



University of Melbourne Student Union
Minutes of the People of Colour Committee
Thursday the 12th of December, 2:00pm, 2019
Meeting 1(20)
Location: People of Colour Office, Union House

Meeting opened at by Nicole Nabbout at 1:55pm

1. Procedural Matters

1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: Nicole Nabbout was elected as Chair

Mover: Nicole Nabbout Seconder: Sneha Challa

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians
So acknowledged
3. Attendance
Nicole Nabbout, Sneha Challa, Raymond Wu, Nishtha Banavalikar
4. Apologies
Amal Wehbe, Gurpreet Singh, Ahmad Qadri
5. Proxies
No proxies
6. Membership
Resignations from Allen Xiao and Joy Ong. Awaiting approval of replacements.
7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: The agenda, as presented, was adopted.

Mover: Nicole Nabbout Seconder: Sneha Challa

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

N/A

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No declarations

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

None received

1. Office Bearer Reports

The department's 2020 budget has been finalised and passed through council. The Migrant Workers Collective is also well underway with several meetings held between myself, Gurpreet and two representatives from the Migrant Workers Centre (Gabe and Lavanya). We have discussed the importance of activist training and the issues that are faced by grant workers at our University. This is a significant priority for the coming year and we will continue the consultation process to engage students of colour regarding their thoughts and concerns. We will schedule Activist Training in late December or at the beginning of 2020. We are also in the process of formulating an action plan and campaign strategies in a bid to place immediate pressure on University services and administration for their lack of funding, awareness and minimal effort to increase the accessibility of mental health services for students of colour. We are in the process of organising a meeting with the Dean of Student Life, in which we will discuss Strategy 2030 and how the University of Melbourne can put students of colour of the forefront of decision-making. As well as this, we have initiated Summerfest planning and will work further with our committee to begin formulating the details surrounding our events. Our primary objective throughout Summerfest is to increase the accessibility and engagement of first year students and those who are new to the PoC Department, and to UMSU as a whole. We will therefore plan a large PoC Picnic that will be open to anyone that wishes to attend. We will continue planning Summerfest events and organise logistical details for the O- Week Stall regarding the production of Tote Bags/merchandise.

Motion 3: The Office Bearers Reports were approved and accepted.

Mover: Nicole Nabbout

Secunder: Sneha Challa

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Other Reports

None

8. Operational Business

8.1.

9. Motions on Notice

9.1. To pass the 2020 Budget.

Mover: Nicole Nabbout **Seconder:** Sneha Challa

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.2 To move up to \$2,000 from the Special Events budget to the organisation and operation of Orientation Week which was initially budgeted at \$2,800. Therefore, approximately \$3,000 will be used on the production of tote bags and merchandise for the stall, as well as catering for the picnic event.

Mover: Nicole Nabbout **Seconder:** Sneha Challa

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.3. That the PoC Committee passes financial delegation to the Operations Sub Committee of up to \$1000 per budget line of the PoC Department.

Mover: Nicole Nabbout **Seconder:** Sneha Challa

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10. Motions Without Notice

None

11. Other Business

None

12. Next Meeting

TBC: Meeting is likely to be held during the middle or end of January.

13. Close

Meeting closed at 2:17 pm

