

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Environment Committee

Agenda

1:00pm 23rd January 2019

Meeting 2(19)

Location: Environment Office, Union House

1. Procedural Matters

Meeting opened at: 1:33pm

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Deborah Peake as Chair

Mover: Will Second: Sarah

Carried Without Dissent (CWD)

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance: Sophie, Deborah, Sarah, Elliot, Mathilde, Will

1.4 Apologies: Anneke Demanuele

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Deb Second: Mathilde

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes from the previous Committee meeting, held 14/12/2018.

Mover: Will Second: Deb

CWD

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Noted that the minutes, as uploaded at umsu.unimelb.edu.au/studentlife/environment, are dated as 14/12/2017 where they should be marked 14/12/2018.

ACTION: Will to message UMSU secretary to amend this mistake.

4. Correspondence

There was no major correspondence received in the last fortnight.

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.

Motion 4: To accept the OB report.

Mover: Will Seconder: Elliot

CWD

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 \$150. 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.

Noted: Sophie will be heading along with a friend, and can arrange to bring other students in the car with them, although they will be departing from Torquay/Geelong.

ACTION: Will to create FB chat group for attendees interested in carpooling and organising transport.

Motion 5:

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.

Mover: Deb Second: Sarah

Abstentions: Sophie (will be applying for funding herself)

CWD

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 6:

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.

Mover: Will Second: Mathilde

CWD

[1:30pm: Sophie has left for a meeting. Quorum is maintained with 4 members present]

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 6:

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.

ACTION: Will to post a poll once committee members' timetables have been sorted.

Mover: Deb Seconded: Mathilde
CWD

7. Motions Without Notice

No motions.

8. Other Business

Committee requests that Will posts times for regular semester events in the Committee group so that they can be coordinated with timetables.

Mathilde keen to have a ‘why are you here?’ segment in the next February meeting. It is suggested that we have a debrief afterward, possible with snacks and/or drinks to get to know one another.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be scheduled before the beginning of Summerfest in February.

10. Closed

Meeting closed at 1:43pm.