

University of Melbourne Student Union



Minutes of the Queer Committee

Meeting 2(20)

*UNCONFIRMED Minutes*20th January at 1pm 2020

Location: OB Space, Union House

Meeting opens 1:24pm.

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Take note that if the chair is a voting member, they do not get a vote.

Motion 1: That Ciara O'Sullivan is elected Chair

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

Seconder: Iley Johnson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Officers: Ciara O'Sullivan

Committee Members: Andoni Fischer, Iley Johnson, Natasha Bay (call-in), Grace Bevan (call-in)

1.4 Apologies

Officers: A'bidah Zaid

Committee Members: Reece Moir, Eleanor Watson, Karl Pahl-Duffy.

1.5 Proxies

None.

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

Seconder: Iley Johnson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To confirm the previous minutes of 10/12/2019 as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

Seconder: Iley Johnson

CARRIED, Grace and Andoni abstain.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None recorded.

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearers' Reports

Iley asked about increased capacity for Queer Ball.

Ciara responded that there were concerns about not having enough food. Last year, far more tickets were bought than were anticipated, so as a result, not enough food was paid for, as we had about double the number of attendees as was originally paid for. To ensure we have enough food for the number of attendees we expect (it won't be more than last year because we're at capacity), the price of queer ball has gone up, and so the tickets will also go up

Ciara: there are two things that weren't mentioned in the written report because they are recent developments. Emily from the Old Quad has contacted us and creative arts and offered us the chance to collaborate with them during first semester. The other thing is the creation of a safer space policy for the Queer department. I have a copy of the Monash Student Association's, and I'm intending to go through it with UMSU advocacy and the UMSU sexual harm coordinator to create our own.

Motion 4: To approve and accept the Office Bearers Reports.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

Seconder: Iley Johnson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Other Reports

6.1. Trans Pride March-Andoni Fischer

Andoni attended an organising meeting last week for the inaugural Melbourne Trans Pride March, currently scheduled for the 28th. It will start at the State Library with 6 speakers and will end at Fed square with live performance. The general feel was more protest than parade: think slut walk rather than Pride March. There is a big focus on including and focusing on trans people of colour and trans indigenous people. They are looking for volunteers, trans and gender diverse speakers, and trans and gender diverse performers.

Andoni suggests we push it through trans collective and Queer Political Action Collective, it looks like a really great event.

Ciara mentions that the Pride in Action Network are keen to support it, and that there is potential of sending a Unimelb contingent. We could potentially make either the week leading up to or the week after trans pride march a themed week focussing on trans people, seeing as we already do something for trans day of visibility.

Motion 5: To approve and accept Andoni's Report.

Mover: Ciara O'Sullivan

Seconder: Iley Johnson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8. Motions on Notice

8.1 Queer Ball

Platform: Queer Ball has been booked for the 8th October this year (Thursday of Week 10 Semester 2). Due to increased numbers, catering costs have increased, so we anticipate ball will be more expensive (total cost of \$19,750 for the venue, Bobby McGee's, including catering and drinks), but this can be covered by raising ticket prices by around \$5. This motion is for the deposit for the venue (\$5,988.99), which was used to secure the booking.

Motion 6: To approve \$5,988.99 from the Special Projects/Events budget line for the Queer Ball venue deposit at Bobby McGee's.

MOVER: Ciara O'Sullivan Seconder: Andoni Fischer

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.2. Summerfest Zine

We anticipate work will begin on the zine soon, hopefully completed by the start of February. Last year, not enough zines were printed to cover Winterfest as well, so this is \$500 increase in printing costs in order to make sure we don't have to reprint in the middle of the year.

Motion 7: To approve up to \$2,000 from the Orientation budget line for the costs of printing the Summerfest zine.

MOVER: Ciara O'Sullivan Seconder: Iley Johnson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.3. Summerfest Sponsorship/Products

We have given a wish list to comms for giveaways at the stall. This list includes:

- Tote Bags (design likely to be done by comms)
- Fluide Nail Polish/Universal gloss
- Keep cups
- Bubble Tea (pearls and milk tea to be separated and delivered sustainably in bulk)
- Laptop stickers

We won't necessarily be able to afford all of these items, but the budget we've given comms is 3-4k, so we've set aside that amount.

Motion 8: To authorise the expenditure of up to \$4,000 from the Orientation budget on giveaway items for Summerfest.

MOVER: Ciara O'Sullivan Seconder: Andoni Fischer

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.4. Summerfest Stall Materials

This is just extra materials for the stall: basically, lollies and badge materials. We didn't factor in the cost of badge materials in the budget (we assumed we had some left over from last year; we do not), so we've increased this amount from 50 to 100.

Motion 9: To approve up to \$100 from the Orientation budget line for Summerfest Stall Materials.

MOVER: Ciara O'Sullivan Seconder: Iley Johnson

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Next Meeting

TBC

10. Close

Meeting closed at: 1:45 PM