



**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Meeting of the Queer Department Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021,  
Meeting (1)  
Location: Online**

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**Meeting opened at 1:32 pm.**

**Procedural Motion:** To suspend standing order for Rose to chair.

Mover: Rook

Seconded: Renee

**CARRIED/FAILED**

**1. Procedural Matters**

**1.1. Election of Chair**

Motion 1: That Rose be elected as Chair

Mover: Rook

Seconded: Chaitanya

**CARRIED/FAILED**

**1.2. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Custodians**

Was acknowledged.

**1.3. Attendance**

Rook, Rose, Andrew, Chaitanya, Renee, Kat, and John were in attendance.

**1.4. Apologies**

**1.5. Proxies**

There were no proxies.

**1.6. Membership**

**1.7. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Kat

Seconded: Rook

**CARRIED/FAILED**

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

### 2.1 Minutes

This is our first meeting so we don't have any minutes to confirm.

### 3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

No conflict of interest was declared.

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

No matters arose from the minutes.

### 5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

### 6. Office Bearer Reports

Rose and Rook spoke briefly on the induction process, the state of the Queer Office, and the Queer Collaborations conference currently being held at Unimelb.

Motion: To accept the Office Bearer Reports en Bloc

Mover: Renee

Seconded: Chaitanya

**CARRIED/FAILED**

### 7. Motions on Notice

#### 7.1 – Approval of 2021 budget surplus spending

##### 7.1.1 – Trans resources

Rose presented to the committee the idea of purchasing trans tape and men's deodorants for a gender affirming wardrobe in the Parkville Queer Space.

Andrew asked questions about how long the tape will last and what will stop people from taking the whole roll of trans tape – Rose responded by saying that each will potentially run out at different times and we will be relying on an honour system. Andrew also raised a question about protocol for securing supplies and ensuring cost effectiveness and Rose responded by agreeing to clarify with Ciara Griffith.

Kat asked for Rose to elaborate on the gender affirming wardrobe, with Rose explaining how the intention is to build upon the existing shoebox in the Queer Space and provide more supplies than what is previously just targeted towards trans women.

Andrew asked about why specifically men's deodorant was named – Rose responded by explaining how the range of gender affirming products for trans men tends to be less varied which is why deodorant was named. Rook added how this list was just meant to be loose expenditure that we can take care of quickly.

Chaitanya asked how we are going to publicise this resource – Rose explained that we are going to advertise its presence in the Queer Space and on social media and suggested publicising its presence in the Union House bathrooms.

MOTION: To approve spending of \$150 for Trans Tape in 6 different skin tones (purchased from Sock Drawer Heroes) and \$150 for men’s deodorant (\$3 each from Lynx).

To approve spending of trans tape/men’s deoderant

Mover: Rook Seconder: Kat

**CARRIED**

### **7.1.2 - \$1000 for Queer Space books (see Adendum for full list)**

Rose explained how the book selection was made with diversity in mind, choosing from a wide range of queer experiences using a number of recommendations.

Andrew asked for some clarification on how the library would work – Rose explained how the library already exists within the Queer Space. Andrew followed up by asking about whether these books already exist in the university library system – Rose responded by explaining how often these books aren’t typically found in the system. Some doubts were expressed over the accessibility of the library/Queer Space to those who are closeted/trying to come out. Andrew raised the idea of trigger warnings – Rose suggested putting sticky notes on the front cover with warnings.

Rook read aloud Renee’s message in the chat talking about how some people are uncomfortable with using the mainstream libraries and built on that comment to say that having a curated library is a helpful resource and that coming out is difficult and some of the onus has to be on the person in question to access the necessary resources.

John asked about the idea of creating a GSA to make it easier for closeted people to interact in the community whilst posing as allies. Rook suggested discussing this further in the future.

MOTION: To approve purchase of \$1000 worth of books for the library’s queer space from the Book Depository.

Mover: Rose Seconder: John

**CARRIED**

### **7.1.3 – Pride Flags, \$180**

Rose discussed the idea of purchasing flags to celebrate internationally recognised visibility days for different genders and sexualities, identifying 12 different flags including the non-binary, bisexual, lesbian, and asexual flags.

Andrew brought up again a potential rule that departments need to get three different quotes before purchasing supplies – Rose again responded by saying she would follow this up and that she would act as though this rule didn't exist as neither he or Rook had previously been aware of this.

**MOTION:** To approve purchase of \$180 worth of pride flags

Mover: Rose    Second: John

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 – Summerfest**

### **7.2.1 – Discussion of surplus 2021 merchandise**

Rose showed how we still have a lot of tote bags from previous years as well as copies of CAMP that didn't get to be distributed since the launch party hadn't gone ahead.

Andrew stressed the idea of collaborating between departments to promote the Queer Department. Rook responded by stressing that we know very little about Summerfest right now and that we can't guarantee anything.

Chaitanya emphasised how we need to make us more accessible to international students and Rose responded by stating that she would get in touch with UMSU International.

### **7.2.2 – Approval of \$340 further spending per budget memorandum**

This motion was not voted on as the budget memorandum had not been approved as of this meeting.

### **7.2.3 – Finalisation of interactive workshops, events at Summerfest**

This portion was skipped as a lack of finalised budget made planning events difficult.

## **8. Motions without Notice**

## **9. Other Business**

## **10. Next Meeting**

Next meeting was scheduled for January, with more notice being given later.

## **11. Close**

**Meeting closed at 2:37 pm.**

## **Adendum**

### **1 – Full list of proposed books for Queer Space**

## **NOVELS**

1. Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe — Benjamin Alire Senz
2. Under the Udala Trees — Chinelo Akparanta
3. Gideon the Ninth — Tamsyn Muir

4. Heat and Light — Ellen Van Neerven
5. The Vanished Birds — Simon Jimenez
6. The Sunlit Pilgrims — Jenni Fagan
7. The Afterward — E.K. Johnston
8. The Paying Guests — Sarah Waters
9. Something to Talk About — Meryl Wilsner
10. The Lady's Guide to Celestial Mechanics — Olivia Waite
11. Written in the Stars — Alexandria Bellefleur
12. Malice — Heather Walter
13. The Colour Purple — Alice Walker
14. Middlesex — Jeffrey Eugenides
15. Oranges are Not the Only Fruit — Jeanette Winterson
16. Crier's War — Nina Verela
17. Of Fire and Stars — Audrey Coulthurst
18. Upright Women Wanted — Sarah Gailey
19. Becoming Nicole — Amy Ellis Nutt
20. Guapa — Saleem Haddad
21. The Priority of The Orange Tree — Samantha Shannon
22. Black Deutschland
23. The Jasmine Throne — Tasha Suri
24. Juliet Takes a Breath — Gabby Rivera
25. Proxy — Alex London

#### **POETRY**

26. Sting with Love — Sappho
27. The Tradition — Jericho Brown
28. Black Girl, Call Home — Jasmine Mans

#### **AUTOBIOGRAPHIES AND MEMOIRS**

29. Sissy — Jacob Tobia
30. Gender Outlaw — Kate Bornstein
31. The Naked Civil Servant — Quentin Crisp

#### **OTHER NON-FICTION**

32. We are Everywhere — Matthew Reimer and Leighton Brown
33. Unbound — Arlene Stein
34. The Anatomy of Prejudices by Elizabeth-Young Bruehl
35. Colouring the Rainbow — Dino Hodge