ELECTION GUIDE

A guide to the 2014 UMSU elections

Look inside for information on what the elections are for, who is running in them and how you can vote.

Polling in week six: Monday 1 September to Friday 5 September
What are we electing?

It can be easy to lose track of all the different positions that are up for election. This flow chart is designed to give you a better idea about the structure of UMSU and the various positions you’ll be voting for.

There are 14 different Office Bearer positions up for election: President, General Secretary, Education (Academic Affairs), Education (Public Affairs), Welfare, Women’s, Creative Arts, Activities, Queer, Environment, Media, Clubs & Societies, Indigenous, and Disabilities.

OFFICE BEARER POSITIONS
Most departments of UMSU have their own committees. Whenever an Office Bearer wants to organise a campaign, or spend union money, the decision has to be approved by their committee.

Committees are shown in dark purple. Candidate statements are submitted to the Returning Officer. Any candidates who missed the deadline will have no statement in this supplement.

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VCA & BURNLEY CO-ORDINATORS
The VCA and Burnley have their own campus co-ordinators. These people have the same role as other Office Bearers, but they exist specifically to represent the students of their particular campus.

VCA & BURNLEY COMMITTEES
The VCA and Burnley committees serve the same purpose as other committees. Any policy or expenditure being run by the VCA or Burnley co-ordinators must be approved by their accompanying committee.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
The University Council is an administrative board that presides over the whole of the University of Melbourne. This election is to choose a student to be recommended for appointment as a fellow on that board.

MUSUL BOARD
MU Student Union Ltd is the corporate arm of the student union, in charge of Union House tenants and staffing, among other things. This election is to determine the student representative on MUSUL’s administrative board.

NUS DELEGATES
NUS is the National Union of Students. This election is to determine seven delegates that will represent the University of Melbourne’s interests within the NUS, especially at their national conference.

MISSING COMMITTEES?
The President, General Secretary and Media Department committees are elected separately outside of these elections.

Where can I vote?

POLLING TIMES AND LOCATIONS

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Other Details

EDITORS’ NOTE
First and foremost, we strongly encourage all students to vote in these elections.

According to the constitution of the University of Melbourne Student Union, Farrago is required to publish an election supplement containing the names of all candidates and their submitted statements and photographs. These were submitted to the Returning Officer. Any candidates who missed the deadline will have no statement in this supplement.

The word limit for candidate statements was 300 words for Office Bearer positions and 100 words for committee positions and any other positions. If a statement ends abruptly it is because the statement was over the word limit, and was cut off in accordance with UMSU’s electoral regulations.

There are some tickets that submitted the same speech for multiple candidates or positions. Where this is the case for Office Bearer candidates, the statement is repeated for each separate position. Where this is the case for committee candidates, the speech is listed under the first candidate, and other candidates have a note referring back to their joint statement.

The order in which the positions, tickets and candidates appear is the same as that on the ballot papers. The Returning Officer determined this using a random number generation process. With the exception of text formatting, we have not edited any of the following statements in any way, including spelling and grammar.

RETURNING OFFICERS
Jaimie Adam, of Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd, has been appointed by the Electoral Tribunal as Returning Officer for the 2014 UMSU elections. Charles Richardson, also of AQE, has been appointed Deputy Returning Officer.

For all enquiries, forms and other election material, contact:

Electoral Office: Old computer centre, fourth floor, Union House
Phone: 03 8344 2438
Website: http://union.unimelb.edu.au/elections

Email: returningofficer@union.unimelb.edu.au
Mailing address: UMSU Returning Officer, c/o Above Quota Elections, PO Box 2157, Fitzroy, VIC 3065

Notices will also be posted on the Students’ Council notice board, first floor, Union House.
How to Vote

If you fill in your ballot incorrectly your ballot may be considered ‘invalid’. An invalid ballot does not count towards the elections, and your vote will not be included in the vote count. Here is some information to help make sure your vote counts.

OFFICE BEARER BALLOTS

In the case of Office Bearer positions, each ballot paper will have the name of the candidate with the name of their ticket underneath. One ballot paper will typically only show candidates for one position. In some cases two positions are shown on one ballot paper. In these cases, the positions are indicated clearly and separately.

To the right is an example of a ballot paper with two different Office Bearer positions.

VOTING FOR OFFICE BEARER POSITIONS

Office Bearer positions can only be won by one candidate (or set of candidates). When you are voting for Office Bearer positions, you simply need to number the candidates in your order of preference. Make sure you place the number ‘1’ next to your most preferred candidate. After that, you can number as many of the remaining candidates as you like. You should not mark ballots using ticks or crosses.

HOW YOU SHOULD VOTE

If you wish to only vote for one candidate, simply mark a ‘1’ next to their name and leave the other boxes blank.

HOW YOU SHOULD NOT VOTE

You should not vote consecutively above and below the line. In this example, only the first five preferences marked would be counted, as the sixth preference would be invalid.

COMMITTEE BALLOTS

In the case of committee positions, each ballot paper will have a line separating tickets and their candidates. Tickets will appear above the line and candidates will appear below the line.

VOTING FOR COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Each committee has multiple positions available, meaning multiple candidates will be elected. This also means each ticket may run multiple candidates. When you are voting for committee positions, you can vote either for whole tickets, or for individual candidates. If you wish to vote for whole tickets, you vote above the line. If you wish to vote for individual candidates, you vote below the line. You cannot vote both above and below the line. As with Office Bearer position ballots, you should only vote using consecutive numbers starting with the number ‘1’.

HOW YOU SHOULD VOTE

If you wish to vote for one ticket, simply mark a ‘1’ in the box above the ticket name and leave the other boxes blank. Your vote will then follow that ticket’s preferences, which are available in the voting booths.

HOW YOU SHOULD NOT VOTE

Ballots that are valid both above and below the line are only counted below the line. In this example, only below the line would be counted.

Students’ Council General Representative

If you wish to vote for individual candidates, simply number as many of the boxes above the line as you like in your order of preference. Your order of preference does not have to match the ballot order.
Candidates

**PRESIDENT**

- Justin Chua (Melbourne United)
- Ulya Niami Elfrina Jamson (Left Action)
- Michael Sahljak (Fresh)
- Daniel Born (Liberal)
- Rachel Witters (ignite)
- Stephanie Kilpatrick (Stand Up!)
- Mona Serrat (No Crime to Seek Asylum)
- Jacoby Akehurst (Smokers' Rights)

**PRESIDENT**

- James Bashford (Stand Up!)
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)
- Jacoby Akehurst (Smokers' Rights)

**WELFARE OFFICER**

- Winn Ma & Sir Jieh Howe (Melbourne United)
- Jacoby Akehurst (Smokers' Rights)
- Wang Gaogin & Si Hua Ang (Zhang (ignite)
- Daniel Born (Liberal)
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)
- James Bashford (Stand Up!)

