

Judy

P and R Minutes/ November 4 1982.

Present: Judy, Patrick, Maruis; regrets Tsili, Rahim.

Agenda:

- Matters arising
- Executive minutes
- Financial affairs
- purchase of equipment
- Medu brochure
- Marius in England-- tasks
- Queries about absent members.

1. Matters arising: unclear whether Lungi has accepted chairpersonship of P and R. ~~Dirx~~ Deputy head to clarify.

Action: Judy.

2. Executive minutes:

A. Editorial Board

Individual comments:

Patrick: "requires to know why hasn't the Editorial Board convened, who convenes it, and why the Editorial Board has not been convened to produce the two newsletters which should have been produced since the symposium? My feeling is that lacking other clarification it seems the newsletter is being sabotaged."

Marius: "finds it difficult to understand how a general meeting could have felt that the newsletter did not represent the views of the Medu membership. The only two theoretical articles which have appeared this year in the newsletter were tabled before a Medu seminar in February and were both accepted unanimously by the Medu membership. Furthermore, as a general meeting has now established an editorial ~~board~~ collective which seems to supercede the function of P and R two points seem to be extremely relevant:

- a) Why has this editorial collective not convened a meeting to discuss the production of the Medu newsletter;
- b) Given that the February seminar agreed, again unanimously, that P and R had a special function in giving certain direction to Medu, and in fact making a certain imput to all Medu units, it seems surprising that responsibility for production of the newsletter has now seemingly been removed from P and R. Are we to assume that the new editorial collective will be making decisions on ~~all~~ all Medu publications and productions (posters, photos, theatre productions, lyrics and music) or only on material produced by P and R? If the former, why has ~~the~~ the editorial collective not ~~be~~ given its reasoned findings on posters, theatrical productions etc which have been produced or are in the process of being produced since the general meeting? If the later, I find it difficult to seethat P and R is not being subjected to censorship."

Judy: "feels that if the Editorial Board is meant to censor P and R publications after P and R has produced them (or the publications of any other unit for that matter) it is totally

unacceptable and undermines our function as a collective. The only interpretation I can accept of the Executive minutes is that the Editorial Board will itself produce the newsletter, in which case, it must be convened to do so. Personally I doubt that this is in practise a workable ~~arrange~~ arrangement."

As only three P and R ~~working~~ members attended this meeting, we have not attempted to synthesize P and R's opinions at this stage. Meeting agrees we will circulate these minutes ~~and the minutes~~ ~~minutes of the executive committee~~ to all P and R members to ~~elicit~~ elicit their written comments. We expect that this issue will be properly thrashed out at the next general meeting which we believe to be overdue.

As we understand the executive ruling, the head of P and R is automatically on the Editorial Board as are the heads of all units. As our representatives we designate the P and R deputy head (J. Seidman) and the executive member ~~of P and R~~ in P and R Bachana Mokwena.

B. Office: It is the executive's responsibility to find room for P and R to store things, as P and R does not have a budget. If P and R were allocated a ~~sum~~ certain amount to hire premises, we are sure we could find a place to store the stuff.

IVS has requested Medu to remove all Medu stuff at IVS to the Medu office as there is no room at IVS for permanent storage.

Action: Patrick to remove stuff from IVS to Medu office.

3. Financial affairs: the printer has informed a P and R member that Wally's Book has not yet been paid for (outstanding since June). The Medu treasurer has told Judy money left from the P and R typewriter will ~~pay~~ go to pay the printers.

(a) P and R points out that there will be no money left over from buying P and R's equipment. We intend very shortly to be spending the full amount allocated to us for items budgeted.

(b) Norad will not accept such an arrangement as the money was budgeted for a typewriter. Every thebe of Norad money spent requires a slip according to the budget proposal.

(c) P and R would like to remind the executive that we had originally agreed that the printers would be paid from the income of Wally's book. However, as P and R does not have an independent budget, this money has been paid into the general account, and we have not seen any accounting of it (although provisions were made for such an accounting). We request that the executive gives us such an accounting, and that the money already paid into the account from sales of the book be paid to the printers as was the original agreement.

P and R will continue to market Wally's Book; we note we have orders for 500 copies from London, 100 copies from Holland, and 100 copies from Zimbabwe. We still have to work out how to deliver the books to these destinations. Could the executive help us deliver these books?

We note also that Blac owes us for 196 copies they took after the festival. Can the executive suggest how we can collect this money?

(d) Finally we would note that the executive recieved an untied amount of P2000 from New Zealand: our understanding with the

previous executive was that part of this money would be used to pay the printers.

4. Purchase of Equipment: Patrick reports the only scanner and typewriter offered were too expensive (typewriter P595, Scanner P1200; total package offered at P1700). We are trying to find a total system for the money allocated (P1495); we hope to make this purchase shortly.

Action: Patrick.

5. Brochure: Medu ~~xxx~~ graphics unit presented this to P and R, and it was decided that as the executive has appointed an editorial committee it should rather be referred to that committee. P and R supports the idea of such a brochure and recommends that the editorial board produce this within the next few weeks.

6. Tasks for Marius in London:

(a) Marius requests books he is to take be wrapped in a parcel for ~~easier~~ easier handling. P and R requests exec if they can pay extra luggage for Marius to take the full 500 copies ordered from London?

(b) Marius will phone Barry Feinburg as soon as he gets to England about Shades of Change.

7. Absent members: All members of P and R have been informed about this meeting and the previous meeting. Members are urged to attend.

8. Any other business:

P and R representative to graphics notes he was surprised to find no other Southern Africans other than himself (who is not a graphic artist) ~~at~~ at a graphics meeting. We recommend every effort should be made to draw Southern Africans into the Graphics Unit.

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