

Monash Student Council

NON-CONFIDENTIAL CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 3/19 of the Monash Student Council is to be held in the S11 lecture theatre at 1:07PM on Thursday the 4th of April.

1. Attendance

President	Henry Fox	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Helena Kalfas	
Secretary:	Jett Fogarty	Proxy to Millie Dalton (Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Tuesday Atzinger	Proxy to David Power
Education (Academic Affairs):	Cherie Fung	Proxy to Joseph Friedman
Activities:	Parker Brown	
CLA:	Shannon Brown	Proxy to Declan Dempster
Welfare:	Merjem Colan	
Indigenous:	Jessica Bennett	Proxy to Steph Ward
Environment & Social Justice:	Santino Raftellis	Proxy to Jan Morgiewicz
Women's:	Saskia Day	Proxy to Meg Wright
Queer:	Ellie King-Cain	Proxy to Peter Bui
Disabilities & Carers:	Magdalena Kozlowski	
People of Colour:	Jenny Tran	
MUISS:	Ayusha Tarway	Apology
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Apology
Clubs & Societies:	Joshua Hanegbi	
Radio Monash:	Thomas Lindgerwood	
General Representative:	Hadi Saab	
General Representative:	Sophia Tan	
General Representative:	Ayushi Panjwani	Proxy to Chloe Yeats
General Representative:	Louise Blair-West	Proxy to Chloe Polgaze
General Representative:	Marie Iliadis	
Observers:	James McDonald	
	Pierce Soulsby	
	Matt Powers	
	Jessica Garcia	
	Tal Pelach	
	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.

2. Confirmation of agenda order

Confirmed

3. Confirmation of previous minutes

MSC 2/19 Minutes

Attached to email

Motion #1:

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 2/19 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved: Jan Morgiewicz

Seconded: David Power

For: 20

Abstentions: 0

Against:

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

- a. **Education (Academic Affairs) 3/19**
- b. **Education (Public Affairs) 3/19**
- c. **Welfare 3/19**
- d. **Environment and Social Justice 3/19**
- e. **Queer 3/19**
- f. **Indigenous 3/19**
- g. **Disabilities and Carers 3/19**
- h. **People of Colour 3/19**

Attachment 1

Not submitted

Attachment 2

Not submitted

Attachment 3

Attachment 4

Attachment 5

Not submitted

Motion #2:

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

Moved: Peter Bui

Seconded: Declan Dempster

For: 20

Abstentions: 0

Against: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Amendment of the MSA Committee Regulations

The Education (Academics Affairs) Office is currently permitted only to appoint

a maximum of one student from each designated area (faculties / MUISS) for the purposes of the formation of the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC). Due to this restriction, it has in the past been difficult to organise meetings with the entire AAC. It has also resulted in some faculties not being adequately represented, as many faculties have quite separate and distinct disciplines, and each student is only a part of one of those disciplines. For these reasons, we seek to amend the Regulations to expand the number of members on the AAC, which will enable a more representative and active Committee. Ideally, we aim to have each Academic Rep (or equivalent) from each faculty's society, and another student from each faculty, appointed via the application process.

Joseph explains that the 2019 Academic Affairs committee is comprised of representatives from faculty societies and then another student who have applied for this position. When selecting students, the Education Academic Affairs officers contacted Clubs and Societies to put them in touch with the academic representatives from each faculty club. This allows the committee to use club resources and knowledge as well as that of every day students to get messages across about surveying for issues and assisting in running events.

Currently, the committee regulations only allow for one student per faculty, however, this motion aims change the regulation to say 'at least one' representative per faculty.

An increase in representatives will give more flexibility to students attending meetings and therefore it is more likely to have one representative per faculty at each meeting.

Declan asks if a quorum should be introduced as the regulations will allow for at least one representation per faculty.

Henry suggests that this may be difficult to achieve.

Joseph states that the Academic Affairs committee do not pass motions but rather discuss issues with students which they then allow up with the university.

Sophia explains that the Academic Affairs Committee is a means of directing and informing the office bearers of issues rather than voting.

