

Meeting opened at 11:00am on 3/06/2022

## 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):	Alex Bourikas	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Marko Moutafis	
Activities:	Zoe Kral	
CLA:	Jack Barry	
Welfare:	Demitri Kaminis	
Indigenous:	Maneka Ladharam	Absent
Environment & Social Justice:	Seb Schultz	Gurpal Randhawa
Women's:	Aayushi Shah	
Queer:	Amber Hodgson	
Disabilities & Carers:	Lyndelle Chan	
People of Colour:	Ananya Gupta	
Res Community Department:	Mahzarin Katrak	
MUISS:	Jesslyn Soegiharto	Absent
MAPS:	Millie Page	Absent
Clubs & Societies:	Matthew Chipman	Jacob Naqash
Radio Monash:	Gabby Mountjoy	Absent
General Representative:	Giorgia Giannakopoulos	
General Representative:	Paris Enten	
General Representative:	Arjun Girish	
General Representative:	Gavin Douch	
General Representative:	Aimee Boston	
Observers:	Luci Watts Frita Steiner	

**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 5/22](#) to be true and accurate recording of proceedings.

**Moved:** Zoe Kral

**Seconded:** Jack Barry

**For:** 19

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports**

<a href="#">Education (Public Affairs)</a>
<a href="#">Welfare</a>
<a href="#">Environment and Social Justice</a>
<a href="#">Indigenous</a>
<a href="#">Disabilities and Carers</a>
<a href="#">Lot's Wife</a>

**Motion #2:**

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

**Moved:** Gurpal Randhawa

**Seconded:** Aayushi Shah

**For:** 20

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Amber Hodgson arrived at 11:04am

#### F. Motions to adopt MSA Polcicy

Preamble: The following policies were endorsed by the Finance/Risk Committee and the Executive Committee last year, but require formal approval through MSC before they can be implemented.

The policies are deisgned to protect staff and elected student representatives. They can be found [here](#) or in the motion below. As required by legislation, the Obligations to Report Suspected Child Sexual Abuse Policy has been merged into the new Child Protection Policy, and is hence being repealed.

#### Motion #3:

This MSC moves to approve the implementation of the following policies:

- [Child Protection Policy](#)
- [Copyright Policy](#)
- [Environmental Sustainability Policy](#)
- [Media Relations Policy](#)
- [OHS Policy](#)
- [Patron Code of Conduct](#)
- [Social Media Policy](#)
- [Whistleblower Policy](#)

**Moved:** Joshua Strauss

**Seconded:** Sean Hanna

**For:** 20

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Joshua explained that the proposed policies are internal MSA policies. Joshua rasied that Motion #4 was to repeal the Obligations to Report Suspected Child Sexual Abuse Policy, and explained that this policy, under legislation, has to be included in the Child Protection Policy. Joshua explained that all policy and procedure in the repealed motion is already included in the Child Protection Policy that should pass at MSC, rendering it unecessary.*

Preamble: As required by legislation, the Obligations to Report Suspected Child Sexual Abuse Policy has been merged into the new Child Protection Policy, and is hence being repealed.

**Motion #4:**

This MSC moves to repeal the following policy:

- [Obligations to Report Suspected Child Sexual Abuse Policy](#)

**Moved:** Joshua Strauss

**Seconded:** Sean Hanna

**For:** 20

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**G. Motions related to Student Representatives**

Preamble: The student representative for the Indigenous Office Bearer portfolio elected in 2021 has unfortunately resigned. After a by-election, two new student Office Bearers were elected.

**Motion #5:**

This MSC moves to welcome Olivia Snell and Maneka Ladharam to the portfolio of Indigenous Office Bearers

**Moved:** Giorgia Giannakopoulos

**Seconded:** Joshua Strauss

**For:** 20

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Joshua briefly spoke to Jaya's resignation due to life changes and the subsequent by-election. Voting for the Indigenous Office-Bearer portfolio was only open to students enrolled with Yulendj Indigenous Engagement Unit. Joshua welcomed Olivia and Maneka to the team.*

### H. Motions related to Arts Cuts

Preamble: This MSC successfully moved a motion condemning Monash University's cuts to the Arts Honours program at MSC 2/22 on the 4th of March 2022. Having met with Professor Sharon Pickering (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education), MSA was able to raise its concerns with Monash University's stance on Arts degrees.

Professor Pickering's response was that she does not believe the changes are a cut to Arts at Monash, but instead a strategic change to encourage students to do Masters degrees instead of Honours. This is because Monash University believes Masters degrees make graduates more employable and globally competitive.

MSA is now seeking further advice from the Faculty of Arts and is continuing to advocate for equitable learning and research opportunities.

#### **Motion #6:**

This MSC moves to encourage the Faculty of Arts to provide detailed and comprehensive communications to all students regarding the reasons for the changes to Arts Honours as soon as possible.

**Moved:** Sean Hanna

**Seconded:** Marko Moutafis

**For:** 20

**Against:** 0

**Abstentions:** 0

**MOTION:** PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

### I. General Business

**Meeting Closed** at 11:10am