

# Monash Student Council

## Confirmed Minutes

Meeting 15a/08 of the Monash Student Council held at 12pm on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2008 in Short Courses.

*Meeting opened at 12:08.*

### 1. Attendance:

President:	Mat Hilakari	(chair)
Secretary:	Julian Campbell	(minutes)
Treasurer:	Yuliya Mik	Absent
Education (Public):	Mark Baker	
Education (Academic):	Dash Jayasuriya	Proxy to James Mentor
Activities:	Sarah Cousins	
Welfare:	Adam Taranto	
Environment:	Lana Kagan	Absent
Women's:	Ephiny Gale	
Female Queer:	Allegra Lofgren	
Male Queer:	Owen Smith	Absent
C&S:	Ryan Alexander	Apology
MUISS:	Ronny Tsee Woon Yuen	Apology
MAPS:	Jessica Michaelides	Absent
General Representative:	Tegan Dobbie	Proxy to Lauren O'Dwyer
General Representative:	Simon Singer	
General Representative:	Maeva Veerapen	Proxy to Michael Keane
General Representative:	Jeremy Healsmith	Apology
General Representative:	Dara Conduit	Apology
Indigenous:	Billy Gray	Absent

Observers:

### 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. Signatories to bank accounts

*The MSA has had significant problems with suppliers not being paid in a timely manner, and cheque requisitions not going through in an appropriate time period, so that staff and officebearers have been out of pocket for long periods of time. The situation has led to an increase in stress on staff and officebearers. This will bring MSA central policy in line with MSA divisional policy and standard business practice.*

The draft motion and section 51 of the MSA Constitution is read out to council. Council members outline the organisational issues which have arisen as a result of cheque requisitions not being signed, and the personal hardship that various council members are suffering as a result of not being reimbursed in a timely manner. On the source of the problem, it is clear it is the signing process, not the finance office itself, which is the problem

**Motion #1:**

“That this MSC authorises any two (2) of the Secretary, Treasurer and President to be signatories to MSA cheques, purchase orders, requisitions, EFT payments and petty cash, as per section 51 of the MSA Constitution.”

Moved: Julian Campbell

Seconded: Sarah Cousins

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mr Hilakari outlines how the new procedure will work and will ensure GEMA's are sent around to notify the organisation of the change in financial arrangements.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 5pm on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2008 in Short Courses.

*Meeting closed at 12:14.*