

**MONASH UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION PENINSULA INC.**

**PENINSULA STUDENT COUNCIL**

**Meeting: PSC 11-21**

**Meeting Date:** Friday July 23rd, 2021

**Start time:** 10:34AM **End time:** 11:54AM

**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
	Elise Kervin	Queer Officer
	Ella Davis	Welfare Officer
	Jasmin Baker	Volunteer 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
	Isabella Patrick	Events Coordinator
Absent -		
Apologies -	Cassidy Kwok	International Officer

	Brigitte Bertolus		Education Officer
	Jessie Farquharson		Social Officer
Proxies -	Cassidy Kwok	TO	Alice Peddle
	Brigitte Bertolus	TO	Tessa Kent
	Jessie Farquharson	TO	Alice Peddle

## **2. STANDING ITEMS**

### **2.1 Review agenda**

Patricia Scarlett reported.

### **2.2 Approve minutes from previous meeting**

Patricia Scarlett reported.

Amendments were brought up regarding the minutes from PSC 09-21. There were changes that needed to be made around the detail for one of the agenda items. The Student Council approves of the suggested changes and the minutes for PSC 09-21 will be amended to reflect those changes.

#### **MOTION PSC 11-21-01**

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the minutes from the previous meeting and PSC 09-21”

**MOVED:** Hannah Croft

**SECONDED:** Elise Kervin

**CARRIED**

## **3. BUSINESS ARISING**

NONE

## **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **4.1 COVID implications on Events**

\_\_\_\_\_Elise Redmond reported.

Week 1 will not be going ahead with on campus events due to the recent COVID restrictions. Catering that has already been booked for Week 1 has been pushed back until Week 4, pending further details surrounding COVID. There are questions around whether events will be allowed up until Week 4 as Monash University has postponed Open Day Discovery Day which was scheduled for the end of Week 3. Week 1 has adapted as much as possible with some events being changed to online events. Pottery & Sip is now a Zoom & Sip and Beers with the Queers will be held online as well. Week 2 is One World Week and due to the unknown situation around COVID implications a meeting with Coco (International OB) will be scheduled to discuss how best to approach the adaptation of Week 2 events to online.

#### **4.2 MONSU Peninsula Executive Establishment**

Alice Peddle reported.

The Executive can be established as a subcommittee and will work under these clauses within the constitution; 24.1 The Executive is a committee of the Student Council, exercising delegated powers from the Student Council under clause 24.2. 24.2 The Executive is responsible on behalf of the Student Council for: (a) the employment of staff by MONSU Peninsula, (b) monitoring the finances of MONSU Peninsula, and (c) any other matters delegated by the Student Council. The Executive will consist of the President, Vice President and three other Student Council members that are appointed by the Student Council as noted also by the constitution. The members of the Student Council will be able to apply for the position and the appointment of the Executive will be established at the next Student Council meeting.

#### **4.3 MONSU Personal Development Workshops**

\_\_\_\_\_Alice Peddle reported.

It is important to provide opportunities for the Student Council and for other students to acquire personal development workshops. Workshops like Nevo, Auslan Training, Mental Health First Aid, Flip the Switch and Endo Training are some of the ideas already put forward for this initiative. These workshops will be available for Student Council members but also all students, with the only barrier being that some workshops will have limited seats. The proposed budget for this initiative is \$3860AUD, which includes the budget that was originally set aside for the Student Council's professional development opportunities. It is within the best interest of the students of Peninsula campus to offer these opportunities to all students.

MOTION PSC 11-21-02

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the budget of \$3860AUD for the MONSU Personal Development Workshops ”

**MOVED:** Tessa Kent

**SECONDED:** Jasmin Baker

**CARRIED**

4.4 HongKostralia

\_\_\_\_\_Alice Peddle reported.

HongKostralia wants to establish a bank account in order to run events in Hong Kong.

Establishing a bank account would make it easier for them to run events as the bank account will be a Hong Kong bank, as this will remove currency conversion and other issues that are associated. The Student Council is in agreement with the establishment of a bank account for HonKostralia taking into consideration that the majority of HonKostralia members reside in Hong Kong.

MOTION PSC 11-21-03

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the establishment of a bank account for HongKostralia in Hong Kong”

**MOVED:** Hannah Croft

**SECONDED:** Nicholas Brito

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 General International Officer Resignation**

\_\_\_\_\_ Alice Peddle reported.

Victor Lam has emailed his resignation to Alice and Trish regarding his position as General International Officer. Due to personal reasons and the demand of online studies being overseas, Victor felt that he could not continue with his duties. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. We will advertise the vacancy within five academic days of the vacancy arising as per our Casual Vacancy guidelines in the constitution and keep applications open for ten academic days from the date of the advertisement of the vacancy. advertisement of the vacancy.

