

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

**Tuesday, 26/05/2026, 5:30PM
Meeting 6(26)**

Location: Room 229, Building 168 + Hybrid(Zoom)



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1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: To elect Rutvi Tolani as Chair

Mover: Corbin Afanasyev

Secunder: Hridey Kapoor

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

1.3. Attendance

Rutvi Tolani, Hesheya Anandan, Hridey Kapoor, Corbin Afanasyev
Leon Nguyen van Tri, Meghna Malik, Reema Eve Ababneh, Khushi Valecha,
Sounak Bhandari, Sophie Conlan, Bolortuya Batzorig
Aidan O'Riley (observer)

1.4. Apologies

Prayag Sethia

1.5. Proxies

1.5.1. Proxy from Prayag Sethia to Khushi Valecha

1.6. Membership

1.6.1 Sounak Bhandari has been appointed to the committee

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To accept the Agenda as presented

Mover: Corbin Afanasyev

Seconder: Hesheya Anandan

Carried without dissent

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

Motion: To confirm the previous minutes, as circulated with the agenda

Mover: Corbin Afanasyev

Seconder: Hesheya Anandan

Carried without dissent

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. Hridey Kapoor

Within the past month, our department has been working hard to deliver some amazing initiatives for students. We have also run a couple of events since the last committee meeting, which were a good success. The first event was the Trivia Night, in collaboration with the Queer Commerce Club. This was a social event that allowed students to break away from the everyday stress, through competing in teams to win some fun prizes. We also held our flagship alumni networking panel, which was one of our most successful events this year. We invited 7 guest panelists to provide their insights on life after university, the graduate job hunt and how students can make themselves more employable. The event had a strong attendance, with quite a few walk-ins and this networking opportunity will go a long way in helping students understand life after university. The opportunity to connect with individuals from a range of industries is invaluable. On the campaigns front, the Education Public department has continued to advocate for the improvement of charging facilities at university, through a Power bank system. The focus has shifted to Southbank, because the department feels that launching the program there will be smoother and is more important.

6.2. Corbin Afanasyev and Hesheya Anandan

After protracted negotiation with SASS as well as GSA and UMSUj, we have secured another trial of the 24h study space for SWOTVAC of this semester.

To contrast with 2025, this will be in the ERC library rather than the after hours space in Baillieu, and will involve access to Building 168 across the skybridge, allowing students to use the microwaves, vending machines and hot water taps. We hope this trial will be successful but the main challenge will be to communicate this amenity to the disengaged student body.

We have also hosted a brand new University of Melbourne alumni panel – titled “From Uni to Industry” - bringing in professionals at various stages in their careers to talk to students about prospective pathways after University.

We have also continued to negotiate the exam schedule release date, and have gotten the University to commit to a discovery piece to review the current timeline and whether it would be feasible to move it forward by 2027, allowing students to have clarity on their exam timetable earlier in the semester. Moreover, we have raised and discussed the accessibility of 8:30 exams and the possibility of having exams start at 9:00 at the earliest for semester 2, to improve access for outer suburban and rural students with long commutes.

6.3. Rutvi Tolani

Hridey and I Reached out to libraries regarding portable chargers and explored ways to improve accessibility for students. Although libraries weren't very enthusiastic, so we plan to promote portable chargers in just rowdy library which already has so students are more aware and reach out today outback campus. Successfully secured 24/7 access to ERC Library during Swotvac week through our budget allocation to support all students during exams. Hosted a Pitch Night where students presented ideas and solutions for common university problems, encouraging innovation and student engagement. Also co-hosted with Hridey Corbin and Hesheya the alumni networking event “From Uni to Industry” where panelists shared valuable insights and personal experiences about transitioning from university life into industry which was a pretty successful event.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en bloc

Mover: Sounak Bhandari

Seconder: Leon Nguyen van Tri

Carried without dissent

7. Other Reports

8. Motions on Notice

8.1.

Motion: To reimburse Hridey Kapoor \$70 for the purchase of the prizes for Pitch Night – JBL earbuds and gift cards.

Mover: Hesheya Anandan

Second: Corbin Afanasyev

Corbin explains that Hridey did not get FlexiPurchase on his phone and had to pay for the prizes out of pocket last minute. Deanna has been consulted and has approved.

Carried without dissent

8.2.

Motion: To approve \$1000 from the 'Events' budget line (03-60-620-3840), tag 'Campaigns' to collaborate with SASS on the SWOTVAC 24/7 Library initiative.

Mover: Corbin Afanasyev

Second: Hesheya Anandan

Corbin explains that the ongoing conversation with SASS regarding a 24/7 study space had been ongoing since the start of the semester, and the consensus was that they would be willing to run another trial of the initiative but not without buy-in from the student organisations, due to budget constraints. Of the ~\$5,000 required to keep the space open for a week, UMSU Education is contributing \$1k and SASS is paying for the rest of it.

Leon asks if it is coming out of the Education budget, Corbin confirms that it is.

Carried without dissent

9. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

9.1

Motion: To move \$600 from 'Programs' budget line (03-60-620-3839), tag 'Collectives' to the 'Printing – External' budget line (03-60-620-3713), tag 'Merchandise', and approve it for the printing of UMSU Education lanyards for O Week Semester 2.

Mover: Corbin Afanasyev

Second: Hridey Kapoor

Leon asks why it is coming from the Collective budget, Corbin explains that the collectives have been somewhat overbudgeted for, and the lanyards could also be given out to students involved with the Education department, including those who come to Collectives and contribute to discussion frequently.

Carried without dissent

10. Next Meeting

TBC

11. Close