

**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Meeting of the Women's Committee**

**Agenda**

**Friday 25 March 2022, 1pm AEDT**

**Meeting 6(22)**

**Location: Online**



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**Meeting opened at 1:04pm.**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Election of Chair**

Kraanti moves to elect as chair, Jaslyn seconds, passes without dissent.

**1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians**

**1.3. Attendance**

Arshia Arora, Donya Delf-Achresh, Kaori Weightman, Kraanti Agarwal, Jaslyn Potter, Lauren Scott, Ngaire Bogemann.

**1.4. Apologies**

Jemilla Lister.

**1.5. Proxies**

Jemilla Lister proxies to Jaslyn Potter.

**1.6. Membership**

**1.7. Adoption of Agenda**

Passes without dissent.

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Passes without dissent.

**3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

Arshia Arora declares a conflict of interest for Motion 7.1.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **5. Correspondence**

#### **6. Office Bearer Reports**

Lauren speaks to their report - focus on NSSS.

Kraanti gives reasoning for not submitting a report due to continuing pay issues.

Jaslyn asks about payroll - reasoning for pay issues?

Kraanti explains that being overseas at the start of term affected tax, but has been in Australia for several months.

Donya - Plans going forward after release of results?

Kraanti - been working with the President and SHRCs to plan media and information release to students. Disagreement with university on focus on education initiatives. Panel in the works to address campus safety.

Lauren - Panel would host people involved in the campus safety sphere, e.g. past Women's Officers, SHRCs, external organisation representatives such as EROC.

Donya - Asks for clarity on discrepancies.

Lauren - Discrepancies in result availability in Unimelb infographic vs. national survey.

Jaslyn - Can discrepancies with results be made public?

Kraanti - Confidentiality issues in specific results, but can point out the gaps.

Jaslyn - Suggests pointing out the worse results of Unimelb.

Donya - Reasoning for confidentiality?

Lauren - University justification was privacy issues, despite these results being quantitative.

Reports are accepted without dissent.

#### **7. Motions on Notice**

**7.1. To approve Feminist Workshop "More than a Name: Deconstructing Feminist Objectives" and payment for Week 5, to be hosted by Arshia Arora.**

**Action 1: To approve this workshop for Week 5.**

**Action 2: To approve payment of \$250 from the Special Projects and Events budget line.**

Lauren reads out a description of workshop given by Arshia in pitching.

Donya - What is the structure of workshops?

Kraanti - Very student-led, but usually more like a lecture setting with a Q&A following.

Arshia clarifies that workshop will be advocating for intersectionality and equality being the focus of feminism rather than focused on negative connotations and stereotypes.

Mover: Donya Delf-Achresh

Secunder: Ngaire Bogemann

Passes without dissent.

**7.2. To approve \$140 from the Women's Room budget line to purchase milk from Coles.**

Coles Regular Soy Milk x 20 ->  $1.15 * 20 = \$23$

Coles Australian Lite Long Life Milk x 20 ->  $1.35 * 20 = \$27$

Coles Full Cream Long Life Milk x 20 ->  $1.35 * 20 = \$27$

Vitasoy Oat Long Life Milk x 20 ->  $1.45 * 20 = \$29$

Vitasoy Unsweetened Almond UHT Milk x 20 ->  $1.50 * 20 = \$30$

Lauren speaks about MILK!

Jaslyn raises that almond milk has a negative effect on the environment.

**Motion: To amend the motion to remove almond milk, and to adjust the total expenditure to \$110 as such.**

Mover: Lauren Scott.

Secunder: Jaslyn Potter.

**To approve \$110 from the Women's Room budget line to purchase milk from Coles.**

Coles Regular Soy Milk x 20 ->  $1.15 * 20 = \$23$

Coles Australian Lite Long Life Milk x 20 ->  $1.35 * 20 = \$27$

Coles Full Cream Long Life Milk x 20 ->  $1.35 * 20 = \$27$

Vitasoy Oat Long Life Milk x 20 ->  $1.45 * 20 = \$29$

Mover: Ngaire Bogemann.

Secunder: Jaslyn Potter.

Passes without dissent.

**7.3. To approve \$100 from the Women's Room budget line to purchase tea and instant coffee from Coles.**

*Moccona Classic Medium Roast Instant Coffee 400g x 3 -> \$78*

*Bushells Blue Label Black Tea Bags x 5 -> \$17.50*

Ngaire makes motion contentious by advocating for Tetleys.

Donya suggests amending to add sugar.

**Motion: To amend the motion to add five bags of 2kg Coles Raw Sugar and increase the expenditure to \$115.**

Mover: Lauren Scott.

Secunder: Donya Delf-Achresh.

Passes without dissent.

**Motion: To approve \$115 from the Women's Room budget line to purchase tea, instant coffee and sugar from Coles.**

*Moccona Classic Medium Roast Instant Coffee 400g x 3 -> \$78*

*Bushells Blue Label Black Tea Bags x 5 -> \$17.50*

*Coles Raw Sugar 2kg x 5 -> \$14*

Mover: Lauren Scott.

Secunder: Donya Delf-Achresh.

Passes without dissent.

**7.4. To approve \$270 from the Women's Room budget line to purchase menstrual products from Libra.**

Libra Extra Super Pads with Wings Case (6 packs of 12 pads) x 10 -> \$270.

Jaslyn - Asks about sustainability in current menstrual product stock.

Kraanti - We have menstrual cups, reusable pads are currently being trialed to see if we should purchase more.

Mover: Jaslyn Potter.

Seconder: Ngaire Bogemann.

Passes without dissent.

## **8. Motions without Notice**

## **9. Other Business**

Donya - Asks about painkillers being available in the Women's Office.

Lauren - Will ask staff if this is possible, unsure of regulations around this.

Kraanti - Raises that there are heat-pads available.

Donya - Concerning situation related to women in STEM - backlash to female-only study group in science and shut down by co-ordinator.

Lauren - Suggests getting in contact with UMSU Advocacy or UMSU Education (Academic).

Kraanti - Encourages people to attend Feminist Action Collective at 4pm Friday.

## **10. Next Meeting**

## **11. Close**

**Meeting closed at 1:52pm.**

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**Key Activities**

**National Student Safety Survey (cw/s: sexual violence (no explicit detail))**

The results of the National Student Safety Survey were released on Wednesday afternoon, and the statistics are as damning as expected, if not worse. We've noticed a clear discrepancy between results in the national report versus what was given from a University of Melbourne context, and will be in discussions with the university on Thursday regarding the report and actions to be taken going forward. Beyond this, campaigning and organising will be brought to our Feminist Action Collectives, and encourage all interested in participation to attend. Our next collective will be on this Friday at 4pm. Very happy to elaborate further on this in this committee meeting, just don't want to infodump in this report.

**Feminist Workshops (cw/s: trans-exclusionary radical feminism (no explicit detail))**

Our Feminist Workshop series begun with Rook Davis' "The Dangers of TERF Rhetoric", a very topical and important discussion. Most weeks of this semester set for these workshops now have tentative presentators lined up, one to be approved in this committee meeting.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

1. Prepare for NSSS report. ✓

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

1. Prepare response/s to NSSS report.
2. Convene Feminist Action Collectives - action and campaign organising.