

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Environment Committee**

**Agenda**

**Thursday 18 May 2023 4pm**

**Meeting 9(23)**

**Location: Environment Office**

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/82410023242?pwd=akEvOU1vUkxwazl2V3dNLzd0dHUzdz09

Password: 676437

**Meeting opens 4:15pm**

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

Motion that Emma Dynes be elected as chair

Moved: Emma Dynes

Seconded: Oskar Martin

Vote: CWD

* 1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

Acknowledged by Emma

* 1. Attendance

OBs: Emma Dynes, James Gallagher (Zoom)

Committee members: Oskar Martin, Sam Rathnaweera, Kitaila Taleni, Lucy Rachman Vascatto

* 1. Apologies

Om Parikh is an apology

* 1. Proxies

Om proxies to Kitaila Taleni

Motion to accept Om’s proxy

Moved: Sam

Seconded: Lucy

Vote: CWD

* 1. Membership
  2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda as circulated

Moved: Emma

Seconded: Lucy

Vote: CWD

1. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Motion to accept previous minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 8(23)

Moved: Emma

Seconded: Sam

Vote: CWD

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

Circulated with agenda, and both OBs spoke to their reports

Motion to accept the Office Bearer reports

Moved: Sam

Seconded: Oskar

Vote: CWD

1. **Other Reports**
2. **Operational Business (Motions on Notice)**
3. **General Business (Motions on Notice)**
4. **Other Business (Motions without Notice)**

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| **Motion 1**: That the Environment Committee approves expenditure from the Grants Budget Line of up to $2000, and approves a transfer from the Printing Budget Line of up to $5000 to the Grants (General) Budget Line, to be transferred to the Education Department for the purpose of NUS Education Conference grants. The NUS Education Conference this June 26-29 will be taking place in Brisbane where flights and accommodation are quite expensive on top of registration. This will add $250 to each of the pre-existing 28 Education Department $400 grants. If there are less applicants the money will be equally allocated to the specific number of applicants.  No students should have to miss this opportunity because of financial pressures exacerbated by the cost of living crisis.  Moved: Lucy  Seconded: Oskar |

Lucy spoke to moving rights. The conference is important to engage students in activism, and this requires funding.

Oskar spoke to seconding rights. NUS is an important decision making body for students around the country and it’s important that people get to go to it.

James amendment – replace ‘Printing’ with ‘Printing (External)’. Add ‘both’ in the first sentence (see new text below). James spoke to explain that the point of this amendment is to clarify that both the $2000 from Grants (General) and the $5000 from Printing (External) will be transferred to the Education Department for the purpose of NUS Education Conference grants.

Amenable to mover.

Amended motion reads:

That the Environment Committee approves expenditure from the Grants Budget Line of up to $2000, and approves a transfer from the Printing (External) Budget Line of up to $5000 to the Grants (General) Budget Line, both to be transferred to the Education Department for the purpose of NUS Education Conference grants. The NUS Education Conference this June 26-29 will be taking place in Brisbane where flights and accommodation are quite expensive on top of registration. This will add $250 to each of the pre-existing 28 Education Department $400 grants. If there are less applicants the money will be equally allocated to the specific number of applicants.

No students should have to miss this opportunity because of financial pressures exacerbated by the cost of living crisis.

Vote: CWD

1. **Next Meeting**

June. James will circulate WhenIsGood

1. **Meeting closes at 4:24**