**GENERAL SECRETARY**

- Hanu Dalton (Stand Up!)
- Daniel Born (Liberal)
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)
- Anato Haase (Melbourne United)
- Jacoby Akehurst (Smokers' Rights)
- Charles Cartney (Fresh)
- Patrick Dollard (Activate)
- Sofia Liu (ignite)

**EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) OFFICER**

- Jacoby Akehurst (Smokers' Rights)
- Stanley Price & Nellie Montague (Stand Up!)
- Daniel Born (Liberal)
- Iris Leong & Aza David Ye (Melbourne United)
- Andrew O’Shea (Fresh)
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)
- Liam Mokoye & Patrick Wignowe (ignite)

**EDUCATION (PUBLIC AFFAIRS) OFFICER**

- Daniel Born (Liberal)
- Rafael Tuchelope (Fresh)
- Jade Eckhaus & Ruby Healer (ignite)
- Nathaniel Seiden-Smith & Connor Strong (Stand Up!)
- Daniel Born (Liberal)
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)
- Jennifer Phiri & Colin Carner (Melbourne United)

**WOM’N’S OFFICER**

- Zoe Efon (None of the Above)
- Allison Ballantyne & Lucy Curtis (Stand Up!)
- Hui Man (Natalie) & Tashia Ramey (Melbourne United)
- Christine Abiad (Fresh)
- Cassandra Kambouris & Deborah Wu (ignite)

**CLUBS & SOCIETIES OFFICER**

- Claire Pollock & Stephen Smith (More Activities!)
- Alphonse Tan & Brian Lu (Melbourne United)
- Ari Johari & Brian Fau (Melbourne United)

**CREATIVE ARTS OFFICER**

- Bonnie Leigh-Dodds & Isabella Vadiveloo (Activate)
- Shazira Vartak & Amy Forster (Melbourne United)
- Christopher Uber
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)

**PROVISIONALLY ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)

**INDIGENOUS OFFICER**

- Atoh Iuzzin
- Fakebepiam
- Isaiah
- Matthew

**ACTIVITIES OFFICER**

- Denis Turner & Samson Goh (Melbourne United)
- James Baker & Hayden Michaelides (More Activities!)
- Jesse Lambourn & Sarah-Lou Harris (Left Activities!)

**PROVISIONALLY ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

- Shani Price & Nellie Montague (Stand Up!)
- Christopher Uber
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)

**WOMEN’S OFFICER**

- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)
- Allison Ballantyne & Lucy Curtis (Stand Up!)
- Hui Man (Natalie) & Tashia Ramey (Melbourne United)
- Christine Abiad (Fresh)
- Cassandra Kambouris & Deborah Wu (ignite)

**CLUBS & SOCIETIES OFFICER**

- Claire Pollock & Stephen Smith (More Activities!)
- Alphonse Tan & Brian Lu (Melbourne United)
- Ari Johari & Brian Fau (Melbourne United)

**CREATIVE ARTS OFFICER**

- Bonnie Leigh-Dodds & Isabella Vadiveloo (Activate)
- Shazira Vartak & Amy Forster (Melbourne United)
- Christopher Uber
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)

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- Christopher Uber
- Zoe Efron (None of the Above)

**INDIGENOUS OFFICER**

- Tyson Holloway-Clarke
- Provisionally elected unopposed

**DISABILITIES OFFICER**

- Susannah Gordon & Sasha Chung (Activate)
- Provisionally elected unopposed

**STUDENTS’ COUNCIL GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES**

- Liberal
- Daniel Born
- ignite
- Hoi Lam Ada Chan
- Stephen Mitas
- Jakob van der Lijpe
- Feitil Liao
- Lindy Dushelm
- Cassandra Lattkau
- Zihao Wang
- Ashlea Gilmore
- Melbourne United
- Glenn Darries
- Nathamush Jamal
- Alice Gineva Michelle
- Kathy Nguyen
- Chay Zhuo Ee
- Ze Wern Weng
- Sharifa Turtassou
- Hugh Binks
- Moemen Ahmad Chauk
- Salma Zanouk
- Khalid Elsafoun
- Smokers’ Rights
- Jacoby Akehurst
- Left Action
- Lia Vassilieva
- Audrey Whybone
- Aunuke Demarnele
- Jesse Lambourn
- Lawrence Lim
- Robert Narai
- More Activities!
- Itsi Winstock
- Kary Banks
- Yasmine Lou
- Marlo Zambrilli
- Tom Walker

**STUDENTS’ COUNCIL GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES**

- More Activities! (cont’d)
- Daphne Ng
- Keit Loi
- Nic Finger
- Stand Up!
- Steven Connolly
- Vishali Vijayakumar
- Lachlan Bell
- Destan Dikas
- Eleanor Ryan
- Annalivia Carl Hannah
- Jo Steindut
- Michaela O’Donnell
- Sarah Xia
- Declan McGonigle
- Fresh
- Charles Gerrard
- Troy Woolridge
- Michael Horner
- Catherine Liew
- Stop the War in Gaza
- Mark Kettle
- Independent Media
- Danielle Bagato
- Sarah Layton
- Gojan Triyagajarah
- Tegan Jereem
- Duncan Willis
- Nathan Fisetti
- Students for Palestine
- Jeremy Gibson
- Change
- Jim Smith
- Buy Back the Bar
- Kara Hadgraft
- F*ck Tony Abbott
- Emma Dook
- No Crime to Seek Asylum
- Mona Serrat
- Abigail Brencham-Bannon
- Hajira Saed
- Katrina Dunn
- Wang Guan Jie
- Dylan Kay
- Activate
- Patrick Dollard
- Kathryn Yan
- Sam Templeton
- Justine Reddock
- Elsheit Keit
- Caroline Ryder

**ACTUALLY ELECTED UNOPPOSED**

- Amna Rose Atkinson
- Provisionally elected unopposed

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

- Melbourne United
- William Dai
- Buy Back the Bar
- Kara Hadgraft
- Stand Up!
- Clare McLeod
- Michaela O’Donnell
- Megan Pollock
- Steven Connolly
- Lisa Trinca
- Lachlan Bell

**CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE**

- Libera
- Daniel Born
- Activate
- Jess Evans
- Alexander Thom
- Clancy Moore
- Kathryn White
- Jai Leeworthy

**STUDENTS’ COUNCIL GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE**

- Dorothy Meng (Activate)
- Enji Bridger (ignite)

**DISABILITIES COMMITTEE**

- Michael Horner
- Xavier Botta

**SMOKERS’ RIGHTS**

- Jacoby Akehurst

**MORE ACTIVITIES!**

- Tom Fitzgerald

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**DISABILITIES COMMITTEE**

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I'm an independent left-wing activist who, importantly, isn't tied to any of the major parties. Year after year we see the Student Union being led by a member of a major political party who is unable to stand up to government attacks on education because they are too close to party leaders before the welfare of the student body. As an independent activist, I believe that this pattern has compromised the Student Union and that to truly be able to defend students' rights we need an independent, fighting, union, run by grassroots activists, that's willing to take the fight to whoever is calling the shots from Canberra.

I think the biggest issue facing students is the war being waged against higher education by Abbott and Pyne. The campaign waged by UMSU and other student unions has so far been successful, leading to 843 million of proposed cuts being blocked in the Senate, but with deregulation legislation (not massive fee hikes) and other attacks still on the table, it's essential that this campaign goes right into 2015.

This is why we need independent activists like Left Action running the union – we aren't tied to either of the major parties, and have a proven record of fighting against government attacks whether it be in Liberal or Labor behind them. The campaign has seen thousands of students rally in National Days of Action against the government's attacks on student fees. As President I will throw the full weight of the student union into making this campaign as big as possible.

I am an active participant in the movement, which means I already know what it's like to pay astronomical fees while facing an ever lower quality of education and standard services on campus, and see how important it is to fight every attack tooth and nail.

