

Meeting time: On 19/12/24 **Quorum was not reached, meeting was closed**

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	
Treasurer:	Joshua Walters	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Grayson Lowe Naomi Drego	
Education (Public Affairs):	Nafiz Ibrahim Sahar Farukh	
Activities:	Fatima Iqbal Reggie Noor	
CLA:	Haidar Shah Gina Ford	
Welfare:	Campbell Frost Teagan Hayward	
Indigenous:	John Sopar	
Environment & Social Justice:	Sophie Allen Aishwariya Veera	
Women's:	Katya Spiller Zoe Binns	
Queer:	Kelly Cvetkova Madeline Curkovic	
Disabilities & Carers:	Charlotte Sutton Gerardien Afifah	
People of Colour:	Anshuman Das Fooba Javed	
Residential Community:	Ariq Ilham Aylin Vahabova	
MUISS:	Bryan Law	

MAPS:	Stuart Gibson
Clubs & Societies:	Jay Davis
Radio Monash:	Georgie McColm
General Representative:	Dilhan Simsek
General Representative:	Beck Riches
General Representative:	Stella Robinson
General Representative:	Diyara Jaswar
General Representative:	Krishiraj Santchurn

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. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

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

Motion #1:

This MSC accepts the report submitted by the Environment and Social Justice as attached at the end of this document.

Moved: Joshua Walters ————— **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

E. MSA Executive Division Representative Election

Motion #2:

This MSC open nominations for the election of MSA Executive Division Representative, pursuant to s24.1(d) of the MSA Constitution.

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

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

Motion #3:

This MSC confirms the election of _____ as MSA Executive Division Representative, pursuant to s24.1(d) of the MSA Constitution.

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

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

F. Budget Appeals

Preamble:

See the full presentation here: [VISUAL PRESENTATION TLDR](#)

Radio Monash is a vital pillar of student engagement, creativity, and professional development at Monash University. For over 50 years, it has operated as the campus radio station, providing a platform for students to express themselves, hone their skills, and create meaningful connections. It is imperative that Radio Monash receives the budget it has proposed to continue delivering its services at the standards expected by students, and to meet the operational challenges of a growing and evolving organisation.

First and foremost, Radio Monash serves as a unique hub for creativity and skill-building, and a media outlet. It provides students with access to a professional grade recording studio, broadcasting equipment, and training in fields such as radio broadcasting, podcasting, audio engineering, media presentation, journalism, and event management. These experiences are not only enriching on a personal level but also crucial for students' employability. Alumni of Radio Monash have gone on to prominent careers in the media industry, including roles at the ABC, Nine Network, and major publishing houses (for example Andy Griffiths to Yumi Stynes). The station has consistently proven to be a launchpad for young talent and a space for students to develop industry ready skills while studying.

In 2024 alone, Radio Monash published **62** articles through its journalism department, produced over **150** podcast and radio episodes, and released several music projects (**1 Album, 6 singles, over 1500 hours**) from its recording studio, all of which were made freely accessible to the Monash community. The station also hosted major events, including the Orientation Week stage, sold-out gigs, and collaborations with faculties and other MSA branches. These events not only provided entertainment but also fostered a sense of community and belonging among students.

Radio Monash also plays a critical role in amplifying minority voices and supporting diversity on campus. Its programming regularly highlights issues faced by underrepresented groups, such as the neurodiverse and queer communities, through podcasts, articles, and events. Initiatives like Neurodiversity Week and collaborations with MUST on queer advocacy projects demonstrate the station's commitment to inclusivity and its role in creating a more equitable campus environment.

Despite its achievements, Radio Monash has faced substantial challenges due to budget cuts in recent years. The proposed 47% reduction in its working budget and the removal of its \$6,000 honorarium threaten its ability to operate effectively. These cuts undermine the station's capacity to maintain its facilities, compensate student artists, and organise events. The cuts that have been proposed will hurt our operations significantly, and reduce our capacity to provide these services to students. Having our licensing fees, a non-negotiable operational cost for legal compliance, training budget, equipment maintenance and event budgets culled will impact students at Monash University.

