

**University of Melbourne Student Union  
Southbank Campus Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 22nd, 2022 at 6:15pm  
Meeting 5(22)**

**Location: Zoom/Southbank UMSU Office (The Hub Level 2)**

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**Meeting opened at 6:36pm**

**1. Procedural Matters (15 minutes)**

1.1 Appointment of Facilitator

[Nina Mountford](#) moved to elect self as chair

Elliot Seconds

passed without dissent

Nina appointed as chair

1.2 Acknowledgment of Indigenous Owners

Nina gave a land acknowledgement

1.3 Appointment of Minute-taker

Nina moved to elect jack as minute taker

Zodie seconded

Passed without dissent

Jack appointed as minute taker

1.4 Appointment of Time-keeper

n/a

1.5 Safe Meeting Practice (Appendix)

1.6 Introductions

We had so many people in the room today, such vibes, such joy

1.7 Attendance

Committee Members

	Jenny Le	Present
	Elliot Wood	Present
	Purnima Padmanabhan	n/a Resigned
	Sam Blunn	Present
	Taylor White	Present
	Zodie Bolic	Present

Office Bearers

Campus Coordinators	Alex Birch Nina Mountford	Present
Education Officer	Xiaole Zhan	Present
Activities Officer	Jack Doughty	Present

Special Guest/Other

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1.8 Proxy

n/a

1.9 Membership

Purnima has resigned

1.10 Adoption of the Agenda

Nina moved to adopt the agenda

Jenny Seconded

Passed without dissent

Agenda, adopted (congratulations !!)

## **2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (5 minutes)**

Nina moved to confirm previous minutes

Elliot seconds

Passed without dissent

Previous minutes confirmed.

## **3. Conflict of Interest Declarations (3 minutes)**

n/a

## **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (3 minutes)**

n/a

## **5. Correspondence (5 minutes)**

Jack: Talking to UMSU intl. About having student bands play at their next big event.

## **6. Office Bearer Reports (4 minutes)**

### **Nina:**

I have been in communication with the Associate Dean for Students from the faculty for Fine Arts and Music regarding the upcoming Student Support Committee meeting. As well as organising meetings with her about ongoing projects from previous years like an anonymous reporting space for students.

I have received communication from the NTEU regarding the ongoing situation at VCA Theatre and potential collaboration between the unions as well as disclosures and communication from other students within the Theatre faculty.

I will have purchased the banner painting materials and had the queer collective banner paint by this time!

I have been creating connections with new students as much as possible throughout my time on campus in order to grow the network that UMSU Southbank can reach out to for events, callouts and campaigns.

I worked to establish a solid plan and division of tasks for the semester within the Southbank Team.

I have been working on streamlining and organising the google drive and our admin documents through folders and spreadsheets. I have been working on/programming a spreadsheet that acts as a working budget that calculates spending and remaining funding.

I have been creating an action plan for grassroots organising within the VCA/MCM in order to combat common student issues that have been arising and have been noting these down as

well. I have identified a number of contacts for various issues and the beginnings of a grassroots campaign that compliments the current one by ex-students are materialising.

The climate strike is on Friday! I'm organising an informal Southbank contingent (group attending) so please come along! Meeting at 10:30 at Unimelb, deciding whether to meet beforehand at Southbank Campus as well to show our numbers to the uni and gather more students with a lil moment for speeches. Let me know if you want to help!

### **Xiaole:**

The first Southbank Collectives (Queer & Disabilities) are up and running. We didn't get as great a turnout as we would have liked, but have built quality interactions with the students that we have engaged with experiences and challenges being shared within a space of mutual understanding and support (and snacks!). I am writing this after coming back from our first Southbank Disabilities Collective which ended up being a conversation (and good times) that lasted 2.5 hrs (with the lovely Betty in attendance also!). Many topics were covered which we hope to act on and push for some change! I am wanting to increase our Disabilities collective meeting frequency to a weekly basis as I believe accessibility is something the VCA and MCM sorely lack and that it can be a space for positive change. I am also looking forward to facilitating the first Southbank POC collective in week 5!

