



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
11:30AM, Monday, the 18th of March 2019
Meeting 6(19)
Location: Private Dining, Union House

Student Office Bearer Reports		x/6
President	Submitted	4/6
General Secretary	Submitted	4/6
Activities	Not submitted	3/6
Clubs & Societies	Submitted	4/6
Creative Arts	Submitted	4/6
Disabilities	Submitted	4/6
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted	5/6
Education (Public Affairs)	Not submitted	5/6
Environment	Submitted	5/6
Indigenous	Not submitted	1/3
Media	Submitted	5/6
People of Colour	Submitted	5/6
Queer	Submitted	3/6
Welfare	Submitted	4/6
Women’s	Submitted	5/6
Burnley	Not submitted	1/6
Southbank	Submitted	3/6

All Office Bearer Reports are presented as they were received, with only formatting changes.

Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Molly Willmott**

It has been 7.6 seconds since the last council. Here’s what I’ve done. A lot of stuff I’ve been doing is internal UMSU meetings and checkin emails.

Key Activities

Renew

As of last council we’re slowly getting through the recommendations. We have decided to leave discussion of AA and non-binary students to a separate process of constitutional change as there needs to be collective involvement and needs to deal with on its own. Council passed a resolution to trigger this process, which we will start close to the completion/at the completion of Renew.

Climate Strike

That was Friday, I wrote this last Wednesday. As of the time of writing we were looking at about 700 people interacting with the Facebook event – HUGE! I also released a statement about students being penalised for attending with the NTEU. I am hoping this report ages well and that the event was a success

Mentoring

Say into the interviews for the new directors the other week. We got some great applicant, I think the program is in safe hands next year.

Other stuff/Meetings

- **Elected reps**
 - o The reason I am not at council. These meetings have key people in chancellery sitting down with student reps. This is the first time we are doing it this term, so this is more of a feelers meeting sussing out what they are for
- **Precinct**
 - o Went to a meeting on Thursday with UMSU international regarding spaces and design of the precinct
- **Advocacy SAG**
 - o I couldn’t attend this due to a double booking but I am getting a debrief in the next week

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **Attend the climate strike** - donesies
2. **Collate elected reps agenda with office bearers** - doneso
3. **Have a quorate council** – Completeeeeeeed

Action Points to be completed by next report

**General Secretary
Reece Moir**

Key Activities

FINANCES

Who needs a degree in accounting when you’re the General Secretary (numbers, who?). Molly and I have been looking at the 2018 financial report, to be accepted at our Semester 1 AGM.

STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

QUORUM! QUORUM! QUORUM! There is now a meeting schedule for Council. I can’t wait to send out those warning emails re: attendance. Welcome to the stage, your attendance overlord, Reece Moir.

I think it is important to also clarify why attendance is important, now. Councils 1(19) through 4(19) were not to held within a meeting schedule, which is a schedule that is agreed upon by Councillors, that the General Secretary makes to accommodate both voting and non-voting members. Now the thing is, if a voting or non-voting member of Council misses three consecutive meetings, they are booted off – voting rights terminated, in-camera meeting privilege removed – if they’re an office bearer, they stop being an office bearer.

OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

As per my constitutional requirement, I’m supposed to report on any meeting of the Sub-committee. There have been no sub-committee meetings since last Council, where I gave an oral report on Operations Sub-Committee.

WHOLE OF UNION FUND

WOU fund has not changed. We’ve only spent 3% so far, which I guess is good. I would encourage interdepartmental collaboration!

OB REPORTING

As requested by Lucy in council, this document has been reformatted to also list how many reports have been submitted. So, for this meeting, my reporting track sheet would be 5/6.

CASUAL VACANCIES (SO MANY)

Hi, so a thing that’s been happening recently is OBs resigning. I think something that would be really helpful is if I create just a general protocol for forcing casual vacancies and the best practice around that. It’s been a confusing and stressful time – lot’s of people coming in and out of level 1.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Continue updating the UMSU Stance Book, attempt to complete before Semester 1
Okay, so this is taking longer than expected. I have been reformatting the current document (read: making the subsections easier to follow, making the distinction between preamble and motion easier to discern). I think this will be my Semester 1 pet project – so that it can be a fully-fledged document/BOOK. As such, it will not be an Action Point, but I will report on it every so often.

2. Contact councillors for Semester 1 availability, create schedule to be approved
Ooh, I did this. I'm really happy. Hope we can maintain quorum.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Create a Casual Vacancy Protocol for internal use. To outline, how best to approach forcing a casual vacancy. Like an FAQ.
2. Organise a time for the AGM. Circulate important documents to Council (if necessary).
3. Chair the Queer Committee meeting, for the appointment of OB(s).

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Activities
Olivia Panjkov & Liam O'Brien

Not submitted.

Clubs & Societies
Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

Key Activities from a robot wearing Chris’ skin

Emails

Most of our job is dealing with many emails a day and the various correspondence they develop into. They are slowing down, and will probably drop to ~30 a day in the next few weeks which is expected as people settle in to the semester.

Membership App Development

More updates and bug testing have been ongoing, watch this space. Fiona and I have had a few meetings on scope and the reality of usage of such an app and we feel we’ve come to a compromise at this point between useability and usefulness.

