

Meeting opened at 11:01am on 29/07/2022

UNCONFIRMED 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):	Marko Moutafis	
Activities:	Zoe Kral	
CLA:	Jack Barry	
Welfare:	Demitri Kaminis	
Indigenous:	Maneka Ladharam	
Environment & Social Justice:	Isabelle de La Masse-Homsy	
Women's:	Sonia Sharma	
Queer:	Amber Hodgson	
Disabilities & Carers:	Isabella Rogers-Headicar	
People of Colour:	Linh Thai	
Res Community Department:	Mahzarin Katrak	
MUISS:	Jesslyn Soegiharto	Absent
MAPS:	Millie Page	
Clubs & Societies:	Matthew Chipman	
Radio Monash:	Gabby Mountjoy	
General Representative:	Giorgia Giannakopoulos	
General Representative:	Paris Enten	
General Representative:	Arjun Girish	
General Representative:	Gavin Douch	
General Representative:	Aimee Boston	
Observers:	Jos Downey Harrison Turner	

Rachel Vassallo
Gurpal Randhawa
Ananya Gupta
Kieran Couchman

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 7/22 to be true and accurate recording of proceedings.	
Moved: Sonia Sharma	Seconded: Arjun Girish
For: 23	
Against: 0	
Abstentions: 0	
MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY	

E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

Education (Academic Affairs)
Welfare
Indigenous
Disabilities and Carers
Womens
Residential Community
Lot's Wife

President
Activities

Motion #2:

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

Moved: Mahzarin Katrak

Seconded: Gavin Douch

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Election Regulations

Preamble: Section 25 of *Election Regulations* details restricted and permissible publicity. This section has been amended to better reflect the nature of on-campus campaigning.

A complete explanation for all changes can be found [here](#).

Written copy of the motion can be found [here](#).

Motion #3:

Amending directives:

That this MSC deletes section 25 of the *Election Regulations* and inserts the following in its place:

25.1. This regulation applies from the appointment of the Returning Officer to the end of polling.

25.2. All publicity must

25.2.1. be fair and honest;

25.2.2. not contain the word 'independent';

25.2.3. not be intended or likely to mislead a student;

25.3. The only distributed materials allowable are posters, pamphlets and clothing.

25.4. Posters and pamphlets must:

25.4.1. be of 80gsm or lighter, 100% post-consumer recycled and with a matte finish;

25.4.2. not be laminated;

25.4.3. not be adhesive;

25.4.4. in the case of posters, not exceed A3 in size;

25.4.5. in the case of pamphlets; not exceed A4 in size; and

25.4.6. be printed on paper received from the Returning Officer in accordance with regulation 25.6

25.5. The Returning Officer must supply tickets and individual candidates with identifiably marked and 'copy-proofed' paper.

25.5.1. Paper must be given to individuals and tickets in the following quantities:

25.5.1.1. for individual candidates (not standing as part of a group of candidates) – 1,000 A4 sheets and 100 A3 posters;

25.5.1.2. for all groups of candidates – 1,500 A4 sheets and 100 A3 posters for the first candidate, and a further 300 A4 sheets and 20 A3 posters for each additional candidate, up to a maximum of 6000 A4 sheets and 400 A3 posters.

25.6. The marking on paper supplied by the Returning Officer in accordance with regulation 25.5 must be of sufficient size and visibility to enable the paper to be identified if it is divided.

