



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Women's Committee**

Agenda

Monday 18 July 2022, 4pm AEDT

Meeting 10(22)

Location:

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/82111969211?pwd=WVNzK1lIWVZza013NWpzMEJqK2o2UT09>

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Kraanti moves to elect themselves as the chair

Secunder: Jaslyn Potter

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

1.3. Attendance: Kaori, Imogen, Ngaire, Jaslyn

1.4. Apologies

- Arshia
- Donya

1.5. Proxies

1.6. Membership

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

7. Motions on Notice

7.1. To approve \$200 from the Orientation (Winterfest/Summerfest Budget line) to cater mini cupcakes from Cupcakes Central for the Winterfest.

Mover: Ngaire

Secunder: Jaslyn

10. Next Meeting

Please fill in your availabilities here: <http://whenisgood.net/9endx59>

11. Close

**The University of Melbourne Student Union
Women's Department Report
Kraanti Agarwal
To Students' Council 11(22)
Thursday, 6 July 2022**

CW: Mentions sexual assault and harassment, institutional and organisational negligence,

“UMSU Women's advocates for student's safety on campus [and online]”. Indeed, we do. However, all the departments need to understand that student safety is not just a Women's issue. It is a deep-rooted intersectional problem that can only be seen through an intersectional lens, i.e., having diverse perspectives, especially from autonomous departments.

The survey results were released at the beginning of this year, and notably, incidents of sexual violence are more damaging for marginalised groups — queer, BIPOC (Bla(c)k, Indigenous and People of Colour) students, and students with a disability.

UMSU Women's along with SHRCs started the Our Turn (NUS Campaign) grading university sexual misconduct policy, procedures and support services available for students. The criteria were initially formulated by former SHRC- Dr Patrick Tidmarsh and later reformed by our current SHRCs. Pre Grading went on for two weeks (15 June- 29 June), during which we analysed and adjusted the criteria. Student Reps – SA/SH working group members, including council members, the President, Residential College Rep, and Southbank OBs, were invited to participate in this grading procedure. Not surprisingly, attendance was **significantly low**.

Even though I represent a queer, brown immigrant with multiple disabilities, the burden of bringing in these perspectives does not fall on only me. We need the perspectives and voices of the student representatives which students have voted for.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Submit content for the IG takeover (I missed the deadline due to my medical appointments and couldn't submit this –)
2. Consult with Advocacy before publishing the Open Letter to the university in responding to SA/SH (The Open Letter is drafted, and waiting to be presented to the next Women's Committee. Once approved, will begin comms around this.)
3. Start reviewing Judy's Editor Application

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Convene next SA/SHWG Meeting and present Our Turn Grading
2. Convene Committee Meeting
3. Meet with SHRCs to finalise grading and draft the UMSU Women's Report to Our Turn

