

MSC 1/26 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

A. Attendance

Title	Name	Proxy	Attendee
President:	Leroy Van Schellebeck		Present ▾
Secretary:	Nick Fallaw		Present ▾
Treasurer:	Lana Abdelhalim		Present ▾
Education (Academic Affairs):	Remus Brasier		Present ▾
Education (Public Affairs):	Madi Curkovic		Present ▾
Activities:	Naty Gebremedhin		Present ▾
Creative & Live Arts:	Eowyn Judge	Linden Wareing	Proxy ▾
Welfare:	Carla Hunaidi	Ruby Paul	Proxy ▾
Indigenous:	Nanjera Pender		Absent ▾
Environment & Social Justice:	Anushka Sharma		Present ▾
Women's:	Mehreen Khan		Present ▾
Queer:	Ethan Imbriano		Present ▾
Disabilities & Carers:	Mehfooz Khan	Olivia Reid	Proxy ▾
People of Colour:	Rofida Arnaout		Present ▾
Residential Community:	Ashley Rosewall		Apology ▾
MUISS:	Ishaan Puri		Apology ▾
MAPS:	Alex Self		Present ▾
Clubs & Societies:	Jay Davis		Present ▾
Radio Monash:	Noah Martin		Present ▾
General Representative:	Monty Richardson		Present ▾
General Representative:	Dominique Amad-Corson		Present ▾
General Representative:	Jorgie Rainbird	Lily Rose	Proxy ▾
General Representative:	Quinney Brownfield		Present ▾
General Representative:	Diyara Jaswar		Present ▾

Quorum is met.

Observers

Alessandro Papaleo, Sophie Allen, Lotus, William Smith, Nhan Nguyen, Samantha Lincolne, Josiah Downey

A quorum was established.

Leroy Van Schellebeck assumed the chair.

Meeting opened at 11:37am

B. Acknowledgment of Country

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 the minutes of [MSC 3/25](#) to be the true and accurate recording of the proceedings.

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 11

MOTION PASSED

Motion #2:

This MSC confirms the minutes of [MSC 4/25](#) to be the true and accurate recording of the proceedings.

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 11

MOTION PASSED

Motion #3:

This MSC confirms the minutes of [MSC A/26](#) to be the true and accurate recording of the proceedings.

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 14

Against:

Abstain: 3

MOTION PASSED

E. Reports

Department	Names	Report Type	Submission Compliance
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President	Leroy Van Schellebeck	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Secretary	Nick Fallaw	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Treasurer	Lana Abdelhalim	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Education (Academic Affairs)	Remus Brasier Ruby Paul	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Education (Public Affairs)	Madi Curkovic Harleen Singh	Annual Goals	No Submission Received
Activities	Natnael Gebremedhin John Lavanya	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Creative & Live Arts	Eowyn Judge Linden Wareing	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Welfare	Carla Hunaidi Rafiad Ruhi Jewel	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Indigenous	Nanjera Pender	Annual Goals	No Submission Received
Environment & Social Justice	Anushka Sharma Penelope Scacciante	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Women's	Mehreen Khan Esha Serai	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Queer	Ethan Imbriano Tyler Hollis	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Disabilities & Carers	Mehfooz Khan	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
People of Colour	Rofia Aranout Divanshu Malik	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Residential Community	Ashley Rosewall Lily Rose	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
MUISS	Ishaan Puri	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
MAPS	Alex Self	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Clubs & Societies	Jay Davis	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Radio Monash	Noah Martin	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
General Executive Member	Monty Richardson	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time
Lots Wife Editors	Tyra Jones Josh Chauh Alessandro Papaleo	Annual Goals	Report Submitted on time

Motion #4:

This MSC accepts all submitted Office-Bearer & Division Annual Goals en bloc.

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Preamble:

The results of the October 2025 Academic Board elections meant 2026 Education (Academic Affairs) Officer Remus Brasier now represents students on both the Monash Student Council and the Academic Board.

The Academic Board is a generally opaque body that governs Monash's academic policy and has the power to completely reshape the educational direction of the University we attend. Its institutional power is second only to the University Council.

