

Monash Student Council

confirmed Minutes

Meeting 16/05 of the Monash Student Council was held on Thursday the 3rd November at 11.40am in Wholefoods.

1. Attendance:

Ollie Bennett (minutes)
Juan Munoz
Mel Szydzik (proxy for Danya Bryx)
Mari Linnik
Nick Richardson (chair)
Jono Walters
Anthony Walls
Kane Wishart
Miles Brennan
Carmal Carlin-Smith
David Taft
Zoe Edwards (proxy for Ruth Parker)
Jeffrey Leong (from 12.30pm)

Apologies:

Sharon Roussos
Monique Wicks
Jen Jackson
Con Helas
Matt Hansen

Observers:

Tom Bell
Dave Coulton
Loretta Mui
Daniel Sabolcki (Harry)
Chris Holmes

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

Carmal – defer Philippines exposure tour to next MSC
Harry – prioritise item 11 (petition against paying protest fines)

4. Confirmation of previous minutes

MSC 15/05

Attachment 01/16

Ollie – apologies for the word ‘draft’ written over the text on each page – it normally goes in the background, not the foreground

Time was allowed while people read over the minutes

Nick – motion to confirm the minutes

Ollie – dissent to putting the motion – as people obviously haven’t read them

Mel – I left at about 4pm, so sponsorship discussion was earlier

Mari – was there for earthquake

Ollie – both discussions? – initial discussion and then later when we voted on the motion?

Mari – think so

Nick – are the motions ok? discussion ok? Is the only problem the order?

Tafty – motion stating march 31st was seconded by Kane

Wallsy – ‘agenda order changed here?’ stated several times throughout

Jono – I was minuting and minuted in order of the agenda, not the chronological order

Ollie – ways to move forward – could defer them – people obviously haven’t read them & considering minutes on the web & recent media/legal issues that might be a good idea. Alternatively, we can confirm them & note that the order was different.

Tafty – defer, considering legal stuff

Confirmation of minutes from MSC 15/05 was deferred

5. Summary of exec financial motions

Attachment 02/16

Mari – testing & tagging of electrical?

Jono – final costing was more than originally thought

6. Reports

Attachment 03/16

Female queer (separate to agenda)

There were no questions for Carmal

Jono - 'queer as folk' is just home & away for queers -it's getting really bad

Male queer officer

Juan – how long is waiting list for counselling?

Miles – about 4 weeks

Mari – everyone wants special consideration

Miles – should employ more counsellors during this period

[Zeke arrived to take orders for lunch from Wholefoods]

Juan – how good is the housing service?

Miles – getting in touch with refuges, temporary housing

There were no more questions for Miles

Ollie – I did not add any specific reports to this agenda as I thought that we really need to have a proper discussion about the whole concept of reports. When writing reports into the MSC agenda I use the standing orders as a guide (as that effectively contains the MSA policy on reporting) however they are fairly grey and outdated. For example the idea of OB's reporting every second MSC was written at a time when MSC met only half as frequently as it does now. Would be good to talk about annual reports as well.

Juan – how many people have read them? Someone should write something, good to have standing orders here

Miles – we tried earlier in the year, but it failed to happen

Jono – support changing it, just not talking about it now – an issue for next year's OB's

Wallsy – everyone has annual reports due at last MSC?

Ollie – that's up top MSC to decide now

Nick – suggested one more report from everyone except queer officers, then annual reports from everyone

Ollie – including Lot's, divisions, managers?

Dave C – managers would be happy to do annual reports, divisions should

Nick – all OB's (except queer) – divisions, Lots & managers

Motion #1(moved from the chair): “That this MSC calls upon all OB’s except the queer officers to submit one more short report. Further, that all OB’s, divisions, Lot’s Wife Editors & the managers submit an annual report before the end of the year.”

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

7. MSC, exec & committee vacancies

Please note section 46 (Vacancies) of the MSA constitution, which is on the web at: www.msa.monash.edu.au/representation/studentcouncil.htm

7.1. MSC vacancy

Preamble: Last MSC had a secret ballot for the vacancy & elected Monique but didn’t actually formally ratify it with a motion.

Kane – Monique notified about today?

Ollie – she’s sick

Motion #2 (moved from the chair): “This MSC appoints Monique Wicks to fill the casual vacancy on MSC, pursuant to section 46(5) of the MSA constitution.”

