

Monash Student Council
1/19

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 1/19 of the Monash Student Council is to be held in the Conference Room (R1131), Level 1, Campus Centre, 21 Chancellors Walk at **1:40PM** on Thursday the 21st of February 2019.

1. Attendance

President	Henry Fox	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Helena Kalfas	
Secretary:	Jett Fogarty	(Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Tuesday Atzinger	Proxy to David Power
Education (Academic Affairs):	Cherie Fung	Proxy to Shannon Brown
Activities:	Parker Brown	
CLA:	Shannon Brown	Proxy to Josh Johnstone
Welfare:	James McDonald	
Indigenous:	Jessica Bennett	Proxy to Steph Ward
Environment & Social Justice:	Santino Raftellis	Proxy to Thomas Benning
Women's:	Saskia Day	
Queer:	Ellie King-Cain	
Disabilities & Carers:	Magdalena Kozlowski	
People of Colour:	Minh Tran	
MUISS:	Ayusha Tarway	
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Did not attend
Clubs & Societies:	Joshua Hanegbi	
Radio Monash:	Thomas Lindgerwood	Apology
General Representative:	Hadi Saab	
General Representative:	Sophia Tan	
General Representative:	Ayushi Panjwani	
General Representative:	Louise Blair-West	
General Representative:	Marie Iliadis	
Observers:	Jasmine Duff	
	Harry Kennwell	
	Beth Jackson	
	Kelly Cvetkova	
	Oscar Sterner	
	Chloe Polglaze	

Jess Evans
Daniel Target
Sarah Zebion
Dao Hu

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

See: Appendix 1

Jett explained that we had not received these minutes from the former secretary, however had expected to receive them at the time of publication of the minutes.

Jett went on to explain once he received them from the former Secretary he would distribute them.

Motion #1: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That this MSC confirms the minutes of MSC 12/18 to be a true and accurate recording of proceedings.

Moved: **Seconded:**

For:

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION WITHDRAWN

See: Appendix 2

Motion #2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That this MSC confirms the minutes of MSC 1A/19 to be a true and accurate recording of proceedings.

Moved: Jett Fogarty **Seconded:** Josh Hanegbi

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3
MOTION CARRIED

4. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

Education (Academic Affairs)	See: Appendix 3
Education (Public Affairs)	See: Appendix 4
Welfare	See: Appendix 5
Environment and Social Justice	See: Appendix 6
Queer	See: Appendix 7
Indigenous	See: Appendix 8
Disabilities and Carers	See: Appendix 9
People of Colour	See: Appendix 10
Lots Wife	See: Appendix 14

Motion #3: Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

That this MSC accepts all submitted office bearer and divisional reports en bloc.

Moved via the chair

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

5. Summary of Executive Financial Motions

See: Appendix 11

Henry listed the items of expenditure from MSA Exec.

Jett asked if anyone had any questions about the expenditure.

No questions were asked.

Henry moved the motion to a vote.

Motion #4: Summary of Executive Financial Motions

That this MSC accepts all the summary of executive financial motions.

Moved: Via the chair

For: 21

Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MSA Financial Statement

See: Appendix 12

Jett explained that finance had not provided statements for this period.

Motion #5: MSA Financial Statement

That this MSC accepts the submitted MSA financial statement for January/February 2019

Moved: Seconded:
For:
Against:
Abstentions:
MOTION WITHDRAWN

8. Amendment of the Committee Regulations

Motion to amend the Committee Regulations for the establishment of a Mental Health and Resilience Committee

Henry read the motion.

Jett prefaced the discussion by informing everyone that there had been amendments to the motion put forward by Ayusha.

Ayusha explained that issues of mental health disproportionately affected International students and that for this committee to serve all students, an international voice should sit on it.

****MOTION FROM AYUSHA TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INSERT**:** 19.2, point stated as 19.2.1, MUISS Services & Welfare Officer

Jett explained that a motion to amend was not needed to be voted on if it was agreed to the mover and seconder of the original motion.

Harry raised the issue that the amendments to the motion had to be distributed with 7 day's notice considering the motion sought to amend the committee regulations.

