University of Melbourne Student Union Southbank Campus Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 22nd, 2022 at 6:15pm Meeting 6(22)

Location: Zoom/Southbank UMSU Office (The Hub Level 2)

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Meeting opened at 6:25

1. Procedural Matters (15 minutes)

1.1 Appointment of Facilitator

Alex moves to appoint self as facilitator, Zodie Seconds Passed without dissent

1.2 Acknowledgment of Indigenous Owners

Alex gave a heart warming acknowledgment of country

1.3 Appointment of Minute-taker

Jack appoints self as minute-taker, Zodie Seconds

Passed without dissent (Jack Pogs)

1.4 Appointment of Time-keeper

n/a

- 1.5 Safe Meeting Practice (Appendix 4)
- 1.6 Introductions

n/a, we're all besties

1.7 Attendance

Committee Members

Jenny Le	Present
Elliot Wood	Present

Purnima Padmanabhan	Resigned	
Sam Blunn	Absent	
Taylor White	Present	
Zodie Bolic	Present	

Office Bearers

Campus Coordinators	Alex Birch	Present
	Nina Mountford	
Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Present
Activities Officer	Jack Doughty	Present

Special Guest/Other

- 1.8 Proxy
- 1.9 Membership

New committee member, Taylor Reece

1.10 Adoption of the Agenda

Nina moves to adopt the agenda, Jenny Seconds

Passed without dissent

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (5 minutes)

Nina moves to confirm the previous minutes, jack seconds

Passed without dissent, previous minutes confirmed

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations (3 minutes)

n/a

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (3 minutes)

n/a

5. Correspondence (5 minutes)

Xiaole spoke about the OB catch-up, and chasing up the process of committee resignations we've had.

Taylor Reece joining the committee soon, and a count-back process needs to occur (possibly).

6. Office Bearer Reports (4 minutes)

Xiaole:

Southbank Education Officer:

Collectives and events have been somewhat slow to get up and running! POC Collective has been approved though after some delay and set to run next Thursday! We will also be having our second Disabilities Collective.

BBQs have been successful with lots of wholesome chatting with students.

Still working on setting up a Southbank Anti-Racism Survey – the project is underway in Basecamp. Will chase up HeyMate Creative Industry mental health workshop – probably in Semester 2.

Nina:

After meeting with the FFAM Associate Dean for students, Alex and I went to the first Student Support Committee meeting of the year. As discussed in the last committee meeting, the student support committee is a place to discuss some issues that might be able to be addressed by the university itself. It also can give us some good insight into what the faculty is up to. We discussed the points brought up by committee members, such as students dead names on the role and student cards, student food insecurity at Southbank, attendance and student exhaustion (some staff in some faculties are pushing for a 100% attendance hurdle for some ridiculous reason so that will not be happening), and the university's new alcohol free campus policy.

I met with a delegate from the NTEU in the FFAM regarding potential collaboration/support between our department and unionised staff.

I will likely be postponing Queer collective to operate in alternate weeks so that it doesn't clash with the BBQ.

The working budget spreadsheet extravaganza that calculates spending and remaining funding has been on hold temporarily but I will get back to my google drive tutorial-watching shortly!

I have been creating an action plan for grassroots organising within the VCA/MCM in order to combat common student issues that have been arising and have been noting these down as well. I have identified a number of contacts for various issues and the beginnings of a grassroots campaign that compliments the current one by ex-students are materialising.

The climate strike was a great success and the VCA contingent was small but mighty! We met up with the other UniMelb students at the beginning of the march then marched together. Lots of chanting and wonderful speeches including a fantastic one by Brittney, one of the UMSU Indigenous OBs. It gave me a lot of hope to see how many school kids were there, particularly since they were hearing these fantastic leftist speeches.

Jack:

Lots of planning shenanigans underway, with our Film Screening event currently experiencing a little bump in the road with unimelb deciding to do their own student film event! Yay. Their event however pays a student \$250 to curate a film night using past students films from the VCA film archive (I'm sure you all probably saw the email). We're wanting to showcase current students art, and pay current students to showcase their own films. There is that main point of difference however a major concern is that students may get confused between the two events, or think our event is associated with the university. This is an ongoing issue I've seen, with students even getting excited about our bbqs coming back, saying they wish the university did them more often, not realising it was a union run initiative. (Speaking of which, talking with Alex and Xiaole today, we're thinking of running the BBQs weekly in second sem instead of fortnightly).

Planning is going well in spite of this though, with the events team being beyond helpful in coming up with ways to cater and have a few other large points of difference to make our event, dare I say, way cooler than the university's. We've got a venue in mind- Fedhall Cinema 2, catering options that we're looking into (knowing me, it will be vegan;)), and potentially having some students playing a little bit of live music in the foyer beforehand.

