

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Environment Committee
Minutes of Petitioned Meeting
12:30pm 14th December 2018
Meeting [1](19)
Location: South Lawn, University of Melbourne

1. Procedural Matters

Location revised to Environment Office.

- 1.1 Meeting opens at 12:31pm. Location revised to Environment Office due to bad weather.
- 1.2 Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Will as chair.

Mover: William Ross

Seconded: Deborah Peake

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

- 1.3 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.4 Attendance: Elliot Alder, Sarah Wang, Deborah Peake, Aia Newport, Sophie Kerrigan (phone), William Ross.

Name and pronoun round. What got you interested in Enviro? Favourite extinct or endangered species?

Common themes: Becoming more involved in Collective, following campaigns and making students more aware, an activist department. Noted that frogs are very cool (and going extinct).

- 1.5 Apologies
Apologies from Anneke and Mathilde, who can't make it due to prior commitments.

- 1.6 Proxies

No proxies.

- 1.7 Membership

Changes to membership as following. Resigned: Desiree Cai, Neera Kadkol. Newly appointed: Terrence Taylor, Anneke Demanuele

- 1.8 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Elliott Alder

Seconded: Sarah Wang

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

No previous minutes to confirm.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

No significant conflicts of interest.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No previous minutes to confirm.

5. Correspondence

There has been no significant correspondence to or from the department.

6. Office Bearer Report

Student Forum – What’s Happening with Divestment? (Sustainable Investment Framework)

The Environment Department are making plans with the University’s SIF (Sustainable Investment Framework) staff about a Student Forum in early semester 1, concerning divestment at the University of Melbourne. Many students and community members will remember the Fossil Free Melbourne University (FFMU) campaign, but not many know that its efforts are still ongoing and that some promising developments in the university’s investments will be happening in 2019. Students, staff, and community members will be invited to speak at this interactive forum, including some special guests (TBA). This is an opportunity not just to update students on divestment, but to push the University to go further.

Plans for the Forum are in the preliminary stage at this point in time, but any feedback, ideas, or questions would be welcomed by the Enviro Department.

Return of Rad Ed Week

Enviro is also excited to announce that a much-loved favourite from previous year, Radical Education Week, will be returning bigger and better in 2019. Tying into our departmental focus on training and radical education for 2019, we are hoping to make this event more accessible and more attractive for students of all stripes.

Action Point 1: Date & Venue for the Student Forum on Divestment

To confirm a date and venue for the Student Forum on Divestment by early February. We will continue to reach out to student, community, and University staff for speakers.

Action Point 2

To facilitate a meeting of key members of the Bike Co-Op and key UMSU staff to finalise and confirm a framework for the re-opening of the Co-Op for the start of the academic year in 2019.

Budget Expenditure

No expenditure from the 2019 budget to date (not been passed).

**Some say
Charmander is the
best**



**Some say it's
Squirtle**



But deep down we all know that



**Environmental destruction being mostly the fault of the rich
is not an excuse for inaction and hopelessness**

Motion 3: To accept the OB report.

Mover: William Ross

Seconder: Elliot Alder

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Introduction to Committee and UMSU Governance

4.1 What are the constitutional requirements of you as Committee members and us as Enviro Officers?

-to attend the meetings

-if a committee member misses 3 scheduled meetings, then they are removed and replaced by the electoral tribunal, generally with a person from their ticket

- concerns: Sophie will be in Lorne so cannot come to meetings until the end of February. Agreed that call-ins can be arranged, and some missed if necessary.

4.2 How does Committee fit into UMSU as a whole?

- Look at our schmick poster/chart
- The committee is able to pass expenditure from the council-approved budget and set policy for the department

4.3 What can the Committee and the Department do together in 2019?

- general chats about the vision of committee/department collaboration: as an off-shoot of the Collective
- choose our focus and direct our energies for the year: how do we want to do training? how could campaigns proceed (with respect to autonomy of campaigns)?
- get involved! Come to collective, events, campaign meetings, or just drop in at the office for a chat. Being present at meetings is the bare minimum - we can do so much more.
- Committee very keen to get more involved in collective

8. Motions on Notice

Motion 4: Passing the 2019 Environment Department budget

Preamble

As you would have seen in the minutes from last week's council, the 2019 Department budget has been submitted and approved at Council. You can also find it attached as *Appendix A*. We have received largely positive feedback, and have worked with the Pres to change the structure of ASEN affiliation, thereby expanding affiliation from the departmental \$5,000 to \$10,000 from whole of union. If you have any thoughts or amendments on the budget, we are happy to accommodate.

