

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION INC

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2nd Meeting

25 January 2024

11:00AM

Burwood Building A Meeting Room (Lvl 2) and Via Zoom



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Procedural Matters

1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, Simar Bedi welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting formally open at 11:01AM.

As we gather for this meeting physically dispersed and virtually constructed, let us take a moment to reflect on the meaning of place and in doing so recognise the various traditional lands on which we do our business today.

We acknowledge the Elders past, present and emerging of all the lands we work and live on, and their Ancestral Spirits, with gratitude and respect.

Present

Simar Bedi	President and Chair
Paul Ting	Vice President - Education
Jerry Cui	General Secretary
Sunny Sarbjeet Singh	Assistant General Secretary
Noah Smith	Student Council Member
Vivian Weiqi Liu	Student Council Member
Sharon Jeikishore	Student Council Member
Bayden McKell	Student Council Member

Present for Debate

None

By Invitation

Sue Rolland	General Manager
Lee Emberton	Student Engagement Manager (arrived 11:03am)
Fionna Cooper	Finance Manager
Robyn Barnden	Operations Manager (arrived 11:04am)
Paul Majumdar	Burwood Campus Coordinator
Aastha Sukhija	Geelong Campus Coordinator

Observers

None

Minute Taker

Annette Allen	Executive Officer
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1.2 Apologies

Kate McCorquodale	Vice President - Welfare
Prabhmah Singh	Student Council Member
Gavin Hodgkinson	Advocacy Manager
Nic Domanski	Warrnambool Campus Coordinator

1.3 Absent

None

2.0 Question Time

- 2.1 The Chair advised no questions had been received prior to the meeting.
- 2.2 The Chair asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were received.
- 2.3 The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest to declare. None were received.

3.0 Starring

- 3.1 The following items were starred for further discussion (*including automatic starring as per agenda*):
 - 3.2 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred reports be received without further discussion.
 - 3.3 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred items on the agenda be received and that all recommendations therein be approved without further discussion.
 - 4.1 Accept the minutes of the previous Student Council meeting held on 30 November 2023.
 - 4.2 Actions arising from the Minutes
 - 5.0 Motions moved by circular resolution
 - 6.0 Leave of Absence requests
 - 6.1 Leave request from Vice President - Welfare
 - 7.0 Board Grant Applications
 - 7.1 Board Grant Application submission from ISDU
 - 8.0 Strategic Matters of Importance to Members
 - 9.0 Regulations and Constitution
 - 10.0 Policy, Procedures and Systems
 - 10.1 Monthly compliance reporting
 - 11.0 Reports and Operational Matters
 - 11.1 Human Resources
 - 11.2 Finance Report and Profit & Loss
 - 12.0 Minutes of DUSA's Committees Received
 - 12.3 Minutes of Warrnambool Campus Committee meetings
 - 12.5 Minutes of Executive Committee meetings
 - 13.0 Reports Received
 - 13.15 Campus Coordinators Updates
 - 14.0 General / Other Business
 - 15.0 Next Meeting
 - 16.0 Meeting Closed

Items Requiring Resolution

- 3.2 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred reports be received without further discussion.

SC01/25012024:

The Student Council agrees that all remaining unstarred reports be received without further discussion

Moved: Simar Bedi

Seconded:

Bayden McKell

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carried

- 3.3 To consider a recommendation from the Chair that all remaining unstarred items on the agenda be received and that all recommendations therein be approved without further discussion.

SC02/25012024:

The Student Council agrees that all remaining unstarred items on the agenda be received and that all recommendations therein be approved without further discussion

Moved: Simar Bedi

Seconded:

Weiqli Liu

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carried

4.1 Minutes of the Student Council Meeting

The Chair advised that if there were no questions regarding the minutes of the previous meeting, he would move a motion to accept these.

SC03/25012024:

That the Student Council approves the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 November 2023 as a true and accurate record of proceedings

Moved: Simar Bedi

Seconded:

Jerry Cui

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carried

4.2 Actions Arising from Minutes

The Chair advised there were no action items on the list, and he would move on to the next item.

5.0 Endorse all Motions Approved by Circular Resolution

The Chair advised there were no motions moved via circular resolution since the last meeting and he would move to the next item.

6.0 Leave of Absence

The Chair advised one request for leave of absence had been received from Kate McCorquodale and he would move a motion to approve this.

SC04/25012024:

That the Student Council approves one month's leave of absence for Kate McCorquodale commencing 24 January 2024 until 25 February 2024 inclusive

Moved: Simar Bedi

Seconded:

Paul Ting

For: 8

Against:

0

Abstain:

0

Carried

7.0 Board Grant Applications

7.1 ISDU Application

The Chair advised we had received a board grant application from the Islamic Society of Deakin University who are requesting \$4,200 for a prayer room and other items, and he asked if anyone had any thoughts on this application.

