

# Monash Student Council

## Confirmed Minutes

Meeting 14/08 of the Monash Student Council held at 9am on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August 2008 in Short Courses.

*Meeting opened at 9:18am.*

### 1. Attendance:

President:	Mat Hilakari	
Secretary:	Julian Campbell	(minutes)
Treasurer:	Yuliya Mik	Apology
Education (Public):	Mark Baker	
Education (Academic):	Dash Jayasuriya	
Activities:	Sarah Cousins	
Welfare:	Adam Taranto	
Environment:	Ella Broughton-Cunningham	
Women's:	Ephiny Gale	(chair)
Female Queer:	Allegra Lofgren	
Male Queer:	Owen Smith	
C&S:	Ryan Alexander	Apology
MUISS:	Ronny Tsee Woon Yuen	Apology
MAPS:	Daniel Brownsden	
General Representative:	Tegan Dobbie	Proxy to Gemma Buckley
General Representative:	Simon Singer	
General Representative:	Maeva Veerapen	Proxy to Michael Keane
General Representative:	Jeremy Healsmith	
General Representative:	Dara Conduit	Proxy to Lisa Dalla Torre
Indigenous:	Billy Gray	Absent
Observers:	Shana Nerenberg Lana Kagan Miriam Glasby	

### 2. 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. The MSA commits itself to actively fight alongside Indigenous peoples for reconciliation and justice for all Indigenous Australians.

### 3. Confirmation of agenda order

### 4. Summary of exec financial motions

Attachment: 01/14

No questions arising.

### 5. Confirmation of previous minutes

#### 5.1 MSC 13/08

Attachment: 02/14

#### Motion #1:

"That this MSC recognises the minutes of MSC 13/08 as a true and accurate record."  
Moved through the chair.

For: 7

Against: 0  
Abstentions: 3  
MOTION CARRIED.

## 6. Matters arising from previous meeting

### 6.1 Mediation

Mr Hilakari reports back that mediation is going ahead, and Robert Main is sourcing a mediator.

## 7. Reports

Reports due at this meeting:

7.1 Education Public Affairs Report (even) Attachment: 03/14

This report was not received in a reasonable manner.

7.2 Education Academic Affairs Report (even) Attachment: 04/14

No questions arising.

7.3 Women's Report (even) Attachment: 05/14

*Ms Gale passes the chair to Ms Broughton-Cunningham.*

Ms Gale reminds council that Professor Rae Francis is coming today for the Women's Leadership Forum.

*Ms Broughton-Cunningham passes the chair to Ms Gale.*

7.4 Welfare Report (even) Attachment: 06/14

Ms Lander didn't submit the report, both Welfare officers will ensure this is done by next MSC.

7.5 Male Queer Report (even) Attachment: 07/14

Not submitted.

*Ms Jayasuriya enters at 9:23am.*

7.6 Female Queer Report (even) Attachment: 08/14

Not submitted.

7.7 Environment Report (even) Attachment: 09/14

No questions arising.

7.8 Lot's Wife Report (even month) Attachment: 10/14

Enquiry as to when OB reports are due for submission to Lot's – the deadline is pretty flexible.

### Motion #2:

"That this MSC accepts all tabled reports on block."  
Moved through the chair.

For: 9

Against: 0  
Abstentions: 1  
MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Co-OB Regulations**

**Attachment: 11/14**

Co-OB regulations are distributed once again to the council. This issue had come up multiple times in the past, and after two committees is ready to be put to the floor.

**Motion #3:**

“That this MSC adopts the proposed Position Sharing Regulations as outlined in Attachment 11/14 as Section 4 of the Office Bearer Regulations.”

Moved: Mat Hilakari

Seconded: Julian Campbell

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

MOTION CARRIED.

**9. Space Changes**

**Attachment: 12-13/14**

Space plans are distributed.

*Ms Buckley and Ms Cousins enter at 9:26am.*

*Ms Kagan enters at 9:30am.*

The Treasurer/Secretary office split is questioned – some believe that people should get along, and learn to have a good working relationship.

On the question of the impetus for change, having MAPS split up hasn't worked for MAPS. The quiet study area is not working, people from the uni have stated that it's inadequate. The kitchen has been totally inadequate and prams can't get through the lounge because it is so small.

