

Monash Student Council
13/19

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 13/19 of the Monash Student Council is to be held in the MSA Conference Room at **1:00PM** on Thursday the 5th of October 2019.

Meeting opened at 1:14 pm

1. Attendance

President	Henry Fox	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Helena Kalfas	
Secretary:	Jett Fogarty	Proxy to Liz Chiem
Education (Public Affairs):	Tuesday Atzinger	Proxy to Basia Mitula
Education (Academic Affairs):	Cherie Fung	
Activities:	Declan Dempster	
CLA:	Shannon Brown	Proxy to Joshua Pelach
Welfare:	James McDonald	
Indigenous:	Steph Ward	
Environment & Social Justice:	Santino Raftellis	
Women's:	Meghan Wright	Proxy to Marni O'Connell
Queer:	Ed King-Cain	Absent
Disabilities & Carers:	Magdalena Kozlowski	Absent
People of Colour:	Nakiso Gwatidzo	
MUISS:	Helen Minh Hang Vu	Apology
MAPS:		
Clubs & Societies:	Bahe Balamaheswaran	
Radio Monash:	Giorgia Cahoon	
General Representative:	Hadi Saab	

General Representative:	Sophia Tan	Proxy to Chris Watson
General Representative:	Ayushi Panjwani	Proxy to Zi Kit Toh
General Representative:	Louise Blair-West	
General Representative:	Marie Iliadis	Absent

Observers:

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

MSC 12/19

Attached to email

Motion #1: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That this MSC confirms the minutes of MSC 12/19 to be a true and accurate recording of proceedings.

Moved: Hadi **Seconded:** Steph

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

5. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

Education (Academic Affairs)

Attached to email.

Education (Public Affairs)

Not Submitted

Welfare

Attached to email.

Environment and Social Justice

Attached to email.

Queer

Attached to email.

Indigenous

Not Submitted

Disabilities and Carers

Attached to email.

People of Colour

Not Submitted

Henry explains reporting procedure, that if a department or division fails to submit a report when they are scheduled to do so they are required to submit a report on their next reporting scheduling failing to do that they are then in breach of MSA regulations for OBs.

Motion #2:

“That this MSC notes that Ed Pub are in breach of the MSA Regulations for Office-Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies, for failing to submit their reports (13/19) on two consecutive occasions. In accordance with 17.4.3 of the regulations, this MSC directs the above listed persons to submit their reports (13/19) to the next MSC.”

Moved: Helena

Seconded: Santino

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Declan enquires about the welfare report and the inclusion of the years events

James explains that it was a full year report and not just a report on the last few operating weeks of the department

Motion #3: Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

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

Moved: Helena

Seconded: Steph

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

6. MSA Financial Statement

Hadi explains that this is for the October financial statement

Motion #4: MSA Financial Statement

That this MSC accepts the submitted MSA financial statement

Moved: Helena

Seconded: James

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

7. MSA Uniform Policy

Henry explains that all MSA policies need to be approved at MSC and explains the MTPD, RTO that is down the corridor now wears a uniform and we need to update the policy to reflect that

Helena explains that the request has come from them and that MSA executive has endorsed the uniform policy update

Motion #5: MSA Uniform Policy

That this MSC approves the updated MSA policy

Moved: Santino

Seconded: James

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Budget for 2020

Henry explains that it should be noted that there will be an amendment for the divisions early next year, this will be to give the divisions the capacity to get paid an honorarium. OBs are paid not hourly but more for the work they do, and there seems to be a disparity between the Division presidents and the work they do and the work the OBs do

Henry further adds that we have run into a complication in that International students can only work 20 hours per week, and the tax office may assume they are working with a salary and this might cause issues with their visa

Declan enquires about the 20% cut to Lots Wife

Helena explains that it is for the honorarium and in fact their other budget lines have increased

James explains that is as they have less editors now so the honorarium is to reflect that

Santino adds that they have actually got an increase in order to produce 6 issues instead of 5 done this year. Further adding that it is keep them in line with being able to purchase more environmentally friendly issues

Declan enquires about the Biker co. budget, asking if they are going to have to work harder or are they shutting their hours

Santino explains that the current full-time employee is going from 5 days to 4 days and getting a casual staff for the 5th day. Santino also states that they are looking quite good for next year and that they are likely to turn a profit

Henry states that their end of year result was close to equal and that is despite some issues faced with staffing earlier in the year

Declan explain that this one in particular is pretty close to home. Declan also enquires about the Wholefoods' \$1 line and the Wholefoods' part

Henry explains that the reason is that wholefoods' purpose is to break even and the profit they do earn is just reinvested directly into Wholefoods

Declan directs his question at Bahe what the extra money for C&S is for

Bahe breaks it down that it is for the extra part time staff member and Henry further explains what the break down is about the part time finance officer and the new C&S Administrator office

Henry appreciates the questions and states that critical analysis of the budget is important

Motion #6: MSA Financial Statement

That this MSC accepts and adopts the proposed budget for 2020

Moved: Helena

Seconded: Santino

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. General Business

Santino explains about how we recognise work and people who have contributed to MSA and explains how we have a board that recognises the Presidents of the MSA and we also have a board that recognises individuals who have had an important contribution to the MSA and and a positive contribution to student life. Santino adds that we should recognise Mr.Saab's contribution to the MSA as he embodies what we as an organisation are aspiring for, someone who engages with communities on campus and is diligent in his work. As a member of the executive in an unpaid role, although others have done this role, I don't think we have ever seen someone invest this much time and this much effort and has taken on

additional duties this year when things came up that did not permit others to be able to do theirs.

Santino states that we have the capacity as an MSC to make an individual an honorary life member of the organisation, we have used that very sparingly in the past.

Henry is unsure if that is something we can do in an MSC and would advise we do it next year at the AGM

Hadi explains that it is indeed possible and has been done historically through this forum as is done in other clubs and society bodies in the MSA

Motion #7: Honorary Life Membership

That this MSC acknowledges the valuable contributions of Hadi Saab in his time in the MSA both as the People of Colour Officer and as the Executive General Representative and directs the MSC, if possible in this forum, to award him honorary life membership, or if not possible to explore the ability to do so in the upcoming AGM in 2020

Moved: Santino

Seconded: Josh

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed at 1:33PM