

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Education Committee**

**11am, the 17th of February, 2021**

**Meeting 3(21)**

**Location: Zoom, Online**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**Open meeting at 11:09am**

1.1 Election of Chair

Jennisha moved to elect herself as chair

Planning seconds

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Jennisha does the acknowledgement of land.

1.3 Attendance

Hannah Krasovec, Planning Jay Vynn Saw, Jennisha Arnanta , Anna Olivia Burnett, Sunny Lu, Nishank Jain, Tejas Gandhi, Luka Michalczak , Jess Blain

1.4 Apologies

none

1.5 Proxies

none

1.6 Membership

none

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**2. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

none

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

none

**4. Operation Business**

**5. Motions on Notice**

**5.1**

**Motion: Approve budgetary delegation to the Operation Sub-Committee of up to \$1000 for each Education Department Budget Line**

The Operation-Sub Committee (OpSub) is a sub-committee of the Student's Council that exists to keep UMSU running with smaller operational expenses. If we need more money that we have in our budget that is under \$1000, this motion allows us to go to OpSub and get those funds.

Planning: Explains the functions of opsub.

Hannah: also explains emergency function (if we cannot get a committee meeting together in time we can go to opsub).

**Mover: Planning Jay Vynn Saw**

**Secunder: Sunny Lu**

**Carried without dissent**

## 5.2

**Motion: To adopt the attached budget as the Education Department Budget for 2021**

In 2021, the Education Department consisting of Education (Academic) and Education (Public) would like to focus on activist organising, the development of student-led policy workshops, increasing the awareness of our education collectives, and continue some of our pressing campaigns such as the Special Consideration changes and cuts to the quality of education.

We will also be focusing on increasing our student engagement and outreach in 2021 to increase visibility of the Education department towards the student population.

Planning speaks to this: explains the budget (how it encompasses both ed ac and ed pub, that it was passed etc). Planning asks Hannah if any questions were raised about our budget in council.

Hannah: explains \$15,000 in grants for NUS EdCon as questions were raised in council.

**Mover: Planning Jay Vynn Saw**

**Secunder: Luka Michalczak**

**Carried without dissent**

## 5.3

**Motion: For UMSU Education to officially endorse the campaign to Free the Medevac Refugees.**

**CW: inhumane imprisonment, human rights breaches.**

For over a year, the Federal Government has detained over 60 refugees in the Mantra Hotel in Preston, and now the Park Hotel in Carlton, just down the road from Unimelb. These refugees were relocated from offshore detention to Melbourne under the (now repealed) Medevac law, so they could receive adequate medical attention. These refugees haven't even been allowed outside for fresh air to exercise – which is a human rights violation. Thankfully, after endless protesting, around 50 of these refugees have been released. However, around 10 are still being held hostage in the Park Hotel, and their mental and physical health has been deteriorating as a result.

UMSU Education has posted on Instagram and Facebook about this situation and has shared/promoted the rallies organised to draw the public's attention to the situation. The rallies have been successful in putting pressure on the Federal Government to release some of the refugees, however the fight to let the other 10 refugees free continues. The UMSU Women's Department has officially endorsed the campaign and we would like to officially endorse the campaign too.

Hannah explains the motion and why we want to officially endorse the campaign.

**Mover: Hannah Krasovec**  
**Secunder: Anna Olivia Burnett**  
**Carried without dissent**

6. **Other Business**

none

7. **Next Meeting**

Will send out when is good, minutes etc.

8. **Close**

Close at 11:20