

La Trobe Student Union Council Meeting Minutes

Council Meeting:

The *second* meeting of the La Trobe Student Union (LTSU) will be held on Friday 27th March 2020 at 11am via Zoom link online.

Meeting opened by the chair at: 11:07am

Meeting Agenda:

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Procedural Matters
2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Office Bearer's Reports
6. Other Standing Committee Reports
7. Other Reports
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9. Other Business
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Acknowledgement 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.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Attendance: Annabelle Romano (President) , Abhishek Madan (General Secretary) , Ashraf Imam (Education Vice President) , Musa Qamar (Postgraduate Officer) , Stephanie Briese (Education Officer), Sumiyah Adnan (Womens' Officer) , Hannah Proashek (Queer Office) , Kate Benesovsky (Queer Officer), Olivia White (Disabilities Officer), Jasmine Kinderis (Welfare Officer), Cooper Dickson (Welfare), Chris Graham (Rabelais Editor), Clodie Veyrac (Rabelais Editor) , Jake McGuinness (Environment Officer), Warsan Tubea (General Member), Prajuli Maharjan (General Member), Thomas Balakas (General Member), Areesha Nazeer (General Member), Chloe Andrew (General Member), Brody Tanner (MSA President), Olga Novak (SSA President), Takara Musgrove (Student), Shehbaz Sandhu (Ethnocultural Officer),

Arun Kumar (General Member), Pooja Ganesh (City Campus Officer), Anushi Goyal (City Campus officer)

1.2 Apologies: Robert Campbell (Education Officer), Kate de White (MASO President), Sayed Durraiz (Ethnocultural Officer), Roja Mudundi (Women's Officer), Jayde Hopkins (Indigenous Officer), Lewis Kimpton-Drake (Environment Officer), Akshat Bodele (ISA President)

1.3 Not in Attendance without Apology: Hang Yu (Disabilities Officer), Angus Turner (Activities Officer), Steve Frampton (Activities Officer)

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:

Moved: Abhishek Madan

Seconded: Musa Qamar

Motion passed.

3. Matters Arising from previous minutes:

Election of an executive general member.

4. Correspondence:

Nil.

5. Office Bearer's Reports

5.1 Position: President – Annabelle Romano

This last month and a bit we've seen the union change in a way no one has even seen before. The COVID-19 virus has spread far and wide across the globe and affected the La Trobe and wider Melbourne community. As everyone knows, there was 1 case of a student contracting the COVID-19 virus however even before then the university had been putting in measures to mitigate the risk of the virus spreading and therefore keeping our community safe. Over the past month and a half Elissa and I have been working closely with La Trobe University officials, specifically Pro Vice Chancellor Jessica Vanderlelie, Vice Chancellor John Dewar and his chief of staff Leon Morris to secure a seat for student representation so we're able to voice concern, propose ideas and negotiate outcomes together. These past few weeks we have seen:

- The census date be changed to 15 th April 2020
- Students not paying SSAF for semester 1
- A refund of parking permits
- An LTSU bursary fund for students in financial hardship
- An all office bearer meeting (including regional campuses) with Jessica Vanderlelie
- Staff and office bearers to be working online and from home
- Transition to online AGMs for clubs + successful AGMs
- Our advocacy sessions having online appointments
- Pride Week moving online + being a success
- Contingency Plan for staff and office bearers
- A campus closure plan for staff and office bearers

As the President of the LTSU, I signed a letter that was written by National Union of Students President Molly Willmott which made many demands of the Federal Government. The main call to action was including Youth Allowance , ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY increases in the COVID-19 stimulus. This was a success due to the collective effort of over 20+ student unions! We are a strong support of their campaign and continue to be, with their International Student survey being promoted in our community and office bearers right now. NUS Welfare Office Ali Amin and I have been in contact and he's been helping me with information etc.