MICHAEL SABLJAK (FRESH)

I am proud to stand up for the rights of students. Unfortunately this year the Union has not represented students in the best way, I will stand for improving this. I will stand for representing all students and their views regardless of political beliefs or affiliation. I stand for hope, reward and opportunity. It is imperative that the compulsory SSA fee that we all pay is spent appropriately and under a union I lead this will happen. I'm not about dragons, I truly believe the Union could represent students and understand my leadership and our ticket this will become a reality!
Hi! My name is Sophia and I am running as ignites’s General Secretary candidate for 2021. The role of the General Secretary is to make sure the union works as efficiently as possible and that transparency and student engagement is the highest it can be. This is what I will be striving to achieve.

As Welfare Officer this year, it was my job to actively engage students with the union and to put your needs at the forefront of every event and program. This year I expanded the department to include more students, as well as facilitating a greater interaction between local and international students through our Welfare Collective, and programs such as our Language Exchange Program and the Welfare Volunteer Initiative. Working with engaged students shaped the Welfare Department into what it became, a department entirely focused upon representing the best interests of the student body. It is this attitude of student engagement I wish to bring to the role of Secretary.

As General Secretary, I would like to run student forums where students are given the avenue to directly ask elected Office Bearers about their work in the union and provide opinions, suggestions and ideas about how to make our union stronger and more representative. It is only by allowing this dialogue to happen that we can understand how the union can better represent its students. I've always been offended by this university's culture of celebrating the death of illustrious former world leaders. I will lobby to remove all forms of representation and services for the University of Melbourne student union so that students can continue to enjoy the benefits of attending the best university in Australia. It's time to end the waste on campus. Voting for me and the wider fresh ticket is a vote for an apolitical student focused ticket. I will seek to lobby and develop a tangible working relationship with other bodies in the student union, the University Administration and lobbying both the Federal and State governments in order to deliver optimal outcomes for students rather than celebrating the death of illusory former world leaders.

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Hi, we’re Liam Moloney and Patrick Wimgrove and we’re, campaigners for the Education (Academic Affairs) Officer. Together, we want to build an organization that reaches out to students like you and works to ensure that you are educated in the right hands: your hands. The Education office can, through our guidance, become the means through which your views and concerns are listened to and reflected through the actions of the University itself. We want to create a Union that reaches out to you in order to supply you with the information and advice that you need to make your education the best it can possibly be. As a part of the ignite team, we believe that the Education Office can do more to help protect and advance the welfare of everyday students. The Union needs you, and you need an Education Office that will: • Finally achieve an excellent cap on tutorial sizes • Ensure all lectures are properly recorded • Provide you with the best and brightest tutors and lectures to help get the most out of your degree • Oppose the deregulation of Australia’s higher education system. • Stand up for student interest rates for your HECS debt, higher course fees and fewer services and facilities for all students • Reach out to you, rather than the other way around, to make sure you are in charge of your own degree and future At its core, our plan is about fulfilling your potential as a student at Melbourne University. It’s about making sure your education here everything it can be. It’s about igniting your future. Vote [1] Ignite! Active. Progressive. Experienced.

RAFAEL TUDHOPE (FRESH) All the students at the University of Melbourne have made the important decision to attend this fine institution. During this important time in your life, you need a FRESH voice in the public domain on campus so that your concerns about the Higher Education reforms by the Federal Government are heard. The fees you’ll have to pay and how you’ll repay your debt in the near future could drastically change your university experience. This is where the FRESH team and I come in. We are committed to every student having a quality education and that’s why you need and advocate like me who can ensure that the right framework, that students want, is put in place so that your education is secure. We believe that the student union must take a FRESH approach to advocating for your needs on campus instead of the ‘same old’ extreme fringe screaming loudly but achieving little. The FRESH team comprises of a diverse range of people from all different backgrounds. This means that we are well equipped to represent your views about improving your education. That’s why you need to VOTE [1] FRESH in 2014 to see real change in your student union and your education at Melbourne University.

JADE ECKHAUS & RUBY HEALER (IGNITE) The BIP announced this year contains plans to cut hundreds of staff who deliver essential student services. We believe that these cuts are unacceptable when we’re being asked to pay more for our degrees. We’ll be working to defend student centres, and stand up for supportive, effective Student Services on campus – not for online forms and reduced front line staff. We will work hard to see an inclusive union and education department, one that engages and unites all students and fights for our common interests. Education is a right, not a privilege. Vote [1] Stand Up! Active. Progressive. Experienced.

JACOBY AKEHURST (SMOKERS’ RIGHTS) Welfare Officer

• Quality of teaching should be maintained especially after the newly presented budget cuts • Lower prices on textbooks and stationery and encourage use of soft copies • More efficient budgeting of the student services and amenities fees • Improve current buddy-system for first year students and international students • Improve campus IT facilities (incl. better wifi, extra support during peak times e.g. enrolment and exam times, cost of printing, update software) • Better training for tutors and lecturers in using software on computers, • More efficient booking system for rooms on campus • Promote healthy campus life • Demand higher standards of tutors and consistency between them • Cut Campaigns for more student grants 2. Departmental • Greater involvement from the students on the spending of their monies • Smaller interactive classes • More time in tutorials to fully explore ideas and questions of students rather than complete focus on course material • More timely LMS/Blackboard updates • Lectures to be posted on the day of delivery • Fluent collaboration and cohesiveness between departments, to possibly avoid as much red tape between each department. • More drinking water fountains • Establish Health and Fitness Department • Creation of lecture-stream based networking groups • Air conditioned study spaces • Events that promote more racial, religious and cultural diversity on campus • Demand better access to clubs and societies in order to encourage them to lower fees • Provide peer academic assistance e.g. aiding in preparing study, peer tutoring • On campus bikes
Welfare Officer

WANG GAOQIN & SI HUA ANGIE ZHANG (IGNITE)

We want to increase work with the other departments to ensure programs and services reach a greater number of students from a range of different backgrounds.

For a Welfare Department that will continue to engage and support students.

Vote [1] ignite, to ignite your union.

DANIEL BORN (LIBERAL)

No statement received

ZOE EFRON (NONE OF THE ABOVE)

Hi! I’m Angie and I’ve been actively engaged with a number of different clubs and societies since my first year.

For Christy, I am an international student and this year I have worked hard on the Fair’s Fair to give international students the same concession rights as local students in Victoria.

The Welfare Department has done an amazing job this year in expanding the department in the number of programs it ran and the range of students it involved. This is work that we hope to build on to keep the Welfare Department working in the best interest of its students.

This year the Welfare Department looked out for student wellbeing through our Weddy Fitness Classes and Free Breakfast. It helped local and international students connect through programs such as the Language Exchange, English Workshops and the Welfare Collective.

It encouraged students to put their mental and physical health first, particularly during exam periods through a week of events promoting positive ways to reduce stress and stay well.

In 2015 we want to run campaigns focusing on student’s rights at work. Many students are underpaid, work for cash in hand or work in conditions that are unfit for work because they are unaware of the work rights they are entitled to. Safety on campus will be another priority, as many students often do not feel safe or secure at their university. We will liaise with the university to arrange for better lighting on campus and increased security when needed.

JAMES BASHFORD (STAND UP)

If elected, I shall immediately resign.

Vote [3] None of the Above!

Wom*n’s Officer

ZOÉ EFRON (NONE OF THE ABOVE)

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The Welfare Department has done an amazing job this year in expanding the department in the number of programs it ran and the range of students it involved. This is work that we hope to build on to keep the Welfare Department working in the best interest of its students.

This year the Welfare Department looked out for student wellbeing through our Weddy Fitness Classes and Free Breakfast. It helped local and international students connect through programs such as the Language Exchange, English Workshops and the Welfare Collective.

