

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSOCIATION INC

# **STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

3rd MEETING

22 March 2018

11:00AM

Burwood DUSA Building A Meeting Room





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## DUSA Student Council

Thursday 22 March 2018  
Commencing at 11:00AM  
Burwood Campus – Building A Boardroom

The meeting notes that it meets on the land of the Wurundjeri people and we pay our respects to their elders past and present.

### Procedural Matters

#### 1.0 Welcome

- 1.1 The Chair, Lauren Hustwaite formally welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11:07AM.

#### Present

Lauren Hustwaite	President and Chair
Jacinta Spithill	Vice President
Jean-Marc Kurban	General Secretary
Nick O'Neill	Assistant General Secretary
Tegan Whitten	Education Officer
Amogh Chakravarthy	Community Engagement Officer
Alannah Buller	Social Engagement Officer
Dani Timtschenko	Welfare Officer

#### Present for Debate

Vanessa Agar	Queer Officer
Alex Zhang Wang	International Officer
Tam Hovenga-Wauchope	Burwood Campus Coordinator
Abir Mahmud	Geelong Campus Coordinator

#### By Invitation

Sue Rolland	General Manager
Tania Evans	Manager – Bookshop & Retail
Robyn Barnden	Services Manager
Gavin Hodgkinson	Advocacy Manager
Lee Emberton	Student Engagement Manager

#### Observers

None

#### Minute Taker

Annette Allen	Executive Officer
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#### 1.2 Apologies

Peg O'Keefe	Warrnambool Campus Coordinator
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#### 1.3 Absent

Josh Gilligan	Cloud Campus Coordinator
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## 2.0 Question Time

The Chair advised no questions had been received prior to the meeting, and asked if there were any questions. 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 Minutes of the Student Council meeting dated 22 February 2018
  - 4.2 Actions arising from the Minutes
  - 6.1 Board Grant Application – Fair Trade Vision - University Scholars Leadership Symposium
  - 7.0 Strategic Matters of Importance
  - 9.0 Policy, Procedures and Systems
  - 9.1 Monthly compliance reporting
  - 10.0 Reports and Operational Matters
  - 10.1 Human Resources
  - 10.2 Finance Report and Profit & Loss
  - 11.0 Minutes of DUSA's Committees Received
  - 12.0 Reports Received
  - 13.0 General / Other Business
  - 13.1 Bookshop Paper
  - 13.2 Project Proposal – 2018 DUSA Education & Welfare Survey
  - 13.3 Project Proposal – Queer Committee
  - 14.0 Next Meeting
  - 15.0 Meeting Closed

## Items Requiring Resolution

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

### SC01/220318:

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

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Lauren Hustwaite</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Jean-Marc Kurban</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>

**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.



**SC05/220318:**

**The Student Council approves a leave of absence for Alannah Buller from 25 March to 8 April inclusive**

**Moved:** Lauren Hustwaite

**Seconded:**

Amogh Chakravarthy

**For:** 7

**Against:** 0

**Abstain:** 1\*

**Carried**

*\*Alannah Buller*

## 6.0 Board Grant Applications

The Chair advised that a Board Grant application had been received from Fair Trade Vision and she would ask the General Secretary to speak further to this application.

The General Secretary advised that while this was an interesting application, the purpose that the funds would be used for does not strictly meet the criteria for receiving board grant funding. The club are requesting an amount of \$3,000 be provided to them to enable three of their executive members to attend a conference in Bangkok, and it was his belief that this would really only be of benefit to a few students rather than many. He suggested that the club could seek either a clubs grant, or they could fundraise to raise the money they require for this trip.

The Student Engagement Manager noted that the application does not meet the requirements of clubs grant funding.

The merits of the application were discussed further, with the general consensus from the Council that it would not set a good precedent to provide Board Grant funds for this purpose, as it was not clear in the application as to how attending this conference would benefit the broader student population.

The Chair noted that the consensus was that this does not fit the criteria of a board grant application, however there was potentially some scope to apply for funding from Deakin, Deakin Talent, or the Bendigo Community Bank could also be contacted as another possible source of funding. On this basis the application has been denied and the General Secretary will contact the club and provide feedback regarding other avenues of funding.

**Action:** The General Secretary to contact the Fair Trade Vision club and advise them their application had been rejected and provide them with information regarding other possible sources of funding to investigate.

## 7.0 Strategic Matters of Importance to Members

The Chair advised that no items had been received, and asked if anyone had anything they would like to discuss under strategic matters. No items were received

The Chair raised the issue of the capping of the Commonwealth Grants scheme, and further advised that she and the General Manager had discussed this recently with the Vice-Chancellor. It appears that this will not affect current students, however may impact on future students, with some degrees receiving more assistance than others. It will also be dependent on whether we go to a Federal election this year.

The Chair advised that Trimester 1 saw the first increase in offers to commencing students at Warrnambool Campus. Although a modest increase, the numbers had risen from 178 to 181 and this information had been reported in the Warrnambool Standard. There were also approx. 60 students at Warrnambool who were offered scholarships.

The Chair raised the 'Response to Disclosure' training, noting that this ties in with the 'Consent Matters' training to which we now have 100% completion rate from Student Council. Arrangements have been made for Student Council to attend the 'Response to Disclosure' training sessions and we are aiming for 100% completion rate for this by the end of June.

The Chair requested that all Student Council advise her which dates they will attend the training by tomorrow.