Not only have these wins been secured for students, which they have been crying out for, but I have ensured our office bearers are up to date with information that I'm able to disseminate from Jessica Vanderlelie, other organisations and relevant persons. I have also been in contact with our Graduate Research advocate Heidi Ellemor to discuss how best we can advocate for Graduate Research students at La Trobe. This is still in progress. The LTSU Student Engagement Co-ordinator and I have been in contact as to how best to utilise and promote our online presence and ideas from office bearers have been the main point of discussion as well as COVID-19 correct marketing and messaging i.e. promoting the LTU FAQ page.

The office bearer meetings started last week and were daily as the COVID-19 situation was rapidly changing and office bearers needed to be aware of changes. Office bearers also asked for meetings to discuss ideas for how to best advocate and support the student body. This week and going into the foreseeable future, meetings have been every second day, in which we discuss ideas for sharing content online and how we can engage the cohort of students at La Trobe collectively. So far we have successfully created:

- A mental health pack filled with apps for students to use
- A mental and physical wellbeing video (which most office bearers are a part of)
- Supporting the NUS #saveourstudents campaign
- Financial support video
- TikTok videos

Additional ideas which are slowly coming to fruition are:

- An FAQ breakdown video from the LTU FAQ page
- A recipe video
- Our favourite things – lists of things OBs are doing and loving to post online
- An online game group
- LTSU Community bookclub/forum
- Online study groups for clubs
- Live activity sessions

In the past few days however, due to the increasing rate of the virus in the state of Victoria, the library at the Bundoora campus is now closed. The university recognises that not all students and staff have the ability to work and study from home therefore these rooms in the Beth Gleeson building still remain open for students to study in:

- Beth Gleeson-104,
- Beth Gleeson-106,
- Beth Gleeson-108 (re-programmed to accommodate other schools);
- Beth Gleeson-103,
- Beth Gleeson-105,
- Beth Gleeson-107 (CompSci Software);

- Beth Gleeson -320,
- Beth Gleeson -322 (Engineering Software)

This past month has been extremely difficult and has definitely taken a toll on myself. Overall, the university have been easy to work with and we've seen many success the past few weeks despite the craziness.

Prior to COVID-19 we had an extremely successful O-Week thanks to Steve and Angus, with the largest student turnout at a LTU O-Week. We saw this as a good indicator for the engagement levels of incoming students this year, however, that has now changed. I'd been assisting Abhishek with AGMs and attending them as many were at the same time. Again, this problem has been solved as they're now all online. International Womens' Day was the final major event before this crisis emerged. Roja and Sumi hosted a phenomenal IWD day with the inclusion of university staff this year. Tasha Weir, Lil Kennedy, Rose Wimbush, Helen and Freyja all helped out to make this year's IWD the most successful and engaging we've had at the LTSU.

5.2 Position: General Secretary – Abhishek Madan

The month of march has been quite a busy one. There were many clubs AGM, been attending those and meeting the new committee members. The O-week was a huge success and appreciate the work done by Steve and Angus with the team. Assisted them during the Clubs Fest day.

Helped in Organising the Holi festival in collaboration with LTSU Ethnocultural dept., La Trobe University Hindu Society, La Trobe Indian Students Club, and Bollywood Club.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19, the plans for conducting some events I had in mind have been put on hold. Due to the seriousness & severity, Greg and I have been working on promoting clubs and societies to do their AGMs online, with providing them proper guidance and support. For the same reason, I conducted the first Clubs and Societies Council online. The CSAC committee is taken aboard with all the nominations received as the election by optional preferential method could not be conducted online. This will be decided in the next C&S Council.

Apart from that since all work is to be done from home, been attending zoom meetings with the OBS and trying to provide with ideas and suggestions and coming up with plan of action to help the students in these tough times. I have been in contact with a lot of international students and have been putting forward their issues and concerns with the university. I have been trying to get answers for them and helping them with different procedural matters.

At the moment I am planning to put forward the request and issues that have been raised by students since all lectures and tutorials went online and work with Annabelle towards getting a solution towards it by working with the responsible authorities.

5.3 Position: Education/Vice President – Ashraf Imam

The month of march has been a bit of a roller-coaster. I started it with so many plans, ideas and meetings. I had meetings with the education and public affairs team, and we had some ideas we wanted to work on during the next couple months. I also had some meetings with the Post-Graduate officer on some joint ideas we might be able to do.

