

MONASH UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION PENINSULA INC.

PENINSULA STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting: PSC 07-21

Meeting Date: Monday May 10th, 2021

Start time: 04:33PM **End time:** 05:32PM

Location: Teleconferencing (Zoom meeting) & MONSU Meeting Room, Building U, Monash University Peninsula Campus

Purpose: Peninsula Student Council Meeting

1. PREAMBLE

MONSU Peninsula acknowledges and pays respects to the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Elders, past and present and emerging of the Kulin Nation, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and operate upon.

Present -	Alice Peddle	President
	Patricia Scarlett	Vice President
	Jessie Farquharson	Social Officer
	Elise Kervin	Queer Officer
	Brigitte Bertolus	Education Officer
	Ella Davis	Welfare Officer
	Jasmin Baker	Volunteer Officer
	Cassidy Kwok	International Officer
	Nicholas Brito	First Year Officer
	Tessa Kent	Women's Officer
	Hannah Croft	General (Welfare) Officer
	Moon Lau	General (Social) Officer
Others -	Elise Redmond	Operations Manager
Absent -		
Apologies -	Victor Lam	General (International) Officer

Proxies -

2. STANDING ITEMS

2.1 Review agenda

Patricia Scarlett reported.

2.2 Approve minutes from previous meeting

Patricia Scarlett reported.

MOTION PSC 07-21-01

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the minutes from the previous meeting”

MOVED: Brigitte Bertolus

SECONDED: Hannah Croft

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

NONE

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 IHRA Definition - Guest Speaker

_____Alice Peddle and Ruthie Brown reported.

Ruthie Brown identifies as Jewish and has come to the Student Council to ask that they adopt the all inclusive IHRA definition of Anti Semitism.

Definition:

“Anti Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews.

Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or

non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities”

Ruthie states that there are issues with the socialist groups on campus and that there is a culture embedded within the Monash community. However, the University will not remove the socialists due to free speech. The Student Council is in support of the definition to show support to minorities on campus so that they feel safe and supported.

MOTION PSC 07-21-02

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves and endeavours to adopt the IHRA definition of Anti Semitism as per mentioned by Ruthie Yale Brown”

MOVED: Tessa Kent

SECONDED: Hannah Croft

CARRIED

4.2 Volunteering Process

Jasmin Baker reported.

Every Sunday night, Jas will send a call out for events for the upcoming week so that the team is aware of the events that will be happening throughout the week. If Student Council members are not able to attend their shift the process will be to message both Jas and Bella, and then also remove your own name from the roster. It would be really helpful if you also tried to find a replacement for the shift (not necessarily another OB member, other students within cohorts). This is about creating clear communication across the team.

4.3 Social Update

____Jessie Farquharson reported.

Social committee held their first meeting and an event that they are looking into is the Cross-Faculty Ball. They are currently researching different venues.

4.4 Thursday Eats Action List

_____Jessie Farquharson reported.

All Student Council members to think of food options for Thursday Eats for a range of options.

Thursday Eats Online.

4.5 Multicultural Fest Semester 2

Jessie Farquharson reported.

Instead of doing a Multicultural week we could incorporate different multicultural events

throughout the semester. Social would like this to be more of an International event,

Bollywood night - MRS event - fundraiser and awareness on the crisis in India.

4.6 Cross-MSO Event Update

Alice Peddle reported.

David Copolov to undermine the event up to \$10,000AUD if for some reason it does not go ahead or the MSO's do not sell enough tickets. MONSU Peninsula is currently investigating transportation, specifically buses.

4.7 Financial Update

Elise Redmond reported.

Elise Redmond just went through the current financial report and the Student Council

The financial report along with an update events budget will be sent out with the meeting minutes.

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 Education Placement Survey Update

Brigitte Bertolus reported.

Currently, there have been 90 responses so far with the survey. Student Council members have noted that they will share the link to the survey with cohorts.

It has been brought to the Student Council's attention that there is a priority on Australian placements over international. Students cannot receive travel exemption without placement. The Education Officer (Brigitte Bertolus) will look into this further.

5.2 Constitution Report

The current constitution is not in compliance with Consumer Affairs Victoria. All students are members of MONSU Peninsula without awareness. There are investigations into how best to approach the constitutional changes happening throughout the Student Council members.

5.3 Ally Training Days

There is a range of dates throughout the year for Student Council members to attend on the training days that they are available to attend the training.

6. PAPERS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Meeting Minutes from PSC 06-21

6.2 Financial Report

6.3 Event Financial Report

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th of May, 2021 at 4:30PM

8. ACTION LIST

- Promote volunteering within cohort groups/chats.
- Student Council to circulate the Education Placement Survey with cohort pages and as many students as possible.