



**University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Southbank Committee
Minutes**

**Monday, 19, December, 2022, 11am
Meeting 1(23)**

Location: Southbank Office Level 2 Southbank Library/Zoom

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Meeting opened at 11:05.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1. Election of Facilitator

Annalyce Wiebenga moves to elect herself as facilitator.

Seconder: Leyland Jones

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1.2. Appointment of Minute-taker

Annalyce moves from the chair to appoint herself as minute-taker, as other Office Bearers are unavailable.

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The meeting is to be recorded so Annalyce can write the minutes retroactively.

1.3. Appointment of Time-keeper

N/A

1.4. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.5. Safe meeting practice (Appendix 1)

Attendees are invited to read the safe meeting practice appended at their leisure, with the general overview to act respectfully towards each other. Attendees are advised that in a future meeting there may be opportunity to update the document as it was created in late 2019/early 2020.

1.6. Attendance

Annalyce Wiebenga	Southbank Coordinator	Yes
Jack Doughty	Southbank Coordinator	Apology
Helen Shen	Southbank Activities	Apology
Zodie Bolic	Southbank Education	Apology
Lachlan Spencer	Committee	Yes
Leyland Jones	Committee	Yes
Olive Cullen	Committee	No
VACANT	N/A	N/A
Todd Bennett	Guest	Yes
Savier D'Arsie-Marquez/Abbey Crowley	Creative Arts Office Bearer (non-voting member of committee)	Apology

1.7. Apologies

1.7.1. Helen Shen (Southbank Activities)

1.7.2. Zodie Bolic (Southbank Education)

1.7.3. Jack Doughty (Coordinator)

1.8. Proxies

1.9. Membership

1.9.1. Maya Charles Sedergreen has resigned from Southbank Committee.

1.10. Adoption of Agenda

Annalyce moves from the chair to adopt the agenda.

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2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

None to confirm

3. Conflicts of Interest Declaration

N/A

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

N/A

5. Correspondence

Annalyce gives a general overview of the staff UMSU Southbank has been in contact with, namely Dr Jeanette Tamplin, Associate Dean of Student Welfare, and the Southbank Experience Team led by Dove Rengger-Thorpe. Dr Tamplin invited the team to a student support meeting. Further detail can be found in the Office Bearer Reports.

6. Office Bearer Reports (Appendix 2)

Annalyce gives an overview of the reports, clarifying information. Annalyce offers to circulate reports from Zodie and Annalyce for Council 1(23) if committee wishes to see them, but notes they largely repeat what these reports for Council 2(23) say.

Annalyce goes through the reports in the order presented in the appendices (Jack, Annalyce, Zodie). It is noted that the reports for Council 2(23) have significant overlap due to it being early in everyone's terms. Jack messages suggesting they might join (they don't; they're unwell), but they do speak to their report via message to say: "I am so cute and such [angel emoji]" and "My tum tum horts."

Annalyce suggests if committee members have not been able to attend training, the OBs can reach out to Ciara later to clarify what info they need.

Annalyce clarifies that the actual original budget figure requested was \$64,150 thanks to Welfare's support for the BBQs (Jack was unwell and may have been confused), but it has been reduced to \$51,550, with the expectation that Southbank will offer an additional \$1,000 in Budget Council later that day to bring it down to \$50,550 to help save UMSU financially. Annalyce explains that the SSAF funding model is tied to student enrolments, and that expected enrolments are lower than hoped.

Collaborations, Associate Dean, Student Experience Team at Southbank (Annalyce says they are cool). Annalyce flags budget cuts have altered Summerfest plans, to discuss in the discussion section below. Annalyce was going to meet Dove from Student Experience to walk around campus but Dove was unwell so it has been postponed.

Annalyce also flags issues with distribution of COVID safe materials and suggests committee should inform their friends they may want to get their free RATs this week, as the machines will be taking credit card next year, and that a staff member has informed her the uni will be charging for RATs in 2023. Annalyce has discussed with Education and Disabilities Office Bearers.

Annalyce mentions the hope of getting a door between the student kitchen and the library, though it's going slowly. And also mentions the level 1 door may be changed to prevent noise bleed.

Annalyce also explains the plans for a subsidised cafeteria on campus, with food trucks as a backup plan if it's not ready in time.

