

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee

Meeting 9/15

CONFIRMED Minutes

4.15 PM, 17/06/2015

Location: OB Space, Union House



Meeting declared inquorate at 4.45pm.

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 Lucy Curtis be elected Chair
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Mover:

Seconder:

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners**1.3 Attendance**

Allison Ballantyne, Lucy Curtis.

1.4 Apologies**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
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Mover:

Seconder:

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

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

Seconder:

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**4. Office Bearers' Reports****Anonymous Marking Campaign**

At the moment, we are still looking at a campaign around anonymous marking for next semester. We are currently doing research into unconscious bias in marking and other universities' policies. This campaign may launch during Women in Higher Education Week.

Talk About It Survey

We're planning to run NUS' Talk About It Survey on campus safety next semester. The NUS Women's Officer will be running a workshop at NOWSA about this, so we plan to launch it at the start of semester 2. We will promote this heavily to try to obtain a useful data set from UniMelb.

Judy's Punch

We're currently seeking submissions from students for Judy's Punch and are going to start putting together the editorial team soon.

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're meeting with them this week.

Women's Mentoring Network

We've started planning our women's networking events for semester 2. We're looking at having networking nights during weeks 4, 7 and 10 of the semester, and are currently seeking speakers for these. We already have a couple of speakers who were unavailable during semester 1 but said they were interested in speaking in semester 2.

Women in Higher Education Week

We're currently planning Women in Higher Education Week, which will take place on August 10-14, during week 3 of semester 2. We are collaborating with the Education department on this week, as well as (hopefully) the University of Melbourne branch of the NTEU, with whom we are meeting this week. So far ideas for events for the week include a panel on women in academia, a 3-minute thesis competition, during which women researchers talk about their thesis, a film screening, a scavenger hunt, profiling academic women on social media each day, a bake sale replicating the pay disparity, and key note speeches.

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

Mover:

Seconder:

5. Motions on Notice**5.1**

To pass up to \$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:

Seconder:

6. Motions not on Notice**7. Other Business****8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14th July, 5pm.

9. Close – Meeting closed at 4.45pm.

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Minutes of the Wom*n's Committee

Meeting 8/15

UNCONFIRMED Minutes

5 PM, 26/05/2015

Location: OB Space, Union House

Meeting opened at 5.15pm.

Agenda

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6. Motions not on Notice

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

9. Close

10. Procedural Matters

1.8 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Lucy Curtis be elected Chair

Mover: Lucy Curtis

Second: Allison Ballantyne

CARRIED

1.9 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.10 Attendance

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

1.11 Apologies – N/A

1.12 Proxies – N/A

1.13 Membership – N/A

1.14 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Lucy Curtis

Second: Clare McLeod

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: to confirm the previous minutes of 19/5/2015 as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Lucy Curtis

Secunder: Mihika Upadhyaya

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Office Bearers' Reports

Student Market

The student market yesterday was good – we sold quite a number of badges and raised \$232. We will donate this money to Safe Steps, the Family Violence Response Centre.

Anonymous Marking Campaign

We've been chatting to Shanley, the Education (Academic) Officer, about the university's Anonymous Marking policy. While exams must be marked anonymously, this is not the case for many other kinds of assessment. This is concerning to us, as marking which is done with the identity of the student known by the tutor can be affected by unconscious gender bias and unconscious racial bias. Shanley and Allie are doing research into other universities' policies on anonymous marking, and we are looking at running a campaign next semester on this issue.

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

Mover: Lucy Curtis

Secunder: Taylor Mitas

CARRIED

5. Motions on Notice

5.1

To pass up to an additional \$8 for expenditure on craft supplies which were used in making badges at the events Wom*n's Collective and Crafternoons from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

Mover: Lucy Curtis

Secunder: Adriana Mells

CARRIED

5.2

To pass up to \$75 to further subsidise a student who 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.

Mover: Mihika Upadhyaya

Secunder: Yan Zhuang

CARRIED

Yan Zhuang left the meeting.

6. Motions not on Notice

6.1

To pass up to an additional \$100 to subsidise the cost of flights for a student who applied for financial assistance from the Wom*n's Department to attend NOWSA 2015 and was initially allocated \$280 to cover the cost of their registration from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

Mover: Clare McLeod

Secunder: Taylor Mitas

CARRIED

6.2

To pass up to an additional \$180 to subsidise the cost of flights for a student who was initially allocated \$280 to cover their registration, but whose registration for NOWSA 2015 will only cost \$100, from the Wom*n's Department budget line Special Projects and Events.

Mover: Mihika Upadhyaya

Secunder: Adriana Mells

CARRIED

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday June 17, 4.15pm.

9. Close

Meeting closed at 5.43pm.