

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Welfare Committee

Minutes

(Friday 22nd May 2026, 4:30pm AEST) Meeting 6(26)

Location: Zoom



Meeting open at 4:31pm AEST

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: That Cynthia Wong be elected Chair

Mover: Cynthia Wong

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which we work and pay our respect to indigenous Elders past, present, and emerging. Sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

1.3. Attendance

1.3.1: Alexander Hams

1.3.2: Cynthia Wong

1.3.3: Ruby Barlow

1.3.4: James Duncan

1.3.5: Catherine Duong

1.3.6: Martyn Cherian

s 1.4. Apologies

1.5. Proxies

1.5.1 Madhuri Talim to Ruoming Wang

1.5.2. Deniz Deyman to James Duncan

1.6. Membership

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: That the Agenda as presented be adopted.

Mover: Cynthia Wong Second: Alexander Hams

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the committee accept the Minutes of Meeting 5(26) of the Welfare Committee as true and accurate

Mover: Cynthia Wong Second: Alexander Hams

CWD

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

6.1. Cynthia Wong

Key Activities:

1. Collaborated with the University of Melbourne Medical Students' Society to bring Union Mart to the Northern Hospital Campus.
2. Ran Welfare Brunch three times per week.
3. Ran Union Mart at Parkville campus on every academic day. 4
- . Ran Southbank Union Mart every Tuesday.
5. Assisted with Union Mart and Frozen Meal operation at Werribee campus.
6. Planned stress less week events
7. Ran our CAPS discussion workshop with the disabilities department.

8. Ran out third Arts Therapy workshop with the Creative Arts Department. Actions to be completed by next report:

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1. Run Stress Less Week events.
2. Plan O-week events for semester 2.
3. Run Union Mart sessions during July.

6.2 Alexander Hams

Key Activities:

- Operated Union Mart, continued to give out to 1000's of students.
- Operated Welfare Brunch 3 days a week
- Met with Joanne Ligouris to discuss CAPS
- Ran CAPS workshop
- Expanded Union Mart to the Northern Hospital Campus
- Arts therapy with creative arts.

Actions to be completed by next report:

- Continue operating union mart until semesters end.
- Host our many week 12 events as part of "Stress Less Week"
- Review semester 1 performance and begin to organise semester 2 O-Week

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Motion: To accept the Office Bearer reports en bloc.

Mover: Cynthia Wong Second: Catherine Duong

7 Motions on Notice

7.1

Motion: To allocate \$4000 from the 'General' Tag Event budget line (03-60-630-3840)

For Burnley Union Mart

Mover: Alexander Hams Second: Martyn Cherian

CWD

7.2

Motion: To allocate \$3000 from the 'General' Tag Event budget line (03-60-630-3840) For Northern Hospital Union Mart

Mover: Alexander Hams Second: Martyn Cherian

CWD

7.3

Motion: To allocate \$600 from the 'Activity Weeks' Tag Event budget line (03-60-630-3840) to the Jewellery and Culture Society, to run a jewellery making workshop during Stress Less Week.

Mover: Alexander Hams Second: Catherine Duong

CWD

7.4

Motion: To allocate \$1500 from the 'General' Tag Event budget line (03-60-630-3840) for semester 2 O-Week expenses.

Mover: Alexander Hams Second: Martyn Cherian

CWD

7.5

Motion: To allocate \$600 from the 'Activity Weeks' Tag Event budget line (03-60-630-3840) for Stress Less Sanctuary in collaboration with Union House Theatre.

Mover: Alexander Hams Second: Martyn Cherian

CWD

7.6

Motion: To allocate \$1500 from the 'General' Tag Event budget line (03-60-630-3840) for Shonar Bangladesh event, in collaboration with the Bangladeshi Society.

Mover: Alexander Hams Second: Martyn Cherian

CWD

8. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

8.1

Motion: To allocate \$1000 from the 'General' Tag Event budget line (03-60-630-3840) for Semester 2 Volunteer welcome night.

Mover: Alexander Hams Second: Martyn Cherian

CWD

9. Next Meeting

9.1. June 25th 12pm (subject to change)

10. Close

10.1. Meeting closed at 4:35pm AEST

