

MONASH UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION PENINSULA INC.

PENINSULA STUDENT COUNCIL

Meeting: PSC 12-21

Meeting Date: Tuesday August 10th, 2021

Start time: 04:32PM **End time:** 05:11PM

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
Others -	Elise Redmond	Operations Manager
Absent -		
Apologies -	Moon Lau	General (Social) Officer
Proxies -		

2. STANDING ITEMS

2.1 Review agenda

Patricia Scarlett reported.

2.2 Approve minutes from previous meeting

Patricia Scarlett reported.

MOTION PSC 12-21-01

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

MOVED: Hannah Croft

SECONDED: Tessa Kent

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 MONSU Peninsula Executive

Alice Peddle reported.

Only two student council members applied; Brigitte Bertulos and Jessie Farquharson. As there will only be four members of the Executive, the Student Council will postpone the establishment until the next Student Council meeting in hopes of finding another member to join.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Appointment of Returning Officer

_____Alice Peddle reported.

Alice Peddle proposes the appointment of Gavin Ryan from OGL as the Returning Officer for the 2021/22 Elections as he is highly regarded and recommended. The Student Council is in agreement that he will be a neutral and fair representative.

MOTION PSC 12-21-02

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council appoints Gavin Ryan as the Returning Officer for the 2021/22 Elections”

MOVED: Brigitte Bertolus

SECONDED: Tessa Kent

CARRIED

4.2 Election Regulations

_____Alice Peddle reported.

The ongoing State of Emergency in Victoria due to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to threaten our normal way of living. Moreover, the emergence of the delta variant has induced sporadic lockdowns. The enormous threat this pandemic poses to student safety and wellbeing, and the running of a safe and efficient election, is challenging. Therefore, following discussions with the Peninsula Campus Coordinator, the 2021 MONSU Peninsula student elections will be conducted entirely online. This includes all publicity and campaigning. This will not only ensure an election that is consistent and expected, but will ensure that student safety during a pandemic is prioritised.

MOTION PSC 12-21-03

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council adopts the Election Regulations as set out in the circulated draft approved by OGL”

MOVED: Jessie Farquharson

SECONDED: Brigitte Bertolus

CARRIED

4.3 Call of Election and Dates

_____Alice Peddle reported.

The dates have been determined and are as follows:

Notice of Election: Wednesday August 11

Ticket Re-registrations: Opens Wednesday August 11 and closes Monday August 16 at 5PM

Ticket Registrations: Opens Tuesday August 17 at 9AM and closes Friday August 20 at 5PM

Nominations Open: Wednesday August 18 at 9AM

Nominations Close: Friday August 27 at 5PM

Statements of Distribution of Preferences: Opens Tuesday August 31 at 9AM and closes Friday September 3 at 5PM

Polling: Opens Monday September 20 at 9AM and closes Thursday September 23 at 5PM

Declaration of Results: Friday September 24 at 5PM

4.4 Electoral Tribunal

_____Alice Peddle reported.

Alice has been in conversation with Gavin from OGL about the best candidate for the position on the Electoral Tribunal. The person that has been suggested is Akshaya Ravi. The Student Council is in agreement about the appointment of Akshaya Ravi as the lawyer represented on the Electoral Tribunal for the 2021/22 Student Council elections.

MOTION PSC 12-21-04

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the appointment of Akshaya Ravi as the Electoral Tribunal for the 2021/22 Elections”

MOVED: Cassidy Kwok

SECONDED: Ella Davis

CARRIED

4.5 Office Bearer Regulations

_____Alice Peddle reported.

Due to the new Constitution passed earlier today, MONSU Peninsula is required to pass new Officer Regulations. These will establish the preliminary responsibilities of the Peninsula Student Council members defined in sub-clause 16.1(k) of the Constitution. Further, these regulations establish 3 General Officer positions, similar to the General Officer positions that existed under the old MONSU Peninsula Constitution. However, the portfolios for these positions will be left general, and instead be determined by the incoming MONSU Peninsula Student Council of each year. This will allow for greater flexibility with officer responsibilities between years to create portfolios that reflect the needs of the students they represent at the time.

MOTION PSC 12-21-05

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council adopts the new Officer Bearer regulations

MOVED: Jessie Farquharson

SECONDED: Hannah Kroft

CARRIED

4.6 Appointment of General (International) Officer

_____Alice Peddle reported.

There were two students who applied for the position of General International Officer and those applications were reviewed by the Student Council prior to the Student Council Meeting in preparation for discussion. After an in-depth discussion, the Student Council is unanimous in the appointment of Angela Chan into the General International Officer position.

MOTION PSC 12-21-06

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council appoints Angela Chan as General International Officer”

MOVED: Cassidy Kwok

SECONDED: Hannah Kroft

CARRIED

5. OTHER MATTERS

5.1 OGL Updated Budget for Election Regulations

_____Alice Peddle reported.

Due to the changes recommended for the Election Regulations, the budget previously passed needs to be updated with an additional expenditure of \$484AUD. The Student Council is in agreement with the updated budget.

MOTION PSC 12-21-07

“That the MONSU Peninsula Student Council approves the additional expenditure of \$484AUD for the review of the proposed Election Regulations”

MOVED: Jessie Farquharson

SECONDED: Brigitte Bertolus

CARRIED

6. PAPERS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PSC 11-21 Meeting Minutes

6.2 Election Regulations

6.3 Officer Bearer Regulations

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBD

8. ACTION LIST