Motion #3:

That this MSC amend the MSA Committee Regulations in accordance with the (Draft) MSA Committee Regulations attached to email.

Moved: Jo Friedman **Seconded:** Parker Brown

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Appointment of General Members to the Academic Affairs Committee

Motion #4:

That this MSC appoints the following people to the Academic Affairs Committee:

- Rohan Patel (Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences)
- Luke Franze (Biomedical Science)
- Emily So (Biomedical Science)
- Tayla Rabie (Nutrition and Dietetic)
- Ishan Joshi (I.T.)
- Siddhant Tandon (Engineering)
- Serena Unmack (Engineering)
- Fergus Smith (Business and Economics)
- Adam Nathan Zito (Education)
- James Matheson (Law)
- Tristan Jamson (Law)
- Chloe Yeats (Arts [other than music])
- Tal Pelach (Arts [Music])
- Emily Brooks (Science)
- Meg Ruyters (Science)
- Xicong Qin (MUISS)

Moved: Helena Kalfas

Seconded: Millie Dalton

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

7. Leave of absence for Tuesday Atzinger

Procedural Motion to move in camera for the next two motions

Moved: David Power

For: 20

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Observers and proxies leave the room 1:16pm

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

Procedural Motion to exempt Millie Dalton from the previous procedural motion to move in camera

Moved: Josh Hanegbi

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Millie re-enters 1:18pm

Motion #5:

That this MSC grants Tuesday Atzinger an unpaid leave of absence for a period up to 3 months effective Thursday 4th April.

Moved: David Power **Seconded:** Magdalena Kozlowski

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Leave of absence for Thomas Benning

Motion #6:

That this MSC grants Thomas Benning an unpaid leave of absence for a period up to 3 months effective Friday 5th April.

Moved: David Power **Seconded:** Magdalena Kozlowski
For: 15
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural Motion to move out of camera

Moved: Parker Brown
For: 15
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

End of Confidential Section

Observers and proxies re-enter 1:26pm

9. Appointment of Caretaker Environment and Social Justice Officer

Jessica explains that she is looking forward to the role and is currently studying about the environment and social justice issues.

Motion #7:

That this MSC appoints Jessica Garcia as caretaker to the position of Environment and Social Justice Officer for the period of Thomas Benning's leave of absence, pursuant to s.38(7)(b) of the MSA Constitution.

Moved: David Power **Seconded:** Jan Morgiewicz
For: 20
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. General Business

David wishes to congratulate the NTEU and MSA Education on successful strike last took place last Wednesday. The organisers took a straw poll of the campus before and on the day of the strike and noticed a significant decrease in students on campus on the day of the

strike. The combination of MSA Education and the NTEU managed to decrease attendance by a third to half of the people. David looks forward to working with the NTEU in the future.

Dao enters the room 1:29pm

Meeting closes 1:29pm.

Next meeting at 1pm on Thursday 18th April in the Conference Room.

Attachment 1:



EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) REPORT

MSC 3

CHERIE FUNG & JOSEPH FRIEDMAN

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Organising student representatives for all Academic Progress Committee (APC) Hearings**
 - The last of the APC hearings have been held
- **Organising and selecting the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)**
 - We have selected members for the 2019 AAC (subject to approval at the MSC)
 - We are planning to hold our first AAC meeting in the week of 8 April 2019
- **Reviewing Draft Enrolment and Timetable Policy and Procedures**
 - We completed a review of the Draft Enrolment and Timetable Policy and Procedures after collating feedback from key stakeholders
- **We have attended the following meetings:**
 - MoVE Program Group
 - LiVE Program Group
 - Learning System Enhancement Processes
 - Students as Partners Framework
 - iSaPi Application Working Group
 - Meetings with various other stakeholders, including Monash Education Innovation and Students Advocacy and Support

