

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Queer Committee

Minutes

8 May 2019, 11am

Location: UMSU Office Bearer's Space, Level 1, Union House

Meeting open 11:16am

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1.2. That Andie Moore be elected Chair

Mover: Andie Moore Seconded: Jackson Young

Carried without dissent

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Office Bearers: Raph Canty, Andie Moore

Committee: Jackson Young, A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni, Natasha Bay, Shana Cochrane

Observers: Mark Yin

1.4 Apologies

Committee: Sell Ellett, Saloni Swaminathan

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1.2. That the agenda be adopted

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 2.1. That the previous minutes be accepted as a fair and accurate record of proceedings

Mover: Chair

Carried without dissent

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None declared

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None arisen

5. Correspondence

None received

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None received

6. Office Bearer Report

Verbal report given

7. Other Reports

None

8. Motions on Notice

Motion 8.1. To approve an additional \$100 from the Queer Space Maintenance budget line to spend on a stamp for the department

Mover: Chair

CWD

Andie explained that Comms are working on getting a stamp made. More money is needed for this in addition to the \$50 approved previously.

Motion 8.2. To approve up to \$300 from the Special Projects and Events budget line to spend on a pull-up banner for the department.

Mover: Chair

CWD

It was discussed how the Office Bearers could not find any pull-up banners to use at events. Committee agreed that it was important to have to identify the department when holding large events.

Motion 8.3. To approve up to \$100 from the Queer Space maintenance budget line to spend on more soy milk, milk and snacks.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Andie explained that about 4L of milk per week has been drunk by students in the Queer Space. Raph mentions that the department will need to keep an eye on how much milk is costing as it is obviously an appreciated service but also becoming costly. Discussion was had about which snacks should be bought.

Motion 8.4. To approve up to \$250 from the Special Events and Projects budget line to spend on food & drink at the PAWS Stress Less week picnic

Mover: Chair

CWD

The Office Bearers explain that they have been planning a “gay dogs picnic” with the PAWS Dog Club and the Welfare department for Stress Less Week. Money will be put towards snacks: chips, dips, crackers and fruit. Andie encourages the Committee to attend and bring their dogs.

Motion 8.5. To approve up to \$35 from the Queer Space Maintenance budget line on more Hot Chocolate for the Queer Space.

Mover: Chair

CWD

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Motion 8.6. To approve up to \$60 from the Queer Space Maintenance budget line on more teabags for the Queer Space.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Andie explained that Green tea, Chamomile, Lemon & Ginger and Earl Grey all need to be topped up. They will be buying in bulk to save money and ensure we don't run out again soon.

Motion 8.7. To approve up to \$200 from the Queer Space Maintenance budget line to spend on more cutlery for the Queer Space.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Andie explained that it's important to find a solution to cutlery. This amount of money will cover 3,000 knives, forks and spoons so that people can eat their lunch or make a hot drink in the Queer Space.

Motion 8.8. To approve up to \$120 from the Queer Space Maintenance budget line on larger cups for the Queer Space.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Raph explained that the cups previously purchased are smaller than expected and not large enough for people to use making their hot drinks.

Natasha suggested some arts & crafts activities which could use the cups.

Andie would like to get a small coffee cup, paint it, attach some string to it and attach it to a Chihuahua or a Pomeranian as a small hat.

Procedural. To move directly to other business, and then return to Motions Without Notice afterwards

Mover: Chair

CWD

9. Motions Without Notice

Motion 9.1. \$500 from special projects and events budget line to spend on a Queer People of Colour party in collaboration with the Indigenous department

Mover: Chair

CWD

The Indigenous department are organising a party, asking for \$500 from Queer and PoC. To be held at the Ida with an \$800 tab.

Motion 9.1. That the queer committee endorses the sit-in staged by the National Tertiary Education Union against casualization at the University of Melbourne.

Mover: Chair

CWD

Andie reported that 70% of staff at The University of Melbourne are casualised and explained why the sit-in the NTEU were holding was important to support.

10. Other Business

10.1 Queer Collaborations funding student grants

Procedural Motion. To move in-camera

Mover: Chair

CWD

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Mover: Chair

CWD

11. Next Meeting

Committee decided to meet the following week: 11am Wednesday 15 May

12. Close

Meeting closed at 12:22pm