Motion

To pass the 2019 Environment Department budget as presented.

Moved: Will Ross

Seconded: Sophie Kerrigan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 5: Approving delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee

Preamble

The Operations Sub-Committee is a part of Students' Council, and has the ability to approve expenditure for departments, particularly when Students' Council and/or the department committee are unable to meet quorum.

Motion:

That the Environment Committee approves budgetary delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee of up to \$1000 for each Environment Department Budget Line.

Move: Zeb Peake

Seconded: Elliot Alder

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion: Approving funding for Semester 1 Collective meetings

Preamble

During semester we hold our regular Collective meetings for about an hour or so every week. This is often the time where newbies can come along and find out about the Department, and where we can all discuss programs, campaigns, events, and initiatives, as well as hanging out and planning together. We aim to always be inclusive and welcoming, and also the presence of food just makes anything more appealing to attend. Getting the Co-op to cater a small spread of snacks and maybe chai for Collective

is also great exposure for the Food Co-op, and a talking point for new people or those unfamiliar with co-operative systems.

Motion:

To approve up to \$100 per week within Semester 1 for snacks and drinks from the Food Co-op for Enviro Collective.

Move: Sarah Wang

Second: Sophie Kerrigan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion: Scheduling future meetings

Preamble

It will be important to schedule regular meetings from the start of next year in order to prepare for Summerfest, and for the events of Semester 1. Last year this was done on a fortnightly basis, with good results. Using an online poll posted to all committee members, we will find and agree upon a regular meeting time that is suitable to all members.

- Notes: Elliot will be away from January 6-13, but can call in.
- Sarah will be volunteering from 9-4pm from 7-11 Jan, but can come after
- Sophie will be away in the winter break of 2019. To be discussed later

Motion

That the Environment Committee should pass a schedule for fortnightly meetings at a time indicated as the best available time for everyone on the online poll.

Moved: Sophie

Second: Sarah

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Motions Without Notice

No motions without notice.

10. Other Business

A Book Co-Op collab for Summer fest was discussed with enthusiasm. This will be discussed at next meeting.

Summerfest plans: ideas in the works, feedback and ideas from Committee interdepartmental collaborations.

Bike Co-Op: we want to get the Co-Op up and round by the start of semester, or we will lose our chance to get a solid membership after the Sem 1 rush. Putting together an action team of willing committee members for this would be useful.

Resignations and Reappointments: The floor is opened up for discussion as Aia explains that she had intended to run with Will for Office Bearer in 2019, but was ineligible due to enrolment issues. This meant Will had to run as a sole Office Bearer despite the immense workload of the department. Will and Aia explain how they intend for Will to step down at the start of his term, and for the two of them to run for appointment (by the committee) as provisional OBs until the next election. This would make the workload much more manageable with two Office Bearers, as was intended before the complications with Aia's eligibility. This may or may not happen, depending on the thoughts of the present committee members and discussions with members who were not present, plus the ultimate decision of Aia and Will. Committee will be kept informed!

Things to report back-on next meeting: Forum planning with the Sustainability Executive, Bike Co-Op Progress, whether the current OB (Will) will be stepping down from his role in order to run with Aia.

Things to discuss for next meeting: Summerfest planning continued, collaboration with the book coop, field trips for semester one.

11. Next Meeting

To be planned and discussed on the committee Facebook page.

12. Close

Meeting closed at 1:18pm.

Note: Petition Meeting

As the meeting started 31 minutes after scheduled time, it cannot be declared valid as a regular committee meeting. Thus, the meeting is a petition meeting, as petitioned by the attending committee members (see attached signatures)

Name	Date	Sign
Deborah (Zeb) Peake	14/12/18	Deborah Peake
Sarah Wang	14/12/18	Sarah Wang
Elliot Alder	14/12/18	Alder

Sophie Kerrigan petitioned meeting via email to the General Secretary inbox.