



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

11:00AM, Tuesday, the 29th of January 2019

Meeting 3(19)

Location: Training Room 1 & 2, Third Floor, Union House

Student Office Bearer Reports	
President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
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Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	<i>Vacant</i>
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Not submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Submitted

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Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Molly Willmott**

Key Activities

Welcome to my second report as President, OB Report 2: Christmas Break Boogaloo. I don’t have a huge amount to report back on, I’ve mostly been doing general admin and email work since getting back. Chancellery is still on break, so it’s been easy breezy. I have been out of the office a lot due to caring responsibilities (see appendix 1) and moving to a new house. But enough of this report being a personal diary, here’s what you elected me to do;

French Review

UMSU has put in a submission to the French review into on campus free speech. I focused the submission on the fact that there needs to be protections of freedom of speech and association on campus for this union to properly undertake its purposes. Any further tinkering into free speech on campus and penalties for perceived breaches, beyond statute and policy that already exists, would limit our ability to run campaigns and protest groups and policies that leave students vulnerable.

An interesting thing that I may note for future council is that we will be working on a Free Speech Charter to be integrated into our Stance Booklet. The aim of this is to give this union a position on free speech on campus and this unions ability to protest and campaign against groups on and off campus. This will be worked on with autonomous departments to make sure it is as accessible and inclusive as possible.

January 26th

Wrote a statement calling to abolish Australia day. I worked in collaboration with various Indigenous activists and used the messaging of the Warriors of the Aboriginal Resistance to write it. It is important that this statement is always done with the inclusion of Indigenous Australians and is representative of the demands of Indigenous activists – and in collaboration with Indigenous officers, which we did not have at the time of writing (but hopefully we will by the time of this council).

SSAF

Since our last council, there has been an announcement of a private members bill targeting SSAF funding. I have talked to the office bearers about how we can strategise this to promote the SSAF payment to student. I have also asked them all to be increasingly aware that the money they are spending is student money – which isn’t really an issue but good to remind reps. We’re looking into doing a SSAF campaign as well with Comms. This is also a good place to start a federal election campaign.

Ed Pub is On-Track!

As detailed in the Education Public report, we have sent a letter to the Minister of Transport regarding the extension of the Free Tram Zone to Parkville. I am hoping to get a meeting with the minister as soon as possible. We are also now a provider of low-income concessions for PTV which gives people free PT if they are in significant financial need. When that is all sussed out, we’ll report back to council.

Lots n lots of Hiring

UMSU is hiring a bunch of new staff and I'm helping with selection panels for them

Crossing Grattan

We have secured a spot at MLS Orientation for their o-week. We're reaching out to other groups to present or have a stall across all our different faculties

President Summit

President's summit will be the 4th – 6th of February at Deakin Burwood. Reece and I's tickets were bought through OpSub. Will report back at the next council.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Meet Stakeholders from across the uni

ONGOING – People are staggering back on campus, need to happen over the next month

2. NUS National Conference

DONE – What a time! I was a delegate for unimelb and spoke on a range of policy from Womens, to education, to environment. I am proud of many of the policies passed at NUS Natcon, especially ones surrounding safety on campus and federal election campaigns. Of course, it wasn't always the best of times, and its important to note that the behaviour of some conference attendees was problematic and unproductive. It unfortunate that some incredibly important policy and great actions of the union are overshadowed by this

3. Celebrate Christmas - see appendix 1

4. Governance review – see agenda

5.

Progress on assigned actions from students' council

1. Affiliating to other student organisations – UATSIS and AQSN

UATSIS

I have been in correspondence with Braedyn, President of UATSIS. I have investigated their governance structure, and we are proceeding with more detailed talks about affiliation once we have elected Indigenous Office Bearers.

