

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Education Committee Agenda Monday, 15/06/2026, 2:00PM Meeting 7(26) Location: Room 229, Building 168 + Hybrid(Zoom)	
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Meeting opens at 2:18PM

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: To elect Corbin Afanasyev as Chair

Mover: Corbin Afanasyev

Second: Rutvi Tolani

Carried without dissent

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

1.3. Attendance

Hesheya Anandan, Corbin Afanasyev, Hridey Kapoor, Rutvi Tolani Aidan O'Reilly,
Sounak Bhandari, Bolortuya Batzorig, Leon Nguyen van Tri

1.4. Apologies

1.4.1 Meghna Malik

1.5. Leave of absence requests

1.5.1. Request received from Prayag Sethia

1.6. Proxies

1.6.1. Proxy from Prayag Sethia to Aidan O'Reilly

1.7. Membership

1.7.1. Sounak Bhandari has been appointed to the Education Committee

1.8. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To accept the Agenda as presented

Mover: Rutvi Tolani

Seconder: Hesheya Anandan

Carried without dissent

2. Confirmation of previous minutes

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

Mover: Hesheya Anandan

Seconder: Hridey Kapoor

Aidan O'Reilly points out his name was misspelled in the attendance, this will be rectified before the confirmed minutes are published. No other issues were raised.

Carried without dissent

Carried without dissent

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest to declare

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Leon enquires where the Education Action Collectives were advertised, as only the first was published on the UMSU Education Instagram. Hridey explains that the second collective was published directly as an event onto the UMSU website, and was held on the Thursday of Stress Less Week. Leon requests that the UMSU Education Website be updated to list these collectives, Hridey agrees to do so after the meeting. Leon asks to have future collectives advertised on Instagram, Hridey agrees.

Leon enquires about the status of the lanyards. Corbin confirms the lanyards have been ordered, exactly 168 of them. They should arrive with enough time to spare before O-Week and start of Semester 2. Leon enquires about the means for distributing these lanyards. Corbin explains they'll be offered to volunteers and people who are involved with UMSU Education events and initiatives, such as the current survey around 8:30AM exams.

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. Hridey Kapoor and Rutvi Tolani

6.1.1. Hridey and I followed up with Rowden Library regarding the portable charger initiative. We plan to promote and market the service to increase awareness among students. Additionally, the 24/7 library trial was highly successful. To support this initiative, we allocated \$1,000 from our budget and established an ERC to facilitate the implementation of 24/7 library access. We are also planning to collaborate with EDAC to conduct a survey on the 8:30 a.m. exam schedule and interview students to gather feedback on their experiences and perspectives. Furthermore, we have begun planning O-Week activities for Semester 2 to ensure a successful and engaging start to the semester.

6.2. Corbin Afanasyev and Hesheya Anandan

6.2.1. Since the last meeting, the 24h library trial has gone ahead in the ERC. We do not have the usage numbers yet, but reception has been very positive and a lot of students have expressed how valuable it's been to have that extra study space over SWOTVAC. We have also launched our early morning exam survey, spending time on the ground talking to students after their exams and getting perspectives on possible exam schedule options. We will continue this survey campaign for the rest of the exam period, including via social media, email, and posters around campus. We have put money back into students' pockets from the geography faculty- as a result of our push toward greater out of pocket fee transparency for mandatory field trips. 26 field trip subjects have been audited as a result of our advocacy and the field trip costs will be communicated more accurately via the science faculty website rather than the handbook. For one particularly egregious instance, however, the university has refunded students \$180 each for the discrepancy between the advertised and actual cost for one field trip.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en bloc

Mover: Sounak Bhandari

Seconder: Rutvi Tolani

Carried without dissent

7. Other Reports

8. Motions on Notice

8.1.

To approve the expenditure of \$2000 towards Semester 2 O-Week commencing on Monday the 20th of July, from Budget Line 03-60-620-3840 'Events – General'
Mover: Rutvi Tolani **Seconder:** Hridey Kapoor

Rutvi says it's self explanatory, O-Week activities including badgemaking. UMSU Education's activities for Semester 2 O-Week@UMSU have not been set in stone yet, but some of this budget will go toward printing merchandise and apparel. Corbin mentions that the team still needs to take stock of how many Your Uni Your Rights handbooks are still in our possession, and figure out whether more need to be printed for this O-Week Hridey waives his speaking rights says there is nothing to add.

Carried without dissent

8.2.

To approve the expenditure of \$400 towards the 8:30 AM Exam Survey, from Budget Line 03-60-620-3840 'Events – Campaigns'

Mover: Hridey Kapoor
Seconder: Hesheya Anandan

Hridey mentions that the survey has been soft launched last week, including sending volunteers out to chat to students coming out of their morning exams, to some success. Allocating some budget toward this campaign would allow the department to give away snacks or Ida Bar vouchers or something along those lines to incentivise people to interview for social media. Corbin adds that we may need to have some funds at our disposal for printing or promotional reasons, as well as other miscellaneous expenses for this campaign. Carried without dissent

9. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

10. Next Meeting

TBC - August

11. Close