#### **MOTION PSC 11-21-04**

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the resignation of General (International) Officer Victor Lam on the 23rd of July 2021”

**MOVED:** Elise Kervin

**SECONDED:** Ella Davis

**CARRIED**

#### **4.6 Women’s Lounge**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tessa Kent reported.

The Women’s Committee is now up to 7 members and there has been a discussion about establishing a space within MONSU to create a Women’s Resource Hub. A proposal was sent out with the agenda for this meeting, outlining the details around this endeavour. The suggested location is under the window near the Food Bank and Welfare area in the front space where the

Breakfast Bar is run. The purpose of the Women's Resource Hub is to provide women on Peninsula Campus a location to access things like the FloBundles, Women's health brochures, novels and other resources associated with women. The proposed budget is \$200AUD for the purchasing of resources to create the space.

MOTION PSC 11-21-05

"That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the budget of \$200AUD for the establishment of the Women's Lounge"

**MOVED:** Elise Kervin

**SECONDED:** Jasmin Baker

**CARRIED**

4.7 'The Desk'

\_\_\_\_ Patricia Scarlett reported.

Back in December Trish put together a proposal about streamlining and centralising the advertisement of the services that MONSU Peninsula provides for students. A proposal was also sent out with the agenda for Student Council members to read before the meeting. An updated list of services has been provided as well as a timeframe and next steps. The Student Council is in agreement with the establishment of 'The Desk' in order to create better awareness about the services that are offered to Peninsula students by MONSU Peninsula.

MOTION PSC 11-21-06

"That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the establishment of 'The Desk'"

**MOVED:** Tessa Kent

**SECONDED:** Nicholas Brito

**CARRIED**

4.8 MONSU Elections

Alice Peddle reported.

The election regulations cannot be passed until after the SGM where the new constitution will be passed. Therefore the election dates and weeks cannot be confirmed as they are dependent on the passing of the election regulations. The reason for this is that polling days need to be further specified in the election regulations. A discussion was had about how many polling days would be appropriate. The Student Council agreed to the reduction of polling days to four days instead of four and a half days that it is currently. OGL also suggested adding in a clause that meant that students would need to provide a bond if they wish to raise issues with the Election Tribunal during the election. The Student Council agrees that this is a good idea and suggests that a bond of \$150AUD will be sufficient. The purpose of introducing the bond ensures that all complaints are legitimate. It was also discussed that there needs to be a guideline to what is considered legitimate.

#### **4.9 Professional Development**

\_\_\_\_\_Elise Redmond reported.

Talked about previously in agenda item 4.3 Personal Development Workshops.

#### **4.10 Election Regulations**

\_\_\_\_\_Alice Peddle reported.

Discussion about the election regulations including the details provided in agenda item 4.8 Election. The Student Council previously passed a budget for the election regulations, but will need to amend the budget to \$1900AUD to fulfill the requirements associated with the election regulations.

#### **MOTION PSC 11-21-07**

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the amended budget of \$1900AUD in regard to the OGL Election Regulations”

**MOVED:** Hannah Croft

**SECONDED:** Ella Davis

**CARRIED**

#### **4.11 Signage Project**

\_\_\_\_\_ Elise Redmond reported.

MONSU Caulfield has a new printer that prints vinyl and has agreed to create some signage for MONSU Peninsula. An invoice of the different jobs was provided and Elise Redmond talked the Student Council through the different jobs. Banners for certain departments are still pending. The Student Council then discussed the budget for this project. Combining the advertisement budget with the refunded TAG conference money, the Student Council was in agreement that the budget for this project will be \$3500AUD. The rationale behind reallocating the TAG conference money was because MONSU Peninsula has established the Personal Development Workshops for Student Council and all students to access, and using the left over money that would have been for Student Council professional development alone to put towards creating better awareness for students through signage.

#### **MOTION PSC 11-21-08**

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the budget of \$3500AUD for the Branding Project”

**MOVED:** Ella Davis

**SECONDED:** Hannah Croft

**CARRIED**

#### **4.12 Endo Workplace Training**

Tessa Kent to report.



In a previous meeting the Student Council passed a budget on Endo training. The aim was to have the Endo training happen during Week 1, however Respectful Communities has reached out and stated that this training would be valuable during Diversity and Inclusion Week (Week 8). The changes going forward will include expanding the training to a wider community (with the inclusion of staff and students). The Student Council will work together to find an optimal date for this to happen for Week 8.

## **5. OTHER MATTERS**

## **6. PAPERS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION**

**6.1 Meeting Minutes from PSC 10-21**

**6.2 Meeting Minutes from PSC 09-21**

**6.3 'The Desk' Proposal**

**6.4 Women's Lounge Proposal**

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

SGM - Tuesday 10th of August at 4:30PM

## **8. ACTION LIST**

- Get involved in the Lockdown Lympics
- Ensure timetables/rosters are updated in the spreadsheet
- Apply for an Executive position if interested
- Trish will organise the most optimal time for regular fortnightly student council meetings