*Ms Nerenberg enters at 9:35am.*

The Activist Space is getting used a lot more by more students now.

*Mr Baker enters at 9:35am.*

MAPS would be taking up the space of other people. Enviro would like to see Future Fest continue, but in the proposals there is no capacity for people to have room for this sort of activity.

The issue of the process is brought up – this has been a 2½ to 3 month process with multiple open committee meetings and opportunities for people to have their say.

Some argue Lot's Wife can't fit in the current activist space. MAPS wouldn't want to move into Lot's anyway – there's no air-conditioning, a sub-ed has passed out due to this, MAPS couldn't handle the heat, plus the writing on the walls is not appropriate and the hot water service is broken. Conversely, such a move would put Lot's into a more open space where they can attract more people in.

In favour of the proposed changes, it gets the women's office closer to the women's room.

Host Scheme has to spill out into space, works well with Lot's Wife.

Some argue that Wholefoods is the space for political purposes as defined in the MSA constitution, whereas the MAPS space was built for MAPS. Conversely, Wholefoods has been overrun this year, Monash desperately needs student spaces, MUST have been going nuts in Wholefoods with bookings.

Some ask why contravene the basis of the original space change plan. There is a need to generate a place for people to spontaneously organise. The MSA doesn't need to look like a professional organisation, it's a student organisation. People who have worked hard on future fest, etc, will feel ripped off.

Some argue in favour of knocking down walls.

**Motion #4 (tabled):**

"That this MSC asks that the space change committee reconvene to consider putting new proposals to MSC."

Moved: Michael Keane

Seconded: Ella Broughton-Cunningham

The space downstairs in the basement is raised as an option.

**Procedural Motion:**

"That the speaking list be reopened."

Moved: Simon Singer

For: 8

Against: 6

Procedural Carried.

**Procedural Motion:**

"That Motion #4 be put."

Moved: Mat Hilakari

For: 12

Against: 2

Procedural Carried.

**Motion #4 is put.**

For: 11

Against: 2

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

**10. Election *in utero***

The Secretary did not include the preamble or draft motion to this item in the agenda as it is a joke item, however some council members are upset that this took place.

**Procedural Motion:**

"That this MSC take a 5 minute break for the Secretary to print out the preamble and motion for agenda item 10."

Moved: Adam Taranto

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For: 5  
Against: 7  
Procedural lost.

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**Motion #5 (tabled):**

“That this MSC censures the Secretary for failing to attach an agenda item.”

Moved: Dash Jayasuriya  
Seconded: Adam Taranto

This started as a joke but highlights more serious problems of the Secretary expanding his evil reign of power. The Secretary has no right to decide on the legitimacy of agenda items.

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**Procedural motion:**

“That Motion #5 be put.”

Moved: Jeremy Healsmith

For: 11  
Against: 0  
Procedural Carried.

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**Motion #5 is put.**

For: 6 (Dash Jayasuriya)  
Against: 6  
Abstentions: 0  
Motion failed through chair’s casting vote.

Council members attempt to continue debate on the election in utero item, as other members walk out. Censure motions against those pulling quorum are attempted as they walk out

*Quorum lost at 10:21.*

**Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

**Attachment 01/14**

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33'08	6/08/2008	No financial motions		
34'08	12/08/2008	No financial motions		

**Minutes of Monash Student Council 13/08**

**Attachment 02/14**



MSC 13/08

**Education Public Affairs Report**

**Attachment 03/14**

Received but could not recognise format.

**Education Academic Affairs Report**

**Attachment 04/14**

*Dash Jayasuriya*

As it turns out, there are very few meetings during semester holidays. On the downside, this meant that for a couple of weeks I didn't really have much to do, and as such felt utterly unworthy of the \$6 an hour the students have been so kind as to bestow upon me. On the upside, however, it gave me much needed time in order to clean my office and get my files in order. I suppose this was better than staring into space, which was my other option. Anyway, the last month hasn't all been about the reckless spending of the organisation's funding (for me anyway, I can't speak for others), so here's a rundown for everyone to glance at and then discard out of boredom:

