

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Education Committee**

**Agenda**

**12pm 05/03/2019**

**Meeting 4(19)**

**Location: Joe Napolitano A**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

**Motion:** To elect Reece as chair.

**Moved:** Cam

**Second:** Charli

**CWD**

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

Complete committee + people in the room

1.4 Apologies

None

1.5 Proxies

None

1.6 Membership

Elizabeth Tempo to resign

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda.

**Moved:** Reece

**CWD**

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Moved:** Cam

**Seconded:** Charli

**CWD**

**3. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

**5. Operational Business**

5.1 Appointment of Education (Academic Affairs) Officers

Note: 3 nominations

Each candidate (pair or individual will get 3 minutes to speak, and 3 questions from either committee or those attending)

Secret preferential ballot will occur throughout committee members

Declared after this meeting

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Office Bearer Reports**

*See appendix – EdAc*

*Verbal report – EdPub*

**Motion: Accept the OB reports**

Moved: Sophie

Second: William

CWD

**8. Other Reports**

**9. Motions on Notice**

*See appendix*

**10. Motions Without Notice**

10.1

*Motion distributed at the meeting*

**Motion: To pass up to \$710 for the cost of upgrading the Education Department MailChimp account**

**Mover: Cam**

**Second: Charli**

**CWD**

**11. Other Business**

*See appendix*

**12. Next Meeting**

*We will distribute a whenisgood soon.*

**13. Close**

**12:48**

**Appendix**

**Motions on Notice**

**9.1 Law School Orientation and Summerfest Events and Activities Reimbursement**

**Context:**

The Education Office-bearers and volunteers incurred some out of pocket expenses in the running of UMSU Education events and activities during Orientation and Summerfest Season: lollies were served during the Law School Orientation Day (7 Feb); iced tea was served in drink dispensers and cups in the heat of Southbank (19 Feb) and Parkville (26 Feb) Carnival Days; drinks and bevs were served for the event Ed Pub in the Pub on Friday (1 Mar). As much as we love the union, we are still uni students who don't have loads of money and would really like to be reimbursed for our out-of-pocket expenses, itemised below:

| Date Incurred | Item                  | Quantity            | For Event                                | Cost  | By        |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--|-------|-----------|
| 15/02         | Drink cups            | 125                 | Southbank Carnival Day                   | 10.00 | Dom       |
| 01/03         | Carlton Draught       | 4 Jugs              | Ed Pub in the Pub                        | 83.00 | Charli    |
| 25/02         | Iced tea              | 20 Bottles          | Parkville Carnival Day                   | 30.84 | Charli    |
| 24/02         | Paint and brushes     | 3 Bottles           | On-track Tram for Parkville Carnival Day | 37.48 | Cam       |
| 07/02         | Lollies               | 7 bags              | Melbourne Law School Orientation         | 29.11 | Cam       |
| 19/02         | Ice bags and iced tea | 8 Bottles<br>2 Bags | Southbank Carnival Day                   | 36.20 | Cam       |
| 19/02         | Drink Dispenser       | 1                   | Southbank/Parkville Carnival Days        | 17.50 | Elizabeth |

**Motion:**

9.1.1 That an amount of \$102.79 be passed from the Campaigns and Special Projects Budget Line, to reimburse Education Office-bearer Cam for his out of pocket expense.

9.1.2 That an amount of \$17.50 be passed from the Campaigns and Special Projects Budget Line, to reimburse Education Office-bearer Elizabeth for her out of pocket expense.

9.1.3 That an amount of \$113.84 be passed from the Campaigns and Special Projects Budget Line, to reimburse Education Office-bearer Charli for her out of pocket expense.

9.1.4 That an amount of \$10 be passed from the Campaigns and Special Projects Budget Line, to reimburse Education volunteer Dom for his out of pocket expense for his out of pocket expense.

**Moved: Mindy**

**Seconded: Sophie**

CWD

### 9.2 Education Activist 101 Camp: Surge

**Context:**

We made a promise last year that we would run an activist 101 camp – called Camp Surge. We looked at 4 different camps, got 2 different quotes and decided on this camp. Campaspe Downs is really nice little campsite near Kyneton.

We're planning on getting a maximum of 50 people along and a minimum of 30 (the idea being we'll be able to have more fulfilling trainings with a smaller group).

There will be a monetary requirement to the tickets (I'm thinking \$50, just to solidify some commitment – there will be scholarships in the form of full payment to students requesting).

I've attached an invoice from Campaspe Downs of \$4257.00 and I'm asking to pass the whole \$5000 now, as to allow for more than the 30 people we've budgeted for to come and be paid for.

Activities running will include organising training, values-based trainings (ie climate change 101, the refugee crisis and what public housing looks like in Australia). I'll circulate the itinerary before the camp through facebook and anyone that wants to run something or have something run please feel free to contact me!

**Motion:**

To pass up to \$5000 for the accommodation/catering/activities/transport of Campaspe Downs for Camp Surge.

**Moved: Charli**

**Seconded: Cam**

**CWD**

### 9.3 Food for Education Collectives

**Context:**

As per the budget, we've budgeted for food to be provided at collectives over the semester. I've asked the Food Coop (on level 1) if they'd have enough food/be willing to cater our collectives and they said they'd be keen, but probably overwhelmed with new volunteers etc in the first week. I (Charli) am running 2 different collectives directly after this meeting, Syndicate at 1pm and Take Back Our Coop at 2pm – both in Graham Cornish A.

In order to pay for food for the month of March, I'm asking to pass \$400 for the next 4 weeks.