Annalyce also speaks a little bit about timetabling fixes, saying to Leyland, "You think classical music is bad? Jazz is worse!" Lachlan Spencer makes some faces. The plan is to get returning J&I students to re-enrol sooner to get their timetables sooner.

Leyland seeks clarification: Have the jazz and improv people not re-enrolled yet?

Annalyce says some of them have re-enrolled and Jack has been encouraging this. Those who have re-enrolled should get their timetables a bit earlier than usual.

Annalyce also spoke about the survey the uni did at Southbank, but isn't entirely sure what is confidential and what's not.

Annalyce says budget will come to committee in January.

Annalyce speaks to her own report. The Southbank OBs have been negotiating with other departments for collaborations, so collectives have been sorted out: Queer, Disabilities, People of Colour. At this stage, it's likely that Jack will run Queer, Annalyce will run Disabilities and Todd Bennett will run People of Colour. Jack and Annalyce may look for volunteers to run the Queer and Disabilities collectives later on; Annalyce used to run a collective as a volunteer.

The Media/Creative Arts magazine "Above Water" arrived! Annalyce recommends people grab them when next on campus because they're gorgeous.

Annalyce gives more detail about Summerfest. Tuesday 21 Feb, better integrated with whole of campus festivities instead of being sequestered in Linear Park. Expected to be in Wilin Garden, hoping to use Lionel's/Grant St Theatre foyer with quiet music and a creative workshop. UMSU CME was fond of a terrarium workshop and suggested reaching out to Burnley for plants. Annalyce jokes about the heritage palm tree that is apparently being moved to the Wilin Garden that is frustrating the uni staff. UMSU Southbank is hoping to supply an ice cream truck.

Annalyce explains CME is UMSU's graphic design and events team.

There has been discussion about activating the Friends Courtyard, possibly with a photobooth. Hoping the other departments can come down for Summerfest and make space for some clubs (esp Music Students Society and Production Society, and some other clubs may wish to come).

Jack begged Dove for some space to speak at the welcome speeches, but there may not be space. There is also a possibility that a previous OB may have not behaved well last time speeches happened, but Annalyce doesn't have the intel on that.

Meeting with the Associate Dean: discussed issues with CAPS and uni's inability to understand student issues with the service, student knowledge of uni services and improving information channels, timetabling fixes.

CW: SASH

There aren't really processes in place to inform staff and students about decisions made about SASH matters that impact them. Some uni staff also don't seem to

understand that not all students want to seek legal action when they report an incident. Survivors often just want their story on record, and to be safe and heard. Annalyce has been having informal meetings with Naomi, one of the SHRCs. Annalyce expects a lot of conversations will be happening with the SHRCs next year, and possibly UMSU Women's.

End content warning.

For Secondbite, yes it should be coming back. The staff may be co-opting a cleaners cupboard to hold freezers for Secondbite because the much-maligned heritage palm tree is going exactly where the portable freezer used to go.

Annalyce once again stresses to committee to tell people to get their RATs this week if they can. Hoping something will happen to fix these concerns as Annalyce has flagged it with the Education and Disabilities departments, but in the meantime it's likely free RATs will be ending very soon.

If students need masks, library and stop 1 staff should have access to N95 masks to give out one at a time, and apparently faculty can also order masks.

FFAM student perspectives project, a survey conducted by the uni staff at Southbank: what communication students pay attention to, course demands (people are overwhelmed), issues with sense of belonging, services and support, diversity in courses (or lack thereof), student capacity to meet their course demands.

On CAPS: lots of good ideas to help Southbank students to access CAPS, but the CAPS rep was kind of stubborn about student perceptions that CAPS is hard to access. Ideas: evening clinics (funding!), reserving lunchtime sessions for our students. Annalyce is concerned that students shouldn't have to give up their lunch for this, and adds that an UMSU staff member pointed out to her later that if you go to therapy, you should not be doing anything else for the rest of the day. Also discussed improved signage in the library - there is a consultation room in the library used for CAPS, but it's not easy for students to find and some students may not be comfortable asking for directions for this.

On collectives: Annalyce explains collectives are little social events, usually for marginalised groups. The department has budgeted to fully cater the collectives, but the place that used to cater for Queer collective has been liquidated. However, Annalyce was really fond of Bunji Catering during UMSU training so that may be an option.

