

University of Melbourne Student Union

Confirmed Minutes of the Education Committee

Tuesday 14th April 2015

12 PM

Location: Graham Cornish A, Level 2, Union House



Meeting declared inquorate at 12:30pm by Conor Serong.

Attendance

Office Bearers: Shanley Price, Conor Serong.

Committee Members: Anneke Demanuele, Simon Frankland, Paul Sakkal.

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

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

**To the Education Committee
14/04/2015**

Key activities:

National Day of Action:

On Wednesday 25 March, we held the National Day of Action to oppose fee deregulation and call for a better student income support system and more government funding for universities. Before the rally, we held a free BBQ with sausages and veggie burgers on South Lawn, with several speeches being made over a PA system before we marched down to the State Library and met up with students from other campuses.

Education Collective:

Our most recent Collective was held on Tuesday 24 March, the day before the National Day of Action. At this event, we created signs and banners for the rally. We also provided some free snacks for students in attendance.

NTEU Deregulation Event:

On Thursday 16 April, the National Tertiary Education Union will be hosting an event on the future of higher education funding, with Vice-Chancellor Glyn Davis and Federal MP Adam Bandt speaking. While UMSU Education is not directly involved with this event we will be promoting it and encourage student attendance. The event is free, and tickets can be reserved online. It will run 6:30-8pm, in the Public Lecture Theatre of Old Arts.

Human Rights Arts & Film Festival:

I have been invited to sit on a discussion panel at the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival on Saturday 9 May, alongside HECS architect Bruce Chapman and a representative from the Group of Eight. This event will involve a screening of The Ivory Tower, a documentary on the US education system, followed by a panel-style discussion. Further information is yet to be confirmed, although if this event is to be ticketed, UMSU Education will seek to provide subsidised tickets to students interested in attending.

Meeting with Glyn Davis:

I am in the process of organising a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, to discuss our positions on fee deregulation and the future of higher education. I will be seeking to gain his – and thus, the University’s – support for a campaign for greater higher education funding from the Government, with the hope that this can be made an election issue by keeping it prominently on the policy agenda.

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Report of
Nellie Montague and Shanley Price
Education (Academic Affairs) Office Bearers

To Education Committee 14/4/2015

Key Activities

SRN

The Student Representative Network positions have all been filled and the reps will have their first meetings by the end of this month. There is ongoing research to find more boards within the university to create student positions on. Governance training was a successful and informative session thanks to the Advocacy department, with special thanks to Phoebe Churches' insight. The reps are now well informed and equipped to represent student voices on boards and committees within the university. The first SRN meeting will be held on April 29, Graeme Cornish ! at 12 pm, come along if you want to hear about what's happening in the university.

Special Consideration

Special Consideration application processes are changing in the University. While the forms themselves are unclear, the ed ac dept are working with the relevant people in the university to ensure they are as student friendly as possible. An update will be provided on the specifics in due course.

Countercourse

All 1500 Counter Course booklets have almost all been taken from stands. The Counter Course website (umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jump-in/countercourse) is now fully updated with the printed content.

We are always taking submissions through the website, and will be doing a run of promotional bookmarks for submissions during the time the SES are open for subjects.

Another smaller run of booklets will be printed for later in the year.

Stress balls

In collaboration with the Welfare department, the Education department will do a run of stress balls for Stress Less Week.

5. Motions on Notice

5.1 Catering for Governance Training

Motion: That \$256.82 be passed to reimburse UMSU Advocacy for half of the cost of the catering provided to the Education + Advocacy Governance Training event held on Friday 20 March.

Moved: Conor Serong **Seconded:** Shanley Price

6. Motions not on Notice

7. Other business

7.1 Human Rights Arts & Film Festival Discussion Panel

7.2 Meeting with Glyn Davis

8. Next Meeting

9. Close