

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Environment Committee**

**Agenda**

**Friday 21 April 1PM**

**Meeting 7(23)**

**Location: Enviro Office, Level 3, Building 168 or Zoom**

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/85397582385?pwd=VWgyMkJCY0Eybm9HejFRY2NNdElmZz09

Password: 808157

**Opened 1:06pm**

1. **Procedural Matters**
   1. Election of Chair

Motion – that Emma Dynes be elected as chair

Moved: Emma Seconded: Oskar

CWD

* 1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So acknowledged

* 1. Attendance

OBs: James Gallagher, Emma Dynes

Committee: In person – Lucy Rachman Vascotto, Kate Renney, Oskar Martin

Zoom - Sam Rathnaweera, Om Parikh

* 1. Apologies

Kritika Agarwal, Kitaila Taleni

* 1. Proxies

Kitaila to Om

Kritika to Kate

Motion – to accept the proxies

Moved: Emma Seconded: Oskar

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* 1. Membership

No changes

* 1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: to accept the agenda as circulated

Moved: Emma Seconded: Oskar

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1. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Motion: to accept the circulated minutes for meeting 6(23) as a true and accurate representation of the meeting

Moved: Emma Seconded: Lucy

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1. **Conflicts of Interest Declaration**
2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
3. **Correspondence**
4. **Office Bearer Reports**

Circulated. James and Emma spoke to their reports.

Motion: To accept the OB reports

Moved: Kate Seconded: Oskar

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1. **Other Reports**
2. **Operational Business (Motions on Notice)**
3. **General Business (Motions on Notice)**

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| **Motion 9.1: Environment Committee** **endorses the NUS May Day rally ‘People vs the Rich**’  A class war is raging in Australia, with students and working people on the losing side. Workers’ real wages fell 4.5 percent last year and are down almost 7 percent in two years - the biggest decline on record.  The Rental Affordability Snapshot showed that last year there was ONE SINGLE rental in Australia that is affordable for a student living in youth allowance. Just 720 rentals in the \*entire country\* are affordable for a full-time minimum wage worker.  Meanwhile, over the last four years, the country’s richest 50 people increased their wealth by 70 percent—$88 billion—according to the latest Forbes magazine rich list.  Enviro Dept will dedicate resources to help promote the May Day protest in the city to demand wage and welfare increases, housing for all, and to tax the rich.  Details: <https://fb.me/e/3nqsqFVsQ>  Moved: Sam Rathnaweera  Seconded: Oskar Martin |

Sam and Oskar spoke to their moving rights

Vote: 6-1 MOTION PASSES

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| **Motion 9.2: Environment Committee endorses the campaign for student solidarity with NTEU industrial action**  NTEU staff at the University of Melbourne are taking industrial action to demand wage rises, an end to casualisation, and reduced workloads.  On May 3rd staff will be striking for 4 hours and deciding on additional industrial action to take place later in May.  Student solidarity is crucial for the staff campaign. University management will attempt to divide staff and students. Having an active and large student solidarity campaign that mobilises to support staff actions will be important to cut against this. Staff working conditions are student learning conditions.  The UMSU Environment department will be an active participant in the student solidarity campaign, and will put resources into mobilising students.  Moved: Sam Rathnaweera  Seconded: Oskar Martin |

Sam Oskar spoke to their moving rights

Vote: CWD MOTION PASSES

1. **Other Business (Motions without Notice)**
2. **Next Meeting**

Week 9 – James will send out WhenIsGood

Week 11

1. **Close – 1:20pm**