

Monash Student Council Confirmed Minutes

Meeting Opened: 2.08pm

Meeting 10/18 of the Monash Student Council to be held at 2pm on Thursday 26th October, 2018 in the Conference Room, 16 Rainforest Walk, Monash University, Clayton.

1. Attendance

President:	Michael Fisher	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Grace Rodrigues	
Secretary:	Caitlin McIvor	(Minutes)
Education (Academic Affairs):	Sophia Tan	
Education (Public Affairs):	Jake Humphreys	
Activities:	Matt Powers	
Welfare:	Megan McNeel	
Indigenous:	Krystal De Napoli	Absent
Environment & Social Justice:	Ayushi Panjwani	Proxy to Jan Morgiewicz
Women's:	Megan Wright	Proxy to Ella Johnson
Queer:	Harry Kennewell	
Disabilities & Carers:	Daniel Gysslink	
People of Colour:	Hadi Saab	
MUISS:	Ayush Tarway	
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Absent
Clubs & Societies:	Josh Hanegbi	
Radio Monash:	Thomas Lidgerwood	
General Representative:	Jessica Bennett	
General Representative:	Jett Fogarty	Proxy to Parker Brown
General Representative:	Yen Ng	
General Representative:	Helena Kalfas	
General Representative:	Tom Benning	
Observers:	Alex Russell Chloe Polglaze	

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

Addition of Agenda Item No. 13 – Returning Officer's Report
Confirmed.

4. Confirmation of previous minutes

- a. MSC 7/18 Minutes
- b. MSC 8/18 Minutes

Attached to email

Motion 1:

“That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 7/18, 8/18, 9a/18 and 9/18 as a true and accurate record of those meetings.”

Moved: Caitlin Mclvor

Seconded: Henry Fox

For: 17

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

5. Reports

a. President (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
b. Treasurer (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
c. Secretary (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
d. Activities (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
e. MAPS (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
f. MUISS (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
g. C&S (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
h. Radio Monash (9/18)	<i>Not submitted</i>
i. Education (Academic Affairs)	Attachment 1
j. Education (Public Affairs)	Attachment 2
k. Welfare	<i>Not submitted</i>
l. Indigenous	<i>Not submitted</i>
m. Queer	Attachment 3
n. Disabilities & Carers	Attachment 4
o. Environment & Social Justice	<i>Not submitted</i>
p. Women’s	Attachment 5
q. People of Colour	<i>Not submitted</i>
r. Lot’s Wife	<i>Not submitted</i>

Motion 2:

“That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.”

Moved:

Seconded:

For: 19

6. OGL Addendum

Chloe Polglaze enters 2.14pm

Motion 3:

“That this MSC authorises expenditure up to \$9,860 to OGL for the additional services provided at this year’s annual elections, to be withdrawn from Central Funds.”

Moved: Tom Benning

Seconded: Hadi Saab

For: 19

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no questions.

8. White Ribbon

Harry explained that White Ribbon had received a lot of criticism regarding their lack of support for domestic violence survivors. After the passing of pro-choice legislation in Queensland, White Ribbon removed their stance of

Chair deferred to Grace 2.18pm

Micky explained that he thought the behaviour of White Ribbon over the past week or so has been poor, and that while they have no ties to the MSA, they do have ties to other university bodies. He explained that the concern with White Ribbon is that they are not change and impact driven in their actions. He also added that the MSA has a positive working relationship with SECASA currently, and they are critical

Micky regains the Chair 2.19pm

Parker explained that MRS has a very close knit relationship with White Ribbon, but that no action really ever comes from this relationship for the residential community. He continued that he would like the MSC to work with MRS to get them

Alex explained that the White Ribbon-MRS relationship is almost 'pandering', with very little impact shown within the residential community, despite the continued relationship.

Motion 4:

"That this MSC directs the MSA and its offices to not participate in, financially assist or otherwise partner with, attend talks or other like events that are run in conjunction with or by White Ribbon, and instead work with organisations such as SECASA, until otherwise resolved.

This MSC further directs the President to reach out to the newly elected president's of the halls societies to gain support for the position within this motion, in order to advocate for relationships with SECASA and other more action driven bodies, rather than White Ribbon."

Moved: Harry Kennewell

Seconded: Yen Ng

For: 19

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 6

No questions raised.

10. NUS – Sexual Violence

Harry read out the NUS 10 demands.

