


<p style="text-align: center;">University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting 09/12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONFIRMED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2.30 PM 2nd August 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Location: UMSU OB Space, Union House</p>	
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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

Meeting opened at: 2.40PM, by Amy

Agenda Item 1; Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1.1: That Amy be elected chair

Moved: Amy

Seconded: Mercedes

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance: Amy (OB), Belinda (OB), Anqi, Aurora, Grace, Mercedes

Absent:

1.4 Apologies

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1.5 Proxies

1.6 **Membership:** No membership changes

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 1.2: That the agenda be adopted.

Moved: by the chair

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 1.3: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true and accurate record of the events that took place.

Moved: by the chair.

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

Much interest in volunteering for Bluestockings Week via portal and Farrago. Amy will be interviewed by Lip Mag. Amy and Bel are responding in a timely manner to questions about the inclusion of trans*folk in autonomous events and the politics around the cupcake disparity and the place trans* folk fit in that.

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearers' Reports

Amy attended a meeting with the NTEU and then attended their members meeting for their upcoming EBA. The petition put to students and the university as recommendation for Bluestocking Week will include demands for better coverage of women in readers and were not possible acknowledgement of the lack of women, and two or three demands identical to NTEU bargaining agreement in solidarity with staff and acknowledging that better staffing conditions mean a better education for students. Girlzone is not very well attended, stich n bitch is. Postering has begun for Bluestocking week.

Motion 5.1: That the OB reports be accepted verbally.

Moved: by the chair.

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

Agenda Item 8: Motions on Notice

Motion 8.1: That up to \$20 be spent on stich n bitch catering per week from the Special Projects & Events Line (3839)

Moved: Bel Seconded: Mercedes

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 8.2: That up to \$500 be transferred from Special Projects & Events line (3839) to Photocopying line (3713)

Moved: Bel Seconded: Anqi

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

There is discussion of the wording of the petition. Amy explains that several public sector trade unions are pushing for Domestic Violence clauses in the Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBA) and the NTEU is following suit this year. This directly affects women. The Melbourne Uni branch of the NTEU is currently renegotiating their EBA. Amy suggests that this could be included in the petition or it may be better to streamline the demands. The petition will also demand increasing superannuation contributions for fixed term contracts and casual employees, where women are overrepresented, as superannuation has long term effects on women's lives, and a demand for maternity leave for people in fixed term contracts. There is also a claim for improvements in Indigenous employment. Although the university has a Reconciliation Action Plan, inclusion of a claim in the EBA makes it legally binding and subject to Fair Work Australia. Grace suggests that the Indigenous Employment claim should also be included in the petition. Amy said she felt uncomfortable making that demand when there was no Indigenous Officer to sign off on it and no consultation with the Indigenous Student community. Aurora suggested specifically mentioning Indigenous women in the preamble. This is expanded upon by Bel and Amy to include women with (dis)abilities and women of colour.

Motion 8.3: That the Wom*n's Committee endorses the petition being presented to students and the University for Bluestocking Week.

Moved: by the chair.

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting

Next meeting will be at 2.30 Thursday, semester two week 4.

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at 3.30pm

Meeting closed at: 3.10pm

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated: