



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Education Committee
2:30PM 10/04/2018
Meeting 4(18)
Location: OB Space, Union House

Meeting opened at 2:40pm.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Alice Smith be elected chair.

M: Alice Smith

S: Elizabeth Tembo

CWD

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3. Attendance

Office-bearers: Conor Clements

Alice Smith

Toby Silcock

Committee: Elizabeth Tembo

Ru Bee Chung

Dominic Ilagan

Elizabeth Fazzino

Annette Jacobsen

1.4. Apologies

None received.

1.5. Membership

There was no change in membership.

1.6. Adoption of agenda

Two amendments were necessary: the meeting commenced at 2:30, and the meeting number should have read “4(18)” rather than 5(18).

Motion 2: That this Agenda be adopted as presented amended as per discussion.

M: Chair

Carried without dissent (“CWD”).

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Committee discussed that since last meeting was inquorate, these minutes are those of the last meeting held (3(18)). The inquorate meeting will be noted such online.

Motion 3: That the minutes circulated with this Agenda be acknowledged as being a true and accurate representation of the events of Education Committee 3(18).

M: Chair

Carried (Dominic abstaining).

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. Academic Affairs

Alice and Toby spoke to the report in Appendix A – 3.1 Education Academic Report.

Alice noted that the campaign on Stop1 was to launch the day following the meeting, but the survey was still with Comms. It was to “drop” when finished, and run until approx.. week 9. Alice noted its targets as Stop 1, Academic, and Career services.

Dom and Emma wished to clarify when it would be released. The OB’s noted it was to be delayed by a week because of the just-released LMS survey (which was itself delayed), and not to get “survey fatigue”. The OB’s also spoke to the tentative campaign name, “Stop 1, Students 0”, and how many people they spoke to before settling on it (many).

Alice and Toby spoke to the LMS survey released the day before this meeting. Elizabeth noted that, despite OBs’ discussions with the project co-ordinators, there was no incentive or focus groups mentioned. OB’s also spoke to the delay, due to changes from Gregor Kennedy.

Dom wished the name “Gregor” to be noted in the minutes.

The Committee discussed bringing the project more broadly to the SRN, instead of simply a survey. The OB’s noted that the University had decided to “lead” with a survey, but that this wouldn’t preclude involving the SRN, Committee, clubs, and other stakeholders further on. Emma also noted that she knows people working on the project (without declaring any conflict of interest).

Committee discussed the Burnley campaign. Toby spoke to the two meetings, one between students and staff on ongoing concerns with implementing the cuts, and developing strategies to bring the problem to Academic Board. This led to a subsequent meeting with Paul Duldig and Neil Robinson, which made clear the University was relatively set in the implementation of the cuts. We raised the possibility of “bridging programs”, including more education of Burnley students about not-in-person library service. Emma noted the significance of attendance, and that the model of service provision at Burnley library appeared to be moving to a “24-hour gym model”. Committee was generally concerned with the cuts

Concerning the SRN, Elizabeth queried the progress of her role on LARC working group on Digital Literacy. Alice noted that LARC had met, but didn’t decide whether the working group was remaining.

The OB’s spoke to Collectives. Emma and Annette asked about engagement; OB’s noted between 10 to 15 people “rotating” throughout the duration of collective (compared to Womens’, which has 20 million people).

Emma and Toby discussed strategies for boosting collectives, through free food or events, and Conor and Emma discussed weekly Ed emails and promoting collective through UMSU’s weekly email. Emma also noted concern about problems with the design of the website being much of the problem, which Alice noted as unfortunately a problem with Communications.

The OB’s noted that Weekly Stalls were held at Burnley to coincide with that campaign.

Toby noted that there had been no update on the Fol lodged. He noted that staff cards were supposed to cost \$20, but he had had his replaced for free. Elizabeth queried whether, given the University’s funding freezes, we should be campaigning against other means of funding. Toby noted the extent of the burden on students of these fees (representing in some cases about 20% of weekly youth allowance). Emma spoke to the fees and a source of great stress to students, when already stressed through losing their wallet, for example.