The Chair further advised that after discussions with Council at the Pre-Meeting, he and Jerry would like to catch up with the Club Executives to run through some options with them, such as whether they can apply for a Community Bank Grant etc. After discussing with Council, we would like to talk to them first before approving this and will meet with the Executives as soon as possible.

The Finance Manager asked if there were any timing issues around this request as the next Community Bank meeting is not until February.

The Chair advised that he and Jerry will explore the other options with them first as we only have limited board grant funds to offer this year.

Discussion ensued.

8.0 Strategic Matters of Importance to Members

The Chair advised no items had been received and asked if anyone had anything to raise under strategic matters.

The Chair congratulated the University on the new campus opening in India and advised there had also been another announcement regarding opening a campus in Indonesia as well and we hope there will be opportunities in the future for DUSA at these International campuses.

The Chair advised he met recently with the Dean of Students team (without Lisa Hanna) and this was a fruitful discussion.

The Chair advised that the Vice President - Welfare wanted to let everyone know that she will be starting up her committee in February when she returns from leave.

The Chair noted that the eSports and disability safe space will be starting up this year which is really good to see.

Student Councillor, Bayden McKell also discussed the needs for Neuro-diverse students, and he is keen to look at how we can assist them.

9.0 Regulations and Constitution

The Chair advised there were no items submitted and he would move on to the next item.

13.0 DUSA Reports

The Chair referred to the reports received and asked if there were any questions regarding these or if anyone would like to speak further to their reports.

The Vice President - Education advised in December he had attended the final Academic Board meeting for the year. The first meeting for this year will be held in February.

Some highlights from the last meeting were that the University is seeing an increase in domestic demand and influx of students from China and India in T3, plus the removal of the 50% pass rule.

The last meeting of the Clubs Awards was held where he had raised the issue of conflict of interest for students who are involved in clubs and are selecting the awards. He is looking forward to Paulasta starting this up again this year.

Work is progressing on the Disability Room with the repurposing the LC room that DUSA manages. He went and looked at the room last week with Sue and Robyn. We're now working with some stakeholders on how we renovate the room and reprogram the doors so that they are more accessible for wheelchair users.

The first meeting of the Education Committee will be held next Tuesday at 1pm and everyone is welcome to attend. Some post-grad student representatives will be invited to attend too.

The General Secretary advised that it had been quite a hectic period winding up last year and commencing this year. We have held 3 or 4 meetings with Deakin regarding the eSports room including with areas such as IPG. It will be a slow start, but we need to source considerable funds possibly from corporate partnerships, sponsorships, community bank etc. to cover some of the costs.

The first Campus Committee meetings for the year have all gone very well.

Questions ensued regarding the funding for the disability room and sourcing of appropriate furniture.

The General Secretary advised that we will seek funding from the Community bank and also campus committee funds or DUSA board grants as we have multiple sources of funding and we can split the costs between these.

Student Councillor, Sharon Jeikishore advised she has been speaking with Bec from Deakin Life and Cecille from Communications regarding more exposure for clubs on campus. She also heard from Lisa Hanna regarding the student complaints process as she is trying to pick up where Mairead left off last year, working on special considerations etc. to make this easier to use for students.

Sharon further advised she will be spearheading a Women's Committee and Campus representatives and Council are welcome to join. She will send out emails to try and get this started up by next week.

The Student Engagement Manager advised there had been a lot of recruitment happening in their area at present and also onboarding of staff. He is recruiting for two interns at present and saying farewell to one intern in Geelong. Staff are slowly returning from annual leave now. Setting up for T1 O'Fest is underway.

The Chair advised he would move a motion to accept all reports received.

Carried

Aastha Sukhija, Geelong Campus Coordinator

Aastha advised the Geelong Committee are all really excited about O'Week and especially the Mystery bus tours. One of their student representatives is working on the Midsumma break along with some clubs.

The Chill out trolley is about to re-commence and they are working on how to incorporate everyone's various schedules to be able to work on this.

Nic Domanski, Warrnambool Campus Coordinator

The Chair advised that Nic was unable to join the meeting today but has advised that their first meeting for the year had been held.

They had also met with Lee regarding O'Fest in Warrnambool, and the team are very excited about heading into the new year.

In early February he will be heading to Warrnambool to meet with the Dean.

The Vice President – Education asked the Burwood Campus Coordinator if he would like to talk about the IT staff in the library.

Paulasta advised that at their Campus Committee meeting they had asked the library staff how things were going with IT in the library.

They were advised that the University are finally hiring IT staff who are current IT students to provide basic IT support in the library, and the students will get paid for this. They will also provide them with proper training. Security support is required before they can provide 24/7 access in the Library. We will continue advocating for 24/7 library access.

Items for Discussion / Decision

14.0 General / Other Business

The Chair advised there were no items received under general business and asked if anyone had anything they would like to raise for discussion.

No items were raised.

Items for Noting

15.0 Next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next Student Council Meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 22nd February commencing at 11am.

16.0 Close of Business

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:43AM.