

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the People of Colour Committee
Agenda
6:00 PM, Friday the 10th of February 2022
Meeting 3(23)
Location: Teams

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Meeting opened at 6.04 PM

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: To elect Mohamed Hadi as Chair

Mover: Mohamed Hadi

Seconded: Dimi Olayanju

Carried Without Dissent

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

So Acknowledged

1.3. Attendance

Dimi Olayanju, Natasha Mulay, Upasna Goel, Mohamed Hadi, Manasi Deshpande, Malaz Mohamed Bakhit, Marko Younan, Nawaar Noor, Hala Khartabil

1.4. Apologies

None

1.5. Proxies

None

1.6. Membership

Hala Khartabil has been appointed to committee.

Malaz Mohamed Bakhit has been appointed to committee.

Manasi Deshpande has been appointed as a non-voting member of committee.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Mohamed

Seconded: NA

Carried Without Dissent

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of meeting 2(23) as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Mover: Mohamed

Seconded: NA

Carried Without Dissent

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None Declared

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Correspondence

Mohamed Discusses his meeting with the University regarding prayer spaces, and the Egyptian club regarding SWANA Ball

6. Office Bearer Report

- **Summerfest planning**

Finalized the games and promo designs for the Summerfest, merch is on the way and hopefully the merch will come soon. Event will go live soon!!

- **Anti-racism workshops – applications now open**

Opened the anti-racism workshop program applications, hopefully we will have some interest in presenters over the next few weeks

- **Presidents' Summit with the national union of students**

Went to the presidents summit and met the national ethnocultural officer, Ben Naiju, gave him a tour of the office and the space and expressed the departments' interest in hosting the ethnocultural conference

- **Anti-racism policy and implementation working group**

Held the first meeting of the the working group and kicked off the work, no major updates, just understand the scope and assigning initial actions to members.

Motion: To accept the office bearer report

Mover: Mohamed Hadi
Carried Without Dissent

Seconder: NA

7. Other Reports

7.1. Budget Tracker – Upasna Goel

Upasna Presents the Budget and expenditure throughout the past month

7.2. POC Space purchasing – Natasha Mulay, Nawaar Noor

Natasha presents the shopping list and the different things that they've compiled together for the space

8. Operational Business

8.1. Anti-racism workshop program terms and conditions

The current terms of reference is as follows for the workshop program. Setting these is essential to guide applicants on how does the committee and department look at them:

1. One application for one workshop topic must be submitted at the time of applying.
2. The speaker's presentation must not extend beyond 1 hour and must include a Q&A/discussion/activity segment either during the 1 hour timeframe or after.
3. If two or more presenters would like to jointly present a workshop, payment must be equally split among the presenters, as it is assumed that the labour to create the workshop elements is divided equally among the presenters
4. Payment is done according to the degree level of the applicant and scales up accordingly, this is done at the discretion of the People of Colour Committee.
5. Workshops timing will be determined upon the discretion of the office bearers, subject to student commitments (eg assessment periods, exams etc.), unless circumstances require the presenter to do a workshop outside of these times, this must be known to the office bearers as soon as possible.
6. Officers reserve the right to cancel a workshop if notice of these circumstances is given less than 1 week prior to the intended workshop date.
7. Applications submitted for the anti-racism workshop program must be reviewed and approved by the People of Colour committee before the officers may coordinate the logistics of said workshop.
8. If the applicant seeks to appeal against any of these terms and conditions and have strong reasoning to do so, they must appear in front of the People of Colour Committee to appeal. This can be done by emailing the department and requesting the details of the next meeting to be forwarded to them in order to join.

Motion: To adopt the terms and conditions of the anti-racism workshop program for 2023

Mover: Upasna Goel

Seconder: Hala Khartabil

Carried Without Dissent

- Mohamed goes through the terms and conditions from last year and asks if committee has any amendments.
- Upasna asks about when to fill out this form, Mohamed clarifies it needs to be filled out before semester start
- Dimi asks about the flexibility of changing the order, Mohamed will check with Ciara

8.2. Collective coordination – Order form

Mohamed explains that there is an order form for people to order food by so they don't need to worry about doing it every week

8.3. Government decision of re-opening of Nauru detention centre

The federal government has recently authorised the re-opening of the Nauru detention centre to process and asylum seekers. The re-opening of this detention centre is a horrific move by the government, as many of the detainees are subjected to horrible conditions, little to no medical aid and prolonged detention with no hope for a resolution. This decision has been condemned by multiple organisations such as the ASRC and the Human Rights Law Center.

