

Special General Meeting Minutes

Melbourne University Debating Society

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Date of meeting: ***Tuesday 26th April 2016***

Advertised time: ***5:30pm***

Venue: ***Melbourne Law School, Room GM16***

Item 1 Attendance

1.1 Opening

Meeting Opened by **Ben O'Shea** as chairperson at **5:35pm**

Minutes taken by **Mikaela Brusasco**

1.2 Attendance

Circulated, see attached.

1.3 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sarah Xia and Zoe Brown

Jane Carroll carries the proxy of Zoe Brown

Abby Johnston carries the proxy of Sarah Xia

Rendered invalid due to absence of Abby Johnston

Grace Zhang carries the proxy of Manning Clifford

Void due to attendance of Manning Clifford

Martin Dittmann carries the proxy of Abby Johnston

Item 2 Adoption of Agenda

That the agenda be adopted.

Mover: **Ben O'Shea** Secunder: **Matthew Guy**

Voted: **Carried without dissent**

Item 3 Constitution

(a) Consideration of proposed amendment

That the following section be inserted into the Constitution of the Melbourne University Debating Society at Section 2(2A)

(2A) Any grievance that arises between the Society and UMSU, a Society member and another Society member, or a Society member and another University of Melbourne student is subject to the grievance procedure outlined in the UMSU Clubs & Societies Regulations. If the parties subject to a grievance are unable to meet and discuss the grievance and determine a resolution within 21 academic days, the UMSU Clubs & Societies Officer/s or their nominated representative shall appoint a mediator to facilitate mediation. Parties subject to mediation will have certain rights as members of the Society suspended until mediation is completed.

Mover: **Ben O'Shea** Seconder: **Melissa Kennedy**

Voted: **Carried**

(Matthew Guy dissents)

Item 4 Elections

(a) Appointment of Returning Officer

That Ben O'Shea is appointed as the Returning Officer.

Mover: **Jane Carroll**

Seconder: **Martin Dittmann**

Voted: **Carried**

(Kevin Chua dissents)

(b) Outline of Election Procedure

Ben O'Shea: I asked for nominations before the meeting. None were received. I will open the meeting to nominations from the floor. Each person must be proposed and seconded by a member of the club (you can propose/second yourself) and the member will be asked to accept or reject the nomination. If only one person nominates they will be declared VP. If there are multiple candidates, we will elect them by secret ballot using the preferential system used in elections for the Australian House of Representatives. If contested, each candidate will get two minutes to address the meeting and the opportunity to answer two questions (no more than 30 secs for each answer).

(c) Nomination and Election of each Constitutional committee position

Vice-President

Nominee: Paris Henkel

Nominator: Matthew Guy

Seconder: Grace Zhang

Nomination accepted

Nominee: Alessandra Chinsen

Nominator: Tzeyi Koay

Secunder: N/A

Nomination rejected

Paris Henkel was elected as the Vice-President unopposed.

Item 5 Other Business

That Zoe Brown (President), Paris Henkel (Vice-President), Ben O'Shea (Secretary) and Jane Carroll (Treasurer) be appointed as the Bank Account signatories to Bank Account 51-757-4963, BSB 083-457 at the National Australia Bank Limited.

Mover: Ben O'Shea

Secunder: Melissa Kennedy

Voted: Carried without dissent

Item 6 Close

The meeting is closed by **Ben O'Shea**

Meeting closed at **5:43pm**