



## La Trobe University Student Union Council Meeting

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022

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### Council Meeting –

*The sixth meeting of the La Trobe Student Union (LTSU) was held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at 14:00 via Zoom link online.*

Meeting opened by the chair at: 13:09

Meeting closed by the chair at: 13:44

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### Meeting Agenda –

1. **Acknowledgment of Country**
  2. **Procedural Matters**
  3. **Office Bearer Report**
  4. **LTSU Policy**
  5. **Next Meeting**
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#### 1. **Acknowledgment of Country –**

On behalf of the LTSU Student Council members present, we would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today. We pay our respects to the Wurundjeri people, the Elders past and present.

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#### 2. **Procedural Matters –**

Motion to vacate the Chair

Mover – Skye Griffiths

Seconder – Isabelle Currie

Action –

1. The President vacates Chair for this meeting, and a woman from the executive takes the role

Motion put to vote by chairperson

Motion passes with one against

Joel Blanch (President) vacates the chair

Skye Griffiths (General Secretary) assumed the role of chair

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## 2.1) Motion to accept the 2022 Q1 financial reports

Mover – Skye Griffiths

Secunder – Joel Blanch

### Action –

1. The LTSU Student Council recognises their financial responsibilities outlined in clauses 30.4(f) and 30.4(g) of the LTSU Constitution which state:  
“[...] the Student Council is responsible for:  
(f) the expenditure and investment of the funds of the Student Union  
(g) setting the budget of the Student Union in accordance with clause 7.”
2. The Council understands financial reports are exclusively for internal distribution for LTSU Student Councilors, and agree to not breach the duty of confidentiality.
3. The Council accepts the first quarterly report of 2022.
4. The Council moves to establish a standing agenda item to accept the most recent quarterly financial report, at the first meeting of the LTSU following the release of the report.

Motion put to vote by chairperson

Motion passes unanimously

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## 2.2) Motion to accept previous minutes of LTSU Council Meetings

Mover – Skye Griffiths

Secunder – Joel Blanch

### Action –

1. The LTSU Student Council acknowledges clause 1.1 of the LTSU Council Standing Orders which state:  
“The agenda at each ordinary meeting of the LTSU shall include the following:  
2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes  
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.”
2. The Council accepts the minutes all previous meetings of the LTSU in 2022, and agrees to share them on the LTSU’s Website.
3. The Council moves to establish two standing agenda items: ‘2.Confirmation of Previous Minutes’ and ‘3.Matters Arising from the Minutes’ .

Motion put to vote by chairperson

Motion passes unanimously

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### Procedural Motion to vote *en bloc*

Mover – Skye Griffiths

Secunder – Eric Seychell

### Action –

1. The Council moves to vote on motions 2.3 to 2.7 *en bloc*.



Motion put to vote by chairperson

Motion passes unanimously

### 2.3) Motion to appoint the Education Vice President

Action –

1. The Council accepts the resignation of Georgina (Georgie) Beatty.
2. The Council moves to appoint Eric Seychell to the position of Education Vice President

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### 2.4) Motion to appoint the Social Justice Officer

Action –

1. The Council accepts the resignation of Eric Seychell as Social Justice Officer.
2. The Council moves to appoint Hamish Grundy to the position of Social Justice Officer.

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### 2.5) Motion to appoint a Postgraduate Officer

Action –

1. The Council accepts the resignation of Arya Kale as Postgraduate Officer
2. The Council moves to appoint Isabelle Currie to Postgraduate Officer.

### 2.6) Motion to appoint a Residential Officer

Action –

3. The Council accepts the resignation of Hamish Grundy.
4. The Council moves to appoint Dylan Vigilante to the vacant Residential Officer Position

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### 2.7) Motion to appoint the Executive General Member

Action –

1. The Council accepts the resignation of Lukas Jamieson as the Executive General Member.
2. The Council moves to appoint Sienna Fox to the vacant General Member Position.
3. The Council moves to appoint Sienna Fox as the Executive General Member.

