

University of Melbourne Student Union

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Education Committee

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015

12pm

Location: Training Room Two, Level Three, Union House



Declared inquorate at 12.30pm

**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 Adoption of Agenda

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**4. Office Bearers' Reports**

- 4.1 Education (Public Affairs) OB Report

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Report of

Conor Serong  
Education (Public Affairs) Officer

To the Education Committee  
06/10/2015

**Key activities:**

**Pathways Taskforce**

- Still meeting regularly, so far only data-collection and discussion around scope of the project. This should lead to more “hands-on” meetings in coming weeks.

**Wayfinding Strategy**

- Steering Committee was once again postponed, this time until mid-November.

**Student Services and Amenities Fee**

- Social media promotion of the SSAF has been occurring, however, engagement at this time of semester is quite low.

**Lecture Recordings**

- Nellie and I met with the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Educational Innovation Gregor Kennedy, and Associate Professor Kristine Elliott, from the Centre for the Study of Higher Education, to discuss progress on lecture recording policy.
- Pleasingly, this is still on-track for December 2015 rollout, ready for Semester 1, 2016.
- We were given a (confidential) draft of the policy, and gave some feedback. Broadly, we were very happy that this addressed a number of concerns. We will go into more detail as this progresses, but as things currently stand we are confident that after many years of campaigning for better lecture recording, we may have finally slain this proverbial Goliath.

**Student Representative Network**

- The final regular meeting of the SRN for 2015 is this week. I have been working with Nellie to tighten up the administrative side of things, and hope to leave the SRN in a good position for the incoming Office Bearers to take over.

### **Examination Resits**

- Nellie and I have been working with Thibaut and Ravini, two of our SRN members, as well as Emily from the Graduate Student Association's Education and Policy Group, on a project to expand examination resits to all students who fail a final exam, rather than those who meet disparate and seemingly arbitrary "borderline fail" requirements.
- David Shallcross, Chair of the Academic Programs Committee, was quite receptive to such an idea, and encouraged the submission of a discussion paper which will hopefully be presented later this year.

### **Policy Officer**

- Nellie and I have been in discussions with various other Office Bearers and staff members about the potential for a new staff position to be created, to assist Office Bearers with research, reports and advice to enable more informed student representation. Pending decisions of the Council, we hope to set up a working group to explore the options for such a position to be implemented as soon as possible.

### **Expenditure since last report:**

We are in the process of purchasing a second round of pens, t-shirts and craft materials, however as yet there is no new expenditure to report.

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Nellie Montague  
Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

To the Education Committee  
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### **University Statute and Regulation Changes**

- Waiting to hear back from the University Secretary RE: our proposed amendments

### **Student Representative Network (SRN)**

- Applications have opened as of the 16th Oct 26 applications have been received
- Shortlisting and Interviewing will then take place with training on the 23rd November to prepare reps to start 2016 attending the first meetings.

### **Academic Programs Committee (APC)**

- A reassessment paper is being written to be presented to APC in November

### **Constitutional Changes**

- Ongoing discussions with office bearers about what should be changed in the constitution to ensure a fairer, more supportive, transparent, useful and strong Union

### **Automatic Lecture Capture**

- Met with Gregor Kennedy and Kristine Elliott regarding the long-awaited Automatic Lecture Capture Policy - this will mean that lecturers must opt out of lecture recordings if the technology is available.
- Very happy to see clear guidelines as to what are not acceptable reasons for non-recording including copyright issues, intellectual property issues and pedagogical experience
- Are being kept in the loop about the communication plan which will include processes for students that wish to clarify why their lectures are/are not recorded

### **Burnley**

- Number of issues around staffing cuts and ongoing support for degrees and courses at Burnley
- Working with GSA, NTEU, City of Melbourne, student clubs, course advice committees and the incoming campus coordinator to ensure students will be able to continue their studies at a high standard

### **Arts and Entertainment Student Advisory Group Meeting**

- Discussion around Big Bazaar for next year including involving Rowden White Library

- Feedback from Comedy Fest and Mudfest
- Discussions around bands and events that would be good to see in 2016

### **Study Space Tour**

- Met with Jenny Ellis (Library Services, Academic Services and Registrar), Wendy Holden and Fleur Hickman to have a look at some exciting proposed changes to library space around campus
- Approx 500 extra seats added to ares in Baillieu, Law, ERC, Giblin Eunson
- Work to take place over 2016/2017

### **Elected Representatives Meeting**

- Met with Richard James and Wendy Holden regarding the following
- Burnley issues
- Paul Duldig Student Advisory Group? Advertising on the portal. 'provide ongoing feedback on current services and new initiatives.'
- SES rewards/incentives? Why not happening this year?
- Collision advertising issues
- Sustainability Charter
- Gender X
- MSD statistics re students using the building late at night
- Calculator loan system
- Hostile Environments Subject review
- Academic Integrity
- Faculty Reps Governance Structures
- Next Meeting - incoming OBs to come to

Followed up on the following

- Acknowledgement of country in university committee meetings
- Mid semester break why after week 9?
- Tin alley precinct? other projects mentioned by Naomi Barun (retail; transport...) - been in touch? link student precinct with other projects?
- Finance Committee
- Statute and Reg changes

### **University Council**

- Met with Kara to talk about issues raised at Uni Council
- Preparing a Housing Paper in light of student housing developments being proposed by the University

### **Shanley**

#### **Bachelor of Science Double Majors**

- strong response from the bachelor of science survey and a report will be written for the next sci/biomed course standing committee meeting

**5. Motions on Notice**

**Motion 5.1:** To pass up to the remaining \$1120 from the Printing budget line for Governance and Discipline Handbooks

**Moved:** Nellie Montague

**Seconded:** Conor Serong

**6. Motions not on Notice**

**7. Other business**

SWOTVAC Stall

**8. Next Meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> November 12pm

**9. Close**