

Meeting time: Opened at 05:30 PM on 25/10/2024

Meeting location: In the Conference Room at the Campus Centre of Monash University and Zoom (Hybrid)

Meeting Minutes

A. Attendance

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
President:	Chloe Ward	
Secretary:	Zareh Kozanian (Absent)	
Treasurer:	Joshua Walters (Chair)	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Grayson Lowe	
Education (Public Affairs):	Nafiz Ibrahim (Apology)	
Activities:	Fatima Iqbal (Apology)	
CLA:	Anban Raj (Apology)	
Welfare:	Campbell Frost	
Indigenous:	John Sopar	
Environment & Social Justice:	Sophie Allen	
Women's:	Katya Spiller	
Queer:	Madeline Curkovic	
Disabilities & Carers:	Charlotte Sutton	
People of Colour:	Anshuman Das (Absent)	
Residential Community:	Aylin Vahabova (Absent)	
MUISS:	Vedant Gadhavi	
MAPS:	Stuart Gibson (Absent)	
Clubs & Societies:	Paul Halliday	
Radio Monash:	Georgie McColm	
General Representative:	Jay Davis	
General Representative:	Dilhan Simsek (Absent)	
General Representative:	Beck Riches (Absent)	
General Representative:	Stella Robinson (Absent)	

General Representative: Diyara Jaswar (Absent)

Observer: Thomas White
Nhan
John Sopar
Felix Hughes
Zoe Binns
Angus Duske
Mandi Li

B. Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners of Land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong peoples 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:
 This MSC confirms Minutes 10/24 to be the true and accurate recording of the proceedings

Moved: Zareh Kozanian **Seconded:** Dilhan Simsek

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

Chair struck the item from the agenda.

E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

Office Bearer and Divisional Reports	Submission Compliance
Lot's Wife Editors	Report Submitted on time
Environment and Social Justice	Report Submitted on time
Queer	No Submission Received
Disabilities and Carers	No Submission Received

Welfare	No Submission Received
Education (Academic Affairs)	No Submission Received
Education (Public Affairs)	No Submission Received
People of Colour	No Submission Received
Indigenous	No Submission Received
Women's	No Submission Received
Residential Community	No Submission Received

Motion #2:
 This MSC accepts the reports submitted by Lot's Wife and Environmental and Social Justice as attached at the end of this document.

Moved: Charlotte Sutton **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian-Campbell Frost

In Favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Charlotte Sutton waived her rights to speak.

Campbell Frost waived his rights to speak.

Joshua Walters states that he had submitted his report to the last MSC and that he would like it to be considered.

F. MSA Executive Divisional Representative

Each year one of the Divisional Representatives is elected to sit on the Executive. This motion will open nominations for that position. Only Divisional Representatives may nominate or vote in this election.

Motion #3:
 This MSC open nominations for the election of MSA Executive Divisional Representative for 2024, pursuant to s24.1(d) of the MSA Constitution.

~~Moved:~~ Zareh Kozanian ~~Seconded:~~ Dilhan Simsek
~~For:~~ _____
~~Against:~~ _____
~~Abstentions:~~ _____
MOTION

Paul Halliday raised a point of clarification asking if this vote can take place without an absolute majority of Divisions present.

Joshua Walters stuck the item from the agenda and the following agenda item.

G. MSA Divisional Representative Election Result

This motion confirms the election of Divisional Representative to the Executive. Only Divisional Representatives may vote for this motion.

Motion #4:
This MSC confirms the election of _____ as Executive Divisional Representative

~~Moved:~~ _____ ~~Seconded:~~ _____
~~For:~~ _____
~~Against:~~ _____
~~Abstentions:~~ _____
MOTION

H. Lot's Wife Motions

Preamble:

The contracts of Lot's Wife editors will come to an end on October 31st, 2024 – as per regulation 9.5 of the Regulations for Office-Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies. Regulation 9.5.1 allows for the contracts of editors to be extended by an absolute majority of the MSC until December 31 at a reduced pay fraction for the purposes of facilitating handover to next year's editors.

Motion #5:
This MSC nominates Mandy Li, and Angus Duske for an extension of their contracts from November 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for the purpose of assuming handover responsibilities to next year's editors.

Moved: Joshua Walters (Chair)

In Favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION FAILS

Joshua Walters noted that the required amount of MSC member to pass this motion was not present so the motion was struck.

Following discussion from members, Josh decided to continue with the motions.

Georgie McColm expressed her admiration for Lots Wife for their hard work to their department. Also, agreeing with the motion that they are deserving of the extended contract.

Angus Duske explained that the regulation ending their contract in October was strange and that for a proper handover to take place, it would be needed that an extension of contract take place.

Motion #6:

This MSC nominates Samantha Hudson for an extension of their contract from November 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 at a reduced pay fraction of 0.2, for the purpose of assuming handover responsibilities to next year's editors.

Moved: Joshua Walters (Chair)

In Favour: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION FAILS

I. Disabilities & Carers Office Bearer Removal

Preamble:

Gerardien Afifah has failed to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required of her as Disabilities & Carers Co-Officer. This is a breach of section 35(2) of the MSA Constitution & office-bearers and members of MSA bodies must exercise their powers and discharge their duties with reasonable care and diligence. The Disabilities and Carers Officer's duties and responsibilities are outlined in the Regulations for Office Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies, they are as follows:

- Representing the concerns of disabled students and carers

- Organising meetings of the Disabilities and Carers Collective
- Helping to coordinate or contribute to campaigns on issues that effect disabled students and
- carers
- Collecting and disseminating helpful and pertinent resources
- Organising and/or facilitating programs and projects that are relevant to and helpful towards
- the needs of disabled students and carers
- Promoting education and awareness surrounding relevant issues
- Networking and collaborating with other disabilities groups, both inter-campus and external
- Assisting in generic MSA campaigns when required
- Assisting in other office-bearers' departments, where appropriate
- Completing other responsibilities of the Disabilities' Officer position specified in the
- Constitution and the regulations

As stated in section 17.1 of the Regulations for Office Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies, it is the responsibility of the MSC to determine whether or not an office-bearer or a member of a MSA body has breached the Constitution or the regulations, and to decide on the appropriate disciplinary measure that is necessary for such a breach.

