

Women's Committee Meeting 11(21)

Date of meeting: Wednesday, 15th of September 2021.

Advertised time: 12:00 PM (AEST)

Venue: Zoom

<https://unimelb.zoom.us/j/86180133642?pwd=UmFSUzlvY2I3RW5uWU4xSlJ6ZTV0dz09>

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Srishti moves to elect themselves as Chair. Emily seconds. Motion passes without dissent.

Srishti moves to elect Mickhaella as Minute-Taker. Motion passes without dissent.

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

Srishti gave Acknowledgment.

1.3. Attendance

Mickhaella Ermita, Srishti Chatterjee, Emily Crawford, Charlotte Macpherson and Veronica Chu.

1.4. Apologies

Tahlia Crossley and Ananya Agarwal.

1.5. Proxies

Tahlia Crossley proxied to Emily Crawford.

Ananya Agarwal proxied to Veronica Chu.

2. Agenda

2.1. Update on National Student Safety Survey (NSSS)

This month is when the National Student Safety Survey is being rolled out to students to inform universities about when and where incidents of sexual assault and harassment might be occurring, how students might be seeking help and information, and to improve university responses and preventative measures for student safety and wellbeing. As part of this, the Women's Department has made a video statement and Srishti has written an op-ed for Farrago. Additionally, we will be running a consent workshop, art therapy workshop and collective organising forum throughout the month.

Srishti asked the Committee if anyone would be available to create graphics for some of these events. Emily kindly said yes, and Srishti said they would speak to them about the details for these soon.

A National Day of Action for the NSSS is approaching but with lockdown, the NUS is having difficulty rescheduling. Regardless, we are planning on doing a poster event with UMSU very soon.

2.2. Consent 101 Workshop

In light of the fact that this month is when the National Student Safety Survey is being rolled out, the UMSU Women's Department is planning to host a workshop on consent. It will be facilitated by Naomi Smith, a previous Women's Officer who's been extremely helpful to the Department this year as we campaigned for Safety on Campus.

MOTION: To pass \$150 from the "Campaigns" budget line to pay for the planning and facilitating of the "Consent 101" workshop.

Moved by Srishti.

Seconded by Mickhaella.

Motion passes without dissent.

2.3. Art Relaxation Event and Drawing Packs

The UMSU Women's Department is collaborating with the UMSU Disabilities Department to facilitate an Art Relaxation Event and giveaway free drawing packs for students. As the subject of sexual assault and harassment is a distressing one, these initiatives are intended as means for students to 'destress' and recover in light of the National Student Safety Survey being rolled out this month, centring art as a therapeutic practice.

MOTION: To pass \$500 from the "Campaigns" budget line to pay for the Art Relaxation workshop and drawing packs.

Moved by Srishti.

Seconded by Mickhaella.

Motion passes without dissent.

2.4. Queer Gals and Enby Pals Movie Night

The UMSU Women's Department is collaborating with the UMSU Queer Department to have a movie night autonomous to women and non-binary students. To increase the accessibility of the event, we are hoping to pass enough money to purchase Netflix subscriptions for students to use.

MOTION: To pass \$400 from the "Special Projects" budget line to purchase Netflix subscriptions for students.

Moved by Srishti.

Seconded by Mickhaella.

Motion passes without dissent.

2.5. UMSU Women's Mugs

Previously, \$500 was passed to pay for the commissioning and shipping of custom UMSU Women's mugs for WinterFest. This amount was based off an estimate that Comms gave us, however, the Women's Department has recently received an invoice of \$547.80, inclusive of GST and shipping. We'd like to pass an additional \$50 to ensure that the mugs are fully paid for.

MOTION: To pass an additional \$50 from the "Stationery, Office Supplies and Merchandise" budget line to pay for the shipping of UMSU Women's mugs.

Moved by Mickhaella.

Seconded by Emily.

Motion passes without dissent.

3. Next Meeting

A Facebook poll will be sent out to determine the date of the next meeting.

4. Close

Meeting closed at 12:19PM.