

University of Melbourne Student Union

Agenda of the Creative Arts Committee

Meeting 3(21)

10am, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Location: Zoom

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1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Meeting opened at 10:04 AM AEST

1.2 Election of Chair

*Motion 1: That Vaishnavi Ravikrishna be elected Chair*

*Mover: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna    Second: Torsten Strokirch*

*CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT*

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge that this meeting takes place on the lands of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin nations and pay our respects to their elders past and present. Sovereignty was never ceded. This always was and always will be Aboriginal land.*

1.4 Attendance

*Office bearers: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna, Merryn Hughes*

*Committee: Torsten Strokirch, Sonia Li, Jo Chen, Charlie Zhang, Atticus Corr, Georgia Walton-Briggs*

1.5 Apologies

*Edie Bush*

1.6 Proxies

1.7 Membership

1.8 Adoption of Agenda

*Motion 2: That the agenda be adopted as presented*

*Mover: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna    Second: Sonia Li*

*CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT*

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes-

*Motion 3: That the previous minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate representation of our last meeting.*

*Mover: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna    Second: Charlie Zhang*

*CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT*

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nothing to report.

#### 4. Creative Arts Office Report

4.1 Creative Arts officers Vaishnavi and Merryn reported on what they have done since the committee's last meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

- Budgets:
  - o Developed and submitted Creative Arts Department Sem 1 and Mudfest budgets to Students' Council
  - o Vaishnavi explained that the budget for Mudfest is significantly smaller than previous years as the same amount of funding/SSAF grants was not available to apply for at the end of last year due to COVID-19
  - o Office Bearers developed the Mudfest budget with support from Susan Hewitt, Arts and Culture Manager, who they have been meeting with regularly.
- Met with Sandie and Dave from GPG/Arts Programs who are keen to collaborate on a workshop in sem 1 and throughout Mudfest
- Summerfest
  - o Submitted 1min pitch video
  - o In the process of finalising the Sem 1 digital program - submitted the text to Comms/Design, received a cover art submission from a first-year Visual Arts student which has been sent through to Design
  - o Creative Arts will have a stall on campus – Merryn will be at Parkville and Southbank to represent the department
  - o Two Hopin sessions during O-week – 4hrs each – department is planning on having an extended version of creative arts collective, committee encourage to pop by
  - o Planning on giving out some badges at our stalls on campus
- Creative Arts Collective
  - o There is a fb group now – Creative Arts Collective Community which attendees are added to so they can stay up to date with collective news
  - o Regular crowd and are starting to see some new faces too!
  - o People getting to know each other more and more
  - o Vaishnavi promoted collective which is happening today! The theme is Rainbow! Committee encouraged to pop by
- Arty Party
  - o Theme is Cyberpunk!
  - o Run in collab with Southbank and UHT – we have been meeting with them to finalise the running sheet/schedule
  - o Event will include Open mic segment, two ice-breakers/break-out rooms interspersed throughout the night
  - o Open mic – committee encouraged to sign up
- Mudfest
  - o Been in touch with Design team – developing concepts for branding – looks so good!
  - o Production team call-outs to be released soon, planned for during Summerfest
  - o Have already received emails from interested students keen to get involved and join the production team

## 5. Motions on Notice

Motion 5.1: To pass the proposed 2021 Creative Arts Department Budget Semester 1.

*Mover: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna      Seconder: Georgie Walton-Briggs*

CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / **CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

Motion 5.2: To approve the spending of up to \$65 from the Creative Arts budget line 'Orientation', to cover promotional costs of boosting the Arty Party Facebook event from Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna moves to amend motion 5.2 to "to approve the spending of \$100 from the Creative Arts budget line 'Orientation', to cover promotional costs of boosting the Arty Party Facebook event from Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and other Summerfest expenses (e.g. printing, badge-making).

*Mover: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna      Seconder: Torsten Stokirch*

CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / **CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

AMMENDMENT PASSED

Amended motion 5.2 to approve the spending of \$100 from the Creative Arts budget line 'Orientation', to cover promotional costs of boosting the Arty Party Facebook event from Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and other Summerfest expenses (e.g. printing, badge-making).

*Mover: Vaishnavi Ravikrishna      Seconder: Sonia Li*

CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / **CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

## 6. Motions not on Notice

Motion 6.1:

*Mover:              Seconder:*

CARRIED / NOT CARRIED / CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

## **7. Other Business**

7.1 Updating the Creative Arts Department Grant Program application and acquittal forms.

- Reviewing the 2020 Arts Grants Application form, Vaishnavi noted the need to change names of OBs from Em and Liv to Merryn and Vaishnavi as well as update dates of 2021 grant round deadlines
- Committee confirmed that the proposed grant round deadline dates should be adopted
- Vaishnavi explained that this year we are increasing no. grant rounds from five to six and amount allocated from \$2,000 to \$2,500
- Vaishnavi suggested updating “preferred pronouns” to just “pronouns” as implying that a person’s pronouns is a preference might invalidate the way they choose to express themselves
- Atticus asked the office bearers who were both on the Creative Arts committee last year what sort of things students applied for last year
- Merryn suggested clarifying in the 2021 grant form that grants can fund creative projects as well as opportunities for professional artistic development
- Vaishnavi suggested adding a question about how the applicant will make their project more inclusive? To be added under the “Accessible” section of the form.
- Georgia asked about the UMSU Grant Policy and whether that would be breached if the grant program accepted applications where a significant proportion of students involved are alumni or non-students. Office bearers will follow this up.
- Arts grants acquittal form – after reviewing the 2020 arts grant acquittal form and with recommendations from previous OBs, Merryn and Vaishnavi suggested encouraging applicants to have a set end date for project/development period in mind so that recipients use the grant money within the first few months of receiving the grant as some 2020 recipients are still yet to submit their acquittal forms or even use their grant allocation.
- Vaishnavi suggested the need to update the acquittal form so that questions are applicable to creative projects AND artistic development

## **8. Next Meeting**

8.1 Next meeting to be at the start of March once classes resume. Vaishnavi explains the need to have fortnightly meetings throughout semester and Merryn confirms that they will send out a Whenisgood by the end of February to ascertain the committee’s general weekly availabilities to find a regular time throughout semester when the committee can meet.

## **9. Closed at 10:38 AM AEST**