Financial Audits

A few clubs have required financial auditing which is time consuming and frankly annoying. But being aware of financial mismanagement is part of our job. These reviews are ongoing

Locker handouts

Many clubs were late with locker applications and as such a lot of my office hours were spent allocating lockers.

Time off

I had a small volleyball accident that mean my right hand was more or less useless for the better part of a week, so I’ve been off getting x-rays and seeing GPs. It should be better by the time council reads this report, but is worth noting.

Key Activities from Jordan Gurl

Lockers

Almost done!!! In the next week we’ll be reassigning the lockers that were never collected to clubs that missed out or got a smaller locker than they wanted. Hopefully there aren’t too many because I want this saga to end

Welfare training

Well this isn’t happening really because Safer Communities haven’t confirmed any more trainings. Honestly, between having to mess around with confirmations and the lack of progress on fixing the technology in the training rooms this job is really draining and frustrating. We’ve complained multiple times about the training room equipment but nothing has been done and it makes things really difficult for us

Clearing emails

Still so many emails. So, so many

Affirmative Action in Clubs

I didn’t send out the google form because committee approval and compromise took a little bit longer than expected but it will be sent out next week

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	20/2/19	AVM for performance equipment	\$3210	Orientation	
3	20/2/19	Reimburse Tuna from Juggling Club	\$29	Special Projects	
3	20/2/19	Pay Bluegum for tshirts	\$591.14	Special Projects	
3	20/2/19	Incidentals for Orientation	\$500	Orientation	

Creative Arts **Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz**

Key Activities

Grants Workshop

We held a **Grants Workshop** on Tuesday the 12th of demystify the process of applying for Creative Arts, Theatre Board and SSAF grants for student arts projects.

Theatre Board

We will have had our first Theatre Board meeting for the year on Friday the 15th of March. Our three student representatives are very excited to be involved. We're looking forward to some discussions about student performance and some student grant applications.

Mudfest

We've commenced interviews for our Mudfest production team roles. Last week we had interviews with Susan Hewitt for our new Mudfest Mentor role, and we had strong experienced candidates. Expressions of interest have now closed for Marketing and production roles and we are interviewing those candidates this week.

As for the student roles in the production team expressions of Interest are still open for ALL the following roles:

- **Access Manager and Sustainability Manager** – Close at 9AM on Monday the 18th of March
- **Creative Producers (Moving Image, Visual Art, Music, Performing Arts and Interdisciplinary)** - Close at 9AM on Monday the 25th of March

So if any councillors would like to be involved or know anyone who would please let us know, we'd love to chat to you more about it, it's going to be a pretty amazing time and we're very excited to have a team of humans to work with.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Attend our first Theatre board meeting for 2019 on Friday the 15th of March. The meeting hasn't happened by the time of submitting our report, so we can speak to in council if anyone is curious, but we're looking forward to it
2. Close expressions of interest for Mudfest Production Roles and begin the hiring process. We did close the EOIs for the Mudfest Mentor Role and Production Manager and Deputy Production Manager as well as Marketing and Publicity Manager and Website and Ticketing Coordinator. We have interviews scheduled for the roles next week and are very excited to welcome the first round of production team members to the team.
3. Run our Grants Workshop on Tuesday the 12th of March. We did! It was very informative, we're very grateful to have had the expertise of Petra from UHT, Annie the Theatre Board Secretary and Susan from Arts and Culture speaking. Lucy and I also spoke on our Creative Arts Grants, and there were cupcakes. All in all a good time.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Close expressions of interest for Mudfest Access and Sustainability Roles and begin the hiring process
2. Conduct interviews for Production and Marketing team roles for Mudfest
3. Hire a Mudfest mentor after conducting interviews, begin more serious festival planning and creation of timelines

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	05/03/2019	for the catering of Grants Workshop	\$150	Special Project	
2	05/03/2019	for the purposes of catering and alcohol for Arty Party.	\$500	Special Projects	
2	05/03/2019	for the purposes of catering the Botanical Drawing Workshop as a part of Summerfest	\$80	Special Projects	

Disabilities
Lucy Birch

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Regular events, Beer and Boardgames, Disability and Mental Wellness Collective, Mindfulness Workshop and Anxiety Support Group have all been running smoothly with strong attendance, with the exception of Anxiety Support Group which has struggled to maintain consistent attendance numbers. There has been a marked increase in responses to the artist advertisement. All events are currently running within budget.

Key Activity 2

Furnishing the disability space. We are looking to solicit a response about projector installation from the university who have not gotten back to us, as of the 9th of February.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

The requirement sheet is completed awaiting upload.

Last Action Point 2

Numbers have reduced from 0 week attendance but remain at roughly 5-25 people per event.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

To start getting in touch with VCA fine art coordinators to facilitate more advertisement of the artist contracts. And to do the same with the creative arts department. To add the advertisement to the university job recruitment email.

Action Point 2

To start lecture bashing first year subject in order to recruit people who have not made enough friends during the first weeks of university.

