

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Environment Committee

Agenda

1:00pm 23rd January 2019

Meeting 2(19)

Location: Environment Office

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

Confirmation of minutes from meeting 1(19) on the 14th of December, 2018.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No previous minutes to confirm.

4. Correspondence

There has been no significant correspondence to date.

5. Office Bearer Report

Student Sustainability Forum – What’s Happening with Divestment?

We’re continuing to make plans with the University’s SIF (Sustainable Investment Framework) staff about a Student Forum in early semester 1, now looking at the dates of the 15th-18th April (week before mid-sem break) to coincide with Rad Ed Week. Some email chats with Clare (Secretary) have led to a lot of enthusiasm, and Clare is seeking out speakers among the Sustainability Committee and their associates.

Aiming to set a concrete date/venue by the end of the week, and will start contacting potential speakers once this is organised. Any suggestions for speakers?

Return of Rad Ed Week

Rad Ed Week will be taking place from 15th-18th of April 2018. This is the week before the midsemester break, only four days long due to Good Friday holiday, and will allow us to do more with less days.

Summerfest

Plans ongoing. We’ll be running a stall for carnival day and looking into holding a picnic in System Gardens to talk about activism & direct action with new collective members. Both of

these events will require **volunteers!** This is why we need *you*. Collective involvement is always low before semester kicks off, so if you can spare some time on the stall then that would be wonderful.

This might also incorporate the classic ‘Sustainability Tour’ which involves taking students around the Uni to look at different types of sustainable practice. This may include bees this year. Watch this space.

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

To confirm a date and venue for the Student Forum on Divestment by the start of February. Begin reaching 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 (ongoing).

Action Point 3

To book and confirm spaces/venues for Enviro’s Summerfest Activities and secure volunteers from the Committee and Collective.

Budget Expenditure

No expenditure from the 2019 budget to date.

6. **Motions on Notice**

Motion: Approving funding for ASEN Training Camp Subsidies

Preamble

In the coming weeks ASEN will hold their annual Training Camp which functions as a counterpart to the yearly SoS conference. This year it is taking place in Tarndanya (so-called Adelaide). As we have a tradition of encouraging students and collective members to attend these events, we want Enviro to be able to offer subsidies for those attending. Attendance is currently \$120. This motion will allow us to discount (either partially or entirely) the cost of tickets for the 5-10 students who have expressed interest, making the event more accessible and confirming our commitment to supporting ASEN.

Motion:

That the Environment Committee approves budgetary spending of up to \$1000 from Special Projects Events in order to make ASEN Training Camp attendance accessible for any students who want to attend.

Motion: Approving funding for Summerfest 2019

Preamble

With Summerfest upcoming we have the busiest time of the year for student engagement, and an opportunity to put Enviro at front stage for any students interested in environmentalism, activism, or just being part of our community. As we will be running a stall, a picnic event, and tours of campus, we will require funding. Last year, \$1373.37 was spent on Summerfest activities, particularly AV for the Green Screen and catering. This year’s spending is likely to be similar.

Motion:

To approve up to \$1500 for spending on food, catering supplies, and promotional material during Summerfest. This will be sourced from the Summerfest/Winterfest budget line.

Motion: Scheduling future meetings

Preamble

It will be useful to schedule regular meetings from the start of the semester.. 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 during Semester 1, 2019.

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.

- 7. Motions Without Notice**
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Next Meeting**
- 10. Close**