AQSN

UMSU affiliation will be discussed at the AQSN January meeting. However, in looking into the organisation, there have been some issues I have noticed that means I have hesitant for us to pursue affiliation. Namely, governance. The minutes and annual budget of AQSN are on editable google documents meaning that anyone can change what is written. This is not the first time I have heard about this, with UMSU attendees of AQSN QC finding that their standing orders for conference were also editable by attendees. This is something that I believe the organisation is fixing though. Still think we should progress with affiliating.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continue Summerfest preparation

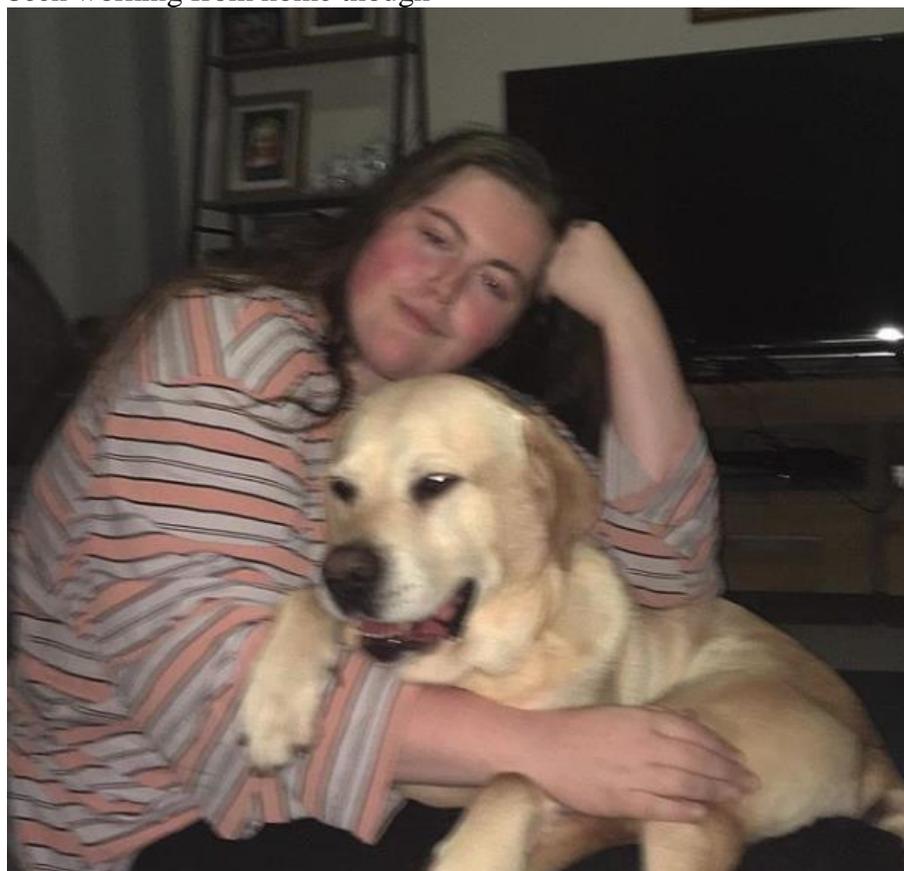
2. Discuss the new SSDP campaign with campaign with SSDP

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	OPSUB – 17/1/2019	President Summit	\$550	WOU	Paid

Appendix 1: Woof and I

My mum went to Vietnam and she needed someone to make sure the dog didn’t die, I’ve been working from home though



**General Secretary
Reece Moir**

Key Activities

EMPLOYMENT

I shortlisted and sat in on interviews for the Coordinator, Design position in Comms, Marketing and Events (note: this was a task delegated to me by the President). Hopefully there will be someone in the role soon! There was a great calibre of candidates that applied.

UMSU STANCE BOOK

Hi, yes, the stance book has not been updated since late 2017. I’ve been going through it and reformatting; I wrote an introduction to the document; and have slowly started adding the stances taken by Students’ Council last year! When it is completed, I will send it through to Council to read.

STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

Scheduling this meeting happened. It really did. There were no issues with its scheduling.

UMSU INDIGENOUS

As we are aware, the Indigenous Office Bearers had resigned before their term begun, and notice was received on 04/12/19. On the 25/01 the Department will meet in Murrup Barak to fill the casual vacancy. Notice was given over two weeks prior through multiple channels (thank you Comms and Media). At the time of writing, one nomination was received – meaning no need for a secret ballot!

