

University of Melbourne Student Union



**Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee
Meeting 6/12**

CONFIRMED

10.30 AM, 16th April 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

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1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners**1.3 Attendance:** Anqi, Esther, Grace, Mercedes, Amy (OB)**Absent:** Lin, Elise, Catherine**1.4 Apologies:** Belinda (OB).**1.5 Proxies:** No proxies.**1.6 Membership:** Secretary is being contacted about those who have been absent the past three meetings.**1.7 Adoption of Agenda****Motion 1.2: That the agenda be adopted.**

Moved: Esther

Seconded: Mercedes

CWD**Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes****Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes****Agenda Item 4: Correspondence****Agenda Item 5: Office Bearer Report**

- Amy has been suffering migraines which has affected her work.
- Attendance at WAC has dropped off per regular expectations during this mid portion of the semester.
- Girlzone is on this week, but not the next semester as it will be Rad Sex and Consent Week.
- Fffilms need to be decided for the rest of the year
 - many suggested films are obscure, art house, and/or feature potentially triggering material
 - suggestions are keenly sought
- Wom* n's room hasn't been being cleaned, so have contacted building services – Paul – to resolve the issue
- NOWSA:
 - Amy has been emailing a member of the collective at ANU (organizing uni) as well as the Wom*n's OB
 - Website is expected to be up tomorrow, 3 months before the conference. This is a matter of concern considering how long the collective has had to organize it.
 - According to hearsay they still don't have university funding, which is also a matter for concern.
- Safety on Campus research has been on hold temporarily.
- RS&C week organizing is going really well. Budget wise it should cost a couple of thousand per department.

- Will include performance night, so suggestions and input for this is keenly sought
- Our next committee meeting won't be until the first day of RS&C week, may require payment approval in retrospect.

Motion 5.1: That the Amy's report is accepted orally.

Moved by the chair.

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Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

Agenda Item 7: Motions on Notice

NOWSA: Amy explained that Dickson Backpackers seems to be the most viable option for accommodation. Seeking to book out entire rooms, for reasons of safety- last year a delegate from ANU was harassed by a football team at her YHA in Sydney and felt the need to leave- and comfort reasons – conferences can often be overwhelming in content and contact. We have booked 3 rooms which is 18 people – 6 bed dorms. \$30 per room per person per night. Booking made from Sunday 15/07/12 (7 nights). The total if all accommodation for 18 people is paid by Wom*n's Dept is \$3150, requiring a deposit of \$630 by the 30th of April (which is our next meeting).

The possibility of billoting has been suggested by the ANU Women's Officer Renee, but there is no organization toward that at the moment and could create more stress for delegates if there aren't enough places or delegates don't get along with host. Esther suggests booking 2 rooms. General discussion around booking two or three rooms, it is decided that more people may want to come after getting involved through Rad Sex and Consent week and it is better to book too much rather than too little as accommodation in Canberra is limited.

Motion 7.1: That \$630 be approved for the deposit for Dickson Backpackers hostel, that it come from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Esther

Seconded: Mercedes

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Per previous reports, the BBQ for White Ribbon event was great but money was lost. This happened by merchandise being sold in packs of ten rather than as single items – so \$2 was collected at a time rather than \$20. It was a mistake, not at all malicious. In addition, a collection bucket went missing. The amount in the bucket or its whereabouts is unknown. Of the \$328 owed to White Ribbon, \$226 is missing. The Welfare Dept is not taking responsibility for the incident.

Discussion ensues: Grace is amenable to the motion. As much as is possible to be done to follow-up has been, and White Ribbon should get the money they're entitled to. Esther asks whether Welfare is willing to contribute to the outstanding amount. The answer is no. Esther states it is not about the issue

of money, rather the principle. Esther instructs Amy that it should be included in next written report for Students Council. Amy agrees.

Motion 5.1: That \$226 be approved from the special projects/events to be paid to Amy Jenkins, to make-up the difference for White Ribbon repayment.

Moved by the chair.

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Agenda Item 8: Other Business.

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting on will be at 10.30am, Monday April 30th in the OB Space.

Agenda Item 10: Closed.

Meeting closed at: at 11.19am

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: