Minutes for Meeting 2(21). 28/1/21:

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Queer Committee**

**Confirmed Minutes**

**1:01pm, the 28th January 2021**

**Meeting 2(21)**

**Location: Zoom**

1. **Procedural Matters**
   1. Election of Chair

Motion 1.1: To elect Amy Bright as Chair.

Mover: Raymond Wu

Seconder: Kameron Lai

Carried without dissent.

Motion 1.2: To elect Amy Bright to take minutes.

Mover: Ethan Georgeou.

Carried without dissent.

* 1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

This committee acknowledges that we work on the stolen lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and pay our respects to Indigenous Elders past, present and emerging. Sovereignty has never been ceded. This always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

* 1. Attendance

Office Bearers: Amy Bright (chair & minute-taker)

Committee: Kameron Lai, Benjamin Jarick, Raymond Wu, Kat Zhang, Ethan Georgeou

Others: Emily Hope Kajj.

* 1. Apologies

Lauren Mendes, Laura Ehrensperger.

* 1. Proxies

Saskia Peachey to Emily Hope Kajj.

* 1. Membership

No changes.

* 1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1.7: Adopt the Agenda

Mover: Amy Bright (Chair)

Carried without dissent

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Motion 1.8: To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Amy Bright.

Carried without abstention: Kameron, Emily, Ethan.

**3. Conflict of Interest Declaration-**

None

**4. Correspondence**

None

**5. Office Bearer Report**

Much of our time since the last meeting has been spent preparing the Queer Department Budget for 2021. This has been submitted to the General Secretary and will be discussed at the next students’ council meeting (5th February 2021), hopefully passed, and then it will be submitted to you the committee for approval.

Drafting a budget also means preliminary event planning, so more details on events will come to you when you receive the budget at our next meeting. The plan thus far is to run our regular weekly autonomous collectives in person with the covid-safe practices mandated by both the Union and the university. Should the teaching period approach and we are told we are not allowed to do this, the collectives can easily be pivoted online, but we are likely to suffer an attendance loss. In week one, the Host program will assist us in running an autonomous online speed-friending night (this I can confirm now because no budget is necessary for this event).

To update you on the situation with the Queer Care Packages we discussed at our last meeting: due to an issue with the UMSU credit card, the UMSU staff could not purchase the items we wanted to include in the packages. Since the deadline has passed, despite our efforts, the items can no longer be purchased. Most of the queer space supplies, including board games, books, and food, were purchased before the UMSU credit card failed. It is unclear what has happened with the pads and tampons, but they are yet to be delivered to my house, so I am following up with staff now. The custom-made postcards were purchased by me, with reimbursement, and they have been delivered! We now have 75 postcards that we can repurpose for the lounge or Summerfest.

Speaking of Summerfest - here’s what we know: the main festivities will be online. The events department is teaching us how to use the platform “Hopin” which will enable us to have virtual booths and events where students can come and go as they please. On campus, there will be a very limited marquee area, where one representative from the department can distribute material and meet some students. These students will be people receiving a campus tour from the Host program and will come in small groups with limited time to spend in the area.

The main item we wish to distribute is a QR code that will link to the queer Summerfest zine. Art submissions for this are open as per the Facebook post we made, but no submissions have been made yet. I strongly encourage anyone in the committee to submit things. It barely has to pass as art. If it is any queer related piece of writing or something you have done, feel free to show me and we can submit it if you like! Please encourage people you know in the community who may be interested to get cracking with submissions.

Motion 5.1: To accept the Office Bearer Report.

Mover: Kameron Lai

Carried without dissent.

**6. Other Reports**

None.

**7. Motions on Notice – Operational Business:**

7.1 Delegation to Operations Sub-Committee

Motion 7.1: That we approve budgetary delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee of up to $1000 for each Queer Department Budget Line.

Mover: Raymond

Seconder: Benjamin Jarick

Carried without dissent.

**8. General Business**

None.

**8. Next Meeting**

TBD via Doodle Poll

**9. Close**

**Meeting Closed at 1:18pm.**