

University of Melbourne Student Union



Meeting of the Queer Committee

Minutes

Friday, 20, March 2026, 12:00 AEDT

Meeting 4 (2026)

Location: Building 168, Level 2, Room 201

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/87487007712?pwd=28rhhVrnaqNo4vcq1iUaRCaRjsnLta.1>

Password: 617902

Meeting opened at 12:16 AEDT.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Lyton Namawanda is to be elected as Chair.

Mover: Elle Ivery

Seconded: Kenway Sheridan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT (CWD)

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

1.3. Attendance

1.3.1. Lyton Namawanda

1.3.2. Elle Ivery

1.3.3. Allie Lee

1.3.4. Cian Murphy

1.3.5. Kenway Sheridan

1.3.6. Tina Wu

1.3.7. Hayley Njagi

1.3.8. Christine Warnakula

1.3.9. Harshene Jarnathan (via zoom)

1.4. Apologies

1.4.1. N/A

1.5. Proxies

N/A

1.6. Membership

N/A

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1.7: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Kenway Sheridan

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes were not sent in advance with the agenda, no minutes to confirm. Minutes for meetings 1, 2, 3, 4 will be confirmed during meeting 5.

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No conflict of interest declared.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

N/A

6. Office Bearer Reports

Met with events team for BBQ's, pride month, queer ball

Met with Lushy who is running the safe@uni, safe@home campaign.

There will be a week dedicated for homophobia/transphobia, Lyton is looking into the queer departments' involvement with this.

Plan to handout question sheets at collectives which will ask for participants real life experience so they can be displayed anonymously.

The queer department attended orientation for Southbank campus, Parkville campus, and the Arts Students orientation event.

The queer department ran collectives for the first time this year.

Lyton contacted Southbank regarding BBQ's as they are more difficult to organise, conversation ongoing.

Lyton met with Ida Bar regarding catering for queer events (GnT's) moving forward.

Recent BBQ training saw 3 voting members and Hayley trained to run BBQ events.

7. Motions on Notice

Motion 7.1: Co-opt Hayley Njagi as a non-voting committee member due to her hard work during both orientation week and the past three weeks in cutting out the pins, making the pins, collective food for collectives and aiding in marketing for queer.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Kenway Sheridan

CWD

Motion 7.2: Reimburse Lyton Namawanda for the spending of \$121 in place of where UMSU money should have been used due to card problems (\$30 for reed diffusers for queer space and \$91 for QPOC food).

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Elle Ivery

CWD

Motion 7.3: Reimburse Kenway Sherridan \$18.59 for purchase of gluten free food alternatives for queer lunch which had to be purchased in person.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Elle Ivery

CWD

Motion 7.4: Use money allocated for Southbank March BBQ (\$952.92) for Southbank queer collective which will be used alongside Southbank funds to help maintain queer collective. The money should last 5 collectives if they spend around the same amount as queer lunch per collective (\$168). NOTE: Southbank queer collective occurs fortnightly.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Allie Lee

CWD

Approached by SB officers, BBQ wasn't done this month, help with their collective instead.

Motion 7.5: Pass the \$2,578.42 needed to run collectives and BBQ for April (\$952.92 for Southbank's BBQ, \$1,625.5 for collectives)

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Elle Ivery

CWD

Only going to do Parkville BBQ in March

Motion 7.6: Pass \$2,100 allocated for GNTs as the first launch will be coming in April as a collaboration with UMSU International. Additionally, will make it easier to order from IDA bar for future GNTs.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Elle Ivery

CWD

Spoke with UMSU international officer. Raise awareness about the queer department, raise international student engagement.

- GNT's is scheduled for April 17th.

Lyton spoke with Shar, last year \$20,000 of the budget was spent on GNT's, as our budget this year is smaller, Lyton suggested we reassess how these events run.

Allie brought up that towards the end of last year, events had higher budgets due to leftover and unallocated money from the budget, so that probably accounts for a part of the higher spend from last year.