ON the NDA BBQ, the OB's noted good engagement, with lots of spare snags in the deep freezer. Annette asked about what the translation there was between BBQ attendants and people going to the NDA itself. The OB's noted that they didn't make specific record, but Conor estimated from conversations about 10 or so people.

The OB's spoke to Rad Ed week, namely Alice on her presentation (noting about 7 attendants). Emma asked why Environment ran it, rather than Education. Alice stated it was simply a matter of history, and because the topic was corporatisation of university and broader activist issues, and simply had more historical connection with the Environment department.

Bury the Bill was discussed. Alice noted that, at time of Committee, it had passed the lower house, but was not reached in Senate due to discussion of tax cuts. Instead, it will turn up in the budget.

Alice spoke to Academic Integrity Working Group, a working group established to keep students quiet about Cadmus (that is failing at this). Alice noted that Semester 2 trials are planned, so the Department's intention is to build the campaign up for Semester 2, with a broader focus rather than simply targeted Dick James.

Elizabeth noted that she doesn't support Cadmus, but that any trials should be "blind" (that is, students don't know what they're using). Alice noted that previous trials entailed people from the program coming and explaining it to the program, although some trials (as Emma noted) could or have been conducted in the fashion Elizabeth suggested. Alice noted the function of trials was not related to student engagement, but rather that the University buys fake exams with the intention of identifying "flags" accurately. Alice noted that the previous trials showed serious problems with Cadmus flagging the "bought" essays appropriately, and Toby noted there's no information on how many "false flags" (legitimate essays wrongly flagged) the program generated.

Emma asked whether students could opt out. Alice said they won't, it will be run throughout semester on assessments, with some opt-outs for accessibility requirements.

Dom inquired whether another Fol would be appropriate; OB's parked this idea, since this depends on what the University does with the data.

3.2. Public Affairs

Conor spoke to the report in Appendix B – 3.2 Education Public Report.

On the situation with the NTEU, Conor updated committee on the present state of bargaining, the key issues (split agreements reflecting different awards, removing the clause on academic freedom to policy, removing the quota for ATSI workers, etc), and the University's challenge to the NTEU's protected action ballot (also explaining the process of "getting it up").

Conor stated the Department's role should be to help the Get Out the Vote campaign, and explaining to students why the Union was taking action.

The Committee asked to be kept posted. Elizabeth asked about the implications of splitting agreements. Conor stated that it would result in staff being treated in "two classes", which would affect students detrimentally. Toby also noted that Enterprise Bargaining was premised on the workers (as a whole) negotiating with management, rather than in "sections", and noted that the approach consolidates the Business Improvement Program (the implications of which are still being felt in Burnley). Conor also noted changes such as increments changes and more individual contract agreements.

The OB's restated that the Department's role will be to tell students about the strike and direct action to management. Alice noted the example of UK universities using lecture recordings to break strikes there.

Motion 4: That the Office Bearer reports be accepted en bloc.

M: Chair

CWD.

Annette brought up several questions respecting the budget, concerning food for the SRN governance changing, stickers, and some other items subject to motions which were not reflected in expenditure. Alice noted most were issues with finances at payment side. Others, such as Facebook advertising, were either yet to be reimbursed or not yet paid. There were other things that were noted but not coming out of Educations budget, but rather whole of Union budget. Annette also raised other foreshadowed expenditure not yet subject to Committee discussion, such as Women in Higher Ed week, and Stress Less week. Alice and Toby spoke to the dates of these. Otherwise, it was noted that we had spent about \$10,000, approx. 1/3 of our total budget. Alice noted that the “back half” of semester was typically much cheaper, with O-Week done and Winterfest duplicating Summerfest expenditure.

4. Motions on notice

4.1. Food for Syndicate Launch

Description in Agenda

This was a motion on notice from last meeting, which the committee did not vote on.

We decided it was a good idea to have the Syndicate Launch as a catered event. As such, we spent \$200 on pizzas that were eaten by attendees.

Discussion

Conor noted that he had underbudgeted for this event, which cost in total roughly \$800.

Motion 5: That \$100 be passed from Campaigns, Special Projects & Events (“CSP&E”) line to pay for the pizzas for Syndicate.

M: Elizabeth

S: Dominic

Carried (Annette abstaining).