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion carried

7.2 Exec vacancy

Nick – people want a brief rundown? Exec deals with day to day stuff – the financial stuff that comes up in summary of financial motions & also staffing matters

Kane – maybe we should defer this as only 1 gen rep is here, should be a wom*n

Ollie - we can always replace them at a later MSC – would be good to appoint now as exec has not been full for some time now

Nick – Monique interested?

Ollie – initially wasn't but now that exams coming to an end and not much left of the year, she said she would be happy to do it

Motion #3: “This MSC appoints Monique Wicks to fill the general representative vacancy on the MSC executive, pursuant to section 46(5) of the MSA constitution.”

Moved: David Taft

Seconded: Jono Walters

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

7.3 Committee vacancies

Preamble: Committees often have trouble with quorum as some of the members don't turn up

Carmal left at 12.24pm to get something related to this discussion

Miles – planning on having a queer committee meeting in December, to pass money for o-week stuff

Jono – is there no way we can do this other than at council?

Ollie – it could go to a by-election, but as it is within 3 months of the election, MSC can fill the vacancy and non-queers could abstain from the motion.

Miles – need one more person to pass stuff for o-week. Ruby has actually resigned from the committee and she's moved away.

Procedural: to bump up Nepalese orphanage a Loretta has to go

Carmal returned

Carmal – there was some uncertainty about filling the vacancy

Ollie – there are two other options – defer to next MSC or have exec ratify inquorate queer minutes

Motion #4 (moved from the chair): “This MSC notes the resignation of Ruby from the Queer committee and acknowledges there is now a (female) vacancy on the queer committee.”

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Motion #5: “This MSC appoints Raina Peterson to fill the vacancy on the queer committee, pursuant to section 46(5) of the MSA constitution.”

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

Motion carried

11. Petition against MSA paying HECS protest fine Attachment 06/16

Nick – I abstained on the motion, petition suggests I didn't

Harry – but you intended to vote for it, it wasn't until it was pointed out that you should abstain, that you actually did. Petition indicates that you intended to vote for it. Michael Josem jumped on to it and alerted the public to it and gave us bad press. I'd like to see the motion rescinded.

Jono – would like to defer this discussion, pending legal advice.

Nick – legality for those fined, not for the MSA paying it. This sort of thing is done fairly regularly by other groups

Chris – issue is separate – a lot of students have signed the petition

Harry – a policy question, is this sort of media good considering the VSU campaign?

Juan – line you're (Harry) portraying is same as Josem's – saying we shouldn't spend money on political stuff – same as liberals

Jeffrey Leong arrived 12.30pm

Mel – broader issue of what sort of front to the media – attack on monash is trying to bolster threat of VSU – we should not be outspoken on things because of the media. Could try and ignore it and put your head in the sand or can stand up and defend ourselves – stay true to a political commitment

Tafty – should address this in agenda item 8...to suggest that not supporting paying the fine is the same as Michael Josem is bullshit – there are shades of grey – there is no such thing as black & white – everyone supports political expenditure, just differs on what kind. I have a motion – for an explanation on paying the fines to be put in Lot's Wife

Chris – these people (who signed the petition) deserve a response.
Ridiculous to suggest Josem argument

Kane – self serving that this administration thinks of its own situation and not students' concerns. Should not be about covering arses

Nick – how many words for the article?

Tafty – 800 words – will add that to motion & an email to our membership

Mel – not about black & white – petition framed in black & white – all about context at the time – petition is important but I don't like the wording of the petition as it does not reflect reality – Nick did abstain. What petition says is very heavy handed. The wording was phrased in particular way that would have encouraged a lot of people to sign it – everyone knows that statistics can be manipulated.

Juan - to clarify - people like Josem would be against voting on a motion like this

Mari – shouldn't necessarily be Nick to write it as he didn't vote on it – motion needs to be clarified

Ollie – to clarify – MSC has (constitutionally) power to direct Lot's Wife to include certain material – the response is long overdue

Harry – sorry for any misunderstandings. MSA should not be undermining the court's decision – better ways of spending \$3000

Tafty – actual facts: Nick originally did vote for it but only abstained after I pointed it out. Problem is due to the communication problem that the MSA has with the student body. When we ask people to voluntarily join, this is the sort of thing that will make it difficult

Jeffrey – has the decision been discussed?

Nick – on the MSA covering people's legal fines – motivation behind the arrests were to prevent people from protesting. Police says that they have to arrest people to stop them from protesting. Four people were picked out – the motivation from those charges were to stop people from dissenting. To stop people exercising dissent. We recognise that law and the criminal justice system was used to suppress that dissent.

Chris – point is that there was very little debate and that people got the impression that this was covering their mate's backs

Ollie – suggest global email & response to individual email inquiry...

Procedural: ‘to put the motion.’

For: 7

Against: 1

Procedural carried

Dissent to putting the motion?

Juan – Yes - shameful for us to force people to do something, who have been prosecuted by the state

Tafty – how is communicating with our members a problem?

Juan – shameful that people have to justify this rather than us standing by our members

Motion put

Motion #6: “That this MSC directs those who voted for it to provide an explanation for the decision in the first edition of Lot’s Wife for 2006.”

Moved: David Taft

Seconded: Zoe Edwards

For: 8

Against: 2

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried

Jeffrey – I have another motion (to rescind the decision to pay the fines) Have to suspend standing orders, as rescinding a motion must be put in the agenda beforehand.

MSC took a 15 minute break at 1pm

MSC returned at 1.25pm

Jono took the chair

21. Nepalese orphanage

Attachment 11/16

Loretta – earlier this year, I was working in an orphanage in Nepal & the manager was corrupt, taking the money intended as donations for the children & spent it on herself. After a lot of arguments with her, one of the volunteers had an argument and she (the volunteer) was locked away and went to a successful court case. That volunteer is now the legal guardian for the children

Tafty – You've mentioned ability to engage students at monash in your funding application– could you elaborate more on this?

Loretta – was going to... students are keen to volunteer but don't know who to trust- want to help without contributing to corruption & abusing children. Am quite willing to do volunteer programs and publicity stuff for the MSA

Chris – as long as it involves monash students – can you give us more background on the people to be running the new orphanage?

Loretta – a dutch social worker, Marloes, who was a volunteer. CDO is the dutch organisation (children's relief) any donations going to Marloes' Legal fees for court case & cost of flights

Mari – engaging social work students – exchange?

Loretta – totally different kind of work to what you do in Australia

Kane – what were the response from other organisations?

Loretta – Red Cross can't help - doing so many other orphanages. Pumkinell, French organisation homeless youth...

Chris – have you contacted social work faculty at Monash?

Loretta – not yet but am keen to and set up exchange opportunities

Tafty – a few problems with this...a difficult one- it is a very worthy cause but am not sure if it's the MSA role for this except in extreme circumstances...such as the Pakistan earthquake...sets precedents and obligations..

Loretta – a lot of students are interested in volunteer work at monash – will do my best to do a volunteer exchange. \$6000 is a lot of money I know but it is to make sure it doesn't fall apart now (just to get it going) – it changes everything...supports children going to school, etc

Tafty – circumstances...need more fleshed out plans of what happens at monash – need more substantive plans on the table for monash aspect

Jeff – have you tried a fundraising campaign and a meeting/information session for students?

Loretta – raised about \$150 but at a crucial point where the orphanage has nothing. Beds & clothing are been kept by the manager to herself. Thought the MSA a place to go

Mari- want to speak in favour of this – particularly where monash students initiate stuff like this with overseas organisations. I went to this

tiny school in South Africa that was been supported by the university. Develop experiences of students who want to get involved in this – would do this as a welfare department project next year if I was still welfare officer – can work and be really positive

Motion: “That this MSC supports funding of this orphanage to the tune of \$6000.”

Moved: Juan Munoz

Seconded: Carmal Carlin-Smith

Motion: “That this issue be deferred until presentation of a detailed plan for future activities at monash.”

Moved: David Taft

Seconded:

Kane – I’m falling down the middle of things with what people have said – always difficult to decide what to spend money on when there is so many worthy causes out there. eg sending money on malarial vaccines... student involvement important– would support Dave’s motion to come back to this when the student involvement idea is fleshed out..

