

Meeting of the Environment Committee

Agenda

16:00, 5/2/2018

Meeting 3(18)

Location: Environment Office

1. Procedural Matters

Meeting opened at 16:03

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Callum Simpson as chair

Seconded by: Olive Gole

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance: Olive, Beiwei, Julia, Ayushi, Janina

1.4 Apologies: Tessa Campisi, Anneke Demanuele

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

Jeremy Gibson has resigned, and has been replaced by Anneke Demanuele.

1.8 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented

Moved by: Callum Seconded by: Julia

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes from the previous Committee meeting, held on December 14th, 2017.

Moved by: Callum Seconded by: Ayushi

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Re: The questions of committee protocol. Daniel Beratis, Secretary of UMSU, has been contacted regarding the question on protocol for committees, and has provided answers as follows. Proxies do not count toward Quorum. He believes that a motion ought to be sufficient to amend the meeting schedule.

At the last meeting of Student's Council the UMSU Budget 2018 was passed, and the departmental budget for Environment was passed unamended. Due to both this and the passing of the departmental budget by this committee, the departmental budget is now in effect and this committee can pass expenditure from it.

Olive says this is great!

4. Correspondence

There has been no significant correspondence to date.

5. Office Bearer Report

Key Activities

We've been working with the communications and marketing department, and reaching out to other parties, to progress the organisation of the three Enviro events during the UMSU SummerFest. We've organised the screening rights for the film 'Food Co-op' from french company Lardux for week one's Green Screen-Play With Your Food event.

We've met with Fair Food Challenge and the Melbourne University Community Garden to discuss future collaborations.

We had half a dozen people take up the subsidised tickets for ASEN Training Camp. Callum attended the camp, it was a fantastic week full of learning and fun with some rad people. We're working on two exciting collaborations with other departments for Union House Sleepover; a radical activist tour of Union House and an environmental disaster haunted house. We've set aside dates for Radical Education Week (26th-29th March) and have been reaching out for workshop ideas from our communities, and now we'll be beginning the logistics organising.

We've been organising a strategy weekend for the whole environment collective to discuss how to progress our campaigns towards success.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1

The acquisition of first aid kit, kettle, stationery and other office supplies: The money has been spent, the items have been ordered, they have not yet been delivered.

Action Point 2

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- Beiwei asked about the details of the UMSU Union House Sleepover re: volunteer time slots. We will report back on this next meeting, as so far we have literally no idea what is going on :(

MOTION 4: To accept the OB report.

Moved by: Callum Seconded by: Beiwei

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6. Motions on Notice

MOTION 5:

Preamble: Friends of the Earth and the ACE Nuclear-Free Collective are running the Radioactive Exposure Tour on 30 March - 8 April. The tour works its way through so-called South Australia (to visit sites of significance for the anti-nuclear movement (Olympic Dam mine, proposed sites of Nuclear Waste Dump, Emu Fields bomb test site.) This is a great opportunity to learn from and connect with some radical and crucial ongoing campaigns for environmental and social justice. Lucy and Callum are registered to attend, and planning to use the experience, as well as any photography and videos produced, to write an article/photo essay for Farrago magazine and to spread what was learnt throughout the collective and wider community (possibly with a dorky slide night).

The money passed in the below motion is intended to be used to cover the costs of sending Lucy and Callum (\$600 a person) and to part subsidise any other interested students or collective members.

Motion: To pass up to \$2500 from the Special Projects budget line to cover costs for Lucy Turton and Callum Simpson to attend the Radioactive Exposure Tour and to provide some partial subsidies for other collective members interested in participating.

Moved by: Callum Seconded by: Julia

- Janina asked if all costs were covered by the \$600 ticket price. Callum explained the different price scale (\$600 unwaged, \$800 waged, \$1000 solidarity).

ACTION: Callum to post expression of interest in the Committee page for interested people

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

MOTION 6:

Preamble: It's recently come to our attention that last year the Community Garden held some events in September and October for which they still haven't been reimbursed. The money for this was approved last year, however the invoices from some of the suppliers weren't made out correctly to UMSU, which meant we couldn't pay it. Upon assuming office this year, we found out that a new invoice hadn't been issued so we will need to pass the money again (from this year's budget) to reimburse them (we received a correct invoice for this last week).

Motion: To reimburse the Melbourne University Community Garden for \$229.89 spent on smoothies, pizza, and terrarium supplies last year, from the Community Garden budget line.

Moved by: Lucy

Seconded by: Ayushi

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

MOTION 7:

Preamble: As white settler-colonial people working and conducting activism on the stolen lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, as well as throughout so-called Australia, we feel that we should have a constant reminder and educative tool in the form of a map of the different First Nations groups and nations throughout our continent. As such, we would like to purchase a map of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Australia for the office.

