

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Welfare Committee**

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Meeting 7/15**

**1.00 PM, 30.6.2015**

**Location: OB Space**



*The meeting was declared inquorate at 1:30 PM*

**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

Bek Drake has resigned from Welfare Committee. A ticket appointment is pending.

- 1.7. Adoption of Agenda

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**3. Correspondence**

**4. Office Bearer Report**

Attached

**5. Motions on Notice**

**5.1 Vacuum Cleaner**

The Welfare Department will be purchasing a vacuum cleaner to be made available for students to hire at no cost from the ground floor info centre. The vacuum cleaner purchased will be an industrial model to ensure durability and will also be as lightweight, portable and easy to use as possible.

Motion: To approve expenditure of up to \$400 from the support services budget line for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner to be made available for students to borrow at no cost.

Moved: James Bashford

Seconded:

**6. Other Business****6.1** General Discussion on Semester 2**7. Next Meeting**

TBC

**8. Close****University of Melbourne Student Union****Report of  
James Bashford  
Welfare Officer****To Welfare Committee 7/15****30/6/2015**Food Bank and Food Wastage

The Food Bank has a busy period of demand at the end of the teaching period and now needs to be restocked in time for next semester. After the success of the Food Bank in its first 4 months, I'm hoping to expand it further in the next semester. I've been in touch with the University's furniture re-use service in the hope of finding suitable shelving and storage for the Food Bank and Household Goods Service which could be located somewhere more accessible to students than my office. A possible location for this is the old Uni Store in the Union House Basement (where there are now C&S lockers).

Last week I joined Rachel to meet whit Trevor White, the MUSUL CEO, to discuss the possibilities of using food wastage from Union House tenants at the end of the day to give to students. There are many good possibilities as well as many challenges to setting this up but the discussion with Trevor was productive and will hopefully see some trial eventuating from it. In this meeting I also discussed my plans for expanding the food bank with Trevor suggesting the current Book Co-Op room as possible location. This is an ideal location which I have been considering, but getting in touch with the Book Co-op (which claims to be part of UMSU) has proved difficult from the start of the year.

In addition to this, I'm working with Comms to create promotional materials for the food bank to raise more awareness. A larger set up for the food bank is necessary before it is more widely promoted, however, as it needs greater capacity to cater for more demand.

Bookfest and Melbourne Mingle

The Education and Welfare Departments have met with UMSU Intl's Education and Welfare Team and are planning a student bazaar for the start of next semester. This will include a chance for students to re-sell their textbooks, along the model of UMSU Intl's Bookfest, which they stopped running this year.

I've also been working with UMSU Intl to plan a second Melbourne Mingle event. This time we're considering a daytime event with speed friending a likely activity. We'll be using the lessons from the last event to build on its success and hopefully attract a more diverse group of students to participate.

#### Wellness @ Melbourne

Last week I've also met with Danielle Clayman from Wellness@Melbourne to discuss her plans for Wellness Week, to be held in Week 5 of next semester. I shared a lot of my experience with Stress Less Week with Danielle in terms of what events were successful. At this stage I'm planning on helping organise a carnival day, similar to that held in Stress Less Week, with the obligatory Stress Less Puppies/other cute animals. I'm also collaborating with the Medical Students Society (UMMSS) to co-ordinate their Blue Week with Wellness Week, as they're planned for the same week.