4.2. Additional money for drinks for Syndicate launch

Description in Agenda

Due to greater than expected attendance for the Syndicate Launch (a good thing), we allowed the bar tab to run to \$600, rather than \$500 as budgeted. So we need to pass \$100 to cover the difference.

Discussion

Committee questioned Conor whether his description of \$200 was total, or additional, given the motion was for only \$100. Conor checked receipts, and realised an additional \$100 was required to cover expenditure.

Committee discussed how to reconcile this given it had passed Motion 5 which was now inadequate.

Instead of moving an amendment, Committee resolved to consider a motion not on notice in the appropriate section respecting \$100 needed, not covered by Motion 5.

Committee further noted difficulties with underbudgeting and overspending, and particularly the practice of OB’s incurring expenditure on their own account. Conor spoke to the success of the motion, with 30-40 attendees at any one time, at some points reaching 80 people.

Toby did not speak to his seconding.

Motion 6: That \$100 be moved from the CSP&E to pay for the additional costs of drinks for attendees of the Syndicate Launch.

M: Conor Clements

S: Toby Silcock

CWD.

4.3. Flyers and posters advertising Syndicate

Description in Agenda

This was a motion on notice from last meeting, which the committee did not vote on.

We have been advertising Syndicate's events through the use of flyers, which have been distributed at stalls, through lecture bashes and the bags we had at the launch, as well as through posters. The flyers are professionally printed and contain information about the collective itself. Artwork is by Hayley Edwards.

700 flyers were printed, as well as 6 A2 posters used at the launch event.

Discussion

Conor noted that this was a motion on notice from a previous meeting, that the Committee didn't vote on. Conor spoke to it as promotion for Syndicate event 1.

Annette asked why this was not coming from the Printing budget line, which Conor agreed would be appropriate.

Accordingly, the motion on notice was reflected to move \$350 from the Printing budget line.

Motion 7: That up to \$350 be passed from the Printing budget line to pay for flyers and posters printed for Syndicate advertising.

M: Conor Clements

S: Toby Silcock

Carried (Emma abstaining).

4.4. Stickers and concertinas for Syndicate launch

Description in Agenda

As a souvenir for attendees of the Syndicate launch, we purchased materials from Sam Wallman. These were stickers and concertinas, which will be shown to members of this committee.

There were 60 such materials purchased. The bags were repurposed from the Ed stall during Summerfest.

Discussion

Conor addressed what these were, namely to be packed into the tote bags for students, based on a workplace theme. Conor brought these to Committee, who were suitably impressed by them. Conor indicated that leftovers will be re-used for Winterfest, through the duration of our term.

Toby did not speak to his seconding.

Motion 8: That up to \$110 be passed from the CSP&E budget line to pay for stickers and concertinas used in the bags at the Syndicate Launch.

M: Conor Clements

S: Toby Silcock

CWD.

4.5. Megaphones

Description in Agenda

As an Education Department, part of what we do is protest. To do this, we need megaphones to be heard. Simple!

The proposal is to purchase two megaphones for the department, in addition to the one we already have. Despite protests being a significant part of what we do, one is

manifestly insufficient for speak outs, protests, and other actions, where we have three OB's but only one megaphone.

They would be assets the department could use for years into the future at various events where speakers need to be heard but it's too loud for them to be heard without a megaphone.

Discussion

Alice stated that, although the Department had a megaphone, it needed more should some go missing (as our present one had), it could be borrowed by other Departments, and would be an asset for the Department.

Emma noted that her preliminary inquiry suggested \$300 would be excessive for a megaphone. Toby noted that some more accessible megaphones may be more expensive.

Committee was not comfortable with passing the stated amount.

Instead of declining the motion or lowering the amount passed, instead Committee agreed to defer the motion until a quote was received.

Motion 9: That \$300 be passed from the CSP&E line to pay for two megaphones.

M: Alice Smith

S: Toby Silcock

Motion withdrawn.

4.6. Money for a Freedom of Information request

Description in Agenda

On Thursday 15th March, Toby lodged an FoI request to the University respecting the cost to the University of various student fees (see Education Academic's report at 3.1). The University charges a fee of \$28.40 for every FoI request.

