Meeting of the Queer Committee
Minutes
2:24 PM, 01.09.2014
Meeting 3
Location: Office Bearer’s Space, Level One, Union House

1. Procedural Matters
   1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1; To elect Andrea Bozic as the chair for the meeting.
Mover; Andrea Bozic Seconder; Ry
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

   1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
   1.3 Attendance; Andrea, Ry, Ryan (tamara), Asiel by phone
   1.4 Apologies - none
   1.5 Proxies - none
   1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2; To adopt the agenda as presented.
Mover; Andrea Bozic Seconder; Ry
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Correspondence

Nil

3. Office Bearers’ Reports

Andrea’s OB Report

Third gender option
Since my meeting with the university about the third gender option I have undertaken more research into how intersex people will fit into this policy and what their preferred outcomes would be. As a part of my research I have found an “Employers guide to intersex inclusion” from OII Australia which has many useful resources both simple and helpful in a wide variety of ways and I have begun to distribute them to the university and the union as a resource that every services and HR department should have
Support Groups
The legalities of the support groups is being analysed and the department is working with advocacy in order to make this venture as foolproof as possible. Training for students has been located with CASA and the expressions of interest are being confirmed.

Wellness week
The department ran two events for wellness week. The first of which was a blanket fort, for which more blankets and cushions had been sourced and are now a permanent fixture of the queer space. The second event was a colouring in session held in the queer space. Queer students have shown an interest in the past in colouring in and now the queer space has many completed pieces stuck to the walls and the fridge.

The collectives
The collectives have been running relatively smoothly.

Archives
The archive is slowly being gone through in order to glean valuable information and ideas from them.

VCA
I am trying to run a collaboration space for artists down at their campus. Susan from arts and entertainment suggested that on alternating weeks the event is also held on the Parkville campus. I want to do this because art is often a solitary endeavour but socialising is needed to maintain mental health. I have had a chat with Van Rudd the VCA coordinator but we seem to be on separate pages as to what would be best for students as I would prefer that the space be as apolitical as possible.

Sports group
The university sports people have been pushing an event called “Gay? That’s ok” And using that conversation as a launching pad I have found that they have been approached by a student who wishes to have a separate change room while transitioning and the staff have made accommodations for the student.

Open Day was held a few weeks ago and I was walking around the university promoting University Unions while wearing a rainbow scarf. I spent most of the time I was there explaining what helpful services most unions provide and what we provided.

Constitution working groups
We have continued to push queer and disabled rights in the constitution in these groups but unfortunately had not made any meaningful progress toward the enfranchisement of trans women, until a chat with the Returning officer of the electoral ballot revealed that students who have their honorific titles changed to Mrs, Miss, or Ms are granted the right to vote for women’s officer within the Union. While this is not optimal and is not widely known at all, it is better than many of the options described in the working groups.

Condoms
More condoms of varying sizes have been ordered for the queer space as at this time only one size is available.

Sanitary Products
I have managed to secure a donation of sanitary products for the queer space for those who menstruate but may not feel comfortable purchasing their own. The donor is TOM’s Organic.

Lloyd’s OB Report
N/A

Motion 3; To accept Andrea’s Officer bearer report.
Mover; Andrea Bozic          Seconder; Ry
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

4. Other Reports
5. Motions on Notice
5.1 Minus 18 resources
Preamble; to buy booklets and poster from Minus 18 for topics such as Trans, Coming out and being an ally.

Motion 4; To approve of up to $150 from the Special Projects and Events line for resources from MINUS 18.
Mover; Andrea Bozic          Seconder; Ryan
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 5; To confirm the previous minutes (attached)
Mover; Andrea Bozic          Seconder; 

A PROCEEDURAL WAS MOVED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ OVER THE MINUTES AT THE END OF THE MEETING
Moved by; Asiel            Seconded; Andrea
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.3
Preamble; I hope to hold a regular event down at the VCA where queer students can socialise while they relax or they work on their own or collaborative projects.

Motion 6; To pass up to $200 from the Food and Beverages line to pay for events down at VCA
Mover; Andrea Bozic          Seconder; Ry
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT
5.4

**Motion 7:** To pass up to $50 from the Sundry line to pay for a pinboard where queer students can put up expressions of interest to rent or for renting out places to live.

Mover; Andrea Bozic  
Seconder; Ryan  
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.5

**Motion 8:** To pass up to $300 from the Special events and Projects line to pay for the last remaining Rax Sex and Consent invoices.

Mover; Andrea Bozic  
Seconder; Ryan  
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.6

**Motion 9:** To pass up to $100 from Food and beverages line to pay for food for a speed dating events to be held in the second half of semester.

Mover; Andrea Bozic  
Seconder; Asiel  
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5.7

Preamble; I hope to hold a Queer Clothes swap and have already sources a large amount of donations.

**Motion 10:** To pass up to $250 to pay for a space and transportation of goods and other functional requirements to hold a clothes swap.

Mover; Andrea Bozic  
Seconder; Ryan  
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

**Motions without notice**

6. Other Business

The office bearer asks for those in the committee who would be willing to help out with various errands. For example; postering, moving boxes, helping to run events.

Suggestion; make facebook group

7. Next Meeting

TBA

**Motion 11:** To confirm the previous minutes (attached)

Mover; Andrea Bozic  
Seconder; Asiel  
Carried without dissent

8. Close

2:46 pm meeting is closed