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Item 17a - Ethnic Minority Advisory Panel Motion

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Motion for the Establishment of an Ethnic Minority Advisory Panel

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Student Senate notes:

A large part of the equality work within the union involves trying to achieve more representation for ethnic minorities and holding events and campaigns in relation to ethnic minorities. Obviously, not everyone who works these events and issues may be fully informed on the terminology, respectful practices, or general information when it comes to certain minority groups and in this case, ethnic minority campuses. Due to intersectionality also, it's hard to ensure that the groups working on these issues are directly representative of the people they are advocating for and may not be sure of the correct information on the subject or generally unsure of these issues.

Student Senate believes:

To ensure that members of certain ethnic minorities on campus are correctly represented, that the right issues and subjects are being addressed and that the groups working on these topics can be sure of their work, the representative structures of the union must have access to a source that could provide reliable, collaborative, intersectional and accurate information about these communities. This would allow representatives working on these issues to have more thorough and informed campaigns, events, and work, and feel more confident to tackle these issues even if they may not have the full information necessary. It could also help relay what issues students want campaigns and events to focus on to the union's representative structures. An advisory panel

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would help provide up-to-date knowledge and information, critical thinking and advice on ethnic minority issues and give feedback on how students would like to be represented when it comes to these issues.

Student Senate therefore mandates:

The MSU President and the VP Welfare and Equality to establish an Ethnic Minority Advisory Panel by no later than the second sitting of the Student Senate in any given session.