Zodie's report is very similar. Basically, UMSU needs to stick to a specific deficit figure so we've all been cutting budget to help, to demonstrate to Council that we've demonstrated good faith. Annalyce expresses some concern about how stressful budget council might be given the deficit.

Zodie has been on a boat! So she's been doing what she can.

Annalyce solicits questions, none come!

7. Other Reports

N/A

8. Discussions

Summerfest! Events, publications, volunteering, etc.

Annalyce gives an overview of current plans and invites feedback.

Originally there were going to be a lot of marquees, but budget cuts have changed this. Instead, one large master marquee and activity tables that need to be put undercover. Annalyce suggests possibly using the underpass near the BBQs to give an “artists alley” kind of vibe for the departments and bring activities along if they have them (Annalyce waxes lyrical about badge makers). We’ll need good signage to improve visibility to compensate for the loss of marquees.

Hoping to have access to the Grant St Theatre Foyer, which has its own piano, to host a small-scale music performance for a quiet but not silent space where people can chill out. This is also the intended venue for a creative workshop, possibly terrariums but not married to that. Farrago scrapbooking is also an option.

The OBs are also hoping to have a dessert truck, probably ice cream. Leyland is visibly excited by this. Annalyce got ghosted by the food truck company who never responded to her :(

There is also hope to activate the Friends Courtyard with a photobooth. There had previously been a thought to do a popup roller rink, but these are expensive and there probably isn’t quite enough space.

The Southbank OBs are in communication with the events team, and with the Southbank student experience team. On budget cuts affecting the Summerfest build: “Everyone is feeling the squeeze a little bit, but we will make it work, we will persevere!” Having a good relationship with Student Experience means the department is able to have all these meetings with them and have productive discussions.

It’s also known that Student Experience will provide savoury lunch options while Southbank provides dessert.

General vibe: other depts come down, good vibes, make do with what we have.

Annalyce also mentions there will be a small student publication, and that committee members may be asked to write a little something about themselves. And that volunteers will be needed on the day: Tuesday 21 February, probably around 12-3.

Annalyce invites committee to speak ideas or feedback either now or over the next week or so.

9. Motions On Notice

9.1. Stock the Breadbin!

Preamble: The Breadbin is UMSU Southbank's welfare program that stocks shelf-stable kitchen items, menstrual care products, and safe sex supplies to the Southbank student body. The Breadbin has not been stocked in a while, but wall-mounted shelves have been supplied by the University so we are now able to recommence the program. The Office Bearers intend to put in a \$2000 Woolworths order, with the purchased supplies to be stored in the Southbank office and gradually distributed on the Breadbin shelves in the student lounge over the summer. We will be using excess from the 2022 budget to pay for this restock, to tide students over until commencement of semester next year.

Action: *That committee approves expenditure of \$2000 from the 2022 budget excess to stock the Breadbin.*

Mover: Leyland Jones

Seconder: Lachlan Spencer

Discussion/result:

Annalyce explains the Breadbin as in the preamble. The "unsafe" shelves taken away by the uni have been replaced by wall-mounted shelves, so it is now possible to resume the program. \$2000 is the equivalent of 2 stocks of the Breadbin. Reasoning for gradual stocking: when the Breadbin is fully stocked all at once, the items tend to go very fast, so not everyone has a chance to grab something. So, gradual distribution will be more fair. Annalyce is unsure whether the chair can move financial motions, so committee members move and second instead.

CWD

10. Motions Without Notice

11. Other Business

Annalyce apologises for the chaotic nature of the meeting and invites attendees to message her with any questions. She explains that OBs report to committee, and move motions when they need to spend money for the committee to approve or not approve. Committee should feel free to voice their opinions!

Annalyce also explains the broad structure of Students' Council and committee as accountability structures. She also suggests that volunteering opportunities may be offered to committee first, as well as the broader student body.

She also explains some terminology about motions being "carried without dissent", "carried" or "lost".

12. Next Meeting

Early January, TBC

Keep an eye out for the When2Meet, keep checking the group chat. Official notice and agendas should go to student emails, please contact Annalyce if notice was not received.

In future, the Creative Arts Office Bearers may attend should they so chose, as they are constitutionally non-voting members of committee and don't count for quorum. Only voting members count for quorum.

Annalyce also explains what quorum is (i.e. the minimum number of voting members required for the meeting to go ahead, which is generally set at just more than half all voting members of the committee).

