Minutes for Meeting 3(21): 16/02/21

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Queer Committee**

**Confirmed Minutes**

**10:18am the 16th February 2021**

**Meeting 3(20)**

**Location: Zoom**

1. **Procedural Matters**
   1. Election of Chair

**Motion 1.1:** To elect Amy Bright as Chair

Mover: Amy Bright

Seconded: Kameron

Carried without dissent

* 1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

Acknowledged

* 1. Attendance

*Office Bearers: Amy Bright (Chair)*

*Committee: Kat Zhang, Kameron Lai, Saskia Peachy, Raymond Wu*

* 1. Apologies

*Laura Ehrensperger, Benjamin Jarick, Ethan Georgeou, Lauren Mendes*

* 1. Proxies

*Lauren Mendes to Andoni Fischer*

* 1. Membership

No changes.

* 1. Adoption of Agenda

*Motion 1.7: Adopt the Agenda*

Mover: Amy Bright (Chair)

Carried without dissent

The agenda was sent to the messenger group chat.

*Motion 1.8: To elect Amy to take minutes*

Mover: Amy Bright

Carried without dissent

**2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

*Motion 1.9: To confirm the minutes of 2(21) as a true and accurate record*

Mover: Amy Bright

Carried with abstention: Andoni abstained

**3. Conflict of Interest Declaration**

None

**4. Correspondence**

None

**5. Office Bearer Report**

Since the previous meeting Amy and Laura have worked on Summerfest. The Queer Department will run an online videogame stream for Summerfest. The Zines will be printed and distributed for the on-campus event for Summerfest. The social media campaign against Holly Lawford-Smith will be discussed further in future. The Parliamentary Bill was passed which bans the use of conversion practices in Victoria.

**6. Other Reports**

None

**7. Motions on Notice – Operational Business:**

Motion 7.1: To approve leave of absence for Lauren Mendes from 16/02/21 to 16/03/21 for mental health recovery

Motion 7.2: To approve the Queer Department Budget for Semester 1 2021

Motion 7.3: To approve spending $1,413 to printing 1,000 Zine copies

Motion 7.1 To approve the leave of absence from 16/02/21 to 16/03/21 for mental health recovery

Amy said that Lauren has requested four weeks of absence for mental health recovery. The plan is for Andoni to proxy for Lauren until Lauren returns.

7.1 Motion to Vote: Approve leave of absence for Lauren Mendes

Mover: Kameron

Seconder: Raymond

Carried with abstention: Andoni abstained

Motion 7.2 To approve the Queer Department Budget for Semester 1 2021

The agenda is sent to Andoni from Amy.

Andoni questioned Summerfest and what the likelihood of in-person occurrence is. Amy replied that it seems to be on hold until the end of lockdown, and after this occurs there will be a better idea.

Amy said the plan is to print 1,000 copies of the Zine for Summerfest. If the in-person Summerfest event does not happen the Zines will be distributed in other events throughout the year.

7.2 Motion to Vote: to approve the Queer Department Budget for Semester 1 2021

Mover: Raymond

Seconder: Saskia

Motion carried without dissent.

Motion 7.3 To approve spending $1,413 to print 1,000 Zine copies

The original Summerfest budget was $1,800. The $1,413 will be used to print the original designs of the Zine with saddle stitching.

7.3 Motion to Vote: to approve the Queer Department Budget for Semester 1 2021

Mover: Kameron

Seconder: Andoni

Motion carried without dissent.

**8. General Business**

Trans Pride March, explained by Andoni.

Andoni has talked to the organisers of this event, as well as Amy and Laura.

Andoni said the march preparation started last year. The plan was to hold this march on the 28th of March 2020, however, was delayed until November however could not occur. The plan is to hold it on the 28th of March 2021.

This event will be held before Trans visibility day and will occur in two parts. The first part will be speeches at the State Library, followed by a march through the CBD to the Federation Square.

From 1pm-4pm the second event held will be performances held on the Federation Square stage. The performers within this concert will be trans people.

**Saskia left 10:45am.**

Andoni continued that to be COVID-19 safe the attendance will be monitored. There is a $1,447 fee associated with the instalment of the fence to maintain COVID-19 safe practices.

Andoni expressed interest of the Students Council/Queer Department aids the payment of this fee.

**Saskia returned 10:45am.**

Raymond clarified when the march is supposed to happen. Andoni replied that the march begins at 11am at the State library, and that the concert will run from 1pm-4pm.

Amy flagged that Collective positions are open. The first week or two of collectives will be online. After this the collective members will be asked for online or offline preference for collectives.

Kat asked if Amy could forward relevant emails (Amy, Laura’s, Annalyce Wiebenga, and the Southbank Office Bearer’s) to her.

**8. Next Meeting**

TBD via Doodle Poll

**9. Close**

**Meeting Closed at 10:49am.**