However, due to the recent outbreak of Covid-19, all ideas for this semester had to be cancelled and I have been now just working on improving student experience with the transition onto online studies and ensuring I can still work and plan from home.

I was also supposed to have an education committee meeting on the 25th of March, however due to unforeseen circumstances it got cancelled. They have instead asked me to read up, review and get in contact with them on the projects they're working on before Friday the 27th so I am working on that right now.

My plan for April is to work alongside the education and public affairs team on some projects which can make university studies online more appealing and engaging.

With my education position, I intend to control and manage all education campaigns and projects to further ensure that all actions are done with the goal and backing of the student union.

Ultimately, my plan is to work with the executive team to guarantee that the office bearers are working efficiently and to the best of their ability, so if they need anything, I will always be available to them.

5.4 Position: Postgraduate Officer – Musa Qamar

What has been done:

For the month of March, I had made changes in my plans, so I decided to host a trip on 21st of March. Everything was set for the first trip however due to Covid-19 outbreak, all the planned events had to be cancelled for the first semester and we decided to carry on our work through online means. Everything that was booked was cancelled and tickets were refunded for the trip to students who had already purchased them. After transitioning online, we carried out multiple meetings to discuss what we will be doing in assisting students online through our departments. We came up with a bunch of different ideas and executed the mental health resource pack with contributions from each office bearer.

What's coming up next:

For the month of April, here's what I have planned:

From Academic Aspect, Online assistance provided to students who require help with their course work by connecting to relevant departments. From Career Aspect, helping out students by providing them information on how to find part time jobs and work that they can do from home. From Social Aspect, helping out students connect through online social platform (Slack or Microsoft Teams) and have discussions regarding their coursework or anything else in general.

5.5 Position: Education & Public Affairs Officers – Stephanie Brieese & Robert Campbell

In March, Robert and Stephanie re-started the Chill Out Trolley service for 2020. This ran for one week before all LTSU services were suspended due to COVID-19. Robert also put great effort into giving the COT's a makeover. They now look far more colourful and will be more eye-catching in the library if/when LTSU services

resume. Stephanie committed to improving our online presence, through the use of memes, tiktoks and the highlighting of important NUS and other student-led campaigns (i.e. the March Climate Strike).

Post-shutdown, we have assisted in Zoom meetings, giving ideas for strategies, campaigns and activities that the LTSU can carry out online.

In April, we will continue to play an active role in these Zoom sessions. Due to the cancellation of physical LTSU events, our plans to run an in-person Education Day have had to be postponed. This Education Day was meant to launch a campaign within the Education-arena, which could have focused on lobbying for Government or La Trobe-centric change. Ironically, our plan was to launch a campaign focused on sustainability within education, where we utilised more online resources... due to COVID-19, we have all of course been forced into utilising ONLY online resources. We still wish to run an Education campaign this semester, with the aid of the Education VP.

5.6 Position: Welfare Officers – Cooper Dickson & Jasmine Kinderis

The welfare department has been working from home to help students. Since the start of semester, we have worked to release the first promotional video for the finance department as well as a rearrangement of the finance page, that will continue to be reworked as more is developed. In the coming months this work will be continued facilitate the release of educational videos and resources to help students organise their finances, this will be particularly important in the coming months. The Welfare department will also be organising the creation of a podcast for students to the same effect. We have been working with the Education Public affairs department to create the LTSU Tik-Tok account, with the assistance of Helen who has now given us access. We plan to continue adding content to this account for the benefit of students' wellbeing, with both entertainment and information. Jasmine has edited the videos produced by office bearers to create a longer video of things to do from home for the LTSU. Welfare has begun planning for the event of an online Stress less week and will continue to plan this over the coming weeks. In this effort we will be making a comprehensive list of all mental health services available in in Australia that students can access, as many may have come from interstate to study. This will likely be launched in anticipation or alongside Stress less week. We will also be creating a list of all online resources for students to access. We have been making regular posts on Facebook, sharing the campaigns being run by the university and the NUS. Cooper has made a list off all the areas of industry that have currently been affected by the shutdown, this is being updated by the welfare team as the situation develops and is pinned to the top of the welfare Facebook page. The welfare department hopes to use some of our budget that would otherwise go towards the provision of services to other projects. These can include the expansion of Stress less week and Hunger free week. The on-campus portion of Hunger free week will be moved to semester two while the rest is mostly TBD but will include raising awareness of mental illnesses in relation to eating disorders. As well as teaching about how to manage a diet, cook healthy meals and shop smart. for each of these campaigns the Welfare department will be working closely with other