Harry explained that Monash had significantly failed in some of these 10 points, particularly number 10, pointing out that Monash had to be taken to court in order to release sexual assault on campus statistics. He also explained that there previously had been two different systems in place at Monash as well, however he was unsure if this had changed, and it made it very confusing for those seeking help from their university.

Chair deferred to Grace 2.27pm

Micky explained that the 10 demands are very consistent with the 10 items from the Australian Human Rights Commission report on this matter, and that we should definitely support this item from NUS. He also explained that in February of this year, the Monash University Council had created the Office of Student Misconduct, and taken all disciplinary matters that were outside of faculty/academic issues, into its own unit. He explained that MRS and the entirety of Monash is now under the same unit. He said that it was important to ensure we compare the 10 demands thoroughly with the Australian Human Rights Commission Report to ensure that the MSA and SECASA can expand their work in this area to cover any areas of difference between the two (if necessary).

Micky regains the Chair 2.29pm

Motion 5:

“That the MSA recognises its importance in upholding, promoting and ensuring responsible and safe behaviour on campus, and preventing sexual assault and reaffirms its commitment to fighting all forms of sexual violence on campus. This MSC endorses the National Union of Students 10 demands and affirms its continued commitment to seeing these policies being adopted by and across the University.”

Moved: Harry Kennewell

Seconded: Yen Ng

For: 19

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. MTPD Repayment of Government Funding

Attached to email

Chair deferred to Grace 2.32pm

Micky explained that MTPD is the MSA run RTO that provides education predominately to students at Monash. He continued that in previous years MTPD had been in deficit, but this year it had been creating surplus.

Micky continued that there have been a significant number of cases of students being overcharged for TAFE or VET courses where they learn no substantive content, as such, the government have been creating a number of new policies and rules surrounding running RTOs and other such bodies.

Jake asked whether action point number 3 was within Tony Lang’s current retainer, or whether there would be an additional cost for Tony Lang to investigate this issue.

Micky confirmed that it was within his current retainer.

Harry asked whether MTPD was doing an internal investigation into how they also failed to recognise this error.

Micky confirmed that MTPD had carried out an investigation, and that further details of this were outlined in the attachment.

Motion 6:

“Throughout the duration of 2016 and 2017, and during the commencement of the 2018-19 VET Funding Contract, MTPD was non-compliant with legislation which governs the operation of Registered Training Organisations.

In 2018, the MSA Executive was made aware of this breach and directed MTPD to amend the error in line with current Victorian law.

After negotiation with the Department of Education and Training, MTPD has been ordered to repay funds received from the Victorian Government during the period of non-compliance.

Understanding that this situation is unacceptable and must never happen again, the 2018 MSA Executive has introduced further governance and oversight measures on MTPD (see: Terms of reference of Operations Compliance Working Group).

As such:

1. This MSC authorises the repayment \$187,517 of government funding received for activities from 2016 to early 2018, to be paid monthly over a four year period, to be withdrawn from MTPD Operations;
2. This MSC ratifies the terms of reference of the Operations Compliance Working Group;
3. This MSC directs the MSA's counsel to investigate and establish how such a failure of governance by the MSC over 2016-17 occurred."

Moved: Micky Fisher

Seconded: Caitlin Mclvor

For: 19

MOTION CARRIED

12. Day on the Green

Micky regains the Chair 2.42pm

Harry explained that Day on the Green had been running for a long period of time at Monash.

Micky clarified that Green Week was the previous event, and Day on the Green is the most recent iteration of this event, and had only been running for a few years.

Harry continued that it is likely that the event will continue every year regardless, however, something needed to be done to ensure that in the aftermath of the event, people's rubbish was not left behind in that area and everything was responsibly disposed of and recycled.

Micky explained that Jett had sent in a suggested amendment to the motion.

Suggested Amendment to Motion 7:

“This MSC recognises that Day on the Green has been a staple of Monash life for over a decade and understands its significance for Monash residential students. Understanding that Day on the Green has no affiliation with nor is sponsored by the MSA and acknowledging that MSA resources have, as far as this MSC is aware, never been used as part of Day on the Green celebrations, as well as understanding that MSA has no oversight, purview, authority or jurisdiction over this event, this MSA in principle supports better environmental practices at Day on the Green and will welcome collaboration with event organisers on this issue.

Micky explained that from his understanding, that Jett’s concern with the motion put forward by Harry was that it appeared as if the MSA had control over an event that is not run by the MSA, or within their jurisdiction.

