

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Disabilities Committee

Agenda

24th April 2pm

Meeting 7(18)

Location: OB Space

Meeting Opened 2:03

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 Election of Chair
Elect Jacinta as chair
motion: Jacinta
second: Dannielle
in favour: all
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
Acknowledged.
- 1.3 Attendance
Dannielle Thorman, Ankita Prajatan, Lucy Birchl, Russell Wong, Bridie
Cohrane-Holley, Hien Nguyen, Jacinta Dowe.
- 1.4 Apologies
None.
- 1.5 Proxies
none.
- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda
Motion: Jacinta
Second: Ankita
In favour: all

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: Jacinta
Second: Dannielle
in favour: All

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. OB Reports

We are currently in the process of beginning a campaign for greater CAPS funding through collaboration with UMSU's President and Welfare Department. We've had a meeting with Advocacy to discuss best strategy and Hien and I have organised for a Skype meeting with the NUS Disabilities OB to talk about the national campaign and how we can fit into it.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

All of our jobs have been submitted to comms for upcoming events.

Budget Expenditure

none.

6. Other Reports

7. Motions on Notice

7.1 Disability Pride

We want to run a big event on Disability Pride, following on from the small discussion circle we ran during Rad Ed Week and leading into a full campaign. This will happen in late May, and we are booking Jax Jacki Brown to run the event. Her fees for an hour event are \$600, and we estimate that catering and promotion will be up to \$250.

Motion: to pass up to \$850 from budget line ‘Special Projects and Events’ for Disability Pride event.

Motion: Jacinta
second: Dannielle

In favour: all

8. Motions Without Notice

9. Other Business

9.1 Effective Altruism Club

The Effective Altruism Club has contacted us about their upcoming event with guest speaker Peter Singer. They have said that they understand that he is a controversial figure in the Disabled community, and ask us if we have any requests or concerns for them.

Hien and I are against giving Singer a platform at the university because he has a reductive philosophy that compares vulnerable groups of people to animals in captivity. This is intended to encourage empathy for animals but often reveals a deep ignorance surrounding self-determination in activism and the history of abolitionism.

Dannielle brought up the confronting attitude of PS’s activism. Ankita said she supported our decision. Dannielle said we should just say that we disapproved. Jacinta mentioned talking to C&S.

10. Next Meeting

8th May 2pm, OB space.

11. Closed at 2:15pm