- 25.7** Clothing is limited to a maximum of three colours in total.
- 25.8.** Use of electronic communication must conform as far as practicable to the regulations for printed material.
- 25.9.** Electronic communication on social networking mediums is limited to comments, statuses and other like forms of communication being made on one page, profile, or other group established by tickets or individual candidates with the explicit purpose of promoting that ticket or individual candidate.
- 25.10.** The authorised officer of each ticket or individual candidates making use of social networking mediums or websites must provide the Returning Officer the URL of each social networking medium page, profile, website or other group established for the purposes of promoting that ticket or individual candidate prior to its use for publicity.
- 25.11.** Regulations 25.9 – 25.10 do not apply to personal social networking profiles in the name of candidates, where such communication has occurred within the confines of the profile itself;
- 25.12.** Without limiting the generality of regulation 25.2, the following is prohibited:
- 25.12.1.** badges, stickers, balloons, videos, films, music, sound recordings, food, drink, drugs or any other give away consumables
 - 25.12.1.1.** For the avoidance of doubt, T-shirts are not consumables
 - 25.12.2.** advertisements in newspapers, radio, television, electronic print and any other broadcast communications (including "Lot's Wife" and Radio Monash);
 - 25.12.3.** using chalk to promote a ticket or candidate;
 - 25.12.4.** using an A-Frame;
 - 25.12.5.** banners;
 - 25.12.6.** publicity that does not comply with regulation 27;
 - 25.12.7.** publicity in contravention of regulation 43.
- 25.13.** A copy of every pamphlet, item or clothing, poster and electronic publicity must be given to the Returning Officer for their approval before it is distributed or displayed. Acceptance of publicity material by the Returning Officer does not indicate that the material does not breach the regulations. Any such material may be ordered withdrawn by the Returning Officer at some later point if it becomes clear that it contains content in breach of the regulations.
- 25.14.** The Returning Officer must keep a register of all pamphlets and posters.
- 25.15.** This regulation does not apply to publicity by the Returning Officer.

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained how Section 25 of Election Regulations details publicity and that it was exciting to see regulations reflect the full return to face-to-face learning. Joshua explained that Section 25 was being amended to resemble the 2019 regulations, with a few exceptions; notably, that candidates running for Activities or Lot's Wife were previously allocated more paper than other candidates, which is no longer the case.

Preamble: Regulation 43 of *Election Regulations* details prohibited conduct. 43.4.21-22 reference section 25 and therefore need to be amended to ensure references remain correct.

Written copy of the motion can be found [here](#).

Motion #4:

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends regulation 43 of the *Election Regulations* to correct references to regulation 25 in regulations 43.4.21 and 43.4.22.

43.4.21 making comments, posts or other like forms of electronic communication on social networking mediums other than pages, profiles and groups established by tickets and individual candidates and personal social medium profiles, with the exception of 25.11; in particular;

43.4.22 using a social networking medium to promote a ticket or individual candidate without providing the URL to the Returning Officer in line with regulation 25.9 and regulation 25.10;

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that this change was administrative to correct references.

Preamble: Section 30 of *Election Regulations* dictate polling times. The regulations have been amended to reflect the presence of physical polling booths and permit campaigning on campus insofar students with health problems or who otherwise do not want to be approached can remain safe during polling, which will remain online and accessible throughout the entire polling period.

Written copy of the motion can be found [here](#).

Motion #5:

Amending directives:

That this MSC deletes section 30 of the *Election Regulations* and inserts the following in its place:

30.1 Hours of polling for the annual elections must be set by MSC when fixing the dates of polling.

30.2 Hours of polling for by-elections must be set by MSC when fixing the dates of polling.

30.3 For the annual elections there must be polling places:

30.3.1 every day for at least 4 hours between 10am-4pm in the ground floor of Campus Centre

30.3.2 for at least two days at a minimum of 3 hours between 10am-4pm each day in:

30.3.2.1 the ground floor of the Hargrave Library

30.3.2.2 the ground floor of the Learning and Teaching Building

30.4 Campaigners are permitted to solicit votes via conversation in-person on campus on polling days between 10am and 4pm.

30.4.1 For the purposes of 30.4 and 43.4.28, 'soliciting votes via in-person conversation' includes but is not limited to pamphleting and wearing clothing advertising a ticket or candidate.

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that this change is to reflect the full return to face-to-face learning, as the proposed regulations stipulate where polling booths must be. Joshua detailed that later motions would stipulate when these would be open. This aims to better facilitate the transition to face-to-face campaigning and allow students who do not want to be approached to have times to enter and exit campus.