The Chair advised that the new residential building at Geelong Waterfront has had a soft opening, as it is still being completed while students are living there. Those students are receiving a discount on their rent to compensate for the building works that are occurring.

The Chair advised she was able to have a tour through the facility, and noted that it is a very good facility.

The Chair advised that the parking issue at Geelong Waterfront is still receiving media attention. A recent news article advised that the Andrew's Government wanted to build a convention centre on the car park site, which is a very contentious issue. The Vice Chancellor recently advised that this was not an option at present as the University are not considering selling this land.

The Chair advised that O'Week has been a very successful week and it was great to see the engagement of staff, Student Council and Representatives all coming together to provide some very well run events. The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution during this period.

The Vice-President noted that the capping of the grants scheme will potentially affect a lot of people. Some post-graduate degrees will cost well over \$100,000 with medical degrees just over \$40,000 and we need to look at this issue as a matter of urgency.

The Chair further outlined some of the changes to the grants scheme, some of which have been approved, and some have not.

The Education Officer advised that this is also tied into providing awareness to students regarding the State Elections and how this will impact on students, and she and the Welfare Officer will work collaboratively with the Vice-President on an awareness campaign.

<p><b>Action:</b> The Vice-President to head-up a project which will look at campaigning and awareness around the capping to the grants scheme, with assistance from the Education Officer and the Welfare Officer.</p>
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## 8.0 Regulations and Constitution

The Chair advised there were no items for discussion under regulations and constitution.

## 9.0 Policy, Procedure & Systems

### 9.1 *Monthly Compliance Reporting – March*

The Chair advised the status of financial compliance reporting due in March had been provided in the Agenda, and unless there were any questions regarding this she would move on to the next item.





The Geelong Campus Coordinator apologised that he had been unable to submit his written report as he had also been unwell and had also had to postpone a recent Campus Committee Meeting due to illness.

He is currently working on a few ideas at the moment.

O'Week at Geelong saw the student representatives being very involved and they really enjoyed the participation.

The Chair noted that both office bearers will submit two reports for next month's meeting.

The Student Engagement Manager advised he had been extremely busy with O'Week events and apologised for not submitting a written report.

The Student Engagement Manager provided a summary of activities during the past month and some activities that are coming up.

Team Captains have been selected after a stringent process.

Trials are commencing across all campuses.

Indigenous Games / IKE are holding training sessions in Geelong.

There is more involvement from clubs with social sport on campus.

Campus Committees and staff are doing well with the recent change management and event activation days.

SHAG week is coming up, outlined various activities around this campaign.

Pride Week – The Queer Officer has driven much of this and it has been great to work with her in this space.

'Postcards' are being created to get students to move towards our on-line resources.

O'Week – outlined statistics from O'Week events. There had been a few incidents, however these were well reported this year.

Involvement from Campus Committees and the Student Council in debriefs after O'Week is currently occurring.

O'Camp was held in February and a great speech had been delivered by the DUSA President. Students attending the camp learnt a lot about DUSA.

Currently looking at more student leadership to replace some of the staff leadership at that camp.

An eNewsletter went out to all Club Executives, and this will create some sharing amongst the clubs and will also inform them as to who the Student Council are, and get their buy-in into the themed weeks.

Showed a promotional video – DUSA urban spread and TAC, Deakin juggernauts and DES – Party to end Trimester 1 exams. This is a 600 ticket event being held in Geelong, with some tickets also available for Warrnambool students. This will be the only DUSA sanctioned party event. Pre-sale tickets will be offered to DUSA members and no other parties will be approved during the two week exam period.

The Chair advised she would now move a motion to accept all reports submitted.

**SC07/220318:**

**That the Student Council receive all presented and written reports.**

**Moved: Lauren Hustwaite**

**Seconded:**

**Nick O'Neill**

**For: 8**

**Against:**

**0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Carried**

## Items for Discussion

### 13.0 General / Other Business

The Chair advised there were three items for discussion under General Business.  
The Chair advised she would move in camera to discuss the first item.

#### SC08/220318:

**That the Student Council move In Camera at 12:00noon**

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Lauren Hustwaite</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Tegan Whitten</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

### 13.1 *Bookshop Paper*

The General Manager spoke to this item.

#### SC09/220318:

**That the Student Council move Out of camera at 12:36PM**

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Lauren Hustwaite</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Nick O'Neill</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

#### SC10/220318:

**That the Student Council endorses Option 4 as outlined in the Bookshop Paper, with the proviso that the peppercorn lease and other expected provisions outlined in the paper are forthcoming.**

<b>Moved:</b>	<b>Lauren Hustwaite</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Amogh Chakravarthy</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Against:</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>

**Carried**

### 13.2 *Project Proposal – 2018 DUSA Education & Welfare Survey*

The Education Officer spoke to this item advising that she will design the survey and questions and would appreciate assistance with this from other Student Council members. The survey will then be delivered by utilising Student Representatives and Student Council who will use iPads to approach students on campus and ask them to participate in the survey. She would like to have this project completed by 30 April.

The Community Engagement Officer and the Queer Officer offered to assist the Education Officer to design the survey questions.

The Education Officer advised that there was currently no budget for this project, however it was noted that we currently have a subscription to Survey Monkey which can be utilised for this survey. The Education Officer advised that she would also like to include the cost of two \$50 Coles or Woolworths vouchers as an incentive for students to participate in the survey.

