

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Environment Committee

Minutes

11:00am 13th February 2019

Meeting 3(19)

Location: Environment Office

Meeting opened at: 11:08am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: To elect Will as Chair

Mover: Will Second: Anneke

Carried Without Dissent (CWD)

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance: Will, Terence, Sarah, Deborah, Elliot, Sophie, Anneke

1.4 Apologies

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Elliot Second: Sophie

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Confirmation of minutes from meeting 2(19) on the 23rd January, 2019.

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes from the previous Committee meeting, held 23/1/2019.

Mover: Anneke Second: Will

CWD

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

4. Correspondence

Bike Co-Op Opportunities: SafeRoads Vic & SwapSeat Cycle to Work Breakfast:

Dee has forwarded an email regarding an opportunity for the Bike Co-Op to hold a ride to work breakfast, which could double as a launch event. Conversations are happening now to get things on track, looking at weeks 2-3 of semester.

Sue Hopkins & Sustainability Exec: currently corresponding to organise a meeting and discuss students engagement next Tuesday. Will relay notes from meeting.

- Will explained that there will be a call out for a paid director of the bike co op and the co op is starting to be fitted out.
- Will explained the ride to work breakfast may be collaborating with the welfare office
- Elliot asked for clarification who was involved in the breakfast
- Will explained the sustainability exec to the committee, they're drafting the charter that will go up to 2020. Another one is being drafted at the same time.
- Anneke asked about raising the contracts/partnerships with arms manufacturers etc as they are unsustainable industries.
- Will raise the major partnership between the uni and Boeing. the third major partnership the uni has had with arms manufacturers.

5. Office Bearer Report

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

The Environment Department have now advanced to the next stage of plans for a Student Sustainability Forum, to be held on the 16th of April. This will be in the week before the semester 1 break, coinciding with the Department-run Radical Education Week (15th-18th April 2019). This forum aims to explain and make accessible to students the University's SIF (Sustainable Investment Framework) and Sustainability efforts, born from the Fossil Free campaign. More broadly, we intend to stimulate discussion about what more the University could do to protect people and environment in a rapidly changing world.

Discussions with staff are going ahead to source speakers from the University Sustainability Executive, as well as from firms hired to undertake analysis of the University's investments. Meanwhile, Enviro is seeking out suggestions for speakers from the community with experience in sustainability advocacy, climate activism, or research.

Students, staff, and community members will all be invited to attend and have their say at this interactive forum. This is an opportunity not just to update students on divestment, but to push the University to go further as the Sustainability Plan changes and grows in the coming years.

Bike Co-Op, Coming Soon

Enviro Dept is happy to (tentatively) announce that the Bike Co-Op will be reopening this year, likely with the beginning of semester 1! Discussions are now going ahead for the organisation of volunteers and staff, and setting a concrete date to open the Co-Op. We are also calling out for ideas for launch events, autonomous workshops, and promos to get the word out. Watch this space.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

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

Date confirmed for Student Forum on Divestment and Sustainability. Taking place in the evening on Tuesday 16th April. Venue still being sought, likely to take place on campus

Action Point 2: To meet with Union/University staff regarding the Bike Co-Op

Yes! Enviro has met with Union staff about the Co-Op and we are working closely with Goldie to get it off the ground for the start of the year.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Confirm Venue & Speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment
Campus venue and speakers list to be confirmed before the next Students' council.

Budget Expenditure

No expenditure from the 2019 budget to date.

Motion 4: To accept the OB report.

Mover: Zeb Second: Anneke

CWD

6. Motions on Notice

Motion: Confirming meeting time for regular, fortnightly Environment Committee meetings during Semester 1, 2019

Preamble

Over the past week the Committee have filled in answers to an online poll determining the best time to meet on a fortnightly basis during semester. According to those answers, the time that best suits everybody is at 10:00am every Tuesday, starting on Tuesday 12th March.

Motion 5:

That the Environment Committee commits to a fortnightly meeting time of 10am on every second Tuesday, beginning Tuesday 12th March.

Moved: Sarah

Seconded: Sophie

CWD

Motion: Approving funding for National Students Strike banner painting

Preamble

On March 15 schoolkids across Australia will be striking once again to protest inaction on climate change and call for an end to Adani, and a moratorium on coal and gas by 2030. This is a huge opportunity for us to show our support and Enviro will be actively building supporters to come along to the march, with info sessions and banner painting in the lead up to March 15. In order to be a visible, impactful presence at the rally, supporters are encouraged to bring banners and placards with slogans about climate justice. We think it would be a good idea to bring a banner listing a set of demands and brightly pronouncing that Uni students, too, support this strike.

Motion 6:

To approve up to \$200 for spending on banner painting supplies, and snacks catering for info sessions. This will be sourced from the Campaigns budget line.

Moved : Anneke

Seconded: Elliot

CWD

7. Motions Without Notice

Motion 7:

To approve up to \$500 from the Campaigns budget line to spend on professional printing to promote the Uni contingent to the school strike for climate on march 15.

Moved: Sophie

Seconded: Terence

CWD

8. Other Business

Summerfest volunteering - no time like now!

- Sarah to help with the climate haunted house event and sophie if able to
- Let's talk Carnival Day and putting together everyone's availabilities for a vollen roster on the day.
- will explained carnival day
- posting roster on fb

School Strike

- Anneke introduced the strike on March 15
- Will went through the timeline he's planned for the enviro department for first few weeks and how this relates to building the strike
- Will is gonna email the timeline for the department to the committee
- Will is gonna send to the entire CnS list an advertisement for the strike on march 15
- Elliot - Vegan club, Sophie, Amnesty club, Anneke and Terence SA - will all advertise the strike
- Will check up on the UMSU departments about advertising the strike on carnival day

9. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March, at 10:00am, in System Gardens (weather providing).

10. Close

Meeting closed at 11:48am.