Preamble: Regulation 43 of *Election Regulations* details prohibited conduct. Regulations 43.3.27-28 have been added to reflect the presence of physical polling booths and in-person campaigning.

Written copy of the motion can be found [here](#).

Motion #6:

Amending directives:

That this MSC inserts regulations 43.4.27 and 43.4.28 below regulation 43.4.26 in the *Election Regulations*

43.4.27 campaigning within the lines marked by the Returning Officer, to be no closer to the polling place than three (3) metres and no further from the polling place than ten (10) metres at any given point;

43.4.28 soliciting votes via in-person conversation or postering on polling days while inside of any building on campus other than the ground floor of Campus Centre;

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that this change is to reflect the transition to face-to-face learning. Joshua detailed that as in 2019, with in-person polling, regulations are required to outline where campaigning is prohibited.

Rachel enquired whether there would be a safe space for people to access the top floor of campus centre without being approached.

Joshua thanked Rachel for her question and clarified that all students would receive an electronic ballot for accessibility, but would raise Rachel's point to the Returning Officer to ensure the safety of students.

Preamble: Regulation 43 of *Election Regulations* details prohibited conduct. Regulation 43.4.10 has been amended to no longer prohibit campaigning on campus.

Written copy of the motion can be found [here](#).

Motion #7:

Amending directives:

That this MSC deletes regulation 43.4.10 of the *Election Regulations* and inserts the following in its place:

43.4.10 soliciting votes via in person conversation other than in accordance with regulation 30.4

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that this regulation has been amended to reflect the return to face-to-face learning.

Preamble: Regulation 6 of *Election Regulations* details the responsibilities of the returning officer. The amendment to regulation 6.5.1 is an administrative change as regulation 42.1.3 does not exist.

Written copy of the motion can be found [here](#).

Motion #8:

Amending directives:

That this MSC amends regulation 6.5.1 of the *Election Regulations* to remove the phrase “42.1.3” and replace it with “42”.

6.5.1 The results of the election as placed under regulation 42

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For:

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that the amendments are administrative and that the only change was to repace “42.1.3” with regulation 42.

Preamble: Regulation 34 of *Election Regulations* details method of voting. Regulations 34.2.2, 34.6.1 and 34.6.2 have been amended to correctly reflect that voters are able to vote preferentially in an online format.

Written copy of the motions can be found [here](#).

Motion #9:

Amending directives:

That this MSC deletes regulation 34.2.2 of the *Election Regulations* and inserts the following in its place:

34.2.2 placing the number 1 against the name of a ticket of first preference and consecutive higher numbers against the name of as many other tickets of lower preference in order as they wish.

Moved: Joshua Strauss **Seconded:** Giorgia Giannakopoulos
For: 23
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that the regulations have been amended to correctly reflect that voters are able to vote in preference using an electronic ballot.

Motion #10:
Amending directives:
That this MSC deletes regulations 34.6.1 and 34.6.2 of the *Election Regulations* and inserts the following in its place:

34.6.1 If at least one candidate has nominated for a position, they will be taken to have placed the number 1 against the name of the first candidate on the ticket and consecutive higher numbers against the names of any other candidates on the ticket in order.

34.6.2 If no candidate from the ticket has nominated for a particular position and a voter has not indicated a preference for another ticket where a candidate has nominated for that position, their ballot will be exhausted with respect to that position.

34.6.2.1 If a voter has indicated a preference for another ticket that has a candidate nominated in a position where the ticket of the voter's first preference has not nominated, the candidate from the highest preferred ticket where a candidate has nominated for that position will be considered to have received that vote in accordance with regulation 34.2.2.

Moved: Joshua Strauss **Seconded:** Giorgia Giannakopoulos
For: 23
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua reiterated his previous point as the preamble for Motion #9 explains both Motion #9 and Motion #10.

