



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Education Committee
Minutes**

**Thursday, December 23rd, 2021, 1:00PM
Meeting 1(22)
Location: Zoom**

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Meeting opened at 1:07pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Ben Jarick be elected as Chair

Mover: Ben Jarick

Seconded: Ruby Craven

CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

Ben acknowledged that activism on stolen lands should always recognise the rights of First Nations peoples and that the Education Department should always strive to place this at the forefront of our activism.

1.3. Attendance

Ben Jarick, Moira Negline, Ethan Georgeou, Ruby Craven, Isabella Philips, Georgia Burke, Lawrence Thai and Luka Michalczak

1.4. Absences

Chinakila Makwaza

1.5. Apologies

Sriram Gopalasubramanian and Mietta Stephens

1.6. Proxies

Mietta Stephens to Georgia Burke

Motion 2: To accept proxies as presented.	
Mover: Ethan Georgeou	Seconded: Moira Negline
CARRIED	

1.7. Membership

As follows.

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as presented.	
Mover: Ruby Craven	Seconded: Georgia Burke
CARRIED	

2. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

2.1. No conflicts raised

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1. None

4. Correspondence

4.1. Summerfest

Moira highlighted that UMSU has two expo days (Thursday and Friday) during Summerfest, where the Education Department hopes to have a joint stall to promote itself. Southbank will have a day for UMSU on Tuesday that week as well and we hope to have a stall there. Moira encouraged the Education Committee members to join the Office Bearers during these days, and mentioned creating a potential roster to spread everyone out over the Expo days.

Ruby noted some meetings that Ed Pub has had so far and emphasised the importance of all Education OBs reporting back regularly to the Education Committee. She then went into detail about the Young Workers Centre, the work they do and having someone representing them at the Education stall during Summerfest.

5. Office Bearer Reports

5.1. Ethan Georgeou and Moira Negline for Ed Ac

Induction went very well, it was great to get up to speed with everything. Moira spoke at the NTEU rally outside the Vice-Chancellor's Cumnock House, it was great to have OBs come from Induction and show solidarity as an informal UMSU contingent.

Moira and Ethan also attended the Elected Student Representatives Meeting with Sophie, Jennisha, GSA and UMSU International. Topics of discussion included

managing Covid Safety on Campus, the UoM Wellbeing Framework and the functionality of Dual-Delivery. Ethan highlighted that the Wellbeing Framework has not had much consultation with students and that there is more to be seen with how staff will be upskilled to manage split classrooms (in-person and online cohorts).

Ethan went into some detail about the Know Your University Booklet, explaining the function of the booklet and the hopes to have it available in Semester 1 for students. They paused explanation to allow further details in the later agenda item.

Ethan also highlighted the conversations Ed Ac has been having with the Governance Portfolio rep in UMSU Advocacy, Michelle. She has been a big help with providing advice and pointers to us, with Ethan looking forward to working with her throughout the year.

Moira went into more detail about the Academic Board, highlighting the new Performance Framework 'Advancing Melbourne' that the University is introducing. Moira mentioned that there is more work required of this framework, particularly in making sure aspects such as Diversity and Inclusion were not measured purely in quantitative terms. She also mentioned that it was good to see staff and students sharing similar concerns, with support for reports like UMSU POC's Racism on Campus report brought up by attending academics.

Moira concluded by explaining the situation with the Student Representative Network (SRN). Moira explained that despite promises made during Handover, no SRN Applications were organised by the previous office bearers and this was not clearly communicated in time to organise applications before the End of Year Shutdown. While disappointing, Moira and Ethan are fully prepared to fulfil this obligation. The Education Committee members were encouraged to help support the applications when they go live and to encourage reliable and passionate students to self-nominate. The goal will be to have at least one representative for every committee before the first meetings begin in February.

5.2. Ruby Craven for Ed Pub

Ruby went into detail about Induction and receiving access to the Education Office, with a big clean undertaken by the new office bearers. She said that it is hoped to have set Office hours in the new year for Committee members to come by and visit, as well as encouraging Committee members to email or message any of the OBs if there are any queries.

The Ed Pub Office Bearers also had a meeting with the GSA Education Officers. It was a productive session that discussed how they can support each other in important campaigns such as the ongoing *Stop the Menzies Institute Campaign*, as well as other campaigns by the NTEU with Staff Enterprise Bargaining. Support for other UMSU Departmental Campaigns like Environment's Climate Action rallies was also discussed.

Ruby also highlighted the Know Your Rights Handbook, which has been produced by the Ed Department for several years now. This Handbook serves as an introduction

to the Education Department and Committee, pathways for students in the Education Department and how to access the Union and its advocacy roles for new students.

Ruby also went into detail about Summerfest, explaining that they were in the process of getting everything set up with Design, Events and Communications.

In light of the Budget Council after this Committee meeting and the lack of Budget Expenditure items as a result, Ruby mentioned that the Ed OBs will return to the Committee about events and details once the Budget was confirmed.

Ben reiterated that the Ed OBs are open to contributions from the Committee members for any ideas or initiatives that they would like to see. He also expressed hope for staunch activism and grassroots campaigns to return with the return to campus

5.3. Questions for Office Bearers

5.3.1. None

5.4.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en Bloc

Mover: Ruby Craven

Seconded: Isabella Philips

CARRIED

6. Motions on Notice

6.1. None

7. Motions without Notice

7.1. None

8. Other Business

8.1. Know Your Rights Handbook

Ruby said they are going through previous editions and updating it to be more accurate to the current climate. It is hoped that the Handbook will be finalised by end of next week to be put together for mid-January. Printing and publication are hoping to be ready for Summerfest. This has been budgeted for within the Budget for Summerfest and information pamphlet racks around Union House.

Ben emphasised that the goal is for this Handbook to be ready to be distributed at the stall in Summerfest.

8.2. Know Your University Booklet

Moira followed on from Ethan's earlier explanation, detailing that the Booklet aims to answer common questions that are sent to the Education Academic email inbox,

or asked of C&S Executives and leaders, who themselves are not sure where to access this information from and risk giving incorrect advice.

Originally aimed for Summerfest, Ethan and Moira with the advice of Advocacy decided to move the launch of the physical booklet to Week 3. This is to prevent oversaturation during an active and busy time for the rest of the Union, without bringing up topics with negative connotations such as Academic Integrity. However, the booklet will be accessible via PDF form for Summerfest and the Website as part of the Education stall.

9. Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be organised via WhenisGood.

Details will be distributed via email and shared on the Facebook Group chat.

10. Close

Meeting closed at 1:38pm.