, Logan, Holman and Turner).

Grace leaves the room 3.30pm

Motion 14:

"Preamble

This section was amended by the 2017 MSC after the 2017 elections, however, the amendment produced an absurd result. This amendment takes the section back to its original wording, with an update to ensure the inclusion of the 'Urban Community' Halls (Campbell, Logan, Holman, Turner, Jackomos and Briggs Hall).

Amending Directives

That this MSC amends s.48.4.20.7 to read as follows:

48.4.20.7 under the doors of voters' bedroom or in letter boxes in the Halls of Residence (including Urban Community, Jackomos and Briggs Halls), South East Flats, Mannix College and any other formal accommodation on campus; or

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 17

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jett explained that currently under the election regulations no one is allowed to 'unfairly criticise' the Returning Officer, and the Returning Officer has the discretion to decide what is unfair criticism. He continued that no other democratic process allows for a provision like this, and that it was not appropriate for the Returning Officer to have the discretion to censor commentary of campaigners and other students and discipline them accordingly based on their subjective view of what is criticism.

Grace enters 3.33pm

Motion 15:

"Amending Directives

That this MSC removes s.48.4.21, and further amends the enumeration of the following clauses under s.48."

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Henry Fox

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Caitlin explained that prior to changes at the end of 2017, if the Election Tribunal decides that a hearing does not need to be held, they may give a direction or ruling without holding a hearing. This wording provided no timeline in which that direction or ruling must be given. She continued that this amendment seeks to still hold the Election Tribunal to a timeline, making them required to give a ruling/direction as soon as practicable, but not requiring it to be immediate, allowing for full consideration of the ruling/direction given, or an opportunity to consider similar decisions from previous years for the appropriate ruling/direction.

Jasmine disagreed, stating that if the Election Tribunal knew that there was no need to hold a hearing, then they should be able to make an immediate ruling, and that allowing it to be as soon as practicable, rather than immediate, will slow down the tribunal and appeals process.

Shreyya leaves 3.44pm

Procedural motion to accept a late proxy of Jasmine Duff for Jessica Bennett

Moved: Jett Fogarty

For: 17

Motion carried unanimously

Motion 16:

"Preamble

The current provision requires that where the Election Tribunal decides it is unnecessary that a hearing be held, the Tribunal must immediately give a direction or ruling. This amendment seeks to allow the Election Tribunal more time in order to fully consider all their rulings and directions by requiring them to be given as soon as practicable.

Amending Directives

That this MSC amends s.50.5 to read as follows:

50.5 Where in the view of the Electoral Tribunal it is unnecessary that a hearing be held, the Tribunal must as soon as practicable give a direction or ruling without holding a hearing."

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 15

Abstentions: 1

Against: 2

MOTION CARRIED

12. 2018 Annual MSA Elections

Yen asked why Alanna Duffy had been replaced as the Electoral Tribunal, despite her involvement in previous years.

Jett explained that David Shaw and Holding Redlich (his firm) were extremely experienced in Industrial and Administrative Law, and that they were independent from political bias, whereas Alanna Duffy as a barrister who has previously been involved with Unions may or may not have political opinions that could influence the outcome of decisions.

Motion 17:

“That this MSC sets the date for the 2018 MSA annual elections to be from September 10-13, 2018.

Polling times and places will be as follows:

Campus Centre Foyer:

Monday 10th September 9.30am-4.30pm

Tuesday 11th September 9.30am-6.00pm

Wednesday 12th September 9.30am-4.30pm

Thursday 13th September 9.30am-4.30pm

Hargrave Andrew Library

Monday 10th September 11.30am-2.30pm

Thursday 13th September 11.30am-2.30pm

Further, this MSC appoints a representative of OGL Group to act as Returning Officer and appoints David Shaw to act as the Electoral Tribunal, pursuant to the MSA Election Regulations.”

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Caitlin McIvor

For: 17

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

13. NUS Affiliation

Motion 18:

“That this MSC approves the expenditure of an additional \$10,000 within the Membership Fees budget line item, to cover the cost of NUS Affiliation for 2018.”

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Jess Evans

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Appointment of Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Micky explained that Astan Ure has unfortunately resigned from his position, however, Sophia Tan who has been acting as the position caretaker, was prepared to take over the role and was the most well-placed person to do so.

Motion 19:

“That this MSC appoints Sophia Tan to the position of Education (Academic Affairs) Officer for the remainder of 2018, pursuant to s.48(5) of the MSA Constitution.”

Moved: Caitlin McIvor

Seconded: Grace Rodrigues

For: 17

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

15. Safer Events Policy

Attached to email

Procedural motion to accept a late proxy to Denise Atzinger for Jake Humphreys

Moved: Jake Humphreys

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jake Humphreys leaves 4.00pm

Jakes Humphreys enters 4.01pm

Motion 20:

“That this MSC approves and adopts the Safer Events Code of Conduct.”