MINUTES

It’s been hectic. So many departments are having meetings, so many minutes – I love it. I’d like to remind Office Bearers that they have three days to get their minutes to me for uploading to the website. I am also sorry to those that have been needing notice and minutes uploaded to the website, as I have been unavailable at an intermittent basis due to outside of UMSU issues.

OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

As per my constitutional requirement, I’m supposed to report on any meeting of the Sub-committee. 15 minutes after Council 2(19), Operations 1(19) was held to pass expenditure for the Women’s Department. On 21/01/19, three Operations Sub-committee meetings were held: the first (2(19)) was inquorate, the second (3(19)) was held to pass expenditure for two departments and registration for the President to attend NUS Presidents’ Summit, the third (4(19)) was held to pass registration for myself to attend NUS Presidents’ Summit.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. *Organise a meeting schedule for January to discuss the governance review recommendations.*

Um yes, this is the main subject of the upcoming Students’ Council! Love that for us!

2. *Read and review the governance review recommendations*

Did this, loved it – can’t wait to talk about it.

3. *Eat and drink for Christmas and New Years*

I ate too much.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continue updating the UMSU Stance Book, attempt to complete before Semester 1
2. Contact councillors for availability in February
3. Contact councillors for Semester 1 availability, create schedule to be approved

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Operations Sub-committee 4(19)	21/01/2019	NUS Presidents’ Summit	\$550.00	Whole of Union	Registration deadline was 25/01/19. Summit is from the 4 th to the 6 th of February.

Activities
Olivia Panjkov & Liam O’Brien

Key Activities**Key Activity 1**

We have engaged heavily with comms in order to curate the Tuesday bands and bevs lineup

Key Activity 2

We have been organising Sleepover, by engaging with other departments we have almost completed organising a full run sheet that would appeal to all students

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A, no report submitted last council

Action Points to be completed by next report**Action Point 1**

Have Sleepover fully finalised and be heavily involved in the organisation of Start of Uni Party and St. Patricks Day

Action Point 2

Have the Tuesday bands and bevs lineup finalised and have the gig guide sent off to print

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	1/12/2016	Uni Race entry	\$1000.00	Uni Race	Awaiting finalisation of date of event
2	1/01/2017	UMSU T-Shirts	\$1000.00	Special Projects	65 shirts to be ordered.

Clubs & Societies

Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

Key Activities from Chrissy Boi

Emails

Most of our job is dealing with many emails a day and the various correspondence they develop into. Not exciting, but a main part of the job.

Clubs Guide Development

Clubs guide occupied most of my time. You might expect that all text from previous guides is stored in one place or document, but in fact every year only changes are written into a new spreadsheet and collated with previous ones. However, a change in the template used by comms meant I was unable to continue this pattern, and instead of sending out a form which auto-populated the data for clubs’ entries, every club sent varying information through.

This meant going through 200+ emails and varying correspondence, and when clubs didn’t send information, hand typing entries from last year’s edition. This was about 2 weeks solid work. I will be writing an extensive handover on how OBs can approach this in future years.

Membership App Development

We are in the process of developing a digital attendance recorder for events that hooks in to the back end of clubs online. This was waiting for bug testing and design notes, which I did 2 rounds of and am now waiting to talk with Fiona about the final form it should take. This involved drawing mock-ups and testing inputs etc. Fun tech-y stuff.

Website and Branding updates

Changing the images away from pictures of Nellie and Simkiss, updating text and making all the dates not read 2018 was a good afternoon’s work. Still waiting on Summerfest promotional material to upload and make it more fun and friendly.

Key Activities from Jordan Gurl

Lockers

Woof this is a long process. Notice for 2019 locker applications were sent out on the 11/1, locker applications were opened on the 21/1 and will close on the 24/1 in accordance with regulations. As of this point we have received 123 responses, 70 of those are for large lockers of which we have 14. So good times ahead in sorting through and assigning all of them

Welfare training

Scheduling with Safer Communities is struggle town but I have locked in and sent out notice and confirmations for the training on the 30th of January. Just need to send out a reminders, get snippy at people when they don’t show up and answer the BILLION questions they have.

