

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the People of Colour Committee
Minutes (Unconfirmed)
12:00pm, Wednesday the 13th of March, 2019
Meeting 4(19)
Location: OB space, Level 1, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:16pm by Farah Khairat

1. Procedural Matters

1. Election of Chair

Farah Khairat was elected as chair.

Mover: Farah Khairat **Seconder:** Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
So acknowledged
3. Attendance
Farah Khairat, Mark Yin, Sam Zaman, A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni, Neha Agarwal, Gurpreet Singh
4. Apologies
Fiona Xia
5. Proxies
None received
6. Membership
No changes
7. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, as presented, was adopted.

Mover: Farah Khairat **Seconder:** A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were confirmed.

Mover: Farah Khairat **Seconder:** Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

Farah declared that she knew Po-Han Kung, who had applied for a grant through correspondence. As such, she would not move or second Motion 7.2.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

We were contacted by Po-Han Kung who is currently putting on a photography exhibit in the George Paton Gallery entitled 'Project of Colour'. He has asked for a grant to cover some of the costs associated with this, and as such we will be discussing setting up departmental grants in this meeting.

6. Office Bearer Reports

Completion of SummerFest events

We got to meet so many new students over the SummerFest period, and we managed to give out all of our bookmarks and snacks, as well as the vast majority of our tote bags. Our special events were also well attended, with a great mix of old and new faces alike. The *Crazy Rich Asians* Film Screening on Mar/4 was particularly popular, and we're stoked to have been able to hold an event like this to kick off semester. We hope to see ongoing progress with this level of community-building and engagement throughout our term.

UMSU Sleepover

This happened. We tried to hold a department activation, but for a range of reasons this kind of fell through; sorry Activities. We did kind of end up on corridor duty with Welfare though, and felt overall like it may be useful in future sleepovers to have this role somewhat more formalised, if only future Activities OBs can feel like they have an extra pair of eyes and hands around to help? This isn't our event so take this section of the report with a grain of salt, but we spotted a few drunk people and helped them get food/find their friends/etc. and Felt Very Helpful in doing so.

Faculty of Arts tutor training

In collaboration with a number of other departments, Mark spoke at an inclusive classroom symposium held by the Faculty of Arts. Tutors seemed really receptive in general and the feedback that we received was overwhelmingly positive. This may lend itself to future avenues of collaboration, potentially with academics in the field of education - the organiser has also expressed interest in facilitating more practical workshops throughout the year. We hope to be able to take this on board and bring it to other faculties as well.

PASS training

We met with the coordinator of the Peer Assisted Study Sessions within the Faculty of Arts to organise another round of cultural sensitivity training. The training held last year was popular and highly regarded and we will be looking to organise something similar in Week 4, hopefully in collaboration with some other departments as well.

Preparation of Week 1 collectives

We bought food. So much food. Given the level of engagement we've seen over the SummerFest period, we're generally glad and very relieved that our budget has the room to feed and otherwise accommodate for our growing collective.

Finalisation of Diversity Week events

Our program of events for Diversity Week has been finalised. This will include a range of special events and themed regular events, which we're very excited about. The website is now up and we will be looking to begin promotion on our end very shortly as well.

Incident reporting form

Given that semester is now under way, we've looked to start work on an incident reporting form for our website. This will have anonymous options also, and will hopefully help students feel more safe on campus. We are in the process of finalising the design for the form.

Continued work with UMSU Intl

We were approached by UMSU International to run a games night in week 5 and attended a meeting with regards to the initial logistics and delegation of tasks. Collectively, we will be contacting clubs, securing venues and opening a Basecamp job to centralise a lot of this work in the coming weeks.

Anti-Racism workshops

We want to start these in week 4 or 5 perhaps, depending on how keen our collective is. We will be canvassing appetite and start talking to potential presenters.

Start thinking about *Myriad* callouts

We are planning to be a bit more on top of *Myriad* this year, so planning will commence shortly.

Continue collaborations with the Faculty of Arts

Diversity Week and the PASS training are coming up imminently, so we want to get through those to the best of our ability. This will involve sorting our final logistics of our events and also co-opting a student panel for the training.

Continue collaborations with UMSU Intl

We have agreed to meet in the next fortnight so as to further discuss work on the week 5 games night.

6.1. To accept this office bearer report, and retroactively accept all hitherto submitted reports.

Mover: Mark Yin

Seconder: Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Motions on Notice

7.1. To move \$360 from the 'Collectives' budget line to purchase snacks for Media x POC Collectives.

Mover: Farah Khairat **Seconder:** Neha Agarwal

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Farah noted it was a small, fortnightly collective and that this would be enough for snacks for the year.

7.2. To pass \$1000 for Semester 1 Grants from the ‘Department Outreach’ budget line.

Mover: Mark Yin **Seconder:** A’Bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

This will cover two grants of up to \$500. It was suggested that this money be passed now, but that any recipient of the grants would have to be voted on after we receive applications. We would consider the correspondence from item 5 as one application.

7.3. To pass up to \$2000 from the ‘Special Events’ budget line to remunerate Diversity Week Speakers.

Mover: Farah Khairat **Seconder:** A’bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Neha asked who the speakers were; Farah introduced Yassir Morsi while Mark introduced Lisa Tran and Ami Pasricha. Neha asked where this information was available and we responded that we had just updated the website and will be creating Facebook events as soon as we have graphics. We’ll make Facebook posts promoting those ASAP.

7.4. To pass \$20 from the ‘Department Outreach’ budget line to purchase a \$20 voucher for the Department Feedback Survey.

Mover: Farah Khairat **Seconder:** Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Farah explained that we had remunerated collective members for completing a feedback survey; in doing this, we had asked for emails to which to send vouchers, though someone provided a phone number which we overlooked. Someone has now come forward to ask for this.

8. Motions without notice

8.1. To move \$200 from the ‘Special Events’ budget line to cover bar tab from the CRA screening.

Mover: Mark Yin **Seconder:** Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8.2. To pass \$132 from the ‘Collectives’ budget line for our *Black Panther* film screening.

Mover: Mark Yin

Seconded: A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Farah expressed exasperation that these fees were necessary. Sam was “disappointed but not surprised.” Farah then clarified that screening rights were in fact accommodated for in our budget. We then collectively sighed “because capitalism.”

9. Other Business

Farah: *Jocelyn from Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) has contacted us about training in week 4; we are currently reaching out to people about a panel, please let us know if you're interested.*

Mark: *Diversity Week is happening; please be aware of what's going on and familiarise yourselves with the program.*

Both Mark and Farah: *Our discrimination report form is live. That's cool.*

10. Next Meeting

Proposed for a fortnight

11. Close

Meeting closed at 12:37pm