

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of Education Committee

Meeting 6/08

CONFIRMED

10am Thursday 17th of April 2008

Location: Office Bearers Space, 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. Correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports

- 5.1 Education Public Affairs

6. Other Reports

7. Motions on Notice

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting

10. Close

Attached Item: Education Public Affairs Office Bearer Report Mtg #6

First up, Iain has resigned from his position. His resignation letter is attached.

I would like to acknowledge publicly that there have been problems with the performance of the Ed Public office. That said, while there have been some difficulties and a lot of stress, I feel that we've had a great start to the year and gotten a lot accomplished: the O-Week members' party was a smashing success, Union Membership is far higher than it was this time last year, the National Day of Action had a very good turnout, the Cross-Campus Festival had an awesome atmosphere, and we are continuing to put significant pressure on the University about these Arts Cuts.

The next step is to gear up to continue our campaign to keep Higher Education on the National Agenda. Next week is National Student Poverty Week and I hope we can plan some actions and stunts just as engaging as those specifically around Arts Cuts have been.

On that note, yesterday's action in Cussonia Court was fantastic, engaging and fun. I'd like to thank Ash the auctioneer, Allegra, Steve, Tammi, Ruth and Bree for making the speak-out a smashing success. At least a hundred people turned up and I believe we had a positive, constructive and relevant event.

Due to the time-frame of the action's organisation, no funding was authorised by this Committee or Students' Council. I thus paid the hire cost for the P.A. myself. This amounted to \$20. I have included a recommendation that this expense be reimbursed by Education Committee.

Yours in Union,
Rob.

Recommendation 1:

That Robert Anderson-Hunt be reimbursed \$20 for hire of a loudspeaker, stands, microphone & accessories for the speak-out on Wednesday 16th April. These funds are to come from the Internal Campaigns line of the Education Public Affairs budget.

Iain's letter of resignation:

I would like to formally give notice of my resignation from the position of Education (Public Affairs) Officer, effective immediately.

I would like to thank the support and encouragement of my fellow Office Bearers and Student Union Staff throughout my terms as Arts Officer and Education (Public Affairs) Officer.

I would like to stress that my decision to resign was not an easy or flippant one. But, given the need to complete my "heritage" degree in a limited amount of time and the need to look after my own health and well being this decision became the only viable option.

I wish my fellow Office Bearers the best of luck in the remainder of their terms and have every faith they will continue to build a strong, progressive and relevant union.

Yours in solidarity,
Iain Finlayson

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"Artists use lies to tell the truth...politicians use lies to cover it up"

Meeting declared open by Onagh Bishop at 10.11am

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Onagh Bishop be elected as chair for the meeting.
Moved: Onagh Bishop Seconded: Nicole Lynch
CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

Office Bearers: Onagh Bishop, Rob Anderson-Hunt
Voting Members: Hannah Hayman, Nicole Lynch, Rebecca Barrigos, Scarlet Love, Lucy Maxwell,
Lawrence Frawley

Absent:

Joel Silver

1.4 Apologies

1.5 Proxies

None.

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda be adopted as tabled.
Moved: Nicole Lynch Seconded: Hannah Hayman
CARRIED

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: That the Minutes be confirmed.
Moved: Onagh Bishop Seconded: Nicole Lynch
CARRIED

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

None.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

None.

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearer Reports

Agenda Item 5.1 Education Public

Robert spoke to his report and took questions.

Discussion about Iain's resignation & performance of the education public office.

Discussion of the Save Arts Campaign.

Motion 4: That the Education (Public Affairs) Office Bearer report be accepted with recommendations.

Moved: Robert Anderson-Hunt

Seconded: Onagh Bishop

CARRIED

Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

None

Agenda Item 7: Motions on Notice

None.

Agenda Item 8: Other Business

None.

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

The next meeting set for 10am 8th May 2008

Meeting closed 11.15am