

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Disabilities Committee

Agenda

31st August 5pm

Meeting 10(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 have organized to attend the National Disabilities Conference. We passed the money for a grant so that we could attend through Op Sub. This is the motion that was passed:

“The National Union of Students (NUS) Disability and Accessibility Conference will be held at Monash University (Clayton) over the weekend of 28th to 30th September 2018. Considering the current political climate where disabilities rights have been constantly under attack due to budget cuts and slashing support services, it is important that students with disabilities come together to organise and advocate for ourselves.

As UMSU Disabilities OBs, we (Hien Nguyen and Jacinta Dowe) would like to go to the conference to represent the population of students with disabilities at the University of Melbourne which include both of us. However we are both unable to go without financial assistance. The costs for attending the conference are:

With Accommodation: \$76-167

We need to get accommodations for Friday and Saturday nights because 1) the conference starts at 9 AM on Saturday and 2) traveling to Monash Clayton campus

using public transport during weekend takes up to 2 hours and 7 minutes from Hien’s place, and up to 2 hours and 16 minutes from Jacinta’s place.

We understand that the official UMSU Student Travel and Conference Attendance policy states that “accommodation subsidies for a travel event or conference entirely held in metropolitan Melbourne with activity (formal or informal) occurring entirely within business hours, unless that is part of a set conference registration fee.” are non-allowable expenses.

However 1) the conference is outside of the 9-5 Monday-Friday business hours and 2) our disabilities make it very difficult to use public transport before 11 AM and for long distance, so we want to keep the number of trips taken to a minimum and travel to Monash Clayton campus on Friday night instead of Saturday morning, and stay in Clayton for Saturday night instead of travelling home and travelling back on Sunday morning.

We will each provide a report on the conference for the Disabilities Committee within one month after the conference ends.

Motion: To pass up to \$246 from the Disabilities Department’s budget line ‘Grants’ for Hien Nguyen and Jacinta Dowe to attend the NUS Disability and Accessibility Conference (2 tickets including accommodations for 2 nights).”

- We are communicating with CAPS and SEDS to improve services to students.
- We are organizing to run events for invisible illness week.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- AUSLAN classes are now running, with both Level 1 & 2 classes reaching full registration.
- We ran Sex and Disabilities in Week 4 and #SuckItAbleism in Week 5.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	21/12/2017	Catering for Disability Collective	Up to \$50 a week	Collective	
1	21/12/2017	Catering for Anxiety Support Group	Up to \$50 a week	Collective	
9	10/08/2018	Catering and AV for Sex and Disabilities	Up to \$300	Special Projects and Events	

6. Other Reports

7. Motions on Notice

8. Motions Without Notice

9. Other Business

9.1 Campaign Week

Due to the need for OB's to take leave in order to campaign, Hien and I will both be absent from our positions during campaign week (3rd – 7th September). Events and Collectives will not be running during this period.

9.2 Invisible Illness Week

We will be running events for Invisible Illness Week. We are planning on contacting the Chronic Illness Alliance to send speakers. Recent presentations they have done include topics like:

- 'Working Together to Improve Health Outcomes of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the Community" with speeches by Sahema Saberi on 'Understanding of mental health in young Hazara refugees and asylum seekers in the south east of Melbourne', and Amelia Tauoqooqo on 'Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees in community health.'

- "Changes in Regulations for Opioids: Helping People with Chronic and Persistent Pain" by Julius Ting, Marina Hanna, and Lea Kewish

- "the Value of the Basic Income Guarantee for health and welfare" by Tim Woodruff.

We would be interested to hear what our committee thinks of these potential topics, and if they have any other ideas for presentations.

10. Next Meeting

21st September, 5pm, OB space.

11. Close