

University of Melbourne Student Union

Minutes of the Womyn's Committee

Meeting 05/10

CONFIRMED

12 PM, 27th May 2010

Location: Office Bearers' Space, Union House



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 Previous Minutes

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. [Correspondence]

5. Office Bearers' Reports

6. [Other Reports]

7. Motions on Notice

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting

10. Close

Meeting opened at: 12:16 PM, by Esther Bohmer

Agenda Item 1: Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Esther be elected as chair.

Moved: Katie

Seconded: Noni

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

Esther, Lizzie, Noni, Vanessa, Katie

Absent

Rhiannon, Tamara, Jessica

1.4 Apologies

Miriam, Fei

1.5 Proxies

1.6 Membership

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the agenda be adopted

Moved: Esther

Seconded:

CARRIED

Agenda Item 2: Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes confirmed.

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising from the Minutes

- Radical budget changes
 - \$750 has been given as a grant for NOWSA – delegates to provide a report of some description to Council post-NOWSA. Committee to decide exactly how to spend the money
 - Esther says: A further \$2500 has been moved to Womyn's Dept. While this money is wholly welcome and absolutely desperately needed, the circumstances in which it came were questionable. That Womyn's Dept was prioritised initially over Indigenous Dept is naive and unacceptable of Students' Council. Further, that there was no opportunity for student input in the decision that was made was unacceptable.
 - Attached is new budget incorporating the increases.
- How money is to be distributed for NOWSA.
 - See later discussion.
 - Essentially decided (as in motion later) that each student should receive \$245, where \$40 of that is already spent on registration (Esther to be reimbursed). Students may spend their subsidy on transport and/or accommodation. A further pool of \$300 is for distribution amongst those students deemed to be in severe financial need.
 - A special sub-committee, comprised of those members of Womyn's Committee as are interested, will assess financial needs
 - The Womyn's Officers are required to withhold that information from applications as is necessary to protect their identity

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence

- Monash Uni discussions – NOWSA and Reclaim the Night.
 - Essentially, correspondence from other Uni's has been far between and disappointing (Monash especially disappointing given the benefits of a close relationship and the similarities of our Unions and constituents)

Agenda Item 5: Office Bearers' Reports

- WOW
- International No Diet Day
- NOWSA
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Agenda Item 6: Other Reports

- Singstar event (fundraiser) – postponed for end of exams.

Agenda Item 8: Motions on Notice

Motion 3: That the proposed amended operating budget be approved. (See appendix later)

Moved: Esther Seconded:

CARRIED

Motion 4: That Katie be reimbursed \$25 for cost of ingredients for WOW. That this come from the food and beverage line.

Moved: Noni Seconded: Lizzie

CARRIED

Motion 5: That \$110 be approved for the cost of the drumming workshop during WOW. That this be paid to Chris Lesser and come from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Lizzie Seconded: Noni

CARRIED

Motion 6: That up to \$60 be reimbursed to Mim for the cost of ingredients for International No Diet Day. That this come from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Katie Seconded: Vanessa

CARRIED

Motion 7: That up to \$60 be reimbursed to Esther for the cost of ingredients for International No Diet Day. That this come from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Vanessa Seconded: Katie

CARRIED

Motion 8: That each Nowsa delegate is approved \$205 reimbursement for the cost of transport and/or accommodation.

Moved: Katie Seconded: Esther

CARRIED

Motion 9: That \$300 be set aside for Nowsa delegates in severe financial need, to be determined by a special subcommittee for the purposes of confidentiality.

Moved: Noni Seconded: Lizzie

CARRIED

Motion 10: That Esther be reimbursed \$28 for the purchase of books for the Womyn's Room. That this come from the Womyn's Room Maintenance line.

Moved: Noni Seconded: Vanessa

CARRIED

Motion 11: That \$10 be paid to UMSU Entertainment for the cost of tables during WOW. That this come from the special projects/events line.

Moved: Lizzie Seconded: Katie

CARRIED

Agenda Item 9: Next Meeting – First week back semester 2, Thursday 12:00.

Next meeting on:

Agenda Item 10: Close

Meeting closed at: 1.02 PM

Certified by Chair:

Signed:

Dated:

**Appendix:
Approved [amended] Budget:**

Wom*n's Department
Draft Budget 2010
Total determined by
Students Council =
**\$3500

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2010 amended**</u>
Food&Beverage	\$300	\$200	472
O-Week	\$400	\$880	880
Grants	\$700	\$148	148
Photocopying & Paper	\$300	\$100	100
Printing and Production	\$2,300	\$192	192
Postage	\$500	\$20	20
Reference Materials	\$750	\$160	160
Special Projects/Events	\$900	\$750	1750
Stationary	\$200	\$50	100
Telephone Costs	\$200	\$150	150
Training and Development (Conferences)	\$1,100	\$750	2750
Womyns Room Maintenance	\$350	\$100	100
TOTAL	\$8,000	\$3,500	6750
<u>Income</u>			
Transfer from Whole of Union Fund		0	3250
Grants		0	
Other		0	72
TOTAL		0	

****Following recent Students Council meetings, an additional \$2500 has been granted to the Women's Dept.**

****Following recent Students Council meetings, \$750 additional has been given specifically to NOWSA.**

We also made money (\$72) off donations from No Diet Day.