

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Welfare Committee

Meeting 2/09

CONFIRMED

3 PM on, 21 January 2009

Location: Student Office-Bearer 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

- 2.1 Minutes from 21-1-2009 (inquorate) (attached)

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- 3.1 Planned Events
- 3.2 Department Budget

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports

6. Other Reports

7. Motions on Notice

8. Other Business

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10. Close

Meeting opened at: 3.06 PM, by Shaun Khoo (Secretary)

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Shaun Khoo chair the meeting.

Moved: Tristan Clack

Seconded: Shaun Khoo

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 2: That the committee meeting be now moved to the Student Resource Room and the committee shall enjoy the comfort of a tidy, well lit and air-conditioned room.

Moved: Shaun Khoo (chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

2009 Office Bearers

Tristan Clack (Welfare), Frances Lewis (Welfare), Shaun Khoo (Secretary)

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Kaitlin Ferris, Liam Hedge, Liz Patterson, Ginny Trescowthick

Absent

Ruth Braham, Andrew Hallam, Velika Thomev

1.4 Apologies

Velika Thomev

1.5 Proxies

Velika Thomev to Liz Patterson

1.6 Membership

No change.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: That the agenda be adopted.

Moved: Shaun Khoo (chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes from 21-1-2009 (inquorate)

Motion 4: That the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record with the location amended to be the Student Resource Room.

Moved: Shaun Khoo (chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Planned Events

Tristan spoke to the item. A breakfast club is being planned fortnightly involving negotiations with Baker's Delight. The cost is projected to be \$90 each time, approximately \$1,200 from the department's budget and each event will feed approximately 200 students. MUSUL has agreed to provide in-kind support (urns, toasters etc).

During discussion several points were raised including:

Whether there would be vegan options – there would be, gluten free options would also be available and negotiations with green grocers were underway.

Dumpster diving was discussed, but would not be covered by insurance and so was not considered viable.

The Victorian AIDs Council may be an option for in-kind support for a sexual health event and external organisations require further exploration, for example the State Government is

running a Syphilis-awareness campaign. Consultation with other departments is also seen as very helpful. Frances agreed to contact other departments.

3.2 Department Budget

It was generally agreed that a meeting should take place after Students' Council and the allocation to the Welfare Department was known, since setting a budget at the present time was seen as impractical.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

Nothing to report

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearers' Reports

5.1 Frances' Report

Frances circulated a report at the meeting. It was noted that in order for it to be considered, Standing Orders must be suspended.

Motion 5: That Standing Orders be now suspended to allow France's report to be considered.

Moved: Shaun Khoo (chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Discussion centres on stalls and rallies.

Motion 6: That the report be accepted.

Moved: Kaitlin Ferris

Seconded: Liz Patterson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

Nothing to report

Agenda Item 8: Motions on Notice

Nothing to report

Agenda Item 9: Other Business

9.1 University Student Housing Cooperative (USHCO)

Tristan reported having met with the Department of Human Services (DHS) and consultation, planned discussions and ongoing discussions with other organizations including Yarra Community Housing, Melbourne Affordable Housing, Melbourne City Council and the Salvation Army. There was the possibility of 75% finance from the DHS if in partnership with a registered housing association. The DHS had recommended speaking to Yarra Community Housing and the Salvation Army regarding a lease.

Short and long-term proposals included the Hard-to-let list to be released on the Thursday of the following week. Additionally the Student Housing Working Group was meeting as well.

Discussion raised several issues including:

USCHO preliminary operating manual and other documentation that had yet to be formally tabled, including its Constitution and By-Laws.

Concerns were raised regarding the Salvation Army and the committee was referred to Rule 17.2 of Financial Regulations as the relevant regulation that it might appeal to.

Concerns were also raised regarding USHCO's accountability to the Welfare Committee since USHCO is a separate organization.

Tristan agreed to circulate USHCO documents as they are prepared. It was agreed that these issues are to be discussed further at future meetings.

Motion 7: To endorse the application process undertaken by USHCO to the DHS, Yarra Community Housing, Melbourne Affordable Housing, Melbourne City Council and the Salvation Army.

Moved: Liam Hedge

Seconded: Kaitlin Ferris

For: 3

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

CARRIED

9.2 Printing and Photocopying

Liam expressed a desire for office-bearers to be accountable in what was being printed and photocopied in order to maximize the efficiency of the department. Discussion covered several proposals including separating printing budgets, periodical printing budgets and retrospective tracking of printing and photocopying budgets.

It was suggested that the office-bearers' opinions on the matter should be heard. Tristan found the idea amenable while Frances expressed some concerns regarding the practicality of reporting on printing.

Motion 8: The committee directs the office-bearers to include in reports a general indication of what has been printed and photocopied.

Moved: Tristan Clack Seconded: Liam Hedge

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 10: Next meeting

A meeting date was reached by consensus.

Motion 9: The committee schedules a meeting on Wednesday, 4 February, 2009 at 2pm to discuss USHCO documentation, the budget and other pertinent business.

Moved: Shaun Khoo (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Meeting closed at: 4.07 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

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Meeting declare inquorate at: 12.30 PM, by Shaun Khoo (Secretary)

1.3 Attendance

Tristan Clack (Welfare Officer), Frances Lewis (Welfare Officer), Shaun Khoo (Secretary), Kaitlin Ferris, Virginia Trescowthick, Liam Hedge, Jenny Munt (observer), Evan Wallace (observer), Liz Errol (observer).

Absent

Ruth Braham, Andrew Hallam, Liz Patterson, Velika Thomev

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: