

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee

Meeting 2/15

CONFIRMED Minutes

4.25 PM at, 18/03/2015

Location: OB Space, Union House



Agenda

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Take note that if the chair is a voting member, they do not get a vote.

Motion 1: That Lucy Curtis be elected Chair

Mover: Lucy

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Yan Zhuang, Adriana Mells, Clare McLeod, Taylor Mitas, Lucy Curtis, Allison Ballantyne, Hana Dalton

1.4 Apologies

Mihika Upadhyaya

1.5 Proxies

N/A

1.6 Membership

N/A

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

If you want to change the order of the Agenda, now is the time.

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Lucy

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: to confirm the previous minutes of (20/02/2015) as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Lucy

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports

Orientation Week:

Our department received a fantastic response during O-week: we successfully handed out 900 Wom*n's Department show bags and hosted a picnic in the Wom*n's Room which was very well-attended.

Women's Mentoring Network:

WMN is underway, with the first networking night coming up in week 3 on Tuesday, March 17. The program has had around 50 mentors and 115 mentees sign up. We ran two training sessions for mentors this week, including presentations by Safer Community and UMSU Legal and Advocacy. We are currently creating mentor groups. We are also sourcing speakers for future networking nights.

Rad Sex and Consent Week:

We have had multiple meetings with other departments and representatives from the MSA concerning Rad Sex and Consent week (week 7, semester one). We are currently sourcing people to run workshops during the week around 3 major themes: healthy relationships, consent and safe sex. We are aiming to create a week which will appeal to a broad range of students, as well as those already involved in UMSU's autonomous departments. We are planning an opening film night and a closing event. We are also working on cross-campus promotional material for the event.

Regular Events:

Our regular events commenced in week 1, and have been quite well-attended. The department is receiving interest from both first-years and other students.

International Women's Day Film Night:

On Tuesday March 10, we ran a film night to celebrate International Women's Day. The screening of *Belle* (2013) took place in the Rowden White Library at 5pm, and was quite well-attended for a late and difficult-to-find event.

Social media and website:

We have been working on creating cohesive branding and advertising for our department through new posters, new graphics for our Facebook page and by posting all of our events on our website/Facebook page. We have also been attempting to use Facebook to generate interest in the department.

Week 5 Panel:

We are currently organising a panel which will take place in week 5. We have contacted Karen Pickering, Maree Parady and Eugenia Flynn to ask them to speak. The purpose of the panel is to discuss introductory feminist ideas with people who are new to the department, and to talk about why we need feminism now. This panel will hopefully take place during the usual time slot for Wom*n's Collective, and will be open to all genders.

Motion 4: To approve and accept the Office Bearers Reports

Mover: Adriana Seconder: Taylor

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6.6

Motion 10: To pass up to \$10 for the purchase of soy milk for the Wom*n's Room from the Wom*n's Department budget line Wom*n's Room Maintenance.

Mover: Taylor

Seconder: Yan

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Other Business

N/A

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday 31st March, 5pm

9. Close

Meeting closed at: 4.45 PM