

University of Melbourne Student Union



Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee Meeting

CONFIRMED

10.30 AM, 19th March 2012

**Location: OB Space,
Union House**

Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 Election of Chair
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.3 Attendance
- 1.4 Apologies
- 1.5 Proxies
- 1.6 Membership
- 1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports

6. Other Reports

7. Motions on Notice

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting

10. Close

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1.1: That Amy chair the meeting.

Moved: Amy Seconded: Mercedes

CWD

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance: Anqi, Mercedes, Grace, Esther, Bel (OB) Amy (OB)

Absent: Elise, Catherine, Lin

1.4 Apologies: No apologies.

1.5 Proxies: No proxies.

1.6 Membership: No changes to membership. Next meeting will be the third regularly scheduled meeting, absentees will be eligible to lost membership as of next meeting.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1.2: That the agenda be adopted.

Moved: Esther

Seconded: Bel

CWD

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 2.1: That the minutes of last meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

Moved: Bel

Seconded: Mercedes

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Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

Office bearers have received mail from DeJour tampon people, having a stock clearance sale of discontinued lines. Tampon box running low, very good news for use of the room and student knowledge of Wom*n's Dept offerings. General support for the idea of maintaining lots of period management products. Discussion about how much to spend on period management products ensues, \$350 is suggested.

Motion 4.1: That up to \$350 be approved for the costs of period management products. That this come from the special projects/events line and be paid to Dejour.

Moved: Esther

Seconded: Bel

CWD

Radpad workshops – 4 companies have written back saying they can provide packs/freebies, as well as flyers and pamphlets.

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearers' Reports

- White Ribbon BBQ went extremely well, 174 men and women signed the oath. Amy's coordination and leadership of the event was excellent under challenging circumstances.
 - Due to cultural sensitivity issues raised by the Welfare department, the oath was not made compulsory. This was a compromise made to negotiate working inter-departmentally.
 - The oath being voluntary did raise an interesting attitude, and gave opportunity to discuss the need for broader cultural change, ie busting friends for making 'rape jokes' and so forth.

- Leigh Gassner, former Assistant Commissioner with Vic Police and the Pro-Vice Chancellor Richard James participated.
- Some collection money is missing. Two reasons:
 - Human error
 - A collection bucket is missing
- Amy is corresponding with Welfare Dept and General Manager Justin bare to find out what has happened, and whether the volunteers responsible can be identified, Welfare is not returning correspondence. A payment solution will have to be decided once discussion with Welfare has taken place.
- Fffilms went really well. More people attended than anticipated. 50 slices of pizza were ordered, not everybody ate, so lots of people attended. Variety of attendees – different genders, people of colour, different ages.
- The Wom*n's Department received hateful, misogynistic twitter comments. @msuso80s is the twitter name of the troll.
 - Decided not to feed the troll. Esther suggests this should be mentioned at WAC.
- Website, etc is going very well, almost at 5000 individual views of the website. 150 people following the wordpress. 350 following the Facebook.
- Radpad workshop looking to go ahead tomorrow.
- Stich 'n' Bitch was proposed by collective members and others who haven't been engaged with the Dept before. Has functioned to bring in new people.
- Self Defence: club from last year is very happy to do it again. Suggested the same deal as last time – 4 week program, once a week classes, on Tuesday nights, female instructors, public liability cover up to \$20M. Wom*n's Dept pays a small portion of each person's fee. 45 people per class, cost is \$99 each. They have offered a wildly reduced price.
- NOWSA info coming in this afternoon from ANU organising collective about staying in college, which would yield convenience and cost saving.
- Bike Workshops: Bel had a meeting on the weekend with Loophole and Human Powered Cycles, who are very enthusiastic. Enviro Dept is very keen on the project, to work together and do lots of the funding for the project. Should only cost around \$50 for a volunteer instructor. Gender-aware individuals are being sought, if not woman-identified. It's looking to be a very cost effective project. Space or storage was thought to be an issue, but the people Bel has met with have a creative solution centred around a large board to store tools and operate as advertising. More info to come.
 - Mercedes enquires into timeline expectations, Bel responds that the biggest obstruction has been Enviro Committee difficulties – some people elected to that committee have

not attended or communicated. The other time expense would be waiting for a woman instructor to manifest.

- Rad Sex & Consent week:
 - Will be week 9. First meeting has been held, will be on Wednesdays at 3:15. Currently seeking out volunteers and contributors. Plan at the moment is to be free volunteer basis but with gift voucher, but then a case-by-case analysis aiming at respecting people's expertise and valuing that, while keeping costs down and not incurring unnecessary expenses.
 - Call outs, contacts from last year, etc are being sought/made.
 - Also seeking involvement with St Hilda's College. Good contacts are also available with Janet Clarke Hall.

Motion 5.1: That the Office Bearer's reports be accepted orally.

Moved: Bel

Seconded: Amy

CWD

Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

Agenda Item 8: Motions on Notice

Motion 8.1: That \$70 be approved for the costs of radpad materials, to be paid to Rachel Barrett, to come from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Bel

Seconded: Grace

CWD

Motion 8.2: That \$33.20 be paid to Bel for the costs of stich 'n' bitch materials (wool etc) from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Esther

Seconded: Grace

CWD

Motion 8.3: That up to \$3600 be approved for the costs of self defence classes, that this come from the special projects/events line and be paid to Guardian Defence.

Moved from the chair.

CWD

Motion 8.4: That \$150 be paid to AV@Melbourne for the costs of AV equipment for fffilms (last week, and for the next two of these recurring events), to come from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Bel

Second: Grace

CWD

Motion 8.5: That \$172.80 be paid to the Food Coop from the special projects/events line for the costs of food for the fffilm event.

Moved: Bel **Second: Esther**
CWD

Motion 8.6: That the provision of food at events is acceptable to the Wom*n's Committee.
Moved from chair.
CWD

Motion 8.7: That \$200 be moved from special projects/events line to the photocopying line.
Moved from chair.
CWD

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting on will be at 10am, Monday April 2nd in the OB Space.

Agenda Item 10: Closed.

Meeting closed at: at 11.45am

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: