

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the People of Colour Committee
Minutes (Unconfirmed)
3:00pm, Monday the 19th of August, 2019
Meeting 8(19)
Location: OB space, Level 1, Union House

Meeting opened at 3:09pm by Mark Yin

1. Procedural Matters

1. Election of Chair

Mark Yin was elected as chair.

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
So acknowledged
3. Attendance
Farah Khairat, Mark Yin, A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni, Gurpreet Singh, Allen Xiao, Sam Zaman
4. Apologies
Maha Masroor
5. Proxies
None received
6. Membership
Neha Agarwal and Fiona Xia have resigned.
Allen Xiao and Oshini Senanayake have been appointed.
7. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, as presented, was adopted.

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The previous minutes were confirmed.

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

Sepiso Munalula has written a letter to us with the idea of initiating a Bla(c)k Collective along with 23 co-signatories.

The student co-chair of the Pride in Action Network has reached out with a view of collaborating on an intersectional event.

6. Office Bearer Reports

29/Jul/2019

Myriad

Submissions have been open for a while now and close soon (August 11th!) We've seen some really cool work come through and are anticipating lots more. We've created a "Myriad Collective" facebook group so that people can keep up with Myriad and stay connected beyond just the annual publication date.

Myriad website

We've been talking to Comms regarding a digitisation process for the magazine as well. This looks like it will involve the purchase of a new URL but still hosted through the UMSU website.

WinterFest

Winterfest was a huge success! We handed out a lot of our new tote bags (with our department bookmarks) and ran out of snacks. We also managed to print out some fliers about Myriad to hand out with info about submissions. We spoke to a lot of new people about the department and have connected with a few on social media as well. Despite our massive yellow Department banner that we finally have now, people still came to ask "So who are you guys?"- but we don't mind because we got to see a lot of lovely new faces and chat about what we do.

Apart from our Carnival Day stall, we also collaborated with UMSU Intl for free hot chocolate on West Court (despite our missing 60L of milk shenanigans!!!) and had a few tote bags and Myriad fliers over there as well. We're also looking forward to our Winterfest Trivia next week!

6/Aug/2019

Myriad

Submissions are still open send stuff in please. We've managed to cram both an editorial team meeting and an all-in meeting into this week. Things are starting to happen and we live.

Myriad website

Next meeting with comms is locked in for Aug/12!!!

Trivia Night

Happened, it was lit. People seemed to really enjoy this event and every team walked away with something, which was positive and meant that there was no awkward situation of people winning nothing. We also did some impromptu Mariah Carey karaoke while scores were being tallied. A provocative rendition of *Touch My Body* by the “Queer Agenda” team was truly an event highlight.

6.1. To accept this office bearer report.

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Motions on Notice

7.1. To pass \$1000 for Semester 2 Grants from the ‘Department Outreach’ budget line.

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

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Farah recalled that we had passed grants last semester and awarded them to two separate projects, outlining that we intended to do the same this semester.

7.2. To pass \$35 to pay for our first film screening, (\$28.50 pizza and \$5.99 movie rental)

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7.3. To pass \$120 from the ‘Collectives’ budget line to remunerate Reading Group Speaker

Mover: Farah Khairat **Second:** Gurpreet Singh

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

The reading group was led by Michelle Mashuro and was about Afro-surrealist cinema.

7.4. To pass \$150 from the ‘Collectives’ budget line to host a Bla(c)k Collective.

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

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Farah explained that this happened last Friday and came about owing to a number of Bla(c)k students feeling excluded. They had petitioned against us for a monthly collective, it had good turnout and we are moving some money to cover the cost.

7.5. To pass up to \$850 from the ‘Special Events’ budget line to cater Anti-Racism workshops in Semester 1.

Mover: Mark Yin **Seconder:** Allen Xiao

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Mark explained that these were planned for weeks 5-7 and we needed the money on hand.

8. Motions without notice

8.1. To pass \$200 from the ‘Department Outreach’ budget line to use for social media promotion

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

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Mark explained that we hadn’t spent this money yet and it’s already August.

9. Other Business

1. **Bla(c)k Collective**

These were primarily run by Sepiso Munalula following her correspondence. Committee members generally noted assent.

Farah outlined that it wouldn’t always be a lunch collective, but might just be a different event every month.

A’bidah asked if funding would remain the same.

Farah stated that she’d asked them to apply for a grant so that they can have a lump sum amount to spend autonomously. While we’re generally happy to keep the amount similar for future events, it does depend on their plans.

2. **Mental Health Week**

Ideas discussed for week 7: collaboration with Pride In Action Network (see: correspondence), themed anti-racism workshops, film + reading (Hassan Minhaj).

Farah suggested it might be possible to get a professional speaker in, but we would have to wait and see.

Gurpreet asked if it was different to UMSU Welfare’s Stress Less Week.

Farah answered that it would have a greater focus on PoC Mental Health.

A’bidah asked if it would be possible to collaborate with UMSU Disabilities.

Farah concluded that we would try.

10. Next Meeting

Late week 7 or early week 8

11. Close

Meeting closed at 3:26pm