

**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Meeting of the Education Committee**



**Agenda**

**Friday, 27/03/2026, 3:00PM**

**Meeting 4(26)**

**Location:** Zoom + Education Public office (Level 2, building 168)

**Zoom Link:**

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/8142161973?pwd=5pgZm77FQtsAkvMwI3oDMEPmoZxE2.1&omn=81785399330>

Meeting ID: 814 216 1973

Passcode: 864417

Meeting opened at 3:26

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Election of Chair**

**Motion: To elect Hesheya Anandan as Chair**

**Mover:** Hesheya Anandan

**Seconded:** Corbin Afanasyev

**1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians**

**1.3. Attendance**

In attendance: Leon Nguyen Van Tri, Meghna Malik, Prayag Sethia, Bolortuya Batzorig, William McCartin

Absent: Kevin Phan, Sophie Conlan, Reema Ababneh

**1.4. Apologies**

None received

**1.5. Proxies**

None received more than 60 minutes before the meeting

**1.5.1 Motion:** To approve Willaim McCartin as a proxy for Kevin Phan.

Carries without dissent

### 1.6. Membership

No membership changes.

### 1.7. Adoption of Agenda

**Motion: To accept the Agenda as presented**

**Mover:** Rutvi Tolani

**Seconded:** Corbin Afanasyev

## 2. Confirmation of previous minutes

**Motion: To confirm the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting 3(26)**

**Mover:** Hridey Kapoor

**Seconded:** Leon Nguyen van Tri

## 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No conflicts to declare

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

## 5. Correspondence

## 6. Office Bearer Reports

### 6.1. Hridey Kapoor

During the past month, the Education Department has focused a lot on welcoming new students to university, through our O-Week at UMSU Events. Through two interactive stalls, the Department was able to answer questions regarding our operations, initiatives and goals for the year, while allowing new students to familiarise themselves with the university, through our Your Uni, Your Rights booklets. The booklets were a strong success, and we believe that they will go a long way in allowing new students to settle in. We also ran our Volunteer Welcome Night in collaboration with Welfare, which served as an information session for prospective volunteers for both departments. This enabled the Office Bearers to connect with more people and meaningfully expand our volunteer network. On the campaigns front, Education Public held initial discussions about the possibility of expanding Rowden White Library's Portable Charger loaning system to other libraries across campus. This is to improve access to all students who may have forgotten their charger or may not be able to find accessible charging ports. Over the next month, we plan to continue hosting more collectives, while moving forward on the Power Banks and Libraries campaign. We aim to chat to more libraries about implementation and possibly run a survey.

## **6.2. Corbin Afanasyev**

In my capacity as an Education Academic Officer, I have attended several university meetings including Academic Board, Elected Representatives and the Academic Programs Committee, wherein I raised student issues and discussed the steps for addressing them. This included discussions around 24/7 study spaces, handbook fee transparency as well as tutorial deadnaming.

I have also liaised with relevant student clubs to get information and data to support campaigns and advocacy. I have collaborated with Advocacy & Legal as well as the President to get advice on next steps regarding current issues, and we have worked together on proposals to bring to aforementioned meetings.

We have also run a collaborative event with Alexander Hams of UMSU Welfare to welcome volunteers and chat to interested students about what opportunities are available for them in the UMSU Education and Welfare departments.

## **6.3. Hesheya Anandan**

Over the past month, we ran the O-Week stall which went really well. We had a badge-making activity and a post-it wall to gather student perspectives on improvement areas and it was a nice way to engage both new and returning students. We also handed out the Your Rights, Your Uni booklet to new students and introduced our department, what we do and how they can get involved. We hosted our first Education Collective at IDA Bar with Welfare which had a good turnout and was a nice start to the semester. We've also started working on the alumni networking event and reached out to Alumni Relations for support with sourcing alumni speakers.

## **6.4. Rutvi Tolani**

During O-Week, we ran a highly successful activation in collaboration with UMSU, where we set up a badge-making station using UMSU badges, engaged students by asking what they would like to change about university life, distributed the Your Rights, Your Uni booklet, and opened volunteer forms that helped us register a strong number of new participants. Our first collective of the year was held at the Ida Bar in partnership with the Welfare Department, creating a relaxed and welcoming space for students to connect, and we plan to host two more collectives there to continue building momentum and community engagement. In addition to these events, Hridey and I met with Celia from the Rowden Library to review the performance of the portable chargers, which have been extremely successful and well-received by students; based on this positive feedback, we now plan to conduct a survey and speak with other libraries to explore expanding the initiative across more locations.

**Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en bloc**

**Mover: Bolortuya Batzorig**

**Secunder:** Megnha Malik

Carried without dissent

## 7. Other Reports

## 8. Motions on Notice

**8.1: To approve the expenditure of \$500 toward Education Action Collective 2(26) from budget line 03-60-620-3839 “Programs – Collectives”**

**Mover:** Corbin Afanasyev

**Secunder:** Bolortuya Batzorig

Corbin explains that the Collective will be held to update the student body on the activities of the department and hear from the community about things on the minds of UniMelb students.

Carried without dissent

**8.2: To approve the expenditure of \$150 toward a collaboration with the Queer Commerce Club for UMSU Activities’ Queer Week from budget line 03-60-620-3531 “Grants – Student Initiative”**

**Mover:** Hridey Kapoor

**Secunder:** Corbin Afanasyev

Corbin explains that the 31<sup>st</sup> of March is the Trans Day of Visibility, and the collaboration with Queer Commerce is meant to contribute to the celebration of the trans community on campus and announce the progress relating to trans rights in terms of UMSU Education advocacy.

**8.3: To re-allocate leftover budget worth \$405 from the printing of the Your Uni Your Rights booklet (line 03-60-620-3713 tag “Printing – External – Publications”) toward budget line 03-60-620-3352 “Consumables & Supplies”.**

**Mover:** Corbin Afanasyev

**Secunder:** Rutvi Tolani

Corbin explains that the budget is to be allocated toward purchasing badge components,

for the O-Week activity that was run. The badge components used were borrowed from the Arts Lab, and the Education Department must purchase some more to return them.

**8.4: To approve the expenditure of \$405 toward Badge Components from Badge-a-minit from budget line 03-60-620-3352 "Consumables & Supplies"**

**Mover:** Corbin Afanasyev

**Secunder:** Rutvi Tolani

Part of the same transaction as the previous motion.

**9. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)**

**10. Next Meeting**

TBC - April

**11. Close**

Meeting closed at 3:31PM