

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Disabilities Committee

Agenda

8th May 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. OB Reports

Key Activities

We've contacted the Effective Altruism Club in response to their email regarding Peter Singer, with the following response:

“Thank you for reaching out to us about this issue. The Disabilities Department strongly condemns Peter Singer’s message for two reasons: one, he conflates disability (particularly intellectual disability) with a lack of agency/humanity, and two, he conflates complex histories of racism and slavery with the treatment of animals in the meat industry. While we understand that philosophy involves exploring ideas and that not all questions raised are reflective of the ultimate conclusion, having studied his work we do not feel that his philosophy reflects an understanding of disabled people’s humanity, or the humanity of people of colour, in a way that is at best easily misconstrued and at worst highly damaging to these communities.

We do not approve of giving Peter Singer a platform without due examination and a critical eye towards his ideas. Our experience with his talks at this university has not done that.”

Progress on assigned actions from last report

We’ve organised coms promotion for all of our upcoming events and made facebook events for the ones that are coming up in the next month. We’ve also reached out to Autism Self Advocacy Australia to inquire about potential speakers for our event ‘Autism and Relationships’ but are yet to receive a response. Further updates have also been made to our website under the ‘Mental Health Resources’ section for people experiencing Psychosis.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	21/12/2017	Catering for Disability Collective and ASG	Up to \$50 a week each	Collective	Spend \$98.50 on catering (\$50 each event) on mixed rice paper rolls from chill out for ASG and pizza (\$48.50) for DC
1	21/12/2017	Catering for Disability Collective and ASG	Up to \$50 a week each	Collective	

6. Other Reports

7. Motions on Notice

8. Motions Without Notice

9. Other Business

9.1 Disability Pride

Note that the next committee meeting will take place on the same day as the Disability Pride event, which runs from 12pm-1pm.

9.2 Sharing with friends

reminder to committee members that the best way to spread awareness for events, as brought up by Ankita in a previous meeting, is to like and get at least five of your friends to like it. This is often awkward and there’s no pressure to do so if you find it uncomfortable! However, if you don’t mind/know friends who would be interested in something sharing with them is a huge help to our department.

9.3 Building Disability Collective

From discussions with other/former OB’s, we’ve learned (anecdotally) that collectives generally tend to grow best by getting a core group of people involved every week and growing from there. While it would be best to see our committee members attending we understand that it’s not always possible! We’re doing our best to get people interested from the ground up and any help in encouraging others to attend, coming up with themes, and setting up, is much appreciated.

10. Next Meeting

22nd May 2pm, OB space.

11. Close