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan

The Split of duties and responsibilities between Dominic and Elizabeth. Elizabeth shall be responsible for campaigns concerning accessibility: securing 24-hour study spaces, ensuring the University-wide policy of Lecture Recordings, green investment, free access to mandatory software for design students and general language accessibility. Dominic shall be responsible for High-Stakes Assessment and poor assessment design, poor outcomes for student mental health, and poor student academic support and pastoral care services, (more on this on the TALQAC section of 1. Regular Meetings under Key Activities). He is also tackling the issue of student employability

Key Activities

1. Regular Meetings

i) APC Academic Programs Committee

The second APC meeting of the year was held on the 08/03 at 10:00am. From the sounds of things big things are happening throughout the university.

1. FlexAP

The University’s Flexible Academic Programming Project (FlexAP) was temporarily in hibernation but is slowly being implemented throughout the Uni. It was flagged that more streams of changes planned by the University will be phased in throughout the year and 2020. FlexAP aims to enhance the learning environment of large undergraduate classes, utilise more online testing and feedback resources, increase the range of subjects available during the summer and winter terms among others (more info on the UMSU and University websites). Though the issues that FlexAP aims to address are things we’ve identified as issues, so far, since 2015 there have been a mixture of positive and negative suggestions and once changes are made, it’s excruciating to have them undone. We’ll therefore be looking to work closely with Professor Gregor Kennedy (Pro VC of Teaching & Learning) to ensure the planned changes are student and staff friendly and that all parties are consulted with. We’re hoping to meet with Professor Kennedy and/or Professor Neil Robinson to further discuss planned changes. Our goal for the year is to have healthy, transparent and robust discourse with University.

2. MDHS

Following student feedback, plans are being made to restructure the first-year subject in the Doctor of Medicine. We pushed to have the heads of the school ensure that students are heavily consulted throughout the process of the redesign, and the board agreed. The redesign is only in its early stages.

ii) TALQAC Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee

The Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee of the Academic Board met for the first time in 2019 on Thursday, the 7th of March. Richard James (Deputy Provost – Teaching & Learning) flagged in his report to the Committee that University Leadership are very concerned about the outcomes for student mental health, probably alluding to the incident in December and similar incidents reported at Unimelb in recent years. UMSU was invited to present our report, which Conor and I (Dominic) delivered. We flagged that UMSU expresses concern about poor assessment design and teaching and learning

practices that haze and punish students with really hard work set for the sake of it being hard just because it’s what is demanded in Melbourne Uni, as well as an overall culture which fetishizes academic exceptionalism in adversity. We used the examples of highly weighted exams in STEM, as well as the faculty-wide policy in the FBE of double-pass requirements for all end-of-semester exams for all subjects. The academics’ common rationale for rebuttal following this was to stop contract cheating and collusion and academic misconduct practices at uni. We pointed out that instead of seeking to punish students who are driven to engage in misconduct and making an example out of them, perhaps it would be worth reassessing and asking why it is that they are driven to cheat in the first place (again coming back to this toxic culture of exceptionalism.) Further on this culture of fetishizing exceptionalism and triumphalism, we also flagged as an issue the University continuing to admit students with English Proficiencies well below the recommended bands or levels, knowing these students are set up to fail their subjects from the level of English proficiency teaching and learning and subject delivery and assessment demand, but still expecting good outcomes because they only need to honour the work. We also talked about the lack of student support for health and wellbeing, but also in accomplishing assessment tailored to the nuances of differences in practice between fields and faculties and how we don’t happen to have that with Stop 1, and since Business Improvement Program in 2014 which abolished all Faculty-specific support bodies were disestablished and lumped into Stop1.

The Chair of the Meeting and Committee Professor Ian Malkin (Director of the JD Program and Dean of the Melbourne Law School) indicated and flagged at the prospect of starting a working group regarding Student Mental Health, High Stakes Assessments, and Lack of Student Support, to be discussed for the next meeting in early May.

Discussion then progressed to the next agenda item, which was around student employability outcomes. Undergrads at Melbourne Uni enjoy employability outcomes which are ranked number seven out of the Group of 8 Universities in Australia. And they said it was the Melbourne Model working. Because we were short on time, I wasn’t able to ask their questions I wanted to ask re: the implications of employability outcomes and our ranking if it were made a metric in a Federal move towards a performance-based funding model, as well as implications of enrolments going into the future considering the lowering of the HELP repayment threshold, and the HELP debt ceiling, if undergrads are graduating with lesser guarantees of employment to support further study (THANKS LIBS FFS). But honestly, as we talked about this item and the Melbourne Model, I asked myself why it is the work we do as Unimelb Students is so hard when we don’t even enjoy good student outcomes.

iii) ACCC Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee

The Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee met for the first time in 2019.

Professor Mark Considine (Provost, Standing Deputy to the Vice-Chancellor) and I are now on a first-name basis following this meeting.

Professor Richard James (Deputy Provost – Teaching & Learning) flagged the University’s concerns about the uncertainty moving forward of performance-based funding models for the Higher Education Sector in Australia, as had been indicated by both the major parties (with vast differences of course in how either party measures ‘performance’). Business Intelligence flagged at the prospect of making overhauls to making the Study Plan/Handbook/Course Design interface, beginning with this widget they flagged and developed for breadth subjects. Co-creation is the newest buzzword for the new student precinct. They want us to own the space and build a sense of community and belonging in it through projects and practices of co-creation.

