

University of Melbourne Student Union



Meeting 1 of the Education Committee

Thursday 19th Feb 2015

CONFIRMED Minutes

2 PM

Location: Graham Cornish A, Level 2, Union House

Meeting opened at 2:05 by Nellie Montague

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Nellie Montague be elected Chair

Mover: Nellie Montague

Seconder: Conor Serong

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Committee: Dominic Cernaz, Tess Grimmond, Paul Sakkal, Anneke Demanuele

OBs: Shanley Price, Nellie Montague, Conor Serong

Observers: Lia Vassiliadis, Jade Eckhaus, Ruby Healer, Lloyd Rouse

1.4 Apologies

Simon Frankland, Alex Fielden and Lydia Wang

1.5 Proxies

None

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented

Mover: Nellie Montague

Seconder: Conor Serong

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Office Bearers' Reports

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**Report of
Conor Serong
Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

**To Education Committee
19/02/2015**

Key activities:

Countercourse:

Same details as Education Academic, book submitted today 19/02/2015 after some delays with approval. We hope to have an express run ready for the Tuesday of O-Week, with the main run being completed as soon as practicable following that. We had intended for the entire run to be ready, however the Communications department seems to have deprioritised our project, despite us being ready well in advance of deadlines.

National Day of Action:

Wednesday 25 March, the National Union of Students has organised a National Day of Action to protest fee deregulation by the Federal Government. UMSU will be sending a contingent down to the state library on this day to join with students from around the state in protest. Promotion for this NDA will occur during O-Week and throughout the first few weeks of semester.

UMSU Says No to Deregulation

A run of UMSU-specific anti-deregulation posters has been designed and will be distributed as soon as practicable. These promote a new information page I have created on the UMSU website about fee deregulation, and will be used in conjunction with NDA promotional materials.

Academic Misconduct Meetings

As with Education Academic, I have sat on a committee involving several claims of student academic misconduct. This week, I also underwent a training session alongside other OBs to better equip us to deal with these matters as they arise.

O Week

Next week is Orientation Week. The Education Public stall on Tuesday 24 February will feature a "Spin the Wheel" stunt, where students will spin a wheel to see how much their course will cost if their fees are deregulated. The wheel for this stunt will be hired pending approval by the Education Committee. The National Union of Students has organised another stunt to be conducted on our campus on this day, which will feature a "kissing booth" comprising a life-sized Christopher Pyne cutout. Students will "kiss deregulation goodbye" by kissing Pyne, using the hashtag "#pashpyne" to promote social media engagement. This secondary stunt will not be the priority of this department, however cooperation will occur as required.

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Report of
Nellie Montague and Shanley Price
Education (Academic Affairs) Office Bearers
To Students' Council 17/02/2015

Key Activities

Countercourse

We have recently finished the Countercourse Handbook which provides an alternative to the University Handbook as a place for students to read reviews of subjects written by students who have actually done them. Hard copies will be available during O-Week and also see umsu.unimelb.edu.au/countercourse/ for the cumulative online version.

SRN

We are running the Student Representative Network (SRN) again this year. Applications are open now until the 6th of March. The SRN is a chance to get involved in the decisions that affect students at Uni. Student representatives will be placed on a committee within the University and will receive Governance Training which is being run by Advocacy and will hopefully have the Provost and possibly the President of Academic Board speaking to students. This is a great program and we are getting lots of support from the Uni which is great. The GSA has also been invited, as have any student reps faculties appoint.

Campaigns

We have had a number of students talking to us about issues; lectures not recorded, student centres crazy busy, resit rules being restrictive etc. Currently in the process of gathering information and experiences from students and working out the best way to discuss these issues with the University.

Academic Misconduct Meetings

A number of OBs have sat on Academic Misconduct Committees and we are currently looking into training more OBs so we can always have a student available.

3. Motions on Notice

3.1 Education Department Budget

Motion 3: To accept the following Education Budget for 2015
Moved: Shanley Price Second: Conor Serong
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

ACCOUNT CODE	INCOME	
	FROM COUNCIL	\$20,000.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00
	EXPENDITURE	
3356	Stationery + Postage	\$250.00
3712	Photocopying/paper costs	\$2,500.00
3743	Telephone	\$250.00
3713	Printing	\$4,000.00
3238	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	\$11,000.00
3531	Grants	\$2,000
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$20,000.00

4. Motions not on Notice

4.1 Counter course Handbook printing

Motion 4: \$3,780 to be passed from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for the Counter course Handbook
Mover: Shanley Price Second: Dominic Cernaz
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4.2 O'week pens

Motion 5: \$1050 to be passed from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for pens for O-Week
Mover: Conor Serong Second: Paul Sakkal
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4.3 Spinning Wheel

Motion 6: Up to \$250 from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for the spinning wheel for O-Week
Mover: Conor Serong Second: Shanley Price
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4.4 Education T-Shirts

Motion 7: Up to \$250 from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for Education Department T-shirts for O-Week and other EdDept activities
Mover: Conor Serong Seconder: Tess Grimmond
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4.5 Chocolates

Motion 8: To move \$100 from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for chocolates for O-Week
Mover: Nellie Montague Seconder: Shanley Price
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4.6 OSC Delegation

Motion 9: Education Committee gives delegation to operations Sub Committee to move up to \$1000 from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events budget line
Mover: Shanley Price Seconder: Dominic Cernaz
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4.7 OSC Delegation

Motion 10: Education Committee gives delegation to operations Sub Committee to move up to \$1000 from Grants budget line
Mover: Shanley Price Seconder: Conor Serong
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4.8 Grant Expenditure

Motion 11: Education Department to reimburse Lloyd Rouse \$390 of expenditure for flights to attend the ACON training program in Sydney. To reimburse Andrea Gavran \$44 of expenditure for accommodation to attend the ACON training program in Sydney. To reimburse Andrea Gavran \$470 of expenditure for Minus18 promotional material and resources for O-week. To approve \$500 to be used by Andrea Gavran and Lloyd Rouse for expenditure during O-week activities. All reimbursements to come out of Campaigns, Special Projects and Events. Total: \$1404
Mover: Shanley Price Seconder: Conor Serong
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4. Other business

OBs to send out a scheduling questionnaire for the timing of semester meetings

5. Next Meeting

TBC

6. Close

Meeting closed at 2:34pm