

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Welfare Committee

UNCONFIRMED Minutes

11AM, 20.04.2016

Meeting 6/16

Location: OB Space, Union House

Meeting opened at 11:14am by Yan Zhuang

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion: That Yan Zhuang be elected chair.

Moved: Yan Zhuang

Seconder: Andrea Bozic

Carried without dissent

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Office Bearer: Yan Zhuang (Welfare Officer)

Committee: Sarah Peters, Isa Pendragon, Marlo Zambelli, Andrea Bozic

1.4 Apologies

Sarah Xia (Welfare Officer)

1.5 Proxies

None

1.6 Membership

No change in membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved: Yan Zhuang

Seconder: Marlo Zambelli

CWD

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Welfare Committee meeting 5/16 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Yan Zhuang

Seconder: Isa Pendragon

CWD

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Office Bearers' Reports

See attached.

Motion: To accept the Welfare Officers' report.

Moved: Yan Zhang

Seconder: Marlo Zambelli

CWD

5. Motions on Notice

5.1 Stress Less Dax Centre Tour

Motion 5.1:

That the committee pass up to \$110 from the Special Projects and Events budget line to pay the Dax Centre for their tour during Stress Less Week in Week 6 Semester 1.

Mover: Yan Zhuang

Seconder: Andrea Bozic

5.2 Stress Less Movie Night

Motion 5.2:

That the committee pass up to \$240 from the Special Projects and Events budget line to pay Union House Theatre for the use of the Theatre for a movie screening during Stress Less Week.

That the committee reimburse Yan Zhuang up to \$350 for the purchase of the movie disc Wall-E and movie rights for the movie screening during Stress Less Week.

Mover: Yan Zhuang

Seconder: Marlo Zambelli

Yan noted that she may be able to get the movie rights refunded as attendance for the event was under 20 people, but will need to check with Comms.

6 Motions Without Notice

None

7 Other Business

Yan noted that Rad Sex and Consent Week was approaching and asked for suggestions for speakers. Marlo and Andrea gave suggestions and there was general discussion.

Andrea noted the difficulty of coordinating with VCA Campus when they were Queer Officer last year.

8 Next Meeting

Friday, 6 May 2016 at 11am

9 Close

Yan Zhuang closed the meeting at 11:27am

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Report of

Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

Welfare Officers

To Welfare Committee 6/16

20.04.2016

Stress Less Week was fantastic, with great attendance at some of key events such as the Zumba class, dance classes and visit to the Dax Centre! Our Stress Less Carnival was the highlight of the week and very well received and received general positive feedback. We were particularly happy with the feedback from our Rihanna and Beyoncé classes, which were well-attended after a big social media push for people to come along. Our Welfare Collective also drew in some new people due to additional advertising. We were also able to engage new students in our volunteer program, and they were a key help in our Thursday carnival and regular weekly breakfast.

Rad Sex and Consent Week will be held in Week 9, and we are working with Wom*n's, Disabilities and Queer to set up the week. We have been in contact with UMSU International about the week and are currently in the process of booking speakers. If anyone has suggestions or knows anyone who would be interested in running a workshop, we are currently accepting workshop applications.

Sarah has been in contact with Louise from Werribee, and we hope to hold a screening of Wall-E at the campus sometime this semester with help from their Student Welfare Appreciation Group (SWAG). They've provided an update on their counselling service which now has added another counsellor with more hours available to students.

Yan has been in contact with the administration at the VCA to potentially establish a food bank there, so that students are better able to seek emergency help from UMSU in times of need. We are piloting the program there with the help of the UMSU Creative Arts Department, and some food packs were placed at the VCA on Tuesday 19 April.

The People of Colour Collective has been running weekly at 2pm-3pm on Wednesday in Training Room 2. We've been running a variety of events, from general chats to a screening of If You Are The One. We are consulting the collective on proposed changes to the UMSU constitution to add a People of Colour Department, which has been received very well by the group.

Our regular events are continuing along fantastically. In particular, our free breakfast last Thursday engaged a high number of students due to extra Stress Less Week advertising. The Welfare Collective has been a great way for us to connect with our volunteers.