Motion: To spend up to \$60 on a map of First Nations Australia for the Enviro Office, from the Special Projects budget line.

- People asked about where we would put it- in the office? Lucy and Callum said we could put it on the office window so everyone can see it, or in a really central location on the wall. We would welcome suggestions from people about where to put it.

Moved by: Lucy

Seconded by: Olive

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

MOTION 8:

Preamble: Continuing the theme of last year's mysteriously resurfaced receipts, we discovered two receipts from the Food Co-Op (\$30 and \$40 respectively) which were for snacks we had at a Students of Sustainability organising meeting in October last year. We love the Food Co-Op so we want to reimburse them now ASAP!

Motion: To pass \$70 for snacks from the Food Co-Op at a meeting last year, from the Special Projects budget line.

Moved by: Lucy

Seconded by: Ayushi

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Motions Without Notice

MOTION 9:

Preamble: Every semester or so we hold strategy sessions for our campaigns, and the broader Collective, in order to prepare for the semester ahead. In mid-February we will be having an Enviro Collective, Lockout Lockheed, and FFMU strategy session at Siteworks in Brunswick for a couple of days (which we

would love to have any or all of you come participate in!). We need to pass money for the venue hire so our booking can be confirmed.

Motion: To approve \$360 for venue hire at Siteworks for the pre-semester Enviro Collective strategy weekend, from the FFMU budget line.

Moved by: Lucy Seconded by: Julia

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

MOTION 10:

Preamble: During Summerfest, likely on the 1st March, we're holding a joint Green Screen and Play with your Food event. The film we are screening is 'Food Co-op' from Lardux Films, which has been recommended to us. Lardux Films has agreed to sell us the screening rights for 120 euros (which is \$187AUD at time of writing).

Motion: To approve up to \$190 from the SummerFest and Winterfest budget line to be paid to Lardux Films for the screening rights of 'Food Co-op.'

Moved by: Callum Seconded by: Ayushi

- Janina asked what the Food Co-op was. Lucy and Callum directed them across the road to the Food Co-op space. Callum explained that the Co-op is a not-for-profit cafe run by students for students, under no management and seeking to provide accessible, sustainable, and delicious food for everyone. Beiwei mentioned that they're always looking for more volunteers!

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

MOTION 11:

- Callum explained what ASEN and Students of Sustainability is; Australian Student Environment Network consists of the

Motion: To approve expenditure of \$49.17 from the 'Special Projects' budget line for hiring a room in Ross House for last week's Students of Sustainability organising meeting.

Moved by: Lucy Seconded by: Julia

- Callum explained that Ross House is a big community centre housing lots of awesome campaigns and groups in the city, and offers spaces for

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

MOTION 12:

Motion: To pass up to \$500 for lunch and snacks for around 20 people at the Strategy session on Sunday and Monday from the FFMU Budget line.

Moved by: Callum Seconded by: Olive

- Olive asked what food we were thinking of getting. Beiwei was also interested

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

- Julia left at 16:46.
- Lucy apologised for it being so hot and said hopefully our fan will be functional next time. She also said icy-poles would be good and Beiwei mentioned that Welfare Committee passed some money so they could have snacks. Everyone thought this would be mint.

MOTION 13:

We all want snacks and icy-poles cause it's hot and we are tired so we are gonna pass some money to reward Committee members for their efforts :)

Motion: To pass up to \$200 for snacks for Committee in Semester 1, from the Special Projects budget line.

Moved by: Beiwei Seconded by: Ayushi

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

- Janina asked where the money was coming from. Lucy explained that we have a budget for the year that is approved by Committee and Students' Council, and then money we approve spending of at Committee comes out of that. So this money will come from one of the budget lines in our year-long budget.

8. Other Business

Broader discussion of the direction of the UMSU Environment Department and its involvement and collaboration in ongoing Melbourne University Environment Collective activities (leftover from previous meeting).

In case you didn't notice, we're having a strategy weekend (Sunday and Monday tho) for Enviro Collective and our campaigns! RSVP and come along! The FB event is shared in our Committee group on FB.

- Thoughts on informally moving to a consensus-based decision-making model, so we can actually talk through anything and make sure everyone is happy with any decisions made? Perhaps something to think about and discuss next time if running out of time?
- Everyone feeling pretty tired and hot and so we will defer these chats til next time.
- Ayushi only just got back from the US yesterday so we are all super impressed that she is here!

9. Next Meeting: Monday, February 19th, 4pm, Environment Office (scheduled).

10. Close

- **Meeting closed at 4:54**