

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



Agenda

Wednesday, 22/04/2026, 3:00PM

Meeting 5(26)

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

Zoom Link:

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Time: Apr 22, 2026 03:00 PM Australia/Melbourne

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1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: To elect Hridey Kapoor as Chair

Mover: Hridey Kapoor

Seconded: Rutvi Tolani

Carried without dissent

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

1.3. Attendance – Bolor, Meghna, Reema, Leon

1.4. Apologies – Corbin and Hesheya

1.5. Proxies - NA

1.6. Membership

1.6.1 Kevin Phan has been terminated from the Education Committee

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

1.8.

Motion: To accept the agenda as presented

Mover: Rutvi Tolani

Second: Leon Nguyen van Tri

Carried without dissent

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: To confirm the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting 4(26)

Mover: Rutvi Tolani

Second: Meghna Malik

Carried without dissent

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration - NA

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes - NA

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. Hridey Kapoor

Over the past month, The Education Department has been working towards the planning of Pitch Night, and the initial planning of our flagship alumni networking event in Week 10 of Semester 1. This has involved meetings with UMSU Events, UMSU Communications & Design, and the organisation of catering options for both events. We have also been working on sourcing alumni to be a part of the panel at our networking event.

On the campaigns front, the Power banks campaign is currently in action. I attended the Library Liaison Group's first meeting of the year, and have presented various data to interested libraries and representatives.

6.2. Corbin Afanasyev

Since the last meeting, we have:

- Attended Academic Board and tabled the UMSU Racism Report with Lushy, ensuing in discussions about how the University of Melbourne can become a more inclusive and safe institution for students of colour.
- In the same Academic Board meeting, there was a proposal for a new subcommittee - the Research Committee. The proposed terms of reference explicitly excluded any student reps, but after discussion and debate from both myself and the GSA representative, they were ammended to include one nominee from UMSU and one from GSA.
- Attended the first 24h study space working group with several other student reps and discussed potential avenues for facilitating a study space on campus during SWOTVAC and the Exam Period to be accessible 24 hours a day.
- Spoke at the Trans Day of Visibility event on the 31st of March, updating those in attendance on the advocacy work the Education department has done for trans and gender diverse students, including addressing deadnaming in tutorials and allowing students to have preferred names on student cards.
- In the same week, we have collaborated on hosting a boardgame night with the Queer Commerce Club in the Ida Bar, facilitating conversations with queer students and hearing about how the Education department's advocacy can be better tailored to support their needs.
- We have also planned a Trivia Night event for the 30th of April with support from the Queer Commerce club, wherein we will be able to engage the student

6.3. Rutvi Tolani

Over the past period, Hridey and I reached out to several key library locations including ones in Southbank and Burnley campus. Also Baillieu, FBE, Law, and Design in Parkville to propose the implementation of a Powerbanks Safety Campaign. The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that students have safe and reliable access to portable charging options within library spaces, reducing unsafe charging practices and improving overall wellbeing on campus. Furthermore, Hridey and I had a meeting with the Communications and Events team for pitch night to discuss the operational aspects of the event. During this meeting, Hridey and I finalised the proposed location, budget, and promotional strategy for the Collective. At this stage, the Collective has three confirmed participants and thirty bookings.

6.4. Hesheya Anandan

Over the past month, we hosted the second Education Collective at Peter Hall Lawn, where we engaged with students and potential volunteers. It was a good opportunity to introduce the Education Department's work and hear directly from students about the areas they'd like us to focus on. We also worked on the Elected Reps meeting by putting together the brief on key student concerns like exam timetable release, lecture recordings, and power and battery access on campus. Alongside this, we've been progressing planning for the

alumni networking event, including finalising 8 alumni panellists with support from the Alumni Relations team and sharing event details with them. We've also met with the Events team to work through logistics for the event.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en bloc

Mover: Leon Nguyen van tri

Seconder: Reema Abaneh

Carried without dissent

7. Other Reports

8. Motions on Notice

8.1: To approve the expenditure of \$1000 towards UMSU Education's Pitch Night on Thursday the 23rd of April, from Budget Line 03-60-620-3840 'Events – General'

Mover: Rutvi Tolani

Seconder: Bolortuya Batzorig

Carried without dissent

8.2: To approve the expenditure of \$1500 towards UMSU Education's Alumni Networking Event to be held in Week 10 of Semester 1, from Budget Line 03-60-620-3840 'Events – General'

Mover: Rutvi Tolani

Seconder: Leon Nguyen van Tri

Carried without dissent

8.3: To approve the expenditure of \$500 for Trivia Night (in collaboration with Queer Commerce Club), from Budget Line 03-60-620-3840 'Events – General'. The expenditure will be used for catering, prizes and AV support.

Mover: Rutvi Tolani

Seconder: Meghna Malik

Carried without dissent

9. Other Business (Motions Without Notice)- NA

10. Next Meeting

TBC - May

11. Close -3:22PM