

Women's Officers Report for Women's Committee

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Meeting 5(17)

Women's Mentoring Network Program

- The mentoring network has received a lot of positive responses and applications. However, most of the applications received are for mentee positions. This poses as a challenge for the women's department when trying to pair mentors to mentees.
- The deadline has been extended till the 24th of March to encourage more mentor applications.
- I've been emailing over 60 clubs on campus, to encourage the clubs to inform their female members about the Women's Mentoring Network. A few clubs have already got back to me agreeing to advertise the program.
- Another round of advertisements is set to be released, mainly targeting mentors. Comms department has been very prompt and responsive.
- I have also begun preparations for the Mentoring Network Training Session. Emails have been sent to Legal, Advocacy and Safer Communities, inviting them to talk about their services and how they may be of use to the mentors when they are interacting with their mentees.
- The training session is set to start on the 31st of March. Preparations for the event are underway.
- I also started interviewing the applicants yesterday, starting with those who requested an interview over-the-phone due to conflicting schedules.

Women of Colour Collective

- Over the past three consecutive weeks, we've been having a really good turnout. The attendance has been so consistent! Perhaps I'm too optimistic since its just week 3, but nevertheless, it's been going smoothly.
- Upon consulting the women's committee who attended the WoC collective, and Yan, we went ahead and created a new group called UMSU Women of Colour Collective.
- Our collective is also having its first ever autonomous event held this Friday the 17th which is a trip to Palace Cinemas to watch Moonlight. Very exciting developments.

International Women's Day

- Painting signs and posters was a great initiative to kick-start IWD celebrations and engage in inspirational quote hunting- which is what we did prior to the extremely successful IWD picnic. I could not attend the rally afterwards, but Hannah's report touches on the key happenings.

Other developments include weekly stocking and maintenance of Women's Room.