

**CONFIRMED Minutes of the Education Committee**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**Meeting opened 11:45am**

**Location: Training Room Two, Level Three, Union House**

**This meeting of the Education Committee was petitioned by members Dominic Cernaz, Paul Sakkal, Tess Grimmond and Simon Frankland, to be held at 11:30am on Tuesday 11 August in Training Room Two, of Union House. The meeting was petitioned to address the agenda items that follow.**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1 Election of Chair**

**Motion 1:** That Nellie Montague be elected Chair.

**Moved:** Nellie Montague      **Seconded:** Conor Serong

Carried without dissent

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners**

So acknowledged.

**1.3 Attendance**

Committee members: Dominic Cernaz, Simon Frankland, Tess Grimmond, Paul Sakkal.

Office Bearers: Nellie Montague (Education Academic); Conor Serong (Education Public).

**1.4 Apologies**

None.

**1.5 Proxies**

None.

**1.6 Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 2:** That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Moved:** Nellie Montague (Chair)

Carried without dissent

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Motion 3:** That the previous minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 28 July, 2015.

**Moved:** Nellie Montague (Chair)

Carried without dissent

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**4. Office Bearers' Reports**

#### 4.1 Education (Public Affairs) OB Report



University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of

Conor Serong  
Education (Public Affairs) Officer

To the Education Committee  
11/08/2015

#### Key activities:

##### **National Day of Action**

The National Union of Students has called the next National Day of Action against fee deregulation and funding cuts to universities for Wednesday 19 August. UMSU Education will be holding a free BBQ on South Lawn as a pre-rally campus event, before we march down to the State Library. We have been actively promoting this event via social media, posters and flyers, and talking to students at UMSU events.

##### **UMSU Assessment Survey**

We are winding down the UMSU Assessment Survey that has been running for several weeks. I have prepared a Preliminary Report on the findings thus far, which has been sent to the Students' Council for consideration.

##### **Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee**

The most recent meeting of ACCC was held last week. We discussed a range of issues, and I presented the UMSU Assessment Survey Interim Report for discussion, which was well-received. As a result of this meeting, UMSU will have a place on a working group on examinations and plagiarism that the University has convened.

##### **Academic Services Buyers Committee**

As a result of discussions at ACCC, I am now in the process of attempting to secure UMSU a place on the University's Academic Services Buyers Committee, as well as other Buyers Committees. This is congruent with the principle of student representation at every level of the University, and a student member on these committees will prove invaluable.

##### **Ivory Tower**

On Tuesday 11 August we will be hosting a free screening of Ivory Tower alongside the GSA and NTEU, featuring free pizza and soft drinks. This will engage students and staff alike on issues affecting the US higher education system, many of which are relevant here in Australia. We will also use this event to promote the upcoming National Day of Action.

### Wayfinding Strategy Student Working Group

The first meeting of this working group was held recently. As the Wayfinding Strategy Steering Committee meeting which had been scheduled to occur several days prior had been cancelled, there was less to discuss than I had hoped, and instead it served as an introductory meeting. Attendance was low, with two other Office Bearers and one member of the Students' Council attending, however valuable discussions were had, which I can take back to the Steering Committee at its next meeting.

### Education Council

Following on from Education Conference, we have been trying to increase engagement between Faculty Clubs and the Education Department. To this end, we held a meeting of what we are loosely describing as an Education Council, modelled after structures in place at the University of Western Australia and La Trobe University. A pleasing number of faculty and course-related clubs were represented at this meeting, and demonstrated a real interest in maintaining a relationship with the Department.

### Expenditure since last report:

Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount (ex. GST)	Line	Comments
9.	28/07/15	Education Council pizza	\$68.18	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	Pizzas purchased for a meeting of faculty club representatives
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting 6.	02/07/15	Stationery and related for Big Bazaar	\$90.27	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	Markers, tape, stickers etc.
5; 6.	12/05/15 27/05/15	EdCon subsidies	\$2,954.53	Conferences	A total of 15 subsidies given to students for travel, accommodation and/or conference registration costs.*

\*Please note that substantial records of each subsidy have been kept and are available upon request.

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of  
Nellie Montague & Shanley Price  
Education (Academic) Officers

To Education Committee  
11/08/2015

### **Key Activities:**

#### **Big Bazaar**

Big Bazaar went very successfully on the 5th and 6th of August - big thanks to UMSU International and all the volunteers. We sold 783 items and are returning \$3,246.50 back to 69 different students. Week 3 we will be returning all unsold items that students wanted back and then donating all left-over items to charity including for the Queer Department's Trans clothing drive and textbooks for the book co-op on level 1 pending negotiations. I am also working with the Sustainability team at the University for any ideas they have of where to get rid of items in an environmentally friendly way. A detailed report with financial break-downs and recommendations will be provided at the next committee meeting.

