



**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Meeting of the People of Colour Committee  
Minutes  
(22<sup>nd</sup> April, Thursday 1:00pm)  
Meeting 8(22)  
Location:**

**Meeting opened at 1:00pm**

**1. Procedural Matters**

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion: To elect Hiba as Chair.

Mover: Hiba

Seconded:

**CARRIED without dissent**

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

**Acknowledged**

1.3. Attendance

Jeff, Moosa, Mohamed, Isi, Reham, Anushka

1.4. Apologies

Wasif

1.5. Proxies

1.6. Membership

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Jeff

Seconded:

**CARRIED without dissent**

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Motion 2.1: To accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 6(22).

Mover: Hiba

Seconded:

**CARRIED without dissent**

Motion 2.2: To accept the previous minutes of petitioned meetings as a true and accurate record of meeting 3(22) and 7(22).

Mover: Hiba

Seconded:

**CARRIED without dissent**

### 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

### 5. Correspondence

We have received correspondence from a student who raised an issue regarding support for Palestine.

Please see their email below:

Hello, I have recently seen news that the McGill University Student Union, alongside the Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights group, has passed a motion to officially adopt an anti-Zionist boycott policy in support of Palestine.

The post >>> [https://www.instagram.com/p/CbYdHWBv7fF/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/CbYdHWBv7fF/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

I'm reaching out because it is long past due that such a boycott policy was embraced by UMSU, in support of Palestinian and Arab students. Please consider.

### Discussions

Jeff:

- Not the business of the committee or UMSU to bring in geopolitical issues
- Our role is combating racism on campus and to make students comfortable
- Boycotting can mean we are boycotting innocent people

Isi:

- Onboard w/ divestment and a statement of condemnation. Can I just ask why we are following the of McGill? Do we have a relationship with them/is it just because they reached out to us?

Hiba:

- No, the student just mentioned them in the email

Reham:

- When you say boycott do you mean as per BDS? From what I understand from BDS it's boycott of specific companies that operate within occupied territories etc? I might be wrong though

Hiba

- Yes

Jeff

- I just think all students should feel comfortable on campus, Jewish and Israelis, as well as Palestinians, equally. This has become a very ugly area in North America and Europe and divisive and I would hate to see it become one here and involve a lot of backlash

Moosa

- Agrees with Reham
- BDS targets companies that harm innocent people and that fund settlement and academics that push for genocide

Jeff

- Doesn't agree with Moosa
- The international anti-semitism policy has been adopted by different countries

Reham

- Should not be neutral in a situation where people are being deprived of their rights
- We can see the difference in discussion between Russia and Israel

Committee members had discussions using the chat function to put links to argue their points

Reham, Moosa, Isi and Anushka agree that they would like to work on a BDS policy to create a motion for council. Jeff dissented.

## 6. Office Bearer Reports

**University of Melbourne Student Union  
People of Colour Report  
Hibatallah (Hiba) Adam  
To Students' Council 7(22)  
DATE MONTH 2022**

### **Key Activities**

- Ramadan Iftars:
  - o This has been such a big success!! I am so proud of the work the PoC and Welfare department has done regarding the iftars. I have had many students tell me how grateful they are that the iftars are running. I hope that the Ramadan Iftars become a consistent program that the PoC department runs each year in the future.
- Collectives are all going very well and attendance across all of them is increasing by the week.
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### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

1. Ramadan Iftars: see above

- 2. Anti-racism workshops have started!!
  - We have already completed one workshop on Environmental Racism
  - We are hoping we continue getting more applicants for the workshops. To do this, we will be using ads on Instagram and Facebook to reach more people.

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

- 1. Our Ableism in migration event alongside Disabilities is coming up very soon! We are currently in the process of securing speakers.
- 2. The department is also aiming to collaborate with the Indigenous and Queer Department to have a First Nations x PoC Queer Party! This event will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May

**Budget Expenditure** (if applicable)

- Ramadan Iftars: \$2824.2 (approximately, as some funds also came from the Welfare department and reimbursements were made to them)
- Collectives: \$749.25

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports	
Mover: Hiba	Seconded:
<b>CARRIED without dissent</b>	

**7. Motions on Notice**

**7.1** As we have our anti-racism workshops occurring all throughout the year it would be great if we can advertise them so we can reach more people. Additionally, we want to advertise the racism at unimelb survey to reach students at Parkville campus, and beyond. For this we would like to pass money from the department’s outreach budget line.

Motion: To pass \$400 from the department’s outreach budget line for Facebook and Instagram advertisements.	
Mover: Moosa	Seconded: Mohamed
<b>CARRIED without dissent</b>	

**7.2** The Bla(c)k Collective had their first online Games Night on 11<sup>th</sup> of April. The winners of the games will receive \$25 gift cards.

Motion: To pass \$100 from the Collective’s budget line for Prezze gift cards	
Mover: Jeff	Seconded: Reham

