

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Welfare Committee

5:00pm, 30/08/2018

Meeting 12 Agenda

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12. Procedural Matters

12.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: to elect Michael Aguilera as chair

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Andrew Tan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

12.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

12.3 Attendance

Committee members: Andrew Tan, Beiwei Lin, Josh Mills (on call), Jessica Miller (on call)

Office bearer: Michael Aguilera

Observers: Noni Bridger (taking minutes)

12.4 Apologies

Nil

12.5 Proxies

Nil

12.6 Membership

Nishtha was replaced with Jonas, Jonas resigned immediately, and the OB's are seeking replacement with contact from ticket that they were elected on for their next preference.

12.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: to adopt agenda as presented

Discussion about what was passed after inquorate committee. Money needed was passed at Operations sub-committee.

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Andrew Tan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

13. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: to confirm previous minutes as presented

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Josh Mills

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

14. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

15. Correspondence

Michael said he has been speaking to youth organisations on workers rights and international students.

16. Office Bearers' Reports

Michael said regular events were running smoothly and language exchange was a new initiative that was going well. CIP volunteer Julie running the events for the Language Exchange, it's on every Monday, Cecilia organising Stress Less week; creating timelines and basecamp jobs.

Trying to make it more official this semester, electing people for the organising committee. Groundwork of Syndicate so it's easy for next year's OB's to pick up. Drug policy chugging along. Welfare will receive police response to the policy from mid-September. This would leave 3 weeks to launch pill testing kit initiative for summer festival season.

Andrew asked whether this would be run in the summer holidays?

Michael said it would launch before the summer holidays to give time to have an education session (or multiple) where people can learn how to use the kit and where to pick it up. This has the potential to work as a model for other universities.

Andrew asked 0-100 how far along is the drug policy and the surrounding campaign?

Michael replied that he has written up information for a booklet that would include info about drug side effects, information about handling bad reactions to drugs, unsafe combinations, support services for drug dependency and CAPS information associated with that. It is going through Comms and awaiting an invoice. Everything is around 60% done and will accelerate once the reply from Victoria police is received and from the university, which will bring it to 90% finished before completion with the release of the policy and the launch of the initiative.

Beiwei asked if this would constitute just information or with the kits?

Michael explained that it will be both with campus information and a token for a secondary location to receive a kit.

Michael went on with his report about Syndicate and the CAPS campaign rolling on. He noted that Cecilia would be able to talk better to the CAPS campaign, but she was unwell and unable to attend the meeting.

Motion 4: to accept OB report as presented

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Andrew Tan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

17. Other Reports

Nil

18. Motions on notice

18.1 Funding for Breakfast BBQ (week 6&7) and Breakfast Bar (week 6&7) for \$800

Motion 5: to fund Breakfast BBQ & Breakfast Bar for week 6&7 for \$800

The weekly cost is around \$350-400. Welfare has a stockpile of some items which gives some breathing room. This covers the fortnightly cost (around \$800) of breakfasts both the BBQ and the daily breakfast bars.

Discussion about the budget which is on track.

Andrew Tan: what is the gap?

Chair: Around 20% some not entirely sure but all have been paid.

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Jess Miller

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

18.2 Funding for Welfare Collective \$240

Motion 6: to fund Welfare Collective for \$240

Collective costs around \$120 each week.

Andrew asked how many people are attending Welfare collective?

Noni responded around 10-20.

Michael said the money is used to provide food and Collective has been really valuable for input into the department and its' events. Tossing up about how to run it next week as both Michael and Cecilia are on leave.

Andrew asked how autonomous the supervisors are and if they could run things in that week without the OB's help? Michael replied that they are relatively self- sufficient and there have been regular meetings this semester with the supervisors so they are more involved and informed about how the department is going and what should be done at breakfasts.

Andrew then asked about what will happen if the volunteer numbers drop? Michael replied that the Thursday breakfast will likely run.

Mover: Chair

Seconder: Andrew Tan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

18.3 Funding for Language Exchange \$240

Motion 7: to fund Let's Talk for \$240

This would cover both fortnights.

Andrew asked about the specifics of the group. Noni replied that it is to help people with their conversational English so it is for people who want to improve their skills and for fluent speakers to help out. There's chill conversation topics and it's really nice and wholesome. Andrew then asked how many people are in attendance? Michael replied that the first week had between 8 and 12 people but has since increased to around 15 this week.

Andrew asked how people were hearing about it and how it got approved. Michael replied the first amount of money was passed by Operations Sub Committee and there has been lots of postering, Facebook events and through the UMSU newsletter. He also mentioned there has been greater engagement with events with around 25+ people attending Yoga and 5 people consistently at Meditation.

Mover: Chair

Secunder: Beiwei Lin

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

19. Motions without notice

Motion 8: To pass \$1080 for the re-printing of Welfare T-shirts.

Michael explained that all the T-shirts are gone and there are new volunteers who would like a t-shirt as a departmental volunteer. Beiwei asked if they had been taken or stolen and Michael said they were given out. Andrew asked how many don't have a t-shirt and how many were given shirts at the CIP launch? Michael replied that none were given out at this semester's launch but around 70 were given out last semester with 30 more given to volunteers who asked for one or needed one for an event. Andrew asked whether this would help for next year with Michael replying he doesn't know about what will happen next year and if they'll need to print more but that'll be up to next year's OB's and committees.

Mover: Chair

Secunder: Jess Miller

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 9: To pass another \$240 to pay for the Zumba instructor.

Andrew asked to pass money for the next six weeks of semester. Michael was open to that but mentioned it was good governance to have progressive approval of funds over lump sums.

Amended motion: To pass \$360 for the remainder of semester for the Zumba instructor.

Mover: Chair

Secunder: Andrew Tan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

20. Other Business

Andrew asked whether committee would approve the Stress Less Week supervisors with Michael replying he would assume so but that Cecilia would be the best person to ask about that.

Committee rang Cecilia but she did not answer.

There was discussion about continuing the transparency of the department in selecting the members of various programs.

21. Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for 5pm, 20th of September.

22. Close

Meeting closed 5.50pm.