Moved: Millie Dalton

Seconded: Caitlin McIvor

For: 17

Abstentions: 1

16. General Business

Motion 21:

“This MSC expresses solidarity with striking NUW members at Laverton Cold Storage. The industrial action is being undertaken to win the first EBA at the site, along with a 5% pay increase and improved working conditions.”

Moved: Jasmine Duff

Seconded: Jett Fogarty

For: 18

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Next Meeting



**Confirmed Minutes
MSC 6/18**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 26th of July in the Conference Room, Level 1 Campus Centre, Monash University, Clayton.

Meeting closed: 4.05pm

ATTACHMENT 1 – EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) REPORT

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	LEXI KOWAL & SOPHIA TAN EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) Report to MSC 6/18
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Key Activities

- Held introductory meeting with Warwick University SU regarding their work around 'I Heart Consent' campaign and other consent education initiatives
- Sat as student representatives on university governance committees including CAPC, LTC and Academic Board
- Appointed and held initial meeting for Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)
- Working with Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT) and Monash Library to explore options to improve textbook access for students and to oversee the roll-out of e-assessments and other technological learning initiatives.
- Lobbying university stakeholders (particularly Building and Property Department, BPD) for 24/7 study spaces on campus
- Advocating to ensure a fair General Misconduct process for students

Goals

Goal	Progress	Comments
To facilitate direct student representation to faculties	Appointment of AAC has greatly assisted in highlighting issues which are both faculty specific and those that appear to be consistent across the university	The AAC has provided direction for the department as we head into semester 2
To facilitate a Careers/Professional development week	Week has been scheduled for week 5 of semester 2 and we have been working with other MSA and Monash University departments to	

CAPC

A key item for discussion at CAPC 3/2018 was the development of micro-credentials at Monash. The issue of how micro-credential students' status fits within the current definition of a Monash student as per the Monash Statute was raised and discussed at both CAPC and Academic Board. Issues included, what resources they will be given access to in terms of learning support, and how micro-credentials fit into a pathway into a Masters program at Monash. This will be a key topic for the MSC as micro-credentials at Monash develop as similar issues will face the MSOs and their service provision.

LTC

At LTC 3/2018, key topics that were discussed were: implementation of online and active learning methods; the timing of the release of SETU results such that they do not affect exam results; and a review of the committee's working groups.

Interestingly and importantly, there is a review of the Monash University Activity Group Code. There are currently 262 learning activities/class-types across the university. This will be reduced to 8. The benefit for students is that students will more easily know what to expect from each activity. The university is in contact with the NTEU with regards to what these changes will mean for teaching staff and to make sure the differences are understood.

Academic Board

The key student-focused item at Academic Board 2/2018 was the report regarding Student Mental Health from by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education). They highlighted that there has been an increase in the amount of counselling sessions delivered. The key concern was that there was no way of measuring time between booking and receiving appointments and time between follow up appointments. Software is being implemented to address this issue. The DVC invited the student representatives to sit on the Mental Health Standing Committee and to advise on policy. The MSA has since taken up this invitation.

At Academic Board 3/2018, one of the key items was the delivery of the Focus Education Agenda. This outlines the goals of Monash University until 2020. It includes a major focus on Indigenous and low SES-background students, as well as innovative and flexible paedagogy.

Budget Expenditure

Date	Description	Amount	Comments
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ATTACHMENT 2 – ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE REPORT

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	<p>JESS EVANS & AYUSHI PANJWANI ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE Report to MSC 6/18</p>
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KEY ACTIVITIES

ESJ Careers Night

MSA Health Week

GOALS

Goal	Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)	Comments
“Run 4 Refugees” campaign (action – fundraising)	Ongoing	Recruitment and fundraising stage beginning
Careers Night event (educational)	Ongoing	
Campus Centre Waste Management project (action)	Ongoing	In partnership with MAS
Food Waste Initiative (action)	Ongoing	
Health Week (educational and action)	Ongoing	Working with other departments of the MSA
Refugee Panel (educational + outreach)		Collab with POC dept + helping to promote refugee scholarship fundraising)

BUDGET EXPENDITURE

Date	Description	Amount	Comments
10/5/18	Bus hire to transport students to city for Change the Rules Rally	\$218.75	50% split with Education (Public Affairs) Department
8/5/18	Trivia Night	\$464	

ATTACHMENT 3 – WOMEN’S REPORT

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	MILLIE DALTON & ALISHA RAO WOMEN’S Report to MSC 6/18
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KEY ACTIVITIES

Respectful Communities Club Committee/ Student Leader Training

Currently, the Women’s Department are collaborating with the Respectful Communities Initiative to push out a training for club committees and student leaders. Through an interactive session, this training will educate students about how to actively prevent sexual harassment from occurring at events as well as inform students of the appropriate ways respond to disclosures of sexual harassment.