#### **Burnley**

Nellie met with Stefan Arndt - the director of Burnley campus and had a very productive chat about the circumstances at this unique campus and how UMSU can best support students. In the run up to the elections it is hoped that a Burnley student will run for campus coordinator but the fact that the position is unpaid is proving problematic - this is being followed up, more info to come.

#### **Student Representative Network**

We held the first Student Representative Network meeting for Semester 2 in Week 2. It went really well with 16 in attendance and written reports from some of those that couldn't attend. Feedback from all committees was valuable and will inform some important work we are doing around the assessment period following on from the Assessment Survey as well as student representatives bringing issues such as recognition of non-academic merit to their committees. Study spaces, allocation of SSAF and the new Growing Esteem strategic plan were also discussed. Support for our student representatives is being discussed with GSA with a reporting form being drafted to engage and support student reps to attend and partake in their committees.

#### **Academic Board**

A new committee has been created called the Pathways Working Group which we are currently negotiating to have a student rep on, reports on the statute and regulations changes as well as processes for Research Misconduct were presented.

#### **Statute and Regulation Changes**

We are keeping an eye on this process as it unfolds, we are keeping in contact with the University Secretary as changes are drafted and assessed.

#### **Education Council Follow Up**

Follow ups with Education Officers is underway and we are hoping to engage more faculty and subject related clubs over the following weeks.

#### **Countercourse**

Bookmarks advertising submissions are being promoted all over campus. We have had 30 new submissions for semester 2, updated on the website. There is a \$30 Standing Room voucher up for grabs, so get submitting!

### **Women in Higher Education Week**

In collaboration with the Wom\*n's Department and the NTEU we will be helping run a panel and a trivia night during Women in Higher Education Week (also known as Bluestocking Week) which will be held in week 3 of semester 2. Lots of wonderful women have been invited to come along and it should be an informative inspiring week.

### **Ivory Tower Screening with NTEU**

A screening of Ivory Tower will be held on the 11th August in collaboration with NTEU, a very topical movie which provides advice and warnings in relation to Universities - a must see! Free pizza and soft drink will be provided.

### **Academic Misconduct Hearings**

We have been sitting on the hearing committees as student representatives and talking with faculties and UMSU Advocacy and GSA about how to best inform students and faculties of the processes and policies around this difficult task.

### **Academic Misconduct Hearings FAQs**

A detailed FAQ is being sent around to all faculties to ensure that student members are on every academic misconduct hearing. We have been working with GSA and Penelope Pepperell (Academic Board Secretary) to distribute these to the relevant staff members. Hard copies will also be sent to faculties.

### **EdCon**

Reports for students that received subsidies were due last Friday and are pending Committee approval.

### **National Day of Action**

Building is underway for the National Day of Action on the 19th August, a free BBQ will be provided on South Lawn at 12 before we march down to the State Library to join others from around the State.

### **Cost of Readers**

Readers are still too expensive, (most hitting the \$30 dollar mark). As the University holds an ideological opposition to printed readers, movement is slow in regards to expanding how many subjects offer a reader. However, sourcing a more affordable printer is possible for coming semesters.

### **Double Majors for BSci**

Shanley has met with the Dean of the Faculty of science to push for double major combinations within the Bachelor of Science. Recently the BEnvs expanded to allow some double major combinations. In conjunction with the new major BSci are hoping to introduce, it is possible this will provide more traction that previously experienced in the push for double majors

### **MSD Opening Hours**

After a successful trial period of opening hours over swotvac, Shanley is convening another meeting of student and staff reps from relevant faculties to push for extended opening hours. The introduction of 24hr PT in 2016 should alleviate many safety concerns that the faculty use as reasoning for closing buildings when they do.

**Motion 4:** That the Office Bearer reports be accepted *en bloc*.

**Moved:** Nellie Montague (Chair)

Carried without dissent

## 5. Motions on Notice

### 5.1 Paid Promotion on Social Media

**Motion 5:** That up to \$500 be approved from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events budget line for social media paid promotion for the remainder of the year.

**Moved:** Conor Serong  
Carried without dissent

**Seconded:** Tess Grimmond

### 5.2 Big Bazaar volunteer thank-you

**Motion 6:** That up to \$250 be approved from Campaigns, Special Projects and Events budget line for pizza and soft drink to hold a thank-you event for the volunteers who made the Big Bazaar possible.

**Moved:** Nellie Montague  
Carried without dissent

**Seconded:** Conor Serong

## 6. Motions not on Notice

## 7. Other business

### 7.1 Reports from Education Conference

Appendix One contains all reports received by students who received subsidies to attend the Education Conference. These are presented for the Committee to consider, and decide whether each should be accepted based on having met the criteria given. It is recommended that for any reports not submitted by the deadline, or reports found to be unsatisfactory, the student is given a period of **one week** to rectify this before any other actions are considered.

All reports in Appendix One were deemed to be satisfactory. Two reports were outstanding and it was decided that the students would be given until 5pm on Tuesday 18 August to submit them.

## 8. Next Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 25 August at 11:30am in Training Room Two of Union House.

## 9. Close

Meeting closed at 12:06pm.