It encouraged students to put their mental and physical health first, particularly during exam periods through a week of events promoting positive ways to reduce stress and stay well.

In 2015 we want to run campaigns focusing on student’s rights at work. Many students are underpaid, work for cash in hand or work in conditions that are unfit for work because they are unaware of the work rights they are entitled to. Safety on campus will be another priority, as many students often do not feel safe or secure at their university. We will liaise with the university to arrange for better lighting on campus and increased security when needed.

JAMES BASHFORD (STAND UP)

If elected, I shall immediately resign.

Vote [3] None of the Above!

ALLISON BALLANTYNE & LUCY CURTIS (STAND UP)

Hi! We are Lucy and Ali and we’d love to be your Wom*n’s Officers for 2015.

The role of Wom*n’s Officers is to advocate for women on campus and to make university a safe place for all wom*n.

We believe in facilitating feminism activism, running campaigns, and, of course, planning and hosting fabulous events! We are both passionate about Gender Justice and women’s rights and we believe it is important to have a Feminist presence on campus.

This year, Lucy has gained experience working with a number of youth-led organisations and as a peer sex educator. Ali sat on Wom*n’s Committee and represented the university at the Network of Women Students Australia conference.

In 2015 we will develop a large and active Wom*n’s Action Collective which collaborates on a number of campaigns, alliances and organizations.

Wom*n’s Officers

WEI CHEN (DAISIEDY) MA & ZOSA KAMANGSU (FRESH)

Hi! We’re Wei and Zosa and we’d love to be your Wom*n’s Officers for 2015.

We want a Wom*n’s Department that is more visible, has more impact and makes sure every wom*n feels safe, comfortable and confident on campus.

We believe in Allieship and a strong feminist community among students. We want students to feel supported and to feel they have a voice.

With the recent cuts to the student welfare budget, we believe it is important for women to have a voice in the decisions made that impact their ability to study and thrive in university life.

To achieve this, we will:

- Increase funding for student advocacy and support services
- Run more events and workshops to provide education and resources for women
- Promote and support feminist activism and initiatives

We will continue to work with other departments to ensure programs and services are more inclusive and accessible for all students.

Vote [1] for your Wom*n’s Officers.

Christine Abiad (FRESH)

The time has come to elect a Wom*n’s Officer who is accountable to all women on campus, somebody who isn’t preoccupied with fringe ideologies that have no bearing on real women with real aspirations, goals and visions for campus life and for their own lives. For too long a vocal minority have purported to fairly represent women on campus, when in fact they represent their own agendas which do not accurately reflect the true needs of ALL women at The University of Melbourne.

True feminism means embracing femininity and celebrating our strengths and differences as women, and this should be brought back to campus life.

Christine is a younger student at Melbourne and is engaged in activism and education on campus.

Vote [3] None of the Above!
BONNIE LEIGH-DODDS & ISABELLA VADVELLO (ACTIVATE)

Creative Arts Officer

CHRISTOPHER UBER

This, with my experience on University and UMSU committees gives me the scope of procedural process to enable me to effectively deliver a range of programs for visual art, dance and theatrical performance art. Additionally, my professional work in festival management leaves me in good steed to host the upcoming Mudfest festival.

CRITICAL ARTS OFFICER

SHARADA VARTAK & AMY FORSTER (MELBOURNE UNITED)

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2. Departmental
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ZOE EFRON (NONE OF THE ABOVE)

Hey, we're James and Hayden and we're running as Activities Officer this year.

We've been to a fair few Activities events, and know what the Activities Department should mean for students. If elected, we'll ensure you get the most out of the Union: whether that's a belly full of sausages and here, free BBQs and bands on Monday and Tuesday, tear-inducing hilarious comedy nights, rambunctious Oktoberfest or a savage, classy Cocktail Parties.

We don't just party, either. We have experience organising, setting up, and running events, as well as experience of what is needed for the Activities Committee. We've been the helping hand at all Activities events for the last few years, and we've been involved in loads of clubs and societies, so we have plenty of experience in running the best events on campus.

We’ve both been fresh-faced first years, daunted by the prospect of starting uni and making new friends; and for both of us, Activities was a huge part of that. Our goal is to do the same thing for every student, new and old.

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We’re both really friendly, so come say HI at the next event and BBQ. If elected, we commit to continuing to make Activities awesome.

Vote [1] More Activities!

2. Departmental
• Greater involvement from the students on the spending of their monies
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MORE ACTIVITIES

If there’s anything I’ve learnt from my time at this university, it’s that everyone’s favourite activity is activism. What this department needs is to cut the funding for here, parties and barbecues, and spend all that money on activism. We need less Oktoberfest, and more activism. Less cocktail parties, and more activism. Less bands, and more activism. After all, you can’t spell ‘activities’ without ‘activism’ (and an extra ‘t’.

Vote [1] for None of the Above.

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CHRISTOPHER UBER

My many years of theatrical production and artistic creation allow me a breadth of experience within the creative and dramatic arts.

ZOE EFRON

He’s Jesse! I think it’s good for students to get involved with standing up for their rights on campus, and believe as Activities Officer, I would be great at developing activity programs to help with this. Currently there are some barbecues and music events on campus, which is great, but I’d like to see these activities go to building and supporting campaigns that stand up for students – and still be fun! Currently there is a massive campaign by the Liberal government transform our universities to be run like businesses, which I think is wrong. So as Activities Officer I would make these events into opportunities to talk about what’s happening to our universities, and brain storm what we can do about it.

Hi, I’m Sarah-Lou! I’ve seen other campuses use fun activities to raise money for the education campaign, both through dinners and musical events. I also think Activities Officer has a role to play in helping to organise events that highlight problems that affect students. I would organise guest speakers, film screenings and forums to discuss oppression, poverty, international issues and politics. I would like to organise more events on campus to involve more students standing up for their rights!

CHRIS TISEWICZ & JAMES BAKER

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NONE OF THE ABOVE

THIS CANDIDATE HAS WITHDRAWN

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**LLOYD ROUSE & ANDREA BOZIC (ACTIVATE)**

Hello there! We’re Andrea Round and Lloyd Rouse and we want to be your UMSU Queer Officer of 2015. Our aim is to ensure that all queer students have as much support during their time at university as possible. We believe in the diversity of the queer community and intend to reach out to as many marginalized groups as possible via intersectional autonomous workshops, running anti-discrimination campaigns and workshops on how to be an ally to identities and sexualities other than your own. We will also actively work with other UMSU departments to ensure that there is a vast array of events that provide adequate support and representation of the various intersectional identities of queer students.

We want to make the queer space a welcoming hub for all queer people and promote a variety of events outside of the queer space and across universities to create a feeling of community and inclusiveness. We would also like to work with other queer clubs and networks in the university in order to expand engagement with the department and grow the collective.

As it currently stands, a second year of students majoring in engineering who’s experience in running a university queer club called Queers in Engineering, Science and Technology as well as two city council committees aimed at youth and the environment.

Lloyd is an arts student, who has been a member for the UMSU Queer Committee for the past two years, has experience from working within the queer youth sector, and was the Queer Officer of the Victorian branch of the National Union of Students for 2014.

Collectively we have substantial experience and skills that will ensure that the Queer Department in 2015 is bigger and better than ever.

**SADIA SCHNEIDER & VASHI KENWAY (LEFT ACTION)**

Hi! I’m Vashi and I’ve been a long term activist and campaigns for queer rights. I’m a post-grad student so I’ve experienced how much of a difference it can make to the experience of queer students when we have strong voices standing against queerphobia on campus. I think we need more resources and more time to be able to challenge queerphobia in all its forms.