Juan – don’t think I’ve haven’t rejected an external funding application yet - student interest is a abstract concept: who’s to say what is student interest? Things have changed so much – eg in the 70’s when activism was so popular/common. Student interest for me – would be happy to support programs that students bring to us. With all the other worthy causes out there – would support them if someone brought them to us – would like a definition of student interest brought to me.

Nick – material benefit – most recognises to direct individual benefit...rather than stipulating \$6000 for projects but to say the MSA supports the Nepalese orphanage project and directs the 2006 Welfare officer to liaise with Loretta next year and work on stuff over summer. I get the impression that some sort of seed fund is needed now to get things off the ground. What I’d like to see is a motion that commits funds to start up costs and also for publicity and act as a seed fund for the fundraiser...

Motion: “That this MSC supports the volunteer at Nepalese orphanage and directs the 2006 Wefare Officer to support this project. The MSA authorises \$5000 for publicity, fundraising & start-up costs of the orphanage.”

Moved: ??

Seconded: ??

Tafty – issue that we’re discussing is benefit to students, yada yada yada. A lot of people would have trouble with this due to the lack of

benefit to students – need greater degree of accountability – need a more detailed account of information – affect our sway with the broader student body – accountability to students -given recent media would be happy to have special MSC if my motion does get up

Jono – biggest beef is putting up large amounts of money for proposals not properly costed – nothing personal but really need to put in the work when asking for so much money...

Mari – if the money is fairly urgent – compromise – pass money now and have special MSC later

Loretta – need beds, etc

Tafty – can we wait one week?

Loretta – only kind of money coming in is Marloes' own money – been waiting since the end of September for money. She has support by a lot of people but no one individually can give thousands of dollars.

Carmal – was going to take bits from Nick's suggestion and Tafty's motion – some sort of seed fund - \$3000 now and reassess in a week with Loretta's new hardcore flash bang submission

Juan – can't see why we can't pass \$6000 now. We passed \$10 000 for ASEN without any dissent – why apply different standards for this?

Jono – if this money is urgent – & special MSC's are difficult to call but we could have an executive that is open for everyone to attend.

Tafty – my preferred option would be to defer – could pass \$1000 now - & more after the plan. ASEN is a directly student run body with a high degree of accountability.

Juan – Tafty's been making snide remarks all meeting and speaking over everybody don't see why I can't

Jono – can everyone stick to the speaking list?

Tafty – different things – ASEN is different – no uniform test – would prefer to defer completely or pass a small amount now

Mari – would prefer \$1-2 thousand now...

Ollie – logistical issues – legal status of doing this is uncertain at the moment – financial logistics – eg bank accounts

Nick – need statement by supplier form, mailing address, bank details

Jeff – on legal issue, we are still governed by the law, despite our constitution – should defer it considering legal implications

Motion (tabled): “That this MSC supports the volunteering at the Nepalese orphanage and directs the 2006 welfare officer to support this project. MSC authorises \$2000 to be given to the orphanage for initial set-up costs that are of an urgent nature. A further \$4000 is to be given in a special MSC upon receiving a detailed plan for future activities at Monash to be of benefit to students.

Moved: Carmal Carlin-Smith

Seconded: Mari Linnik

Ollie – would like to hear Zoe’s input if she’s to be directed. Can’t have MSC direct special MSC – motion can state to *consider* a further \$4000 but stating that a further \$4000 *will* be authorised makes the special MSC irrelevant

Carmal – happy to change motion to that effect

Zoe – am happy to participate in this

Jono – wouldn’t be too much work, but more of an MSA liaising role

Loretta – I’d be happy to be taking on most the work

Jeff – with clubs – others – long term use – how do you see this as continuing once you’ve left Monash?

Loretta – social work department – opportunities for volunteers – I’ll be continuing to support the orphanage for the rest of my life and will come back to monash if I have to.

(Foreshadowed) Motion #7: “That this MSC supports the volunteering at the Nepalese orphanage. That this issue be deferred until the presentation of a detailed plan for future activities at Monash, as well as the receipt of legal advice.”

Moved: David Taft

Seconded: Kane Wishart

For: 6

Against: 4

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried (Substantive motion lapsed)

Loretta & Juan left at 2.13pm

9. VSU contingency

Attachment 05/16

9.1 letter from MSA staff

Kellan Wakeman arrived, with Juan's proxy

Dave C – staff understanding was that the \$300 000 was main concern

Tafty – it wasn't the main concern – apologies if interpreted that way

Dave C – not so much a case of staff wanting a restructure on June 2nd but wanting job security until June 1st

Nick – I was one of the dissenters to March – feel that the March supporters should respond.