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Motion that 2.3-2.7 be agreed to is put to vote by chairperson

Motion passes with two abstentions



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## 2.8) Motion to call and extraordinary meetings of the Student Council

### Action –

1. The Council moves to call an extraordinary meeting of the Student Council on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at 1pm to discuss the LTSU Elections, appoint an RO, and only other motions put forward at today's Council.
2. The Council directs the Chair to invite motions for the extraordinary meeting of the Student Council.

### Motion put to vote by chairperson

### Motion passes unanimously

Skye Griffiths presents a motion to update LTSU Office-Bearer Regulations – Student Honoraria, to be discussed at the extraordinary meeting of the Student Council on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at 1pm.

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## 3. Office Bearer Reports –

- a. President (*Joel Blanch*) – **presented and took questions**
- b. General Secretary (*Skye Griffiths*) – **presented and took questions**
- c. Welfare-Vice President (*Ansh Verma*) – **no report presented**
- d. Education-Vice President (*Eric Seychell*) – **presented and took questions**
- e. Postgraduate Officer –
- f. Education & Public Affairs Officers (*Lani Dumas & Ramy Aljalil*) – **presented and took questions**
- g. Welfare Officers (*Fatma Turac*) – **apology**
- h. Residential Officers (*Hamish Grundy & Georgia Ibrom*) – **presented and took questions**
- i. Social Justice Officer (*Eric Seychell*) – **presented and took questions**
- j. Women's Officer (*Sasha Irvine*) – **presented and took questions**
- k. Queer Officer (*Nicholas Ball*) – **apology**
- l. Disabilities Officer (*Monika Galovic*) – **presented and took questions**
- m. POC Officer (*Chloe Ye*) – **apology, written report submitted**



- n. Rabelais Editors (*Callum Burkitt & Lewis Kimpton Drake*) – presented and took questions
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#### 4. LTSU Policy –

##### 4.1) Motion to put out a tender for the 2022 LTSU Elections

**Mover** – Eric Seychell

**Secunder** – Isabelle Currie

##### **Preamble**

A guiding principle of Student unions and other representative bodies is democracy. The democratic process undertaken as part of the Annual Elections of the LTSU allows for Students to determine their representatives and, in part, the direction of their Student Union.

Recognising that this body was founded by and for the students of La Trobe University, it is important that these students are given appropriate say in their Student Union through free access to meetings of the governing body and the right to exercise their vote at the annual elections to determine the representatives of the LTSU.

This motion seeks to ensure good governance practices are followed in the running of the LTSU 2022 Elections, including a free, fair, and transparent democratic process.

##### **Action**

1. The LTSU Student Council recognises that the Constitution and Regulations of the LTSU make up the governing documents of this incorporation and as such, are legally binding documents under the relevant Acts.
2. The LTSU Student Council agrees that holding an annual election of the LTSU is not only a legal responsibility as an incorporated association but is also an important democratic process to maintain the relevance and integrity of the LTSU.
3. The LTSU Student Council directs the Executive to open tenders for the positions of Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer in accordance with clause 4.2 of the LTSU Election Regulations.
4. Pursuant to clause 4.4 of the LTSU Election regulations, the LTSU Student Council directs the Executive to recommend a tenderer to the Student Council by no later than the 27th of July 2022 1pm.
5. The LTSU Student Council recognises that voting in the annual elections must be between August 31st and 14th October, pursuant to clauses 52.5 and 52.6 of the LTSU Constitution which state:

*“52.5 Voting in the annual elections must be held between 31st August and 14th October*