departments in order to improve the flow of ideas and creativity, as well as lighten the work load.

We hope to set up an online cooking class for students to attend, either through a pre-recorded video or interactive Web-seminar. This will be related to hunger free week but may be a recurring effort on the part of the welfare department.

The Welfare team will continue to providing students with relevant information as soon as we are able to. We will be working with other departments to ease the transition onto an online form of learning as well as looking for more ideas on how to improve it. We have been in contact with subject coordinators and students to gauge how they are handling the transition and how we are able to assist (assisting students in the transition and getting information from coordinators).

The Welfare team is in the process of developing a strategy to engage with students and ease the stress of keeping on top of their studies from home. Including but not limited to study tips, study music recommendations, activities to keep physically active from home as well as updates on how the Covid-19 situation is progressing and how it affects them.

5.7 Position: Environment Officers – Lewis Kimpton-Drake & Jake McGuiness

Throughout the month of March the environment department was unable to achieve their scheduled aims, due to the current pandemic. Scheduled meetings with LTU sustainability, volunteers, and club execs have been rescheduled.

Throughout this time myself, and Lewis, have worked to facilitate the general LTU digital switch over, as well as working with LTSU OBs to help provide continuity of service and advocacy for students.

Throughout this month I personally have focused on issues of student rights, such as the living status of residential students. I received significant written support from students, and presented that to Jessica Vanderlile. This was ultimately successful, with the LTSU achieving their stated aims.

Moving forwards the environment department is looking to plan campaigns for semester 2, and continue to support the other OBs in this difficult time.

5.8 Position: Women's Officers – Sumiyah Aziz & Roja Mudundi

February-March:

Tasks Completed We majorly focused and contributed our time towards planning and successfully organizing our International Women's day event which was scheduled to be celebrated on 10th of March. There were 3 meetings organized to plan the women's day. We, along with Lil Kenedy (Prevention & Education Student Services) and Tasha from Gender equality department have worked together and had put contributed effort to make the event successful. We are also in the process of organising merchandise for women's office. COVID-19 related activities: As per the University's rules and precautions, women's department has decided to go online with respect to every support activities it provides to women on campus. Personally, Roja from women's department has given online support to female

international students by answering their questions and supporting them being available 24/7 on call . We have helped LTSU with promoting Mental Health wellbeing by filming a self-video and sending it through. Lastly, we have been in touch with LTU students on our Women's Department page on social media. We have already got few requests regarding promoting their academic related research surveys and information which we are constantly working on.

Plans for April and onwards:

We are also planning to start working on our major issues which we are focusing on this year. Examples include diversity and inclusion, women's safety and health and women's empowerment. Any related activities will be held online. Our moto is to help as many students as we can. Individual students support is already in place and would continue to address as per the requests.

5.9 Position: Queer Officers – Kate Benesovsky & Hannah Lockwood

The LTSU Queer Department has been incredibly busy over since the last council meeting in February, specifically with O'Week and Pride Week 2020.

During O Week, the Queer Department assisted with a variety of activities including attending G'day Drinks, and the O Week Party on Thursday night. During Clubs Fest, we also had a hands-on role by running a department stall next to Rabelais, which provided students with the opportunity to be introduced to the department through a variety of resources, pride pins, and stickers. Finally, the Queer department also attended Summer sessions on the Thursday as a show of support. We really enjoyed O'Week as a department and got lots of positive feedback from students as well! Big thanks to Steve and Angus for doing such an amazing job!