In 2025, some Academic Board representatives have declined opportunities to increase transparency or work closer with other elected student representatives, including at the MSA. This is a shame, and moving forward the two bodies should work far closer.

Given the evident importance of the Academic Board to student life and academic conditions at Monash University, it is important that members of the community know what their representatives are advocating for on their behalf, and what progress is being made towards the various policies they campaigned on to get to their position.

It is in that vein that ahead of the first meeting of the Academic Board in 2026, the Education (Academic Affairs) department has submitted its first report on Academic Board activities for the benefit of this MSC and the broader student population it represents.

Motion #5:

That this MSC:

1. Notes and accepts Academic Board Report 1/26
2. Recommends departments and divisions identify opportunities for collaboration with Academic Board representatives

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Monty Richardson

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

[Nick speaks to congratulate Remus Brasier in his election to the position of Academic board and reiterates the importance of MSC and Academic Board collaboration.](#)

[Monty Richardson seconds the above sentiment.](#)

[Remus highlights the importance of better discussion and communication between MSC and Academic board, highlighting that there have been times of disconnect in the past.](#)

F. Alterations to Standing Orders & Student Representative Regulations

Preamble:

This motion proposes allowing recordings to be kept until two months after the confirmation of minutes by MSC, allowing for corrections to be verified if required.

Motion #6:

This MSC:

1. amends clause 30.3. of the Standing Orders to read as follows:
30.3. Meetings may only be recorded for the purposes of writing minutes, but:
2. inserts clauses 30.3.1. and 30.3.2. of the Standing Orders to read as follows:
30.3.1. no copy may be kept for more than two months after the minutes of the MSC are confirmed; and
30.3.2. no audio or video recording of a meeting may be archived.

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Nick highlights the administrative nature of the motion and acknowledges the legal counsel received by this MSC insofar as informing the proposed amendment. Nick highlights the importance of retaining organisational legitimacy by allowing such recordings to be kept until when they are needed, but not beyond this point.

Allessandro Papaleo tables a question, however after some conversation it becomes apparent that the question was intended for motion 7 rather than motion 6.

Allessandro is encouraged to proceed with the line of questioning notwithstanding. Allessandro does this so as to ask whether or not the Motion 7 in substance would apply to minutes taken previously or retrospectively

Preamble:

The current Standing Orders allow members to require their statements to be directly quoted in the minutes. This leads to the potential issue of the Secretary and MSA being required to publish defamatory material. Legal advice provided to the MSA Executive recommends amending the relevant provisions to prevent direct quotations but allow members to require their abstention or dissent from a motion to be noted.

Motion #7:

This MSC:

1. amends clause 30.5. of the Standing Orders to read as follows:
30.5. The minutes must not include direct quotations from members.
2. inserts clause 30.6. of the Standing Orders to read as follows and renumbers subsequent clauses accordingly:
30.6. If a member requests during or immediately after a vote for their vote to be recorded, the member's agreement, dissent or abstention must be recorded in the minutes.

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 17

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Nick speaks to the motion and highlights the administrative intention of the alteration. Nick highlights that the legal burden of publishing direct quotations rests with the secretary, and therein frames the motion as a remedy toward this fact which unamended could in certain circumstances mandate that the secretary publish and bear the consequence of defamatory material. Nick follows to say that this motion does not obfuscate the secretaries capacity and responsibility to convey the speaker's argument and intended point of view, just that it

allows for this to be done in such a way that the material in no circumstance must be accurate to the point of being defamatory also.

Jay speaks to the motion to affirm Nick's contention, and takes the time to reply to Alessandro whose question was tabled previously. Jay in his response presents that an answer to this question should require consultation with the MSC legal counsel. Alessandro pivots to mention what he describes as extensive usage of standing order 30.5 over the 2025 MSC calendar. Jay comments that most were invalid as they were not made by members of the MSC. Alessandro agrees and this line of questioning ends.

Madi speaks to the motion and raises implications of the motion of what is described as a democratic right, with Jos speaking thereafter contending that the motion threatens transparency. Nick replies and encourages this as a reason to promote in person meetings, and reminds the room that this does not change the ability of someone to speak freely in the moment.

