

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Disabilities Committee

2PM, 21st DECEMBER

Agenda

Meeting 1

OB Space Union House

Meeting opens: 2:17

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
Russell Wong
Ankita Panjratana
Lucy Birch
Dannielle Thorman
Hien Nguyen
Jacinta Dowe
- 1.4 Apologies - none
- 1.5 Proxies – none
- 1.6 Membership – none.
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda
moved: Hien
seconded: Jacinta
carried without dissent

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence

4. Office Bearers' Reports (see below)

5. Key Activities

Student Equity and Disability Services Workshop Meeting

We have met with Lee from SEDS to discuss a collaborative workshop that will be running in Week 1 next year. From our discussion with her we have worked out a plan through which we can assist students in understanding SEDS' understanding of eligibility, requirements, processes, and available support. We will be providing computers and encouraging students to bring laptops so that we can talk them through the process of applying by demonstrating step by step. We also spoke briefly with Michelle from Advocacy about their potential involvement,

and have initiated email correspondence with her so that we can hopefully have an advocacy perspective present at the workshop. We have logged a job with Comms to advertise this event over Summerfest. We'd appreciate any additional help getting the word out as well!

Fair Food Challenge Workshop

We have been in contact with the people from Fair Food Challenge about a potential workshop to help students learn easy, cheap meal prep techniques so that they can have food easily at hand at times when they lack the energy or are unable to cook for themselves for whichever reason. This is in early stages but we are excited at the prospect since this is an issue that affects many students.

New Disabilities Space

We have a new disabilities space which we haven't been able to access yet. Once we see the space and are notified about what the university will be providing for it, we'll be able to start getting it ready for students. We are planning to have basic amenities such as a mini fridge, kettle, toaster, etc., as well as ergonomic chairs for students with back and neck problems to sit comfortably.

Carnival Day Chill Space

We have logged our jobs with Comms for a marquee space on carnival where students can rest and play with sensory toys on beanbags, chairs, and a picnic rug. We have been in communication with AV Melbourne about providing headphones playing ambient music for students to listen to in this space, they've indicated that they will be able to provide us with headphones and jacks but that it will take a while to process.

DisabiliTea Clubs Day

We are planning a delicious tea party for clubs' day. This will be similar to chill space in that there will be a relaxing, accessible space to unwind from any sensory overload or general tiredness regarding the clubs' day festivities. We will provide comfy and health-minded seating as well as a range of food and drinks.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
10	14/09/2017	25 generic brand fidget spinners	\$100	Assets	Only spent \$
6	26/05/2017	New books for department library	\$500.00	Assets	Two copies of nine different books purchased

Postage	50
Telephone	50
Collective (\$50 for two collectives per week each semester)	2400
AUSLAN classes (12 classes)	2400
Projects and Events	7500
Anthology	1000
Speaker fees	5000
Orientation expenses	5500
Campaigns	7500
Grants	500
Assets	2500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	30,000
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-30,000

Discussion:

Ankita asks if we should have a column of surplus money so that there is some flexibility in the budget.

Hien explains that this is against regulations but we are able to move money from one line to another.

Mover: Jacinta

Secunder: Lucy

In favour: all.

Motion carried.

7.4 Delegation to Sub Committee

Preamble

The Operations Sub-Committee is a part of Students' Council, and has the ability to approve expenditure for departments, particularly when Students' Council and/or the department committee are unable to meet quorum.

Motion: That Disabilities Committee the approves budgetary delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee of up to \$1000 for each Disabilities Department Budget Line.

Mover: Jacinta

Secunder: Danielle

In favour: all.

Motion carried.

7.5 Auslan classes

Preamble

We would like to run two classes in semester two, one Level 1 and one Level 2. These have been very popular in the past.

Discussion:

Hien moved to amend the agenda to reflect that the money must be moved from budget line "AUSLAN classes" rather than budget line "special events and projects".

Motion:

To pass up to \$2400 from budget line special projects and events, for Auslan classes.

Mover: Jacinta

Seconder: Russell

7.6 OB's office

Motion: to pass up to \$80 to spend on office supplies such as a kettle, air fresheners, tissues, paper towels, etc.

Discussion:

The agenda was amended to remove minute item 6.6 due to it being redundant (covered in minute item 6.3: Office Supplies.)

Mover:

Seconder:

7.7 2017 budget

Motion: To spend up to \$5000 on Disabilities Department's assets such as bean bags, chairs, cups, stationery.

Mover: Ankita

Seconder: Lucy

In favour: all

Motion carried.

7.9 People of Colour with Disabilities

Motion: To discuss the possibility of a third collective in semester one only, for People of Colour with Disabilities.

Discussion

committee members raised concerns with starting a new collective while our main collective is so

small. Danielle suggested that collectives may not work for our department because of the stigma attached to disabilities, and suggested an info session might be more successful.

Motion amended: to discuss a PoC with Disabilities collective in a later meeting, as part of a broader discussion about collectives and how we want to do them.

Mover: Jacinta Seconder: Russell

In favour: all.

Motion carried.

7. Next Meeting: 4th January 2018, 4 pm

8. Meeting Closed at 3:05