



**University of Melbourne Student Union**  
**Meeting of the Queer Department Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**12<sup>th</sup> August 3 pm**  
**Meeting 12(22)**  
**Location: Online**

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**Meeting opened at 5:03 pm (meeting was pushed forward due to unforeseen timing conflict)**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Election of Chair**

Motion 1: That Rose be elected as Chair

Mover: Rook

Seconded: Chai

**CARRIED/FAILED**

**1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians**

Was acknowledged.

**1.3. Attendance**

Greta, Rook, Rose, Chaitanya, John, Poom

**1.4. Apologies**

Renee sent in an email giving her apologies.

**1.5. Proxies**

There were no proxies.

**1.6. Membership**

No changes in membership.

**1.7. Adoption of Agenda**

Rook gave apologies for the agenda being late.

Rose moved, Poom seconded - CARRIED

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Rose moved the motion, Poom seconded - CARRIED

**3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

No conflict of interest.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters arose from the minutes.

#### **5. Correspondence**

Rook gave a brief explanation of the Diversity and Inclusion meeting – the Queer Department was consulted on the LGBTQ+ Action Plan that is currently in development. Rook screenshared an excerpt from the plan to the committee.

Greta brought up how they were a student representative in the Languages department and how there was an issue with there wasn't going to be a faculty-wide approach to trigger warnings (whether they were included would instead be up to the discretion of tutors and lecturers, which was troubling given that many tutors present seemed to be dismissive of their necessity. They went on to say that this is something that should be covered under the Action Plan. Rook resolved to contact Chris Bunting from Diversity & Inclusion regarding this issue. Poom added to this, referring to a LGBT inclusion group project they had previously done in a French class, emphasising that lecturers need to be inclusive of queer identities in both their teaching and assessment, with clear guidelines so there are consistent standards between classes.

#### **6. Office Bearer Reports**

Rose spoke to how they've been running Queer Lunch and G&Ts with LGBTs. They also brought up how the Queer Political Action Collective wants to do a scatter protest on Open Day on Aug 21 since there continues to be no action on reviewing PHIL20046 or any action on its associated incidents. Rose also alluded to how there's been some issues in terms of interpersonal conflict between students in the Queer Space and explained that they wanted to remedy this going forward through returning to work on the Queer Space Safe Space policy.

Poom asked whether it would be possible to move Queer Lunch back inside when UMSU is moved into the new building. Rose expressed that both they and Rook were still not privy to a lot of information surrounding what space the Queer Department would have access to with the move and asked for clarification to Poom's question. Poom expressed that holding Queer Lunch outside on Concrete Lawn was an issue due to the cold winter weather and the fact it doesn't offer a lot of privacy for those who aren't out yet. Poom then asked more about the scatter protest – one idea was to deface old uni t-shirts with protest slogans – and whether the Legal Department had been consulted as to the potential legal risks. Rose promised that they would raise the point with Legal before going ahead with the idea.

Rook then sped through their report due to a conflicting meeting with Dee from Events. The meeting was a reflection of current issues organising Queer Ball as Rose had been struggling to secure a location for the event and Dee had offered to give advice. Rook went on to explain that they have been organising CAMP and the editors seemed well-equipped. They had also been running QQSG and helping with the other collectives.

Poom asked why the previous location for Queer Ball, Bobby McGees, wasn't being used and Rose explained that it had shut down during the pandemic.

**7. Motions on Notice**

There were no motions on notice.

**8. Motions Without Notice**

**9. Close**

**Meeting closed at 3:31 pm.**