

AGENDA (FIRST DISTRIBUTION 17 MARCH 2016)

SSU Education Board Meeting

Monday 21st March 2016



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Meeting Details	
Venue: UN413	
Chair: Anthony Osborne (Education Officer)	
Minute-taker: Brendan Spackman-Williams (General Secretary)	
1* Welcome & Meeting Open	13:49
Meeting open 1:30pm. Council will observe one minute's silence for contemplation.	
2* Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners	
The SSU Council respectfully acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge that we meet on stolen land and that the sovereignty of this land was never ceded. Council honours their elders past and present and recognises that this always was and always will be Aboriginal land.	
3 Attendance	
3.1 Required attendees: Caitlin Bruty (President), Brendan Spackman-Williams (General Secretary), Anthony Osborne (Education Officer), Tori Pearce (Welfare Officer), Will Joseph (Wantirna Campus Chair), Ryan Lixin Chen (Postgraduate Representative), Adnan Islam (International Representative), Asha Khalif (Education – Public Affairs), Daniel Scammell (PAVE Representative), Suzanne Byron (Education – Academic Affairs), Sam Roberts (FSET Representative), Daylene Bolch (Swinburne Online Representative), Brenton Williams (Open Universities Australia Representative)	
3.2 Attendance: Caitlin Bruty (President), Brendan Spackman-Williams (General Secretary), Anthony Osborne (Education Officer), Tori Pearce (Welfare Officer), Ryan Lixin Chen (Postgraduate Representative), Sam Roberts (FSET Representative), Brenton Williams (Open Universities Australia Representative)	
3.3 Observers:	
3.4 Apologies: Suzanne Byron (Education – Academic Affairs), Daylene Bolch (Swinburne Online Representative), Adnan Islam (International Representative),	
3.5 Absent without apology: Asha Khalif (Education – Public Affairs), Daniel Scammell (PAVE Representative), Will Joseph (Wantirna Campus Chair),	
3.6 Acceptance of Apologies	
MOTION (Pearce, Chen): That the apologies listed be accepted	Carried Unanimously
4 Confirmation of Agenda and Previous Minutes	
4.1 Ordering and starring of items	
MOTION (Spackman-Williams, Pearce): That the agenda as distributed be agreed to.	Carried Unanimously
4.2 Ratification of previous decisions	
MOTION (Spackman-Williams, Bruty): That the minutes for the Council meeting on 8 th February 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record and published on the Union's website.	Carried (2 abstentions)

5	Reports	
	Written reports provided by representatives will be published and available publicly online.	
5.1	President Report	doc
5.2	General Secretary Report	doc
5.3	Education Officer Report	doc
5.4	Welfare Officer Report	doc
5.5	<i>Hawthorn Campus Chair Report – VACANT</i>	
5.6	Wantirna Campus Chair Report – Not Provided	
5.7	<i>Croydon Campus Chair Report - VACANT</i>	
5.8	Postgraduate Representative Report – Not Provided	
5.9	International Representative Report	doc
5.10	Education Officer – Public Affairs Report – Not Provided	
5.11	Education Officer – Academic Affairs Report	doc
5.12	PAVE Representative Report – Not Provided	
5.13	<i>FBL Representative Report - VACANT</i>	
5.14	FHAD Representative Report– Not Provided	
5.15	FSET Representative Report	doc
5.16	<i>DFP Representative Report - VACANT</i>	
5.17	<i>DDMI Representative Report - VACANT</i>	
5.18	<i>DBF Representative Report - VACANT</i>	
5.19	<i>DHSESS Representative Report - VACANT</i>	
5.20	<i>DTET Representative Report - VACANT</i>	
5.21	Swinburne Online Representative	doc
5.22	Open Universities Australia Representative – Not Provided	
5.23	<i>National Institute of Circus Arts Representative - VACANT</i>	
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6	Mature Age Student Conference Reports	
	Reports prepared by representatives that attended the Mature Age Student Conference at Monash University	
6.1	Education Officer Report	doc
6.2	Postgraduate Representative Report	doc
6.3	Environment & Sustainability Officer Report	doc
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7	Business	
7.1	Education Department Update (Anthony)	doc
	Update from the Education Officer about events and activities of the Education Department - Currently used \$335.47 of \$4,500 budget	
7.2	Education Political Issues Update (Anthony)	
	General update from the Education Officer on the political issues that are affecting education such as fee deregulation (both Higher Education and Vocational Education), SSAF and more.	
7.3	Lecture Recordings (Suzanne)	
	Suzanne wants to talk about the recordings of lectures	

7.4 SSU Education Facebook Questions (Anthony)

The Education Department has launched a weekly question series around education academic issues to gather student opinions on a range of topics. So far, questions have been about Blackboard tests, marking rubrics, and lecture recordings. It would be good to generate a series of questions for the rest of the semester.

- Physical or soft copies for textbooks
- Study groups
- What makes a good lecturer
- What works for group work

7.5 Education Board Explainer

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The purpose of having an explainer document is to have a document that fully captures the SSU Education Board in its current state, as Education Board is a constitutional committee there sections of the board which are not mentioned – primarily the full list of Faculty/Department representatives and Council representatives who were included last year.

The other purpose of the document is to quickly show personal at Swinburne what the SSU Education Board is about – an alternative to sending across the SSU Constitution for them to read.

Straw Poll - One of the following options to be included:

- No change.
- That the role National Institute of Circus Arts Representative be merged into the Faculty of Health, Arts, and Design Representative, and that a role be created for a Mature Age Student Representative. - 5
- That an additional role be created for a Mature Age Student Representative. - 2

MOTION 2 (Osborne, Pearce)

That the Education Board Explainer be adopted and referred to the Union Council for approval.

Carried Unanimously

7.6 Education Campaign

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The Education Department has come up with an overarching campaign for the year that focuses on the Federal Election to inform students about a range of issues. Within the campaign are a number of sub-campaigns that focus on specific issues to create more awareness.

The specific issues that will be the focus of the sub-campaigns will be awareness around SSAF separate to the WTF Swinburne? Campaign with a focus on what SSAF provides and why it is important; the other sub-campaign will be around Vocational Education funding and informing students about the leaked plans to deregulate their fees (aka cut funding to Vocational Education).

The campaign will be encouraging students to enrol to vote (if they haven't already) and informing them about issues that affect their education such as: fee deregulation, research funding cuts, student services amenities fee, and vocational education funding.

The welfare department will also be contributing to the campaign by including information about Centrelink and welfare issues.

MOTION 1 (Osborne, Pearce):

That the Union condemns the Federal Government's leaked plans to deregulate the fees of Vocational Education students.

That a campaign be run to engage PAVE students on the issue along the lines of "Save our TAFE's" calling for State Government's to adequately fund vocational education and resist the Federal Government's plans to deregulate vocational education. The campaign is to involve social media messages, petitions, posters, contacting Members of Parliament, and on campus actions.

The campaign is to be overseen and funded by the Education Department.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION 2 (Osborne, Spackman-Williams)

That the Union endorses the Education Department's election campaign plan as attached with the Education Officer to be responsible for the campaign.

Carried Unanimously

8 Other Business

8.1 Future meetings

It will be noted that the following items, deferred or arising from previous meetings, will be added to a future Council meeting agenda:

The General Secretary and Education Officer coordinate a time when people are available for the next Education Board meeting in April.

9 Closing Business

9.1 Meeting closed.

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