The venue itself doesn't allow food in the cinema/theatre space, which is a bit disappointing, however having drinks and food in the foyer beforehand provides an opportunity for a student band to play some mood music or something of the like!

Timeline wise, events were saying we could have this event in Late April, although I'm thinking maybe more early may. Along with the in person aspect, this is a super easy event to do a dual delivery, so with the help of events, we'll also be curating an online delivery of these films to run in conjunction (if given consent from the students to have their films shown this way as well).

There was also an idea for a live score to potentially happen!? Safe to say, ideas are very much still up in the air, however we have ironed out a lot of the creases and will have a motion to pass money and will make sure we're completely within budget, etc. by next committee. (Look forward to that!)

Looking to have an EOI form out soon, and the opportunity advertised directly to film students inboxes through their faculty.

I'd also like to reach out to the film society/club to see if they want to help advertise, or somehow get involved, or come along as well, I think that could be cool!

Besides that, after by-elections, I'd really like to jump back on collaborating with activities, and continue to support our lovely lovely coordinators with BBQ and other welfare services! :)

OB REPORT

Getting into the UMSU rhythm now. My main tasks have been the welfare related projects on Southbank Campus. Organizing the second BBQ has been a big priority ordering food/cookware along with making sure we have cooks and servers, I am now confident we can do these BBQ's with only 2-3 people. In semester two we are heavily contemplating doing a weekly rather than fortnightly BBQ now I am more acquainted with the work that goes into them. But so far this has been one of our campus's most successful projects despite my troubles with the UMSU website.

The Breadbin is also set to be restocked week (6). Foods to take home and eat on campus will be available along with other sanitary and hygiene products. The plan is to do a half stock of the breadbin and then *take stock* of what is popular with students and purchase more for another half fill. My intuition says that ready to eat food that can be eaten quickly on campus will be most sought after.

The Quick access grants have been, not so quick, as they have taken a back seat to the more pressing and renewable tasks like the BBQ and Breadbin, But I have made some more progress in sorting the southbankers from the non southbankers.

An important meeting was on the day of the climate protest (that I also attended) with the vice dean and all the important department heads relevant to Southbank Campus. We talked about issues facing students, food insecurity, covid acclimatization, attendance hurdles and preferred names on student cards and rolls.

Nina Moves to accept OB reports, Zodie Seconds Passed without Dissent

7. Other Reports (5 minutes)

Nina flagged that Queer Collective will be held on alternate tuesdays (Odd weeks in 1st sem)

Taylor Dropped out of Zoom due to connection issues, inquorate at 6:41 Alex moved from the chair to a recess until Taylor returns, Nina Seconded, Passed without Dissent (3/3, cheeky inquorate vote).

Taylore returned at 6:42, Committee Recommenced.

8. Discussions

n/a

9. Motions on Notice

9.1

Preamble:

Motion: To pass \$73.67 for Collective snax (see appendix 1)

That the committee approves the spending of \$73.67 from the special projects budget line on food for upcoming committee meetings as outlined in appendix 2

Mover: Xiaole Seconder: Jack

Discussion/result:

Nina flagged that the motion was worded incorrectly, needs more specific wording. Amendment: To amend motion 9.1 to say "That the committee approves the spending of \$73.67 from the special projects budget line on food for upcoming committee meetings as outlined in appendix 2."

Motion was amenable to the mover.

Passed without Dissent

Discussion of snacks prompted by Jenny:)

10. Motions without Notice (Surprises!)

Motion:
Mover:
Seconder:

n/a

11. Other Businesses

n/a

12. Next Meeting:

26th of April at 6:15pm

Meeting closed at 6:48pm

APPENDIX 1

UMSU SOUTHBANK - Guide to Safe Meeting Practice

- 1. Be here in good faith with the goal of what is in the best interests of southbank students
- 2. Come with good intentions to make the meeting succeed
- 3. Have the intention of reaching consensus and a commitment to consensus decision-making
- 4. Extend goodwill to all participants and do not assume that other participants intentions are negative
- 5. Try not to bring previous differences, difficulties and grievances to present decision-making
- 6. Be honest
- 7. Try to listen without preconceptions; be open to new ideas
- 8. Show respect for others' opinions
- 9. Address the issue, not the person
- 10. Avoid harming others by committing to avoid aggressive verbal or non-verbal interaction

- 11. Indicate your intention to speak without interrupting others
- 12. Take into consideration the skills and experiences of others when communicating; avoid overwhelming people with superior oratory skills
- 13. Leave the room if you do not intend to listen
- 14. If you need to have a private conversation, have it far enough away that it does not interrupt the meeting or disturb participants; ask the meeting for a recess if the situation warrants it
- 15. Attempt to be brief in your contributions and avoid wasting time
- 16. Be willing to take responsibility for your actions and apologise when you have harmed others

APPENDIX 2





