

**University of Melbourne Student Union**



**Agenda of the Education Committee**

**Meeting 4/17**

**11 AM 07-03-2017**

**Location: OB Space, Union House**

**Meeting opened at:**

**1. Procedural Matters**

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
- 1.4 Apologies
- 1.5 Proxies
- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**2. Correspondence**

**3. Office Bearers' Reports**

**4. Motions on Notice**

**5. Motions not on Notice**

**6. Other Business**

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**8. Close**

**Agenda**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1 Election of Chair**

Take note that if the chair is a voting member, they do not get a vote.

**Motion 1:** That Roger Samuel be elected Chair

Mover:

Seconder:

**1.2** Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

**1.3** Attendance

Committee members:

OBs:

**1.4** Apologies

**1.5** Proxies

**1.6** Membership

**1.7** Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 2:** That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover:

Seconder:

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Motion 3:** to confirm the previous minutes of the Education Committee (24/01/2017) as a true and accurate record.

Mover:

Seconder:

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**4. Correspondence**

## 5. Office Bearers' Reports

### **Education (Academic) OB report**

The Education Booklet and the Counter Course guide have gone to print (pneuwww) and will be ready in time for Summerfest, to be handed out to students and broaden our UMSU community. This year's printed Counter Course guide is a reduced version that is primarily a taster to get people onto our online, interactive and real-time Counter Course Handbook, linked to the UMSU website. The online Handbook has been almost finished by the web developers, and we are starting to add subjects to it. Adding all the subjects is quite a laborious job, but once it's done it will be less work in the long run for future OBs and there will be much more content than in the print version. Once the website is up and running we'll be promoting it on social media and getting reviews with the help of our network of student societies and faculty clubs.

The SRN is also starting to wind up as the first few committees begin to meet for the year, and we'll be using a new Office 365 portal to assist communication and reporting. UMSU Advocacy has had to change some parts of the booklet for SRN governance training, and the new portal has been a bit of an adjustment, both of which have delayed governance training which should occur shortly.

Our tote bags have arrived for Summerfest along with most other merchandise, and all the stressing about designs and details has definitely paid off. We've got quite a few events during Summerfest in conjunction with Ed Pub, including our Sleepover event and the Human Library, an opportunity for new students to ask course and subject advice from other students who have previous experience. We'll also be heading down to the VCA to talk to students about education issues at The University of Melbourne and more broadly.

### **Education Public Office Bearer Report**

#### **PEP (Policy Engagement Program)**

We have been advertising PEP through the my.unimelb notice board, UMSU newsletter, relevant schools and staff at the University, and social media. We've had a lot of applications, and hope to run an initial round of interviews in early March. Due to the amount of interest

in the program, we will be closing applications on 7th March before reopening them later in the year.

We've begun preparing an Operating Framework for PEP, in the hopes that the program continues beyond our terms as Education (Public Affairs) Officers.

### **PEP Training Day**

We've begun organising the PEP training day. This will feature general media/spokesperson training, an overview of higher education (and key issues to watch out for), and policy writing training. As well as some more general volunteering training.

### **Advocacy**

We've been in regular contact with the Advocacy department with regard to our campaigns focusing on student equity, access to University, and education quality. We met with Phoebe and Paul on the 7th February to discuss the public affairs department in a broad sense. We discussed our approach to mobilising students through PEP, as well as the possibility of running workshops alongside advocacy depicting the ways in which public policy manifests at the University of Melbourne. This will effectively turn something abstract (higher education policy) into something concrete (an experience recognised by students, or research they have a stake in). We will remain in close contact with advocacy as we move forward.

### **General Education Forum**

Due to the high interest in PEP, all applicants will be strongly encouraged to become a part of the Education Forum. This will operate basically as a collective, with formalised monthly meetings alongside less formal (e.g. Facebook group) ways to maintain involvement.

### **Faculty Education Network**

We have set up a Facebook group for Faculty Club Education Representatives. This is a space for education reps to a) communicate with one another, b) communicate with the Education OBs regarding education-themed events we can help with or faculty-specific education issues, and c) allow us to provide information regarding our events and campaigns to the education officers.

### **Branch Out**

We have received over 20 expressions of interest from clubs to be involved with the Education Department via the Branch Out program. These clubs have been added to our mailing list and we await new developments from the Branch Out program.

