



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Queer Committee

Agenda

(Thursday, 11th, May, 2023, 3:20 p.m. AEDT)

Meeting 7(23)

Location: Queer Department Office, Level 3, Building 168 / Zoom

Zoom link:

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/81384379415?pwd=czVMSXNHRVZjV0x5OENWOWF1dVcxQT09>

Meeting opened at 3:29 p.m.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: That Leslie Ho is to be elected Chair.

Mover: Madeline Brown

Second: April Kelly

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

1.3. Attendance

April Kelly, Madeline Brown, Theo Purchase, and Toby Mills are in attendance.

1.4. Apologies

Al Lin sent in an apology. Mehul Gopalakrishnan has taken leave as an office bearer.

1.5. Proxies

1.6. Membership

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Mover: Theo Purchase

Second: Toby Mills

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

After the Dean of Arts' statement about the Fight Transphobia Unimelb stickers around campus on 28th April, the campaign against PHIL20046 'Feminism' Subject has been moving along rapidly, therefore most of the correspondences that Leslie received are in regards to this issue. On 2nd May, Leslie was interviewed by a journalism graduate student with the UMSU President about the statement as well as A/Prof. Lawford-Smith's attendance at the Let Women Speak event in Melbourne. Leslie has also spoken with Amelia from QPAC (Queer Political Action Collective) about an open mic event that will be organised by her and the collective for IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia), which the department will promote. The department will also be releasing a public statement (written in collaboration also by the people of QPAC) in response to the 28th April Dean of Arts statement. They also received an email from a Farrago news reporter who is going to write an article concerning the Feminism issue, and an interview would be done the week after. Leslie and Hiba has also had a meeting with some professors from the Gender Studies cohort to speak about the issue and the actions that could be taken in collaboration with the department. This meeting has led to some insight on how the Feminism subject petitioned review report should be reformatted and updated to better serve our purposes.

6. Office Bearer Reports

Most of the office bearer report is already included in the correspondence section, and Leslie has been doing office bearer work alone for the two weeks leading up to this meeting as Mehul was on leave, so they would like to acknowledge the committee and collective members/facilitators who had helped them run the department smoothly over the course of the two weeks. They will also be going through the Feminism subject report thoroughly to update and rewrite some sections over the course of two months until the next Academic Board meeting in July, where Hiba will be tabling the report at the meeting. All events that ran in the course of the two weeks between this committee meeting and the last ran smoothly, and the Queer x Media x Book Club one-off event went great as well, and Leslie, Xiaole from Media, and Elizabeth and Eleanore from UniMelb Book Club had a great meeting compiling the book recommendations at the event into an outline of the Farrago feature spread that is to be published in Edition 3.

7. Other Reports

8. Operational Business (Motions on Notice)

9. General Business (Motions on Notice)

Motion 9.1: That the Queer Committee approves the expenditure of \$700 from the Events budget line for the supplies, venue booking and film rights for Pride Month Film

Night.

Mover: Madeline Brown
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconded: Toby Mills

Motion 9.2: That the Queer Committee approves the expenditure of \$150 from the Programs budget line for IDAHOBIT event by Queer Political Action Collective.

Mover:
CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconded:

Motion 9.2 cancelled.

10. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

Motion 10.1: That the Queer Committee approves the allocation of \$720 from the Programs budget line for the regular operations of Queer Political Action Collective.

Mover: Madeline Brown
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconded: Toby Mills

11. Next Meeting

12. Close