Hi I’m Sadia and I’ve been really actively involved in the campaign for equal marriage rights and want to be able to create a dynamic activist queer department that wants to take a real stand against homophobia. I think that the of the role小型ways we can change campus culture is by challenging homophobia that exists in our wider society. Campaigns like the marriage equality rallies where thousands of people come out onto the street to protest homophobia is the kind of thing I’d like to see more of, particularly in light of this year’s tenth anniversary of Howard’s homophobic ban on equal marriage. We both think that to combat homophobia we need a left-wing union that is not beholden to the policies of the Liberal Party. Queer students will be some of the hardest hit by the outrageous education cuts that Abbott and Pyne are trying to inflict on students, as well as other attacks such as those on welfare. We need a union that takes queer issues seriously and actually represents queer students on campus and fights against legislation that harms queer students.

**ROBERT NARAI (LEFT ACTION)**

Hey! We’re Jeremy and Robert, we are the Left Action Candidates for the Environment Officer. Climate change is one of the biggest issues we face today, yet neither major parties are committed to taking the necessary steps to fight this on-going crisis. The direction we believe in is to invest in renewable energy. In light of the Liberal government’s fuel subsidies to Gina Reinhart and co coupled with the proposed fuel excise, it is clear that our government cares only about the profits of the rich, not the fate of the poor. Fighting climate change is the furthest from their minds.

As independent from the major parties, we aren’t beholden to the political party. We’re the only union that is not beholden to the policies of the rich. Our union cares about things that the major parties care about the least.

**LAUREN ENGELFIELD & DANIEL SULLIVAN (ACTIVATE)**

Hello! We’re Sully and Lauren and we are running with Activate to be your 2015 Environment Department Officer Bearers! We’ve been friends and fellow environmental activists since our first Students of Sustainability conference and would love to share the knowledge and campaigning skills we’ve gained with all of you.

Under our lead, there will be regular Play With Your Food dinners, radio programs and studied media. For Farrago, we’ve designed covers, broken news, studied articles and written columns. We’ve worked with diverse voices, had an increased audience, and were asked to contribute to a comprehensive radio and video plan. We’re committed to an interactive online presence. And we’re committed to extending this with Farrago’s future in mind.

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For a Farrago that gives a voice to all.

**ZOE EFRON (NONE OF THE ABOVE)**

I propose a two-step solution to reducing the University of Melbourne’s carbon footprint.

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2. If that fails, I will introduce a campus-wide ban on carbon. Any and all carbon, including food, fuel and life itself will be banned from campus. I know it sounds tough, but it’s the only way to help our university’s carbon footprint if the bees fail.

Vote [5] for None of the Above!

**A. CAROLINA MORALES CORTES & JONATHAN LI (MELBOURNE UNITED)**

**MADEleine CLEWEE Gerkens, MARTIN DITTMANN, LINLEY EAVIS & SIMON FarLEY (INDEPENDENT MEDIA)**

Farrago mainstay; and Maddy, a storyteller and creative wordsmith.

In our time, we’ve developed strong relationships with creatives across all campuses. The broader Independent Media team – including editors past and present – have our backs.

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For the Media Officer and Students’ Council, vote [1] Independent Media.

**MONISHA RAMESH SHARMA, MICHELLE GOYES, CHAN HU JIU & WAI MAN (RAYMOND) CHAN (MELBOURNE UNITED)**

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**ROBERT NARAI (LEFT ACTION)**

Proposed fee deregulation and interest on HECS debts is going to disproportionately affect poorer students and women. We stand firmly opposed to fee deregulation on students, which is why we are running on the Left Action ticket, to continue the rich history of a fighting student union, which stands committed to taking up real issues that face students today.

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- Increase budget for clubs and societies in order to encourage them to lower fees
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- On campus bikes

With the proposed massive attacks from the government, it will be increasingly hard for students to be involved in student life. There will be less funds to support our ideas and clubs and less staff to help us out when we need it – not to mention most students won’t have time to explore their own ideas and interests because with cuts to Youth Allowance and the dole, many will be forced to work long hours to support themselves while they study.

As Clubs and Societies officer, I would use my position to encourage other students and clubs to support the campaign against the neoliberal education cuts. The more students we have on board, the stronger our side will be! I believe universities should be about education not profits.

I’m running for Clubs and Societies Officer because engagement with clubs is one of the central ways that many students are involved with the student union. This is important and I want to establish more ways for students to be more and get involved in clubs on campus. I’m for ditching corporate stake at uni events and allowing more space for student run clubs and societies to flourish.

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We strongly believe in its importance in assisting students with disabilities to access services available to them, as well as working to provide and campaigns for services that we believe are necessary but not currently available.

We both have histories of dealing with mental health issues, so we understand firsthand how crucial it is to feel supported and safe. We want to do everything we can to help make this possible for all students, no matter their circumstances or disabilities. The current Disabilities Department have been a great help and inspiration to us – from the anxiety support group they’ve set up, to providing advice, recommending mental health practitioners, and supporting access to the Disabilities Liaison Unit.

Knowing how much this department has assisted us in the short time it has been running makes us determined to continue and expand its fantastic work in the future. For instance, the trigger warning campaign is something we’re very excited to work on – a short warning about distressing content for lectures, tutorials, and subjects could make a huge difference to the well-being of students and their capacity to learn.

We’re acutely aware of our own able-bodied privilege, and will strive to ensure the department is inclusive and representative as possible. We will ensure this by continuing with accessibility tours on campus, and ensuring that we have a diverse committee including students with many types of disabilities.

We’re very excited at the prospect of being your Disabilities Officers next year, and doing everything we can to make the lives of students with disabilities easier. Thanks for reading, and we’ll see you around campus.
Students’ Council General Representatives

LIBERAL

DANIEL BORN

IGNITE

HOI LAM ADA CHAN
Hi, we’re ignite, and we want to ignite your Students’ Council! UMSU is the peak representative body for students on campus, and council is your link between the student body and university. We want to represent you on council to keep your union both accountable and active. We want UMSU to broaden its engagement to make sure student body as representative as it can be, and keep the union focused on what matters. For a strong and vocal Students’ Council

VOTE [1] ignite, to ignite your union.

STEPHEN MITAS
See Hoi Lam Ada Chan

JAKOB VON DER LIPPE
Hi, I’m Jakob, and I’m running for Students’ Council to ensure it is open, responsible and puts students first. I’ll work for a Council that delivers more events and truly engages with each and every one of us. As a Club Treasurer and a dedicated Farrago contributor, I know first-hand the importance of our university, and I believe we need to be done to keep its administration in order. My voice on Council will support advocacy, welfare, and an understanding of the Arts Department. We need a union that works.

VOTE [1] ignite, to ignite your union.

FEIFEI LIAO
See Hoi Lam Ada Chan

LINDEN DENHOLM
See Hoi Lam Ada Chan

CASSANDRA LUTZKO
At an O-Week a long long time ago, coming from a town far away, I made first contact with Clubs and Societies. Since then I’ve positions within clubs and the Department itself. I’ve seen firsthand that UMSU programs and activities that maximising the benefits to students, and that actually benefit both students and UMSU itself. I’ve advocated for increased funding to clubs and UMSU programs that allow students to get the most out of their SSAF. 

