

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Education Committee

CONFIRMED Minutes

11.25 AM, 24 05 2012

Meeting 06/12

**Location: Student Office Bearer Space, Level One
Union House**

1. Procedural Matters

a. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Louis Gregory be elected Chair

Mover: Anna Morrison

Seconder: Kara Hadgraft

CWD

b. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So Acknowledged

c. Attendance

Office Bearers: Ayesha Cain, Anna Morrison, Kara Hadgraft, Louis Gregory

Committee: John Lister, Bridie Walsh, Declan McGonigle, Hans Leung

d. Apologies

None

e. Proxies

None

f. Membership

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Meeting 05/12, 03 May 2012 (see appendix 1)

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes presented as a true and accurate record

Mover: Chair

CWD

3. Office Bearers' Reports

4.1 Education Public Affairs

4.2 Education Academic Affairs

Motion 4: To approve the Office Bearers' reports en bloc

Mover: Chair

CWD

4. Motions on Notice

a. Education Conference Registration

Notice has gone up on the website for students to express interest in student attending the NUS Education Conference 2012. The money passed will be put towards paying for the registration of these students. At a cost of \$75, this will allow for the full registration costs of 40 students to be paid.

John asked how the conference would be advertised and suggested advertising on the portal, Union Facebook page and the website.

Anna confirmed that these mediums would be used to advertise, in addition to the Union weekly newsletter and the Union Twitter.

Preamble: The National Union of Students runs an annual Education conference to inform students on the issues and progress in higher education across the country. This year the conference will be held jointly at the University of Sydney and the University of Technology Sydney from the 4th-6th of July with conference registration set at \$75 per student. The Education Department has put out a call for expressions of interest over the Union's website for all students wishing to attend the conference.

Motion: That Education Committee move \$3000 from the Conference line to pay for the registration of any student that registers their interest in attending Education Conference by the 10th of June 2012.

m. Anna Morrison s. Kara Hadgraft
CWD

b. Revised Budget

It was noted that moving \$1500 from the photocopying line would still result in there being \$1200 left in the photocopying line which is considered to be ample for the rest of 2012.

Preamble: The department has this year spent less than \$300 of our \$3000 Photocopying budget and so it is extremely unlikely we will get close to using this full budget by the end of the year and so it will be more useful to reassign half of this money into a different line.

For previous and revised budgets see appendix 2

Motion: That Education Committee move \$1500 from the Photocopying Line of the Education Department to the Grants line.

m. Anna Morrison s. Louis Gregory
CWD

c. Equity Grants for Education Conference

A discussion was had clarifying that the purpose of the motion was 'in principal' support for money being set aside for the purpose of equity grants people from the University of Melbourne to attend for NUS Education Conference 2012 so that applications for equity grants could be opened.

Advice on criteria would be sought from other Unions who have similar arrangements in place and would be approved at the next Education Committee meeting on 31/05/2012.

As such, it was agreed to amend the wording of the motion to make the intent clearer.

Motion: That Education Committee in principal approves \$1500 for equity grants for the purpose of flights and accommodation for Education Conference from the grants line. The money will be divided up amongst students on the basis of need following an 'equity' application to the Education officers. Priority will be given to students who are attending conference for the first time, and students who can prove financial hardship. No money will be spent until criteria for grants are approved by the Committee.

m. Anna Morrison s. Kara Hadgraft

5. Other Business

6. Next Meeting

7. Close.

8. Other Business

None

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 31st May, 12pm

10. Close

Meeting closed at 11.46 am