Madi speaks and suggests case by case basis contends that this may exist as a workaround that would not require outright banning of direct quotations.

The MSC is interrupted by unknown 'bots' impersonating true MSC members. Leroy acknowledges bots joined the meeting and changed their name to an MSC member, shouting an expletive.

Jos acknowledges the issue and asks that the MSC vet entrants to the meeting via student only admittance criteria being applied.

Jay raises a point of order asking if non voting members who are not signed in with a verified Monash account can be excluded from the meeting understanding order 11.4. to avoid disruptions.

Leroy directs the host to remove non voting members who have not joined using a monash student account

Allessandro suggests that vote holders place a '1' next to the name, Jay Davis confirms that all members present are voting holders.

Preamble:

Currently an MSC must be held early each year to elect members of the Executive before Executive meetings can take place. This creates an undesirable situation where the Executive is required to make decisions but can not formally meet. Legal advice provided to the Executive recommends moving the election to be one held outside of MSC by the Secretary as Returning Officer.

Motion #8:

This MSC replaces the current regulation 13 of the Student Representative Regulations with the following:

13.1. The Secretary is the returning officer for all elections of members of the Executive under paragraphs 24(1)(d)-(e) of the Constitution.

13.2 The returning officer must:

13.2.1 conduct an election for each position as soon as practicable after 1 January of each year; and

13.2.2. when a vacancy arises, conduct a by-election for that position as soon as practicable.

13.3. All members of MSC eligible to vote in an election must be given a reasonable opportunity to nominate and vote.

13.4. To nominate for election, an eligible member must:

13.4.1 nominate themselves for election; then

13.4.2 be seconded by another eligible member.

13.5. If only one member is nominated for the position, the returning officer must declare the member elected to the position.

- 13.6. If more than one candidate is nominated for a position:
- 13.6.1. a secret ballot must be held using the optional preferential method of election; and
 - 13.6.2. only the members of the MSC eligible to hold that position may vote.
- 13.7. If there is a tie between 2 or more candidates after the distribution of preferences, the returning officer must, as soon as practicable, either:
- 13.7.1. conduct a further election to determine which one of those candidates is to be elected or eliminated; or
 - 13.7.2. with the agreement of those candidates, determine by lot which of them is to be elected or eliminated.
- 13.8. The returning officer must, as soon as practicable, declare and give notice of the election results to all members of the MSC and the Executive Officer.
- 13.9 Before the Executive can meet, there must have been an opportunity for the election of the members listed under paragraphs 24(1)(d)-(e) of the Constitution.

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Nick speaks to the legal counsel received by the MSC that informs the decision to draft the motion and briefly explains their intentions. Jay speaks furthermore to the fact the lawyer has recommended the amendments and that this has historically also been recommended.

No other speakers.

Preamble:

This motion seeks to correct minor drafting errors made when updating the Student Representative Regulations late last year.

Motion #9:

This MSC:

1. replaces all instances of "includes" in paragraphs 7.3.1. and 7.3.2. of the Student Representative Regulations with "means".
2. inserts "and" at the end of paragraph 7.3.1. of the Student Representative Regulations.
3. replaces the ";" in paragraph 7.3.2. of the Student Representative Regulations with a ".".

Moved: Nick Fallaw

Seconded: Jay Davis

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Nick and Jay speak, acknowledge drafting errors and semantics. Jay confirms that no legal counsel was received on this matter.

No other speakers.

Procedural Motion:

That motions #10 and #11 be considered en bloc.

Moved: Jay Davis	Seconded:
For:	Against:
	Abstain:
MOTION IMPOSED BY CHAIR	

Jos asks if it possible that we do not read for word the preambles of #10 and #11.

Jay confirms no capacity to void chairs reading requirement of preambles under extant standing orders as they arguably form part of the motions.

G. Coursework, Not Busywork: Less Exams Across Monash Units

Preamble:

While final assessments under examination settings are a tried-and-tested measure of academic proficiency in any discipline, it is also a fact of University life that the high stakes and extended lead-up to the assessment make this type of test the single most stress-inducing aspect of academic life.