GOALS

Goal	Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)	Comments
Facilitate student representation on Academic Progress Committees	Complete.	
Establish the Academic Affairs Committee for 2019	Complete.	Pending MSC approval.
Goals going forward: Assessment related: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that students are well-informed about e-exams • Free downloadable PDF Unofficial Transcript 	Ongoing.	We are currently looking at raising the free downloadable PDF unofficial academic transcript at the next Learning and Teaching Committee meeting.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to recorded lectures across units/faculties • Reducing weighting of final exams • Push for all units to have a minimum number of available practice exams and solutions, in the same format in which the students will be sitting the exam (e.g. e-exam or paper exam) • Chief Examiner at each exam? • Creating “Exam Survival” kits/pamphlets in collaboration with the Welfare department <p>Education related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closely follow the potential introduction of more affordable and accessible e-textbooks • Training for C&S Leaders about academic support services • “Your Life at Monash” Map • Education Week • Speakers / public lectures • Stakeholder interviews? 		<p>We understand there is a university-wide review of the assessment policies which includes a review of the procedures around practice exams and solutions. We will be paying close attention to this review and ensure our contribution is heard.</p>
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BUDGET EXPENDITURE

Date	Description	Amount	Comments
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Attachment 2:
Welfare Report

The Welfare Department has spent the first five weeks improving on its cornerstones. These include Free Food Monday, Survival centre, Yoga and more.

Free Food Mondays have been going really well so far, the turnout has been great with well over 200 plates served each week. The meals have been cost effective yet the feedback has been positive from those attending. We are slowly learning how to include and introduce more into the event and are planning to expand on meals, introduce desserts and fruits.

The Survival centre has had a revamp this semester with a new schedule based system brought into effect. Learning from last year, where a large amount of stock was taken over a weekend, we have introduced a schedule so that there is highly wanted goods from 9am-5pm on a Tuesday and Friday. This allows students to still have access to food and other supplies for 16 hours during the week and the Friday allows them to stock up for the weekend if they need to. There is still clothes and some toiletries in the room outside of these hours for people to access.

Free Yoga is running again at Monash Sport and the attendance for that has been really good (75% full). This has allowed students to access a great service for free and is an opportunity to unwind and relax.

The Welfare Department has also been planning for stress less week and welfare on wheels. Stress less week aims to be a great opportunity for students to relax and catch their breath before exams and swotvac through a range of events. Welfare on wheels will once again be running in the libraries this year and we will be handing out thousands of items for students to help them during week 12 and swotvac.

Attachment 3:

Headings for MSC reports:

Introduction

We started semester strong with O week. We were extremely popular this year. We've had major events running with our weekly events. We've also increased our visibility dramatically by utilising our social media more this year and have had greater reach by making MQD a closed group instead of secret on Facebook.

Key Activities

O Week

O'week was very successful, with us giving out almost all of our 200 bags. We are in drastically short supply of our badges after o'week with word getting around where MQD was stationed causing many to come to our stall. We also had opportunities to tell everyone about our upcoming events and what we offer, causing our early events to be very successful.

Pixel bar

This social event was estimated to be successful following last year's reception, but with the new year and increased university and media presence, we saw an increase to 120 ticket registrations for the event which was unexpected. As you can imagine, the allocated bar tab for the event was exhausted. The event was an introductory event aimed at new members to welcome them to the department as well as provide a easy sociable environment to make friends.

Queer Social

The event ran smoothly and was extremely successful with 155 tickets sold with many more members requesting spots in Wholefoods to attend the event. The event involved serving a free Wholefoods vegan lasagne with salad to all attendees as well as chai tea. Many queer groups around campus were involved with being a speaker at the event including MONSU Queer, GLEAM, DiverseIT, Monash Queer Health Collective, Inclusive Communities (formerly Diversity & Inclusion), Monash Residential Services Queer Portfolio, and Queer Leadership Sponsorship recipient. Some Queer groups were unable to attend including MONSU Parkville Queer, Monash Law Queer, and MPA Queer officers.

Refurbished the lounge with non-perishables

The lounge stock has been replenished with non-perishables such as long-life milk, 2-min noodles, and hot chocolate following a cost-co run. Buying in bulk saves us money as well as making it very easy to restock the lounge since all we need to do is go to our office and grab the supplies.

