

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting 1 of the Education Committee

Friday 18th Dec 2015

CONFIRMED Minutes

Meeting opened 12:01 PM

Location: Graham Cornish A, Level 2, Union House



1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Paul Sakkal be elected Chair

Mover: Paul Sakkal

Secunder: Akira Boardman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Committee: Roger, Timothy Dunn, Stylianos, Amelia

OBs: Akira, Tom, Paul

1.4 Apologies

Rebecca

1.5 Proxies

None

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented

Mover: Tom Crowley

Secunder: Stylianos

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Office Bearers' Reports



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Report of Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz Education (Public Affairs) Officers

To Education Committee
18/12/2015

Key activities:

The last few weeks have been big. I attended the National Union of Students' national conference as a delegate for UMSU. Apart from the disruptive behaviour of some individuals and groups, there was opportunity to discuss education policy and the direction the NUS education department will take in 2016. Max Murphy has been elected National Education Officer. He is an excellent unionist and student activist and has served a term as Education Vice President at the UTS student association in 2015. I look forward to working with Max on NUS campaigns throughout the next year.

I have, in collaboration with the Education Academic officers, started planning the counter course handbook. I had a meeting with Comms yesterday to get the ball rolling, and we have a deadline for all text to be submitted to Comms by the 15th of January. I will be working while away over Christmas/New year to include some engaging entries that will help students. For example a 'Centrelink/tenancy/university cheat sheet' with important information in easy to understand language.

In the New Year I will be purchasing some tote bags to screen print an education activist design onto. These bags will be filled with important information and fun free stuff for our O-week stall. I will also by then have material from NUS to include in these show bags, especially gearing up for the first National Day of Action which will be early semester 1.

On the Wednesday of O-week the Education Public stall will be hosting Young Workers Victoria, a team of young unionists who will run engaging activities and forums to education students on their rights at work, etc.

I'm also going to be setting up an Education Action Group which will be the equivalent of an Education Collective. The EAG will meet fortnightly to discuss on campus and off campus education issues, get creative in banner creation and brainstorm education campaigns. It is really important for students to be engaging in activism, especially as higher education is currently in a state of limbo and we should not be complacent in thinking that deregulation is gone for good.

My main goal of 2016 will be to rebuild an Education Activist space at the University of Melbourne.

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Tom Crowley and Paddul Sakal
Education (Academic Affairs) Office Bearers
To Education Committee 18/12/2015

Key Activities

O-Week

There are substantial changes to the way Academic Advice Day will operate next year. Each Faculty has been invited to conduct its own "Faculty Day", making it far more difficult for us to spread the word about the Education Department in a centralised manner. We'll have to play it by ear and determine how best to speak to large groups of students and parents at orientation days.

In particular, we want new students to leave O Week with an understanding that the Education Academic officers are the place to turn for any course-related confusions or issues, and can either help them with any issues or refer them to the right people.

SRN

Student Representative Network applications have closed, and all candidates have been interviewed and filtered through. There were nearly 70 applications, which is pleasing, and our SRN in 2016 will have over 50 members. We look forward to dealing with the issues that face students in the coming year. For the first time, we have also created the position of 'General SRN'. About 12 students will attend SRN meetings next year despite not sitting formally on any university committee. They will form working groups within the SRN to help us better focus on specific issues that reach across committees.

Governance training has been held, and our committee representatives will start meeting their relevant committee chairs in January. The SRN itself will meet fortnightly in 2016, with the first meeting to be held on the 27th of January at 12pm in the Gryphon Gallery, 1888 Building. All Education Committee members are welcome to attend SRN meetings.

In the new year, we will be redrafting UMSU's SRN policy to recognise the fact that the SRN is a joint responsibility of UMSU and the GSA. We will present a proposed redraft to Students' Council but will consult with the Education Committee before we do so.

We have also held training for academic and general misconduct hearings. Our trained reps have already started sitting on hearings.

Flexible Academic Programming Project (FAP)

The Flexible Academic Programming Project (FAP) is the university's next big review process, spoken of internally as the biggest change since the Melbourne Model. There are eight work streams within the FAP, and the terms of reference have been circulated, and can be shared with any member of this committee upon request. Major changes to the way the University operates are forecast. We have a student representative on each of the streams, and we'll maintain a constructive dialogue with members of this committee and members of the Education Collective throughout next year regarding FAP's progress.

3. Motions on Notice

3.1 Education Department Budget

Motion 3: That the 2016 Education Department Budget will be adopted
Moved: Paul Sackle Seconded: Roger
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

ACCOUNT CODE	INCOME	
	FROM COUNCIL	\$20,000.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00
	EXPENDITURE	
3356	Stationery + Postage	\$250.00
3712	Photocopying/paper costs	\$2,500.00
3743	Telephone	\$250.00
3713	Printing	\$4,000.00
3238	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	\$11,000.00
3531	Grants	\$2,000
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$20,000.00

4. Motions not on notice

None

5. Next Meeting

TBC

6. Close

Meeting closed at 12:26 PM