

**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Environment Committee**

Agenda

10:00am 26th March 2019

Meeting 4(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 3(19) on the 13th February, 2019.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

Vice Chancellor Duncan Maskell & Acting Vice Chancellor Mark Considine

Communications with the Chancellery about the SS4C produced less than satisfactory results. Acting VC Mark Considine confirmed that the University would not use their email privileges to spread work of the strike, and since then Maskell has got back to the office saying that he stands by this decision, and would only use the email service for 'important' issues.

Clare Walker & Sustainability Exec:

Continuing to source speakers for the upcoming Sustainability Forum. In talks with the team.

5. Office Bearer Report

Key Activities

Enviro Collective

Collective is still going strong. Our second meeting saw a turnout of about 20 people (hurray for the second week slump) and lots of passionate folk chalking, postering, and painting for the upcoming strike. We hope that meetings will continue to have high attendance as we turn to focus on Rad Ed Week at our next collective, and look to the upcoming Sustainable Investment Framework report for long-awaited results (expected around May 2019).

A note on funding for the Enviro Collective: it's cheap for a reason. Enviro Collective is a place for passionate people who want to make a change in our local (and global) environment. These people are there to give their energies to a larger project - whatever that may be. Often small snacks are there to keep those people going; but they are not the drawcard, nor the central part. This is notably different to autonomous collectives, whose mission is substantially different to ours (and arguably more important). They provide a place for people to feel respected and safe in their identity, and a sense of solidarity and nurture. Rich and nourishing food is an important part of this. As far as Enviro can tell, that tends to be more expensive than a few snacks.

School Strike 4 Climate

As this report is being written, SS4C will be taking place tomorrow. To date, the UniMelb Spreading the Climate Strike group has postered almost the entire Parkville campus, spoken at several key lectures, and produced some rad banners to be flown on the day. For many new members of our collective, this is their first time preparing for and taking part in organising a broad-based walk off. We're super excited for the strike and you should be too!

Watch this space for a full report after the strike is over.

Play With Your Food

Back for another year! PWYF will be taking place every third week (weeks 4, 6, 8, and 11) in Semester 1 and will feature such themes as camp cooking, activist burnout, backyard gardening - and of course, delicious meals. Our first event will take place in the evening on Wednesday 27th March. See you there!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Confirm speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment

Still waiting on confirmation from faculty staff about speakers on the night. Enviro is currently contacting a number of students & community members at UniMelb to see if they are interested in speaking.

Action Point 2: Schedule for the upcoming Rad Ed Week to be drafted & promotional material ready

This has been pushed back to next week, because of the climate strike.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Confirm Student & Faculty Speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment

Speakers list to be confirmed before the next Students' council.

Action Point 2: Schedule for the upcoming Rad Ed Week to be drafted & promotional material ready

By the date of next Students' council.

Budget Expenditure

\$1400 spent from the Summerfest budget on catering & picnic supplies.

\$150 spent on banner-painting materials for the upcoming Climate Strike.

6. Motions on Notice

Motion: Approving funding for upcoming Rad Ed Week events.

Preamble

Radical Education Week will be taking place in the middle of semester, approximately three weeks from now. Rad Ed week is a fabulous week of workshops and conversations about radical ideas, theory, and how to re-vision our broken education & social systems. We organised this week every year to engage student in radical learning "outside the university classroom" - symbolised by the location of our marquee on South Lawn from Monday through to Thursday.

This year like last, we want to try and get more UMSU Departments on board, rather than it just being an Enviro and our friends series, and engage more students in radical ideas. Last year we had workshops from Welfare, Queer, Women's, Education Public and Academic, and People of Colour. This year we want to continue that.

This year we will be running the radical classroom from Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April (Week 7), with a student forum on Tuesday evening and a closing party taking place on the Thursday. Throughout the week, the radical classroom will be providing workshops, movie screenings, lunch and chats with a range of themes. Some workshops from previous years have been 'Divestment 101', 'Radical Pedagogy', 'The Lost Subjects', 'Anti-racism 102 and 102', 'Reimagining Consent', and 'Glyn Davis: A Life'. Topics range from feminism to circular economies and more.

\$2000 funding for the week will cover catering (from the food co-op, and from external organisations) and AV (projector + speakers), as well as printing materials, the compensation of workshop facilitators, and the booking of the Ida Bar for the final night's party (including a bar tab).

Motion:

To approve up to \$2000 funding for Radical Education Week from the special projects events budget line.

Motion: Approving funding for upcoming Student Sustainability Forum

Preamble

In conjunction with Rad Ed Week, Enviro in collaboration with the Sustainability Exectuvie will be hosting a 'Sustainability Forum' for students and communtiy memebers at the university. This will be an opportunity for all of the community to get a better grasp of how sustainability is tracking at the University and to have our voices heard especially in relation to the upcoming Divestment Report (expected May).

We have already booked G06 (formerly Elisabeth Murdoch Theatre A), an accessible venue with capacity for up to 200, for the night. It will take place on Tuesday 16th April, with drinks in the foyer starting at 6.15pm. We will provide light (non-alcoholic)

refreshments and nibbles from the catering company Sorghum Sisters, who covered our Summerfest catering.

\$1000 funding for the event should cover catering and drinks (from Sorghum Sisters) and any additional printing, promotional, or AV-related costs.

Motion:

To approve up to \$1000 funding for the Student Sustainability Forum from the special projects events budget line.

7. Motions Without Notice

8. Other Business

Rad Ed Week volunteering!

Play with Your Food - an honest discussion.

9. Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April, at 10:00am. Enviro Office.

10. Close