

Meeting opened at 11am on 1/7/21.

MINUTES

A. Attendance

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Proxy</u> |
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| President | Marni O'Connell | |
| Treasurer: | Bailey Webb | |
| Secretary: | Joshua Pelach | |
| Education (Public Affairs): | Alex Bourikas | |
| Education (Academic Affairs): | Charlee Hawkes | |
| Activities: | Sean Hanna | |
| CLA: | Nick Broussard | |
| Welfare: | Thanura Ediri | |
| Indigenous: | Isobella Kruger | |
| Environment & Social Justice: | Georgia Saunders | Josh Strauss |
| Women's: | Chloe Yeats | |
| Queer: | Amber Hodgson | Sascha Cowley |
| Disabilities & Carers: | Tiana Sixsmith | |
| People of Colour: | Jersyn Doh | |
| Res Community Department: | Lily Van Berkel | |
| MUISS: | Sejuti Saha | |
| MAPS: | | |
| Clubs & Societies: | Francesco Barrese | |
| Radio Monash: | Giorgia Cahoon | |
| General Representative: | Eva Scopelliti | |
| General Representative: | Ishka de Silva | |
| General Representative: | Dzemaal Efendic | |
| General Representative: | Grace Ang | Millie Page |
| General Representative: | | |

B. 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.

C. Confirmation of Agenda Order

Confirmed

D. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion #1:

That this MSC confirms the [minutes of MSC 5/21](#) to be a true and accurate recording of proceedings.

Moved: Bailey Webb

Seconded: Nick Broussard

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

[Indigenous Department](#)

[People of Colour Department](#)

[Activities Department](#)

[Education Public Affairs Department](#)

[Queer Department](#)

Motion #2:

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

Moved: Sean Hanna

Seconded: Ishka De Silva

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

F. Financial Matters

Motion #3:

This MSC moves to accept the [MSA Financial Statement](#) for May 2021.

Moved: Bailey Webb **Seconded:** Joshua Pelach

For: 22
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Bailey remarked that the financial statement demonstrates that MSA is in a comfortable position across the board. Wholefoods and Sir John's, alongside MSA's other commercial enterprises, are struggling due to COVID, but I am working closely with our Operations and Finance Team to ensure that they are on track to a more balanced budget.

Motion #4:

This MSC moves to adopt the proposed [MSA Finance Regulations](#).

Moved: Joshua Pelach **Seconded:** Bailey Webb

For: 22
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Josh explained that the Finance Regulations have been developed in conjunction with the MSA Finance Team in order to ensure that the requisite approvals are given before MSA Funds are appropriated or expended. It is essential that the appropriate checks and balances are put in place to avoid wasted expenditure and unintended liabilities.

G. Constitutional Matters

Motion #37:

This MSC moves to convene a general meeting of members for the 12th of August at 11am for the purpose of ratifying constitutional amendments passed by referendum between 2018 and 2020.

Moved: Joshua Pelach **Seconded:** Bailey Webb

For: 22
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED

H. Election Tender

Motion #5:

Upon review of the MSA Executive Officer's [Election Tender Summary](#), this MSC moves to approve OGL's tender submission to conduct MSA Elections for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Moved: Bailey Webb

Seconded: Joshua Pelach

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Bailey explained that, upon review of the election tender summary provided by the MSA Executive Officer, OGL presents a more suitable alternative as there are no unforeseen costs which may arise throughout the election process.

I. Policy-based Motions

Motion regarding extending ASN into Semester 2, 2021

Preamble: MSA is proud to have played a significant role in securing the extension of the Academic Safety Net (ASN) in Semester 1, 2021. However, it is integral that all students continue to have the support that they require, given that circumstances are still far from 'normal'.

COVID-19 still continues to induce sporadic lockdowns, threaten the employment and economic security of students, provoke added stress and anxiety and disrupt learning. The Academic Safety Net has been integral in mitigating these impacts, and, until a proper vaccine rollout has been achieved, the ASN should continue to be accessible.

Motion #6:

This MSC moves to:

- Continue MSA's fight for the extension of the ASN into Semester 2, 2021
- Endorse the work of the Education (Academic Affairs) Officers in achieving this

Moved: Alex Bourikas

Seconded: Charlee Hawkes

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Marni deferred the chair to Bailey and stated her support for the motion, and the importance of continuing to advocate for a robust, comprehensive ASN policy in light of COVID outbreaks throughout the country and the continuation of remote learning arrangements.

Motion regarding a safe & inclusive campus

Preamble: MSA continues to stand unequivocally against any type of discrimination and violence to our students. Equally, MSA reaffirms its stance against all forms of discrimination, violence and harrasment against students on campus. We will continue to prioritise respectful discourse, and the safety and inclusion of all students at Monash University Clayton campus. Moreover, we commit to ensuring that all students who have been affected in any way by the conflict have access to the appropriate support services.

To have also seen a rise in hate speech and threats of violence on campus has been disappointing. MSA has been closely monitoring the situation to ensure that all students on campus remain safe and are treated with dignity and respect, no matter their background. MSA has also been in close contact with University Management, Safer Community Unit and Monash Security to ensure that Monash's Respect Now, Always policy, alongside its discrimination and harrasment policy, are firmly upheld.

Motion #7:

This MSC moves to:

- Continue to maintain a zero-tolerance policy on any form of discrimination, harrasment or threats of violence to any student, of any culture, of any religion.
- Ensure that wellbeing and support services continue to be accessible for any students that have been impacted by the violence and tensions both abroad and around campus.

Moved: Bailey Webb

Seconded: Eva Scopelliti

For: 21

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Marni deferred her chair and explained that, in light of considerable unrest and conflict in the international community, which has in turn led to rising tensions among students on campus, it is essential that MSA reaffirms its stance against discrimination and harassment of any kind and strives to ensure student discourse is safe and respectful.

Motion regarding the international student hotline

Preamble: With all exams being once again online for students, offshore students were once again facing a specific set of challenges. With the added difficulties posed by varied COVID-19 conditions in different countries, specific and varied support was needed.

MSA is consequently proud to have secured an international exam support hotline for all students located offshore. This allowed students in Northern China, Hong Kong and Indonesia to use free-call numbers to contact IT support during their exams.

Motion #8:

This MSC moves to:

- Commend the work of the MSA Education (Academic Affairs) and Education (Public Affairs) in securing this important initiative
- Endorse the work of the MSA Education departments in pushing for the expansion of this initiative to other areas overseas

Moved: Alex Bourikas

Seconded: Charlee Hawkes

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

I. General Business

Meeting Closed