

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

Friday, 6 October 2023, 13:30 Meeting 17(23) Location: Zoom

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# Meeting opened at 13:33.

## 1. Procedural Matters

# 1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1.1: That Mary be elected as Chair

Mover: Mary Seconded: Carlos

**CARRIED** 

**1.2.** Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

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

1.4. Apologies

None.

1.5. Proxies

None.

1.6. Membership

No changes.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1.7.1: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Mary Seconded: Divya

**CARRIED** 

# 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

# **2.1** Minutes 16(23)

Motion 2.1.1: To accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 16(23).

Mover: Mary Seconded: Taj

**CARRIED** 

#### 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None.

# 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

# 5. Correspondence

None.

# 6. Office Bearer Reports

#### Carlos:

Reported on attendance to many Academic Review Panels and helping the UniMelb for Yes campaign.

#### Mary:

Planning SWOTVAC event, went to the kitchen induction and the intructor was excited to hear that the coffee club and UMSU are collaborating and so has offered for the University to foot the bill. To be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October (Thursday) from 13:00 - 15:00 as a 'sit down have coffee and chill' afternoon.

# Taj:

Reported on being busy with faculty meetings but otherwise reported similarly.

Motion 6.1: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en bloc

Mover: Mary Seconded: Divya

**CARRIED** 

# 7. Other Reports

None.

# 8. Operational Business (Motions on Notice)

None.

## 9. General Business (Motions on Notice)

During the previous meeting on 18th August 2023, the Committee approved the following student representative:

 Qi Evelyn Wang - MDHS Faculty Executive Sub-committee: Learning and Teaching (L&T SFEC)

Upon contacting the Committee Secretary, EdAc was informed that the Committee had already found a student representative (without informing UMSU).

When similar incidents have happened in past years, previous EdAc officers will first attempt to find other committees with student rep vacancies, only rejecting the applicant when there are no suitable spots.

Here are the details of Evelyn's application

- Currently a second year Bachelor of Biomedicine student.
- Response to the question: 'Why do you think you should be a member of the SRN?'
  - o 'I was previously the student representative for Discovering Biomedicine, one of the core BBMED subjects. By becoming a student rep, I was able to voice out concerns of my peers and raise it to the subject coordinators in order to make the learning experience for the future batches much better and more beneficial. I believe that my strong communication and interpersonal skills make me a good candidate for relaying feedback and suggestions from the students to those who could provide assistance and facilitate change.'
  - Response to the question: 'Tell us about any previous involvement you've had in university affairs or student representation.'
  - o 'I was previously a student representative for BIOM100001, which was a great experience that helped me connect student feedback with subject coordinators in order to make sure changes were made. Currently, I am the events manager for the University's Singapore Students Society and also an ISA for UMSU International, both which have allowed me to expand my network and develop my interpersonal and communication skills'

The Bachelor of Biomedicine Course Standing Committee (BBiomed CSC) currently has no student representative, so Evelyn is eligible to fill this spot as a Bachelor of Biomedicine student. Evelyn's past and current experience in student representation will also be directly relevant to what is involved in the BBiomed CSC.

Therefore I would like to nominate Qi Evelyn Wang as student representative on the BBiomed CSC.

**Motion 9.1**: To nominate Qi Evelyn Wang as student representative on the BBiomed CSC.

Mover: Mary Seconded: Taj

**CARRIED** 

## 10. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

None.

# 11. Next Meeting

**20/10/2023 13:30**, most likely via Zoom.

# 12. Close

Meeting closed at 13:43.