13. Close

Meeting closed at 11:50

Appendices

Appendix 1: 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

Appendix 2: Office Bearer Reports, as prepared for Students' Council 2(23)

Note: Annalyce and Zodie submitted bare-bones reports for Council 1(23) as it was very early in our terms and Office Bearers were exempted from their usual submission requirements, but the information from those reports is also included in the reports for 2(23). We can circulate the Council 1(23) reports if committee wishes to see them.

Jack Doughty (Coordinator)

Key Activities

UMSU induction and Handover activities went well, the Southbank office is very excited to continue and expand a lot of the programs we had going this last year, however all of this hinges off of our budget allocation.

We have already had to cut down our initial budget proposal from \$69,150.00 to \$50,000.00 as of the time of writing this report.

We have communicated with other departments about collaborations going into next year, and are seeking out alternative ways to acquire funds for our student support/welfare programs as well as events.

Annalyce and I have also met with the Assistant Dean, and Student Life/Experience Team, along with the entire student support faculty, to continue the work Alex and I were doing last year as coordinator and acting coordinator, as well as to begin our plans for Summerfest so that we can collaborate with the student life team.

I personally pushed hard for the student life team to give us an opportunity to speak during the Jaffy orientation sessions on campus, an opportunity we weren't given last year, due to a certain southbank OB being immature with the opportunity in 2021... Hopefully given the rapport I have been able to build, and the department has been able to build with the faculty, we are given this platform to speak and push the union propaganda on the Jaffys.

Note: We better see all of the departments at Southbank Summerfest day ;)

We will have also had a committee meeting this last Friday to pass some of this last years excess budget for welfare projects and grants for students, which we can report back on at this council if needed.

Some of the agenda points from the meeting with the Assistant Dean, and Student Life/Experience Team, along with the entire student support faculty were:

1. Distribution of covid safe material/s
2. Expansion of the use of the student hub and the HAWG (hub activation working group)

3. Use of the student lounge and new fridges, esp. for use with the Second Bite program, which has been very successful on the Southbank campus
4. A subsidized cafeteria that is hopefully going to be open by the start of semester 1 with meals, snacks, and drinks ranging from \$3.00-\$9.50
5. Better timetabling processes for students, with the Jazz and Improvisation department acting as a trial run (I was then able to use my networks/connections within this course to encourage students to re-enrol asap so that the timetabling team could trial this new, more efficient method of timetabling)
6. Survey results from a research project that related to students accessing of student services and support, and ideas for how to analyse and action the results from this survey

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

_Finish orientation IT processes

1. Finalise budget
2. Have had committee meeting to pass funds from last year's excess budget
3. Continue to meet with faculty/student experience team, esp. in relation to results from their student experience survey, and to further advocate for students.
4. Continue to plan Summerfest, have action items for this, and the basecamp project started.

Annalyce Wiebenga (Coordinator)

Apologies for the length; I have always struggled with brevity. Dotpoints provided where possible. I'll try to get better at this.

Key Activities

Like many OBs, we hit the ground running and completed quite a few tasks before the official beginning of our terms. I completed my Honours recital worth 100% of my grade (lol), got knocked the heck out for about a week, and then pulled myself together and jumped into budgeting! Big thanks to Queer, Disabilities, POC and Welfare for your patience and team spirit.

Our team had a lot of scheduling issues, so we largely communicated asynchronously. We had a lot of productive discussions about what we can do to attract students, especially VCA since I have less experience there, being a music student. Worse, a classical musician.

I was fortunate to already have a staff card, meaning my office access was granted quickly. We also got a delivery of Above Water! (In future, please give us advance warning, and prepare yourself for the slim chance the mail may not arrive - we lost a whole box of Farrago to the caprices of internal mail earlier in 2022.)

Meeting Student Experience Team: Summerfest Edition

We met the Southbank Student Experience Team early to discuss plans for Summerfest. I already have a relationship with this team, mainly through Dove, and Jack is a returning Office Bearer, so introductions were fairly simple.

