

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the People of Colour Committee
Minutes (Unconfirmed)
1.00 PM, Thursday the 6th of December, 2018
Meeting 1 (19)
Location: Room 155, Arts West.

Meeting opened at 1:10pm by Mark Yin

1. Procedural Matters

1. Election of Chair

Mark Yin was elected as chair.

Mover: Mark Yin **Seconder:** Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
So acknowledged
3. Attendance
Mark Yin, Neha Agarwal, Fiona Xia, Sam Zaman, A'bidah Zaid Shirbeeni, Gurpreet Singh
4. Apologies
Farah Khairat, Maha Masroor, Sadah Webster
5. Proxies
None received
6. Membership
No changes
7. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda, as presented, was adopted.

Mover: Mark Yin **Seconder:** Neha Agarwal

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Mark, who had been at the previous meeting, vouched for the accuracy of the unconfirmed minutes.

The previous minutes were confirmed.

Mover: Mark Yin **Seconder:** Fiona Xia

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

No declarations

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Correspondence

None received

6. Office Bearer Reports

The department's 2019 budget has been finalised and is going to council on the 7th of December. In the meantime, we're getting SummerFest preparations underway. We posted a callout for tote bag designers on our Facebook page and group, with a cross-promotion into the Media Collective as well. We'll then choose a winner and put an order through within the next week. In addition, we'll be in the process of designing our stall and program of events for SummerFest over the next two months, so keep an eye out for correspondence there.

At the same time, we are also in the process of expanding the department library (housed in the office on level 1 of Union House) and acquiring some basic office items as well as cutlery and crockery—these will be available for students during the summer period. The money for this was previously passed through the 2018 Operations Sub-Committee.

7. Motions on Notice

It was clarified that the money being moved at this meeting was left over from 2018. It was also ascertained that the specifications of the tote bags were still undecided so there was no concrete quote yet, but the office bearers are intending to order 1,000 and are ensuring that enough money is passed to do so.

Motion: to move up to \$3,645 from the 'Special events: Film screenings' budget line of the 2018 budget for the purchase of new department tote bags.

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

It was asked how the giveaway in the following motion was to be executed, and it was then explained that it would be in the form of a Facebook post. People are encouraged to tag a friend in the comments, and two pairs of winners would be selected at random. \$110.95 is the exact price for four concession tickets as listed on Ticketek.

Motion: to move \$110.95 from the 'People of Colour Collective' budget line of the 2018 budget to purchase four (4) tickets to the Nelson Mandela exhibition, to be given away as two double passes.

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** Neha Agarwal

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

With regard to promoting the tote bag callout, it was explained that the money will be paid to Facebook to sponsor the callout post. At request, the committee noted that money to remunerate successful artists had been passed at the Operations Sub-Committee 24(18).

Motion: to move \$20 from the 'People of Colour Collective' budget line of the 2018 budget to promote the Facebook callout post for tote bag designers.

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** Fiona Xia

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8. Motions Without Notice

Motion: to approve budgetary delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee of up to \$1,000 for each People of Colour Department budget line

Mover: Mark Yin **Second:** Sam Zaman

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Other Business

From Mark:

We've received a report of racial intimidation within a particular University faculty. We're working on an incident reporting form for our UMSU webpage, but in the meantime if you hear anything like this please let us know.

From Gurpreet:

In the same vein, he had encountered a man outside the Royal Dental Hospital (across from Sidney Myer Asia Centre) who alleged that he was racially abused and mistreated by staff. Though he had gone to court, the issue was dismissed and he was unable to then take it to the Human Rights Commission as a result. He is now lobbying for an official written apology, as well as for the implementation of racial sensitivity training for staff at the Hospital. Mark asked if this man was a student, and it was clarified that he had done undergraduate studies at Monash University, and had applied to further study at the University of Melbourne. Mark he said he would follow up the issue, noting that lobbying for racial sensitivity training is a department policy.

10. Next Meeting

Late January was proposed and this seemed amenable to most.

Fiona stated that she would be available after Jan/13. Gurpreet added that he would not be available in early February.

It was clarified that SummerFest will run from Feb/26 to Mar/8 and that the next committee meeting will aim to pass spending for this event.

11. Close

Meeting closed at 1:24pm