

University of Melbourne Student Union



Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee

Meeting 10/15

CONFIRMED Minutes

5 PM, 14/07/2015

Location: OB Space, Union House

Meeting opened at 5.04pm.

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 the Previous Minutes

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Office bearers' reports

5. Motions on Notice

6. Motions not on Notice

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

9. Close

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Allison Ballantyne be elected Chair

Mover: Allison Ballantyne

Seconder: Mihika Upadhyaya

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Clare McLeod, Taylor Mitas, Yan Zhuang, Mihika Upadhyaya, Allison Ballantyne.

1.4 Apologies

Adriana Mells.

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

Tiffany Yan is no longer a member of the committee, having not met the attendance requirements.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Allison Ballantyne	Seconder: Taylor Mitas
CARRIED	

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: to confirm the previous minutes of 17/6/2015 and of 26/5/2015 as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Clare McLeod	Seconder: Yan Zhuang
CARRIED	

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Office Bearers' Reports

NOWSA

From June 29 to July 4 we attended the Network of Women Students Australia conference in Hobart at the University of Tasmania with a number of students from the University of Melbourne. Many of these students were subsidised by the department to attend and gave great feedback concerning what they got out of the conference.

Regular Events

We recently conducted a review of our regular events and have altered the schedule for next semester, with the hope of improving attendance at some events.

Judy's Punch

We have appointed a volunteer from our collective to act as an editor of Judy's Punch, the annual Wom*n's Department publication, with us. We have been screening applications for sub-editor positions, have obtained a quote for printing the magazine, and are currently receiving submissions from students. We have also planned out a timeline for the publication of the magazine. The closing date for submissions has been set for August 2.

Women in Higher Education Week

Planning for Women in Higher Education Week (August 10-14) is underway. In collaboration with the Education Department, we are planning to run two main events during this week. These will be a panel on Monday evening featuring women from the university, and a trivia night on the Wednesday evening. Other initiatives during the week will include profiling a different academic each day and potentially a special show on The Fodder.

Women's Mentoring Network

We have set our networking nights for semester 2: Monday August 17 (week 4) and Tuesday September 15. We are currently seeking speakers for these events and will begin promoting them soon.

Engagement with colleges

We are starting to get in contact with the residential colleges again in the lead-up to semester 2. We met with Sally Coates from the Safer Community Program on Monday to consult with her concerning the development of our consent workshop.

'Talk About It' Survey

We have been doing some work with the NUS Women's Officer on this year's 'Talk About It' Survey and contemplating how we will promote it on campus during semester 2.

Feminist art collaboration

We've been contacted by a PhD student from the VCA who is interested in collaborating with the Wom*n's Department on an art project that will happen during MudFest and in October at the George Paton gallery. We will be running some feminist craft/art sessions at the beginning of semester 2 for this project, as well as appearing on a panel during MudFest.

Motion 4: To approve and accept the Office Bearers Reports (and recommendations)

Mover: Mihika Upadhyaya	Seconder: Taylor Mitas
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CARRIED

5. Motions on Notice

5.1

To approve expenditure of \$242 to be donated to Safe Steps, the Family Violence Response Centre, from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

Mover: Yan Zhuang

Second: Clare McLeod

CARRIED

Motion 6: To consider items 5.2-5.4 en bloc.

Mover: Allison Ballantyne

CARRIED

5.2 To approve expenditure of up to \$130 on food for Wom*n's Collective during weeks 1 and 2 of semester 2 from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

5.3 To approve expenditure of up to \$130 on food for Queer and Questioning QTs during weeks 1 and 2 of semester 2 from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events

5.4 To approve expenditure of up to \$400 (\$200 per event) on gifts for speakers and food/drinks for two Women's Networking Nights in semester 2 from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

Motion 7: To pass items 5.2-5.4.

Mover: Allison Ballantyne

Second: Clare McLeod

CARRIED

6. Motions not on Notice

6.1

To set the next meeting for the Wom*n's Committee on **Monday July 27 at 2pm.**

Mover: Mihika Upadhyaya

Second: Yan Zhuang

CARRIED

6.2

To approve expenditure of \$84 on food for Wom*n of Colour Collective during weeks 1 and 2 of semester 2 from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

Mover: Mihika Upadhyaya

Second: Taylor Mitas

CARRIED

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

Monday July 27, 2pm.

9. Close

Meeting closed at 5.28pm.