- Southbank orientation festivities: Tuesday 21 February
- Planning for better integration instead of getting sequestered in Linear Park again.
- We will likely be located in Wilin Garden alongside the uni.
- We may get to use Lionel's/Grant St Theatre Foyer as a quieter, more relaxed area with gentle music from a student performer and a creative workshop (potentially making terrariums).
- We have to work around a freshly-moved heritage palm tree. There are strong feelings about this tree. Stay tuned for its return later in this report.
- We hope to supply a dessert truck, probably gelato. Our Plan A company never called me back so I will be begging CME for help very soon.
- Hoping to activate the Friends Courtyard, possibly with a photobooth. A few cohorts spend a lot of time there.
- Other student representation departments are invited! Save the date!
- Intending to make space for a small number of clubs. The Music Students' Society and Production Society are non-negotiable. Beyond that will depend on space.

We begged Dove to get us a speaking slot at the welcome speeches, but it sounds like her bosses are pushing to keep the timing compact. Fingers crossed!

By the time council happens, Dove and I (and anyone else available from our teams) will have done a walkthrough of the areas we hope to use for Summerfest.

Meeting with Associate Dean

CW: Mentions of sexual assault/sexual harassment, no explicit detail

We met with Dr Jeanette Tamplin, the Associate Dean of Student Welfare, on Tuesday 30 November between training sessions. I was all over the place due to issues with timing and then managing to get lost (luv ya, Parkville). That said, this was still good preparation for the student support meeting we would later attend.

- CAPS:

- Student perspectives regarding difficulty accessing support services are not reaching decisionmakers.
- Dr Tamplin was told there were plenty of appointments available that aren't being taken up.
- We had anecdotal evidence that students struggle to access the service, or to even find the room at Southbank, and CAPS clearly has a reputational problem (among everything else)
- I was concerned we were going to have to do some surveys so we could prove there is an issue, but uni staff beat us to the punch. See notes for the student support meeting.
- Student knowledge of university services:
 - We discussed how to get students to remember what services are available.
 - We suggested the uni needs to look into offering more consistent information over the whole year, as orientation is an information overload.
- Timetabling:
 - There has been some movement on this; see notes for student support meeting.
 - I also brought up that some cohorts are subjected to timetable changes without adequate notice, which severely impacts their work-life balance. This is something we will have to keep an eye on.

Content Warning for SASH Applies Here

- Dr Tamplin provided updates regarding sexual assault and harassment at Southbank
 - Processes for consulting and informing staff and students impacted by decisions made by the uni desperately need improvement
 - I'm also not convinced faculty understands that not everyone who makes a report is seeking carceral action.
 - I later followed up with one of the Sexual Harm Response Coordinators (Naomi) who helped me make sense of some confusing stats. The most optimistic thing I can say is we have our work cut out for us.

End Content Warning

Jeanette mentioned there will be opportunities for student feedback on a Diversity and Inclusion Plan; I had some difficulty hearing and processing information at this point, but this is very likely to come up again. She also informed us of an upcoming student support meeting, where some of the issues discussed with her will also be on the agenda. She seems cool. Hopefully I'll be more organised next time (and that my wifi won't cut out again; thanks UniWireless).

Student Support Meeting

This clashed with the mock council during training, but Jack and I are fairly experienced at council by this point. (And I still managed to pop in for mock council proper) It was nice to see a few familiar faces in the meeting.

- Food security:

- Plans progressing for increased food options, with subsidised food trucks as a backup plan if timelines get stretched.
 - Secondbite: Southbank edition wrapped up for the year and students were directed to get in touch to be rolled into Parkville. Program should be resuming in time for next semester.
 - An additional program is intended to be piloted at Parkville, and may be brought to Southbank later. I am reasonably optimistic.
- Student hub revitalisation:
 - Solutions are in the works for noise bleed in the library.
 - Plans to put a door between the student lounge and the rest of the hub are in the works, but have to be done carefully. I have no idea why a door wasn't put here in the first place, as the building was completely refurbished only a few years ago. Then again, the library roof already leaks, so...
 - Some storage space reshuffling in the student kitchen may be necessary, to account for that massive heritage palm tree being moved to where the mobile freezer has been sitting for Secondbite.
- RATs and masks:
 - RAT distribution now exclusively via the vending machine near the toilets in the library/hub building.
 - Jack and I expressed concerns about sanitisation of the machine; hand sanny now has a fancy little cradle, and we're hoping wipes will be provided and encouraged.
 - We also raised that machines don't have the same capacity for discretionary decisionmaking as a human, in the event a student requires more RATs than allocated. We've been directed to get students to contact the OHS email on the side of the machine if concerned.
 - P2 masks are available from the Stop 1 and library staff on request. Apparently faculties can also order them.
 - We've also mentioned that the message about the change hasn't necessarily gotten out to everyone.
- FFAM student perspectives project:
 - A project that sought student opinions on a variety of matters including communication channels, course demands, sense of belonging, student services and support, diversity (or lack thereof), student capacity to perform well in their courses, etc.
 - We were given an overview, but we're hoping to get further details.
 - Essentially, students need a lot more support and lenience than they're already getting, surprising no one.
- CAPS:
 - There seemed to be a bit of stubbornness in the face of student perceptions that it's difficult to get appointments with CAPS, but a productive conversation ensued nonetheless.
 - A lot of our students are in class all day, meaning it's difficult to find time for an appointment. Some ideas were thrown around such as bringing back evening clinics in a limited capacity, or reserving lunchtime sessions for impacted students. I suggested caution with the latter, as lunchtime may be the only rest some students get for the day.

