

Disabilities committee meeting

Minutes to be confirmed

Meeting 2; 1pm, 27th January 2017

Location: OB Space, Union House

0. Meeting opening

Meeting opened at 1:07pm by Alston

1. Procedural matters

1.1. Election of chair

Motion: That Alston be elected chair

Mover: Alston

Seconder: James

Carried without dissent

1.2. Acknowledgement of traditional custodians of the land

Done by Alston

1.3. Attendance

Committee members:

Christian Tsoutsouvas

Dannielle Thorman

James Bashford

Lee Winter

Other present:

Alston Chu

Cassandra Prigg (by phone, from 1:13pm)

1.4. Apologies

None received

1.5. Proxies

None received

1.6. Membership

No changes

1.7. Adoption of agenda

Motion: That the agenda be adopted

Mover: Alston

Carried without dissent

2. Confirmation of previous minutes and subsequent matters

Motion: That the previous minutes be confirmed on the condition that Lee's name be corrected

Mover: Alston

Carried without dissent

3. Correspondence

Various setting up of meetings; none particular

4. Office bearers' reports

Verbal

Alston describes interactions with Communications to organise for O-week

Cass describes work on department guide, online survival guide, regular events, and one-off events

Motion: To accept the OB's reports

Mover: Alston

Secunder: Lee

Carried without dissent

5. Business & motions on notice

5.1. Department budget

Alston briefly explains changes to draft budgets, addressing overallocation to Stationery & Telephone lines

Cass suggests stationery line be further reduced, and distributed into campaigns and photocopying

Motion: That committee approves a department budget itemised as follows

Stationery:	\$100
Telephone:	\$100
Photocopying:	\$325
Projects & Events:	\$13,900
Campaigns:	\$8,075
Grants:	\$5,000
Assets:	\$2,500
Total:	\$30,000

Mover: Alston

Secunder: Lee

Carried without dissent

5.2. Department guide

General discussion about informal zine aesthetic versus professional 'glossy' aesthetic

Cass suggests a colour cover with less formal internals to attain a mix between being eye-catching and inviting community input

Casual hang-out and work group to be held in the office on Friday the 3rd of February

5.3. Prospective campaigns

Alston reports on meeting with President regarding campaign timing, noting times when campaigns would not conflict with those by other departments

Also notes that a campaign on Centrelink issues was raised as current and relevant

General discussion on potential Centrelink campaign

Interdepartmentality is desired, as the issue affects other students; Ed Pub, Welfare, and other autonomous departments are specifically raised

James raises the utility of united campaign efforts and the merit of contacting the Welfare office of NUS

Cass draws attention to mental health week, spoon week, and national spoon week as potential times for action

Also suggests on-ground accessibility and accessible methods of contribution to the May 22nd National Day of Action as points to consider

Motion: That the disabilities committee recommends that the Education Public and Welfare departments work with the Disabilities department on a campaign around Centrelink issues in conjunction with the NUS campaign

Secunder: Alston

Carried without dissent

General discussion on housing as an issue that has been campaigned on in past

5.4. Prospective events

Alston talks on thoughts about distance and time-flexible participation in collective, suggests some kind of online discussion place for before and after, as well as some kind of teleconference or streaming

Cassandra notes recording discourages candidness

General discussion on the level of structure desired for discussion & topics for collective
Higher may allow people online to participate more easily, and provide advance notice which allows people to gauge their interest and prepare for potentially triggering content
Christian suggests that collectives can become less structured over the semester as discussions become more fluid

Generally, a middle-ground is desirable

James suggests some kind of structured, non-autonomous weekly event

This would allow people that might not identify as disabled to gradually ease themselves into the collective, as well as reaching out to and educating the wider university community

6. Other business & motions not on notice

None raised

7. Next meeting

Timetabling is not yet finalised for some committee members

To be decided

8. Close

Meeting closed at 1:52pm by Alston