

**MONSU CAULFIELD INC**  
**STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE 2020**  
**MEETING SCE 20.16**

Held on 24th of September 2020 at 1:00pm  
Zoom Meeting

**MINUTES**

**1. PREAMBLE**

**MONSU Caulfield acknowledges and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri peoples of the Kulin nation, the traditional owners of the land on which MONSU Caulfield operates.**

**Present: Ebony Hartridge-Linton, Daniel Stonehouse, Sophie Dai, Jasper Wells, Caitlyn Dunne**

**Apologies:**

**Absent:**

**Others: Lyn Nye**

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**2.1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Motion SCE 20.16-1**

MONSU SCE 20 moves to pass the minutes SCE 20.15

**MOVED: Daniel Stonehouse      SECONDED: Ebony Hartridge-Linton**

**Attached in this Email**

**3. BUSINESS ARISING**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4.1 Proposed University Staff Changes**

Caitlyn outlined the concerns MONSU has identified with the University's proposed changes and the steps taken by MONSU in addressing this matter.

Daniel has emailed Ben Eltham and Adam Fernandes of the NTEU with Ebony and Caitlyn to provide further organisations.

Daniel outlined that there is a need for Unions to organise collaboratively within the sphere of Monash on this matter to achieve the best result for students, and that working with the NTEU is crucial in ensuring the matters are addressed in the foremost manner.

The key areas of concern in regards to Caulfield explicitly have been

- Changes to Inclusive Communities
- Reduction of FTE in MADA and Business
- The disestablishment of the CTP
- Overgrowth of Monash Connect as a department

Daniel stressed that regardless of outcomes, these changes are something that the end result of students deserve assurances or accommodations going ahead from Monash

Caitlyn commented that it's important to be conscious of the effect this has upon offerings of double degrees and electives. MONSU reps will need to work and communicate with students across the board on addressing these matters and stressing the importance of opportunities present.

Lyn noted that these changes may result in opportunities for growth of MONSU

Caitlyn responded that whilst she understands the operational benefit, students are upset and need support and their voices to be recognised. Students care they're being disadvantaged, and stopping that in the first instance is the goal

Ebony commented that students need to be assured that there is support both for their voices and for them in the long term regardless, and the losses of such support need to be balanced out by advocacy and action

Caitlyn summarised that it will be important that MONSU targets areas where students have lost opportunities or support to mitigate the negative impact of these changes.

#### **4.2 MONSU Exec Week Off**

Caitlyn Dunne spoke to this. Previously it had been discussed that Council/Executive would traditionally have a week off during Semester break.

Unfortunately, there was too much happening during Semester Break and it was postponed to Mid Semester break. It is now the first week of Mid Semester break.

Executive were asked if they would like a week off next week

Ebony commented that she felt like she has just got the ball rolling, and has work to do regarding Moodle Modules and Academic Integrity preparations. If the decision were to be made that a week would be taken off, she would intend to still be working

Caitlyn responded that this is very understandable as Ebony is very early on in her time comparatively to the other members of the Executive.

Sophie commented that she is happy to continue working

Jasper commented that he has no strong preference

Daniel commented that we do have council amongst other meetings scheduled

Caitlyn commented she has a lot to do, and that this being the timing of a break feels awkward. However, she didn't want to not give the option due to prior consultation and discussion on the matter. Caitlyn summarised that if anyone would like a week off to please notify her, but still please attend council if able.

#### **4.3 Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Assault Module**

Caitlyn spoke to this. This is a Module that has been launched by the University, in response to the Change the Course Report.

It is asked that student leaders to complete this module, as student leaders are often disclosed information due to their position and responsibility especially at events.

Caitlyn explained that disclosures can be difficult to take on in terms of referral, support, and self care

Caitlyn stated that this is highly recommended for all members to complete

Clubs are also being urged to as well

MONSU has its own procedure beyond this module and obligations thereto

Roughly takes 45 Minutes, but does require effort and consideration and engagement

Proposing the Council all do it if comfortable, so as to set recommendation for 2021 council to complete before events

Lyn asked to clarify if the University has not made it compulsory

Caitlyn responded that it had not been made compulsory, and that they are wanting to get perspectives from student leaders to report back for recommendation

Daniel commented that it is often noted in meetings that the University is hesitant to make modules, particularly of specific responsibility, compulsory due to concerns of them becoming 'clickthroughs'. This entails persons who undertake the modules not engaging with the content and only completing the module for the purpose of having completed it, without taking in the information or applying it in a meaningful manner

Lyn commented that MONSU could make it compulsory if the benefit exists

Caitlyn commented that she would like to have it made as a recommendation from the council unto next year to avoid similar concerns of performative/surface engagement.

Jasper asked to clarify the difference between this and the RNA Monash module

Caitlyn responded that this was specific to disclosures of sexual assault as opposed to general safety/respect

Ebony commented that as an executive for a club, it would be really good to have a precedent set by MONSU and to flow into clubs, especially given the number of major events undertaken that may carry risk.

Caitlyn stated that she will open up discussion on this matter to the council, and that the executive is strongly recommended to complete the module to provide feedback, and to encourage the same of council.

Lyn commented that she will require staff to complete the module, but have further enquiries being made through SRS

Caitlyn commented that it is Important to have an underpinning followed up with reps and clubs to ground within a MONSU framework.

#### **4.4 Resignation of OSS Officer**

##### **Motion SCE 20.16-2**

MONSU SCE moves to accept the resignation of the OSS Officer Xiwen Sun as of the 23rd of September.

**MOVED: Caitlyn Dunne**  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SECONDED: Daniel Stonehouse**

#### **4.5 Honorariums**

##### **Motion SCE 20.16-3**

MONSU SCE approves the following honorariums

Caitlyn Dunne: 12 hours per week

Daniel Stonehouse: 6 hours per week

Sophie Dai: 3 hours per week

Ebony Hartridge-Linton: 6 hours per week

Jasper Wells: 0 hours per week

**MOVED: Daniel Stonehouse**  
**CARRIED**

**SECONDED: Caitlyn Dunne**

5. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**
6. **OTHER BUSINESS**
7. **PAPERS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION**
  - 7.1 **SCE 20.15 Minutes**
  - 7.2 **Rep Reports**

#### **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Meeting Closes: 2:10PM