

University of Melbourne Student Union



Confirmed Minutes of the Education Committee

Meeting 4 of the Education Committee

Monday 9 May 2016

Meeting opened: 2:05 PM

Location: Joe Napolitano A, Level Two, Union House

## 1. Procedural Matters

### 1.1 Election of Chair

**Motion 1:** That Tow Crowley be elected Chair.

**Mover:** Tom Crowley     **Seconder:** Stylianos Nikias

Carried without dissent.

### 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

### 1.3 Attendance

Committee members: Daniel Sullivan, Stylianos Nikias, Amelia Seaward, Roger Samuel

Office Bearers: Dominic Cernaz (Education Public), Tom Crowley (Education Academic)

### 1.4 Apologies

Akira Boardman (Education Public) Paul Sakkal (Education Academic).

### 1.5 Proxies

Nil.

### 1.6 Adoption of Agenda

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

**Mover:** Tom Crowley     **Seconder:** Roger Samuel

Carried without dissent.

## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Motion 3:** That the previous minutes are adopted.

**Mover:** Tom Crowley     **Seconder:** Daniel Sullivan

Carried without dissent.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

**4. Office Bearers' Reports**

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Report of  
Akira Boardman and Dominic Cernaz  
Education (Public Affairs) Officer

To Education Committee  
9/05/2016

**Key activities**

**April 13 NDA:**

On April 13 we had the National Day of Action which was really great. On the Tuesday we had a stunt where we covered the Raymond Pricey in 'Caution' and 'Danger' tape to highlight the threat of attacks on students in the upcoming budget. The stunt was a lot of fun and had a good social media presence. On the Wednesday we had the NDA, this was preceded by a BBQ on South Lawn which was awesome as we spoke to heaps of students about what was going on. We then marched around campus before heading down to the State Library where we met up with other campuses. We were really happy with the number of people that came along from our campus.

**May 11 NDA:**

We ran a stall at the farmers markets last week, promoting the May 11 rally and encouraging students to enrol to vote. We decided that our previous stalls on South Lawn caught a larger amount of students to engage with and we will be having our stalls back on South Lawn next time.

The EAG held a budget response speak out the day after the budget to engage with students immediately after the budget release. We gave out a lot of materials and had some really good conversations

**Budget response**

We have been working with the other departments to organise an "UMSU Breaks down the budget" event which encompasses cross department involvement. The aim is to explain policies in the Federal Budget that is released today and how they will affect different groups of students on campus. It has been a great process to be able to work with other departments to engage in political discussion, especially with an election coming up which will have a large focus around education. This will continue on with an Enrol to Vote campaign which we will be playing a large role in. Over the next few months we will continue to focus on the upcoming Federal Election and ensuring students understand the power of their vote and the policies surrounding our education.

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**Report of  
Tom Crowley and Paul Sakkal  
Education (Academic Affairs) Officers**

**To Education Committee  
9/05/2016**

**Key Activities**

**Flexible Academic Programming Project**

All four of the Flex Ap streams have met several times and are well underway in their task of identifying problems areas, and working towards solutions to address these areas. In conjunction with the series of fora, our Department is putting the finishing touches on a Flex Ap survey to be distributed within the next fortnight. The survey will inform the positions we take on issues that arise on Flex Ap work streams. The second round of Flex Ap streams are set to get underway in April/May (Semester Structure, Academic Workforce, Optimising Physical Infrastructure, Curriculum Sharing) and we are pleased to announce that UMSU's reps have been confirmed: Emily James (Semester Structure) and Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Optimising physical Infrastructure).

**Bachelor of Commerce**

A standing committee into the Bachelor of Commerce has approved recommendations to change the structure of the course. The changes would see a reduction in the maximum number of points students can get from breadth subjects, from 100 points to 75 points. There is also likely to be changes to the core subjects for majors in economics and finance. Our Department will begin to work to consult with the University to ensure the changes to not adversely effect students currently enrolled in the course. Any new information that comes to light will be shared with Council in coming meetings.

**Cadmus**

Following on from our previous report to Council regarding the specifics of Cadmus' capabilities, we have been in constant dialogue with Gregor Kennedy (PVC, Educational Innovation) and Richard James (PVC, Academic) regarding the future of Cadmus. After several discussions with them, as well as a meeting with the creators of the tool, we have ensured that it is not the University's intention to provide keyboard biometrics data to tutors, thus safeguarding students from myriad concerns that were originally canvassed. It is this Department's view that the University's intentions for Cadmus are not sinister, and are rather an attempt to weed out the perceived scourge of original essay purchasing. However, the potential use of Cadmus is something that we are very wary of, and we are in the process of seeking assurances to limit the future use of Cadmus. A framework for communication in relation to Cadmus has been developed between this Department and Chancellery, and we will inform Council of any new information that arises in terms of the thinking on Cadmus. The live trials are due to wrap up soon, and evaluations will be undertaken by the various faculties to determine the success of the trials. These evaluations will be shared with us. For those interested, an in-depth write-up on Cadmus can be found in this week's edition of Parkville Station, as well as shorter pieces in the latest edition of Farrago and on The Australian's website.

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

**Mover:** Tom Crowley      **Secunder:** Daniel Sullivan

Carried without dissent.

## 5. Motions on Notice

### 5.1 NDA BBQ

**Motion:** Up to \$400 to be passed from of Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line for NDA BBQ

**Moved:** Dominic Cernaz      **Secunder:**

### 5.2 EAG Budget Response

**Preamble:** As an immediate response to the measures announced in the budget the EAG had a speak out where we provided some snacks to those attending. As such, the cost was

**Motion:** To pass \$17.75 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line for snacks

**Moved:** Dominic Cernaz      **Secunder:**

### 5.3 Batteries for megaphone

**Motion:** To pass \$17.82 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line for batteries

**Moved:** Akira Boardman      **Secunder:**

### 5.4 Calico and arts supplies

**Motion:** To pass \$23 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line for calico

**Moved:** Akira Boardman      **Secunder:**

### 5.5 Survey Monkey

**Motion:** To pass \$250 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to run a survey in regards to the FAP

**Moved:** Paul Sakkal      **Secunder:**

**Motion 5:** To pass 5.1 to 5.5 *en bloc*

**Mover:** Tom Crowley      **Secunder:** Roger Samuel

Carried without dissent

**Motion 6:** To adopt motion 5.1 to 5.5

**Mover:** Tom Crowley      **Secunder:** Roger Samuel

Carried without dissent

## 5.6 SWOTVAC Stall

**Motion:** To pass up to \$750 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for promotional giveaways at exam support stalls

Discussion on amount

Amendment: Daniel Sullivan proposes an increase to \$1000

Accepted by Dominic Cernaz

**Motion 7:** Up to \$1000 to be passed from of Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line to pay for promotional giveaways at exam support stalls

**Mover:** Dominic Cernaz

**Seconder:** Daniel Sullivan

Carried

Abstention: Stylianos Nikias

## 6. Motions not on Notice

### 6.1 Student printing grants

**Motion 13:** To direct UMSU Education to investigate possibilities as to using SSAF or Education Department finances to fund printing for students on a needs basis

**Mover:** Stylianos Nikias

**Seconder:** Tom Crowley

Carried without dissent

## 7. Other business

Discussion of UMSU Education budget lines and current financial position brought up by Roger Tom Crowley and Dominic Cernaz will follow up

## 8. Next Meeting

TBA.

## 9. Close

Meeting closed at 2:34