This motion seeks to remove Gerardien from the role of Disabilities & Carers Co-Office Bearer for her continued failure to perform her duties and responsibilities, including but not limited to the failure to:

- Attend committee meetings or to make contact with the committee through official channels
- Contribute to Lot's Wife or MSC reports
- Assist in the cleaning and maintenance of the Disabilities & Carers
- Contribute to or support with advocacy campaigns
- Organize events for the Disabilities & Carers community
- Assist in MSA campaigns
- Work with other MSA departments
- Respond to requests from Monash staff for support with projects
- Represent the interests of Disabled students and carers
- Advocate for Disabled students and carers

Due to the prolonged nature of the conduct and the failure of Gerardien to make contact with the executive or support staff, removal is the most appropriate disciplinary measure available to the MSC.

Gerardien was notified of this motion on the 18th October as required under 42 (f)(i) of the MSA Constitution.

Motion #7:

~~It is moved that this MSC removes Gerardien Afifah as Disabilities & Carers co-office bearer of the MSA as per section 42(1)(f) of the MSA Constitution for breaching 35(2) of the MSA Constitution 'office bearers and members of MSA bodies must exercise their powers and discharge their duties with reasonable care and diligence.'~~

~~Moved: Charlotte Sutton~~ ~~Seconded: Zoe Binns~~

In Favour: _____
Against:
Abstentions:
MOTION

Jay Davis left the meeting and the quorum was lost.

Joshua Walters dedicated to continue inquorate.

Charlotte Sutton explained how she has tried to get Gerardien to be involved in the department and that student funds have been used to pay her wages for work she has not completed. Charlotte said that accountability measures need to be looked at to help with internal accountability. Charlotte is also happy to answer any questions from other members of the Student Council.

Zoe Binns noted that Charlotte Sutton has been a dedicated office bearer and that she had not seen Gerardien around the MSA and that accountability is needed in the MSA.

Georgie McColm noted her appreciation for the work Charlotte Sutton has done for her department this year and her dedication towards her work. She also noted that she has only seen Gerardien once and has not from her point of view put in the same amount of work as Charlotte.

Thomas White expressed his gratitude for the effort that Charlotte Sutton has put into her department. He noted that he felt it was disrespectful that other members had not attended.

Chloe Ward stated that Charlotte Sutton has been a dedicated office bearer and has done a lot of work for her department.

Grayson Lowe praised God.

Joshua Walters reiterated that this motion was not able to be passed without quorum and struck the motion.

J. General Business

Georgie expressed her disappointment in this year.

Meeting Closed at 06:10 PM

K. Appendices

***Key Activities**

Outline key activities completed thus far since last report

- Sustainability policy planning
- Handover documents
- Lot's wife Final Edition Report
- Final MSC Reports
- Budget

Can outline work being done for upcoming events/projects

- **Planning and buying items to set up a reusable plates and cutlery station that departments can use for large scale events - the idea is that they can be loaned through the ESJ department, washed and reused for food serving events**
- **Sustainability policy and framework planning to help departments have some guidelines when it comes to sustainability.**
- **Working on Next years ESJ budget**
- **Beginning the handover document**

Department Goals

Goal	Progress (complete/ongoing/incomplete)	Comments
Protest Contingents	Ongoing	Next year we want to leave behind some useful info that will enable next years department to send more contingents to protests
Setting up the department of success in 2025	Ongoing	Adding what we can to the handover document and thinking about initiatives and gathering numbers for this years events
Releasing emissions data/making it available for students	complete	Hit a natural end in terms of releasing data - Monash won't be releasing any more data until next year
Creating spaces for student discourse on sustainability	Complete	We'd really love to see these series continue in the future on a more regular basis since they have a product which can be shared to socials as well and prompt meaningful discussion
Practically implementing the sustainability guidelines	ongoing	Practically implementing these for our ESJ day festival. Using reusable plates etc, trying to minimise waste with our own



Sophie Allen and Aishwariya Subramanian
Dept REPORT and 2024 Goals
[Report to MSC 18/10/24]

		collection
Initiatives	ongoing	Setting up our own reusable initiative here in the MSA

*Key Activities

Outline key activities completed thus far since last report:

- Budgeting for 2025
- Edition six visual edit

Can outline work being done for upcoming events/projects

- Handover to the 2025 editors

Department Goals

Goal	Progress (complete/ongoing/incomplete)	Comments
Slay 60 year event and edition	Complete	Good feedback on edition 5 and associated pieces Event at The Count's attended by 57 people the majority of whom previously worked on <i>Lot's Wife</i> Plans to bind remaining unbound editions
Keep submissions strong for semester 2	Ongoing	33 submissions for edition 6, aided through submissions from the ATS3950 Academic Freedom unit.
Actually improving website	Ongoing	Once edition 6 goes to print this will be looked at further.
Leaving <i>Lot's Wife</i> better than we found it	Ongoing	Beginning planning handover to the 2025 editors to ensure a smooth transition and allow them to begin work immediately.