It is worth noting that Radio Monash operates with the largest committee of any MSA division—21 committee members and 25 subcommittee members. Managing such a large team, delivering high-impact events, and maintaining professional-grade facilities requires adequate funding. Comparisons to other divisions that receive larger budgets despite having

~~smaller teams and narrower scopes are not justified, given Radio Monash's far-reaching impact and unique contributions to the university community.~~

~~By approving the proposed budget, the MSA will empower Radio Monash to continue delivering its invaluable services, fostering student creativity, and enhancing the Monash experience for years to come. To cut its funding risks dismantling a legacy of innovation, opportunity, and community that benefits thousands of students annually. We urge the MSA to recognise Radio Monash as a cornerstone of student life and support its mission with the funding it deserves. Supporting this budget means supporting student creativity, student media, student music, campus life, student artists and student journalism.~~

~~Under section 46(5) of the constitution Radio Monash asserts its right to make recommendations to the draft budget before it is adopted, these recommendations take the form of amendments to the proposed Radio Monash budget as follows:~~

~~Details amendments:~~

~~[View our appealed budget here.](#)~~

Motion #4:

~~The MSC accepts the recommendations of radio Monash and adopt the amended 2025 budget for the division as included in this motion.~~

~~**Moved:** Georgie McColm ————— **Seconded:** Charlotte Sutton~~

~~**In Favour:** _____~~

~~**Against:** _____~~

~~**Abstentions:** _____~~

~~**MOTION**~~

Motion #5:

This MSC

- ~~1. accepts and understands the C&S Executive's deep disappointment and rejection of the C&S draft budget as presented to the C&S Executive on the 12th of December and notes the motion moved by the C&S Executive condemning the draft budget and the MSA Executive; and~~
- ~~2. moves to accept [the 2025 C&S budget appeal \(red column\)](#);~~

~~**Moved:** Jay Davis ————— **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian~~

~~**In Favour:** _____~~

~~**Against:** _____~~

~~**Abstentions:** _____~~

MOTION

G. Final Draft Budget

Motion #6:

This MSC moves to adopt the [final draft budget for 2025](#) as proposed by the budget committee:

Moved: Joshua Walters ————— **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

H. Alternate Draft Budget

Motion #7:

This MSC moves to adopt the [alternative draft budget for 2025](#):

Moved: Jay Davis ————— **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

I. Sir Johns Bar & Uniride

Motion #8:

This MSC

1. supports the continued operation of Sir Johns Bar and Uniride (aka Biker Co); and
2. directs the MSA Executive to ensure Sir Johns Bar opening hours during 2025 are the same as in 2024; and
3. directs the MSA Executive to set Uniride opening hours during 2025 at 4 days per Week

Moved: Jay Davis ————— **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

J. Notice of Subcommittee Meetings

Motion #9:

This MSC resolves that the notice period for meetings of MSC subcommittees (including the MSA Executive) will be 1 hour unless otherwise resolved by the MSC.

Moved: Jay Davis _____ **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

K. Central Funds Request

Motion #10:

This MSC asserts that in accordance with Motion #8 of MSC 1/2024 and clause 27(2) of the Constitution, central funds requests may only be approved by a MSA Executive meeting and the MSA Executive must not further delegate this responsibility.

Moved: Jay Davis _____ **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

L. Allocation of Spaces to Divisions

Motion #11:

This MSC resolves that—

_____ 1. Campus Centre Rooms 1.141, 1.143, 1.144, 1.145, 1.146 and 1.147 are allocated to
_____ Clubs & Societies; and

_____ 2. Campus Centre Rooms 101A, 101B and 101C are allocated to Mature Age and Part
_____ Time Students; and

3. Campus Centre Rooms 1.128, 1.129, 1.130 and 1.130A are allocated to Monash University International Students Service; and
4. Campus Centre Rooms 1.122, 1.122A, 1.122B, 1.123, 1.124, 1.125, 1.126 and 1 PS05 are allocated to Radio Monash; and
5. the rooms allocated to each Division must not be altered except by a resolution of the MSC.

Moved: Jay Davis **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

M. The MSC Opposes any University Management Suppression of Free Speech and Activism

Preamble:

Across the country, universities have begun taking steps to curtail freedom of speech on campus, in the wake of a global student movement in solidarity with the people of Gaza.