Poster series was created

This has been distributed and can be found on campus to raise visibility to our social media and our events. This has led to an increase in confidence in people with regards to their identities as well as increased MQD presence and awareness around the university.

Queer ball

Has been organised. Bookings have been made for the 12th of April at Sir John's Bar and we have have bookings for a photobooth as well as DJs. This is ally inclusive and will

Updated and ratified the safer spaces policy

Held a workshop pertaining to the safer spaces policy where Daniel's Vegan Doughnuts were given to attendees in the Queer Lounge. The event caused the room to fill to the brim with probably over 40 attendees.

The safer spaces policy was ratified by the Queer Affairs Committee as well as run by MSA HR Jenn.

LGB-Morning Tea & Queer Beers

Weekly events still garner much attention and love and help foster a community for MQD. Many find that weekly and casual events are an easy way to catch up with friends as well as enter the Queer Lounge for the first time and using the weekly events as an opportunity to make friends.

Actions & Achievements

- Sell out event (Queer social)
- Updated the safer spaces policy
- Have started collaborations with other departments **CLA** (for wednesday sesh in semester 2), **D+C** at O week

Progress on assigned goals from last report:

- Update MQD safer spaces policy
 - MQD Safer Spaces Policy has been updated and published.
- Fully clean out the queer office/lounge in preparation for o'week
 - Queer Lounge was fully cleaned out for the year
- Fill 200 showbags for o'week (badges, fliers, lollies)
 - Showbags were all filled out, and some spares are left for future events

Budget expenditure

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount (\$)	Line item	Comments
	08/03/19	Pixel Bar	\$700	Social Function	Week 1
	14/03/19	Don't be a Doughnut	\$60	Social Function	A workshop where we explain the updated safer spaces policy
	22/03/19	Queer Social Night	\$900	Social Function	Week 3

Attachment 4:

Stephanie Ward & Jessica Bennett

INDIGENOUS REPORT

[Report to MSC 03/19]

Report covering 10 February – 27 March 2019

KEY ACTIVITIES

Steph and Jess have had a busy few weeks getting into the semester. They were honoured to host the Wominjeka event with Robyn in O-week, as well as help host the orientation day with the new and returning Indigenous students at Yulendj.

They hosted their first event, *Bullsh*t Rambles*, in week 2 where they had around 20 students participate in debates and impromptu speeches for prizes. The event was a real hit. They also hosted an early morning pancake breakfast for students that study early in Week 3 and hope to hold these again every three weeks.

Steph has also led the work to establish the social netball team, which has been going well. There is a cohort of around 30-40 students that have some form of participation and support each week.

GOALS

Goal	Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)	Comments
Increase Indigenous student engagement at Yulendj.	Ongoing.	This is our main goal for 2019. We hope to achieve this by offering a range of events that appeal to different people that are centred around culture.

Set up our calendar of events for the year.	Completed.	
Start planning for Indigenous Nationals.	Ongoing.	Steph and Jess will be working with Yulendj to coordinate a team to attend Indigenous Nationals in Perth in June.

Attachment 5:

Disabilities & Carers OB Report

MSC 3/19

Over the past few weeks we have revamped our online presence with new graphics for Facebook and new Facebook groups to suit the needs of the diverse group of people within the department. The groups are now linked to the D&C Facebook page which makes moderating the groups much easier and will be of benefit for years to come. A lot of what we do happens online so the formation of these groups facilitates communication with students and enables peer to peer support for those who need it. A D&C specific Safer Spaces policy has been created for our lounge and the online spaces, it details acceptable behaviour and is there to ensure everyone feels welcome, supported and safe when interacting with the department.

In regard to events we have been working on an Auslan sign language workshop and a carers support group.

Ongoing support has been provided to various individuals within the department.

Collaboration has taken place with committee members from Monash Young Medtech Innovators to help with the design and rollout of their Medhack: Enabled hackathon information bundle. We will also be helping to promote this event and are encouraging students to get involved.