



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Education Committee
Minutes
Friday, 1 September 2023, 13:30
Meeting 15(23)
Location: Online**

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Meeting opened at 13:36.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1.1.1: That Mary be elected as Chair

Mover: Mary

Seconded: Taj

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Mary Kin Chan, Taj Takahashi, Tom Xie, Lachlan Mutimer, Divya Rajagopalan, Anita Keng.

1.4. Apologies

Akanksha Agarwal.

1.5. Proxies

None.

1.6. Membership

No changes to membership.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1.7.1: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Mary

Seconded: Divya

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes 14(23)

Motion 2.1.1: To accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 14(23).

Mover: Mary

Seconded: Taj

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Office Bearer Reports

Carlos entered at 13:44.

Carlos

Carlos reported attendance to 4 academic misconduct panels. Carlos reported that unexpected circumstances has lead to a reduction in his workload just recently.

Carlos mentioned intention to draft a plan by next the Education Committee meeting regarding how Education Public will contribute to UMSU's 'The Voice' campaign.

Carlos reported on having delegated a lot of the work on the NTEU staff strike campaign to other OBs and is happy to see progress there.

Mary

Mary reported on plans for the upcoming Education BBQ with AltProtein to happen on Monday either week 8 or 9 at Peter Hall happening from 12:00-14:00 (when most volunteers are required for assistance). Mary called on committee members to please come along and help out.

Taj

Reported on attending APC earlier in the day and the discussions had there surrounding AI, particularly around student misuse and staff use in generating and correcting coursework. Discussions around the omission of reading times during exams was also reported to the Education Committee, noting that as it was contentious and under discussion in APC and AcaBoard (and undergoing other beauracratc processes), change wouldn't be seen until after semester 2 exams in 2023.

Otherwise reported similarly to Mary and Carlos.

Motion 6.1: To accept the Office Bearer Reports

Mover: Mary

Seconded: Lachie

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Other Reports

None.

8. Operational Business (Motions on Notice)

None.

9. General Business (Motions on Notice)

9.1 Mid-year financial review (continued)

Motion 9.1:

Mary asked the Student Representative Coordinator (Ciara) regarding the status of Education Action Collectives for this semester. Considering low attendance (which has been an issue last year as well) and lack of campaigns, there is a strong case for not running the collectives this semester temporarily. While we are constitutionally bound to run collectives, there is no explicit policy stating its frequency (weekly, fortnightly etc).

Here are further suggestions from Ciara:

“It may be worth putting in your recommendations for 2024 that the Education Collective is planned to be held only once or twice a semester, as a forum to hear educational issues and concerns from students – a bit like a Town Hall. Running them weekly or even fortnightly seems exhausting!”

Therefore Education collectives can be suspended for this semester, with the unspent funds (\$250 each for Sept and Oct) transferred back to the Whole of Union.

Motion 9.1: That the Education Committee approves the transfer of unspent funds (\$500.00) from the account number 03-60-620-3839 (Tag: Collectives) back to the Students’ Council - Whole of Union budget.

Mover: Divya

Seconded: Tom

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 9.2 Student Representative Network (SRN) confirmation

Motion 9.2: During the previous meeting on 18th August 2023, the Committee approved the following student representatives:

- Nanyu (Viola) Chen - FEIT Faculty Curriculum Committee
- Abdul Aziz Chowdhury - on the condition that Nanyu (Viola) Chen does not accept her role of student representation on the FEIT Faculty Curriculum Committee

However it was found that Viola is PG, and Abdul is UG. The FEIT Committee requires both PG and UG reps and both positions have been vacant.

Therefore I would like to remove the condition for Abdul, and approve his application for the UG student rep position.

Mover: Mary

Seconded: Taj

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

None.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 15 September 13:30.

12. Close

Meeting closed at 13:54.