The University of Sydney commissioned a review, the Hodgkinson Review, the recommendations of which have just been made public. These include:

- Threatening to withhold SSAF funds from the student union if it “breach(es) university policy” on protests
- Threatening to withhold SSAF funds from the student union if it violates a new, restrictive policy on postering
- Threatening to withhold SSAF funds from the student union if any of its elected members violate policies as individuals
- New prohibitions on protests and activism in or near buildings, both of which are claimed to be ‘out of step with contemporary work health and safety standards and our obligations to maintain psychosocial safety on campus’
- Threatening misconduct for staff members who do not clarify the meaning of any potentially politically contentious term they use
- Threatening misconduct for staff members who do not compel students in their tutorials to clarify the meaning of any potentially politically contentious term they use
- Prohibition of hanging banners on campus footbridges
- More police on campus

All of this is intended to have a chilling effect on all activism, and represents a serious infringement on the rights of staff and students to engage in free speech, academic freedom, political expression, and both student & trade unionism.

As we enter a year where universities across Australia, including Monash, have flagged significant job and course cuts, it is untenable to have conditions such as these imposed on student unions. Practically, this would make it very hard for student unions to campaign against campus cuts, or campus deals with environmentally destructive companies—just to name two examples.

Motion #12:

Action:

1. This MSC condemns the USYD Hodgkinson Review.
2. This MSC opposes the implementation of the USYD Hodgkinson Review.
3. This MSC opposes any restrictions on democratic rights to speech, academic freedom, and political expression, of both staff and students.
4. This MSC recognises that activism has historically been an important part of student unionism, and defends the right of student unions, and students generally, to engage in activism without fear of censorship or unjust repression.
5. This MSC directs the MSA President to communicate the MSA's opposition to such policies to Monash University leadership.
6. This MSC commits the MSA to oppose any similar measures implemented at Monash University.

Moved: Beck Riches ————— **Seconded:** Jay Davis

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

N. Returning Officer's Reports

Motion #13:

This MSC accepts the 2024 MSA Election Report as prepared by the Returning Officer.

Moved: Jay Davis ————— **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian

In Favour: _____

Against: _____

Abstentions: _____

MOTION

Motion #14:

~~This MSC accepts the 2024 MSA Carer Definition Referendum Report as prepared by the Returning Officer.~~

~~**Moved:** Jay Davis ————— **Seconded:** Zareh Kozanian~~

~~**In Favour:** _____~~

~~**Against:** _____~~

~~**Abstentions:** _____~~

~~**MOTION**~~

~~**G. General Business**~~

~~**P. 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

- Reusable plates program
- Handover document
- Training

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 collection



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Initiatives	Complete	Setting us our own reusable initiative here in the MSA
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Lot's Wife Division Report

The Environment and Social Justice Department have had a busy year in 2024!

2024 Recap!

We got right into it in semester with our first event being before the beginning of semester. This year, alongside the MSA Indigenous department we organised and participated in, the first ever MSA contingent to the Invasion Day rally in Naarm on January 26th. During O-week at our Office Bearer stall we facilitated the painting of donated and recycled clothing with various activism slogans and symbols that people could wear with pride. We had plenty of people come over and chat with us all things activism and enjoying some creative crafts putting their messages on their t-shirts.

During week 6, we had our ESJ week which was full of free food, movie screenings, pot plant painting and activism workshops. We also hosted two in depth panel discussions talking about veganism and climate change technology. All of these events were accompanied by some delicious wholefoods goodies which were fan favourites of ours this year. We ended the semester with a collaboration with the Rising Tide collective where we hosted a movie screening to showcase their activism efforts in blocking the world's largest coal port to take a stand against fossil fuel companies and climate change. Throughout the semester we were also keeping an independent eye on Monash Universities emission statements and meeting with Net Zero team representatives to gain some further insight into their net-zero progress and the accessibility of their data and environmental impact information.

Things quieted down a bit in semester 2 but we were busy planning the ESJ's first ever Sustain Festival which we held during Wednesday of week 4. This day aimed to showcase how we could still hold large and fun student events with sustainability at the forefront. We provided some sustainable food options to 300 students including kangaroo meat, vegetarian and vegan options all of which were served on reusable cutlery and crockery which were washed and reused throughout the event. We had live entertainment to enjoy whilst perusing out activism boards decorated with various articles, information and links to great campaigns. Additionally, we facilitated a book swap and recycling boxes where people could dispose of unwanted textiles, batteries and old clothes sustainably. The day was a huge success and demonstrated a new reusable plate initiative that we plan to present to other departments which can hopefully be implemented in future by other departments.

To close out the year we'll be doing some behind the scenes work in terms of working on protest calendars of key dates for next year that can be published to students and building a



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sustainability framework which can be used by other MSA departments and shape further sustainability policy.