May I just say that this is a great committee for heads of Faculty and Schools at the University to flex their achievements at each other, but also I would say, for Deans to give

each other hot takes about faculties and fields that lie outside their own domains. For any academic dumpster fires, I would say watch this space.

2. Assessment Design, Mental Health, Pastoral Care – Meeting with the Director and Assistant Director of MCM

After hearing complaints about the delivery of assessments in the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, we met with Professor Gary McPherson (Director) and Associate Professor Elliot Gyger (Associate Director – Teaching & Learning) to discuss the assessment structure of the music performance core subjects of the Bachelor of Music (Performance) degree. It was discovered in the meeting that the assessment design and structure of these music performance subjects with a 100% weighted end-of-semester practical were inceptioned with the consultation and input of students from the Music Students' Society, but we all gleaned and generally agreed for the need to provide for students more opportunities for pastoral care to cope and be able to turn to their peers and upperclassmen mentors for help and support should they need it. We also flagged under-resourcing of essential student services (academic and wellbeing support) and peer-support programs supplied and sponsored by the University. They have agreed to get on board with us in our effort to secure more resources into health and wellbeing and pastoral care for the Southbank campus—at current, Stop1 is only open three days of the week; the Counselling and Psychological Services also offered for three days of the week.

3. Law Lecture Recordings

The push for compulsory class recordings in the law school is in full swing. Working with Education (Public), a position paper has been drafted and circulated to the heads of Melbourne Law School (MLS) and a meeting has been arranged between the Education Department and Professor Ian Malkin, a JD director and the chair of TALQAC to discuss the matter. After the meeting with Professor Malkin and some final edits, we intend on submitting the paper to TALQAC and APC. We are also waiting for an official response from the law school.

With already high levels of stress and anxiety within the school and disciplines, the lack of resources and student autonomy only serve to exasperate what is a broader issue.

4. 24-hour Study Spaces

We've been in contact with Karen Kealy, an Associate Director of Information Services and Library Spaces to arrange a time to meet and go over the logistics of implementing 24hr study spaces throughout the semester. It's a busy period however we hope to meet within the next fortnight.

5. Meeting with Alastair Ingham Regarding Stop 1

The work the EdAc officers of 2018 did with Alastair saw significant improvements to waiting periods at Stop 1. Our goal this year is to restore Stop 1 to its glory days of in-depth course specific advice from knowledgeable staff. We, Alastair and the Pres are all excited to share our plans for the year and begin our collaboration in week 3.

6. Unrecorded Lecture and CADMUS Reports

Just chasing up lecturers on non-compliance with some success ^_^ . Last year the EdAc officers managed to secure tangible improvements to CADMUS however the push continues and we're waiting on detailed reports from students to come through on the nature of this year's Cadmus before we take the complaints and propositions to the Uni (pls just get rid of it ugh).

7. Meeting and Collaboration with the NTEU

Progress has begun, following a meeting earlier this month. They are asking UMSU endorsement for their Casual Campaign, especially since most casuals and tutors are also students. In return, they are endorsing our campaigns when their Branch Committee next meets. We will be meeting representatives of the NTEU regularly to cooperate on our campaigns, efforts and projects throughout the year.

KEY ACTIVITIES FROM LAST COUNCIL

As you'll see progress has been made on a lot of these.

1. Carnival Days

Went quite smoothly! A lot of the people I spoke to were first years and therefore less interested in campaigns like High-Stake Assessments. Regardless it was a good opportunity to introduce the department to students and it's safe to say we received hundreds of signups to our mailing list. Green Investment and 24Hr Study Spaces were well liked.

2. Meeting with Andrew Melatos, co-chair of APC

This was a productive meeting where I gained some insight and advice on the campaigns I am running. Though not all of these campaigns are relevant to APC, it can be difficult to know whom I should be speaking with. Since the documents from APC pass through Academic Board (AB), while I pursue the leads I have, I've been given permission to raise these issues here for the committee to note, so they may be flagged in AB.

High-Stake Assessments

The two arms of this campaign – Music performance and Commerce hurdles – will be separated. While final assessments with weightings of 100% are not uncommon in graduate courses, they are quite in undergrad especially for level one subjects. The focus of Academic Programs Committee (APC) is to ensure quality of education and uniformity (where possible) across the uni – seeing as music performance is an outlier, there is a greater chance that changes to the assessment structure will pass.

Conversely, hurdles of 50% on final exams are not uncommon across this university and others. Due to the precedence of this assessment style, the commerce arm is a different from the music arm. It will be harder to counter this – but not necessarily impossible.

Some steps I've taken on this front has been to investigate assessment structures at other institutions. I've gotten in touch with Gary McPherson, the director of Music, and Elliott Gyger, the associate director, and we will soon meet to discuss high-stakes in music.

I've also reached out to Maddy McMaster, the new Academic Registrar to request the SES results for commerce and music students and to arrange a meeting to discuss them.

Unfortunately, I'm yet to hear from her.

Green Scholarships

Renewables is still a growing and relatively young industry meaning that few companies will likely have the funds to invest in our University. Three of the five companies I've investigated offer internship programs, while I'll still look into advocating for these scholarships, I've broadened the scope of my proposal to include requesting the uni form an industry partnership with such companies that may include internship programs.

English Language Entry Requirements

The research I've done includes

- Investigating how English skills may change throughout university and whether the changes are positive and significant

- Current practices of the Uni including Diagnostic English Language Assessment (DELA) and recommendations.
- The cut-offs recommended by experts

However, I realise the uni may very well have data that will allow me to compare the language scores of previous students with their academic performance. Rather than submitting a proposal to SPC, I’ll be submitting a preliminary proposal to APC and SPC to request access to this data.

3. 24Hr Study Spaces

Ugh, no progress. I’ve been palmed off from one academic to another, have sent a follow up email and have yet to receive correspondence. I understand that this period is quite a busy one for a lot of staff, so I’ll wait until Wednesday before visiting the offices in person. In the meantime, I’ve been asking around postgraduates who are doing coursework and research – they’ve taken to the idea which is great!

4. Student reps on Southbank Committees

While I’ve gotten in touch with someone concerning this, I’m yet to receive confirmation of which boards are still running. Kudos to the previous ed ac OBs, it’s now uni policy that every course should have its own course standing committee. This does, however mean there are now about five committees without student reps that either are formed, being formed or idk. I’ve sent a follow up email to my contact concerning this.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Biomed Course Standing Committee

We found a suitable rep for biomed csc

Meeting with the Heads of Music

We met with the heads of music Tuesday week 2. Refer to key activities.

Southbank Committees

Still waiting to hear from the secretary of 2018 VCA boards.

24Hr Study Spaces

Still to meet with Karen.

Proposals

Meetings have been organised with relevant stake holders (e.g. heads of schools, staff in management, NTEU, UMSUI) prior to the submission of proposals.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Green Investment

Arrange meetings with relevant staff to review university investment policy and lobby for them to make deliberate steps into investing in ways that promote a renewable, sustainable, green future.

24Hr Study Spaces

Yet to find a time Karen is available to meet. Hopefully by next council a trial will have been negotiated.

Meet with the Dean of MSD

Arrange a meeting with Professor Julie Willis to discuss our plan to push the School/University to completely cover the cost of programs that are critical to studying in this school.

Letter from MCM on student support services

Solicit a letter from Professor McPherson to be tabled for the relevant University Management Boards and Committees.

Other letters of support and meetings for better student services

Arrange meetings with other heads of faculties and schools on the issue of lack of student support and pastoral care in Stop1.

TALQAC Working Group on student mental health, assessments, student support

Build a case, collate material for submission to the Committee which shall inform the establishment of the working group and the terms of reference for this working group. Collect student stories. Build relationships with clubs and departments to coordinate this. This is a whole of union issue. Unimelb Love Letters has agreed to put a callout too bless.

TALQAC Questions on student employability and the Melbourne Model

Pen questions to table for next TALQAC meeting.

Stop1, FlexAp, Student Services

Arrange to meet with Professor Kennedy and/or Professor Neil Robinson.

Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig

Submitted late, incomplete.

Environment Will Ross

Key Activities

Enviro Collective

Collective is still going strong. Our second meeting saw a turnout of about 20 people (hooray for the second week slump) and lots of passionate folk chalking, poster, and painting for the upcoming strike. We hope that meetings will continue to have high attendance as we turn to focus on Rad Ed Week at our next collective, and look to the upcoming Sustainable Investment Framework report for long-awaited results (expected around May 2019).

A note on funding for the Enviro Collective: it’s cheap for a reason. Enviro Collective is a place for passionate people who want to make a change in our local (and global) environment. These people are there to give their energies to a larger project - whatever that may be. Often small snacks are there to keep those people going; but they are not the drawcard, nor the central part. This is notably different to autonomous collectives, whose mission is substantially different to ours (and arguably more important). They provide a place for people to feel respected and safe in their identity, and a sense of solidarity and nurture. Rich and nourishing food is an important part of this. As far as Enviro can tell, that tends to be more expensive than a few snacks.

School Strike 4 Climate

As this report is being written, SS4C will be taking place tomorrow. To date, the UniMelb Spreading the Climate Strike group has poster, spoken at several key lectures, and produced some rad banners to be flown on the day. For many new members of our collective, this is their first time preparing for and taking part in organising a broad-based walk off. We’re super excited for the strike and you should be too!

Watch this space for a full report after the strike is over.

Play With Your Food

Back for another year! PWYF will be taking place every third week (weeks 4, 6, 8, and 11) in Semester 1 and will feature such themes as camp cooking, activist burnout, backyard gardening - and of course, delicious meals. Our first event will take place in the evening on Wednesday 27th March. See you there!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Confirm speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment

Still waiting on confirmation from faculty staff about speakers on the night. Enviro is currently contacting a number of students & community members at UniMelb to see if they are interested in speaking.

Action Point 2: Schedule for the upcoming Rad Ed Week to be drafted & promotional material ready

This has been pushed back to next week, because of the climate strike.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Confirm Student & Faculty Speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment

Speakers list to be confirmed before the next Students’ council.

Action Point 2: Schedule for the upcoming Rad Ed Week to be drafted & promotional material ready

By the date of next Students’ council.

Budget Expenditure

\$120 spent on banner-painting materials for the upcoming Climate Strike.