Additionally, we have been organising Pride Week 2020 since the last student council. As many of you know we had three major days planned – a carnival day, live music festival, and mocktails with City campus followed by a drag queen trivia night. Due to COVID-19 developments on campus and within the state, we have postponed Pride Week until Semester 2, hopefully around the working week before 'Wear It Purple Day' (week of August 24th).

Instead, we have been working with Freyja and Helen to launch the first LTSU Pride Online Week. So far, we have done

- Launch video (via Tiktok)
- Daily Pride Recommendations (Books, Movies, Self-care, Podcasts etc.)
- Tips for Self-isolating Queers
- Pride Online Spotify Playlist
- Netflix Party – screening of Black Mirror episode

On Friday we are planning to do

- Queer Lounge Coffee Break: done through a timed discord
- Pride Recommendations (Food)

- Queer Companies Spotlight (video)

The idea was that Pride Week was still running, so that students didn't feel like they'd missed out, instead they gained a new event for 2020. Additionally, we promoted La Trobe Counselling and Student Wellbeing, to ensure that students know that services are still open and accessible during the pause to teaching.

We have also just gotten word that a drag queen – Sasha, will be doing a 2 hour livestream (probably through Facebook live) of her makeup routine to get ready for a show. Big thankyou to Freyja for coordinating this, and we are really excited to finalise the date and time for this.

We still have Trans* day of Visibility happening on the 31st of March (next week), so we are attempting to alter our original plans for the day (Clothes Swap and Picnic) to something more online-friendly.

In terms of budget - the only money we have spent was towards paints and materials for the Midsumma Pride March (2nd February). LTSU events are going to assist us with the rates for Sasha (the Drag Queen) so we haven't got final numbers for that.

Specifically, during the university pause to teaching, LTSU Queer has been working with Student Wellbeing and Counselling to ensure they are continuing services to the best of their ability. Unfortunately, Student Wellbeing did not run any events for online Pride, instead they promoted the LTSU event which was appreciated by all. Currently, we are working with Rebecca (Queer Counsellor), Sav, James and Raf (Queer Peers) on how Queer Chat can be moved to a safe, confidential online forum, as many students rely on it as an alternative, frequent form of counselling.

The Pride Rabelais edition has also been put on hold, but together we are finalising the department submissions. Thank you to Chris, Clodie, and Natalie for continuing to work on the edition during this tricky time – the students are very excited for the release!

Our plans for the rest of the university shutdown are basically strengthening our communication channels. After student feedback, through our private Facebook page and Google forms, we have decided to create a weekly/fortnight newsletter. Many students in the community do not have or utilise Facebook, so an emailed newsletter is the current solution. Kate has been working with Helen to create the mailing list and format through Mailchimp, which is the system used for the Student Union emails. Hopefully, we will have the first one out by the next student council, filled with special dates, comments from the Queer Counsellor and more. Additionally, we are trying to get higher levels of student engagement through our current Facebook channels, by posting frequently on particularly the private page and working in tandem with Student Wellbeing.

Finally, we are also looking at creating two 'master' guides, a 'Coming Out' guide and a 'How To Be a Good Ally' guide. Both guides will most likely have a Rabelais style submission process – with articles, photograph and stories from individuals within the community.

The 'Coming Out' guide was community suggested in the feedback survey at the end of last year. We are hoping for high levels of student involvement, from all areas of the community, as well as mental health and family violence professional supporting with the provision of resources. Both guides will be release online, but hopefully also physically printed just so student can have a copy that's always accessible from within the Queer Lounge.

Particularly for the 'How To Be a Good Ally', we are requesting the Queer Counsellor's assistance, as well as working with the existing Ally Network. Together with Annabelle, and all the other LTSU Departments, we will be fitting this kind of campaign into the 'Be A Better Human Campaign'. Annabelle suggested fitting it into the BABH campaign, and the ally section would fall under the slogan of 'Don't Be A Jerk'. Teaching staff are the main target for the ally campaign, however obviously students and Student Representative will sit received targeted material.

