

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Education Committee

Meeting 1/09

CONFIRMED

1 PM, 5 February 2009

Location: Student Resource Room, Union House



Agenda

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 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Department Budget

5. Other Business

6. Next Meeting

7. Close

Meeting opened at: 1.14 PM, by Shaun Khoo

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Tim Arnot Chair the meeting.

Moved: Shaun Khoo Seconded: Tim Arnot

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Office-Bearers

Tim Arnot (Education Public Affairs), Gemma Leigh-Dodds (Education Academic Affairs),

Shaun Khoo (Secretary)

Voting Representatives

Nicholas Baum, Hannah Hayman, Phoebe Kelloway, Evan Wallace

Others

Jesse Overton-Skinner

Absent

Onagh Bishop, Liam Byrne, Yoni Cukierman, Sadia Schneider (Education Public Affairs), Laura Harris (Education Academic Affairs)

1.4 Apologies

Yonie Cukierman, Onagh Bishop, Liam Byrne

1.5 Proxies

Onagh Bishop to Evan Wallace, Liam Byrne to Phoebe Kelloway

1.6 Membership

No changes.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda be adopted.

Moved: Phoebe Kelloway

Seconded: Tim Arnot

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

No previous minutes.

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

No previous minutes

Agenda Item 4: Department Budget

Discussion centred on an approach to developing a budget, the allocation from Students' Council and the desire to split the department budget between the Public Affairs officers and the Academic Affairs officers. The officers present tabled budgets for their relevant offices. Concerns were raised about documents not having been circulated beforehand, as well as the vague nature of some budget lines.

Motion 3: That the department adopt the following budget, with the understanding that the budget will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Income

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| Transfer from Students' Council | 14 745.63 |
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Expenditure

Education (Public Affairs)

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| Campaign A (University of Melbourne Campus) | (2 400) |
| Campaign B (Issues affecting students more broadly) | (2 400) |
| National Campaigns | (1 007.04) |
| Education Conference | (800) |
| Stationery/Paper | (350) |
| Photocopying | (1 200) |
| Telephone | (500) |
| Printing | (400) |
| Special Events | (250) |

Education (Academic Affairs)

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| Student Representative Network | (1000) |
| Stationery | (400) |
| Photocopying | (500) |

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| Telephone | (350) |
| Printing | (1000) |
| Special Events | |
| - Embassy | (500) |
| - Exam Support Stalls | (1000) |
| Grants | (400) |
| Forum | (250) |
| Education Conference | (38.59) |

Moved: Hannah Hayman Seconded: Phoebe Kelloway
FOR: 5 (Hannah Hayman, Phoebe Kelloway, Liam Byrne via Phoebe Kelloway, Evan Wallace & Onagh Bishop via Evan Wallace) **AGAINST:** 1 (Nicholas Baum)
CARRIED

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

O-week

Education (Academic Affairs) are helping out with Union House Tours. The Embassy is planned for week 2.

Public Affairs

Tim reported that the office was responding to the Bradley review, which was seen as part of a neoliberal agenda in education. National Days of Action were also being planned. There was strong involvement with the group 'Students for Gaza', which held a die-in action on January 21.

Tim will circulate his report by email.

Media Releases

Concerns were raised regarding a media release sent by the Education (Public Affairs) office. The regulations behind media releases were discussed, in particular Procedures for Student Representatives. The committee felt that the officers were free to send media releases on behalf of the department, so long as they followed regulations and made it clear that this was on behalf of the department. The committee also felt that it was important for officers to include media releases in their reports.

Reimbursement of Funds

Tim requested reimbursement for some stationery expenses.

Motion 4: That Education Committee reimburse Education Public office bearer Tim Arnot \$20.85 for general stationery supplies for the Education Public office. This is to come from the Stationery line.
Moved: Tim Arnot (Chair)
CWD

Tim requested reimbursement for Students for Gaza-related expenses. Clarification was sought on what the money was used for. Expenses were approximately \$50 on paint, \$30 on materials such as brushes, \$25 on food and \$20 on canvass and other materials. Discussion centred on whether it was appropriate for the Education Committee to be supporting Students for Gaza.

Motion 5: That Education Committee reimburse Education Public office bearer Tim Arnot \$132.07 for banner painting materials, poster materials and food for the Students for Gaza organisation. This is to come from the Campaign B (Issues affecting students more broadly) line.
Moved: Tim Arnot (Chair)
FOR: 3 **AGAINST:** 3
LOST

Tim sought approval for funds to be used to pay for security during a Students for Gaza event.

Motion 6: That the motion be now put.
Moved: Phoebe Kelloway
FOR: 5 **AGAINST:** 1
CARRIED

Motion 7: That Education Committee approve the spending of up to \$60 on after hours security to come from the Campaign B line. This is to pay the after hours security invoice for the Students for Gaza event on Tuesday February 3.

Moved: Tim Arnot (Chair)

FOR: 3 AGAINST: 3

LOST

Motion 8: That Education Committee approve the use of up to \$245 from the Embassy line for Marquee hire in the second week of semester.

Moved: Gemma Leigh-Dodds Seconded: Hannah Hayman

CWD

Agenda Item 6: Next Meeting

The next meeting is on February 19 at 5.30pm.

Agenda Item 7: Close

**3.00 pm Phoebe Kelloway left.
Quorum lost**

Meeting closed at: 3:00 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: