

## University of Melbourne Student Union

## Minutes of the Wom\*n's Committee

Meeting 7/15

*CONFIRMED Minutes*

5.30 PM, 19/05/2015

Location: OB Space, Union House



Meeting petitioned by Adriana Mells, Taylor Mitas, Mihika Upadhyaya and Yan Zhuang to discuss subsidies for students to attend NOWSA, reimbursement for the cost of the event Sweet Treats in the Wom\*n's Room, badges used during Crafternoons and expenditure on badges and craft supplies for the Wom\*n's Department stall in the UMSU Student Market.

**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

Seconder: Adriana

CARRIED

**1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners**

So acknowledged.

**1.3 Attendance**

Adriana Mells, Clare McLeod, Mihika Upadhyaya, Yan Zhuang, Taylor Mitas, Lucy Curtis, Allison Ballantyne

**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: Mihika Upadhyaya

Seconder: Yan Zhuang

CARRIED
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## 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

<b>Motion 3:</b> to confirm the previous minutes of 13/5/2015 as a true and accurate record.
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Mover: Mihika Upadhyaya
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Secunder: Taylor Mitas
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CARRIED
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## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

## 4. Office Bearers' Reports

### Sweet Treats in the Wom\*n's Room

Sweet Treats in the Wom\*n's Room was today. As we haven't spent much money on special events so far this semester we decided to buy some nicer baked goods, so the cost of this event increased. Lots of people came, it was a great event!

### Engagement with colleges

Last week we met with the Presidents of two colleges and had great conversations with them about running consent workshops towards the start of semester 2. They seemed really keen and consequently we will be contacting the President of the ICC this week to see if any other colleges are interested.

### Student market

Badge-making during Crafternoons last week was a great success and the idea of selling badges at the Student Market in week 12 was raised. As members of the collective were very enthusiastic about this idea, we have gone ahead with plans to make badges this week which will be sold at the Student Market, with proceeds being donated to Safe Steps, the Family Violence Response Centre.

<b>Motion 4:</b> To approve and accept the Office Bearers Reports (and recommendations)
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Mover: Yan Zhuang
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Secunder: Adriana Mells
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CARRIED
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## 5. Motions on Notice

## 6. Motions not on Notice

<b>Motion 5:</b> To consider items 6.1-6.7 en bloc.
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Mover: Allison Ballantyne
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CARRIED
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### 6.1

To pass up to \$45 to cover the cost of badges used during Crafternoons in week 10 from the Wom\*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

### 6.2

To pass up to \$25 for expenditure on craft supplies to be used in making badges at the events Wom\*n's Collective and Crafternoons, which will be sold at the Wom\*n's Department stall at the Student Market in week 12, from the Wom\*n's Department budget Special Projects and Events.

### 6.3

To pass up to \$30 to be spent on small badges to be made and sold at the Wom\*n's Department stall at the the Student Market in week 12 from the Wom\*n's Department budget line from the Wom\*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events

### 6.4

To pass up to \$59.85 to reimburse Shanley Price for the cost of large badges to be made and sold at the Wom\*n's Department stall at the Student Market in week 12 from the Wom\*n's Department budget line from the Wom\*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

#### 6.5

To pass up to \$110.05 to reimburse Allison Ballantyne for the cost of cupcakes, baking ingredients and biscuits for the event Sweet Treats in the Wom\*n's Room during week 11 from the Wom\*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

#### 6.6

To pass up to \$30 for expenditure on tea and biscuits for the event Sweet Treats in the Wom\*n's Room during Week 11 from the Wom\*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

#### 6.7

To pass up to \$5 for additional food for Wom\*n of Colour Collective in weeks 11 and 12 of semester 1 from the Wom\*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

**Motion 6:** To pass items 6.1-6.7.

Mover: Yan Zhuang

Seconder: Adriana Mells

CARRIED

#### 6.8

Student	Registration (inc. accomm)	Flights	Total
1	\$280	\$200	\$480
2	\$280	\$200	\$480
3	\$280	\$200	\$480
4	\$280	\$200	\$480
5	\$280	\$200	\$480
6	\$280	\$200	\$480
7	\$280	\$200	\$480
8	\$280	\$200	\$480
9	\$280	-	\$280
10	\$280	-	\$280
11	\$280	-	\$280
12	\$280	-	\$280
Allison Ballantyne	\$280	-	\$280
Lucy Curtis	\$280	-	\$280
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3920</b>	<b>\$1600</b>	<b>\$5520</b>

**Motion 7:** To pass up to \$5520 to be spent on subsidising students who have applied for financial assistance from the Wom\*n's Department to attend NOWSA 2015 from the Wom\*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events (in accordance with the breakdown of individual subsidies above).

Mover: Mihika Upadhyaya

Seconder: Yan Zhuang

CARRIED

**7. Other Business**

**8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday May 26, 5pm

**9. Close**

Meeting closed at 5.58pm



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> May, 5pm

**8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday May 26, 5pm

**9. Close**

Meeting closed at 4.55pm.