

Meeting opened at 11:03am

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

A. Attendance

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Proxy</u> |
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| President | Sebastian Schultz | |
| Treasurer: | Sidratul Ahmed | |
| Secretary: | Natasha Tiong | |
| Education (Public Affairs): | Ann Maria Sabu | |
| Education (Academic Affairs): | Paris Enten | Absent |
| Activities: | Claris Yee | Absent |
| CLA: | Fleur Timmins | |
| Welfare: | Stuart Gibson | |
| Indigenous: | John Sopar | |
| Environment & Social Justice: | Mariam Madiha | |
| Women's: | Vicky Kwong | |
| Queer: | Oli Shemmell | |
| Disabilities & Carers: | Elena Ruefenacht | Absent |
| People of Colour: | Desna Ramjee | Absent |
| Res Community Department: | Isla Hickey | |
| MUISS: | Bhumija Sakpal | Nicole Koh |
| MAPS: | Vick Arjuna | Masum bin Khalil |
| Clubs & Societies: | Arjun Girish | |
| Radio Monash: | Nick Lazzara | Absent |
| General Representative: | Isabelle Cummane | |
| General Representative: | Pranami Gamage | Absent |
| General Representative: | Sadman Arafat | Absent |
| General Representative: | Tippi Morgan | Absent |
| General Representative: | Mahzarin Katrak | Spriha Paudel |
| Observers: | Jessica Oats Rachel Vassalo | |

B. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the Bunurong peoples of the Kulin nations as the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land. The MSA commits itself to actively fight alongside Indigenous peoples for reconciliation and justice for all Indigenous Australians.

C. Confirmation of Agenda Order

Confirmed

D. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion #1:
 This MSC confirms [Minutes 5/23](#) to be the true and accurate recording of the proceedings.
Moved: Isabelle Cummane **Seconded:** Sidratul Ahmed
For: 16
Against:
Abstentions:
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports

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| Ed Ac |
| Ed Pub |
| ESJ |
| D&C |
| Indigenous |
| Lot's Wife |
| POC |
| Welfare |
| Women's |
| ResCom |
| Queer |

Motion #2:

This MSC accepts all submitted Office Bearer and Divisional Reports en bloc.

Moved: Ann Sabu

Seconded: Arjun Girish

For: 16

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Audit

Motion #3:

This MSC moves to accept the [MSA Financial Summary Statement](#) for the month of April.

Moved: Arjun Girish

Seconded: Nicole Goh

For: 16

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Ac Board Report

Motion #3:

This MSC accepts the MSA President's fourth Academic Board [Report](#).

Moved: Natasha Tiong

Seconded: Arjun Girish

For: 16

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Natasha Tiong altered the seconder from Elena Ruefenacht to Arjun Girish due to her uninformed absence.

H. Motion condemning Monash University's research into nuclear-propelled submarines

Preamble: Monash University has embarked on research activities into the corrosion mechanisms of nuclear fuel cladding material, primarily aiming to aid the development of nuclear-propelled submarines.

This initiative directly contributes to the recently announced AUKUS pact, under which Australia is set to acquire nuclear submarines for the first time in history. The significant taxpayer cost of this defence endeavour is projected to range from \$268 billion to \$368 billion over the next three decades, posing a substantial financial burden on the nation.

This research has deep ethical implications, considering that the end results could contribute to the intensification of global military competition and potential conflict.

Furthermore, these defence investments come at a time when Australia, like many other nations, is grappling with pressing economic issues including a rising cost of living and inflation, putting increasing financial pressure on Australian families and students.

The allocation of these funds might be more beneficial if redirected towards initiatives that strengthen diplomatic ties with neighbouring nations, improve public health, enhance social services, and provide affordable education and housing - sectors that directly benefit the Australian people.

Motion #4:

This MSC formally condemns the university's participation in research that may directly or indirectly contribute to global military competition and potential conflict, and encourages the University to carefully consider the ethical implications of such research.

The MSA calls upon Monash University to uphold its commitment to peace and non-conflict by conducting a thorough ethical review of its current and future involvement in military-related research, with a focus on its nuclear materials research.

Further, the MSA requests the university administration to take into account the economic consequences of the aforementioned nuclear submarine program, weigh it against other potential benefits of directing research and resources towards other areas vital to Australian society and the international community.

And further resolved that, the MSA urges the university to increase transparency regarding its involvement in defence-related research projects and to facilitate open and inclusive dialogue among all stakeholders - students, faculty, and the wider community - regarding its research priorities and their societal implications.

Moved: Sidratul Ahmed

Seconded: Spriha Paudel

For: 16

Against:

Abstentions:

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

I. General Business

Meeting Closed at 11:10am