Tafty – do people want me to attend a staff meeting?

Jeff – fairly extensive and substantial reasons articulated (for June)

Dave C – by adhering to redundancy status in the EBA and VSU status for 2006 wouldn't it be rather painless to consider June 1st now?

Mel – agree – information was not given to us at the last meeting and it is now and we should address.

Tafty – 31st was set as a date a while back in terms of timeline with subscriptions, etc that was set for December – in light of postponing of the legislation would be happy to support June date now.

Nick – rescinding motion – nothing more than odd

Dave C – setting an actual date – there is an 8 week notice period for redundancies – all staff want is to give a guarantee of their jobs and time to consider their positions – if they want to put their hands up for voluntary redundancies, time to work out what they want to do – don't want a case where come semester break, bang, – half of all staff are gone – want certainty up to a point.

Jeff – standing orders – rescission motions must be written into the agenda but we have the ability to suspend standing orders

Procedural: 'to suspend the final clause in standing order 9.1, pursuant to standing order 12.2.'

For: 12

Against: 0

Procedural carried

Motion #8: “That this MSC rescinds motion #5 from MSC 15/05.”

Moved: Jeff Leong

Seconded: Nick Richardson

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Motion #9: “This MSC guarantees full funding of staff to June 2, 2006.”

Moved: Jeff Leong

Seconded: Nick Richardson

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Ollie – want to make a point that it this issue doesn't end here. I personally, haven't had a chance to read the letter yet. There is an option of spending reserves for semester two – a debate for another day, next year, after discussion with staff.

9.2 2006 Budget

Jono - No motions are needed for this but this is just an information sharing thing – sorry there's only a handful of copies of this

Procedural: 'to return to standing orders.'

For: 4

Against: 0

Procedural carried

Wallsy – only \$4000 for activities

Kane – slashes to activities, host scheme, student theatre

Jono – you can blame me if you want. A few points – these budgets will change – probably quite dramatically. Student Theatre to be running more shows next year and earn more money – hopefully more likely to break even next year. Host scheme – speak to Sam – I just used his

figures. Activities – speak to Phil – I used what he gave me. I haven't cut the non-activist departments because I don't like them – next two weeks will be a process where I'll be liaising with all departments – some go up others down. Clayton Campus Service Council met yesterday – Monyx are pushing for a 5.99% increase in amenities fees – a line that the MSA is opposing – unless anyone at council thinks otherwise. Many of these things will change.

Nick- suggested passing a motion saying no increase in fees – so uni finance & resources could just shift numbers around from furnishings and loans to Monyx's base funding – MSA gets 31% Monyx 34% remainder loan repayments and refurbishing...ex ADF cut

Kane – argument would be rewarding financial incompetence by Monyx

Jono – Paul Rake said, *"I don't think we should be focus on how much money we (Monyx) are losing."* Steve's sarcasm was quite funny.

Motion #10 (moved from the chair): "That this MSC does not support an increase in the amenities fee for next year."

Tafty – need contingency to get around \$100 000 shortfall

Motion #10 put

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Jono - 2nd round budget submissions due soon – everyone have a look at them – thanks to all for contributing (still need enviro budget Mel)

The chair was handed back to Jono

8. Response to recent media

Attachment 04/16

Procedural: 'to go in-camera'

For: 12

Against: 0

Procedural carried

The following discussion is confidential. Only members of student council are allowed to read them.

MSC went to a break at 3pm (Jeffrey left)

MSC resumed at 3.30pm

Sie Kerr arrived

13. Insurance

The agenda order was reviewed – decided to prioritise 10, 18, 16

8. Response to recent media (continued)

Jono read a statement from Ruth Parker over recent events

It was suggested to put Jeffrey's motion (about rescinding the decision to pay the fines) to the next MSC

Motion #11: "That this MSC directs the MSA president to disseminate any press releases to MSC members before their release and that they be given reasonable time to read them."