**Indigenous
Marley Holloway-Clarke & Jordan Holloway-Clarke**

No report submitted.

Media Stephanie Zhang, Katie Doherty, Carolyn Huane, Ruby Perryman

Key Activities

Edition two

Edition two is nearly done! See ‘Progress on assigned actions’ for more!

Fodder training

Our station manager Ed has trained a bunch of new hosts and organised the schedule for their shows for the semester. There’s a bunch of new and exciting shows hitting the air, be sure to give them a listen!

Distro

We have so so many copies of edition one, and are excited to get them into the hands of readers. To this end, we’ve dragged a lot of them all around the campus, though definitely need to do another round soon. We’ll also be sending a bunch down to Southbank as soon as we can figure out the logistics - the boxes are very heavy, and even the four of us on the tram could probably only get about 100 copies down there.

PoC in Media Collective

This happened! The first collective was really well attended and it was really lovely to see the community begin to form. I (Steph) am hoping it can become a place where PoC can feel comfortable to share their experiences in the media department and also begin to get more involved, and also to hear any feedback they might have about the magazine / website / radio / videos and see where I can use my position as editor to push for greater representation in the department.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Edition two

Edition two is well on the way! We should be sending to print next week, and launching on the 28th of March. Make sure you come along to the launch party! It should be just as fun and far less sweaty than the first one.

Edition three

Submissions have closed for edition three, and at time of writing we’ll be selecting pieces for publication tomorrow. There’s lots to choose from, it should be a great mag!

Hold events

Wordplay is on the 18th of March (after this council! Come along! Recover over a bev and some pizza! Say something in front of an audience who won’t debate your ideas for hours and hours!) Edition two launch will be on the 28th of March, and we will continue to run all of these regularly.

PoC in media collective will continue to be held fortnightly, and hopefully will be a really lovely experience for everyone involved. Thanks to the PoC department too for helping us facilitate (and buy food)!!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Get edition two to print

Action Point 2: Work on edition 3

Action Point 3: Open submissions for edition 4

Action point 4: Hold events

**People of Colour
Farah Khairat & Mark Yin**

Key Activities

Diversity Week...

...kicks off today (18/Mar). We've been doing behind-the-scenes finalisation this fortnight including consolidating design themes, updating web pages, and promoting events through our social media. There's a really wide variety of events this year, social and academic, autonomous and non-autonomous, so we're really looking forward to making them all happen.

PASS training

We've contacted collective members who may be interested in sitting on the panel and are coordinating what is shaping up to be an engaging and productive session.

Incident reporting form

This was in the design stages last council and has since gone live.

Media x PoC collective

We've been working with Media to start a new fortnightly collective in order to increase visibility and community of people of colour in the media department. We held it for the first time on Mar/14 and we're excited to see it take off. We're also happy that it helps us share the platform with others who are passionate about diversity in media more broadly.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Anti-Racism workshops

We've logged a Basecamp for this and are working on having some generic graphics to open applications soon. We also want to reach out to unsuccessful applicants from our SummerFest 101 workshop to see if they'd be interested in starting the workshops off.

Start thinking about *Myriad* callouts

We started and then we stopped - it could be a little early.

Continue collaborations with the Faculty of Arts

Diversity Week and PASS training as above.

Continue collaborations with UMSU Intl

Second meeting hasn't happened yet but we have set up a Basecamp where this job will be revised and collaborated on.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Anti-Racism Workshops

We're aiming to open applications and maybe have our first few presenters secured in the next fortnight.

Make Diversity Week happen

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Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2(19)	24/01/2019	Week 2 collective catering	\$7,200	Collectives	Spent \$217.6 this week
2(19)	24/01/2019	Week 1 Reading group	\$960	Special Events	Spent \$78
2(19)	24/01/2019	Anti-Racism 101 presenter	\$300	Special Events	
3(19)	18/02/2019	Casual	\$41.31	Special Events	S/o to the casual who staffed the popcorn machine at <i>Crazy Rich Asians</i>
3(19)	18/02/2019	QPOC catering	\$1,200	Collectives	Spent \$68.20 this week
4(19)	13/03/2019	Media POC catering	\$360	Collectives	Spent \$27.47 so far
4(19)	13/03/2019	Bar tab	\$200	Special Events	<i>Crazy Rich Asians</i>
4(19)	13/03/2019	Screening rights	\$132	Special Events	<i>Black Panther</i>

Queer
Andie Moore & Will Parker

Key Activities

Resignations

At the last student’s council meeting, Will Parker handed in their resignation as Queer Officer. I will consequently be resigning to force the office bearer position to a by-election. In the meantime, I am interim office-bearer for the Queer Department, and next Friday, there will be a special Queer Committee meeting, where the committee appoints (a) temporary office-bearer(s). I intend to put name forward for the new role, alongside a well-experienced member of the Queer Collective, who I anticipate will do a great job assisting me in leading the Queer Department.

Collectives

Collective attendance is currently at good levels. Queer People of Colour Collective and Ace-Aro Collective have both maintained high numbers of participants, which is a really good sign that autonomous groups within the LGBTQIA+ community feel really welcome in the Queer Department, and are excited to revisit collective events. Trans Collective is maintaining a slightly smaller attendance, but the collective is still quite intimate and providing a really good space for trans and gender diverse students in the department.