An increasing concentration of high-stakes examinations across teaching periods has resulted in assessment regimes that prioritise performance under acute pressure over sustained engagement with learning outcomes. For many students, this presents not as a demonstration of academic prowess, but rather as cumulative stress, diminished wellbeing, and a reduced capacity to perform consistently across units.

There is growing recognition across the sector that a tendency towards final examinations risks narrowing the scope of assessment and overwhelming otherwise capable students, particularly when multiple units schedule similarly weighted exams within short timeframes. This issue is compounded by students' academic, employment and caring responsibilities, which are varied and unique to each student, and amplify the impact of concentrated assessment stress.

Accordingly, this motion does not argue for the abolition of examinations, nor does it question their pedagogical value. Rather, we call on the University to consider whether the current prevalence and weighting of examinations within Monash units remains proportionate to their educational benefit, and whether a more balanced assessment mix could better support both academic integrity and student wellbeing - without compromising standards.

A coordinated effort to reduce the number of units that hold final assessments in exam settings over the course of the next few semesters would go some way to improve the study/life balance, wellbeing and academic performance of Monash students regardless of faculty, campus and life circumstances.

Motion #10:		
This MSC:		
1.	Calls on Monash University to reduce the number of units that hold final assessments in exam settings.	
2.	Require that MSA representatives on the Academic Board and University Education Committee regularly inform the MSC of further advocacy and progress on this issue	
Moved:	Remus Brasier	Seconded: Monty Richardson
For:	19	Against: 1
		Abstain: 0
MOTION PASSED		

H. Sleep in, then lock in: No Exams/Final Assessment commencements before 10am.

Preamble:

~~Our government remains silent on the atrocities in Gaza while covering up for Israel's crimes by inviting their president to our country. Nothing can justify the Albanese government extending an invitation for Herzog to visit Australia.~~

~~The role of students in the Palestine movement has been very significant over the last two years, and the invitation of Herzog is a provocation. The MSA should play the role of giving a lead to students who oppose the occupation and bombing of Gaza. The importance of student unions in organising and facilitating Palestine activism has been demonstrated by the student referendum last year.~~

Motion #12:

~~The MSC condemns the Australian government's invitation to Isaac Herzog.~~

Moved: Dominique Amad-Corson	Seconded: Madeline Curkovic	
For:	Against:	Abstain:

MOTION WITHDRAWN

J. Red line, not red carpet

Preamble:

Earlier this week, the Albanese Government welcomed Isaac Herzog, the President of Israel and a war criminal, to Australia.

Herzog has made statements asserting that all Palestinians are to blame and should 'pay' for 7 October, explicitly calling for the collective punishment of a population of approximately two million people - something the United Nations found to constitute incitement to commit genocide. Despite widespread opposition across the country and despite objections raised by international human rights organisations such as Amnesty International, the Labor Government proceeded with this invitation.

We cannot call ourselves a functioning democracy when war criminals are allowed to walk our streets despite public outcry, and all while the government insists it is committed to so-called social cohesion. The overwhelming student presence at the protests held on Monday, 9 February, opposing Herzog's visit makes it all the more important that this MSC condemns the Albanese Government for legitimising and protecting Isaac Herzog, a war criminal, and recognises the efforts of the Palestinian organisers for leading such a vital protest.

Motion #13:

This MSC:

- Expresses support for the students and community members who took to the streets in protest
- Condemns the Albanese Government for inviting a war criminal to Australia
- Commends the Palestinian activists who organised the protest.
- Commits to working with relevant student groups and cultural clubs to provide supportive spaces for Palestinian and Arab students on campus
- Directs the Executive to make a media and social media statement on MSA's position on this issue in accordance with this motion.**

Moved: Rofida Arnaout	Seconded: Lana Abdelhalim	
For: 19	Against: 1	Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Amendment to Motion #13:

1. Make everything after 'Commits' point 4
2. Insert point 5: "Directs the Executive to make a media and social media statement on MSA's position on this issue in accordance with this motion."

Moved: Jay Davis

Seconded:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED

Rofida speaks to the motion as the mover.