- We discussed improved signage in the library/hub building so students coming for appointments don't need to speak to more people than necessary, especially students for whom this is uncomfortable.
- **Timetable:**
 - A lot of short-term fixes are in the works to get students their timetables earlier; it's not uncommon for some cohorts to still not know what's happening after semester has commenced.
 - Increased staff on hand during orientation and early in the semester to help students make sense of their timetables, because it can sometimes be a jigsaw puzzle between multiple timetabling systems.
 - The Jazz & Improv cohort will be part of a pilot program involving more advance preparation.

Training

Happened. Drank too much coffee. Still bad at using scissors and I can only partially blame left-handedness.

Collectives

Hello dotpoints my old friend

- All of our collectives tentatively have a facilitator - Jack and I will probably run one for now, and we have a keen student interested in running the POC collective.
- We will work with our counterparts in Queer, POC and Disabilities to find times they can attend, should they have capacity.
- The bagel place previously used for Southbank Queer Collective in 2019 and 2020 got liquidated due to the pandemic :(so we will look into other options such as Bunji Catering
- Venue TBC - it's hard to strike a good balance between privacy and discoverability, especially at Southbank. Our office is good for privacy, but can be difficult for students to find, and can only be accessed by students if someone else lets them in.
 - Queer has sometimes taken place in the BBQ area, but it's hard to preserve autonomy there.

Handover

Occurred via Zoom. I need to look over the document our predecessors lovingly prepared for us.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action points to be completed by next report

- Present budget to committee for approval
- Use 2022 budget to purchase Breadbin supplies, pending committee approval

- Confirm Summerfest (Southbank edition) build with CME and Southbank Experience
- Solidify Summerfest workshop plans

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Zodie Bolic (Education)

Yay for Council 2(23)! What's better than NatCon? A Budget Council.

Key Activities:

In preparation for said Budget Council, I, alongside the other Southbank OBs, have been busy preparing our budget for the year. We have worked significantly on our department's budget in order to bring UMSU's overall budget in line with the \$1.5 million deficit figure, as advised by Phoebe and Ciara.

Our original allocation request was \$69,150, however upon communication from Ciara we cut that down to \$64,150. Upon receiving additional advice, we made further cuts and now seeking \$51,550. I hope this demonstrates to Students' Council a commitment from the Southbank Department that we have engaged in the budget process in good faith, and have already made significant efforts to cut our department's budget for the year. As a department we are uncertain how much more we can cut and still maintain the level of activity and support we are hoping to provide for our constituents, so at least I hope that Students' Council considers this during this next round of cuts.

Outside of the budget process, I have been personally trying to catch up on the induction and orientation information and activities as I missed most due to be out on the open water. This has included handover with the previous Southbank OBs and catching up on the previous and current campaigns of the Southbank (Education) Office. On this note, I do not yet have access to my union email, so if any needs to contact me please do so at my student one – which is zbolic@student.unimelb.edu.au.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

1. N/A!

Actions to be completed by next report:

1. Make a start organising SummerFest! Annalyce is meeting with Dove on Thursday 15th to do a walkthrough of our space for SummerFest, so after her report I imagine we will have a better idea of how to plan our SummerFest offerings.
2. Get access to union email!

3. Complete Canvas induction modules (if available).

Budget Expenditure:

Our first committee meeting is Monday 19th at 11am, so just before council. While any expenditure from the motions passed will be reported on at next council, if you would like to know earlier, please ask Annalyce, Jack or Helen for a verbal report.