Moved: David Taft

Seconded: Ollie Bennett

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstentions: 3

Motion carried

Procedural: 'to go back out of camera'

For: 10

Against: 0

Procedural carried

9. Computer leases (expire 28th Nov)

6 computers currently leased have their leases expiring soon. It's more expensive to lease than to purchase new ones.

Sie – quarterly charged – about \$1000 a year for lease payment and new computer is only \$1000 (GST inclusive)

Motion #12 (moved from the chair): "This MSC authorises up to \$6000 to replace the 6 computers whose leases are about to expire."

Why leased in the first place?

Sie – probably due to constant upgrades

Nick – flat screen monitors? Some people have problems with their eyes

Jono – coming out of ADF funding which is separate to cap works

Sie – computers already arrived

(the 6 computers are for: Ben, Gerry, Meli, Eli, May & Julie)

Motion #12 put

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

10.2006 Office Bearer pay commencement date

Tafty – should make it 12th Dec - Training day starts then – don't believe people should be paid to go to NUS conference

Jono – want OB's to be in the office learning on the job or have pay docked if going to NUS

Mel – last year Danya & I were in office early - expect to be from the 1st

Tom – people should be given the opportunity to work and be paid in that time – have things planned already (to train from the 1st)

Tafty – NUS is 3rd – 10th - large period of time – could make the argument that people could be paid to be at NUS but don't like that – given NUS people won't be in the office training

Mari – not everyone goes to NUS – I went for one

Jono – don't think people should be paid to go to NUS but don't know how we could get to some kind of resolution

Kane – could suggest unpaid leave for those going to NUS

Tafty – that's fine – however one on one departmental training – some cases where this years and next year's OB's doing different things - difficult - & in cases where those that are there & not take unpaid

Ollie – (ranted about OB's not turning up) – being paid when not at work

Kane – can pay be docked? How?

Ollie – (ranted about OB regs) – Office Bearer regulations is the documentation that sets out how pay and leave operates but as with MSC standing orders, it is outdated, grey in some areas & largely not followed. Attempted to have meetings at the start of the year to discuss changing them but people didn't turn up & nothing happened. The regulations specify how pay can be docked but it requires an absolute majority of MSC – but office bearers are never going to hold each other accountable so it's not likely to happen...

Jono – OB's are supposed to fill in time sheets but don't

Mari – are we?

Ollie – if you read your emails you'd know

Motion #13: “That the commencement date for payment of 2006 Office-Bearers is the date they actually commence training. Office-bearers who will not be undergoing training from 1 December (because either they or their 2005 counterpart is attending NUS) are encouraged to take unpaid leave until 12 December.”

Moved: David Taft

Seconded:

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

11. EBA

Procedural: 'to go in-camera'

For: 10

Against: 0

Procedural carried

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Procedural: 'to go back out of camera'

For: 8

Against: 0

Procedural carried

12. IR reforms

Attachment 07/16

Motion #14 (moved from the chair): “That this MSC condemns the federal government’s proposed Industrial Relations reforms and recognises them as an attack on worker’s rights. This MSC endorses the National Day of Community Protest on Tuesday 15th November and supports the right of MSA staff to attend the protest without being penalised.”

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried unanimously

Motion #15 (tabled): “That this MSC acknowledges the hypocrisy of the Australian Labor Party for asking student unions to provide financial assistance to this political campaign yet at the same time calling for a model of VSU legislation that would not allow us to do so. This MSC maintains its support for universal student unionism and student control of student affairs & student funds. This MSC condemns the ALP for their compromise model of VSU legislation and calls upon them to reconsider their policy and support the right of students (via their democratically elected student unions) to decide how student money can and can not be spent.”

Tafty – the nature of the ALP’s position – hasn’t been released yet – hasn’t said money not to go to student orgs but states what things can be spent on. People saying ALP trying to destroy student associations is false....greater change in WA-VSU...not a change in policy but should not play opposition politics when they don’t have the numbers in the senate- a short term strategic move not a policy change. A realistic attempt to do a short term strategy. Beazley’s statement of not repealing VSU was meaningless....

Nick – Macklin’s media release about services – no mention of politics at all. No power in the senate at all – could have taken a stand – once again ALP compromise – gain support by compromising to the right

Sie Kerr & Dave Coulton left 5.01pm

Motion #15 moved from the chair & put

For: 7

Against: 4

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried

Meeting ended 5.03pm