The ally campaign will also have student lead/powerd capacities within it. Currently, we are working with a student from the SHE College to see how transphobia and gendered language can be eradicated from the teaching colleges. Speak Up have also been involved with recommendations and accepting Student feedback on the specific college. Together, we are hoping to extend the Ally network and implement more staff and student training, but this will be an initiative that will most likely take months.

Finally we would just like to thank all the departments that have assisted us in any shape or form – particularly the executive and Rabelais, as well as Disabilities, Welfare, ATSI, and Womens. It has been quite a stressful time but we truly appreciate all the support and enthusiasm around our plans and can't wait to see what each Department brings for the rest of the academic year

5.10 Position: Indigenous Officer – Jayde Hopkins
No report was submitted to General Secretary

5.11 Position: (Dis)abilities Officers – Olivia White & Hang (Edison) Yu

In the month of March I had been asked by Kate and her team to be a stall within Pride Week, which eventually got cancelled on campus due to COVID – 19. Since then I have tried my best to be in attendance in all meetings and have been involved as much as I can in trying to think of ideas as well as enact them. I was involved in the video we have made for the Student Union and I have been actively been reposting and sharing information from other departments to get a more reach. In the month of April, I have been in contact with last year's disabilities officer Alex. She's being a great help and she's found a font from the internet which is Dyslexic friendly, I would love to implement this in my posts especially and maybe even for our main LTSU pages and advertisements for a better reach. I would also like to contact the university for them to include this font in their content aswell.
“<https://www.dyslexiefont.com/en/typeface/>”

5.12 Position: Ethnocultural Officers -Sayed Durraiz Ahmed & Shehbaz Singh Sandhu

Right now Ethnocultural officers are working on Cultural Exchange week and we are in correspondence with Freyja and Helen in this regard.

This month we organized Holi festival with three other clubs and it was an amazing event. For the upcoming month, we are organizing some activities at the cultural festival. Moreover, Every year we celebrate the Vaisakhi festival in Agora but this year due to COVID19, we will not be able to make this event physically. However, I am planning to do this event online with different kinds of activities. I hope all the upcoming activities and events will put a positive impact on the students and combine all the communities together.

5.13 Position: Activities Officers – Steve Frampton & Angus Turner

No report was submitted to General Secretary

5.14 Position: Rabelais Editors – Chris Graham & Clodie Veyrac

WORK SINCE PREVIOUS COUNCIL

- *Moved editions completely online, as physical printing will be halted
- *Continued work on edition two, finalising for layouting and digital publishing.
- *Started work on edition three, submissions opened and online event created.

BUDGET EXPENDITURE

*No budget expenditures since the last council

WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT COUNCIL

*Finish edition three, and begin works on edition four

5.15 Position: City Campus Officers - Pooja Ganesh & Anushi Goyal

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| <u>04th March</u> <u>2020</u> | <u>2pm to 3pm</u> | <u>Speed friending</u> | <u>Completed</u> |
| <u>06th March</u> <u>2020</u> | <u>6 pm to 8 pm</u> | <u>Social Trivia Night – Stockroom Bar</u> | <u>Completed</u> |
| <u>7th March</u> <u>2020</u> | <u>11.30 to</u> <u>2.30pm</u> | <u>Holi festival of colour-</u> <u>hosted offsite with groups tickets</u> | <u>Completed</u> |
| <u>10th March</u> <u>2020</u> | <u>11am to</u> <u>12pm</u> | <u>International women’s day – female</u> <u>speaker for the event</u> | <u>Completed</u> |
| <u>18th March</u> | <u>8pm</u> | <u>Night market & free Moonlight</u> <u>Cinema</u> | <u>Cancelled</u> <u>due to Co-vid</u> |
| <u>April</u> | | | |

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| <u>24th March 2020</u> | <u>11am to 12noon</u> | <u>La Trobe Pride Day</u> | <u>Online</u> |
| <u>28th March 2020</u> | <u>6pm to late</u> | <u>NGV International student night</u> | <u>Cancelled due to Co-Vid</u> |
| <u>9th April 2020</u> | <u>all day</u> | <u>Easter egg Hunt</u> | <u>Online Activities</u> |
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Current Ongoing Activities

