

Monash Student Council
1A/20

AGENDA

Meeting 1.A/20 of the Monash Student Council is to be held in Tutorial Room 1 Conference Room (R1131) Level 1, Campus Centre, 21 Chancellors Walk, Monash University Clayton 3800 **at 11:00AM** on Thursday the 23rd of January 2020.

Opened at: **11:08am**

1. Attendance

President	James McDonald	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Santino Raftellis	
Secretary:	Liz Chiem	(Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Leonard Maletzke	Proxy to Harrini Ratnanesan
Education (Academic Affairs):	Hugh Vuillier	
Activities:	Joseph Lau	Apology
CLA:	Georgia Bell	
Welfare:	Rebecca Ambler	Proxy to Nick Broussard
Indigenous:	Jessica Bennett	Apology
Environment & Social Justice:	Marni O'Connell	Apology
Women's:	Eva Scopellitia	Apology
Queer:	Anvita Nair	
Disabilities & Carers:	Basia Mitula	Apology
People of Colour:		Proxy to Sabrin Said arrived at 1132
	Ayush Tarway	
MUISS:	Helen Vu	Apology
MAPS:	N/A	
Clubs & Societies:	Bahe Balamaheswaran	
Radio Monash:	Giorgia Cahoon	
General Representative:	Noria Akbari	Apology
General Representative:	Nicholas Geisler	

General Representative: Pierce Soulsby

General Representative: Philip Danh

General Representative: Phoebe Gray

Observers:

Emily Boyce

Kitty MacLauchlan

Drew Alsop

Rohan Jackson

Chloe Gabrielle

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. MSC Executive

Motion #1:

That this MSC resolves to allow the Executive to authorise expenditure of up to \$10,000 per item in its role as day-to-day Manager of the MSA. Further, that a summary of executive financial motions be tabled at every MSC meeting.

Amended Motion:

That this MSC resolves to allow the Executive to authorise expenditure of up to \$10,000 per item in its role as day-to-day Manager of the MSA, **pursuant to the MSA**

Constitution excluding staffing, industrial and legal expenditure. Further, that a summary of executive financial motions be tabled at every MSC meeting.

Moved: Santino Raftellis **Seconded:** Harrini Ratnanesan

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

James explained the role of the MSA executive and the process of approving funds via Exec

Liz amends the motion as per advice from the MSA financial team.

Motion #2:

That this MSC seeks nominations for the position of General Member of the MSA Executive.
Noting only General Representatives can be elected to and vote for this position.

Moved: Santino Raftellis **Seconded:** Nicholas Geisler

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

James calls for nominations for the role of Gen Rep Exec.

James explains that only Gen Reps can vote or nominate for the position.

Philip Danh nominated.

Santino Raftellis nominated Noria Akbari on her behalf.

James explains election will go to a ballot.

General Representatives cast vote and the James counts the ballot.

James notifies the results of the ballot, Noria has been elected to the Executive as the general member.

Motion #3:

That this MSC approves the election of Noria Akbari to the MSA Executive for 2019. Elected pursuant to s24.1(e) of the MSA Constitution.

Moved: Pierce Soulsby **Seconded:** Bahe Balamaheswaran

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION – PASSED UNANIMMOUSLY

Motion #4:

That this MSC seeks nominations for the position of Divisional Representative Member of the MSA Executive.

Noting only Divisional Representatives can be elected to and vote for this position.

Moved: Santino **Seconded:** Hugh

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMMOUSLY

James calls for nominations for the role Divisional Representative to the Executive.

James explains that only Divisional Representatives can vote or nominate for the position.

Bahe Balamaheswaran nominated for the position.

James calls on further nominations.

James explains that as no other nominations are received the election does not need to go a ballot.

Motion #5:

That this MSC approves the election of Bahe Balamaheswaran to the MSA Executive for 2019. Elected pursuant to s24.1(d) of the MSA Constitution.

Moved: Giorgia Coon **Seconded:** Nicholas Geisler

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION: CARRIED

General Business

Philip Danh proposed a motion.

Preamble

Today we at Monash stands together as our community grieves for our country.

We at the MSA extend our sympathies to all of those whose communities are impacted and those who have lost homes or loved ones.

Australia has been engulfed by a bushfire crisis since September which has seen 29 lives taken, millions of animals killed, over 2000 homes destroyed and countless communities damaged. While bushfires are a part of the Australian summer, these prolonged and apocalyptic scenes this bushfire season is unprecedented.

Today we acknowledge the devastating impacts of climate change on this disaster and call upon our governments, state and federal, to do more.

Australia remains one of the world's largest exporters of coal and gas despite the continual rise of global emissions. This has resulted in prolonged periods of extreme heat, drying vegetation and therefore exacerbating the intensity of fires.

The [2020 Climate Change Performance Index](#), ranks Australia last out of 57 countries on climate policy, describing Scott Morrison's Government as a 'regressive force' on climate action. Although the federal government insists it is reducing emissions, the United Nations Emissions Gap report found that Australia will not meet its 2030 Paris targets. As the New York Times put it, Australia is committing climate suicide.