Lyton confirmed that we have overbudgeted for the ball to be safe, and once we book the ball venue we may find we have extra spending money for things like GnT's.

Motion 7.7: Pass \$968.76 for movie rights for the pride month movie screenings as it must be done in advance to ensure movies are secured for the date. Additionally, allocate "Bottoms" and "Paris is Burning" as the two selected movies for pride month with "Badhai Do" and "Moonlight" as backup options depending on availability.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda Seconded: Allie Lee

CWD

Motion 7.8: Pass a motion for all details regarding food collection and collectives to have to be sent to at least 2 business day in advance so that payment, pickup and other issues can be organised.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda Seconded: Allie Lee

CWD

Motion 7.9: Pass \$324.40 to order more pins for pride month as they were very popular during orientation week and will be given out during pride events.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda Seconded: Kenway Sheridan

CWD

500x pins

We design the pins ourselves as we did for orientation events.

Lyton requested the committee to contribute more designs to represent more queer identities.

Motion 7.10: Re-allocate the \$1,000 set aside for book club to either Southbank queer collective or distribute amongst collectives at Parkville campus. The book club would need preliminary marketing to ensure we had enough attendance and prior planning of spaces and books which have yet to be communicated to me. It will likely be re-introduced semester 2 once SSAF have been finalised by the University.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Kenway Sheridan

CWD

Lyton emailed Rowden White library and they didn't get back.

Book club was designed to be run by a committee member, no one has offered and started organising it, so we will leave it until semester 2 when we can reassess how it will be run.

Christine is still keen to run it with Tina; however, Tina is graduating at the end of semester 1.

Lyton has asked to be presented with a concrete plan if they are to go ahead with book club.

Christine and Tina to have a discussion outside of this meeting and report back.

8. Other Business (Motions without Notice)

Noting down the responsibilities required of those who are running collectives/events

- *Organise time and location*
 - o *Let Lyton know so she can book in advance*
 - *Collectives are all booked for building 168, room 202 for the rest of semester.*
 - *Allie would like to move trans collective, more private room that can be access with a student card*
- *Order food, and organise for it to be picked up*
- *Pack down each event*
- *Design marketing posters/social media posts*
 - o *At least a draft for Lyton to review*

Motion without Notice 8.1: Reschedule QPOC to Wednesday 2-4pm

Mover: Chistine Warnakula

Seconded:

Motion withdrawn (see

Christine wants to help but can't make it to qpoc due to classes.

Kenway says they're happy to continue with the workload, especially with Hayley's additional help.

Committee agreed that QPOC should remain at 1-3 as it is a more ideal time for students.

Motion without Notice 8.2: Ensure at least 50% of the events held by each respective collective have an organised 'activity' (cards games, etc) ideally with marketing in the form of posters/social media.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Kenway Sheridan

CWD

Encouragement to do more activities i.e cards during collectives, trivia, 'AITA from reddit' sessions

Reassess purpose of collectives, it seems that 'free food' has become the sole purpose of collectives, we would like to return them to community building and friendship fostering.

Motion without Notice 8.3: For Allie Lee to have completed a trans collective poster design for review by Lyton by 27/03/26.

Mover: Lyton Namawanda

Seconded: Kenway Sheridan

CWD

Checking in with who are the *organisers of collectives*

- *Trans col – Allie*
- *Aro/Ace – Cian*
- *QPOC – Kenway*
- *Queer Lunch – Allie and now additionally and formally Kenway*
- *BBQ – Lyton*

Spoke about asking events for speakers for BBQ's

Allie checked in with rules about bringing a speaker to collectives, encouraged by committee.

Harshene suggests op shopping for board games for queer space/collectives

Southbank collective – queer department committee can attend, but we are not an organising body for them, we are only allocating funds so they have UMSU queer support.

9. Next Meeting

Scheduled for 24th of April, 12pm

10. Close

Meeting closed at 13:12 AEDT.