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| <u>Advocacy</u> | <u>Rosina is still conducting them online</u> | <u>Ongoing</u> |
| <u>Clubs</u> | <u>Will still function through online zoom meetings</u> | <u>Ongoing</u> |
| <u>Group Poll</u> | <u>Poll and FAQ to collect what students would like?</u> | <u>Ongoing</u> |
| <u>Careers & Unitemps</u> | <u>Will schedule future employment seminars online for April</u> | <u>April 2020</u> |
| <u>Community Checkin</u> | <u>Add to whatsapp group and do a community checkin</u> | <u>Ongoing</u> |
| <u>Engaging Social Articles</u> | <u>Articles to engage, uplift, socially engaging ideas to follow.</u> <u>Such as what to watch on Netflix, things to do from home, how to work on a linkedin course etc.</u> | <u>Ongoing</u> |

Motion to accept OB reports

Moved: Abhishek Madan

Seconded: Musa Qamar

Motion passed.

6. Other Standing Committee Reports

6.1 Mildura Students Association (MSA):

March 2020 MSA Report

The MSA ran a very successful orientation. There was approximately 80-85 new students who attended. Committee members had a lot of time to engage with new students and spark a interest in the MSA.

The MSA also had a lot of success running International Women's Day. Women's Officer Lucy Platt did an amazing job in organising this event.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the MSA has since moved to zoom. It has been a steep learning curve but seems to be going well now.

The Committee will continue to meet through zoom for the direct future.

6.2 Mature Age Students Organisation (MASO):

No report was submitted to General Secretary

6.3 Shepparton Students Association (SSA):

6.4 International Students Association (ISA):

1. We cancelled our trip to Mornington Peninsula even though LTSU gave a green light to it. The event was cancelled due to precautionary measures.

2. We are having a social media polls with This or That questions and What if questions and random winners can win hoodies

3. We had a meeting with Sai Raj and Freyja regarding the Pride Week and we were asked to co-host it with LTSU.

4. We are in process of making cooking, studying and quarantine Instagram and Facebook videos to entertain people during home alone times.

5. We have decided to conduct La Trobes got Talent auditions online.

Motion to accept other standing committee reports

Moved: Abhishek Madan

Seconded: Musa Qamar

Motion passed

7. Other Reports

7.1 Education Council (SRN)

No report was submitted to the General Secretary

7.2 Clubs and Societies Council

The first Clubs and Societies council was held online via zoom due to the Covid-19 situation. In the first council all the clubs and societies delegates and members present were asked to conduct all the regular clubs business online. There were 15 clubs whose affiliations were confirmed with vote and there were 6 Provisional Affiliations which were affiliated after taking a vote from all clubs and societies present.

There were no grants hence there was no discussion regarding the same.

The clubs were encouraged to keep going with some activities online and keep the members engaged during this time.

In this Clubs and Societies Council, the CSAC committee members had to be elected but since the voting is to be conducted in the optional preferential method which was a bit difficult to happen in an online meeting. So, me and Greg, Clubs Officer, will work on a way out until next meeting and we have the nominations. Until the voting is conducted, we have decided to have everyone, who has nominated themselves before the deadline, taken on board.

After all business was conducted for the Clubs and Societies Council, Greg and I conducted a Q&A session where we tried to answer all the questions we could and knew the answers to.

7.3 Post-Graduate Committee

No report was submitted to the General Secretary

7.4 Activities Committee

No report was submitted to the General Secretary

Motion to accept other reports

Moved: Abhishek Madan

Seconded: Ashraf Imam

Motion passed

8. LTSU Policy

Nil

9. Other Business

9.1 Election of an executive general member

Nomination(s): Warsan Tubea

Since there has been no other nomination received by the General Secretary, Warsan Tubea is elected as the Executive General Member for LTSU 2020 unopposed.

9.2. Report by General Manager Elissa Khoury

10. Next Meeting

The schedule for next meeting will be notified soon by the General Secretary.

Meeting closed by the Chairperson at 12:13pm