



**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Meeting of the Education Committee  
Agenda  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 10:00am  
Meeting 7(22)  
Location: Zoom**

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/82713355549?pwd=NVBVLVjRjRkNXRzhLZjRaSVJWRnNoQT09>

**Password:** umsued2022

**Meeting opened at (10:05am).**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Election of Chair**

Motion: That Ruby Craven be elected as Chair

Mover: Ruby Craven

Seconder: Isabella Phillips

CARRIED

**1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians**

So acknowledged.

**1.3. Attendance**

*Office Bearers:*

Ruby Craven, Ethan Georgeou

*Committee Members:*

Isabella Phillips, Georgia Burke, Maryam Hessami, Luka Michalczak, Lawrence Thai, James

*Other:*

James Gallagher

**1.4. Apologies**

*Moira on Leave*

**1.5. Proxies**

**1.6. Membership**

1.6.1. Benjamin Jarick has resigned as Education (Public Affairs) Office Bearer.

### 1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as presented.  
Mover: Ruby Craven  
CARRIED

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: To accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 6(22).  
Mover: Ruby Craven  
CARRIED

### 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None declared

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

N/A

### 5. Correspondence

None

### 6. Office Bearer Reports

Ethan gives an outline of the UMSU Eductaion BBQ. They explain that it intends to gain student input and guide the Education (Academic) Office Bearers throughout the year. They then explain its timeline and its intention to host on Wednesday 18 May.

Ruby notes that since Ben’s resignation, her main goal has been to reassess her role and try to fit everything into her schedule. EdPub been planning ot participate in the NUS national day of action, but there was difficulties coordinating with other OBs across Victoria. Ruby noted her First Aid training at UMSU. She’s also continuing her work on an activism policy.

Ruby then asks for input for EdPub events. None was provided.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en Bloc  
Mover: Ruby Craven                      Seconded: Georgia Burke  
CARRIED

### 7. Motions on Notice

None

### 8. Motions without Notice

## **8.1 Solidarity with University of Sydney staff strike**

### **Preamble:**

On May 11 staff at the University of Sydney will commence a 48 hour strike. Staff at USyd are fighting against university management for job security, a pay increase, reduced workloads and better rights at work.

After massive attacks against staff jobs, pay and conditions throughout the pandemic at the hands of vice-chancellors across the country, striking against university managements to claw back pay and conditions is essential.

A big win at USyd would set an important precedent for bargaining between university staff and university bosses which is currently happening on campuses around the country. Later in the year staff at UniMelb will be bargaining with management and hopefully going out on strike to win similar demands.

### **Platform:**

- UMSU Education expresses its solidarity with the workers at University of Sydney who are striking on May 11-12 for better wages and conditions
- UMSU Education recognises that university management on every campus is the enemy of university workers and students - their interests lie in cutting jobs, pay and conditions of staff and therefore slashing learning conditions for students.
- UMSU Education recognises that union organising and strikes are what is needed to fight the rising cost of living and attacks from the bosses across the country.

### **Action:**

- UMSU Education should publish the following message on its social media:

SOLIDARITY WITH STAFF STRIKING AT UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

On May 11 staff at the University of Sydney will commence a 48 hour strike. Staff at USyd are fighting against university management for job security, a pay increase, reduced workloads and better rights at work.

After massive attacks against staff jobs, pay and conditions throughout the pandemic at the hands of vice-chancellors across the country, striking against university managements to claw back pay and conditions is essential.

UMSU expresses its solidarity with the workers at University of Sydney who are striking on May 11-12 for better wages and conditions. A victory at USyd is a victory for staff and students everywhere. Staff working conditions are student learning conditions.

Maryam speaks to their moving rights. They state that the motion is a super important issue. Standing in solidarity with striking with staff is something UMSU Education should get behind. She gives some context of staff cuts and deteriorating conditions over the past few years.

Ethan seconds the motion, noting that it aligns with UMSU Eductaion’s goals. The department has supported staff actions in the past and there is no reason why we shouldn’t extend this solidarity to USyd staff now.

James notes that the strike itself sets a precedent for future strikes. A win would shape future strikes around the country.

Motion: To accept motion 8.1 as presented	
Mover: Maryam Hessami	Seconded: Ethan Georgeou
CARRIED	

**9. Other Business**

**10. Next Meeting**

**11. Close**

**Meeting closed at 10:40am.**