

University of Melbourne Student Union



Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee

Meeting 6/15

CONFIRMED Minutes

4.15 PM, 13/05/2015

Location: OB Space, Union House

Meeting opened at 4.27pm

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

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1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Lucy Curtis be elected Chair

Mover: Lucy Seconder: Allie

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Lucy Curtis, Allison Ballantyne, Adriana Mells, Yan Zhuang, Clare Mcleod, Ashlea Gilmore, Taylor Mitas.

1.4 Apologies – N/A

1.5 Proxies – N/A

1.6 Membership – N/A

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Lucy Seconder: Taylor

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: to confirm the previous minutes of 28/4/2015 as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Lucy

Seconder: Taylor

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Office Bearers' Reports

Women's Mentoring Network

Our third networking night will be held on Tuesday May 12. We have engaged in greater promotion of this event with the hope of increasing attendance.

Judy's Punch

We have been contacted by a few students who are interested in editing/illustrating Judy's Punch, however we are yet to receive any actual submissions for the publication. We will continue to publicise the magazine through various avenues throughout the rest of the semester. We will focus more attention on promoting the publication over the break when people have more time to make submissions.

NOWSA

Registration for NOWSA 2015 has now closed, so we have begun allocating subsidies to University of Melbourne students in financial need who have registered for the conference.

Regular Events

Some of our regular events have had solid attendance for the past few weeks, while others have been mixed. Consequently we have changed the time of Crafternoons to earlier in the day on Thursday – it is now at 3pm during even weeks. We are also in the process of reviewing the event Femme Afternoons due to mixed attendance. This week Wom*n's Collective and Queer and Questioning QTs will feature free pizza in honour of Stress Less week. During Wom*n's Collective we are also planning to discuss self-care.

Wom*n of Colour Collective liaising

Last week we met with the Wom*n of Colour Collective liaisons to discuss several matters. These included the anti-racism workshops in semester 2 (which will most likely run for 6 weeks, from weeks 4 to 9), greater representation of women of colour within UMSU and food for WoCC.

Film screening

During week 9, we held a screening of 'Looking for Alibrandi' in the Wom*n's Room, which was very well-attended.

Sweet Treats in the Wom*n's Room

As the end of the semester is a stressful time for most students, instead of organising activist/educational special events, we have scheduled an event called 'Sweet Treats' for week 11, which will take place in the Wom*n's Room. It will basically be an afternoon tea with cake, biscuits and tea, and is intended to be a relaxing social event for women students at this stressful time of year.

Engagement with colleges

We have recently contacted the Presidents of all the colleges concerning the development of a relationship with the Wom*n's Department. We proposed engaging with the colleges to run consent workshops (or possibly general safe sex workshops, if this is deemed useful). So far we have received two responses, both very positive, and are hoping to have meetings with the student representatives concerned over the next few weeks.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Establishment of Judy's Punch committee

As we have received some more solid expressions of interest in Judy's Punch, we are hoping to start putting together a group to work on the editing/design/illustration of the publication over the next couple of weeks.

NOWSA

By our next report, we plan to have well and truly completed the financial organisation related to the conference. We also will be contacting University of Melbourne students attending the conference regarding booking their flights, and organising a get together for people to get to know each other prior to the conference.

Planning for semester two

We have started to look ahead to semester two, and over the coming weeks will make some more concrete plans for our women's networking nights, Women in Higher Education week, campaigns and special panel events/workshops.

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

Mover: Lucy

Second: Clare

CARRIED

5. Motions on Notice

Motion 5: To move items 5.1-5.5 en bloc

Mover: Allison

CARRIED

5.1

To pass up to \$10 for the purchase of nail polish remover for the Wom*n's Room from the Wom*n's Department budget line Wom*n's Room Maintenance

5.2

To pass up to \$12 for the purchase of sugar sachets for the Wom*n's Room from the Wom*n's Department budget line Wom*n's Room Maintenance

5.3

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

5.4

To pass up to \$25 for the purchase of tea for the Wom*n's Room from the Wom*n's Department budget line Wom*n's Room Maintenance

5.5

To pass up to \$80 for the purchase of Co-Op vouchers for Wom*n of Colour Collective from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events for weeks 11 and 12

Motion 6: To pass motions 5.1-5.5

Mover: Lucy

CARRIED

6. Motions not on Notice

6.1

To pass up to \$10 for the purchase of tissues for the Wom*n's Room from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

Mover: Lucy

Secunder: Taylor

CARRIED

7. Other Business

Emergency meeting: Tuesday 19th May, 5pm

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday May 26, 5pm

9. Close

Meeting closed at 4.55pm.