Then we’ll need to repeat the whole process again for the February trainings. So far we’re at the application stage which I have already had to resend because I’m stupid. Slowly discovering the most terrifying part of this job is sending out all club emails with typos and being MOCKED MERCILLESY. Good times

Clearing emails

OK THIS DOESN’T SOUND EXCITING BUT IT WAS AND IT TOOK ME LITERAL HOURS. There are only eleven emails left in our inbox. ELEVEN

Sleepover

Have started collecting expressions of interest for Union House Sleepover. So far we have 8 responses and it closes on Friday but they’re all quite strong applications mostly from clubs who did it last year (which makes me happy because it means they didn’t have as horrible a time as we thought). Ooh as I was typing this we got another response because I sent out a reminder email so now we’re on 9. Yay

Missing Fiona

This is taking up a lot of our time honestly

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	19/12/18	Display Boards	\$4000.00	Orientation	Pending
1	19/12/18	Performances	\$2750.00	Orientation	Pending
1	19/12/18	Marquees	\$1000.00	Orientation	Pending
1	19/12/18	Merchandise	\$6000.00	Special Projects	25x Shirts for volunteers, 4166x Card Holders. Total Spent: \$6052.88, passing more next meeting.

Creative Arts Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz
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Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Continued preparation for Summerfest events.

- Ongoing preparation for our stall on Carnival Day (both Parkville and VCA)
- Ongoing preparation for our Botanical Drawing Workshop facilitated by Andrew Seyward held at the Burnley Campus, a Creative Arts and Burnley interdepartmental collaboration. Date has been confirmed as Friday 1st of March, time TBC.
- Confirming details and planning our contributions to the UMSU Sleepover including our collaboration with the Enviro Department on an Environmental Disaster Maze and the Creative Arts run chill/craft space.
- Working with Union House Theatre our collaborative event, the Arty Party and finalising details. Date has been confirmed as Thursday the 7th of March.

Key Activity 2

Preparations for Mudfest, the Creative Arts departments biennial festival including, room bookings, confirming the location of the Festival Hub, planning the dates (August 21st – August 27th), length and scope of the festival and work toward the hiring of the production team.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A actions were not assigned as Creative Arts did not submit a report at the last meeting

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Meet with UHT staff to confirm the details, aim and vision of the Arty Party. Meeting scheduled 29/01/19

Confirm details of Summerfest events including Parkville and VCA Carnival Days and continued engagement with the Environments and Burnley departments.

Action Point 2

Progress on Mudfest Production Team position descriptions and callouts.

Action Point 3

Hold first formal Creative Arts Committee Meeting Thursday 31/1/19 12PM

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
10	20/11/2017	Camera	\$2000.00	[3850] Special Project Weeks	Approved by the 2018 Creative Arts Committee Camera has been ordered

<p>Disabilities Lucy Birch & Jocelyn Deane</p>
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Key Activities**Key Activity 1**

We have been working on summerfest and all of our semester 1 events. For carnival day VCA we are planning to do a disability pop gallery, with featured artworks and speeches from some of Melbourne’s best disabled artists. Carnival day Parkville will either be a puppy petting zoo or non allergenic shaved ice (both free). We are also in the process of flyer design, advertising that will hopefully last all of semester 1. Our planned semester 1 events are disability, anxiety and mental wellness collectives, art therapy, mindfulness classes, bear and boardgames nights, screenings nights, gaming events (mario kart). We also planning to run an introduction to special consideration event during week 1 and 5 other information nights throughout semester.