Queer Political Action Collective hosted a forum with We Are Union! Pride last week, which was a fantastic event. Facilitators from Trades Hall collected some really important information about queer people’s experiences in the workplace, and provided an important space for students to vent and discuss issues they’ve faced regarding stereotyping, sexualisation and objectification, and how collectively queer people can address these issues with the help of Trade Unions. QPAC hopes to work further with Trades Hall to run an event on transitioning in the workplace around IDAHOBIT, and its next event will be in conjunction with Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Southbank Collective was a blast last week, with the Department gaining lots of recognition down at Southbank, and being able to introduce students to each other, and plant the seeds for a formalised queer community far south of Grattan. People like free bagels! We have our next collective next week.

Pride in Action Network Committee

At the moment, the Pride in Action Network Committee is preparing for IDAHOBIT, one of the largest events of the year of visibility for LGBTQIA+ issues. We are currently in talks about what we might collectively organise in terms of performances, art and marketing to bring attention to the day, what resources the Student Union might be able to provide, and what role the Department might be able to play. We are also discussing how Pride in Action might be able to play an advocacy role as an organisation promoting active allyship, particularly with respect to recent campaigns to end surgical operations on intersex children.

RISE Protest Action

Last week, I helped organised a protest action in line with RISE’s (Refugees, Survivors and Ex-Detainees) national student walk-out to #EndDetention. About 20 Queer Collective

members attended the demonstration for two minutes of silence for those who have lost their lives, or suffered torture in Australia-run detention centres. This was a really solid attendance, given the last-minuteness of the demonstration’s announcement, in the context of the government’s shameful announcement they are reopening the Christmas Island detention centres.

College Collaboration

I’m currently organising a meeting with members of the Intercollegiate Queer Committee to find out how colleges and the Queer Department can collaborate, to ensure queer collegians can get the best access to Queer Department events, and learn how the Student Union can best equip college student clubs and representative bodies to cater for their LGBTQIA+ communities.

The Newsletter

We’ve started doing a weekly newsletter through Mailchimp which is reaching lots of student outreach.

Queer Gals Movie Night

In one HECK of a time, the Queer Department is working with the Women’s Department on a “Queer Gals Movie Night” every three weeks! NICE. Week 3, 6 and 9 will be our movie nights this sem, and it’ll be a hit. Happening in the Rowdy from 4:30pm those weeks on a Thursday. Women’s have put together a form for film recommendations which we will share on our socials and in our newsletter. Gonna be good!

G&Ts with the LGBTs

First one is happening this Thursday at 5pm in the Ida. Unfortunately the Ida has had some delivery issues, so we’re having to get catering from elsewhere for this week. Gonna be so good. Be there! (if you’re queer [or questioning])

LeFag

I went out to a gay nightclub last weekend and had a well-deserved break. I don’t remember much of it, but I’m sure that’s a good sign.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Run Summerfest

Sure did. So good. So much engagement. Yeah boiiii.

Get Going on the Banner

So that hasn’t started yet – I still need to do that. I’ve made a memo to talk to the Rowdy about this. If it’s too busy in the Queer Space to put the new banner up, we can probably get it set up during the break.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Put out CAMP Expression of Interest Form

By then, I should receive formal advice on honorarium for volunteers.

Pay Zine contributors

I have the list of folks to pay – just have to send out the gift cards.

Run an awesome G&Ts with the LGBTs and Queer Gals Movie Night
Cannot. Wait.

<p style="text-align: center;">Welfare Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino</p>

Key Activities

Volunteering

All our volunteers have been trained and inducted. We are still getting new signups everyday which means EMAAAAAAAAAAAAAAILS!!

Regular Events

Our regular events are seeing crazy high attendance. Yoga was so popular that we had to turn away some people even though we joined both Training Rooms. Breakfast is doing really well too with every day being busy. Meditation happens on Thursday evenings, so nothing on that yet.

Dogs at the Rowdy

We held our first event with the Rowdy and it was a success. The event signup link went up on Friday and by 9am Monday morning, it was all booked out.

University Service Essentials (USE)

USE, our event with UMSU International, was held on the morning of the 14th of March. Attendance was a bit low, but feedback was positive. Our speakers liked the concept behind the event and loved the whole setup.

Low SES Collective

Our artwork is in and they’ll be up in Union House closer to Monday.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Safer Partying initiative

We are in talks with the pill testing kit supplier and the order will go through once the payment is cleared by Finances. Comms job for Risk Assessment has been submitted.

Volunteering

Our volunteers have been added to our Facebook group and have been allocated a Supervisor.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Safer Partying initiative

Assembling the kits and holding our first session should happen very soon.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
4	28/02/2019	University Services Essentials	\$300	Special Projects	Spent \$221.40 + ~\$50 on drinks (INTL didn’t reply in time)
4	28/02/2019	Breakfast Bar Food	\$8250.00	Regular Events	Spent \$669.17

Women's Aria Sunga & Hannah Buchan

Key Activities

Moonlight Cinema (non-autonomous)

We had our Women's Moonlight Cinema screening and it was lit. We watched Ocean's 8 on North Court and gave out free pizza and popcorn. We were supposed to also have fairy floss but unfortunately the machine was broken and couldn't be used. The event was extremely successful, and we had a lot of volunteers helping us out on the day - thanks to our committee for their wonderful help! We were able to go around and talk to groups of people about the Women's department and flyer them for International Women's Day.

