

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Education Committee**

**Unconfirmed Minutes**

**10 am Tuesday 5 February 2019**

**Meeting 3(19)**

**Location: OB Space, Level 1, Union House**

**Meeting opened at 10:30 am.**

1. **Procedural Matters**
	1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Charli as chair

Moved: Charli

Seconded: Cam

CWD

Georgia left.

Sophie Kerrigan arrived.

* 1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Acknowledged

* 1. Attendance

Charli, Elizabeth, Cam, Sophie, Mindi, Nick, Josh, Georgia

* 1. Apologies

William, Georgia, Hue Man

* 1. Proxies

None

* 1. Membership

Melinda Suter has joined the Education Committee

* 1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda of meeting 3(19)

Moved: Charli

Seconded: Cam

CWD

1. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Motion 3: To amend the minutes of meeting 2(19) from “We’ve spent $800 of the $1000 (passed last committee) to buy a design for the T-shirts being made (to Sam Wallman)” to “No money spent”.

Moved: Cam

Seconded: Charli

CWD

Motion 4: To amend the minutes of meeting 2(19) to remove the sentence “Cam said he believes Queer does.”

Moved: Cam

Seconded: Charli

CWD

Motion 5: To confirm the minutes of meeting 2(19) as amended by Motions 3 and 4.

Moved: Charli

Seconded: Cam

CWD

Motion 6: To note declarations.

Moved: Chair

CWD

1. **Conflict of Interest Declarations**
2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nothing discussed.

1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence to discuss.

1. **Office Bearer Reports**

*See Appendix 1 for Office Bearer Reports*

Motion 7: To accept the Office Bearer reports.

Moved: Chair

CWD

1. **Other Reports**

Mindi spoke about the Adani Education Action Group. There is a nationwide student strike run by NUS and Students for Climate Justice on Friday, Week 2, Semester 1. Mindi suggested building for the strike at the SummerFest stall, and using Education Department tote bags.

1. **Motions on Notice**

*See Appendix 2 for Motions On Notice*

1. **Other Business**
2. **Next Meeting**

*We will circulate another WhenIsGood for March.*

1. **Close**

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| **University of Melbourne Student Union****Education Academic Affairs Report****Elizabeth Tembo****To Education Committee 2(19)****21/01/19** |

**Appendix 1 – Office Bearer Reports**

**Key Activities**

**Key Activity 1**

I finally submitted the finalised version of the education booklet. As printing could potentially take up more than half of the printing budget, and artists charging $900, I’ve decided to have Comms design the cover. Would be great to not

**Key Activity 2**

Began writing up position paper on Highly-weighted assessments. I’ve narrowed the scope of the investigation to practical performance music subjects and Commerce. Though highly weighted assessments are found throughout a number of courses, the nature and practice of assessments in Music and Commerce are distinctly excessive; Practical performance subjects in music have assessments that are worth 100% of their grades and hurdles of 100% attendance (with provision to miss a class being left to the discretion of the teaching staff). The school of commerce not only has highly weighted exams, but also, hurdles across all core subjects. These conditions not only warrant urgency but also, due to their excessiveness, they could potentially be great examples that demonstrate the negative effect of highly-stake assessments.

**Key Activity 3**

I’m still trying to get a hold of the Head of University Services to arrange a meeting to discuss trialling 24hr library access during semester 1 and also to discuss the cost of printing.

**Key Activity 4**

More changes to SRN – Biomedicine is finally getting their own course standing committee. I’m in the process of finding and appointing a student representative.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Last Action Point 1**

Stilll trying to organise a meeting with Neil Robinson.

**Last Action Point 2**

TALQAC and APC are yet meet. In the meantime, I’ve been researching pass-fail rates of subjects with high-stake assessments, and searching for relevant data within and outside of the uni to build a solid case before we meet.

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

**Action Point 1**

Present case for investigating high-stakes assessments to TALQAC and APC.

**Action Point 2**

Find and appoint suitable student rep to the Biomedicine CSC.

**Action Point 3**

Meet with Neil Robinson to begin work on having 24hr access to libraries during the semester and addressing the cost of printing.

**Appendix 2 – Motions on notice**

**8.1 Education Department Tote Bags**

We had massive engagement with our campaigns through the tote bags we gave out to students in 2018. We had a long queue at WinterFest and ran out of tote bags.

Tote bags contain pamphlets and materials to connect students to our campaigns and actions. They are a chance for us to meet and engage with students to tell them about our campaigns face-to-face.

Last year, the Education Department printed 2000 tote bags. In light of the big uptake for these tote bags, we hope to do the same.

**Motion 8:** To pass up to $4500 to print tote bags for Summerfest.

Moved: Charli

Seconded: Cam

CWD

**8.2 Campaign T-Shirts**

Having paid union artist Sam Wallman for T-shirt designs, we are hoping to print Education Department campaign shirts for the year.

These will identify activists as connected with the Education Department, its collectives, and our campaigns for free public transport, student control of the Coop, and students’ rights in the workplace.

**Motion 9:** To pass up to $800 for the printing of Education Department campaign T-shirts.

Moved: Charli

Seconded: Cam

CWD

**8.3 Free Tram Zone Graphic Design Reimbursement**

The University requested a map of the proposed FTZ extension to pass on to the Minister. There was a hard deadline at the Close of Business on that day.

Comms did not have capacity to do this graphic design work. We therefore found a Design student who was able to help us for 2 hours to put together this work before the deadline.

We wanted to ensure that we paid this artist industry rates, and so Cam paid $60 from his own pocket for the artwork.

The graphic design work looks like this: <http://bit.ly/2UvVaLM>.

**Motion 10:** To reimburse Cameron Doig $60 for graphic design work for a map of the Free Tram Zone extension proposal.

**Moved:** Mindi

**Seconded:** Nick

CWD

**8.3 Coop FOI Request Reimbursement**

We spent $17 on a freedom of information document in an attempt to ascertain the identity of past and current directors of the Coop Bookstore.

**Motion 11:** To reimburse Charlotte Fouhy $17 for the FOI fee in relation to an FOI request about the Coop.

Moved: Sophie

Seconded: Elizabeth

CWD

**8.4 NATCON Grants**

In 2018 the education department gave out grants to students wishing to attend natcon as an unofficial observer. The previous committee granted up to $200 to each successful applicant who was deemed to need financial assistance. Last committee we passed $200 per unofficial observer from the previous Education Budget Line to ours. The observers went and came back, so it is now time for us to read their reports and reimburse them should committee determine it is right to do so.

\*Please see attachments for reports

**Motion 13:** To accept two NUS Natcon observer reports and pass up to $400 for their accommodation expenses at NATCON 2018.

Moved: Mindi

Seconded: Sophie

CWD

**Motion 12 (procedural):** To separate out one NUS Natcon observer report.

Moved: Mindi

Seconded: Sophie

CWD

Concerns were raised with the presentation and seriousness of intent of the separated-out report.

**Motion 15:** To accept the separated report and pass up to $200 to reimburse one unofficial observer for their accommodation expenses at NATCON 2018.

Moved: Chair

For: 3

Against 1

Motion passes

**Motion 14 (procedural):** Charli Fouhy cedes the chair to Elizabeth Tembo.

Moved: Charli

Seconded: Elizabeth

**Meeting closed at 11:21 am.**