

**University of Melbourne Student Union**  
**Meeting of the Environment Committee**



**Meeting 29/03/17**

**AGENDA**

**9.20 AM**

**Location: Environment Office, Level 1, Union House**

**Agenda**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1 Election of Chair**

Take note that if the chair is a voting member, they do not get a vote.

**Motion 1:** That Lizzie be elected Chair

Mover: Lachlan                      Seconder: Ari

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners**

**1.3 Attendance**

Lara, Aoife, Lachlan and Ari

**1.4 Apologies**

**1.5 Proxies**

**1.6 Membership**

My Ky Du has resigned.

**1.7 Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 2:** That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Lara                              Seconder: Aoife

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Motion 3:** to confirm the previous minutes of 13 February 2017 as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Ari                                      Seconder: Lara

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**4. Correspondence**

**5. Office Bearers' Reports**

### **Play With Your Food**

The first Play with Your Food went fabulously, with around 30 people here for dinner, and maybe 20 people helping beforehand with the food prep. We made macedonian baked beans, garlic and herb bread and a summer fruit salad. It's running fortnightly this year in even weeks.

### **Green Screen**

We held our second Green Screen in collaboration with the Lockout Lockheed and No Waste, Yes Party Melbourne. After the film we held a discussion around the partnership between Lockheed Martin and the University why it is important for the University to cease its relationship with the weapons manufacturing industry.

No Waste Yes Party will be supplying the Enviro department with food collected from Coles that would otherwise be thrown out. The group is also hoping to collaborate with the Welfare department to supply food for breakfasts as well as fresh ingredients for students to take home with them.

### **Lockout Lockheed**

The group has held a few meetings and is currently planning its strategy to cease the partnership between the University of Melbourne and Lockheed Martin. Our membership is beginning to grow, and we're focusing on making the issue known to students, staff and alumni.

If you would like to contribute, contact Kate, like the Lockout Lockheed Facebook page, sign our petition and most importantly, start having conversations with your networks on campus about how cooked this really is.

### **Fossil Free**

Members from Fossil Free have been continuing to discuss the development of the process to decide on the framework in which the University may or may not divest from the fossil fuel industry within the Sustainability Plan. (Bureaucracy and the corporate uni is a joke my friends)

We are calling on the University to include student representatives, and ethical finance experts from within and outside of the university in every stage of the process for developing the framework.

Five members of fossil free travelled to Katoomba in the Blue Mountains for the (inter)national Fossil Free Convergence at the end of week 3. While there we both attended and ran workshops about community organising, digital communications and media, lobbying, and action planning. We are v keen to run similar things back here in melb for the activist community, we are starting with a facilitation training this week on tuesday (in the past 4 u).

### **Collective**

Enviro collective has been informing students of the events the enviro department runs, and campaigns it supports as well as planning its own endeavours. We are planning Radical Education Week to be held later in semester and the Australian Student Environment Network Road Trip during mid semester break to Goongerah. Members of the collective are also hoping to hold a forum in collaboration with Sea Shepherd, go on dumpster diving expeditions, and begin a reading group around Clare Land's *Decolonising Solidarity*.

### **Sustainability Advocates Forum**

Kate and Yan attended the Sustainability Advocates Forum on the 14th of March. Organised by Sustainable Campus, advocates meet quarterly to discuss progress towards sustainability on campus. While the forums often feel like a superficial approach to consultation by the University, Kate used it as an opportunity to promote 'Melbourne University Sustainability Watch' a website set up by the enviro department to hold the University accountable to its targets laid out in the Sustainability Plan. Kate also raised the hypocrisy of the University endorsing sustainability through such initiatives as Carlton Connect, while partnering with Lockheed Martin, a company that profits from war, corruption and the death of innocent civilians in the very same precinct.

### **Sustainability Executive**

Lizzie attended the feb sustainability executive meeting and took along last year's enviro officer Anisa. The members of the executive congratulated themselves on the success of the sustainability plan launch, and finally began talking about the specifics of implementation. We again voiced our concerns that their plan for implementation does not seem realistic given the massive scope of the plan itself. We are working on getting more information about things so that we can get [musustainabilitywatch.org](http://musustainabilitywatch.org) up and running.

### **Climates Forum**

We have continued the relationship with Climates that was established last year to offer financial support to the group who works with students and people across the Australia-pacific region, empowering them to address our climate challenges together. On the 9th of March they hosted an incredible conversation with Professor Karen O'Brien from the University of Oslo and Co-founder of cCHANGE Transformation in a Changing Climate.

### **Ethical Sponsorship Working Group**

The ESWG met for the first time on the 15th of March, and has made significant head way in devising a policy for UMSU to follow with regards to ethical sponsorship. The policy will describe the process in which sponsorships are decided upon, establish avoidance criteria in addition to an unacceptable sponsors list. It has been suggested clubs will be exempt from the initial policy, with the ESWG delving into that issue once the first policy is complete. If you would like to know anything more about the working group, please get in contact with the Environment officers or the General

Secretary. The ESWG meets fortnightly on odd-week wednesdays at 2pm in the OB Space.

### **Enviro Weekly**

Lizzie and Kate have begun hosting their Radio Fodder program 'Enviro Weekly' and the first podcast was made available last week. Listenership is very very low, so we're trying to work on that.

**Motion 4:** To approve and accept the Office Bearers Reports

Mover: Aoife                      Seconder: Lara

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

### **Motions on Notice**

**Motion 5:** To approve up to \$400 for the spending on tickets to Train the Trainer Weekend Workshop from the Special Events and Projects budget line

Mover: Aoife                      Seconder: Ari

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**Motion 6:** To approve the spending of up to \$40 on a VGA adapter for Green Screen from the Special Events and Projects Budget Line

Mover: Lara                      Seconder: Aoife

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**Motion 7:** To approve the spending of up to \$150 for tickets to the Stop Adani Roadshow from the Special Events and Projects budget line.

Mover: Aoife                      Seconder: Lara

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**Motion 8:** To approve the spending of up to \$60 for the reimbursement of travel costs for the Fossil Free convergence from the Campaign A budget line.

Mover: Lachlan                      Seconder: Lara

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**Motion 9:** To approve the attached meeting schedule for semester 1 (appendix 1)

Mover: Aoife                      Seconder: Ari

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

### **6. Other Business**

### **7. Next Meeting**

9am, Wednesday 12 April - Environment Office, Level 1 Union House

**8. Closed**

**Appendix 1: Enviro Committee Meeting Schedule**

*Meeting 5* 9am, Wednesday 12 April

*Meeting 6* 9am, Wednesday 3 May

*Meeting 7* 9am, Wednesday 17 May