



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of Education Committee
Minutes
Friday 25 March 2022 3pm
Meeting 5(22)
Location: Zoom**

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Meeting opened at 3:05pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Ruby Craven be elected as Chair

Mover: Ruby Craven

Seconded: Moira Negline

CARRIED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Benjamin Jarick, Moira Negline, Ruby Craven, Luka Michalczak, Mietta Stephens, Isabella Phillips, Georgia Burke, Lawrence Thai

1.4. Apologies

Maryam Hessami, Sriram Gopalasubramanian

Leave of Absence Request for Ethan Georgeou

Motion: To accept the leave requests en bloc

Mover: Ruby Craven

CARRIED

1.5. Proxies

N/A

1.6. Membership

Chinakila Makwaza has resigned from Education Committee.

Maryam Hessami has been nominated to the Education Committee.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Ruby Craven

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes 3(22)

Motion: To accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 3(22).

Mover: Ruby Craven

CARRIED

As minutes for Meeting 4(22) are currently unavailable, confirmation of Minutes 4(22) will be deferred to next meeting.

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None declared.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

N/A

5. Correspondence

5.1. Stop the Menzies Institute Rally Report Back

Ben says that overall the rally went well, with a few hiccups. Turnout was good and speeches were great. It appeared the exhibition opening had been delayed because of the protest but nevertheless it was good to raise student concerns and assert the campaign's presence on campus.

The Education department received an e-mail from Murrup Barak regarding the conduct of the rally, which stated that stopping outside of the MB building (which is in close proximity to the Menzies Institute in Old Quad) for chants was inappropriate as the space is not for protest. The Education department has sent an apology to Murrup Barak on this, and will also publish a public apology on Facebook within the week.

Ruby invites anyone that has input or questions to reach out to her or Ben.

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. Education (Academic)

Moira speaks on Education Academic's activities. Since Summerfest, EdAc has worked on the vaccination validation issue- the uni had told EdAc that they would

be deallocating students from their in-person classes if they had not validated their vaccination certificates. Thankfully the issue has been resolved. Two Academic Board meetings have taken place since last meeting; the PhD rates issue has been raised (PhD holders have not been paid the right rate).

EdAc will be bringing the Diverstment petition from Enviro to University Council. They have also been working with Queer to have the Feminism subject review presented to Academic Board to petition a proper review of the subject. The Know your University booklet has been published and distributed.

SRN applications are closing soon. A new campaign with Indigenous will be started. An Education BBQ is also in the works.

6.2. Education (Public)

Ruby speaks to Education Public's activities. Since last meeting, EdPub been working on the Menzies Institute Campaign; flyering stalls and meetings have culminated in the rally held last week. Next Wednesday we'll be running a Know Your Rights Workshop with the Young Workers' Centre. Wednesday 6th April EdPub will be running a film screening (which had originally been slated for week 1 but was delayed due to COVID).

Counter protests happened this week at the Robert Menzies Institute- this was not affiliated to UMSU Education, and we did not attend as office bearers. The protest got out of hand, and UMSU Education does not condone the use of violence of any form at protests.

Wednesday 13th April will be the National Day of Action. National Union of Students has launched the National Day of Action to demand free tertiary education, a cause which is ever important in an election year. The Naarm strike will be co-organised by UMSU's Education officers, alongside Ed officers from other universities across the state. Speakers are yet to be determined, but the strike is slated to begin at Unimelb, before heading to RMIT.

Further, the Protest Safety Working Group will be started regarding protest safety, with a policy document to be presented to Students' Council. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en Bloc

Mover: Isabella Phillips Seconded: Luka Michalczak

CARRIED

7. Motions on Notice

7.1. Operations Sub-Committee Motion

Motion: That the Education Committee approves budgetary delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee of up to \$1000 for the Education Committee Budget Lines

Mover: Moira Negline Seconded: Georgia Burke
CARRIED

Mietta Stephens leaves at 3:29pm.

7.2. Education BBQ

Motion: To approve expenditure from the Events budget line of up to \$1500 for the Education BBQs.

Moved: Moira Negline Seconded: Isabella Phillips

CARRIED

7.3. Lorna Stirling Membership Confirmation

Motion: To approve Jordan Di Natale, Evelyn Ranogajec and Seyed Farid Fazel Mojtahedi to fulfill UMSU Membership requirements for the Lorna Stirling Estate Committee.

Moved: Moira Negline Seconded: Isabella Phillips

CARRIED

8. Motions without Notice

N/A

9. Other Business

N/A

10. Next Meeting

When2Meet will be distributed after the meeting.

11. Close

Meeting closed at 3:33pm.