Minutes of Queer Committee meeting held 06/05/09

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Queer Committee

Meeting 5/09

CONFIRMED

4 PM, 6 May 2009

Location: Queer Office, Union House

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters
   1.1 Election of Chair
   1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
   1.3 Attendance
   1.4 Apologies
   1.5 Proxies
   1.6 Membership
   1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence
   4.1 Enviro Department: Play with your food
   4.2 Queer collective re: group counselling

5. Office Bearers’ Reports
   5.1 Queer library
   5.2 Queer film screening
   5.3 Collectives

6. Standing Committee Reports

7. Other Reports

8. Motions on Notice

9. Other Business

10. Next Meeting

11. Close

Meeting opened at: 4.10 PM.

It was later discovered that quorum was counted incorrectly. The decisions made in this meeting were ratified by Queer Committee Meeting 7/09 on 30 June 2009.

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Ezekial Gould chair queer committee meeting 5/09.
Moved: Stefania Seconded: Bridget

CWD
1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance
Ezekial Gould, Stefania Capogreco, Sharon Lau, Eden Smith, Bridget Graham
Absent
Shem Bennett, David Donaldson, Georgia Ioakimidis-MacDougall

1.4 Apologies
Georgia Ioakimidis-MacDougall

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership
Taylor Kendall resigned on April 29.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the proposed agenda for queer committee meeting 5/09 be adopted.
Moved: Chair
CWD

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: That due to complications arising with our computer being in I.T. the minutes of meetings 1-4/09 (1, 2 and 4 being inquorate) be approved by queer committee at the next quorate committee meeting.
Moved: Chair
CWD

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes
Refer to above motion in item 2.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

Agenda Item 4.1: Enviro Department: Play with your food
Queer dept looking at funding play with your food, but PWYF now seeking a whole of union fund, rather than from individual departments.

Agenda Item 4.2: Queer collective re: group counselling
Took this idea of queer department collaborating with uni counselling service to collective as directed to by committee in first meeting.

Stef’s report back on collectives thoughts:
- collective thought it was a great idea… but there were a few serious issues that were brought up
- the queer dept. does offer support to queer students but is not a counselling service.
- problem with group counselling in past – several people will often hijack it and talk about things that might make other people uncomfortable.
- Collectives run through querspace have safer spaces policy code of conduct to go by – can’t ensure that counsellor will respect this policy as presumably they will have their own training. EG. Having a week on gender as proposed by Shem – who will it be run by? – will the person running it be cis gendered or genderqueer/trans* identifying? – Will the counsellor be ignorant to or not understanding of gender normativity?
- idea proposed by collective: to put together a booklet that will:
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- advertise queer events coming up
- have personal queer stories and experiences coming out to yourself, family, friends. Stuff about depression as well.
- artwork
- talk about queer theory, sexual and gender fluidity, critiquing heteronormativity, drawing links between internalised queerphobia and being structurally oppressed
- **Pros**: Might be empowering, confidential, easy way to gain an insight into non-heterosexual people/ communities etc.

**Agenda Item 5: Office Bearers’ Reports**

**Agenda Item: 5.1 Queer library**
Building and improving on the library of zines books and other materials will be part of an ongoing project over the course of the year. These books will be kept in the office (so as they are not taken) and will be available for students to borrow. They will also provide material for queer reading and discussion groups, zines, booklets or other materials put out by the queer department. They will be a valuable resource for this years queer officers, and queer officers in the future.

**Agenda Item: 5.2 Queer film screening**
Going to screen a film next Monday in queerspace, it’s a doco called “sexing the label: love and gendr in a queer world”, and another film later in the month called “But I’m a cheerleader”. Depending on whether it is a success or not, we may turn this into a regular fortnightly thing.

**Agenda Item: 5.3 Collectives**
Queery has been going really well, with lots of people coming along, mostly new people, seem to be getting a lot from the collective. Gay shame and Kraffty Kweers are going to be replaced with film screenings, campaign and other events. Doing three collectives, whilst a great idea, was taking up most of our time at the union and we wanted to be able to spread ourselves more evenly between collectives and other projects.

**Motion 4**: That the office bearer report be accepted.
Moved: Bridget  Seconded: Eden

**Motion 5**: That $105 (as quoted by entertainment – Equipment: 1x NEC VT 670 Projector 1X 6ft Screen 2x JBL EON15P Powered loudspeaker Leads and Stands to suit) be taken from the ‘special projects and events’ line for a film screening on 11th May in queerspace.
Moved: Chair

**Motion 6**: That $50 be taken from the special projects and events line for petty cash to buy food and drink for the screening.
Moved: Chair
Motion 7: That Stefania Capogreco be reimbursed to the amount of $59.90 for the books ‘A Critical introduction to queer theory’ and ‘Pomosexuals: Challenging assumptions about gender and sexuality’ to be taken from the line ‘special projects and events’.
Moved: Chair
CWD

Motion 8: That Ezekiel Gould be reimbursed $27.95 for the book ‘Self-Organising Men’ to be taken from the line ‘special projects and events’.
Moved: Bridget Seconded: Eden
CWD

Motion 9: That Ezekiel Gould be reimbursed $32.95 for the book ‘Genderqueer: voices from beyond the sexual binary’ to be taken from the line ‘special projects and events’.
Moved: Chair
CWD

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Motion 10: That the next committee meeting be held on Tuesday 19th May 5pm queer office.
Moved: Chair
CWD

Agenda Item 10: Close

Motion 11: That the meeting be officially closed.
Moved: Chair
CWD

Meeting closed at: 4.35 PM

Certified by Chair: