

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Disabilities Committee**

**Agenda**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 5pm**

**Meeting 11(18)**

**Location: OB Space**

**Meeting opened: 5:19**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1 Election of Chair

Hien moves to elect self as chair. Dannielle seconds, all in favour.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Acknowledged by chair.

1.3 Attendance

Hien Nguyen  
Jacinta Dowe  
Bride Cochrane-Holley  
Dannielle Thorman  
Russell Wong

1.4 Apologies

None.

1.5 Proxies

None.

1.6 Membership

No changes.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Hien moves to adopt the agenda. All in favour.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Hien moves, all in favour.

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**4. Correspondence**

None.

**5. Ob Report**

**Key Activities**

Kayla (NUS Disabilities Delegate) came to campus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, to run a stall for Spoons Week. We also ran a screening of Defiant Lives in the Rowden White Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

There was a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September on Mental Health Outreach with members of staff from various departments, including reps from GSA and Disabilities, and academic staff. Each person gave a brief presentation on work they have been doing to increase the support given to students surrounding mental health. Key topics raised were increased training for tutors in mental health awareness and support and running events on mental health awareness and mindfulness for students.

As said at the previous meeting, we are organising events for Invisible Illness Week (15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>). 1 event has been confirmed with Marijo Pozega, who has lived experience of invisible illness and presents a radio show on 3CR about chronic illness.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

We attended the NUS Disabilities Conference, where we ran an hour workshop on Disability Pride from a Non-Capitalist Perspective. We were also asked to sit on a panel during the conference, which we agreed to do. The panel was later cancelled. We will each be writing a report on the conference for the committee, to be sent out with the agenda for next meeting.

**Budget Expenditure**

<b>6. Meeting Number</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount Passed</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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	

No discussion.

**7. Other Reports**

**8. Motions on Notice**

8.1 Anxiety Support Group Facilitator Training.

ADAVic is running their next facilitator training session on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. We would like to send up to two students from Parkville and two from VCA to train for next years' anxiety support group. The cost of training for each student is \$65. If you or anyone you know is interested, let us know.

Motion: To pass up to \$300 for ASG facilitator training.

Discussion:

Russell asks if by “Anxiety Support Group Facilitator Training” the motion refers to the training run by ADAVIC.

Hien confirms this is the case.

Russell requests that the OB’s look into other facilitator courses that will give certificates, since the ADAVIC course does not, citing his concern that without a certificate the facilitators are not covered for events like harassment claims.

Hien says that ASG is not a professional event so doesn’t involve the same level of liability. The office bearers are happy to look, however, if the collective wants that to happen.

Bridie asks for the office bearers can have a look around.

Russell reiterated that it would cover facilitators in cases of harassment allegations (for example).

Bridie says that it would provide the facilitators with broader training for more complex/difficult situations they might encounter.

Hien raises the issue that to give certified training would change the nature of anxiety support group, and that no certification will be relevant in a harassment suit.

Russell clarifies that he meant it would protect the department from liability.

Hien reiterates that it will change the nature of anxiety support group.

Bridie asks for clarification on how that will happen.

Hien clarifies that since the nature of anxiety support group is peer support, changing this will actually increase department and facilitator responsibility.

Russell reiterates that as an advisor, they would need to have a certification that shows they did the training.

Jacinta clarifies that it’s not an advisory role, the facilitator is only trained to facilitate discussion in a peer support role, they don’t need to be more qualified than anyone else present.

Hien adds that the facilitator disclaims any professional knowledge at the start of every session.

Russell clarifies that he doesn’t want to increase the training, just have training that hands out a certificate at the end that proves they have done the training.

Hien points out that facilitators are already able to confirm they’ve done the training.

Russell says that they can’t actually prove they’ve done it because ADAVIC has so many students and don’t necessarily keep track of who’s done the training.

Jacinta responds that the Office Bearers can keep records of who has attended.

Hien confirms that this is the case.

Dannielle asks if committee can base their decision on the performance of ASG so far.

Hien agrees and states that in their personal experiences of ASG over the past two years, no issues have occurred while they were there and that no concerns have been brought forward to indicate that something about ASG should change. Also clarifies that the training is just to give facilitators skills in leading discussions for ASG and further training is not necessary to facilitate ASG.

No further discussion.

Hien: moved.

All in favour.

## 8.2 Invisible Illness Week Speaker Fees

We have found one speaker from in Sickness and in Stealth, Marijo Pozega, who is running a workshop 1-2 pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October, and would like to pass money to pay her and potentially a second speaker if we can find one before the week. As discussed in the last meeting, we would like to pay speakers \$200/hour.

Motion: to pass up to \$400 for speaker fees for Invisible Illness Week.

Moved: Hien

All in favour

## 8.3 Invisible Illness Week Events Catering

Motion: pass up to \$300 for catering three events during Invisible Illness Week

Moved: Hien

All in favour.

## 9. **Motions Without Notice**

None.

## 10. **Other Business**

None.

## 11. **Next Meeting**

Hien proposes that we aim for three committee meetings before our term ends in November:

5 pm Friday, OB Space:

19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Everyone in favour of these dates.

Bridie asks if there is any handover from this year to next years' committee, Hien answers no.

## 12. **Closed at 5:46**