Toby paid this at the time of lodging so things would be set in motion as quickly as possible. This motion therefore authorises reimbursement of amounts already paid.

Discussion

Toby noted that, although originally \$28.40 was requested to be passed, he requested (on amended agendas) that \$300 be passed, because the University can charge additional amounts reflecting the labour and printing costs of producing the requested documents. Toby stated that he had chosen this figure as a balance between an amount to cover unforeseen extra costs, and a "cap" on a figure acceptable before Committee should be consulted further on whether the University was proposing to charge exorbitant fees for accessing documents.

Committee was, however, not happy with passing the larger amount without consultation, and since the amount the University could charge was necessarily uncertain (since we didn't know what documents would be uncovered, and how much they would cost to access), instead Committee resolved to consider the original motion, for \$28.40 respecting the application costs.

The mover was content with this amendment. The seconder did not speak.

There was no more discussion on the amended form.

Motion 10: As amended, that \$28.40 be passed from the CSP&E budget line to pay for the fee of lodging the FoI referred to in the Education Academic report at 3.1.

M: Toby Silcock

S: Conor Clements

CWD.

4.7. Car hire for Burnley stall

Description in Agenda

Last Friday 23rd March, Conor, Toby, and Desiree (the President) set up a stall at Burnley campus to build opposition to the library cuts at that campus (see the relevant reports). Since we had to take a marquee and materials down to Burnley, and since none of us had personal access to a car for that day, Toby rented a car for the day from GreenShareCar, charged at approx. \$7/hour. It was a small car, but it did the job.

In future, we understand that Comms or AV may have a subscription to GoGet that we may be able to piggy-back off, but since we thought we would have access to a car in advance, we didn't organise this. The OB's wish to do more at Burnley campus, and other satellite campuses, this year, so this excursion proved a "test run" of how to run "Education Weekly Stall Road Trips".

Accordingly, we are requesting reimbursement for the cost of car hire, which at the moment was only billed at approximately \$48, but may increase slightly to account for extra kilometres driven that haven't been charged yet.

Discussion

This motion as on notice requested \$70 be passed. The OB's referred to their discussion of the Burnley campaign, and the need to hire a car given their lack of access to other ways to transport the marquee and materials to Burnley.

When Emma queried what was meant by this being a "test" of organising such trips. The OB's spoke to this being one way of doing Departmental "road trips" to other campuses which the Union has historically been poor at engaging – that were charged the same fees but received less services. This is particularly so for OB's that don't have their own car, or access to one. Toby noted that it was good to get OB's physically to view the campuses, since it was clear the University was implementing cuts without understanding the students' communities. Committee was generally sympathetic to this.

Committee queried whether unexpected extra costs, such as kilometres or tolls, were finalised. Toby stated it appeared they had been, so calculated on the spot the actual amounts for which he was liable as \$50.82.

Dominic moved a procedural motion.

Motion 11: That the Committee move straight to a vote on the motion as amended.

M: Dominic

S: ???

CWD

Motion 12: As amended, that up to \$50.82 be moved from the CSP&E budget line to pay for the costs respecting car hire on 23rd March.

M: Toby Silcock

S: Conor Clements

CWD

5. Motions not on notice

5.1. Pass extra money

This motion arose because Motion 6 above was insufficient by \$100 to cover the actual expenditure to which it relates (incurred by Conor).

Motion 13: That \$100 be moved (in addition to that moved by motion 6 of this meeting) from the CSP&E budget line to pay for the additional costs of drinks for attendees of the Syndicate Launch.

M: Conor Clements

S: Dominic

Carried (Annette abstaining)

6. Other business

6.1. Expenditure to date

This amount was not further addressed as it was discussed above.

6.2. NUS Education Conference Grants

Description in Agenda

OB's will soon be opening application for NUS Education Conference ("EdCon") grants. These will be moved from the Grants budget line, surprisingly.

We will be giving priority to first-time attendees and those in financial need. Grants will be brought to this Committee for approval. This is so applicants can have certainty in planning their trips to EdCon, and avoid adopting a system of retrospective grants

Discussion

Alice reiterated the motion as described in the (unamended) Agenda.