- It's a plane! Isn't that cute?
- **Assessment Working Party** – still working, not much partying (see what I did there?). We are painstakingly wading through the procedures for near pass grades and supplementary exams, because of course every faculty currently does some thing different. Most likely NPs will only be used for transitional purposes in the future, and possibly to allow people to graduate. We would prefer sups though. I've had two meetings for this in the last month.
- **Exclusion Procedures Advisory Committee** – A chance for myself and others involved in APCs to get together and bitch about BusEco. We also worked through some of the issues we had come across during the process and discussed ways to have an effective training program before APCs and an effective forum afterwards. Student Rights are also involved in this.
- **Library Forum** – I finally succeeded in getting the other Education Officers together with the Library and ITS so we could discuss student specific issues related to these departments. Main things that we discussed were Learning Skills (especially publicity. We also talked about having an SMS system to remind students of sessions they had booked in for), wireless, student spaces, and the confusing printing system. Hopefully we will soon have this streamlined, and the 'wireless everywhere' rollout seems to be going well.
- **iTunesU** – The Uni is in talks with Apple about getting on the iTunes bandwagon. Basically iTunesU is a program that would allow us to have a presence on iTunes, similar to a portal, but anyone would be able to access it. This would be primarily for guest lectures and things

- like that, as opposed to student's lectures (for IP reasons). It would be a good marketing tool, and eight other Australian unis are already using it. I am on the working party for this.
- **Education Committee** – A very short agenda, however I did raise the issue of having all lectures recorded. I had already spoken to relevant people from ITS and the Library about this. Basically, around 100 lecture theatres currently have the capacity to do this, however it is operated on an opt-in system that not all lecturers take up. We are pushing for an opt-out, however there is considerable academic opposition to this (they site IP, but considering how many lectures are already recorded I don't see how this applies). It will also cost a lot of money to rollout, but I have been told there is a submission in the budget process.
  - **Meeting with Shoemaker/Willis/Yates/HW&D** – This meeting was a chance for the Presidents and Education Officers from all campuses to chat to the listed people about things they are working on. We covered the Passport program, the specialist schools, the diary and enrolments. It was very interesting, and handy to have all of those people in a room together. I think everyone benefited and hope they do it every year.
  - **EPPC** – I delivered the results of my student survey on calendar changes (81.3% of 1200 students wanted semester 2 to start a week later) but no one commented on them which was a bit disappointing. The faculties will probably report their consultation findings next meeting; however I won't be there so I don't know what will happen. I also received a bit of a bollocking for submitting a report with a list of all the units that hadn't complied with week 13 policy. Apparently I should have done it privately/at a different committee/not at all. Oh well.
  - **Discipline Statute Working Party** – The discipline statute is woefully out of date and very limiting so a working party has been convened to deal with it. In the first meeting we just established our terms of reference, which wasn't very interesting. Student Rights are also involved in this.
  - **LTQC** – A very interesting discussion about all the different surveys the uni administers, to wit: MonQuest, MEQ, CEQ, Unit Evaluations, and MSCQ. I suggested that some be combined and that we take pains not to ask students to complete any at the same time. We also discussed ways to get students to complete unit evaluations, although the current uptake of 42% is one of the highest in the country, as well as ways of letting students know changes that have been implemented due to feedback.
  - **Academic Board membership** – Academic Board is looking at reducing membership (there are currently 173 members) and want to cut student members by half (from 4 ugrad and 2 pgrad to 2 ugrad and 1 pgrad), and I prepared a submission in response. I am arguing that student membership is too small and should be increased to 8 with international representation. I circulated a draft amongst other student members and got their feedback and then submitted the response from all of us. I have had no response yet.

Finally, I wanted to let everyone know that I will be overseas from the 21<sup>st</sup> of August to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. I'm sure I will think of you all while floating in the Dead Sea/shopping in the world's oldest bazaar/riding a camel. This will most likely be out of habit, not choice.

## Women's Report

Attachment 05/14

*Ephiny Gale*

This month has been spent with my focus on the Women's Leadership Forum; organising, publicising, introducing speakers etc... As I write this we've had 2 of our 8 scheduled speakers. I'm very excited about the quality of these, and I hope that the turnouts of guests continue to improve. I've also been filming women and interviewing them for the online Women's Leadership Forum, which we hope to launch in time for the start of next year. At the moment we have approximately 5 hours of footage and will continue to get more.

