

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Education Committee Minutes Thursday, 26 May 2022, 10am Meeting 9 (22)

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Location: Zoom

Password: 494504

Meeting opened at 10:06am.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: That Ruby Craven be elected as Chair

Mover: Ruby Craven Seconded: Ethan Georgeou

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Ruby Craven, Ethan Georgeou, Moira Negline, Mietta Stephens, Maryam Hessami, Luka Michalczak, Lawrence Thai

1.4. Apologies

Leave Request from Georgia Burke and Isabella Philipps

Motion: To accept the leave requests en bloc

Mover: Ruby Craven

CWD

1.5. Proxies

1.6. Membership

As Sriram Gopalasubramanian has now missed more than 3 consecutive Committee meetings, his membership has been suspended. The General Secretary will be notified.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Ruby Craven

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes 7(22), 8(22) and this meeting will be deferred to Committee 10(22) as they were not circulated with the notice and agenda for this Committee

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

See Office Bearer Reports

6. Office Bearer Reports

Ed Ac

Ethan gave their report. Education BBQ was a huge success, big thanks to Luka for helping out. 190 people came but the survey was not working on peoples forms. Comms has been contacted and Moira and Ethan are going to find more ways to reach out to students.

Food Insecurity has been a new initiative of the Ed Ac department (woo!), Ed Ac have been in contact with academics from the University and working with them in reference to the new Student Wellbeing Framework.

NTIOT Academic Board Submission by Queer and Ed Ac was being prepared to submit. There were some mess ups with submission timings in the previous Academic Board meeting, so the hope is that it will be approved this coming round. Questions were posed at the Elected Reps meeting about Holly Lawford-Smith (HLS). Chancellory have expressed their dislike for HLS' recent activities and expressed that this is being sorted out in the background. We would still like a proper response from the University.

We have been receiving interesting report backs from our SRN representatives about assessments within Faculties. We have also been invited to join the Breadth Oversight Committee (BOC), Ethan attended the recent meeting and the purpose and approach of breath subjects was discussed.

Moira added Ed Ac helped endorse a Lorna Stirling Estate Fund Application for a PhD student working on Food Insecurity to attend a conference in Canada, hopefully this is approved so that UMSU gains the benefits of their insight and further collaboration in tackling such issues.

Moira added that Duncan Maskell made a statement about the BDS motion at the recent Academic Board. Ed Ac have also been meeting with Academic Board about the Appeals Process, though it has died down with end of semester and illness from the President of the Academic Board's end.

Ed Pub

New Federal Government – hooray!

Ruby has been sitting on many academic misconduct panels in the previous week. A catch up with NTEU Unimelb Branch President, Annette has been delayed, but it's been working on it. Chats and negotations will be coming up, and Ed Pub's interested in getting student-staff solidarity happening in support of their upcoming EBA and UMSU's as well.

Grant money has been allocated at the start of the year for NUS Ed Con within the Ed Department's Budget. Ruby encouraged members of the Education Committee to consider attending. The conference is in Sydney and the budget will allow for some grants. While scope is to be determined, the goal is that the money provided will be able to cover some travel and accommodation expenses for attendees. This will be a big job for Ruby over the next few weeks. Based off the grants process for other departments, the applications will be anonymised and sent to the Ed Committee for approval. More details to come.

Ruby has been getting the ball rolling for Semester 2, including an application for new merch for Winterfest. Ruby has also been talking to Young Workers Centre (YWC) about a Trades Hall tour as an early Semester event. Most other events will come as updates when they're in the process.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en Bloc

Mover: Ethan Georgeou Seconded: Ruby Craven

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7. Motions on Notice

None

8. Motions without Notice

None

9. Other Business

Marcos enrolment continues to be an issue bubbling under the surface. There has not been much development in this sense, but there may be an update for next committee.

10. Next Meeting

As we head into exams, we will be sending out a Whenisgood for the Winter Break. Good luck with all your studies!

11. Close

Meeting closed at 10:27am.