

Minutes from Disabilities Committee 25.01.2016

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Disabilities Committee

Minutes

3.30 PM, 25.01.16

Meeting 1

Union House

Meeting opened at 3.45pm by Christian Tsoutsouvas

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Christian Tsoutsouvas be elected Chair

Mover: Sasha Chong Seconder: Aisling Acton

CARRIED without dissent

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

OBS: Christian Tsoutsouvas

Committee members: Sasha, Aisling, Alston Chu, Lee Winter, Cassandra Prigg,

1.4 Apologies

N/A

1.5 Proxies

N/A

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda

Mover: Christian Tsoutsouvas (Chair)

CARRIED

2. Office Bearers' Report

We are proposing a budget of \$1000 for O'Week, \$10,000 for events, \$1000 for grants, \$5000 for campaigns (such as our poster campaign to reduce stigma surrounding disability) \$1000 for collectives and support groups, 5 guest speakers at \$500 each equals \$3500, \$5000 for continuing our Auslan classes from last year, and \$1500 for film screenings.

We have made plans for O'Week to hold a screening and discussion event of a TV pilot episode or feature film featuring disability. This is part of a series of similar screenings we are planning on holding throughout the year. As of yet we are still trying to get in contact with a film company that can give us permission to screen one of the shows/films we had shortlisted. At our stall we will be giving away USBs and department guides, which this year will have personal stories and tips from successful disabled students as well as a map marking out the quiet and accessible spaces on the Parkville campus.

We are also planning to hold a workshop at the VCA campus on how to portray disability in the arts, and work with Creative Arts on projects related to access and representation.

We are also planning on continuing the work of previous Office Bearers Sasha and Susannah towards the offering sign language studies by the School of Languages and Linguistics.

3. Procedural Matters

Motion 3.1: Budget

Preamble:

We are proposing a budget of

\$1250 for O'Week,

\$10,000 for events,

\$1000 for grants,

\$4850 for campaigns (such as our poster campaign to reduce stigma surrounding disability)

\$1000 for collectives and support groups, 5 guest speakers at \$500 each equals \$3500,

\$100 for printing

\$50 for telephone usage

\$5000 for continuing our Auslan classes from last year, and

\$1500 for film screenings

Motion: To pass the proposed budget.

Mover: Aisling Second: Sasha

CARRIED without dissent

Motion 3.2: Delegation to Operations Sub Committee

Preamble

In cases where a committee meeting cannot be organised in time

Motion:

That the Disabilities Committee passes delegation for all Disabilities budget lines for the Operations Sub Committee up to \$1000 per budget line

Mover: Sasha

Seconder: Aisling

CARRIED without dissent

Motion 3.3: Delegation to Operations Sub Committee

Preamble

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Motion:

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Mover: Sasha

Seconder: Aisling

CARRIED without dissent

Motion 3.4.1: Department guide cost

Preamble

Colour printing will cost more than black and white

Motion:

To amend \$300 in motion 3.4 to \$450

Mover: Sasha

Seconder: Alston

CARRIED without dissent

Motion 3.4: Department guides

Preamble: We are putting together a department guide to make new students aware of what the department has to offer and to act as an initial resource for disabled students. We estimate this will cost \$300

Motion: To pass \$450 from budget line Orientation Week for printing department guides

Mover: Jess Evans Seconder:

CARRIED

Motion 3.5: Delegation to Operations Sub Committee

Preamble

USBs containing extra resources have worked well for the department in the past as a giveaway during Orientation Week and so we would like to give them out again this year.

Motion:

To pass \$400 from budget line Orientation Week for buying branded USBs

Mover: Lee Seconder: Alston

CARRIED without dissent

Motion 3.6: DVD

Preamble

During Orientation Week we will be holding a screening and would like to purchase a DVD copy of the film/show we will be showing, both for the event and to add to our lending collection.

Motion:

To pass up to \$30 from budget line Orientation Week to buy the DVD

Mover: Sasha Seconder: Lee

CARRIED without dissent

Motion 3.7: Snacks

Preamble

We also wanted to provide snacks at the O' Week screening.

Motion:

To pass \$100 from budget line Orientation Week to buy snacks for the screening

Mover: Aisling

Secunder: Lee

CARRIED without dissent

4. Other Business

Cassandra raised that our campaigns, guides and events should all emphasise that the department is open to people with all types and levels of disability. She also suggested that we make a Facebook group for disabled students.

Sasha suggested that we collaborate with the Queer and Wom*n's departments on intersectional events and campaigns. She also suggested we update our Facebook page.

8. Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for two weeks from now. Date and time to be confirmed.

9. Close