

University of Melbourne Student Union
Clubs and Societies Report
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To C&S Committee 6(25)
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I am starting out on a long-term project or two, and hoping to get more started soon. Really hoping to improve the experience of club execs, because that's what we're here for in the first place :)

1. **New clubs:** I wrote and sent out emails to rejected and deferred applications. I contacted the Disability department regarding one deferred application through email and Teams, but they unfortunately have not responded as of writing this report. Also, many rejected clubs have come back to us asking to be reconsidered for a variety of reasons, so it may be wise to create some precedent for next semester and the future ahead.
2. **RSA/ SFH training:** All sessions are now complete, and I am waiting to be able to pay the invoice. I hope to run more sessions in the break or after AGM season, and may also run First Aid training sessions if possible.
3. **Exec mixer:** I would say that this was a success! I manned the door, scanned tickets, and handed out drink cards/ conversation starters for most of the event with Alex's help (thank you :)). We had around 60 people show up, and we admitted around 10 people who didn't have tickets because the venue was not full. I believe quite a lot of people got tickets and didn't show because the event was free, so that may be something we reconsider in semester two. Even at half capacity, all the food was eaten, so we probably will have to order more in our next mixer event. Afterwards, I filled in the SSAF reporting form. Ewan also requested a feedback form with a few questions so I created that on the UMSU website and Comms helped me distribute to all ticketholders on Trybooking. Regarding payment, Ida Bar will request an internal transfer from the Finance department. Also side note: turns out I was actually sick on that night so thank you to Ewan for being the social one throughout the event and for packing up at the end!
4. **Club exec feedback form:** We received the responses last Friday, and I extracted the information into a list of problems and solutions. There were some good ideas, and I also tried to brainstorm solutions to some of the problems, but I think the biggest challenge will be actually making change that is helpful and does not have negative side effects. I'm also hoping that our changes can positively impact SSAF negotiations with the University (it's so complicated omg).
5. **Room bookings:** I have been discussing with Tianyi, one of the Creative Arts OBs, about the issue of clubs and student theatre groups not having enough options when it comes to booking rooms for events. For our clubs, it looks like the main issues are that all classrooms are blocked out from being booked until 6:30pm, there are not enough spaces with the correct facilities, and the two booking systems can be

difficult to manage. As the Creative Arts and Education departments also have similar problems, we all met with the UMSU CEO Sara to talk through what we can do. Currently, the plan is to write up a report with issues all three departments' students are facing and send it to Elected Reps.

6. **Club emails going to spam:** I have since sent the list of club emails to UniMelb Cybersecurity, and will be chasing them up as I haven't had a response yet. More clubs are letting us know of this issue, which isn't a good sign.
7. **Other:** I attended first aid training on the 28th of March, and will be attending RSA training on the 8th of April.

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Ewan Bezzobs
To Clubs and Societies Committee 6(25)
31/03/2025**

Hey gang, a quick summary of the last couple weeks or so.

1. Executive Mixer

- a. Esther and I with the support of you awesome Committee members successfully held an awesome Executive Mixer on the 20/03/2025, this event was held at the Ida Bar and we estimate there was roughly 60 or so executives there, the location was good although we had a few hiccups clashing with the Media department and some unruly people, lessons for next semester include needing to provide a lot more food and opening more ticket spaces (we tried to do that through CME this time and they wouldn't let us). We circulated a feedback form to attendees and that received only 4 responses but generally had quite positive things to say.

2. New Club Applications

- a. Esther and I have been in communication and sent off rejection emails to all of the new club applications that were not approved by Committee, this was quite predictably not taken well with almost every club writing back to appeal the Committees decision in some way, shape or another, while that outcome is ideal it is also to be expected and clubs wishing to change or rewrite their aims should be directed to submit a new application next semester.

3. C&S Regulations

- a. A substantial C&S Regulation word document has been submitted to the papers of this meeting to provide updated and new regulations for clubs, these options are intended to simplify and clarify the current ones which have become outdated in certain areas.

4. C&S Executive Feedback Form

- a. Esther and I have received and are in the process of analysing and breaking down 19 or so responses given to the department regarding our circulated C&S feedback form, we hope to turn the feedback into recommendations and adopt the most promising of such but at the same time there are a lot of areas that are causing grievance to execs that are out of our control 😞.

That's all from me although I am sure there was more, I am forgetting, you guys, as always have been awesome.

Cheers, Ewan 😊