Motion #6:

This MSC:

Acknowledges the link between Climate Change and the 2019-20 Australian Bushfire Disaster

Condemns federal government's inaction on climate change and the mishandling of the bushfire crisis

Calls for a just transition both nationally and globally to a sustainable economy in the mould of a Green New Deal

Action:

This MSC directs the ESJ, Welfare, Activities and CLAC office bearers to include a bushfire fundraising element to the first Wednesday Session of Semester 1 2020, where all profit is directed to a charity decided on by the ESJ Office Bearers.

The MSC will continue to support and advocate for climate action including student protests and public meetings

Amended Motion

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Action:

1. This MSC directs the MSA executive and relevant office bearers to raise money for bushfire recovery by way of an event or initiative where money is directed to a charity decided by the MSA executive and consultation with relevant Office bearers.

2. The MSC will continue to support and advocate for climate action including student protests and public meetings

Moved: Phil **Seconded:** Santino

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION

Phillip suggested the idea of a fundraiser for the bushfires as a great initiative that everyone can get behind, with the possibility of utilizing Wednesdays Sessions which often draw big crowds.

Santino thanked Phil for putting up the motion, supported the action points, especially of the MSA taking initiative. Noted that the MSA has already action both internally and with relevant Office Bearers.

Santino expressed concern about confining it to a Wednesday session when there are possibilities of it being run as a completely separate event, potentially earlier than week 1.

Santino suggested an amendment to the motion to either have a general overture to the MSA directing Executives and relevant Office Bearers to collaborate in a fundraiser/event/activity/initiative etc. to give a wider scope to ensure an outcome is achieved

Phil was happy for amendment.

Santino typed up and read out amended motion.

Philip Danh proposed a motion

Preamble

Rainbow rebellion has called a rally for the 9th of February against the religious discrimination bill proposed by the Morrison Liberal Government. It is imperative that the Monash Student Association backs the rally in the interest of women and LGBTI students whose access to medical services, their opportunities of employment, schooling and accommodation will be adversely affected by the passing of this bill.

Motion #7:

Motion:

This motion contains a number of points to be passed:

1. This MSC condemns the proposed religious discrimination bill and the openly supports the Rainbow Rebellion's planned rally against it.
2. The Monash Student Association encourages the student body to attend the rally. It will do so by posting to its social media platforms, by issuing a request to all clubs and societies to promote the rally to all their email list and on their Facebook pages, and by emailing all MSA members the details of the rally and a persuasion for attending it.
3. The MSA supports the project of Rainbow Rebellion of activists against all forms of LGBTI discrimination in the tradition of gay liberation and radical trans activism.

Amended Motion:

1. This MSC condemns the proposed religious discrimination bill and the openly supports the Rainbow Rebellion's planned rally against it.

2. The Monash Student Association **actions and mobilises the relevant office-bearers, particularly the Queer Officers, in bringing together a contingent to attend this rally. Furthermore, the MSA commits itself to actively supporting this initiative and spreading it amongst relevant MSA channels.**

3. The MSA supports the project of Rainbow Rebellion of activists against all forms of LGBTI discrimination in the tradition of gay liberation and radical trans activism.

Moved: Philip Danh **Seconded:** Anvita Nair

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstentions:

MOTION: CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Phil states that this bill is harmful to students and the wider community the MSA as an organization that stands up for student rights and injustice should get behind this.

Chloe (observer) agreed with the importance of the MSA taking a stance, and how this bill will not only affect LGBTQI students but everyone.

Anvita supported the general sentiment entirely but expressed concern, as queer officer she stated that the department was already thinking of putting up an event with a contingent to attend the rally.

Anvita suggested instead that the MSA support such event and calling on relevant Office Bearers mobilise their communities and departments and share to the wider MSA platform, further encouraging the student body to attend these rallies.

Anvita asked if everyone was happy to allow the Queer Department to take charge and bring on the wider MSA community.

Phil agreed.

Anvita made amendments to motion.

Rohan (observer) stated the importance of this support, as if this bill is passed it means the university's own policies on religious discrimination become irrelevant and will make it impossible on campus to prevent religious discrimination against students.

Pierce agreed with opposing the religious discrimination bill and asked for clarification about the organization of the Rainbow Rebellion.

Phil explained that they are a group of activist that are planning the rally and deferred the question to Chloe.

Chloe added that they are broad representatives of the LGBTIQ community, originally called Equal Love.

James deferred the chair to Santino.

James expressed similar sentiments on the importance of the motion and really glad it was brought to council especially early on. He agreed with Anvita about giving the charge to the relevant office bearers to direct this will ensure it goes about the right way.

James praised everyone for being so accommodating to all the amendments so far.

James takes back the chair.

Sabrin Said arrived at 11:32pm

Anvita reads out amended motion for clause 2.

Phil agreed to amendments.

Meeting Closed – 11:34pm