Betlehem Tebubu, human rights activist and survivor of offshore processing on Nauru said: "It is shocking, I was expecting good news, we were excited about this new Government and now we are just getting this destructive news. It is very sad, I was expecting things were going to get better. I feel very sad, sad for the people held on Nauru."

"The conditions in Nauru are horrible, we lost our future our dreams were stolen, and now this contract. People should be signing resettlement papers, not contracts. It is ten years and people are still there. They should be free, not hiring a new company. Give people a proper life and give medical treatment."

Ogy Simic, acting Director of Advocacy and Campaigns at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC), said: "The rotten and cruel system of indefinite arbitrary detention of people who seek asylum by sea and offshore processing has denied rights and destroyed lives, it should come as no surprise that the only company willing to run it is a for-profit prison company that 'traffics in human captivity for profit.'"

Stances:

1. The People of Colour Department condemns the Federal Labor government on its decision to re-open the Nauru detention centre.
2. The department condemns the Labor government's attempts to introduce Migration Amendment (Aggregate Sentence) Bill 2023, which seeks to will force people recently released from immigration detention back into detention.
3. The department stands in solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees in detention and calls for their release.

Actions:

1. To direct the officer to write and publish a statement from the department outlining the aforementioned points on social media

Motion: To adopt the stances in agenda item 8.3 and approve the actions highlighted

Mover: Malaz Mohamed Bakhit

Seconder: Nawaar Noor

Carried Without Dissent

Discussion:

- Upasna asks whether were writing the statement or using one written Mohamed says were writing out own

9. Motions on Notice

9.1. POC Space food purchases

Attached is the shopping list that was created.

Motion: to approve \$700 from the "Consumables and Supplies - Safe Space Supplies (03-60-680-3352)" budget line for the purchase of POC space snacks, drinks and menstrual products

Mover: Natasha Mulay

Seconder: Nawaar Noor

Carried without Dissent

Discussion:

- None

9.2. People of Colour Collective

Motion: to approve \$3250 from the "Programs-Collectives (03-60-680-3839)" for the purchase of food and delivery for the people of colour collective

Mover: Upasna Goel

Seconder: Natasha Mulay

Carried Without Dissent

Discussion:

- None

9.3. Bla(c)k Collective

Motion: to approve \$3000 from the “Programs-Collectives (03-60-680-3839)” for the purchase of food and delivery for the Bla(c)k collective

Mover: Malaz Mohamed Bakhit

Seconder: Dimi Olayanju

Carried Without Dissent

Discussion:

- None

9.4. Application – Grants program

Please find Neha Christopher’s application form with a breakdown of expenditure and funds needed.

Motion: to approve a grant of \$500 from the Grants-Committee(03-60-680-3531) budget line for Neha Christopher’s BIPOC grant application .

Mover: Dimi Olayanju

Seconder: Natasha Mulay

Carried Without Dissent

Discussion:

- **Natasha indicates that BIPOC mental health is good area for the department to explore and likes the idea the applicant presented**
- **Upasna and Mohamed say the different languages the applicant will translate the resources into is a great idea and supports the application**
- **Dimi finds the breakdown of cost reasonable and is comfortable with giving them the amount requested**

9.5. Application – Anti-racism workshop

Find attached the anti-racism workshop application submitted yesterday on Racialized experiences of the queer dating scene.

Motion: To approve the anti-racism workshop application on racialized experiences of the queer dating scene and approve a payment of \$150 from the Events – General (03-60-680-3840) budget line for the speaker payment of the presenter

Mover: Natasha Mulay

Seconder: Upasna Goel

Carried Without Dissent

Discussion:

- **Upasna Indicates that she'd like more details on what the workshop will be talking about**
- **Natasha mentions that the applicant gave examples of what the workshop will talk about**
- **Manasi would like to see what activities or discussions the presenter would have to engage with the audience.**
- **Since it's the first workshop, Natasha indicates it would be good to accept this and have further conversations with the applicant about their content**
- **Mohamed said he will follow up with the applicant regarding this**

10. Motions without Notice

None.

11. Other Business

Mohamed asks committee to help out with Summerfest and promotes the event, Upasna asks about planning for Holi, Mohamed said hell connect them to the Activities department.

12. Next Meeting

Week 1 of the semester

13. Close

Meeting closed at 6.52 PM