Jett informed Harry that the original motion was circulated with the correct notice period and as such it can be amended by the MSC from the floor in accordance with the standing orders

Henry asked Jett and James if the amendment was agreeable.

Jett and James agreed to the amendment to their motion.

Magdalena raised an amendment to change the wording from Bearer to Bearers to ensure that both Co-OBs could attend the committee.

Henry explained that the word Office Bearer mean both Co-OBs

Josh asked to amend the motion to allow for any member of the executive can chair the committee.

Jett explained that the standing orders meant that any members of the executive can chair in the absence of the president.

Motion #6: Amendment of the Committee Regulations

Preamble:

Mental Health remains the most substantial issue effecting young people today, indeed the Mission Australia survey of youth consistently lists mental health issues as the most important amongst Australians under the age of 26.

The immense study load presented by Universities compounded by the stresses of life, work and the uncertainty of post study employment can turn our place of learning into a breeding ground for poor mental health and wellbeing. For marginalised and minority groups on campus, this risk is significantly increased.

As an organisation dedicated to the service of young people, working to address this issue in our community should be of top priority. Consequently, a whole of organisation response is needed.

The Mental Health and Resilience Committee is the manifestation of this response and will bring together the Welfare, D&C and Executive along with members of the student body.

Amending directives:

That this MSC inserts the following to the Monash Student Association Committee Regulations after s18

19.1 The Mental Health and Resilience Committee is responsible for:

19. 1.1 Advocating for University policies that consider and support students' mental health

19. 1.2 Organise events on Clayton Campus that provide students with skills to manage their mental health

19. 1.3 Reducing stigma around the discussion and promotion of student mental health

19. 1.4 Liaising with other MSA bodies to ensure that the mental health and resilience of students are considered in all MSA projects

19. 1.5 Making recommendations to the MSC on ways in which the MSA could better support the mental health or resilience of students

19.2 The members the Mental Health and Resilience Committee are:

19. 2.1 The Welfare Officer, the Disabilities and Carers Officer and the President.

19. 2.2 Up to any 20 Monash University Students, elected at the Monash Student Association General Elections

19. 2.3

19.3 Meetings of the Mental Health and Resilience Committee are to be chaired by the President.

In the interim between this motion and an MSA General Election, this MSC approves provisions for the appointment of general members by the MSC.

Moved: Jett Fogarty **Seconded:** James McDonald

For:21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Amendment of the Committee Regulations

Motion to amend the Committee Regulations in relation to the Environment and Social Justice Collective

Motion #7: Amendment of the Committee Regulations, Environmental and Social Justice Collective/Committee

Preamble:

These amendments seek to modernise the Environmental and Social Justice Collective to ensure it is meeting its responsibilities as outlined in the MSA Committee Regulations.

The introduction of elected positions will elevate the collective to the status necessary to run campaigns in relation to Environment and Social Justice as well as hold elected members accountable to the student body.

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends Monash Student Association Committee Regulations s15 to remove:

15 Environment and Social Justice Collective

15.1 The Environment and Social Justice Collective is responsible for:

15.1.1 initiating research relating to environmental issues arising within and outside the University;

15.1.2 developing policy on environment-related issues;

15.1.3 providing students with a forum for the discussion of issues relating to the environment;

15.1.4 collecting, collating, publishing and disseminating information relating to environmental issues;

15.1.5 raising awareness of environmental issues amongst students, staff and the broader community;

15.1.6 facilitating, initiating, and coordinating environmental campaigns within and outside the University;

15.1.7 directing expenditure of the Environment Department budget (subject to the MSC and the Executive);

15.1.8 liaising with relevant University committees and departments, environment organizations and student bodies within and outside the University;

15.1.9 making recommendations to the MSC on ways in which the MSA could improve environmental practice.

15.2 The members of the Environment and Social Justice Collective are:

15.2.1 the Environment and Social Justice Officer; and

15.2.2 all students who have attended at least 3 past meetings of the Collective in the last 12 months and who wish to be members.

15.3 The quorum for meetings of the Environment and Social Justice Collective is the presence in person of the Environment and Social Justice Officer and 4 other members.