*52.6 Voting must be held at the Melbourne Campus:*

- a. On at least 3 consecutive academic days,*
  - b. Over no more than 2 weeks, and*
  - c. For at least 5 hours each day.”*
6. The LTSU Student Council resolves that voting for the 2022 Annual Elections will be decided at the July 27 2022 extraordinary council meeting of the LTSU student council as the first agenda item after the acknowledgement of country.
  7. The LTSU Student Council expects the successful Returning Officer to work in conjunction with the General Manager, LTSU President, and the LTSU General Secretary to conduct the elections in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the LTSU, as well as in the best interests of student safety.
  8. The LTSU must have an extraordinary council meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at 1pm.
  9. The LTSU Executive must recommend an Election Tribunal to the LTSU student council at the 27 July 2022 extraordinary council meeting of the LTSU student council in accordance with section 22 of the LTSU Election Regulations.
  10. The LTSU Student council recognises that due to relevant negotiations that must take place with the University, the council will open and invite tenders for both online only and hybrid election models.

Motion put to vote by chairperson

Motion passes unanimously

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#### **4.2) Motion on LTSU declares active support for the NUS’s Climate national week of action**

**Mover** – Eric Seychell

**Seconder** – Skye Griffiths

##### **Preamble**

The NUS Student Values survey showed that climate change was the most pressing issue for students across Australia, over 82% of students thought we must take urgent action on climate change, even at the expense of economic growth.

The generation of high school students that hit the streets in 2019 as part of the ‘School Strike 4 Climate’ movement are now in University and are angry at the lack of action that has been seen in the last 3 years.

Despite the 2022 Federal Election result, the Albanese Labor government still plans to go ahead with ‘carbon bombs’ like the Scarborough- Pluto gas project which by itself will produce three times Australia’s current annual emissions in its lifetime.



In the upcoming National Week of Action students have 5 very clear demands

1. Real Zero Emissions by 2035
2. No new Coal gas or Oil
3. 100% Publicly-owned renewable energy
4. Tax the billionaires to fund a just transition for affected workers
5. Land Rights not mining rights
6. Protect ecosystems and stop logging native forests.

#### Action

1. The La Trobe Student Union publicly endorses the National Week of Action on Saturday the 30th of July at 1pm at the State Library of Victoria
2. The La Trobe Student Union actively communicates the rally to students by sending an email out to students, postering campus (whether through Paper or TV screens) and posting on social media across all departments.
3. Allow a \$300 budget to sponsor social media posts, fund printing, and purchase materials to make signs to effectively build the rally.
4. The Union is to effectively support students and build for the rally through hosting a banner painting event and holding contingents (whether that be from campus or closer to the rally itself).

#### Motion put to vote by chairperson

#### Motion passes unanimously

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#### 4.3) The LTSU stands against antisemitism and racism in all its form

**Mover** – Alicia Griffiths

**Secunder** – Rory Gee

#### Preamble

Antisemitism is an appallingly widespread form of racism that has been central to some of the worst acts of racial oppression and violence throughout history, including the Holocaust. Antisemitism is on the rise throughout the world, especially in association with far-right governments including in Hungary and Poland, as well as right wing street movements. It is crucial to oppose this trend and actively stand against anti-semitism. It is important to have the right to criticise any state that engages in racial oppression, including Hungary which Human Rights Watch recognises is running an “anti-semitic hate campaign”, Israel which Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International recognise is engaged in ‘apartheid’, Myanmar which Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch recognise is perpetrating ‘genocide’, and other other state engaged in similiar policies. This motion seeks to ensure the LTSU represents the interests of students at La Trobe in standing against antisemitism and apartheid.

#### Platform

1. The LTSU stands against antisemitism and all other forms of racism, discrimination and oppression.



2. The LTSU recognises the importance of the right to criticise states involved in racial oppression, including Hungary, Israel and Myanmar as widely recognised by human rights NGOs including Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International.

#### Action

1. The LTSU commits to working with the Jewish community, the Palestinian community, the Rohingya community and all other communities facing systemic racism.

Motion put to vote by chairperson

Motion passes unanimously

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#### 5. Next Meeting

*An extraordinary Student Council will be held on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 at 13:00 via Zoom link online.*

*The seventh meeting of the La Trobe Student Union (LTSU) will be held on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 at 13:00 via Zoom link online.*

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