Key Activity 2

We are also furnishing the disability space with a projector, carpets, and couches among some of the main features. We have passed to motion through our committee to make autonomy in the space flexible for careers as well as those chaperoning people with social anxiety

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report**Action Point 1**

To have all our Summerfest events fully organised and ready to go, aswell as all of our regular during semester events

Action Point 2

To Introduce full flexible autonomy and put up the new guidelines in the disability space

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	06/12/18	Projector	\$900.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Art supplies	\$1,000.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Water Cooler	\$250.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Coffee Machine	\$250.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Shaved Ice machine	\$250.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	speakers	\$300.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Picture Frames	\$400.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Rug	\$600.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Boardgames	\$300.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Dimmers	\$1,000.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	White noise machine	\$150.00	Assets	2018 Budget
1	06/12/18	Yoga matts	\$350.00	Assets	2018 Budget
2	18/12/18	Flyers	\$1,500.00	Promotions	2019 Budget
2	18/12/18	Dog hire	\$1,000.00	Special Events	2019 Budget
2	18/12/18	Fencing	\$500.00	Special Events	2019 Budget
2	18/12/18	Casual employment	\$600.00	Special Events	2019 Budget
2	18/12/18	Shelving	\$500.00	Assets	2019 Budget

2	18/12/18	Wall decoration	\$300.00	Assets	2019 Budget
2	18/12/18	Rugs	\$2,000.00	Assets	2019 Budget

<p>Education (Academic Affairs) Elizabeth Tembo</p>
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Key Activities

Key Activity 1

I’ve met with Alice, my predecessor, to discuss and confirm appointments of student reps to various boards and committees from the SRN. The successful applicants will soon be informed of their appointments.

I met with Alanna from Advocacy on Thursday 17th to discuss SRN and finalising a time for governance training. We’re aiming to give notice by Wednesday 23rd Jan.

Key Activity 2

The Education Guide has been a labour of...love? I submitted a job to Comms but will continue working on the product. I have reached out to Advocacy and Legal, who have promptly responded and I wait expectantly to hear from CAPS and Academic Skills cos who doesn’t enjoy some student engagement?!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

n/a

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Inform committee secretaries of the appointment of a new student representative for 2019.

Action Point 2

Inform SRN members of their appointments and confirm the time of SRN governance training.

Action Point 3

Finalise furniture and stationary in Ed Office

Action Point 4

Confirm and finalise plans for Summerfest and Sleep Over

Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig

“Man, it’s a hot one...” – [Smooth - Santana ft. Rob Thomas of Matchbox Twenty](#)

Key Activities

On Track

Key Activity 1

The Education Department won its first major victory of 2019 by getting UMSU recognised as a Community Service Organisation with the power to purchase and distribute Travel Passes from Public Transport Victoria.

This means **students experiencing severe financial strain may be eligible to use public transport for free for 1, 7, or 30 days**. This will allow students to travel to and from university, and attend urgent Centrelink, housing, or medical appointments, when they:

- have been cut off Centrelink
- work casually and have not received enough shifts to cover expenses
- need to meet unexpected out-of-pocket emergency expenses

Vanessa, UMSU’s Financial Counsellor, and Phoebe, from UMSU Legal, believe there are enough students at our university experiencing severe financial strain to make this program effective at keeping students enrolled:

- Attendance hurdle requirements mean non-attendance due to transport costs can ultimately lead to termination of students’ enrolment
- Punitive \$242 fines are especially harsh for students experiencing disadvantage
- [Only 49% of Australian undergraduate students](#) have no problem meeting the costs of travelling to and from university

We believe this initiative will contribute to keeping at-risk students enrolled.

UMSU Education will be conducting a pilot program to demonstrate the viability of providing Travel Passes, in conjunction with Vanessa’s office. We want to thank Vanessa, Phoebe, and Justin for their help so far.

This is not the end of UMSU Education’s campaign for accessible public transport for students, but a recognition that there are students at our university at immediate risk of dropping out due to financial strain, and a demonstration of how our union’s resources are best used in fighting to remove barriers to education for students experiencing disadvantage.

On Track (continued)

Key Activity 2

A concerted campaign by the Education Officers has **secured broad community support for the proposal to extend the Free Tram Zone**. Stakeholders as diverse as the Royal Children’s Hospital, University High School, and Lord Mayor Sally Capp all endorsed the

Education Department’s push to increase the accessibility of our precinct, and the education and health services provided here.