That this MSC amends Monash Student Association Committee Regulations s15 to insert:

15. Environment and Social Justice Committee

15.1 The Environment and Social Justice Committee is responsible for:

15. 1.1 Developing policy on environment and social justice related issues;

15. 1.2 providing students with a forum for the discussion of issues relating to the Environment and social justice;

15. 1.3 Raising awareness of environmental and social justice issues amongst students and staff.

15. 1.4 Facilitating, initiating, and coordinating environmental and social justice campaigns within the University;

15. 1.5 Liaising with relevant University committees and departments, environment organizations and student bodies within and outside the University;

15. 1.6 Making recommendations on ways in which the MSA could improve environmental practice.

15.2. The members the Environment and Social Justice Committee are:

15.2.1 The Environment and Social Justice Officer.

15. 2.2 Up to any 12 Monash University Students, elected at the Monash Student Association General Elections

In the interim between this motion and an MSA General Election, this MSC approves provisions for the appointment of general members by the MSC.

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

Moved: Jett Fogarty

Seconded: Thomas Benning

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

10. School Strike for Climate

Henry explains that this motion has an amendment from the floor from David Power.

Amendment seeks to insert That this MSC endorses the student climate strike, and the goals of no new fossil fuel production sites, one-hundred percent renewables by 2030, and the shutdown of the construction of the Adani mine.

Further, this MSC notes that the continued investment into oil and gas by Monash University runs counter to all goals of preventing climate change, and, in line with the work performed by Fossil Free Monash, call for the university to divest its finances of fossil fuels.

That this MSC endorses and encourages student attendance to the contingent organised by the Education (Public Affairs) and Environment and Social Justice Departments, in consultation with other relevant Departments for March 5.

That this MSC encourages MSA Office Bearers, where it is in their capacity, to attend the climate strike with this contingent.

This this MSC encourages all Monash students to attend the climate strike with this contingent where it is in their capacity and directs them to contact the relevant MSA Departments to drive support for and participation in the School Strike."

Thomas Benning, mover of the motion accepts the amendment from David Power.

David Power seeks to second the motion, meaning the amendments are accepted and inserted in the motion.

Henry called for any questions on the motion.

Jasmin asked if this meant questions or general discussion.

Henry said it did in-fact mean general discussion

Beth explained that the MEAG had been meeting to organise Monash students to attend the strike.

She went on to suggest that MSA OBs and Clubs should share posters and material of the MEAG. She asked if the MSA could put the material on the MSA screens.

Henry deferred the chair to Helena

Henry explained that the MSA had been working hard on the Strike. He also commended that Thomas was working really hard as the ESJ officer on this issue.

Henry returns to the chair

Jasmine expressed her belief that MSA OBs should attend the strike, as noted in the motion.

She went on to explain that NUS material was there to distribute at O Week

David noted there was MSA material to distribute.

Josh explained that C&S was the appropriate body to discuss these issues, not MSC and that MSC could not impose the aforementioned discussion on Clubs.

Jett went on to bring up the fact that Beth had communicated to all clubs as an Officer of the NUS.

Jett explained that was inappropriate for her to make these representations without communication with the MSA or with the NUS more generally as any communications to be distributed to students as the NUS has to approved by MSA Executive first.

Beth explained that she had discussed it with the MEAG.

Jett explained that the MEAG was not a body associated or incorporated with the MSA.

Juliet explained that MEAG was established when she was an MSA OB in 2017.

Jett explained that the group had been discontinued since the new administration of the MSA took over.

Jasmine explains the MEAG is a good thing because she was able to talk to people like Tuesday.

Henry deferred the chair to Helena

Henry reminded all groups at the MSC that only MSA can roam and distribute material unless you became a paid sponsor of OWeek.

Henry returns to the chair

Jett explained that we had material from the MSA on the strike that could be distributed.

Motion #8: School Strike for Climate

This MSC commends school students for drawing attention to the issues of climate change and the Adani Coal Mine through the School Strike for Climate demonstrations in Australia and internationally.

This MSC supports Monash Clayton student's efforts to promote broader university student support for and participation in the next School Strike for Climate demonstration on March 15, and encourages more students to attend

That this MSC endorses the student climate strike, and the goals of no new fossil fuel production sites, one-hundred percent renewables by 2030, and the shutdown of the construction of the Adani mine.