International Women's Day Festivities

Banner Painting: (non-autonomous)

More people than expected turned up for banner painting, as we didn't advertise it as heavily, and we painted a bunch of awesome signs and banners. It was a really fun time and lots of new people engaged with the department and became friends with each other.

IWD Picnic: Why does IWD exist? (non-autonomous)

This event was held in collaboration with UMSU Intl. and Women in Commerce in Politics, an UMSU affiliated club. We were intending to have speakers for the day, one provided by UMSU Intl, and the other provided by WCP, and we as Women's Officers would also speak, but unfortunately one speaker cancelled last minute, and the other speaker misunderstood the dates and was in Sydney on the 8th of March and therefore could not attend. That being said, the event was still wildly successful, as many students came, asked why we had free cupcakes and free pizza, and we were able to talk to them about the Women's Department and the importance of International Women's Day. This was the first event we hosted in collaboration with another department, and we are excited to do more in the future, but think that we will need more active communication with other departments to be more successful.

IWD Rally

We were able to lead a huge contingent up to the State Library for the Rally, and it was so good. We had two huge banners and lots of little signs for people to carry.

Queer Gals Movie Nights

This is happening!! A collaboration with the Queer Department - we are bringing back this event from 2-3 years ago and we've had some good reception so far - we are getting students to send in their requests for films (we will make sure that each film is appropriate before screening them!). These movie nights are to happen on the Thursday of weeks 3, 7 and 11, from 4:30-7pm in the Rowdy, with non-crummy snacks provided.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Southbank Collective

We went to the Southbank campus on Thursday March 14th for our first ever Women's collective. Unfortunately, Facebook was down on the day of our collective and we couldn't post promos on our social media, the Women's department got zucc'd! The collective went

well and we had some cute chats over a sushi platter. The collective wasn’t as well attended as the Parkville collectives, but we think that this will improve with further advertising and more student awareness of the new UMSU space in the Hub building.

Respect Task Force Meetings

The first meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for the 27th of March, so nothing to report there as of yet.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Respect Task Force Meetings

Looking forward to it.

Queer Gals Movie Night (the debut)

Very excited! We love movies!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	31/1/19	Pizza	\$5000	Summer and Winter Orientation	Spent \$600
3	28/2/19	Cupcakes	\$1000	Special projects, Grants and Events	Spent \$207, bought 90 cupcakes
3	28/2/19	Coles	\$1000	Special projects, Grants and Events	Spent \$19
2	31/1/19	Sushi for southbank collective	\$4,800	Collectives	\$50

Burnley
James Barclay

No report submitted

**Southbank
Hilary Ekins**

Key Activities

1. Orientation

On Monday 18th February, the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music held their main Orientation day. In between talks and information sessions, a lunch and some festivities were put on for students and staff on the central lawns of Southbank Campus. The Academic Support Office put on a range of activities such as Bike n Blend smoothies and a silent disco, whilst UMSU Southbank prepared a BBQ lunch. The lunch was a great challenge for volunteers with the department, serving about 500-600 hungry first years. The crew were able to rise to the challenge and provide steady service.

Southbank Carnival Day was then held on Tuesday 19th February. With the collaboration of all student Departments and several staff departments, the Carnival was a great success. There was a regular flow through both the Club and Department stalls, and great student engagement. Once again a BBQ lunch was served and a number of outdoor games provided an awesome relaxed distraction for students enjoying the sun. The most popular event perhaps was a performance by drag queen Scarlett So Hung-Son. More drag to come.

It is worth noting that these activations took place a week before Summerfest in Parkville, and during the first week of classes for many students with the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music.

2. Wednesday BBQs

Started this week! Week 1 fell through which was a shame but we’re up and running and people powered. We anticipate things to be smooth running from now to the end of the year. The BBQs are much loved by students (and staff), attendance was higher than anticipated given very little publicity, but we were able to get everyone fed in the end.

3. Collectives

The first Southbank Queer Collective took place in Week 1. Queers and bagels made for an awesome event. Gaybels? Gaygels? Let me know. Attendance was awesome, about 20 people came through. The UMSU space was not open at the time so storing leftovers was a pain. Can’t wait for the next one.

The first Women’s collective will have taken place by council. More on that soon!

4. Community building initiatives

By the time of council, the Art as Social Practice Collective (ASPC) had it’s first “Make Art, Feel Good” workshop. ASPC is a student run and lead initiative endorsed by UMSU Southbank. I can’t wait to report further on this next time!

There is also a push for a Community Garden on campus, which is being led by students largely through ASPC, and supported by campus staff and the Academic Support Office (ASO). After several floating emails, a proposal has been drafted by the university and circulated to said students and staff. On Wednesday 13th March I met with James Barclay, Burnley Campus Coordinator and discussed aspects of the proposal and how we can take the project to the next stage.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Carnival Day: Happened

Action Points to be completed by next report

Report on Drag Show planning

Deck out our awesome new space.