

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Welfare Committee

Unconfirmed Minutes

12PM, 25/10.2016

Meeting 14/16

Location: OB Space, Union House

Sarah Xia opened the meeting at 12.19pm

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion: That Sarah Xia be elected as chair

Mover: Sarah Xia
Seconder: Sarah Peters
CWD

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Welfare Officer: Sarah Xia

Committee: Sarah Peters, Kimberly Chian, Destan Dikbas, Marlo Zambelli

1.4 Apologies

No apologies.

1.5 Proxies

No proxies.

1.6 Membership

No change in membership.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented

Mover: Chair (Sarah Xia)
CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of meeting 13/16 were physically distributed, and had previously made available online to committee members by Sarah Xia.

Motion: That the minutes of meeting 13/16 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Mover: Sarah Peters
Seconder: Kimberly Chian
CWD

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the minutes.

4. Office Bearers' Reports

The report was distributed (see attached).

Sarah Xia noted to committee that the two Welfare Officers are submitting separate reports to Council and Welfare Committee. Sarah spoke to her report.

Yan Zhuang did not provide an office bearer report.

Motion: To accept Sarah Xia's office bearer report.

Mover: Kimberly Chian

Seconder: Sarah Peters

CWD

5. Motions on Notice

5.1 Household Goods Party

Preamble: Sarah is holding a Household Goods Party on Friday of SWOTvac. This is an event that's been a long time coming – we have crockery, cutlery and all sorts of household goods such as cleaning products ready to give away in storage, and SWOTvac is one of our last opportunities to hold events with a broad student reach before the end of the term. We're looking to buy some toilet paper and other household items for students, to give away alongside our storage items. Students face significant stress during the exam period, and this often extends to financial stress – this giveaway party will help students out during a time of need. Leftover items can be used in 2017 to help out the new OBs.

Motion 5.1: To pass up to \$1000 from Regular Events to pay for toilet paper, soap, household utensils and other household goods for the Welfare Department.

Mover: Sarah Xia

Seconder: Sarah Peters

CWD

6. Motions Without Notice

6.1 People of Colour Collective

Motion 6.1:

That the committee pass up to \$900 from Special Project and Events to cover any outstanding electronics and AV@Melbourne costs for screening Big Hero 6 last week for the People of Colour Collective.

Mover: Sarah Xia

Seconder: Marlo Zambelli

Carried

6.2 Volunteer Packing Session

Sarah spoke to her motion, and encouraged committee members to attend the packing session directly after the committee meeting.

Motion 6.2:

That the committee pass up to \$150 from Regular Events to pay for food, snacks and drinks for our volunteer packing sessions.

Mover: Sarah Xia

Seconder: Kimberly Chian

Carried

6.3 Welfare Merchandise and Handbooks

Preamble: This is likely to be our last committee meeting, so it's worth passing money to order items that would be useful for the end of year. For example, last year we bought Welfare-themed aprons for breakfast. We would like to use extra money left over in the budget for clothing items, pens, power banks and other such items that would be useful to students and future OBs.

Motion 6.3:

That the committee pass up to \$2000 from Welfare Regular Events to cover Welfare-themed items, equipment and merchandise for the department such as pens, power banks, clothing items.

Mover: Sarah Xia

Seconder: Marlo Zambelli

Carried

7. Other Business

Sarah thanked the committee and noted that this is the last scheduled meeting for the year

Next Meeting

Last meeting of 2016 committee, unless Students' Council is inquorate.

8. Close

Sarah Xia closed the meeting at 12:26pm

Office Bearer Report of Sarah Xia

25 October 2016

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End of Year

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to thank the Welfare Committee for all your hard work – all of you did a great job on committee, and we had very few inquorate meetings, which is testament to everyone's dedication to their roles. Expanding the Welfare Volunteer Program and Food Bank were other great successes that I could not have done without the support of our fantastic volunteers. In particular, I'd like to acknowledge 2015 Welfare Officer James Bashford for helping us through handover, and Women's Officer Adriana Mells for her great support throughout the year and acting as the main organiser during Rad Sex and Consent Week.

This year has been quite difficult but very rewarding for me, having personally organised Stress Less Week, founded the People of Colour Collective and Department, and managed the Welfare Department's administration and events. I look forward to the end of the year and I wish everyone on committee a great 2017!

Upcoming Events

This Wednesday I'm organising the SWOTvac support stall with the Education (Public) Officers. Last semester's stall was particularly successful and I look forward to tomorrow's event. We'll be holding a second packing session right after committee, and it's a great way to help out students during the exam period.

This Friday I'll be hosting a Household Goods Party in Union House, aimed at giving students (particularly those living out of home) the opportunity to take home some free household goods to help them get by.

I am also looking at hosting a final People of Colour Collective celebration, after a great year as the main organiser and founder of the collective. I'm also looking at making sure items from this year are archived, and managing all the administration involved in running the department. We will be buying some more sexual health products, and other useful departmental items.

Recent Events

Welfare Day of Action

We had great attendance at our speak-out, and the pizza was a good way to get students engaged and listening to our speakers. The Welfare Day of Action on 19 October was an absolutely fantastic time to raise awareness of government programs affecting student welfare such as PaTH and Centrelink, as well as issues on campus around special consideration and sexual assault. I published a piece in *Parkville Station*, and it was great speaking to a whole range of students from across the university community.

Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/599815643554185/>

NUS Student Wellbeing Survey

The NUS 2016 Student Wellbeing Survey with headspace is currently underway! This is a really important resource for future Welfare Officers around Australia in advocacy, and I encourage everyone to complete the survey.

Survey: bit.do/StudentWellbeingSurvey

Anti-Racism Workshops and Mental Health Week Workshop

I've been helping the fantastic Adriana run the Anti-Racism Workshops this semester, as the workshops are organised through the Women of Colour Collective. The last Anti-Racism Workshop was held on Tuesday night (11 October) in the Training Rooms. Amy from the

collective volunteered to host the session, and the workshop was a great insight into media representation of people of colour. The Women of Colour Collective organises these workshops every year under the Women's Department, and I look forward to seeing the Women's Department continue the great work in this area next year.

Mental Health Week was held in Week 11, and we passed money at committee to pay for food for a Mental Health and Intersectionality workshop last Thursday. A big thank you to Christian and Jess (UMSU Disabilities) for their great work!