Jessica asked if an action could be added to the motion for the Executive to reach out to the event organisers in order to help promote a safer and more environmentally friendly in the future.

Micky explained that its possible however, the event organisers change every year and it is not always known who they are. He said however, they can include that action and make an attempt to track down who the organisers are any given year.

Micky also explained that there was a particularly concerning comment made by Yen on a public stalkerspace post about this issues contained within this motion. He explained that the comment stated that the MSC Meeting that was scheduled for last Thursday (the day of Day on the Green) had been rescheduled in order to allow all office bearers to attend Day on the Green as a ‘piss-up’. He continued that this was an extremely misleading comment made on a student group given that this was in fact, not the case, and that the primary reason had been because the MSA was running the Spicy Girls event in conjunction with CCD that Thursday, at very short notice, which was being held at the same time as the scheduled MSC Meeting. He continued that this reason for rescheduling the MSC was given to all MSC Members prior to the Thursday via email sent out by Caitlin.

Micky continued with a reminder to all members of the MSC that they have certain duties as members of the board/directors of the MSA, and that making deliberately misleading statements to students particularly, is extremely problematic.

Brandon asked why some members of the executive had attended the Day on the Green event despite its problematic past.

Micky explained that attending the event wasn’t problematic in itself, but there are problems with practices that certain students bring to the event. He continued that he responsibly disposed of any rubbish that he made at the event, but that he unfortunately can’t say the same for every other student that was in attendance.

Brandon continued that the event was primarily about and supports a culture of binge drinking, and is on university property, and that executive members presence at the event makes it appear as if it is an MSA run or sponsored event.

David Power enters 2.54pm

Parker explained that the event is primarily attended by Monash Residential students and it is widely known that the event is run by nobody for everyone. He continued that he finds it highly unlikely that most people in attendance would believe it was an MSA run event as the history of the event is widely known among residential students, and they are aware that no one has ownership over the event.

Alex stated that because it's an event with no ownership, it does mean that everyone has to individually take responsibility for the aftermath, and that isn't happening currently. She requested that the MSA maybe put up signs or something during the event encouraging people to recycle and take responsibility for the clean up afterwards.

Harry explained that he was going to withdraw the motion, given the multiple suggested amendments, and that he would work with Tom, Jett and Santino to co-author a motion on the issue.

Motion:

"That this MSC recognises the day on the green has been an event students here at Monash have attended for over a decade. This MSC directs the MSA, to investigate ways in which it can promote a more environmentally respectful, responsible and safe environment for students at such an event."

Moved: Harry Kennewell

Seconded: Yen Ng

MOTION WITHDRAWN

13. Returning Officer's Report

Caitlin offered to summarise the report given that it was only received and circulated the morning of the meeting. She explained that the report included actions taken by Gavin Ryan, any appeals, behaviour and conduct within the election period and recommendations for future election periods. She continued that the most important parts were the issues that occurred this year and the recommendations for the future. She explained that the conduct for this year's elections was up and down but no worse or better than previous years. She continued that Gavin noted there were some issues making sure people were on the same page regarding some of the new election regulations, however given it was the first election period some of these regulations were in place, so issues in interpretation were a given.

She continued by saying the Social Media Regulations were the most problematic, and Gavin had some recommendations regarding this. She explained that one ruling from a previous year was reversed, and that was the ruling regarding the ticket name 420 Blaze It.

She continued that the recommendations were as follows:

- Changing the polling places or adding polling stations so that a greater number of students can vote, to tackle the problems of overcrowding at the existing polling places.
- MSC should consider changes to ballot paper printing to allow voting booklets, or consider in person voting via electronic means, to cut down printing and staffing costs, time issuing ballots, time voting and informal votes.
- Social Media regulations limit commentary and discussion online, this does not sit well with the current use of social media by students, and therefore should be reviewed in order to make the regulations more realistic.

14. General Business

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on 22nd November in the Conference Room, Level 1 Campus Centre, Monash University, Clayton.

Meeting Closed: 3.12pm

ATTACHMENT 1 – EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) REPORT



SOPHIA TAN & LEXI KOWAL
EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS)
Report to MSC 10/18

KEY ACTIVITIES

Withdrawn incomplete (WI) Grade

- Withdrawn Incomplete (WI) is a grade given to students who have not been able to attempt their assessments in the most extenuating of circumstances (death in family, serious illness, etc).
- Associate Deans of Education (ADEs) from a small group of faculties were seeking to abolish the WI or narrow the range of circumstances which would make a student eligible for the WI. This included even fewer allowances for students suffering poor mental health. They cited an unreasonably large administrative load and accused students of corrupting the system in an attempt to save their grades.
- EdAc department, in conjunction with SAS and other MSOs, reported Learning and Teaching Committee (LTC) and met with ADEs to discuss our concerns and why their policy outlook was not friendly to students.
- Result was that policy was re-drafted to include allowances for mental, as well as physical health, and brought more definition to the phrase ‘a close family member’ as this was causing some issues for students of non-Western backgrounds. It also includes provisions for a centralised panel for borderline cases. This will hopefully improve proportion of WI applications that are successful and reduce the number of appeals made.
- New policy was passed through LTC. While it is still not perfect, the outcome is certainly better for students than the initial proposal or the previous policy. Our main concern is that many faculties will not make use of the panel since the decision to send a case to the panel is only made by a single person (the ADE of the managing faculty).

Policy review

- As a part of the university’s ongoing accreditation renewal, a review of all policy is undertaken. This is a positive move as it hopes to bring all faculties onto the same page and centralise many policies. This will improve the experience of all students, particularly those in double degrees, and to a lesser extent, double majors, as all policy will be consistent across faculties and schools.
- The MSA has been consulted as a part of this review and will be reporting on our recommendations.

Academic progress (APC) Review

- The Education portfolio of the university is reviewing APC procedures. Key pain points have been identified as: distress caused to students, administrative burden, lack of consistency across faculties.
- This review is still in early stages and the EdAc department will be in ongoing consultation with SAS as we move through it and improve the experience for students as they progress through APC.

MSA Teaching Awards Night

- Good teaching as at the core of the university experience for all students. It is important for the MSA to recognise the role that educators play in students’ lives.
- The night will recognise teachers and other people in the university who have worked the MSA over the year, thanking them for the part they’ve played in improving the student experience.

ATTACHMENT 2 – EDUCATION (PUBLIC AFFAIRS) REPORT



**DAVID POWER & JAKE
HUMPHREYS
EDUCATION (PUBLIC AFFAIRS)
Report to MSC 10/18**

KEY ACTIVITIES

Our key activities over the semester have included:

- October 23 strike support – raising awareness of the strike and the reasons for it, contributing to the picket, running joint events with NTEU to promote the strike, making use of socials and printing budget in awareness raising
- CFHB: Building the editorial committee for the 2019 CFHB to make sure it doesn't repeat some of the inaccuracies present in the 2018 CFHB.
- #paytherate
 - A solidarity campaign run with the support of the NTEU defending the working conditions of sessional teaching staff, who are increasingly marginalised and commodified by University management.
- Lost Your Lecture
 - An information gathering campaign on the extent of disappearing lecture streams after it was brought to our attention that certain STEM subjects had shifted completely online
- Ongoing collaboration with the NTEU in the interests of staff-student solidarity

GOALS

Goal	Progress (complete/ongoing/incomplete)	Comments
CFHB 2019	Ongoing	No. of reviews at where expected
SoS	Complete	
COPI	Ongoing	preparing for phase 2 of the initiative now that primary surveying has completed
Lost Your Lecture	Ongoing	
Health Week	Complete	
To Hell With HESLA/Bury the Bill	Ongoing	
NTEU support	Ongoing	Have been sharing information and meeting with the NTEU over the Lost Your Lecture and #paytherate campaigns
NTEU Strike Action	Ongoing	Joint BBQ, promotion via socials and posterings
Handover	Ongoing	Handing the 2018 office over to the 2019 Ed Pub Officers-elect

ATTACHMENT 3 – QUEER REPORT



**HARRY KENNEWELL & TUESDAY
ATZINGER
QUEER
Report to MSC 10/18**

KEY ACTIVITIES

Queer Department report back:

As our last report was two weeks ago, there is nothing significant to report in this report. We have been focused on beginning the process of handover, ensuring that the lounge is restored to being in working order, as there have been significant issues with the dishwasher and taps. Further, we have been working closely with next years Queer Officers in order to create the budget that will be used going forward. We look forward to wrapping up the rest of the semester with our final queer beers, and a swotvac and chill session for the students, as well as tidying up loose ends on some projects that we have in the works. We look forward to seeing what the next few months bring. We are also looking at one final major social event (budget allowing) that is being planned in conjunction with the incumbent queer officers.