**Elected Reps Meeting: Asialink Diplomacy**

On the 25th January, we met with Erin Watson Lynn, Director of Asialink Diplomacy, for an elected representatives forum. We discussed the work of Asialink, and how the organisation could be incorporated into UMSU events. Erin also spoke briefly about her role with the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, as well as provided advice on how to effectively lobby government and other important stakeholders.

**Elected Reps Meeting: Higher Education Policy**

We met with Dr Gwilym Croucher on the 25th January to discuss Higher Education Policy. This meeting was invaluable. Dr Croucher spoke on student fees, the HECS-HELP system, equity, diversity (both in intake and institutions), and research. This discussion included reference to maintaining an awareness of the context of advocating for higher education. In particular, the importance of primary and secondary education to maintaining the high quality of higher education as well as increasing the diversity of the student population. There are broader questions about what the student body currently looks like, and what we want it to look like in the future. The gross inequity between international and local students was also touched on.

We've since discussed PEP and our campaign goals with Dr Croucher and are receiving support from the Centre for the Study of Higher Education.

**Big NDA(y) Out**

Work on our NDA event is underway. We are organising a day of activities featuring the rally, in the hopes that this will increase student engagement with education campaigns. The day will also place the rally in context; ensuring students see free education campaigns as part of something bigger.

**Victorian Education Action Network**

The Victorian Education Action Network published incorrect minutes claiming that UMSU is "hostile to the NUS". This is blatantly false. Daniel attempted to amend the minutes to accurately reflect UMSU's position, but his amendment was ignored. Alongside other

incorrect information published about the University of Melbourne and UMSU in an NUS space recently, this is quite concerning.

### **Youth Workers Centre**

We're continuing to work really closely with the Youth Workers Centre and have invited them to host a stall on Monday February 27 at Union House. We're also in the process of setting up a workshop for young organisers to assist in building up their campaign and organising skills, and a date for this will be advertised soon.

### **Summerfest**

Plans are continuing as per our previous OB Report. For an overview, the education events are:

- Carnival day stall            21st Feb
- Filming (roaming)            21st-23rd Feb
- VCASA stall                    22nd-23rd Feb
- Volunteering expo            24th Feb
- Sleepover                      24th Feb
- Young Workers Stall        27th Feb
- Museum Tour                 28th Feb
- Human Library                2nd March
- EdPub@Pub                    2nd March

### **What's in the box? Your art could be in the box!**

The competition for an education-themed art installation has been launched! Students are able to submit a 250 word design brief, with the winner to be provided with support to install their work in the GPG Project Spaces and Education display case. The deadline for the competition is 18th March, and the installation will run from the 10th-28th April.

### **Destination Melbourne Presentation**

On the 1st February, Sinead presented a brief overview of UMSU and the education department at Destination Melbourne. This was a lot of fun although she feels her presentation was weird.

### **Education Committee**

The committee met for the second time on the 24th January. As always, it was great to meet up and discuss the education department!

**Finances**

<b>Meeting Number</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Amount Passed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1/17	8/12/16	Facebook advertising	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$50	Spent \$27
1/17	8/12/16	Magnets	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$400	Spent \$358
1/17	8/12/16	Tote bags	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$3569.50	Remainder of 2016 budget
1/17	8/12/16	Silent Disco DJ	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$1500	Unpaid
1/17	8/12/16	Education booklet	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$2000	Unpaid
1/17	8/12/16	Badges	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$500	Unpaid
1/17	8/12/16	Calendar	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$1000	Unpaid
1/17	8/12/16	Counter course	Campaigns,	\$3800	Unpaid

		handbook	Special Projects & Events		
1/17	8/12/16	Counter course website	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$3000	Two installments: \$1170 and \$1620 Total: \$2,790 spent
2/17	24/1/17	Illustrations	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$600	Spent: \$330 and \$230
2/17	24/1/17	Counter course website	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	\$3000	Spent: \$1485

**Motion 4:** To approve and accept the Office Bearers Reports (and recommendations)

Mover:

Seconder:

**6. Other Reports**

**7. Motions on Notice**

**Motion 5:** To pass \$1439 from the Campaigns, Special Projects & Events Budget Line for Summerfest Education Department tote bags

Mover:

Seconder:



**8. Other Business**

**9. Next Meeting**

TBC

**10. Close**

**Meeting closed at:**

**Certified by Chair:**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**