



3:30PM, Thursday 7th May 2009
COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting commenced: 15:58

Present:

Daniel Crameri, Tim Rouen, Kirri Piper, Jess Di Blasio, Catherine Garner, Aijay Adams, Kathryn Ryan, Bede Crasnich, Hailey Sutton (chair), Stef Greenshields, Daniel Crameri, James Tier, Vanessa Organo, Patrick Harrison, Sarah Woodcroft, Allison Jeffares, Chris Monnox, Martha Johnson, Megan Zingel, Ryan Gould, Warren Hudson, and Brendan Cook (minutes).

Observers:

Bec Nash, Charly Lindsay, Matt Greiss, Adam Rozadilla, Toby Kell, Nikki Low, Pip Upcroft, Nik Pianegonda, and Nick Kafer.

1. APOLOGIES

Table Apologies: Nyssa Murray, Nathaniel Kennedy, Skye Parsons, Annie Zhou, and Samita Rai.

Mover: S. Woodcroft

CARRIED unanimously

2. MINUTES

Table Minutes from Council Meeting 4 and Executive Meeting 2.

Mover: B. Cook

CARRIED unanimously

3. STANDARD OPERATIONS BUSINESS

Casual Disabilities Representative – *no nominations received*

Vacancies External Students Representative – *no nominations received*

4. REPORTS

Table	President's Report (oral)	<i>H. Sutton</i>
	Events collective (oral)	<i>S. Woodcroft</i>
	Anti-Racism collective (oral)	<i>B. Crasnich</i>
	Environment collective (oral)	<i>V. Organo</i>
	National Union of Students (oral)	<i>C. Monnox</i>
	Mover: S. Woodcroft	

CARRIED unanimously

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

PROCED. That Charly Lindsay be granted speaking rights for two (2) minutes.
Mover: T. Rouen

CARRIED
For – 11
Against – 6
Abstentions – 4

PROCED. That discussion for motion 09/CM05/01 end.
Mover: C. Garner

CARRIED
For – 11
Against – 3
Abstentions – 7

09/CM05/01 It was moved that Council condemn the suspension of Monash University Education Officer Oman Hassan's pay as unacceptable political censorship and an attempt to stifle legitimate dissent. Council urges the MSA to protect the rights of students to express themselves freely and not give in to pressure exerted by the University Administration. The autonomy of student organisations is essential in order to guarantee independent advocacy on behalf of students, and the erosion of student autonomy should be considered an attack on all Student Unions.

Relevant correspondence with the MSA and Monash University will be entered into by the Social Justice Representative.

Mover: P. Harrison / J. Tier

FAILED
For – 6
Against – 4
Abstentions – 11
(B. Cook)

PROCED. That emergency motions be heard: 09/CM05/02, 09/CM05/03, 09/CM05/04, 09/CM05/05, 09/CM05/06, and 09/CM05/07.
Mover: B. Cook

CARRIED
For – 18

Against – 1
Abstentions – 2

09/CM05/02 That \$85.00 be released to cover food expenses arising from the event *Coming out by Candlelight* hosted by the Queer Collective.
Budget line: Student Services – Collectives: Queer
Mover: J. Di Blasio / S. Greenshields

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM05/03 That \$100.00 be released for cans of drink to be purchased for sale alongside a fundraising barbecue for Queer Collaborations.
Budget line: Student Services – Collectives: Queer
Mover: J. Di Blasio / S. Greenshields

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM05/04 WUSA releases \$1 000.00 for the payment of its National Union of Students (NUS) Affiliation Fees for the year 2009.
Budget line: Student Services – Collectives: Unallocated
Mover: C. Monnox / B. Cook

CARRIED
For – 12
Against – 6
Abstentions – 3

PROCEED. That motion 09/CM05/05 be amended to replace:
Reduce the age of independence from 25 to 21
with
Reduce the age of independence from 25 to 18
Mover: B. Cook

CARRIED
For – 11
Against – 6
Abstentions – 4

09/CM05/05 WUSA endorses the following aims of the National Union of Students (NUS) *Demand a Better Future* campaign:
• Reduce the age of independence from 25 to 18
• Raise the low-SES dependency threshold from \$32 000 to \$42 599
• Raise the rate of allowable income without penalty to \$400 per fortnight
WUSA will promote these aims as part of its program of welfare and education advocacy throughout 2009.
Mover: C. Monnox / P. Harrison

CARRIED
For – 11
Against – 8
Abstentions – 2

09/CM05/06 That \$150.00 be released to allow for the purchase of kangaroo meat sausages and vegetables to be sold at a Sustainable Foods barbecue being provided by the Environment Collective.

Budget line: Student Services – Collectives: Environment

Mover: V. Organo / P. Harrison

CARRIED unanimously

09/CM05/07 That the WUSA Annual General Meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday May 20th at 12:30PM, and that it be held indoors in a room to be organised by the President. Further, that \$100.00 be released to purchase refreshments to be provided to members during the meeting.

Budget line: Student Services – Events: Social Events

Mover: T. Rouen / S. Woodcroft

CARRIED unanimously

Meeting concluded: 17:15