



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Education Committee
5:00PM 12/01/2018
Meeting 2(18)
Location: OB Space, Union House

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
- 1.4 Apologies

We have received an apology from Ru Bee Chung

- 1.5 Membership

We have received resignations from Rachel Carey and Elizabeth Vu

- 1.6 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Office Bearer Report

- 3.1 Academic Affairs
- 3.2 Public Affairs

4. Motions on notice

- 4.1 Food for collectives

5. Motions not on notice

6. Other business

- 6.1 Motions passed at operations subcommittee

7. Next meeting

TBA

8. Close Meeting

3.1 Academic Affairs OB Report

February has been hectic and despite being the shortest month is probably the worst for OBs. The Education Collective has been planned and will run every second Tuesday at 12:30 in Graham Cornish B (except the first which occur somewhere TBC because there are no rooms available). The advertisements are being created by Comms, with a separate one for the first week to avoid confusion about the location. These will be from week one and alternating with the Education Action Group run by Ed Pub.

The Student Representative Network Training occurred and was attended by many members of the SRN. The resources created by Advocacy for the training have been distributed to the email list of the SRN members, and will be useful throughout the year. The first meeting of the SRN will likely be in Week 2 so that all SRN members can meet and discuss issues raised in their first committee meetings and issues facing students generally.

The Education Booklet has been printed, but there are two issues that need to be corrected. At the time of writing this the problem is ongoing but will be corrected by the time they are handed out during O-Week. The tote bags, pens and bookmarks have also arrived. There will be a Costco trip on Thursday where Goldie will buy us lollies to give away as previously passed in Committee 1. We are running stalls in both Parkville and the VCA and giving tote bags and doing banner painting at both. We will be giving out stress balls and lollies and it'll be great (hopefully).

A number of motions have been passed through operations sub-committee since the last education committee meeting. This was due to range of factors, including the immediate need to get things paid due to the deadlines of O-Week and resignations of members on committee. This is unfortunate and we will try to avoid it happening in the future, and all of the motions have been included for transparency.

Cadmus plans are progressing quickly. A lot should happen between the time of writing (Tuesday) and the Committee meeting (Thursday), so I will provide a verbal report on Thursday. We have printed 3000 flyers based off the design of last year outlined the basics of Cadmus, and this money came from the Whole of Union Campaigns Budget, as Cadmus is one of the biggest issues the Union is facing this year.

Expenditure

Item	Allocated	Spent
Totes	4500	3653
Pens	2000	1200
Bookmarks	400	320
Stress balls	1000	1026.5
Tote	450	450

3.2 Public Affairs OB Report

We've been very busy the last couple of weeks in preparation for Summerfest – on that side, UMSU Education are currently designing a mailing list sheet for use at the stall, which will be held on the 20th of February for those who don't know. If you're interested in coming down and volunteering for an hour or two, please don't hesitate to let us know – the more hands we have on deck the better. At this stage, it's looking like we're going to be distributing the tote bags purchased with money passed at last committee (along with all the stuff to put inside it), having banner painting, and especially flogging our collectives (Education and Syndicate) and the Cadmus petition that was used last year. This petition will be updated to allow us to

contact the signatories (if they consent) as this will serve as a useful ground to build on campus in opposition to Cadmus.

We've run a pre-planning session with other UMSU Office Bearers for what kind of campaign we should be running in opposition to Cadmus. Essentially what was decided was that we should be emphasising the accessibility issues more than the campaign last year did (as opposed to the issues regarding privacy and information collection) due to the fact that this would be easier to run a whole-of-union campaign on and that it would be more likely to resonate with a generation of students who are more or less ambivalent to the reality of being tracked constantly. This is not to say that we will be ignoring the issues of privacy.

Syndicate planning is in full swing. At this stage, it's looking as if we will be running our first proper event in week 2 at the student bar. We're in the process of organising guests to come down from different groups such as the Young Workers Centre and United Voice, who will be able to interact with students who come along to the event, and begin to tease out issues surrounding students in the workplace. Additionally, we have been meeting with a number of unions whose interests align with those of students on campus, including the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU), United Voice (specifically Hospo Voice) and the Retail and Fast Food Workers Union (RAFFWU). Hopefully, their resources will aid our campaigning within Union House for the year ahead.

UMSU Education have also planned to hold a stall at the Careers Fair, to be held on either the 6th or 7th of March (date pending approval from the University's end). This stall will be used in order to educate students attending the fair to their rights in the workplace. Though we have been assured that employers who will be present at the fair have been vetted, we are still wary of the likelihood of things such as unpaid internships being advertised for students, as these are rampant throughout white-collar professions and are, for all intents and purposes, illegal.

Planning for the National Day of Action has also commenced – Communications & Marketing have mocked up a poster for us to use specifically for the Melbourne University speak out to be held on the day of the NDA. More updates will occur closer to the commencement of semester, but we will likely begin poster runs within the next week or so.

We are currently planning to have an Education Action Group meeting next Monday afternoon at 2pm, location TBC. This will be talking mostly about Cadmus issues, including the framing of the campaign for the year ahead, and a timeline of key actions to take. Please come along.

4.1 Food for collectives

To entice students to come to the EAGs, Syndicates and Education Collectives this year, we will be providing lunch to students and especially our volunteers. The breakdown of this will be approximately \$60/week for Syndicate and \$60/fortnight for Ed Collective and \$20/week for EAG, which is traditionally not a catered event.

Motion: To pass up to \$1200 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events budget line to pay for food for semester one collectives.

6.1 Motions moved at Op Sub

Education Booklets Moved:13/2

They are two major problems with the education booklets that we had printed as a guide to the department. Firstly, the contact details for Advocacy are incorrect so students will not be able to contact them when required. Secondly, there is no Acknowledgment of Country. These are major oversights that need to be fixed, the best solution is still being worked out with Comms but will likely be stickers placed into the book.

Motion: That up to \$700 is passed from the printing budget line to fix the education booklets

Food for SRN training Moved :12/2

Last week the training for the members of the SRN took place in order to make them effective student representatives. The training was well run and included food for attendees. However, since the training took place it has been brought to our attention that traditionally the Education Department pays for half of the catering costs, which is something that will be passed on at this year's handover.

Motion: That \$140 be passed from the Campaigns, Special Projects & Events budget line to pay for the Education Department's share of the SRN training catering.

Bookmarks Moved: 7/2

The Education Department is aiming to get bookmarks to put in our O Week tote bags that will provide information about the department. We will print 2000 and the design has already been completed by Comms, we just need to get them printed.

Motion: To pass up to \$400 from the campaigns, projects and special events budget line of the Education Department budget for bookmarks

Cadmus Moved: 7/2 from Whole of Union

The Education Department wishes to continue with the Cadmus campaign in 2018, as the University has gone ahead with the pilot of Cadmus in semester 1 2018. The widespread implementation of Cadmus will have incredibly detrimental effects on the student body, decreasing the accessibility of assignments and making their completion more difficult. For this reason, we are printing a range of printed material and Facebook advertisements for O-Week to raise awareness of the issue for new and returning students. This is taken from the campaigns budget line rather than the Education Budget as this is large campaign that will fundamentally change the way students approach assessment, so requires cross departmental input to be effective.

Motion: To pass up to \$1000 from the campaigns budget line for printed materials and Facebook advertisements around the issue of Cadmus for O Week.