Preamble: Regulation 19 of *Election Regulations* details withdrawal of nominations. Regulation 19.4 has been amended to reflect the changes to regulation 22 in motion #12.

Written copy of the motion can be found [here](#).

Motion #11:
Amending directives:
That this MSC deletes regulation 19.4 of the *Election Regulations* and inserts the following:

19.4 If a candidate withdraws, the Returning Officer must proceed as if that student had never nominated

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that this change is administrative and that references to section 22 have been removed.

Preamble: Regulation 22 of *Election Regulations* details distribution of preferences. This is an administrative change as voters are able to dictate their preferences easily through the online voting system.

Motion #12:

Amending directives:

That this MSC removes section 22 of the *Election Regulations* and renumbers the regulations accordingly.

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained section 22 outlines distribution of preferences and that this change is to reflect that voters are able to manually preference their vote flow.

Preamble: Schedule 18 of *Election Regulations* is a form for the distribution of preferences. This is an administrative change due to the removal of regulation 22.

Motion #13:

Amending directives:

That this MSC removes schedule 1.8 of the *Election Regulations* and renumbers the proceeding schedules accordingly.

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that a schedule is a form, and that schedule 1.8 only exists in the context of section 22 and is hence no longer necessary.

G. 2022 Election

Motion #14:

This MSC sets the dates for polling (online voting) for the 2022 MSA Annual Elections to be from September 19-22:

Polling times:

Monday 19th: All day, starting 9am

Tuesday 20th: All day

Wednesday 21st: All day

Thursday 22nd: All day, ending 5pm

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that the motion outlines the dates of polling, where the electronic ballot is open. Joshua explained that Motion #15 outlines when physical polling booths will be open.

Motion #15:

This MSC sets the time for on-campus polling booths to be open during the 2022 MSA Annual Elections:

Polling times:

Monday 19th: 10am to 4pm

Tuesday 20th: 10am to 4pm

Wednesday 21st: 10am to 4pm

Thursday 22nd: 10am to 4pm

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #16:

This MSC appoints the OGL group to fulfil the position of Returning Officer for the 2022 MSA elections.

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Giorgia Giannakopoulos

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that this motion allows OGL to appoint the RO and the DRO for the 2022 MSA Elections.

H. Motions relating to Special General Meetings

Motion #17:

This MSC moves to hold an SGM (Special General Meeting) at 10am on Friday 26th of August 2022.

Moved: Joshua Strauss

Seconded: Paris Enten

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Joshua explained that a referendum was successfully passed in the 2021 MSA Elections and to implement these changes to the constitution, a motion must be moved at a General Meeting. Joshua invited the Queer Office Bearers to speak and detailed that the successful referendum was that "Do you agree that the requirements for Queer Officer should change from 'at least 1 person must identify as female and/or be transgender or gender diverse' to 'no more than 1 cisgender man may hold the position of Queer Officer?'"

I. Financial Motions

Motion #17:

This MSC moves to accept the [MSA financial statement](#).

Moved: Sean Hanna

Seconded: Joshua Strauss

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Motions related to social justice

Motion #18:

This MSC moves to support the extensive advocacy work being performed by MSA and Monash University Islamic Society to have adequate prayer space on campus.

Moved from the chair, pursuant to s20.5 of *MSC Standing Orders*

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Matthew raised that this was an important issue and that it was incredible to see the work of Monash University Islamic Society, particularly president Abdullah and Vice President Fatima, alongside MSA president Ishka De Silva. Matthew stressed the importance of advocating for the needs of students and celebrated the strength of the community on show during the outside prayer.

Ishka deferred the chair to Joshua. Ishka put her support behind the motion, and detailed the collaboration between MSA and MUIS. The university has taken far too long to respond and has not adequately addressed the needs of a large community on campus. Ishka expressed her hope for a solution soon.

Ishka took back the chair.

K. General Business

Meeting Closed at 11:36am

