

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Education Committee**

**CONFIRMED Minutes**

**12 PM, 03 05 2012**

**Meeting 05/12**

**Location: MUVT 2, Level 3  
Union House**

**Meeting opened at 12:13pm**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Anna Morrison be elected Chair

Mover: Anna

Secunder: Kara

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Office Bearers: Kara Hadgraft, Anna Morrison

Committee: Bridie Walsh, Dom DeBruyn, Declan McGonigle, John Lister

Other: Ayeesha Cain, Lewis Gregory, Mark Kettle, Justin Bare, Goldie Pergl

1.4 Apologies

Zoe Efron

1.5 Proxies

1.5.1 Zoe Efron to John Lister

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To change the Agenda to discuss Motions on Notice before discussing Membership and to adopt the agenda as amended.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

1 Abstention

#### 4. 4.1 Union House Sleepover

The Sleepover is a joint project between Education, Environment and the President, so funding is coming from both departments and Whole of Union. It's to raise awareness of Student homelessness on campus, and the emergency services the University provides.

**Motion 3:** That Education Committee approved the expenditure of \$500 from the special projects line to cover the costs of food, blankets, drinks and entertainment for the Union House Sleepover to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2012.

**m.** Anna Morrison      **s.** Kara Hadgraft  
CARRIED

1 Abstention

#### 4.2 Joint Envi/Education Department education BBQ

The Education Department has agreed to co-host a BBQ with the Envi Students Society with the aim of discussing education issues with students. The BBQ aims to promote the NUS quality survey and also assist the Envi education officer in collecting responses for their own Environments Faculty education report. The Education Department hope this event will be the first of many similar ongoing engagements with faculty clubs with the aim of discussing education issues with students and forming a wider network of students engaged in the Student Union. The Education Department will be making efforts to get in touch with other faculty clubs in the near future to discuss the possibility similar joint events.

**Motion 4:** That Education Committee approved the expenditure of \$500 from the special projects line to cover part of the costs of the Envi Students Society and Education Department joint education BBQ.

**m.** Kara Hadgraft      **s.** Anna Morrison  
CARRIED

1 Abstention

#### 4.3 Solidarity motion against staff cuts

The Student Union received an email from the Sydney University Education Action Group (see attached) this week asking for support and solidarity from Student Unions around Australia against proposed staffing cuts. Similar staffing cuts were proposed at ANU earlier this year and are a real threat to universities around the country as a result of the ongoing underfunding of the Universities sector in this country. The last point in the motion was added, as requested by the committee

**Motion 5:** That Education Committee:

- recognises that staff cuts represent a real threat to the quality of education that students receive at University.
- supports the non-violent protests by staff and students that have been occurring at the University of Sydney as a way of demonstrating opposition to these staff cuts.
- endorse a member of the UMSU Education Department to write a letter of support to the University of Sydney EAG.
- call on the Federal Government to commit to a 10% increase in public funding to Universities as recommended by the Bradley Review (2008) to avoid substantial and unnecessary staffing cuts and ensure a high quality of education for all students.
- That we, as the Education Committee, communicate to all students what is happening at the University of Sydney and that we are opposed to any staff cuts here at the University of Melbourne

m. Ayesha Cain      s. Anna Morrison  
CARRIED

1 Abstention

## 1.7 Membership

### 1.6.1 Appointment of interim Education (Public Affairs ) Officer/s

Justin Baré explains the process of appointing an interim Education Public Office Bearer. Education Committee can appoint Office Bearer(s) to the vacancy on a temporary appointment – until a by-election can be held in September with the annual elections. This appointment is via a resolution of the committee.

A call for nominations is held.

Ayesha Cain and Lewis Gregory nominate together.

Clarification is sought as to whether the Secretary has received any other nominations via phone. Kara receives information that

Ayesha and Lewis speak about their passion for the role, and their plans for the office.

Motion 6: That Ayesha Cain and Lewis Gregory be appointed interim Education (Public) Office Bearers

Mover: Anna Morrison

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Meeting 04/12, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (see attached)

Motion 7: That the minutes as presented be adopted

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

1 Abstention

## 2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No issue

## 3. Office Bearers' Reports

### 3.1 Education Public Affairs

There is an event today with Oaktree and the UniMelb Development Club, as well as forums, and a debate – “should education be free”. All are invited to attend next Tuesday. Also working on a Physics tutoring group program and the Fair Trade Fair next Thursday.

### 3.2 Education Academic Affairs

NUS's Quality Survey is going well – we have the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest take up in the country. There is a possibility the Uni will be advertising this survey as well. SRN is chugging along, and the department is running a Study Support Stall outside the Ballieu.

**5. Other Business**

Money required for the Education Academic Study Support Stall.

Motion 8: To move \$150 from the Special Projects and Events Budget Line to buy snacks, coffee and tea for the Study Support Stall.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

1 Abstention

There is discussion surrounding biscuit purchases, and a request from John Lister that Monté Carlo's and Kingstons be purchased. It is resolved that the Office Bearers will get Family Assortment Biscuits for the stall.

**6. Next Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> May, 1:30pm

**7. Close**

**Meeting Closed at 12:41pm**