Lana as seconder speaks to the motion.

Jos speaks to the motion and commends the motion to the floor.

Jay raises a point of clarification not to the motion but the meeting generally, asking whether motion #12 is being withdrawn and asks if any other motions are being withdrawn. Madi responds and confirms it is also motion #14 being withdrawn.

Madi affirms the motion.

Motion #14 is withdrawn.

K. The MSA defends free speech

Preamble:

~~Currently in Australia there is a widespread crackdown on free speech and the right to protest. From the passing of "Combating Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism (Criminal and Migration Laws) Bill 2026" to the anti-protest laws under Chris Minns in NSW, these draconian attacks have not only targeted the Palestine movement, but left-wing activism more broadly. For a period of time, the legality of the annual Invasion Day rally was called into question. This has a chilling effect on the right to protest.~~

~~The new hate speech laws are overreaching and have the potential to silence pro-Palestine activists. For example, when the Attorney General Michelle Rowland was asked on the ABC if saying Israel is engaged in genocide would be considered hate speech, she replied that she would not rule it out.~~

~~These hate speech laws empower the head of the Australian Federal Police to declare groups as hate groups, without the right to appeal. This is very similar to the designation of Palestine Action in the UK as a terrorist group.~~

~~Specifically relevant to students, many of the recommendations from Jillian Segal's antisemitism report will have dire consequences for students and staff wishing to exercise their civil liberties.~~

~~The recommendations include the following:~~

- ~~• Adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism, which conflates opposition to Israel with antisemitism. This effectively designates the vast majority of Palestine activism as anti-semitic, and therefore legitimate targets for the following recommendations.~~
- ~~• A report card to grade universities on their efforts to suppress Palestine activism on campus. This explicitly includes "rapid and effective response to all protests, encampments and display of flags, imagery and promotional materials within university campuses and buildings".~~

is deeply racist and Islamophobic in both its assumptions and its outcomes. It relies on long-standing tropes that cast Arab and Muslim political expression as inherently dangerous, emotional, or extremist, while positioning Palestinian solidarity as uniquely disruptive and illegitimate. By treating Palestinian protest as a security issue rather than a political response to ongoing dispossession, genocide and violence, the report reproduces colonial logics of control and dehumanisation. It normalises anti-Palestinian racism while claiming to oppose hatred, and in doing so entrenches the very conditions that allow racism to thrive. This narrative is profoundly dangerous because it relies on fear, racialisation, and collective punishment rather than evidence.

The government's willingness to invoke national tragedy, the 2025 Bondi shooting, to legitimise crackdowns on protest and surveillance of activism is a grotesque abuse of public grief. That violence had no connection to Palestinians or the Palestinian liberation movement, yet it has been very quickly weaponised to advance policies that silence Palestinian voices and restrict civil liberties. Using tragedy as a political tool to racialise communities and suppress a genuine movement calling for freedom and liberty of Palestinian people sets an alarming precedent that the suffering of some can be exploited to strip others of their rights. It is appalling that the government responded to a horrific terrorist attack by seeking political advantage and shielding Israel, instead of centering the safety and wellbeing of Jewish communities in Australia. The MSA is further alarmed by the manner in which the Segal Report has been developed and implemented. The implementation of the report was rushed through without meaningful consultation.

Motion #15:

This Monash Student Association resolves to:

