

University of Melbourne Student Union

confirmed minutes of the Education Committee

Tuesday 17th March 2015

12 PM

Location: Graham Cornish A, Level 2, Union House



1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 Election of Chair
Conor Serong
M: Conor Serong
S: Shanley Price
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
Anneke Demanuele
Rob Naray
Dominic Cernaz
Simon Frankland
Alex Fielden
Nellie Montague
Shanley Price
Conor Serong
Lydia Wang
- 1.4 Apologies
Tess Grimmond
Paul Sakkal
- 1.5 Proxies
none
- 1.6 Adoption of Agenda
M: Conor
S: Shanley

2.1 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

M: Shanley
S: Anneke

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 3.1 CounterCourse Handbook
- 3.2 Meeting schedule
Tues Mar 31
Tues April 14

Thurs April 30

M: Conor

S: Alex

3: Office Bearers' Reports

3.1 Education (Public Affairs) OB Report



University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of
Conor Serong
Education (Public Affairs) Officer

To Education Committee
17/03/2015

Key activities:

O Week:

We ran a department stall on the Tuesday of O-Week, featuring a spinning wheel stunt regarding deregulation. During this stunt, we gave away chocolates and our new UMSU Education maze pens, as well as signing up students to our Collective. We also took part in the Meet Your Reps evening, where we spoke to several particularly interested students about how to get involved with our campaigns and other activities.

CounterCourse:

1,500 CounterCourse Handbooks arrived during O-Week and have been added to the Communications distribution list. Accordingly, they can now be found in reading stands all over campus. We also distributed many manually at our O-Week stall and the Meet Your Reps afternoon. Feedback has been very positive.

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. UniMelb students will be meeting at 12pm on South Lawn on this day where we will hold a pre-rally event such as possibly a BBQ before beginning our march. Promotion for this event has occurred in the form of flyers and posters, as well as social media and website advertising.

UMSU Says No to Deregulation

These posters and flyers have been distributed around Union House and to students at events throughout O-Week. The aim has been to provide general information about fee deregulation to students, as well as making it clear that UMSU as a whole broadly opposed the proposed higher education reforms.

Fee Deregulation webpage

Following on from the above activity, a new webpage has been established at <http://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/feederegulation> with general information about deregulation, as well as information about the campaign opposing the reforms, including information about the 25 March NDA.

Social Media

The Education Department has been attempting to increase our social media presence throughout O-Week and early into Semester One. This has been

moderately successful so far, resulting in almost 100 new Facebook “likes” on our page, as well as a number of new members to our Collective’s Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/umsueducationcollective>). We have also updated our profile pictures and banners on both Facebook and Twitter to include our new Department logos.

Education Collective

Our first Collective was held on Thursday 19 February, where discussion primarily focused on O-Week activities and the fee deregulation campaign. Our next Collective is scheduled for Thursday 12 March, where we anticipate a broad range of new members will get involved.

M: conor S: Shanley

3.2 Education (Academic Affairs) OB Report



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Report of
Nellie Montague and Shanley Price
Education (Academic Affairs) Office Bearers
To Education Committee 17/03/2015**

Key Activities

O-Week

Tuesday we had our EdDept stall and took Glyn and Pyne for a spin on our spinning wheel of deregulation, we had some great discussions about fee dereg and how the proposed changes will negatively affect students. We also handed out lots of our a-maze-ing pens!

Wednesday we headed down to the VCA to talk about what the EdDept does, we met lots of great people and shared the UMSU love.

SRN

Student Representative Network applications closed on the 6th March and we have had lots of great responses. Interviews will be held soon, after which students will take part in governance training run by UMSU Advocacy and be placed on a board within the University. We are looking forward to supporting students to discuss and have a say in issues that will affect students.

Lecture Recording

We’ve also been hearing from lots of students about their lectures not being recorded and have a template email on our facebook page for students to send to their lecturers highlighting the importance of recording and reminding them of the Academic Board Policy that states that lectures can only not be recorded for ‘sounds reasons’. We are in discussion with academics at the university to work out what the next steps are to ensure lectures are recorded.

Student Centres

Lots of issues arising with student centres, as BIP continues to make its presence felt. There is a information gathering form on the UMSU Education facebook page so we can get some data on how students are feeling the affects of the changes and use

the information to talk to academics and staff.

M: Conor S: Anneke

3. Motions on Notice

5.1 Up to \$100 be passed out of Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for the set-up and removal of the UMSU marquee for an Education Department stall on Thursday 19 March, 2015.

Moved: Shanley Price **Second:** Conor Serong
Carried without Dissent

5.2 Up to \$400 be passed out of Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for foodstuffs and other giveaways at the Education Department stall on Thursday 19 March, 2015.

Moved: Conor Serong **Second:** Shanley Price
Carried

5.3 Up to \$500 be passed out of Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for an UMSU Education banner to be used at rallies and other events.

Moved: Shanley Price **Second:** Conor Serong
Carried without dissent

6. Motions not on Notice

6.1 move up to \$60 from Campaigns, special projects and events line to pay AV at Melbourne for a PA system for the NDA

M: Con
S: Anneke
carried without dissent

6.2 move up to \$200 from Campaigns, special projects and events line to purchase paint and other banner making materials for the NDA

M: Nellie
S: Alec
Carried without dissent

6.3 move \$100 from Campaigns, special projects and events line for refreshments for collectives and committee meetings in semester 1

M: Conor
S: Alex
Carried

6.4 move up to \$250 from Campaigns, special projects and events line for a pre-NDA bbq on south lawn on March 25

M: Anneke
S: Alex
carried
*many veg/vegan options will be purchased

7. Other business

Simon raised that Teach For Australia will be having an info session at unimelb on March 31. We will promote this through the edu fb page.

8. Next Meeting

March 31, location TBA

9. Close