Further, this MSC notes that the continued investment into oil and gas by Monash University runs counter to all goals of preventing climate change, and, in line with the work performed by Fossil Free Monash, call for the university to divest its finances of fossil fuels.

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Moved: David Power **Seconded:** Thomas Benning

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Ratification of MSC 12/18

Two motions were passed by MSC 12/18 but were inquorate when they were passed.

Constitutionally, this MSC (1/19) is required to ratify or reject these motions.

Henry explained that a conflict of interest might arrive due to discussion and vote on Honorarium .

Parker Brown explained held a material financial interest and left the Council meeting.

Josh Johnstone explained held a material financial interest and left the Council meeting.

Shannon Brown explained held a material financial interest and left the Council meeting.

Declan Dempster explained held a material financial interest and left the Council meeting.

Daniel Target explained held a material financial interest and left the Council meeting.

Jasmine Duff explained that she thought the reduction in Honorarium for ESJ was bad because the organisation was an activist one.

Sophia Tan noted that ESJ is currently the highest paid OB behind exec, despite the critical importance of other departments, notably Ed

Jett followed on from this to note that Autonomous departments like Queer and Welfare are only paid 1 fraction despite representing and supporting large groups of students.

Jasmine says that ESJ remains very important because of campaigns and is already on a low pay fraction.

Jett explained that the reason ESJ is the highest paid because previously Go! gave the position to the Socialists.

Josh noted that he and Ayushi were volunteers and did a significant amount of work. Josh asked Jasmine if he had any issue with the change to the Activities department.

Jasmine said she only cared about ESJ because activism is at the core of student unions and as such ESJ should be paid.

Saskia explained that the Womens department also worked on similar issues to ESJ yet were paid less.

Juliet asked Henry what the pay fractions were.

Henry listed the pay fractions.

Soph explained that ESJ remained one of the highest paid departments.

Henry deferred the chair to Helena

Henry explained these changes were made in consolation with the OBs and they agreed that the workloads had changed.

Henry returns to the chair

This MSC ratifies the following motion passed at MSC 12/18:

Pursuant to s9 of the office bearer regulations, this MSC amends the pay fraction of the 2019 office bearers to reflect the following:

This MSC amends the Environment and Social Justice (ESJ) officer pay fraction from 1.5 to 1.2.

This MSC amends the ESJ pay fraction as a result of discussion between the current and incoming ESJ team and seeks to reflect the work of this department in line with the pay fractions of other office bearers with similar work loads.

This MSC amends the Activities Co-Chair pay fraction from 1.4 to 1.2

This MSC amends the Activities Co-Chair pay fraction as a result of discussion between the current and incoming Activates team and seeks to reflect the work of this department considering the establishment of the Creative and Live Arts Department

This MSC amends the Lot's Wife Editors pay fraction from 2 to 3

This MSC amends the Lots Wife pay fraction as a result of the increased number of Lots Wife Editors and reflects the increased output of the magazine as a result.

Moved: Jett Fogarty **Seconded:** Helena Kalfas

For:16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Parker returns to the MSC.

Declan returns to the MSC.

Daniel returns to the MSC.

Henry reads the motion.

Marie asked why the CLA Officers are paid more than Women's?

Henry deferred the chair to Helena

Henry explains that the output of the department is greatly significant and that the MSA has been required to hire more paid staff to execute the tasks of the department.

Jett explained there is a significantly increased workload on the activities and CLA department.

Juliet asked if there were two OBs
Henry returns to the chair

Motion #10: Ratification of Motion from MSC 12/18

This MSC ratifies the following motion passed at MSC 12/18:

Pursuant to the office bearer regulations, this MSC inserts the Creative and Live Arts Officer department to the Office Bearer Regulations.

This MSC issues a pay fraction of 1.2 for the Creative and Live Arts Officer

This MSC directs the MSA secretary to draft and circulate and a position description for the Creative and Live Arts Officer for MSC 1/19 for their consideration to amend the OB regulations

Moved: Jett Fogarty **Seconded:** Parker Brown

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

See: Appendix 13

12. General Business