

## Monash Student Council

# Confirmed Non-Confidential Minutes

Meeting 11b/08 of the Monash Student Council held at 2:01pm on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2008 in the Short Courses Studio 3 and The Bar.

*Meeting opened at 3:01.*

### 1. Attendance:

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

### 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. Obtaining, Possessing and Leaking of Confidential MSA Staffing Documents

*All members of MSA, and in particular Office Bearers of the organisation are required to:*

- (1) to act honestly and in good faith;*
- (2) not to make improper use of their position or of information obtained in their position;*
- (3) to exercise reasonable care and diligence;*
- (4) not to behave in a racist, sexist, homophobic or militaristic manner;*

*With the release of confidential staffing information these duties were not upheld.*

*MSC therefore has an obligation to firstly pursue this matter fully, to ensure that any person or persons are held responsible for their improper activity and that an example is set to ensure that in*

*the future Office Bearers understand their obligations and duties, and the seriousness of the position which they hold, and the seriousness of staff privacy.*

**Motion #1 (tabled):**

“That this MSC affirms the right of staff and Office Bearers to privacy in regards to their staffing files, while employed by the MSA and after their employment by the MSA.”

Moved: Mathew Hilakari

Seconded: Mark Baker

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**Procedural Motion:**

“That Motion #1 be put to a vote.”

For: 8

Against: 9

Procedural Failed.

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**Procedural Motion:**

“That MSC move to formal debate.”

For: 5

Against: 6

Procedural Lost.

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**Procedural Motion:**

That Motion #1 be voted on at the conclusion of the meeting.

For: 14

Against: 2

Procedural Carried.

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**Procedural Motion:**

That Draft Motion #4 on the agenda be discussed first.

For: 8

Against: 5

Procedural Carried.

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**Motion #2 (tabled):**

“That this MSC will suspend any member of the MSA for two weeks in regards to the obtaining and leaking of confidential MSA staffing documents or information, on being made aware of their involvement in obtaining and leaking confidential staffing documents or information.”

Moved: Mathew Hilakari

Seconded: Mark Baker

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**Procedural Motion:**

“That the meeting proceed “in camera”.”

For: 15

Against: 1

Procedural Carried

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**Procedural Motion:**

“That all MSA officebearers be allowed to stay regardless of if they have a vote.”

For: 15

Against: 2

Procedural Carried.

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**Motion #3 (tabled):**

“That this MSC directs the two lawyers as outlined in MSC 11a in motion #1 to investigate if a breach of privacy has occurred.”

Moved: Simon Singer

Seconded: Ryan Alexander

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**Motion #3 is put.**

For: 9

Against: 4 (Mat Hilakari, Adam Taranto)

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED.

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**Motion #10 (foreshadowed):**

“That this MSC affirms that when MSA members are suspected of breaching the duties set out in the Constitution or the Associations Incorporations Act, the facts of the case are investigated by MSC (or executive if MSC deems it appropriate) and legal advice should be sought if deemed appropriate, and if finding the members have acted inappropriately, punitive and/or corrective action will be taken.”

Moved: Allegra Lofgren

Seconded: Julian Campbell

**Motion #10 is put.**

For: 13 (Dash Jayasuriya, Simon Singer, Owen Smith, Adam Taranto, Mat Hilakari, Jess Michaelides, Tegan Dobbie, Mark Baker, Allegra Lofgren, Yuliya Mik, Ephiny Gale, Ryan Alexander)

Against: 2

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion #11 (tabled):**

“That this MSC opens an open committee to develop a privacy policy for the MSA and that this is brought to MSC as soon as practicably possible.”

Moved: Ephiny Gale

Seconded: Tegan Dobbie

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**Motion #11 is put.**

For: 14 (Owen Smith, Mark Baker, Ephiny Gale, Dash Jayasuriya, Simon Singer, Yuliya Mik)

Against: 1 (Naomi Snell)

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion #1 (tabled):**

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Moved: Mathew Hilakari

Seconded: Mark Baker

Discussion ensues as to whether the motion is necessary or merely posturing and implying something was done wrong.

Mr Campbell launches a facetious attack on the myth of the right to privacy to illustrate opposition.

**Motion #1 is put.**

For: 7

Against: 5 (Dash Jayasuriya, Naomi Snell)

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will hopefully be held at 2:00pm on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2008 in Wholefoods.

*Meeting closed at 7:57.*