The most important stakeholder that the Education Department has got on board is the **University of Melbourne, who for the first time (to our knowledge) are openly supporting the proposal.** Taken with the 1,100 students who signed the “Extend the Free Tram Zone Petition” in late 2018, this demonstrates strong support in the University community for our proposal.

On 23 January, we sent our proposal to Melissa Horne, the Minister for Public Transport. Whatever the outcome, it is a testament to the collective strength of the student body that we have been able to mount such a powerful demand.

However, the fight for accessible public transport for all students continues. We intend to hold meetings, lectures, and public actions to this end through the On Track Working Group.

Take Back Our Coop

Key Activity 3

We had **meetings with the Book Co-op to discuss potential collaborations** with Ed Pub for the purposes of our campaign.

Key Activity 4

We had **two Skype meetings with the national Take Back Our Coop activist group**, coordinating the national-level campaigning.

Syndicate

Key Activity 5

We held **meetings with the Victorian and UniMelb branches of Hospo Voice**, the trade union representing hospitality workers which you may have seen tearing up the streets and terrorising wage thieving bosses during Halloween 2018.

Surge

Key Activity 6

We **logged jobs with UMSU Comms about our activist camp, Surge**, which promises to be *electrifying*. While it may be a *shock* to the system, we hope to train a new generation of activists to be in *charge* and build *power*. This will *transform* our uni, leaving it better off than its *current* state. We hope to generate quite a *high-energy* vibe, keeping everybody *wired* – so we’ll continue to *plug* this event! Don’t miss it – tickets will sell out in a *flash*.

HowtoEat4Free

Key Activity 7

We **launched the *howtoeat4free* Instagram account, building its following by 400.** You could call this “clout”. As well as increasing engagement across all UMSU departments, this initiative will be great for helping ease cost of living pressures on students. Remember that 1 in 7 Australian undergraduate students frequently go without essentials such as food due to insufficient funds.

Other

Key Activity 8

We have designed an **easy-to-use web form for students to express interest in volunteering with Ed Pub**. Hopefully this will be a good way of getting more folks involved with the department. Thanks to Joe from Comms for helping us with this.

Key Activity 9

Charli played and finished *Spyro Reignited*. Cam was brutally sunburned. Ed Pub lives on.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Successfully got Australian Association of Medical Research Institutes (AAMRI) members signed on. No luck with RMIT, but it’s too late now.

Last Action Point 2

Lord Mayor co-signed our proposal.

Last Action Point 3

Letter has gone off to Minister requesting meeting re: FTZ.

Last Action Point 4

UMSU has a table booked in for Law School Orientation Week in early February.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Write pamphlet/position paper on lecture recordings.

Action Point 2

Consolidate all mailing lists from FTZ petition, law lecture recordings petitions, and old Ed department list.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	19/12/2018	O Week Comms	\$1000	Special Projects	None spent
2	21/1/19	Shirt Design Fee	\$1000	Special Projects	\$850 spent
2	21/1/19	Travel Passes	\$1000	Special Projects	None spent
2	21/1/19	Ed Dept Guide	\$2000	Printing	None spent
2	21/1/19	Natcon Grants	\$400	Grants	N/A

Environment Will Ross

Key Activities

Student Forum – What’s Happening with Divestment? (Sustainable Investment Framework)

The Environment Department have now advanced to the next stage of plans for a Student Sustainability Forum, to be held in the week before the semester 1 break, during Radical Education Week (15th-18th April 2019). This forum aims to explain and make accessible to students the University’s SIF (Sustainable Investment Framework) and Sustainability efforts, born from the Fossil Free campaign. More broadly, we intend to stimulate discussion about what more the University could do to protect people and environment in a rapidly changing world.

Discussions with staff are going ahead to source speakers from the University Sustainability Executive, as well as from firms hired to undertake analysis of the University’s investments. Meanwhile, Enviro is seeking out suggestions for speakers from the community with experience in sustainability advocacy, climate activism, or research.

Students, staff, and community members will all be invited to attend and have their say at this interactive forum. This is an opportunity not just to update students on divestment, but to push the University to go further.