I have met with POC, Advocacy and Legal re. an anti-racism survey for Southbank Campus and my steps are building a focus group with POC representatives from all faculties at the MCM and VCA to build a Southbank-specific survey.

I also had a lovely chat with the organisation 'Hey Mate' which focuses on mental health in the creative arts in possibly doing an event on Southbank campus. I have reached out to Creative Arts (shout-out to Marcie!) about making this a Southbank x Creative Arts collaboration and they are keen which has me buzzing! We may have to apply for other avenues of funding (e.g. grants) if the event quote ends up not being feasible within our department budgets, but this is an event that I believe is relevant to VCA/MCM students and is something we are very keen to make happen so will seek out possible avenues to make it a reality.

I've also been talking to the education department and applied to be on the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music Academic committee. If my application is successful, I hope I'll be able to share the conversations I've had with students and have this position inform my Southbank Education OB role.

### **Tasks:**

Build a Southbank POC focus group to continue anti-racism survey project

Update Disabilities Basecamp project and socials to make it a weekly collective (possibly brainstorm a focus group for an accessibility survey to report to uni – contact Welfare, Disabilities, UMSU Southbank collaboration)

Continue building POC collective

Follow up with UMSU Events for guidance on 'Hey Mate' event with Creative Arts

**Jack:**

Greetings!! I watched a football game last week, that's kinda crazy. Also I'm still being recognised as purple banana boy.

If all has gone to plan we've had our first BBQ today! and totally spruiked our other events, were able to talk to heaps of students about UMSU and what we can do for them as well as giving them free (plant based) lunch.

As we talked about in our last meeting, I'm basically just planning our next evening social event, A film screening to showcase student's films to a larger VCA/Southbank and Unimelb audience!! This is going well so far, with Nina having made contact with a member of staff in the film department here on southbank, and being able to pass on their information to me. Hoping to meet with them within the next week or so. I've also reached out to some students I know who have recently released a film of theirs and they are super excited to show it.

Collaboration stuff has been a bit on the back burner however, I have met with clubs <3 to help them facilitate a little Southbank Clubs expo, or something similar to that to help with clubs culture on southbank (big love to Prod Soc and MSS).

Arty Party went super well, the Creative Arts OBs and AV team did such a good job, and we got a few more follows and likes on our socials ;) Awesome job to Xiaole for getting up on stage with me and yelling at people about umsu southbank whilst I stood there and looked funny.

**ALEX**

We have had kind of a division of tasks in the Southbank department and I have become somewhat of the defacto Southbank Welfare officer. My main task has been organizing our fortnightly BBQ so things like ordering food, covid safe planning, hiring staff, venue booking, cooking, and cleaning. The first installment will be march 22nd and its going to be a plant based sausage sizzle to minimize food handling and buffet style service.

The second key task has been organizing our quick access grants which has been going painfully slow with most of my attention being on the BBQ. However I have begun to sort out those eligible for a quick access grant and submissions will be re-opened once I filter out all the parkvillains who have applied.

The last item is the Bread bin which I have been holding off on doing until we more accurately know how much we have spent as a department. But the plan is to have food in the student lounge for people to take home or eat on campus, if need be, with hygiene and sanitary products also available.

There have also been some minor misc tasks I have been doing residual from Summerfest like sending invoices from bands who sent them in late ect.

## **7. Other Reports (5 minutes)**

Nina talked about how EPIC queer collective was, \*gestured to the banner\*

Nina talked about organizing for School Strike for Climate

## **8. Discussions**

Discussions around reports:

Discussion about talking to faculty/univeristy about policy surrounding dead-naming and pronoun usage for students

Talking to Queer OBs surrounding this.

Nina asked about having parkville students at southbank events- e.g. the “Hey Mate” mental wellbeing event Xiaole is planning.

We also discussed whether Bachelor of Design/Performance Design students are southbank students.