**Motion:**

To pass up to \$400 to be used on food and drink for Syndicate and Take Back Our Coop Collectives.

**Moved: Charli**

**Seconded: Cam**

**CWD**

#### **9.4 On Track Collective & Law Students Working Group Pizzas**

Cam will be running the On Track collective (the fight for free public transport – please come!) and the Law Student Working Group. The aim is to make each meeting a social and welcoming environment, to keep people coming back and build a community of activists.

There will be two collective meetings per week for the next two weeks – this comes to 4 meetings. The plan is to use \$60 for pizza (\$15 x 4 pizzas) for each meeting.

This is \$60 per meeting, for 4 meetings: \$240.

We are hoping that this will be enough for the 15 people we aim to get at each collective meeting.

Motion: To pass \$240 for pizza for On Track and Law School Working Group collective meetings.

**Moved: Cam**

**Seconded: Charli**

**CWD**

#### **Other Business**

##### **11.1 Data Entry**

The engagement we saw at Summerfest was fantastic! Which means we have a seemingly fantastical amount of data to enter into our mailing lists! We'll be setting some time aside for data entry and would greatly appreciate it if you could bring a device and lend us a hand.

##### **11.2 Attendance now counts towards membership**

Now that we're in the semester, your attendance will count towards your membership on this committee. We'll do all that we can to ensure that the meetings aren't regularly scheduled outside your availabilities. To do this though, we need you to do your best to communicate with us and respond to our surveys and messages asap.

## OB Reports

**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Education Academic (Affairs) Report  
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan  
Education Committee 4(19)  
05/03/2019**

### Key Activities

#### **Carnival Days**

Went quite smoothly! A lot of the people I spoke to were first years and therefore less interested in campaigns like High-Stake Assessments. Regardless it was a good opportunity to introduce the department to students and it's safe to say we received hundreds of signups to our mailing list. Green Investment and 24Hr Study Spaces were well liked.

#### **Meeting with Andrew Melatos, co-chair of APC**

This was a productive meeting where I gained some insight and advice on the campaigns I am running. Though not all of these campaigns are relevant to APC, it can be difficult to know whom I should be speaking with. Since the documents from APC pass through Academic Board (AB), while I pursue the leads I have, I've been given permission to raise these issues here for the committee to note, so they may be flagged in AB.

#### **High-Stake Assessments**

The two arms of this campaign – Music performance and Commerce hurdles – will be separated. While final assessments with weightings of 100% are not uncommon in graduate courses, they are quite in undergrad especially for level one subjects. The focus of Academic Programs Committee (APC) is to ensure quality of education and uniformity (where possible) across the uni – seeing as music performance is an outlier, there is a greater chance that changes to the assessment structure will pass. Conversely, hurdles of 50% on final exams are not uncommon across this university and others. Due to the precedence of this assessment style, the commerce arm is a different from the music arm. It will be harder to counter this – but not necessarily impossible.

Some steps I've taken on this front has been to investigate assessment structures at other institutions. I've gotten in touch with Gary McPherson, the director of Music, and Elliott Gyger, the associate director, and we will soon meet to discuss high-stakes in music.

I've also reached out to Maddy McMaster, the new Academic Registrar to request the SES results for commerce and music students and to arrange a meeting to discuss them. Unfortunately, I'm yet to hear from her.

#### **Green Scholarships**

Renewables is still a growing and relatively young industry meaning that few companies will likely have the funds to invest in our University. Three of the five companies I've looked into offer internship programs, while I'll still look into advocating for these scholarships, I've broadened the scope of my proposal to include requesting the uni form an industry partnership with such companies that may include internship programs.

### **English Language Entry Requirements**

The research I've done includes

- Investigating how English skills may change throughout university and whether the changes are positive and significant
- The cut-offs recommended by experts

However, I realise the uni may very well have data that will allow me to compare the language scores of previous students with their academic performance. Rather than submitting a proposal to SPC, I'll be submitting a preliminary proposal to APC and SPC to request access to this data.

### **24Hr Study Spaces**

Ugh, no progress. I've been palmed off from one academic to another, have sent a follow up email and still have yet to receive correspondence. I understand that this period is quite a busy one for a lot of staff, so I'll wait until Wednesday before visiting the offices in person.

In the meantime, I've been asking around postgraduates who are doing coursework and research – they've taken to the idea which is great!

### **Student reps on Southbank Committees**

While I've gotten in touch with someone concerning this, I'm yet to receive confirmation of which boards are still running. Kudos to the previous ed ac OBs, it's now uni policy that every course should have its own course standing committee. This does, however mean there are now about five committees without student reps that either are formed, being formed or idk. I've sent a follow up email to my contact concerning this.

## **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

### **Last Action Point 1**

TALQAC is yet to meet. Regardless, I'll hold off submitting proposals until I've met with the deans of Music and Commerce since some progress has been made there.

### **Last Action Point 2**

OhmygoodnessPraiseGod I've finally found and appointed a suitable student rep for biomed csc!

### **Last Action Point 3**

See key activities. I'm yet to meet with Karen Kealy concerning 24Hr study spaces.

## **Action Points to be completed by next report**

### **Action Point 1**

Submit proposals to relevant boards (and APC).

**Action Point 2**

Meet with Greg and Elliot to discuss the weighting of final assessments in practical music subjects

**Action Point 3**

Meet with Karen to discuss 24Hr study spaces

**Action Point 4**

Confirm boards operating in Southbank and open applications to SRN.