

Meeting opened at 11:00am on 13/05/2022

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**

**A. Attendance**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
President	Ishka De Silva	
Treasurer:	Sean Hanna	
Secretary:	Joshua Strauss	
Education (Public Affairs):	John Nguyen	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Elizabeth Walker	Absent
Activities:	Chayli McCann	
CLA:	Jack Barry	
Welfare:	Demitri Kaminis	
Indigenous:		
Environment & Social Justice:	Seb Schultz	
Women's:	Aayushi Shah	
Queer:	Kieran Couchman	
Disabilities & Carers:	Lyndelle Chan	
People of Colour:	Linh Thai	
Res Community Department:	Mahzarin Katrak	
MUISS:	Jesslyn Soegiharto	
MAPS:	Millie Page	
Clubs & Societies:	Matthew Chipman	
Radio Monash:	Gabby Mountjoy	
General Representative:	Giorgia Giannakopoulos	Luci Watts
General Representative:	Paris Enten	
General Representative:	Arjun Girish	Gurpal Randhawa
General Representative:	Gavin Douch	
General Representative:	Aimee Boston	Absent

**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. 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 the MSC 4/22](#) to be true and accurate recording of proceedings.  
**Moved:** Sean Hanna                      **Seconded:** Aayushi Shah  
**For:**                                              19  
**Against:**                                        0  
**Abstentions:**                                0  
**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports**

<a href="#">President</a>
<a href="#">Secretary</a>
<a href="#">Treasurer</a>
<a href="#">Creative and Live Arts</a>
<a href="#">Activities</a>
<a href="#">Clubs and Societies</a>
<a href="#">MUISS</a>
<a href="#">MAPS</a>

**Motion #2:**  
 This MSC accepts all submitted office-bearer and divisional reports en bloc.  
**Moved:** Jack Barry      **Seconded:** Linh Thai  
**For:**                                              19  
**Against:**                                        0  
**Abstentions:**                                0  
**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**F. Motions relating to social justice**

Preamble: In the last month, Politico released an article revealing that within an initial draft majority opinion, the Supreme Court of the United States has voted to overturn the historical Roe v Wade precedent. The Roe v Wade precedent ensures the right to a safe abortion is protected at a federal constitutional level.

If the draft majority opinion is successful, the overturning of Roe v Wade will have huge ramifications not only in the United States but at an international level. In Australia, the discourse surrounding the overturning of Roe v Wade could lead to the regression of bodily autonomy and access to abortion, as precedents upheld by the SCOTUS are highly influential upon the Australian judicial system.

The right to abortion is a fundamental human right. The potential regression of one's right to an abortion will lead to the demise of the protection of womens and people with uterus' safety, health and autonomy at a legal and social level. Additionally, legal action, like the regression of one's right to abortion, disproportionately affects marginalised groups, like people of colour, trans and gender diverse individuals and people from low-socio economic background.

**Motion #3:**

This MSC moves to:

- Ensure that MSA stands with marginalised groups disproportionately affected by legislative restrictions on the right to abortion.
- Recognise the right to abortion is a human right.
- Condemn the Supreme Court of the United States' initial draft majority opinion to overrule the decision of Roe v Wade, of which safeguards American peoples' federal constitution protection of the right to abortion.
- Continue supporting the Womens department and the Environment and Social Justice department in advocating for the protection of the right to abortion across the world.

**Moved:** Aayushi Shah                      **Seconded:** Paris Enten

**For:**                                              20

**Against:**                                        0

**Abstentions:**                                0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Millie arrived at 11:04am.*

Preamble: On Friday the 6th of May, the Monash Association of Sustainability, Borrow Cup, Precious Plastics and the ESJ department conducted a trash audit. This involved collecting data and disposing of all trash on the Clayton campus that had not been appropriately placed in bins.

The data derived from this audit can be found [here](#).

**Motion #4:**

This MSC moves to:

- Thank the Monash Association of Sustainability, Borrow Cup and Precious Plastics for the work on the trash audit.
- Recognise that excessive plastic use and associated pollution is a harmful practice on campus that requires more time and resources to be addressed.
- Continue to support all clubs and students on campus who promote reusable plastics, such as the container trial that is soon to be conducted by the same sustainability-oriented groups.
- Assist in the spread of data from the trash audit once it has been finalised.

**Moved:** Seb Schultz

**Seconded:** Aayushi Shah

**For:** 20

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Preamble: It is important to recognise that student councils can hold enormous sway over how safe and accepted students feel both on and off campus. Student councils should continuously affirm their support for marginalised communities and pledge to fight against discrimination of any form wherever it may arise.

Particularly, student councils should endeavour to consult and collaborate with marginalised groups before making resolutions that directly impacts them.

**Motion #5:**

This MSC recognises that marginalised groups have the right to define what determines discrimination. This MSC takes a firm stance against the boycotting of institutions or individuals simply because of their nationality, race, religion, or any other personal characteristic, and pledges to take measures against bigotry, racism and ignorance, including:

- By establishing MSA-led faith and culture-based working groups to provide a safe academic and social environment through empowering student voices.
- By pledging that this MSC will never endorse or condone a movement that is antisemitic, islamophobic or bigoted in any way.

**Moved:** Paris Enten                      **Seconded:** Joshua Strauss

**For:**                      20

**Against:**                0

**Abstentions:**        0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Paris thanked members of MSC involved in the writing of this motion. Paris expressed the importance of marginalised groups knowing that they are accepted on campus.*

*Ishka deferred the chair to Sean. Ishka echoed Paris' sentiments and put her support behind this motion. MSA exists to protect students and advocate for their safety.*

*Ishka took back the chair.*

Preamble: Channel 10 News First recently aired a report demonstrating the continual neglect of disabled Victorians wanting to travel via V-Line trains by the Victorian Government. The report revealed that due to the inaccessible structure of V-Line trains, disabled Victorians are being abandoned on platforms without assistance because they are unable to access the train carriage, denied access to bathrooms and forced to travel in luggage compartments.

At present, the Victorian government has targets requiring them to ensure that its V-Line services and stations are fully accessible by 2032. However, in Channel 10's report, the Victorian government admitted that it will not be able to meet this target. The Victorian government has pushed back this target to 2066.

It is unacceptable for disabled Victorians to be continued to be treated as an after-thought by the government and consequently being denied their right to travel and live, like their able-bodied counterparts.

**Motion #6:**

This MSC moves to:

-Condemn the Victorian Government for allowing the heinous discrimination of disabled Victorians travelling on VLine trains.

-Call on the Victorian Government to do better by ensuring VLine trains and stations are accessible to all before its new deadline of 2066.

-Continue supporting the Disabilities and Carers department and the Environment and Social Justice department in advocating for a more accessible world for all people.

**Moved:** Seb Schultz

**Seconded:** Lyndelle Chan

**For:** 21  
**Against:** 0  
**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Gabby arrived at 11:11am.*

**G. General Business**

**Meeting Closed at 11:12 pm**