Australian Student Environment Network - Training Camp

As many of you will already be aware, ASEN will be hosting their annual Training Camp next week in Tarndanya (so-called Adelaide). This year Training Camp will be held from 31st of January to the 5th of February at Willow Creek Camp on Raminndjeri country - roughly 1 hour south of so-called Adelaide, on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

Organised annually by the Australian Student Environment Network (ASEN), training camp is a space within which students and community members come together to build capacity, community and alternatives, towards an environmentally and socially just world. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to head along, and Enviro will be retroactively subsidizing tickets (exact amount TBA after registrations of interest for subsidies close).

More info at: <https://asen.org.au/asen-training-camp-2019/>

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Date & Venue for the Student Forum on Divestment

Date confirmed for Student Forum on Divestment and Sustainability. Taking place in the evening on Tuesday 16th April. Venue still being sought, but likely to take place on or near to campus.

Action Point 2: To meet with Union/University staff regarding the Bike Co-Op

A meeting has been organised at the time of writing for this report, and will be reported on at the next Council. Enviro continues to aim to have the Co-Op open for the start of first semester.

Action Points to be completed by next report

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

Campus venue and speakers list to be confirmed before the next Students’ council.

Budget Expenditure

No expenditure from the 2019 budget to date.

<p>Indigenous <i>Vacant</i></p>
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No report submitted

<p>Media Stephanie Zhang, Katie Doherty, Carolyn Huane, Ruby Perryman</p>

Key Activities

Work on Edition One

Edition one is slowly coming along! We’re in the process of laying out the magazine for the first time and have already selected the pieces that will be published. Subediting will be sent out soon if not already.

Provide training for collective members

A very successful subbie training was held a few weeks ago—we got to know new collective members and provided training material, going through feedback we had from applications. We all headed out to the pub afterwards and it was a really lovely bonding time. We also held reporter training last week, also went without a hitch. We’ve recruited a lot of new members to the collective this year and are excited to see what they’ll bring to the department!

Select applicants for NEWS Conference

Express Media’s annual NEWS Conference is coming up (28-29 January) and is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in media to network with peers as well as industry professionals. Adhering to the Travel and Conferences Policy we put up a call out for applications on our Facebook page and selected 8 candidates, based on financial need and interest, to take to the conference.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Finish applications process

We’re pretty much done with the applications and are in the process of finalising the team. We’ll still be reaching out to People of Colour communities to gauge interest there, as an effort to increase visibility of People of Colour in our department. Additionally, we will be reaching out to international students and first years to see if they want to join our social media team and graphics team.

Begin working on Edition One

It’s all happening and we’re really excited!!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Work on Edition One

Edition one needs to be fully laid out. We still need graphics and subediting to come back, as well as cover drafts.

Action Point 2: Work on Edition Two

Edition two submissions have opened. Submit your art! Show us what you’re doing in departments!

Action Point 3: Summerfest

We’re planning to have our edition one launch party on the Thursday night of O-Week down at North Beach. Also, we’ll be putting out a call-out in our collective for volunteers to do magazine distribution during O-Week.

<p style="text-align: center;">People of Colour Farah Khairat & Mark Yin</p>
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Key Activities

More SummerFest preparations

We’ve finalised our SummerFest program of events. Aside from our carnival day stall (Tuesday of O-Week), we’ll also be running a board games afternoon with UMSU International on the Wednesday and an Anti-Racism 101 presentation on the Friday. We’re in liaison with UMSU Intl for the former and seeking speakers for the latter at the moment.

We’ll also be doing a special film screening on the Monday of Week 1, since this also falls inside SummerFest. We’re looking to screen *Crazy Rich Asians* in the Ida and hopefully have the event catered as well.

Diversity Week

We’ve been liaising with Amelia Terry, the Diversity Programs Officer in the Faculty of Arts, about running some department-specific events for Diversity Week. We’ll be meeting soon to talk through some options, but on the table right now are up to 3 speakers as well as a student-staff mixer.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Order tote bags!

The bags themselves are ready to go to print, but we’re still aiming to finalise the artwork to be printed onto the bags. This should be done in the next day or two.

