



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Women's Committee
Agenda
Thursday 13 January 2022, 2pm AEDT
Meeting 2(22)
Location: Online**

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Meeting open at 2:05pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Scottie nominates themselves as chair for Meeting 2(22), Seconded by Kraanti, passed without dissent.

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

1.3. Attendance

Lauren Scott (Scottie), Kraanti, Imogen Senior, Isi Ogwu, Jemila Lister, Ngaire Bogemann and Kaori Weightman

1.4. Apologies

Arshia Arora

1.5. Proxies

Arshia Arora proxies to Isi Ogwu.

1.6. Membership

No changes to the membership

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

Passed without dissent

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Confirmed

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

None

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

6. Office Bearer Reports

Acceptance passes without dissent

7. Scottie moves to discuss 8.3 before 8.2 because Kraanti has to leave early.

Passes without dissent

8. Motions on Notice

8.1. To accept the Women's Department budget for 2022.

Imogen asks to clarify the total allocated amount because the numbers don't add up.

Scottie raises that there might have been some editing or calculation error and the OBs will recheck the total allocated amount which should be \$42,787.

Scottie further clarifies that we did not make the changes to the "Special Events and Projects" budget line which might have caused the confusion.

Motion: to accept the department's budget with suggested final edits and budget line calculations.

Mover: Imogen Senior

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann

Passes without dissent

8.2. To approve the expenditure of \$355.35 for the purchase of books from Booktopia from the Women's Room budget line.

All monetary figures are of the original sale price, not accounting for current discounts. An extra \$7.95 is added to account for shipping costs.

Talkin' Up to the White Woman - Aileen Moreton-Robinson (24.99)

The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the House - Audre Lorde (2.50)

Feminist Theory: From Margin to Centre - bell hooks (50.99)

Dropbear - Evelyn Araluen (24.99)

Nothing But My Body - Tilly Lawless (29.99)

Living a Feminist Life - Sara Ahmed (47.23)

Whipping Girl - Julia Serano (36.99)

Annihilation of Caste - Arundhati Roy (33.75)

Rescued by a Feminist - Saloni Chopra (32.99)

Invisible Women - Caroline Criado Perez (19.99)

Hood Feminism - Mikki Kendall (19.99)

Women, Race & Class - Angela Davis (22.99)

Mover: Ngaire Bogemann

Seconded: Jemila Lister

Passes without dissent

8.3. To approve the expenditure of \$350 for a Cancer Awareness Week online panel in collaboration with UMSU Disabilities and UMSU Welfare to pay speaker fees and associated costs.

Kraanti briefs on the importance of observing this event and promoting awareness among young students to take a lifestyle that can prevent cancer.

She further informed the committee about the number of speakers and their portfolios, the logistics of the event and how the money will be spent.

Mover: Kraanti

Seconded: Jemilla Lister

Passes without dissent

8.4. To approve the expenditure of \$3120 for a Summerfest department information publication and cupcakes.

Mover: Imogen Senior

Seconded: Isi Owgu

Passes without dissent

9. Motions without Notice

10. Other Business

11. Next Meeting

A whenisgood will be sent out prior to the meeting notice.

12. Close

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**Lauren Scott
To Women's Committee 2(22)
13 January 2022**

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely holiday break, keen to be back in business.

Key Activities

Department Budget

Our budget has *finally* been approved by council! While the impact of SSAF reductions can definitely be seen in the memorandum, our department has not suffered all too much. UMSU continues to love women and non-binary people. This will need to be reviewed for approval in this committee meeting so we can start passing funds for the year.

SA/SH Working Group 1(22) (cw/s; sexual harassment and assault, no specific detail)

All done! Somehow managed to meet quorum on New Years Eve, which was a pleasant surprise and so very much appreciated. While it mostly served as an introductory meeting due to timing and circumstance, an action point was raised on a User Testing Experience for a sexual misconduct reporting program that the university intends to implement. Naturally, I have serious reservations on this program, particularly regarding security and sensitivity to trauma, but I will be participating in order to provide feedback. Please let me know if you're also interested in registering, and I will send through further information (deadline is COB 17 January).

Camp Welfare Working Group (cw/s; sexual harassment and assault, no specific detail)

On Monday 10 January, the Clubs & Societies Department ran a working group with various club executives to deliberate and draft a camp welfare proposal. This was largely focused on

risk management, intoxication, and policy for camp leaders in handling issues relating to sexual misconduct. I attended in my capacity as a Women's Officer to provide advice and critique on the latter topic. While this is very much still in the works, it is wonderful to see the Clubs & Societies Department committed to tackling these issues, and am looking forward to working with them in the future.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Present budget to be approved by committee.

Hope you like it!

2. Open nominations for SA/SH Working Group in council and convene first meeting.

All done, went well.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Convene SA/SH Working Group meeting in January.
2. Participate in User Testing Experience for Sexual Misconduct Reporting Project.

**University of Melbourne Student Union
Women's Department Report
Kraanti (Aashi Agarwal)
To Women's Committee 2(22)
13th January 2022**

Key Activities

Since the last committee meeting most of my work has been meeting with events and communications team to plan out summer fest, international women's day and Cancer Awareness week. I also got the keys to my office and will be spending next few days cleaning out the treasures from 2016.

We have also had our first SA/SH Working Group Meeting, chaired by Scottie on the New Year's Eve which was basically about setting up expectations and timelines for this year. Other than that, I just moved back to Australia and currently struggling with time zone and the weather.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. We have finalised a list of books that needs to be bought for the Women's Room
2. Budget has been approved by the council as presented with the agenda

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Finalise the speakers for Cancer Awareness Week
2. Complete the elevator pitch
3. Design the album cover for Women's Department on website
4. Complete the first draft for Info booklet publication