Women’s Industry Night

We are currently organising our Women’s Industry which will be held during the MSA Careers Week next semester. The evening will showcase and celebrate the work that women are currently doing across a variety of industries. This event will provide female students with the opportunity to network with women in the industry.

GOALS

Goal	Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)	Comments
Maintenance of the Women’s Room	Ongoing	
Collaboration with Respectful Communities Initiative to produce training for club committees and student leaders	Ongoing	
Women’s Industry Night	Ongoing	

Budget Expenditure

We have not had any budget expenditure since our MSC 4/18 Report.

ATTACHMENT 4 – QUEER REPORT



**DENISE ATZINGER & HARRY
KENNEWELL
QUEER
Report to MSC 6/18**

Since our last report:

Since the last report, we have continued to grow the department through the success of our weekly events, such as the queer morning teas and queer beers that occur weekly. These events have started to really solidify the community that we expect to continue into semester 2 this year.

We also helped facilitate a large number of events on IDAHOBIT this year, including an art exhibition by the Querelle team, an activation stall on the Matheson forecourt, and meeting with Pro-Vice Chancellor David Copolov, whose generosity will assist the department in continuing its work at both Monash Clayton, but at Caulfield as well this year.

We also held a successful swotvac and chill event for the students that utilise the lounge, to help students during exam period come together, relax, and give each other study tips to better handle the upcoming weeks of exam.

What are we working on:

We are also currently in the last stages of planning for Queer Collaborations, the largest Queer conference in Australia for students. With 25 students going from Monash Clayton and Caulfield, it has been an intense period of work for the office bearing team, with flights, accommodation and workshops to organise. We look forward to being able to use the time to network with other universities, build foundations to collaborate on other projects moving forward into the second semester. We also hope that this conference will serve to inspire and help educate both students and office-bearers alike and use this to create change at Monash.

Additionally, following the discussions with the University Health services, and Leslie Freeman we are seeing the fruition of the meetings. The university has agreed to create a list of specialisations of the counsellors, so students are able to target counsellors who will be better able to assist them without being forced to disclose to the administration staff. Further, a guide to common LGBTQ+ issues and terms is being developed by the Health services and the department in order to make sure that doctors are able to better understand the needs and language of the community, without having to ask the students basic questions. This is being created after a number of complaints indicating that the health services were not up to date with a variety of terms and issues in the community. We intend for these to also be created in conjunction with feedback from the community, other campus queer groups and other health services, and intend on this being rolled out before the end of next semester.

Semester 2 plans:

We are currently in the process of planning health week along with a variety of other MSA departments, particularly the ESJ department who has been organising this week for us all

to participate in. Part of this week will include an information drive/petition regarding the discriminatory laws around blood donation for gay men in Australia.

Aside from the Health week Harry has organised the people from the union pride team at the Victorian Trades Hall Council to come out and speak to the students at Monash about their legal rights, as well as run a pride chats workshop in week 3. The workshop aims to give working LGBTQ+ students a chance to talk about issues that affect them at work, and help them organise action against any negative/harmful discrimination they may face at work, and give them a sense of hope. We expect this to be this to be a productive, and insightful event for all students that attend.

We are also busy organising speakers and venues for an upcoming LGBTQ+ networking night in the city during week 4 or 5. This networking night is targeting student's careers both now and in the future, and aims to help connect students with advice for dealing with being LGBTQ+ in the workforce from today, in jobs such as hospitality or retail, as well as 10 years down the track.

We are also beginning to put the framework down for queer week together, and will be in contact with a number of universities to collaborate in a number of events, from movie nights to potentially hosting an inter-university queer ball.

ATTACHMENT 5 – DISABILITIES & CARERS

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	<p>EMILY GRIFFITH & DANIEL GYSSLINK DISABILITIES & CARERS Report to MSC 6/18</p>
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KEY ACTIVITIES

GOALS

Goal	Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)	Comments
Make a video discussion surrounding an accessible university experience to be distributed to staff and administrators	ongoing	
Access not Advertising campaign	Ongoing	Will run a stall for Health week in week 2. Still deciding what activities to run.
Organise D&C themed Wednesday session	Completed	
Organise weekly discussion groups and social events	Ongoing	In process of setting up and finalising plans for semester 2.
Develop a presentation for the Monash student engagement committee.	Ongoing	Presentation towards the end of the year.
D&C Zine	Ongoing	Contacting publishers and setting up the zine working group.