1. Unequivocally reject the Segal Report and any attempt to use it to conflate antisemitism with anti-Zionism, criticism of Israel, or Palestinian advocacy, and affirm that opposing racism must never be used to criminalise solidarity or suppress dissent.
2. Condemn the racist and Islamophobic impacts of its findings and recommendations, including the normalisation of anti-Palestinian racism and the framing of Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim political expression as inherently suspicious or extremist.
3. Publicly affirm and defend the right of students to protest, organise, and express solidarity for Palestine on campus without intimidation, surveillance, disciplinary threats, or institutional retaliation.
4. Advocate to Monash University for concrete protections, including:
 - rejecting any protest "grading" or compliance frameworks that treat activism as a reputational risk;
 - ensuring disciplinary processes are not weaponised against political expression and,
 - guaranteeing that any antisemitism policy is narrowly defined, evidence-based, and developed through genuine consultation with impacted communities.
 - opposing the rushed implementation of report-linked measures across the higher education sector and,
 - demand transparency on what Monash is adopting, who is advising it, and what safeguards exist for student rights and academic freedom.
5. Reject the Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism (Criminal and Migration Laws) Bill 2026, recognising it as a rushed and draconian legislative response that threatens civil liberties, particularly the right to protest and engage in political expression.
6. **Condemns the brutality of the NSW police against peaceful protesters in Sydney at the protest against Isaac Herzog on the 9th of February.**
7. Commit the MSA to practical support for affected students and activists, including:
 - providing clear guidance on student rights and complaint pathways;

2. ensuring cleaning staff are briefed and scheduled according to the reworked terms of the collaboration, by identifying busy periods (i.e. Week 1-4, Post Mid Semester, Exam Weeks) and frequency of stocking.

Moved: Mehreen Khan

Seconded: Lana Abdelhalim

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Motion #20:

This MSC will campaign on identifying the 30 dispensers spread across campus and testing unique restocking schedules in accordance to foot-traffic and usage

Moved: Mehreen Khan

Seconded: Lana Abdelhalim

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

Mehreen speaks to both motions and summarises the campaign while signposting the beginning of a broader campaign.

Lana seconds this.

Alex raises a point of clarification as to the reasons why the dispensers had not been restocked in the past.. Mehreen clarifies that in her handover from previous office bearers it was raised that scheduling inconsistencies and other administrative flaws may be to blame for the inconsistent refilling. Mehreen states her intention to establish more clarity.

Q. Acknowledge changes to campus social cultures and safety in light of social media exposure to the “Epstein Files”

Preamble:

Most students coming back to campus or being introduced to campus culture for the first time this year are likely to come across social discussions surrounding the release of the highly graphic details in Jeffrey Epstein’s emails, files and photographs of crimes committed by him and various “high profile” celebrities and politicians. The persistence of social media memes and discussions have created the assumption that people are fully equipped to absorb information detailing child sexual abuse, GBV, racism, discrimination and much more. Many mental health experts have deemed this to be highly dangerous discourse due to young adults and underage youth on social media being unable to grasp the real-world impact, thus becoming highly desensitised to this information.

Acknowledgement of such discourse in classrooms, clubs and societies events, and off-campus social events is inevitable, thus it is necessary to regulate the scope of desensitisation regarding such extreme content. Especially in the current socio-economic state of the world where extreme ideologies, discrimination and violent sentiments are rampant, campus culture is undeniably affected by the individual beliefs and behaviour students contribute to in their social circles on and off campus. The occurrence of incidents as such also highlight the persistence of infantilisation, grooming and other forms of sexualisation of teenage girls, and categorised amusement towards “freshly 18-year olds” during their first year in university. Keeping such aspects of student life safety is a priority for societal change.

Motion #21:

This MSC:

1. urges awareness surrounding discourse on campus regarding sensitive and graphic details stemming from the “Epstein Files”, especially those that impact children and teenagers, and can impact campus life especially for under-age students at Monash.
2. acknowledges the often misogynistic and infantilising societal expectations that young women face on and off campus, that may make them vulnerable as first year university students participating in student life activities, dating and furthermore.

Moved: Mehreen Khan**Seconded:** Lana Abdelhalim**For:** 15**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 2**MOTION PASSED**

[Mehreen Khan provides more context on the reality of being a young woman on university campuses in this time following the revealing of files and contents therein.](#)