I've been trying to get two new women's groups off the ground; the Feminist Reading Group and the Ethno-cultural group. Everything is pretty much ready to go with these, but unfortunately they've both come to a stall for various reasons. I am looking for volunteer(s) to lead the first session of the

Reading Group, and gathering more women to facilitate the second. Building communication networks with this new Ethno-cultural women's network through MUISS, Muslim groups on campus, and various other women has also been a priority.

The Women's Lounge continues to go strong. I found nice new messages about how much women are enjoying the lounge on the Art Board this morning. I've restocked the Lounge with milk, condoms and tampons and cleaned the Lounge at several different intervals. WAC meetings are productive, friendly and efficient. I'm continuing to send out email bulletins, WAC minutes and updating the Facebook group and Online Women's Forum. The latter is proving difficult to get discussion moving on, but I am hopeful that especially once the Women's Leadership Forum videos are edited and online, this will dramatically improve.

Another exciting project was finding some old Feminism Surveys in the Women's Lounge, getting a variety of women to fill them out with their opinions on feminism, and posting their answers up on the wall of the Lounge. I would love to do more of this, and on a broader scale, in the future.

Other projects this month have included trying to get the Midsumma project off the ground, which we are reopening submissions for until the end of August. I'm also trying to do a lot of work around Reclaim the Night and the End Violence Against Women campaign. Unfortunately cross-campus communications around Reclaim the Night seem to have stopped almost completely. At Monash I've been compiling statistics and information, and have almost finished a couple of posters around international violence against women, and also how the statistics might affect women at Monash Clayton. In the future I would love to get a prominent speaker out to the Menzies lawn to talk about this issue, hold a barbeque and really try to raise as much awareness as possible.

Along with several other activist departments, I've been planning the Activist Plenary for the end of this month, which will incorporate a panel of speakers to talk on a series of issues that affect everyone working towards social justice. I'm still looking to confirm a Women's speaker, but am happy with what we're worked on so far in planning the plenary, and have been handling the catering for the post-panel festivities.

#### Other Business

- Campus Watch meeting + have been talking to Facilities & Services about areas of campus which need more lighting. Am thrilled to have F&S announce that they'll be conducting a huge lighting audit in 2009
- Organised finance that followed on from NOWSA
- Talked to Terry Hogan about possibly expanding western areas of the campus centre and utilising university areas for MSA purposes
- Helped with VSU pancake breakfast, VSU champagne breakfast & ancillary course costs barbeque
- Attended Future Fest workshop and Transport to Monash forum
- Sold culture cards/manned MSA stall for reorientation clubs carnival

<b>Welfare Report</b>	<b>Attachment 06/14</b>
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Not submitted as yet.

<b>Male Queer Report</b>	<b>Attachment 07/14</b>
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Not submitted as yet.

<b>Female Queer Report</b>	<b>Attachment 08/14</b>
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Not submitted as yet.

**Environment Report**

**Attachment 09/14**

*Ella Broughton-Cunningham and Lana Kagan*

**Future Fest!**

ESJC just finished putting on Future Fest. It was a week jam packed with different events. The aims of the week varied and we think most of these aims were fulfilled in some way.

The aims:

- Do things that are visible so people find out about stuff goin' down on campus (in terms of enviro and social justice things...)
- Get people chatting to each other
- Put people in awesome and comfortable spaces so people get creative and empowered
- Do actual 'stuff' so people feel empowered through actions
- Have a whole lotta fun
- Learn stuff

The events:

- Workshops
  - o Various workshops ranging from facilitation to permaculture, bike maintenance to non-violent direct action.
  - o Really beneficial part of the week.
  - o Workshops were in an environment where people felt comfortable and able to contribute. Also set the stage for the massive workshop where we looked at the future of student organising and what we wanted to achieve in the future, and then how to go about it.
  - o HAVING A USEFUL AND AVAILABLE STUDENT SPACE WAS ESSENTIAL TO PUTTING ON THE FESTIVAL!!! THE ACTIVIST SPACE MUST REMAIN IN A SPACE THAT HAS ENOUGH ROOM FOR STUDENTS TO MEET AND ORGANISE!!!
- Movie with Free Food Mondays
  - o This took almost no effort on our part, but was definitely fun. I looked around and saw that many people were totally engrossed in Captain Planet. (He's our man!)
- Debate
  - o Unfortunately I did not make it (I was running a workshop at the same time)
  - o I heard it was quite amusing and really well argued.
- Stalls Day
  - o Mainly useful for the people who came to do stalls. Not heaps of people passing through. Are people apathetic, scared of enviro geeks... tell me please? We didn't get a massive turnout.
- Clothes Swap
  - o Not massive, but took very little effort to set up (after a whole lot of emails). Lots of people walking past on the night asking if they could come and check it out.
  - o Potential for regular ongoing events in slightly different format. (Maybe combined ESJC and Welfare???)
- Party
  - o Lost a lot of money on that. (not unexpected)
  - o Pretty small turnout. Heaps of Fun!!