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ZHAO WANG
See Hoi Lam Ada Chan

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SALMA ZAROKO

KAULIEL SALSIFEN

SMOKERS’ RIGHTS

JACOBY AKEHURST

LEFT ACTION

LIA VASSILIADIS

Lia, I am the leader of Left-wing students on campus. We are the biggest political party on campus and we support the Student Union to fight against the attacks on students. With the Liberal party trying to deregulate university fees and then rob our gravy, we must stand strong to bring back public education. Vote LiA, and let’s stand together to fight against the cuts and the privatization of our education! 

VOTE [1] Left Action!

AUDREY WHYBROW
See LiA Vassiliadis

ANNEKE DEMANUELLE
See LiA Vassiliadis

JESSE LAMBORN
See LiA Vassiliadis

LAURENCE LIM
See LiA Vassiliadis

ROBERT NARAI
See LiA Vassiliadis

MORE ACTIVITIES!

ITSI WEINSTOCK

More Activist believes the role of the Student Union is to provide services and support that students can actually use on campus. We will advocate for more funding for Clubs and Societies, Activities, volunteering as well as for Farrago and other areas of student support and engagement. The Student Union cannot act alone and should provide more opportunities for students. Students’ Council cannot solve the crisis in Gaza, but it can make the University of Melbourne a more amazing place to be. 


KARLY BANKS
See Itsi Weinstock

YASMIN LUU
See Itsi Weinstock

MARLO ZAMBELLI
See Itsi Weinstock

TOM WALKER
See Itsi Weinstock

DAPHANE NG
See Itsi Weinstock

KEI LOI
See Itsi Weinstock

NICK FINGER
See Itsi Weinstock

STAND UP!

STEVEN CONNOLLY

While many are trying to push political changes to higher education since the introduction of HECS, I have been active in fighting against Abbott and Pyne’s unsustainable and unfair cuts against students, who cannot afford to be swamped with $1000s+ debts before even graduating. I value the huge range of clubs and societies that the Union offers, and want to stand to oppose changes to the funding of Student Unions which will drastically cut funding for clubs. I will fight for, and for our clubs.


VISUHI VIJAYAKUMAR

As a third year student, I’ve come to realise how important an effective student union can be as a strong advocate for students and provider of support services that we sometimes take for granted. However, the union needs to continually improving its efforts to reach out to all students and their diverse interests. This requires passionate, committed, and diverse student voices. If elected, I would bring an engaging and mind full voice to the table, and push the union to continue advocating on all students behalf.


JO STEINLE

I’m Jo and I’ve been active in many UMSU departments for a number of years! In particular the Women’s, Disabilities and Education Department. I believe that UMSU plays an important role in supporting students, particularly students from autonomous groups. I want a vibrant and active union that supports students most important in these times of liberal government.


MICHAELA O’DONNELL

The most important thing of education you receive at university will not be delivered in lectures or tutorials. The groups that you join, the people you meet and the ideas you encounter over coffees or beers, will be remembered long after you forget the vitamin C cycle or the finer points of Plato’s Republic. Without these groups, there would be no spaces for these encounters, commercial imperatives would drive students out of communal places, clubs would fold and campus life slowly die. Elect someone who believes these things are precious.


DEBRAH HARRISON

As the incoming Director of Destination Melbourne and the Communications Office for the Medical Health Institute, I have demonstrated a commitment to student equity. My focus is to protect Farrago and the Media Office are our key focus on that.


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STOP THE WAR IN GAZA

MARK KETTLE

INDEPENDENT MEDIA

DANIELLE BAGNATO

Hi, I’m Danielle Bagnato and I work in the Arts Office and VCA Development Club committee member, I’ve demonstrated a commitment to student equity. My focus is to protect Farrago and the Media Office are our key focus on that.


DUNCAN WILLS

Hi, I’m ex-Political Interest Society Treasurer Duncan Wills. I was key running student newspaper Melbourne University’s only independent and nonpartisan political discussion society. Now, I’m key running for your independent voice – as a Farrago writer and fighter for media independence.

Together with my fellow Independent Media team – made up entirely of independent journalists, writers, investigators and artists – I’ll make sure Council properly funds Farrago and transparency.

My Farrago-based Independent Media team is made up entirely of independent journalists, writers, investigators and artists, not student politicians. I’ll make sure Farrago and always work for your voice.

SARAH LAYTON
Hi, I’m Media and Communications Officer for the Arts Office and VCA Development Club. I’ve represented hundreds of students, managed thousands of dollars and worked for every media student here. That’s my background – but I’ll stand to protect Farrago and media independence on Council.

Farrago – our independent voice – will be my first choice. As a creative writer and Farrago artist, I know about fully supporting people’s voices and the creative arts. As a former M-ASS Market and Community Officer and Communications Manager on Student’s Council, I’ve always championed outreach and support. I’ll protect Farrago and its independence. I bring unique governance skills. I’m with Independent Media.

GAJAN THIYAGARAJAH
Hi, I’m student humanitarian journalist and social justice advocate Gaajan Thiagagarajah. As the incoming Director of Destination Melbourne and the Communications Office for the Medical Health Institute, I’ve demonstrated a commitment to student equity. My focus is to protect Farrago and the Media Office are our key focus on that.


TEGAN IVERSSEN
Hi, I’m Farrago artist and VCA illustrator Tegan Iversen. I believe in supporting our articles and writers. I believe Farrago and the Media Office are our key focus on that.


THAT’S why I’ll make Farrago and media independence my priority. That’s why I’ll fight to protect student’s independence to support its artists.

The Independent Media team and I will work with the Arts Office and VCA Department to make that happen. Together with students all across this university – together with both investigators and fellow artists – I’m voting [1] Independent Media.
NATHAN FIORITI
Hi, I’m student investigative journalist Nathan Fioriti. I’m a journalist – not a student politics insider. I believe that an independent media and Farrago act as a key check and balance on this crucial union and this university. That’s why I’ll fight any attempts to compromise an independent Farrago – anyway I can.

I’ve broken some of the biggest stories for Farrago’s news section, including education issues, social justice declarations. I believe in critical debate, I believe in transparency, and I believe in Farrago. Together with many fellow investigators across this university, I’m voting [1] Independent Media.

STUDENTS FOR PALESTINE
JEREMY GIBSON
Hi, I’m Jeremy, and I’m running for Students’ Council’s Student for Palestine representative. Students’ Council is meant to be an anti-racist body that stand in solidarity with oppressed peoples, which to me is why uni offers a pro-Palestine voice on the Council in the wake of Israel’s latest murderous attack on Gaza.

I’ve been involved in organising the recent rallies in solidarity with Palestine, and if elected I’ll fight against student racism and other racism in the union and push for a progressive, activist student union that’s prepared to take a stand around issues like Palestine.

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As a current student and former Farrago investigative journalist, I believe in Farrago. Together with many fellow investigators across this university, I’m voting [1] Independent Media.

CHANGE.
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PAT DOWDALL
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Graduate Representative on Students’ Council

Thomas Whiteside (Stand Up!)

I am a first year law student studying the JD who’s passionate about representing students and fighting for our interests. I’ve been involved in student activism since my undergraduate degree. This year we’ve seen massive proposed changes by the Abbott government, which would see massive debt being laid upon students when they graduate and the introduction of interest rates on HECS. I believe the union should be taking an active role in campaigning against these changes and as member of council I will stand up to see this occur.