R. Continuing the Momentum of Fossil fuel DivestmentPreamble:

Universities should strive to establish ethical partnerships. In late 2025, Monash University ended its partnership with Woodside Energy following years of sustained campaigning by students and staff. This significant win demonstrates the power of collective action and sets an important precedent for other public institutions. ESJ wants to continue pushing momentum for real sustainability and prevent greenwashing, particularly as many universities across Australia continue to maintain partnerships with large fossil fuel and heavy polluting corporations. The University of Western Australia has ties with Woodside, Curtin University with BHP, and both the University of Melbourne and La Trobe University with Rio Tinto. This is simply unacceptable. It is crucial that public institutions are held accountable. The success of the Stop Woodside Monash campaign proves that people power is effective and necessary. This precedent must now be conveyed across all Australian universities, as fossil fuel companies have no place on our campuses. Additionally with an ongoing climate crisis, universities must be held to a higher standard and commit to transparent and achievable sustainable practices. In response, ESJ is launching the Make My Degree Fossil Free campaign, dedicated to pushing for fossil fuel divestment within public Institutions. Student associations must do their part in applying pressure on universities and openly condemn partnerships that contribute to environmental harm.

Motion #22:

This MSC:

1. Calls on the MSA to support the Make My Degree Fossil Free campaign
2. Calls on the MSA to support a national fossil fuel divestment campaign in partnership with NUS Environment and other Australian Student Association Environment Departments.

Moved: Anushka Sharma**Seconded:** Remus Brasier**For:** 15**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 2**MOTION PASSED**

[Anushka acknowledges Remus and the work of collective action in the space, noting the NUS environment department as a viable pathway for greater engagement.](#)

[Remus commends Anushka and commends the motion to the floor and mentions 2026 Stop Woodside Monash Strategy Meeting.](#)

Jos asks whether or not there is a date for the meeting and Remus confirms that it is a core group. Anushka seconds this.

Jos speaks to the motion and congratulates the Stop Woodside Monash team.

S. Supporting Students Affected by the 2026 Protests in Iran

Preamble:

~~Supporting Students Affected by the 2026 Protests in Iran Preamble~~ In 2026, widespread protests erupted across Iran against the Islamic Republic of Iran, an authoritarian regime that is governing the country through political repression, religious coercion, and systemic human rights violations. These protests have been driven by long-standing grievances including the violent enforcement of gender-based oppression, suppression of political dissent, economic hardship, and the denial of basic civil liberties. Protesters, led by Iranian people are demanding an end to state violence, accountability for abuses, and meaningful political and social reform.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has responded to the 2026 protests with severe crackdowns, including mass arrests, torture, executions, internet shutdowns, and the use of lethal force against civilians. These actions have created widespread fear, trauma, and instability within Iran and across the Iranian diaspora. This MSC affirms the right of the Iranian people to develop a sovereign nation free from foreign political interference, external coercion, and authoritarian rule. Many Monash University students are directly affected through concern for the safety of family members and loved ones, disrupted communication, and the psychological toll of witnessing ongoing repression and violence. These circumstances have ongoing and cumulative impacts on students' mental health, wellbeing, and academic capacity. As an institution committed to equity and student welfare, Monash University has a responsibility to respond with compassion, flexibility, and an informed understanding of the political realities affecting affected students.

Motion #23:

This MSC resolves to:

1. Stand in solidarity with the people of Iran and with Monash University students affected by the 2026 protests.
2. Recognise the 2026 protests in Iran as a legitimate mass movement opposing authoritarian rule and demanding human rights, gender equality, freedom of expression, and political self-determination.
3. Call on Monash University to provide flexible and compassionate academic support for affected students, including accessible special consideration, assessment extensions, alternative assessment arrangements, and attendance flexibility where required.
4. Urge the University to adopt a trauma-informed, case-by-case approach that recognises the ongoing and cumulative impacts of political violence, repression, and instability.
5. Encourage Monash University to clearly communicate available wellbeing, academic, and financial support services to students impacted by the situation in Iran.

Moved: Lana Abdelhalim

Seconded: Rofida Arnaout

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

MOTION PASSED

Both the mover and seconder waive speaking rights.

Madi speaks to the motion and condemns selective outrage. Madi commends the motion to the floor and encourages similar motions to be raised especially where they relate to authoritarian regimes.



T. General Business

U. Next Meeting

The next regular MSC meeting, 2/26 will be held on Wednesday 18 March 2026 at 11:00am in the Conference Room, Level 1, Campus Centre and by online Zoom meeting.

Appendices:

1. Annual Goals Submissions
2. Academic Board Report