Discussion around having UHT come down with clubs

Nina moved a motion to move in camera

Jenny Seconded

Committee Moved in camera at 7:08pm

Committee Moved out of camera at 7:21pm

Xiaole left the meeting at 7:21pm

ED, and vending machines discussed, how it is poorly handled by faculty/staff

## **9. Motions on Notice**

9.1

**Preamble:**

Gensec:

“What this will do is authorise the Operations Sub-Committee to pass expenditure on behalf of your committee on short notice – great for emergency spending – from the budget lines specified (or all budget lines if the committee chooses). The \$1000 is the maximum amount per budget line per meeting that the Operations Sub-Committee can pass for you. Your committee can choose to set this to a higher or lower amount, but \$1000 is the norm and is what Students’ Council authorises OpSub to pass from its funds.”

**Motion:**

That the Southbank Committee approves budgetary delegation to the Operations Sub-Committee of up to \$1000 for all Southbank Budget Lines.

**Mover: Zodie**

**Secunder: Jack**

**Discussion/result:**

**Passed without Dissent**

**Preamble:** We want to fill the Southbank UMSU breadbin with lots of good food for students to have! \$1000 is the standard restock amount recommended by previous OBs.

**Motion:** That the committee endorses the spending of \$1000 from the special projects budget line to stock the bread bin

**Mover: Alex Birch**

**Secunder: Elliot**

**Discussion/result:**

**Alex says: PLEASE put your input on what you want in the breadbin (GROCERY WISH LIST!!!!)**

**Passed without dissent, Jack LOVES Bean Juice**

**Alex wants food to have on campus “we can’t have a [free] bbq everyday”**

**Easy lunch-type meals discussed by committee as things to stock up the breadbin.**



**Preamble:** BBQs are on! I want to approve spending for the next 3 BBQs and some extra spending that comes up for the first one.

Each BBQ can cost up to \$500, for example this first bbq has cost roughly \$250 worth of frozen food for 400 servings, plus roughly \$110 worth of misc food (bread, sauce) and BBQ supplies(napkins, oil) and last exactly \$180 on some last minute casual hire. 500 is a safe estimate but it would be preferable if we can save on things like casual hire (please volunteer) and on frozen food servings when we have a greater understanding of turnout.

Note that this money will not be in addition to the previous 400 but increases the total spend for all four to be 2500

**Motion: The committee endorses the spending a total of \$2500 from the special projects budget line for all four of the semester 1 southbank BBQs.**

**Mover: Alex Birch**

**Secunder: Elliot**

**Discussion/result:**

**Passed without dissent**

## 10. Motions without Notice (Surprises!)

**Motion:**

**Mover:**

**Secunder:**

## **11. Other Businesses**

Zodie mentioned that the Southbank UMSU committee not updated properly on website- umsu website shenanigans, (the one under general sec), it's probably moreso a gensec thing.

Our minutes are not coming up on UMSU website -> resend them in bulk to the gensec.

## **12. Next Meeting:**

April 5th 2022 at 6:15pm

Meeting closed at 7:42pm

## APPENDIX

### **UMSU SOUTHBANK - Guide to Safe Meeting Practice**

1. Be here in good faith with the goal of what is in the best interests of southbank students
2. Come with good intentions to make the meeting succeed
3. Have the intention of reaching consensus and a commitment to consensus decision-making
4. Extend goodwill to all participants and do not assume that other participants intentions are negative
5. Try not to bring previous differences, difficulties and grievances to present decision-making
6. Be honest
7. Try to listen without preconceptions; be open to new ideas
8. Show respect for others' opinions
9. Address the issue, not the person

10. Avoid harming others by committing to avoid aggressive verbal or non-verbal interaction
11. Indicate your intention to speak without interrupting others
12. Take into consideration the skills and experiences of others when communicating; avoid overwhelming people with superior oratory skills
13. Leave the room if you do not intend to listen
14. If you need to have a private conversation, have it far enough away that it does not interrupt the meeting or disturb participants; ask the meeting for a recess if the situation warrants it
15. Attempt to be brief in your contributions and avoid wasting time
16. Be willing to take responsibility for your actions and apologise when you have harmed others