Disabilities Representative on Students’ Council

Dorothy Meng

Heyo, I’m Dorothy :) As Queen Officer, my involvement with the Disabilities Committee this year has made me hyper-aware of how bureaucratic forces (which have their effects on us) are extremely restricting and dehumanizing to autonomous groups on campus that rarely have a voice. I hope to give a voice to issues such as Disabilities Rep on Students’ Council. My experiences with both mental health issues and the effects of an invisible disability over the past few years, as well as a weird penchant for Critical Disabilities Theory can hopefully make me a suitable voice :)

Vote [2] Ignite, to ignite your union.

Activities Committee

Liberal

Daniel Born

See Timmy Dunn

More Activities

Timmy Dunn

At The Party, Party, More Activities has organised Sel P & Trivia Nights, Cocktail Parties, Comedy Night, Beer, Bands and BBQQ, and much more. We led the fight to have Monday BBQQs brought back. Student bands have been great, and we also know that students want to see popular bands we will continue to strive for a healthy balance between these two. We’ll continue our work making the Activities Department a place where all university students can have fun.

Vote [1] More Activities!

Ignite

Chloe Ye

The Activities Department is a key meeting point in the Student Union. It runs large events for everyone to attend including Cocktail Parties, Trivia Nights and Oktoberfest. If elected I will work to ensure that the department continues these great events. I will ensure that the Entertainment Department is advised on what bands and BBQQ should take place.

Vote [1] Ignite, to ignite your union.

Smokers Rights

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Charles Gerrand

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Stand Up! Active. Progressive.

MELBOURNE UNITED

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Stand Up!

Clare McLeod

Hi I’m Clare McLeod and I am running for Activities Committee 2015 because Ed’s likely to see a full calendar of packed events. If you’ve never made it to an Activities party, you should rectify that stat. They’re a great way to make new friends. I’m passionate about improving university experience for students: from shorter lines for sausages, more diverse acts on Tuesday lunch times; or different parties, I am keen to work on giving you what you want from your Activities department. It is your union, after all. Vote [1] Stand Up! Active. Progressive. Experienced

Megan Pollock

I’ve been an avid patron of university activities since I commenced my Science degree—both as a party-goer and event worker. My work with everyone’s favourite campus sausage offerings—Beer, Bands BBQQs—has afforded me insight on how Activities runs. This experience places me in a great position to use my insight to a wide range of university Activities. I would like to see a diversification of events, whilst retaining the fixtures, such as the ever-popular Start of Uni Party, and making the Activities department as awesome as possible.


Steven Connolly

I love a good sausage as much as the next person, but what I love more are great times and great events that facilitates that. We want to see a Creative Arts Committee that takes what you have and creates something for everyone.


Activate

Ezgi Bridger

Hi, I’m Ezgi Bridger, and I want to ignite your Student’s Council. It is often difficult for students with a disability to engage with the union, and I want to make sure that your voices are heard. I am running to make sure there is not only representation for students with a disability within council, but also as a Disabilities Committee and Students’ Council. For a voice disabled students on council


Creative Arts Committee

Liberal

Katherine White

I am a BA Honours student at Melbourne. Over the last four years I have been involved in directing, acting, creating, arts workshops and MUS/Euph. The Creative Arts department has played a crucial role in my university experience and I am excited at the opportunity to continue to build a welcoming, inclusive and safe space for students to develop and explore creative skills. I hope, with Bella and Bonnie, to create a department that facilitates new exciting opportunities for students to continue to produce high quality work.


Melbourne United

Roy Gong

Ignite

Chris Weir

Hi, we’re ignite, and we want to ignite your Creative Arts Committee. University art represents the perfect atmosphere for students to explore their creativity, and we want a department that facilitates that. We want to see a Creative Arts Committee that takes what you have and creates something for everyone.

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MORE ACTIVITIES!

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CHRIS BRACK

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Hi! I'm Marlee, and I'd love to work on the Environment Committee because I want to contribute to the protection of our green spaces, not just paying them lip service. I think that things like the sustainability garden are fantastic ideas, and we should be seeing more things like that happening on campus to show students the benefits of sustainability.


Hi, I'm Courtney! I'm keen to be part of the Environment Committee to help Melbourne Uni do its bit for the environment and I want to see a clean energy future that protects our planet and its natural resources. The environment department has been actively involved in the campaign to get the university to commit to not investing in fossil fuels. I believe this campaign is an important step forward in the fight to protect our natural resources.


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No nominations received.

**Queer Committee**

**STAND UP**

**DAVID COATES**

My name is Declan, and I want to stand as a passionate, committed voice for queer issues on the Queer Committee in 2015. Despite the excellent work of the queer department over the years, there still remains discriminatory elements on campus towards queer students, and sometimes people are simply not aware of how what they are doing others. I would like to see things like Red Sex and Consent Week given a greater scope in 2015, and see more and more awareness campaigns on campus for Queer issues. Vote [1] Stand Up! Active. Progressive. Experienced.

**SHAW FAEWINN**

The Queer Department is an amazing tool to support students and give voice to the many issues that Queer students face. As a member of the Queer Committee I will make sure that an increase in diversity of the events being run and ensure that the Queer Department is as inclusive as possible. Often people even within our own community ignore the issues that are not faced by cisgendered same-sex attracted people, and I will encourage better conversation and inclusivity for those whose voices are not often heard.


**NICHOLAS FULTON**

My name is Nicholas Fulton. As a first-year Arts student I have seen firsthand the difficulties faced by students I am looking to bring experience, passion and drive to this role and will work for essential welfare of all students. I am excited to be a part of this committee and remind the University that students’ wellbeing of all students. I am excited to be a part of this committee and remind the University that students’


**WOM*n’s Committee**

**STAND UP**

**YAN ZHUANG**

Experienced. I am fully aware that given the new student composition of 2015, the Wom*n’s Department has been essential in providing support, events and resources for women in our university and I’d love to ensure that it keeps expanding its services and reaching out to women from all walks of life. I’m passionate about making our university a safe and accessible space for everyone, and ensuring that no one is discriminated against for who they are.


**ADRIANA MELLS**

Hi, my name is Adriana and I’m a second-year Arts student majoring in Politics and International Studies. I’m running for a position on the wom*n’s committee because I believe it is important to ensure that women-identifying students are being afforded the rights and opportunities that they deserve in higher education. It is now more important than ever, after the Abbott Government’s budget and the proposed changes to de-regulate university fees that women’s voices are heard, and that strong campaigns are held to both educate and empower women in action.


**CLARE MCLEOD**

I’m Clare and I’m running for Wom*n’s Committee because recently I’ve become increasingly aware of just how important the impact of the Wom*n’s Committee on social support, events and resources are for women. Vote [1] Stand Up! Active. Progressive. Experienced.

**PEGGY GUSAH**

Hi all, I’m Peggy and I’m in my first year studying an Arts degree. I’ve been quite involved on campus this year in various clubs and departments of the union. I would love to continue to be involved on a representative level to be a strong voice for women in 2015 as it will be more important than ever to have a focus on women in the upcoming years as more and more of women’s support systems are attacked. I think it is really important to have a diverse voice in the union and many people engaging in it.


**MEI (TIFFANY) YAN**

Hi, we’re ignite, and we want to ignite your Welfare and inclusivity for those whose voices are not often heard. Vote [1] Stand Up! Active. Progressive. Experienced.

**COURTNEY COLCLOUGH**

Hi, I’m Courtney and I’m a second-year Arts student. I’m very concerned about the cuts to higher education that Tony Abbott is trying to implement. They will impact significantly on the accessibility of tertiary education for women, particularly as women assume most of the caring roles in the family and the debt women will be saddled with is much higher. This is why I want a spot on the Wom*n’s Committee. I think that I will be really good for the role with my past leadership roles and involvement in the department.