ATTACHMENT 4 – DISABILITIES & CARERS REPORT

	<p>EMILY GRIFFITH & DANIEL GYSSLINK DISABILITIES & CARERS Report to MSC 10/18</p>
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GOALS

Goal	Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)	Comments
Assist incoming officer bearers	ongoing	
Organise disability and accessibility conference (DAC) being held at Monash	complete	*Further information below
Hold online conference floor for DAC.	Complete	
Organise D&C week	complete	
Organise weekly discussion groups and social events	Ongoing	
Develop a presentation for the Monash student engagement committee.	complete	*further information below Follow up and meet with CCD
D&C Zine	Ongoing	Will be developed over the holidays in conjunction with the incoming D&C office bearers for release in O-week 2019.

BUDGET EXPENDITURE

Date	Description	Amount	Comments
15/8/18	Venue hire for disability and accessibility conference	\$1,200	Some of this was covered by ticket sales to the event

Disability and accessibility conference

- We held the inaugural disability and accessibility conference from 29th – 30th September. This was a great opportunity to connect roughly 30 students from different disability collectives around Australia including from our own.
- Activities:
 - hosted some external speakers alongside workshops ran by attendees.
 - We identified and discussed a range of areas universities are failing disabled students, and discussed campaigns and strategies to combat these.
 - Discussed how we can build disability collectives around Australia. As these are very new departments, there are a very small amount of these around Australia.
 - Organised a script and plan to release a video about why disability advocacy in universities is important.
 - We hosted an online conference floor two weeks after the conference (as ran out of time during the conference) and passed various motions that should help organising future campaigns.

Monash student engagement committee

- We were given a speaking spot at the recent Monash student engagement committee meeting. Here we raised a few issues in the university including access to teaching materials, tutorial solutions, accessibility of lecture slides, and introducing a my.monash panel that includes info on services available and steps to take for staff to respond to students who are struggling. We are having a follow up meeting with CCD soon to further develop some of these plans.

ATTACHMENT 5 – WOMEN’S REPORT

	<p>MILLIE DALTON & MEGAN WRIGHT WOMEN’S Report to MSC 10/18</p>
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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

Our Women’s Industry Night was a successful event. The purpose of the evening was to showcase and celebrate the work that women are currently doing across a variety of industries. We had roughly 10 organisations attend our event, and over 100 students. Those who attended actively engaged in the questioning our panellists, sparking great group discussion. Many students also took advantage of the networking opportunities available on the night.

GOALS

Goal	Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)	Comments
Women’s Industry Night	Complete	
Maintenance of the Women’s Room	Ongoing	We are currently looking into refurbishing the Women’s room for 2019.
Collaboration with Respectful Communities Initiative to produce training for club committees and student leaders	Ongoing	The training is in its final stages of completion and is expected to be trailed this year and rolled out for 2019 club office bearers late this year or early 2019.

Budget Expenditure

Date	Description	Amount	Comments
Women's Industry Night	Supermarket supplies	\$349.50	Includes soft drink, plastic cups, gifts for speakers
Women's Industry Night	Catering	Roughly \$800 (still waiting confirmation)	Purchased from Secret Garden, included sandwiches, wraps, sushi, fritters
Women's Menstrual Education Event	Donated \$100 in support of the event	\$100	This event was run by women who actively engage in women's issues. The event was about removing the stigma surrounding menstruation. We support the message behind the event and the women that ran it.
POC department	We donated \$750 in support of the POC department's Lot's Wife edition.	\$750	<p>We donated this sum of money in support of POC women.</p> <p>The mone was donated on the agreement that at least 50% of the written articles were produced by POC women and that at least 50% of the artwork in the edition was produced by POC women.</p> <p>We also requested that at least one article must be written about being a woman of colour and in relation to feminism.</p>

ATTACHMENT 6 – SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE MOTIONS
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17/9/18	Purchase of Trestle Tables \$1,150.00
17/9/18	RTO Recruit – Courses Coordinator \$7,570.00
17/9/18	RTO Recruit – Student Enrolment Officer \$5,500.00
17/9/18	Fridge for Sir John’s \$2,500.00
17/9/18	Printing POC Edition – Lot’s Wife \$2,600.00
17/9/18	Community Development Coordinator Position \$35,000.00
17/9/18	SEEK – Student Advocacy & Support Officer Advertisement \$500.00
17/9/18	Repainting of Design Office \$510.00
17/9/18	Welfare on Wheels (Semester 2) \$2,000.00