Elizabeth raised the question what procedures would be followed if Committee members themselves wished to apply for a Grant (which was noted as highly likely, given it is an Education Conference). Alice and Toby noted that it would have to be checked with the President and General Secretary what procedures would apply, for example what Committee can do to exclude persons with conflicts of interest, and particularly what would happen if Committee members' failure to participate because of conflict of interest whether what would happen if the meeting became inquorate.

Alice stated that there would be a process, possibly a panel.

Otherwise, Alice confirmed the intention of the OB's that grants were to be done so far as possible to be prospective and minimise students' upfront costs (for example, by buying flights directly).

6.3. Survey Incentives and Advertising

Committee discussed the appropriateness of incentivising the survey. Discussion was that the incentive would clearly have to be big enough to motivate, but not an excessive burden on the budget – for example, a \$300 prize.

No decision was reached.

No objections were raised to consider a motion not on notice.

Motion 14: [Not on notice] That up to \$100 be passed from CPSE for advertising for the Stop1 survey?

M: Chair

CWD.

7. Next meeting

7.1. Future Meetings

Committee noted it had schedule its next meeting (5(18)) on ANZAC day. Rather than amend the schedule, the OB's stated their intention to call an unscheduled meeting, and allow the Schedule meeting to lapse.

8. Close Meeting

Meeting closed at 4:20pm.

Appendix A – 3.1 Education Academic Report

Note – this report was prepared to be sent out on Thursday 29th March to comply with notice requirements arising from the fact that days during mid-semester break do not constitute “academic days”. Work done during the mid-semester break will be reflected in the next report.

Just a fortnight. A productive fortnight. Lightly spiced with dried Burnley, a generous dollop of NDA, served on a soft bed of Stop1. Served with a side of gently cooked GSA. Delicious!

Stop 1 and Academic Services

The tentative name for our Stop1 campaign is currently "Stop1, Students 0". We've been having meetings with Advocacy and other stakeholders about what we do with the data, and how we turn the data into a final report with specific options for making Stop1 functional again (note – the campaign slogan is *not* "Make Stop1 Great Again", it was never great).

We have finished the first draft of our survey. By the time of Council, this should be with Comms, without unforeseen complications.

Meeting on LMS

Last week, we met with the people planning the redesign of LMS. The current version of the software, Blackboard, is being phased out, so the University is planning an extensive ground-up redesign of the product. They are consulting with students as part of it, so that's nice.

As we understand it, they are finishing the design of a survey to be rolled out, to get data on essential and non-essential services. We also had a chance to highlight key issues for students, and well as to explain what our function is, and give suggestions on better engagement besides simply a survey (such as focus groups, engagement with the SRN, faculty committees, or faculty clubs, as well as other UMSU departments). But there will be a survey, and we will promote it if it appears well-designed.

Burnley

Toby went down with Conor on Friday 23rd March to run a stall and build opposition to the library cuts. We had excellent conversations with students, handed out flyers, and got a decent number of students to sign the online petition. It was also a good chance for us to meet both James and other members of the BSA.

At time of writing (literally), EdAc and EdPub (and Ash from Media) are heading to Burnley once more to a meeting with staff and students about campaign planning and next steps. It's a bit early to tell how things will be going with the cuts and with Burnley generally, but at this stage it's as much about building engagement and opposition, and then channelling that into an effective response, and indeed better cross-campus engagement in the future. Most students and staff that have been at Burnley for decades have been talking about consistent white-anting of the campus, so it appears at this stage that the Uni has quite a bit of trust to repair.

UPDATE – At the time of writing, the outcome of the meeting is that library staff are not content with the cuts to staffing but appear to have little power. We aim to bring this matter up in question-time as a question not on notice to Paul Duldig, head of University Services. Updates will be provided for next Council.

SRN

No significant meetings have occurred thus far.

We've received reports on the BA course review, which make for interesting reading. We have also received reports from Arts Board, of which the most interesting thing is the allocation of surpluses from increased international enrolments, primarily into Media Comms.

Aside from that, the next meeting of the SRN will be held in about 3 weeks from today, so Toby has asked for any availability updates. It will most likely be called around the same time as this Committee.