**FRESH**

**STEPHANIE TRAJCEVSKA**

CATHERINE LIEW

ALEXANDRA MURRELL

GRACE MIDDLETON

**MELBOURNE UNITED**

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RACHEL RODRIGUE

CARONE NKONJERA

MURONG WANG

**IGNITE**

**ASHLEA GILMORE**

Hi, we’re ignite, and we want to ignite your Wom*n’s Committee. We believe that women need a safe space to have discussions and network without feeling intimidated. In order for women to feel like they belong in our university community, they need to be represented. As your representatives on Wom*n’s Committee, we will be committed to providing a safe space on campus with the resources they need to achieve the most out of their education. We also wish to see women feeling fully safe on campus.


**CARA GREENHAM HANCOCK**

See Melika Uddaynaha

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See Melika Uddaynaha

**MEHIKA UPADHYAYI**

Activate is open, inclusive and left—all always left. Our people bring new ideas and strategies to the table based on experiences not usually represented at decision-making levels. We love this union and we will make it better.

Activate your Union by voting 1 Activate!

**KATHRYN YAN**

I’m a first year English major with a penchant for novels that aren’t written by dead white men. I believe in our power to change the world and reach a state of ‘Yes Rodney King, We Can All Get Along’ through activism. When I’m not making obscure references or getting angry at ‘The State of the World Today’, I talk about sex on the radio and am thus passionate about safe and judgement-free spaces, sex/ body positivity, and celebrating our collective diversity. I would probably also like to give you a hug - with your enthusiastic consent, of course.

**DOROTHY MENG**

I actually got involved in the Union through the Women’s Department, so it is in a real mushy part of my soul. I’m a big believer in intersectional feminism, and making a feminist space, such as the Women’s Department, as inclusive and fair as possible for often marginalised groups.

I hope as a committee member for 2015 I can give a voice to the disabled queer women of colour and keep the women’s department as a lovely inclusive space which allows for people like me to wanna get involved

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**AKSEY EDSOR**

See Abhika Gilmore

**Monaika Grierson**

See Abhika Gilmore

**MIHIKA UPADHAYA**

Experienced. I am running for the Welfare Committee because the wellbeing of students is integral to their capacity to achieve at University. If students physical and mental health is the best it can be, then their experience at University will be the best it can be. I want to be a part of this committee so I can help provide practical and economic help to all students. I also want to work alongside the disability and international students departments to run inclusive events.


**TESS GRIMMOND**

As a student from a regional area I understand firsthand the difficulties faced by students I am passionate about providing quality practical help for all students. The financial, emotional and practical pressures on students are numerous and the need for access to services from a range of areas the better. I bring experience, passion and drive to this role and will work to ensure that all students have equal access to services.


**ADAM WOJCIC**

Under Tony Abbott’s Liberal Government students are getting a rough deal. It is important now more than ever to fight for student services and reminded the University that students’ wellbeing cannot come second to profits! I promise to push for services and events to improve the mental, physical and economic wellbeing of all students. I am excited to be a part of this committee and I am committed to improving the welfare of all students.


**SARAH XIA**

I am a first year Arts student and am really keen to be a part of this department because I believe all students should have equal access to services at the University. I want to make sure all students and especially first years know about all the services at University. I want to make sure students are empowered to access the support available to make the most of their SSAF fees.


**JEFF WONG**

I am an experienced volunteer at the Queer Department and I want to continue to use that experience to provide welfare services for all students. Health, counselling and childcare services are essential and cannot be compromised. It is important students; the users of these services, have a say in their future. I will provide an ardor voice for student rights and welfare on campus.


**BUY BACK THE BAR**

**KARA HADGART**

See Students’ Council General Rep. statement

**LIBERAL**

**DANIEL BORN**

**FRESH**

**NICHOLAS FULTON**

**MARCUS SULTAN**

**COREY MATHRIK**

**MORE ACTIVITIES!**

**REBEKAH DRAKE**

**MELBOURNE UNITED**

**MURONG WANG**

**ZI QIONG NEOH**

**MEHAK SHEIKH**

**SOPHIE SUN**

See Nici Kwa Wong

**STEPHEN MITAS**

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**YUN XIONG**

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**ZAKY ARIS**

See Nici Kwa Wong

**THOMAS MUDIE**

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**Cara Hancock**

See Melika Uddaynaha

**Activate**

**Carina Milk**

See Melika Uddaynaha

**Jenny Huang**

See Melika Uddaynaha

**Alex Edsor**

See Abhika Gilmore

**Monaika Grierson**

See Abhika Gilmore

**Ashlea Gilmore**

See Melika Uddaynaha

**Cara Hancock**

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**Dorothy Meng**

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**Kathryn Yan**

See Melika Uddaynaha

**Mikihaka Upadhayia**

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**Mihika Upadhayia**
My name is Van and I'm a PhD student in the VCA's Centre for Ideas. I have been a dedicated visual artist and social justice activist for the last ten years. I have been a postgraduate student based in the studios of the VCA's School of Art since 2008, where I have really enjoyed working with staff and fellow students on amazing art projects and exhibitions.

My involvement in the VCA Student Association began about a year ago and I have been really proud to see it develop rapidly as a fighting force for students against tertiary education cuts and fee increases imposed by successive Labor and Liberal governments. We staged some great creative protests first in response to Labor’s proposed $2.3 billion cuts to tertiary education in 2013, and more recently in response to the Abbott government’s plans to deregulate our universities and convert them into a US-style system that benefits the rich and leaves us with mountains of debt. In the last year we have supported a number of on-campus events such as a cinema night and a VCA band competition. We have also been a Postgraduate student supported by the VCA student union. As candidates for More Activities! we believe that the VCA Department should be providing a variety of events for all students at the VCA, including BBqs and parties. We also will support an open and transparent grant structure to facilitate a great deal of creativity around the campus. A vote for us will support a Union presence that will focus on providing services to you.

Vote [1] More Activities! for the VCA!
No statement received

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**University Council Fellow**

**DECLAN MCGONIGLE**

(Stand Up!)

Since becoming a Delegare to the University Council, I have grown to see the need for representation on many fronts. It is not just about having representation in the decision making but also ensuring that there is a space for students to be heard.


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**DOMINIC RAFF**

(Fresh)

No statement received

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**MU Student Union Ltd. Board**

**STEPHEN SMITH**

(More Activities!)

The MU Student Union Ltd. Board is central to the operation of the Union and our goal is to ensure that our voices are heard on the campus level. I believe that I have the experience and knowledge to make a difference.

Vote [1] More Activities!

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**CHRISTOPHER UBER**

(Stand Up!)

I'm a second year arts student involved in clubs & societies on campus. MUSUL is central to the operation of the Union, and I want to ensure that the views of students are represented. I want to stand against issues such as the installation of an ATM in a major common area, which obstructs access and prevents clubs from using this space.


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**NAREN RAJAN**

(Melbourne United)

I'm a second year arts student involved in clubs (STAND UP!).

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**FAYYAD EL WAZNI**

(Melbourne United)

I'm Patrick, and I've had a wealth of experience sitting on University committees, representing student interests to the University, and importantly, being a student of the University of Melbourne. Students are the centerpieces of the University's core missions of teaching, research and engagement, and it's important that the University has effective student representation on its peak governing body. With your vote, I'll work diligently to make student issues a priority on University Council, and ensure that everything the University does is informed by its effect on students.

Vote [1] More Activities!
and now back to our regularly scheduled programming...