

Women's Committee Meeting 9(21)

Date of Meeting: Monday, 26th of July 2021.

Advertised time: 5:00 PM (AEST)

Venue: Zoom

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86943269175?pwd=ZG9kVHEzU0tHczdsaStRbUpHTmp6UT09>

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Srishti moves to elect themselves as Chair. Ananya seconds. Motion passes without dissent.

Srishti moves to elect Mickhaella as Minute-Taker. Motion passes without dissent.

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

Srishti gave Acknowledgement.

1.3. Attendance

Mickhaella Ermita, Srishti Chatterjee, Veronica Chu, Tahlia Crossley, Ananya Agarwal.

1.4. Apologies

Veronica Chu is proxying for Emily Crawford.

1.5. Membership

Comfort Agunbiade has resigned.

2. Agenda

2.1. Women's Department Budget for Semester 2, 2021

The planned expenditure for the Women's Department in Semester 2 is \$31,000, carrying through the unspent funds of \$7,899.30 from last semester.

The main goals of the Women's Department this semester are the same as before: to make Women's more accessible, diverse and radical, ensuring that all women, non-binary, trans- and gender-diverse students feel included and represented, and that we centre those who are queer, BIPOC, have lived experiences of disability and/or come from overseas, interstate, rural or regional areas. It also means promoting radical education through workshops, panels and events.

Our primary focus this semester will be on the "Zero Tolerance for Zero Action" campaign that seeks to hold the University accountable for their inaction regarding Safety on Campus and push them to implementing UMSU's 10 Priorities. This is especially pertinent given recent events at Parliament and the National Student Safety Survey (NSSS) that will be taking place in September.

In addition, we are working with our three Editors on our annual departmental publication *Judy's Punch*, which is autonomous to women and non-binary people.

MOTION: To adopt the attached budget as the Women's Department Budget for the second half of 2021.

Mover: Mickhaella Ermita
Seconder: Srishti Chatterjee
Motion carries without dissent.

2.2. Update on OurTurn

Mickhaella gave update on OurTurn, an initiative to create a scoresheet for Australian universities to 'grade' them on their responses to sexual assault and harassment. This was effective in Canada, as it coordinated action across multiple campuses and wound up with universities 'competing' with each other to get a better grade. Both Women's Officers have had a meeting with the National Union of Students to begin gauging interest for getting OurTurn up and running.

Srishti mentioned that the NUS are shaping their own national campaign on sexual assault and we're helping them with that too. Both UMSU Women's Officers will receive first responder training from Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia, and we'll share resources if they are available.

2.3. Update on Judy's Punch

Srishti gave an update on Judy's Punch. The collective has started up and will be held weekly after-hours. So far, a theme has been decided, the content list is to be finalised and then submissions will open up. Additionally, we had an art journaling event for WinterFest that helped to brainstorm ideas for the magazine.

3. Next Meeting

A Facebook poll will be sent out to decide when the fortnightly semester meetings for July will be scheduled.

4. Close

Meeting closes at 5:12PM.