Lecture Recordings

The report form has some of the best reach of any UMSU Education Facebook Post. The overwhelming majority of this has been organic reach (that is, not sponsored). We have received enough to start contacting academics, but not quite enough systematically to target Associate Deans at this point.

Collective

We had our third Collective on Tuesday 27th March. Attendance was better, not spectacular, but strong, with some students coming along who'd never engaged with the department before. Promotion will be more aggressive for next Collective, since they're a fantastic way to get feedback on our department's activities, and we want more attendance. Come along ☺

Weekly Stall

Both Week 4 weekly stall was held at Burnley (see Key Activity 3) on the Friday (since Wednesday 21st was the National Day of Action, see Key Activity 9). In lieu of our Week 5 weekly stall, we attended a meeting at Burnley on the library cuts, getting feedback from students and preparing

Punitive Student Fees

There have been no updates on this so far, except more information has come to light that, instead of \$20 as possibly indicated, staff cards may in fact be free. This is obviously just good info to have. We shouldn't be paying a cent, should we...

NDA BBQ

This happened. It was good. It was a bit unclear at the beginning that our BBQ was free, but once kids made the connection we got decent traction. We have sausages left for next NDA.

We also attended the NDA itself. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring people new to protests, and to reconnect with people from other campuses. It was also a fantastic opportunity to march in opposition to the government's cuts to education down the streets of Melbourne, and bring public attention to students' consistent and vocal opposition to generational attacks.

Rad Ed Week

Rad Ed week is ongoing at time of writing, but EdAc's presentation on Data Retention was generally successful. A bit early in the morning, but we had a good discussion nonetheless on some of the most cooked things the Uni is doing with our data, and general ways we can start building opposition to them as a Union. The other events have also been excellent.

Rad Ed tent has also been a good opportunity to petition on Bury the Bill. And on that...

Bury the Bill

On Friday 23rd in the evening, we heard that the Higher Ed bill, which will basically fuck students over on debt repayments and fee caps, might be debated and voted on Wednesday or Thursday the 28th/29th respectively.

We held two snap stalls to get petitions on NUS' Bury the Bill campaign. The stalls were generally successful, although signing petitions against higher ed cuts is always difficult since students automatically tune them out. That said, we got almost 100 extra signatures at time of writing, which will be passed to NUS. Hopefully the Bill will be voted down, but no information at this stage.

Academic Integrity

Alice and Des had their first meeting of the Academic Integrity Working Group. We found out there will be Cadmus trials in Semester 2 so we will be ramping up that campaign in the back end of Semester 1. Richard James also indicated that the University is considering making academic integrity modules to be completed by all students to make expectations clear.

OB Lyf

The fridge is proving useful in colder climes, since it warms the room, and cools our food (both useful).

Diet Vanilla Coke can now be purchased in the food court, instead of in the problematic vending machines. And it's 50c cheaper! What a time to be alive.

Appendix B – 3.2 Education Public Report

Note – this report was prepared to be sent out on Thursday 29th March to comply with notice requirements. This is because mid-semester break does not constitute “academic days”. Work done during the mid-semester break will be reflected in the next report.

Burnley library campaign

If you haven't heard, the university are trying to cut the hours of staff at the Burnley campus' library to four hours a day for three days a week, and five hours a day for the other two days a week. The Education department have been supporting James (Burnley campus representative) in their efforts to stop this from occurring. At this stage, the university have indicated that they intend to increase the actual opening hours of the library but keep the reduction in staff time, which obviously is still a loss for Burnley students as they have specialist needs for accessing collections which are not available at other university libraries. There is also a strong feeling among students at Burnley that they are not receiving access to even the most basic services that Parkville students take for granted.

There was a meeting at the Burnley campus on Wednesday the 28th of March which featured staff from university libraries explaining the changes. The university staff did not seem at all satisfied with the results of University Services' decision, especially since much of it stemmed from the decision to place a 1.5% “efficiency dividend” (read: 1.5% annual reduction in staff) on employees of university libraries.

I've also aided Burnley students in putting together a survey to be distributed to those at the campus, the data from which will be presented to Academic Board, along with some pointed questions directed at the head of University Services, Paul Duldig. Hopefully this will pressure the university to reconsider its position, although the problem of the efficiency dividend still remains.

