

**University of Melbourne Student Union
Clubs and Societies Report
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To C&S Committee 2(25)
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Hi all, here is a list of what I have been doing since our last committee meeting.

1. Summerfest Clubs Expo stall allocations

In December, I allocated all clubs who had submitted timely applications a day during the expo (Wed-Fri), taking into account grouping requests, preferred dates, faculty commencement ceremonies, power requirements, and activity plans. Definitely wasn't an easy job, but I believe almost everyone's requests were met. There are also around 10 clubs on the waiting list, and we are now in the process of confirming stall locations across Market Hall and surrounds.

2. iTFE SFH and RSA training

I've been in contact with iTFE to plan two sessions of SFH and RSA training each. They should take place in semester 1 weeks 2-3 in the Student Precinct. Once I have cost estimates (which I am chasing up), we can send out a sign-up form to club execs.

3. Budget/ Students' Council

Ewan and I attended an OB meeting, meetings with Josh and Luv (president and general secretary), and the first Students' Council meeting to determine and finalise our budget. In the OB meeting, all departments were able to discuss the budget together and understand what the entirety of UMSU are working with this year. We also saw opportunities to collaborate, especially with Southbank and Environment. Regarding the second Students' Council, as the MUCS disaffiliation appeal was a conflict of interest for me, and especially as the perceived conflict of interest was very high level, Ewan was the one to speak on behalf of the department, although I was still present.

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A belated Happy New Year and Merry Christmas to everyone, here's a summary of what I've been up to across the January period.

1. MUCS Disaffiliation Appeal

- Students Council met in January on Friday the 17/01, the primary relevance of this meeting regarding the C&S Committee was the hearing of the appeal to overturn the decision of the 2024 C&S Committee to disaffiliate the Melbourne University Choral Society on the grounds of not providing an environment free from bullying for its members.
- Esther and I were both present at the Council and successfully argued for Students Council to have confidence in the decisions of the C&S Committee, the disaffiliation appeal was ultimately rejected by Students Council, this represents a welcome turn around from previous SC decisions where they overturned the C&S Committee with no valid grounds.

2. Clubs and Societies Regulations Updates

- I have been busy at work examining new regulations to potentially be added to our guidelines, following the SC they have forecasted potentially further expanding and updating any changes, I will hopefully be able to endorse any changes to committee our next February meeting, otherwise if any members want to propose or consult their own changes in the meantime please examine.

3. Clubs and Societies Trivia

- C&S Trivia planning is in full swing with our intention to soon reach out to our club community for interest in running weekly trivia events at the Ida Bar alongside our department.
- We are currently formatting documents for the event structure and draft that we hope to be able to share with interested clubs.

4. Budget Allocations.

- We will hopefully be able to set our budget allocations and expenditure in this meeting, Esther and I are very excited to have been provided with an initial budget allocation of \$290,000 this year, up from \$240,000 last year, and to pass on the benefits of that increase to UMSU's amazing Clubs and Societies.

Cheers

Ewan 😊