



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Queer Department Committee
Minutes
20th June 2022 12 pm
Meeting (9)
Location: Online

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Meeting opened at 12:09 pm.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Rose be elected as Chair

Mover: Rook

Seconded: John

CARRIED/FAILED

1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians

Was acknowledged.

1.3. Attendance

Rook, Rose, Greta, John, Chaitanya, Poom, Kat

1.4. Apologies

No apologies prior to the meeting – Renee contacted Rook a few hours after to give apologies, citing different time zones.

1.5. Proxies

There were no proxies.

1.6. Membership

Andrew lost his membership and we are expecting a replacement from his ticket.

1.7. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: to accept the agenda as sent

Mover: Rose

Secunder: John

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes

Motion: To confirm minutes of last month's meeting as written

Mover: Rose

Seconder: Poom

Outcome: CARRIED

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Rook explained that while we had approved expenditure for Queer Collaborations 2022 last meeting, the conference has since changed dates to September. They went on to voice their concerns about taking students to the conference, given its lack of organisation and accommodation available, and suggested instead using the money for other activities.

5. Correspondence

Both OBs have been in touch with Andrew from the Academic Board regarding the second rejection of the petition requesting a review of PHIL20046 and are expecting a meeting with him on Tuesday, alongside Education Academic OBs and the UMSU President.

6. Office Bearer Reports

Rose:

- Queer Lunch
- edited QPAC report/tutorial hand outs
- multiple meetings with Ed Ac

Rook

- budget
- Ed Ac, helping with edits

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Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en Bloc

Mover: Rook

Seconded: Renee

CARRIED/FAILED

7. Motions on Notice

7.1 – Approval of budgetary changes

Rook went through the new budget for Semester 2. Chaitanya asked the Visibility Days and Rook said we would be cutting the budget since, as Rose pointed out, we don't need a lot of supplies and a lot of the flags can be sourced from UMSU Queer volunteers.

MOTION: to accept the budget reallocations as outlined below

After Semester 1, Rose and I have re-evaluated what works and what doesn't, and we're editing the budget to reflect that. Changes will include:

- Cutting the Queer x Disabilities collective budget for Semester 2 (\$60) – due to ongoing lack of interest
- Cutting the Queer Gals and Enby Pals Movie Night budget (\$200) – with other bigger events like creating CAMP, Queer Ball, and the No Transphobia in Our Tutes campaign, we feel it's better to focus on events that typically get more attention
- Cutting the Visibility Days budget (\$180) – we can use the money better elsewhere
- Cutting the Queer Collaborations budget (\$3500) – this year's Queer Collaborations has been delayed and appears to be very poorly organised. I personally don't think it's worth going, especially since it's now been postponed to September when the Union House move will take place. This allocation will be moved from the Grants budget line into the Events/Special Projects budget line.
- Cutting the Bubble Teas with LGBTs budget (\$400) – this event is typically very labour intensive and relies exclusively on the OBs and volunteers for most of the day
- Cutting the Telephone budget (\$50) – we don't use the phone at all
- Cutting the Calendar budget (\$200) – the original idea was to have a big calendar for important queer dates in the Queer Space but obviously that's very time intensive and it didn't end up happening. This allocation will be moved from the Supplies and Maintenance budget line to the Events/Special Projects budget line.
- Reduce QQSG's budget from \$480 to \$100 – we've been pooling snacks for collectives and students don't tend to eat at QQSG. We plan on reallocating the \$380 from the Grants budget line to the Events/Special Projects budget line.

Mover: Rose

Secunder: Chaitanya

CARRIED

7.2 – Approval of \$5000 for Winterfest event: 'The Rainbow Roller Rave'

Rook gave a brief description of the event (rollerskating in Union Hall with lights, a DJ, and medics) and explained how the budget changes were necessary to finance this event. Chaitanya voiced concern for students who don't like rollerskating or who have disabilities and Rook cited the issues with planning excess events due to the Events team being overworked and each department only being allowed one event. They then promised that they would look into accommodations and also pointed out that the Queer Space would still be available for students to socialise in. Greta asked about what would be done to minimise accidents and ensure safety and Rook explained that the event would have staggered attendance and have medics.

MOTION: To approve expenditure of \$5000 for the Rainbow Roller Rave from the Events/Special Projects budget line

Mover: Rose

Secunder: Poom

Carried

7.3 – Approval of expenditure for QQSG (\$100) from the Grants budget line

Rook explained that the budget for this collective never got passed in Semester 1.

Mover: Rose

Secunder: Greta

Carried

8. Motions without Notice

There was nothing to discuss here.

9. Other Business

9.1 - Queer Ball theme

Rook and Poom went through the previous themes (space, villainous glamour) and themes like nature, jocks vs nerds, cheerleaders, and 'gaybies of the 80s' were discussed.

Chai voiced interest in the 80s theme. Greta expressed a desire to do the Met Gala 2019 theme ('Camp').

Met Gala 2019 'Camp' won the vote.

10. Next Meeting

11. Close

Meeting closed at 12:44 pm.