At this stage, we have a petition running which at the time of writing has garnered over 320 signatures. This petition has been marketed throughout the Burnley campus with the aid of materials from Comms.

So far, Education have been to Burnley twice, and students there are extremely concerned about these changes, which they see as a continuation of defunding of services that has been seen (and unfortunately not responded to by UMSU in previous years) over the past few years.

National Day of Action

The National Day of Action (organised by the National Union of Students) took place on Wednesday the 21st of March. We held a speak out from 12:30 in South Court encouraging students to join our contingent to meet at the State Library. The Education Academic officers were kind enough to run a barbecue for us, which convinced at least a couple of students to stick around.

Melbourne University had by far the largest contingent of students at the rally. It was unfortunate to see that other campuses did not bring more students with them; this would perhaps be aided with better communication between campuses, ideally through a forum such as a Victorian Education Action Network meeting organised by the NUS Education officer.

Syndicate

We have created a google form that will be distributed soon throughout Union House that will hopefully see us gaining a better idea of working conditions within the businesses in operation there. The information will be used to gain an idea of who may be able to organise in some of the businesses within Union House.

Of note, Young Workers' Centre are having their annual Young Workers Conference on Friday the 13th of April. I would encourage all office bearers and councillors to register.

Palm Sunday march for Refugees

There was a great turnout of UMSU people present at the Palm Sunday march. The rally itself, which takes place annually, saw an estimated turnout of around 5000 people. It was heartwarming to see so many people who cared about the issues of mandatory detention of asylum seekers on Manus Island and Nauru, and this has caused me to begin plans to communicate with the university to create a scholarship for refugee students. If anyone would wish to aid me in this process, let me know!

Appendix C – Future Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
5(18)	25 th April	2:30 pm	OB Space, Union House
6(18)	8 th May	2:00 pm	OB Space, Union House
7(18)	23 rd May	2:30 pm	OB Space, Union House

Appendix D – Motions Passed

Motion #	Motion	Mover	Seconded	Result
1	That Alice Smith be elected chair.	Alice Smith	Elizabeth Tembo	CWD
2	That this Agenda be adopted as presented amended as per discussion.	Chair		CWD
3	That the minutes circulated with this Agenda be acknowledged as being a true and accurate representation of the events of Education Committee 3(18).	Chair		Carried (Dominic abstaining)
4	That the Office Bearer reports be accepted en bloc.	Chair		CWD
5	That \$100 be passed from Campaigns, Special Projects & Events ("CSP&E") line to pay for the pizzas for Syndicate.	Elizabeth Tembo	Dominic Ilagan	Carried (Annette abstaining).
6	That \$100 be moved from the CSP&E to pay for the additional costs of drinks for attendees of the Syndicate Launch.	Conor Clements	Toby Silcock	CWD
7	That up to \$350 be passed from the Printing budget line to pay for flyers and posters printed for Syndicate advertising.	Conor Clements	Toby Silcock	Carried (Emma abstaining)
8	That up to \$110 be passed from the CSP&E budget line to pay for stickers and concertinas used in the bags at the Syndicate Launch.	Conor Clements	Toby Silcock	CWD
9	That \$300 be passed from the CSP&E line to pay for two megaphones.	Alice Smith	Toby Silcock	Motion withdrawn
10	As amended, that \$28.40 be passed from the CSP&E budget line to pay for the fee of lodging the FoI referred to in the Education Academic report at 3.1.	Toby Silcock	Conor Clements	CWD
11	That the Committee move straight to a vote on the motion as amended.	Dominic Ilagan	???	CWD
12	As amended, that up to \$50.82 be moved from the CSP&E budget line to pay for the costs respecting car hire on 23 rd March.	Conor Clements	Toby Silcock	CWD
13	That \$100 be moved (in addition to that moved by motion 6 of this meeting) from the CSP&E budget line to pay for the additional costs of drinks for attendees of the Syndicate Launch.	Conor Clements	Dominic Ilagan	Carried (Annette abstaining)
14	[Not on notice] That up to \$100 be passed from CPSE for advertising for the Stop1 survey?	Chair		CWD