Good things

- Lots of people got involved. There was an overwhelming feeling of ownership of the whole festival because many of the people who participated were involved in some part of setting up the week.
- Positive feedback from a lot of people.

- Moving forward on some projects which were either original ideas from throughout the week or alternatively were reinvigorated during the week (eg: the Bikery, community garden)
- New friendships and connections forged
- Heaps of peeps got skilled up! (translation: Many individuals attended workshops whereupon they engaged in the process of learning many skills through a form of interactive education. These skills will be useful for continued involvement in student activism and general organising)

Things to improve on

- Don't have things scheduled at the same time (!)
- Some events may be better scheduled outside of a festival week
  - o eg. The debate probably needed more publicity and would be ok standing on its own
  - o Workshops at the beginning of the year will be useful to help build up the collective and get people feeling empowered from the outset.
- Publicity!!! Need to be more strategic with publicity!
- How to make Stalls day more visible? Another space?

That's it. That's all we've been doing for the past few weeks.

Ps: Lana stopped filling in her timesheet after she went past about 20 hours and Ella didn't know it existed. They have both been working around 30 hours for the last few weeks.

Have a sustainable day.

<b>Lot's Wife Report</b>	<b>Attachment 10/14</b>
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*Lisa Ritchie and Emily Laidlaw*

Edition five and six have come back from the printers and have been well received.

Since our last report we have been very busy in the office. We spent a great deal of time laying out our annual glossy edition. Thankfully, we had a last minute rush on advertising right before it was sent to the printers. We were especially glad given these ads were solicited by our advertising manager, Jared. He has been working very diligently all year at what some might deem a "thankless" job, so it was nice to see him pocket some cash.

We managed to move many left over copies of *Lot's* on Open Day. Copies of the paper have been moving well. However, we are rather limited in how often we are able to distribute as our capitol works submission for a trolley was rejected. The good news is that we will soon be purchasing a printer as this was approved in our submission.

We are currently working on edition seven and still on the lookout for contributions. The theme is "Sensual" so think sexy. OB reports are also due this edition so I would urge all departments to send them in to [lotswife@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:lotswife@adm.monash.edu.au) ASAP. If you don't send yours in we may just chose to fill the space with defamatory information about you. That, or we will just make you sound lame.

<b>Position Sharing Regulations</b>	<b>Attachment 11/14</b>
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These regulations have been made under authority of 36(4) of the MSA Constitution.

1. Office bearers may share salary and duties for an office bearing position in any division they choose, so long as a shared duties agreement is submitted to the President in line with the following:
  - a) The shared duties agreement is completed, signed and submitted before taking office;
  - b) The agreement explains what proportion of hours are to be completed by each office bearer, and how the duties of the position and honoraria are to be allocated between each person;

- c) The agreement specifies which office bearer is to hold the vote on any boards or committees (other than that defined by the initial election) that the position sits on; and
  - d) The agreement reflects any previous written agreements made prior to election of the office bearers.
  - e) The shared duties agreement may be adjusted at any point with the written consent of both office bearers.
  - f) Failure by any position-sharing office bearers to submit a shared duties agreement in line with the above will be deemed a breach of office bearer regulations, and dealt with accordingly.
2. If part of an office bearer position becomes vacant, then this part shall be dealt with in line with section 45 (4) of the MSA Constitution. The remaining, filled part(s) shall continue to work in line with their shared duties agreement.
3. A permanent proxy exists between the vote holding position-sharing office bearer and the non-vote holding position-sharing office bearer, unless the vote holding position-sharing office bearer submits a valid proxy in line with Office Bearer or other regulations.

<b>Space Change Proposals 1&amp;2</b>
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<b>Attachment 12-13/14</b>
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