

Women's Committee Meeting 4(21)

Date of Meeting: Thursday, 11th March 2021.

Advertised time: 6:00 PM (AEST)

Venue: Zoom

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/85716058417?pwd=dEt0dHZZQ21GcnlBT3NwVm1uN1p1UT09>

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Srishti moves to elect themselves as Chair. Veronica seconds. Motion passes.

Srishti moves to elect Mickhaella as minute-taker. Motion passes.

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

Srishti gives Acknowledgement.

1.3. Attendance

Veronica, Talia, Emily and Comfort.

1.4. Apologies

No apologies were received in advance.

Ananya proxied to Emily.

2. Agenda

2.1. International Women's Day

Srishti spent a total of \$126.20 shopping for the International Women's Day Picnic that took place on March 8. Mickhaella then paid Srishti this amount and is requesting to be reimbursed via the "International Women's Day" budget line, which contains \$500.

MOTION: To pass \$126.20 from the "International Women's Day" budget line to reimburse Mickhaella for shopping for the picnic.

Mover: Tahlia Crossley

Seconder: Veronica Chu

Motion carries without dissent.

2.2. Collectives

The Women's Department is asking for \$200 to purchase food, drinks and COVID-safety-related items (like face masks and hand sanitiser) for upcoming in-person collectives, including the Women and Non-Binary People Collective, Women and Non-Binary People of Colour Collective and Feminist Action Collective. Receipts are also available for auditing, if need be.

MOTION: To pass \$200 from the "Collectives" budget line to purchase food, drinks and COVID-safety-related items for future in-person collectives.

Mover: Srishti Chatterjee

Seconder: Comfort Agunbiade

Motion carries without dissent.

3. Other Business

3.1. Update on International Women's Day

*TW: transphobia, wh*rephobia*

Srishti gave an update on the violence against trans people and sex workers that happened during the International Women's Day Rally, and on the public statement that was published by the Women's Department that condemned this. They also raised that it would be beneficial to everyone if committee members could share and engage with public statements and posts from the Women's Department so that they reach as many students as possible.

3.2. Update on Safety on Campus

Mickhaella gave update on Respect Community of Practice, where last meeting, a motion was passed to write a recommendation to the Academic Registrar to relocate the Safer Communities Program from Stop 1 into the New Student's Precinct.

Srishti gave update on new committees they are part of: Safety on Placement, focussed on improving the safety of students on external placement, where the first meeting is to take place tomorrow; and SOAR (Safer Online Aware Resilience), focussed on eSafety, where the first meeting will take place in-person at the end of March. They also recommended that committee members raise suggestions if they have any so that they can pass them along to the appropriate bodies during these meetings.

3.3. Collectives

Comfort raised that the reason why there was difficulty in getting numbers for the Women and Non-Binary People of Colour Collective was that there wasn't enough traction on social media, and suggested that we make a registration form that gives people weekly reminders about the collectives once they've signed up.

Srishti said this was a good idea and agreed to give Comfort host privileges to create this registration form as Comfort is running the Women and Non-Binary People of Colour Collective.

4. Next Meeting

Srishti raised the need for a regular committee meeting now that we are constitutionally bound to have them every fortnight. Also mentioned that missing three committee meetings in a row results in termination for members.

Srishti asked if after 5PM is a good time for everyone. Tahlia mentioned that due to their shift work from 7AM to 6PM, it would be better if meetings were in the middle of the day so that they can be coordinated with her lunch break. Comfort said that after 5 is okay but not after 7 due to religious requirements. A WhenIsGood will be sent out to arrange the meeting time.

5. Close

Closes at 6:30PM.