

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Disabilities Committee

Agenda

29th January 2pm

Meeting 2(18)

Location: OB Space

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 Bearer Report

Key Activities

Website Updates

We've been writing draft additions to our community page of compiled resources for mental health. We are going to meet with Clare from Counselling and Psychiatric Services to discuss these pages to make sure they are accurate and worded appropriately, to optimally benefit students. We are also hoping to write a 'Alternatives to Self-Harm' page and potentially run it through comms, print and place it in bathroom stalls around campus.

Australian Disability Network Promotion & Info Session

We've organised a AND/PACE workshop for the 15th March. We have also printed some promotional material for them to put up in our notice board, and in our office and disabilities space. We have also organised for a representative to come down to the Carnival Day stall to talk to people there.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Since the last report, we have calenderised and produced promotional material through comms for two upcoming events: SEDS info session and DisabiliTea, and completed our OH&S plan. We have had meetings with people from both SEDS and Advocacy to discuss their input to the info sessions. This project was set back slightly when we found out that the location booked cannot be confirmed until week one because it is a teaching space. Since we’ve already put the location on all our promotional material this is a bit of an issue – Isobel is trying to find a backup location and see if she can get confirmation earlier so we have enough time to promote the event.

We also received the fidget cubes we ordered for the department – they are multi coloured and pretty cool. We’re going to put a bunch in the new Disabilities Space once we have access to it and have some with the sensory toys at carnival day, but they are not going to be given away.

Fair Food have not been running on campus for the past month but they are back now and we’re in the process of organising a meeting with them for our collab workshop.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	21/12/2017	Facebook boost for event (SEDS info workshop)	Up to \$80	O Week	Spending \$3.80 a day for the next three weeks (starting 12 th Jan)
1	21/12/2017	Office Supplies	\$80	Office Supplies	\$72

6. Other Reports

7. Motions on Notice

7.1. Summerfest Events

For O Week we will be running three events: DisabiliTea, SEDS info workshop, and Carnival day.

Motion: to spend up to \$1800 on each event, from the \$5500 passed from budget line ‘O-Week’ in the last committee meeting.

7.2. AND info workshop

We have been in contact with the Australian Network on Disabilities about having another info session like last years. That even was not widely attended, we are hoping to get a bigger pull this year by having it earlier in the semester and advertising ahead of time.

Motion: To spend up to \$80 to advertise for AND info workshop from budget line Special Projects and Events.

7.3. Department Guide Submissions

We would like to pay for artistic and creative writing submissions for our 2018 Department Guide as a way of directly benefiting students with disabilities while encouraging them to engage with our department. We've decided to accept up to ten people's writing submissions (three submissions per person) and up to 5 art submissions, and to pay them \$25 per person. We would also like to ask our committee (you) to judge which submissions to accept. It would also be good to get self-written bios (about a paragraph or so) from each of you to put into the department guide with a photo each, if you are comfortable with the idea!

Motion: to move \$375 from budget line "Special Projects and Events" to pay students for Department Guide submissions.

7.4. Office Maintenance

Motion: to pass up to \$20 a month for office maintenance.

8. Motions Without Notice

9. Other Business

9.1. UMSU sleepover is coming up and we need some volunteers to help us run a board games room. At least two supervisors will need to be in the room awake at all times, so Hien and I will need some people to help out for when we need to take breaks/naps etc. Volunteers get free tickets.

9.2 Neuro-divergence Collective

Welfare has come to us about running a neuro-divergence collective (similar to the anxiety support group but more broad) for students with mental illness/disability. Because our budget line for collectives only has enough for two collectives per week, we can replace anxiety collective with neuro-divergence collective, run them both on alternating weeks, or move money from budget line 'Special Projects and Events'. (This is if our committee thinks a neuro-divergence collective is a good idea).

Please discuss.

10. Next Meeting

12th February 2pm, OB space.

11. Close