

**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**

**Meeting opened at 10:15am.**

1.1 Election of Chair

**Motion 1:** To elect Deborah as chair.

Mover: Will      Seconder: Sophie

Carried without dissent (CWD).

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

**So acknowledged.**

1.3 Attendance

**Deb, Elliot, Sophie, Mathilde, Anneke (call-in), Sarah**

1.4 Apologies

**No apologies.**

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

**No changes.**

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

**Motion 2:** To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Sophie      Seconder: Mathilde

CWD

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**Motion 3:** To confirm the minutes from the previous Committee meeting 3(19), held 13/2/2019.

Mover: Wil      Seconder: Deb

CWD

**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters arising.

**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.

**Bring up at Sus Exec, also continue talks.**

Clare Walker & Sustainability Exec:

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

**5. Office Bearer Report**

**Enviro Collective**

Collective is still going strong. Our second meeting saw a turnout of about 20 people (hooray 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.

**ACTION: Mathilde to contact Marco from SS4C about Rad Ed Week.**

**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 was planned to take place in the evening on Wednesday 27th March, but capacity of the OB meant that it has to be postponed.

**ACTION: Will calls out to committee members for help with PWYF, as he cannot make Wednesday nights on an ongoing basis. Zeb and Sophie down as a maybe, Sarah able to cover one session also. Will to add them to FB chat.**

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.

**Note: Elissa Waters - researcher & knowledgeable of sustainability at UniMelb**

**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 Climate Strike.

**Motion 4:** To accept the OB report as given.

Mover: Zeb      Seconder: Sarah

CWD

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

Mover: Zeb                      Second: Elliot

CWD

**Motion: Approving funding for upcoming Student Sustainability Forum**

*Preamble*

In conjunction with Rad Ed Week, Enviro in collaboration with the Sustainability Executive will be hosting a 'Sustainability Forum' for students and community members 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 6: To approve up to \$1000 funding for the Student Sustainability Forum from the special projects events budget line.**

Mover: Will                      Second: Sophie

CWD

## **7. Motions Without Notice**

**Motion: Approving reimbursements for Community Garden spending.**

*Preamble*

The MUCG (MU Community Garden) has been busy these past weeks and has spent a lot of money - for which they are looking for reimbursements. These are all necessary spending and were chosen by the Garden's elected co-convenors, Mimm and Clare.

Items:

- Recent plant purchases = \$114.49
- Purchase of AIATSIS recognition plaque for the recognition of the Wurundjeri as traditional owners of MUCG lands + waters = \$55.00

**Motion 7: To approve the reimbursement of \$114.49 to Clare for the purchase of plants for the MUCG and of \$55.00 to Mimm for the purchase of an AIATSIS recognition plaque.**

Mover: Will                      Second: Zeb

CWD

**Motion: Passing funding for new shelving/storage equipment to assist with cleaning up the clothes swap.**

*Preamble*

The gender-free clothes swap is a great initiative but is also a messy one. We have been constrained in the past by lack of storage space and are looking to get some new (non broken) hangers for the clothes left with the swap.

This will come from Ikea or op-shops, where racks will cost around \$50 each, plus shelving a similar amount. Also including the transport or shipping of these furniture items, we estimate a cost of \$200 to be taken from the special projects events budget line.

**Motion 8: To pass up to \$200 of funding from the special projects events budget line for new shelving and racks for the clothes swap.**

Mover: Sophie      Seconder: Sarah

CWD

**Motion: New high-vis vests for safety of Environment Collective at events like the School Strike, where properly navigating traffic-heavy or densely-peopled spaces is paramount to safety & accessibility.**

*Preamble*

We found at our SS4C contingent that marshalls with high-vis vests would have been useful not only to direct the speed/direction of the contingent, but to assist with the safety and accessibility of the event. Vests cost around \$20 each at Bunnings and we're looking to buy four.

**Motion 9: To pass up to \$100 from stationery + office supplies budget line for the purchase of high-vis vests for the Enviro office.**

Mover: Sophie      Seconder: Zeb

CWD

**Motion: An Enviro Office Megaphone to be used at future rallies & events.**

*Preamble*

Similar to our SS4C contingent, we found that a functional megaphone (the one supplied by NUS was malfunctioning) for the marshalling of collective members and the facilitations of protest chants would have been useful. This would improve both safety and impact of future protest marches, as well as being useful for marshalling at any events with large attendance. After doing some research, we found the cost of a megaphone at Bunnings to be around \$150.

**Motion 10: To pass up to \$150 funding from Campaign A (FFMU) budget line for an office megaphone to be used at rallies, marches, and actions for the safety of all attendees.**

Mover: Sophie      Seconder: Will

CWD

**8. Other Business**

Let's talk to collective about a zine for mid-year o-week to give to new collective.

ACTION: Sophie to bring up at collective meeting today.

Rad Ed Week volunteering!

ACTION: Will to make fb group for Rad Ed Week organising before collective today.

ACTION: Will to bring some ASEN zines to collective today.

Discussed Bike Co-op.

**9. Next Meeting**

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

**10. Close**

Meeting closed 11:00am.