

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Disabilities Committee

Agenda

10th August 5pm

Meeting 9(18)

Location: OB Space

Meeting opened at 5:29pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Hien nominates themselves as chair.

seconded:

all in favour

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Done by chair

1.3 Attendance

Office Bearers:

Hien Nguyen

Jacinta Dowe

Committee Members:

Russell Wong

Dannielle Thorman

Bridie Cochrane-Holley

Lucy Birch

Interested student:

Michael Te

1.4 Apologies

None

1.5 Proxies

none

1.6 Membership

No changes to membership.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Hien

Seconded: Russell

all in favour

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Hien moves to confirm previous minutes, all in favour.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. OB Reports

Key Activities

We have organised a presentation for Enviro Week on Ableism in environmental activist circles. This presentation will go for one hour and focus on the recent straw ban controversy as a microcosm for broader attitudes towards disability among environmentalist discourse and culture at large.

We ran a knitting workshop with Creative Arts Department for Winter Fest as a way of creating a calm area where people could sit and relax for a while away from the crowds. We decided against having a stall as this proved an ineffective way of reaching people during O Week, whereas being available at one event and in our office during that period meant that students looking to engage with us felt more comfortable doing so. The Queer and Enviro OB's both handed out flyers and bookmarks for us on their stalls so our presence was still there.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

The CAPS photoshoot went well + generated a lot of pictures. We have also collected a lot of useful information/comments on the survey which should greatly benefit the campaign.

We have organised for AUSLAN classes (Level 1 & 2) to commence in Week 5 with registration capped at 20 people. The quote given for these classes is significantly larger than the amount we passed based on previous years of running the classes (see motion 1.1)

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	
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6. Other Reports

None.

7. Motions on Notice

7.1 AUSLAN Classes

We have been given a quote of \$5,423 as the total sum for both courses. We passed \$2400 for AUSLAN classes at the start of the year, based on previous department budgets.

Motion: to pass a further \$3023 from budget line “Special Projects and Events” to make up the costs.

Discussion:

Russell requested to know why this costing has gone up. Hien replied that their prices just seem to have gone up since last year, we have no way of knowing why.

Moved: Russell

Seconded: Dannielle

all in favour

7.2 Sex and Disability

For the Sex and Disability Workshop, Women’s Department will be covering speaker fees and we will be covering the rest. We need \$100 passed for catering and \$50 passed for AV equipment

Motion: to pass up to \$150 from budget line “Special Projects and Events” for Sex and Disabilities Workshop

Hien: moved

Russell: seconded

All in favour

7.3 Orientation Expenses

Now that both Summer and Winterfest are over, we are able to move the remaining money from budget line Orientation Expenses (roughly \$4773.48) into Special Projects and Events (currently at \$7115.64), which will bring this budget line up to roughly \$11888.12).

Moved: Hien

seconded: Russell

all in favour

8. Motions Without Notice

8.1 Sex and Disability Amendment

After receiving the quote from AV for our Sex and Disabilities workshop, it was significantly higher than expected from previous quotes. This is due to the room not having a whiteboard available, and so we need to additionally hire a stand and AV Melbourne staff to set up the equipment.

Motion: to pass an additional \$150 dollars for the AV expenses, to cover the quote of \$165

Discussion: hire a better room in future (when possible).

Moved: Hien
Seconded: Danielle
all in favour

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

24th August, 5pm, OB space.

11. Closed at 5:40pm