Plan out SummerFest in more detail

We’ve finalised a program (see above) and are working towards locking down the logistics. This has involved finalising some venue bookings in the past fortnight or so.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalise admin tasks for SummerFest

We want to have SummerFest planning done and dusted, finalising how our stall will be run on Carnival Day, getting final confirmation on venue bookings, AV hire etc. as well as selecting a presenter for Anti-Racism 101.

Finalise events for Diversity Week

We’re aiming to settle on which events to actually run and begin contacting speakers.

Budget Expenditure

Frictional Expenditure

- From Operations Sub-Committee 24(18); **money from 2018 budget**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Op Sub 24(18)	28/11/2018	Office Items	\$343	Orientation	
Op Sub 24(18)	28/11/2018	Vouchers	\$450	Refugee Day	To remunerate the designers who submitted to our tote bag contest
Op Sub 24(18)	28/11/2018	Books	\$400	Collective	To diversify the genres of books we carry in the library and to address requests from members of the collective
Op Sub 24(18)	28/11/2018	Cutlery	\$160	Collective	To minimise environmental footprint of the

					department; also we love IKEA
Op Sub 24(18)	28/11/2018	Vouchers	\$240	Collective	To remunerate those who took the time to fill out our 2018 feedback survey

New Expenditure

- From 2019 meetings; **money from 2019 budget**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2(19)	24/01/2019	Craft Supplies	\$60	Special Events	To make posters for the Invasion Day protest; spent \$56.69
2(19)	24/01/2019	Microphone hire	\$35	Special Events	Hired a mic from AVM to record our Anti-Racism 101 workshop
Op Sub 3(19)	21/01/2019	New bookmarks	\$297	Special Events	Printing and delivery costs of 1,100 new bookmarks

Queer
Andie Moore & Will Parker

Key Activities**Zine Creation**

A lot of time has been invested in the production of the Queer Department’s annual zine for Summerfest, “EduGAYte Yourself”. We’ve approached many members of the Queer Collective and encouraged them to submit work, and much effort has gone into the sub-editing and proofreading of submitted work. We coordinated a photoshoot of lots of writers and members of the University queer committee, and edited and assembled them into a

collage, which is being used as the cover of the zine. All the work has been put together, and it is now sitting with Comms!

Launch of the University of Melbourne “Pride in Action Network”

We have been blessed to have been involved in the launch of the Pride in Action Network, which is a new body that staff can join to learn the ways they can better advocate for and ally themselves with other queer staff and students. Andie and Will now sit on the committee for the network as student reps. At the moment we are largely in planning stage, and working on the overall ethos for the organisation, how we can expand outreach, what stakeholders we can get involved in it, and what events we would like to promote over the year.

Midsumma

We have been working with the Pride in Action Network, as well as other blocs of the University on a contingent to the Midsumma Pride March on February 3. We're really fortunate that the University is backing this initiative, and we're working hard to build numbers for the parade and increase student input into it – it's so important to show everyone how much we affirm LGBTQI+ staff and students! We're really excited for it and hope to see you there.

Collectives

Facilitators have been recruited and rooms set up for both Trans and Queer People of Colour collective for the rest of the year.

We've secured a new time for Queer Political Action Collective, at 2-3 on a Wednesday after Queer Lunch, and the collective will be held biweekly at the Food Co-op. We're currently in talks with a couple of grassroots/activist organisations about hosting speakers on certain queer political issues and received a lot of interest in doing protest actions over the year.

We've had some amazing talks with people involved in the queer community at Southbank, and sorting out a regular time for a collective to meet at Southbank (this is more difficult than it seems, given the amount of contact hours for Southbank students). We have worked out a place and time for the first collective meeting, which we'll make a strong effort to promote at Southbank's Carnival Day, and eyeing up different catering options. We're also looking at collaborating with the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music over the year on speaker events, workshops and cute pride initiatives over the coming year. Really exciting stuff!

G&Ts with the LGBTs

We've met with the manager of the Ida, and set up our new biweekly drinks event, G&Ts with the LGBTs. We've locked down a time and day and discussed and sorted drinks vouchers. The Ida is enquiring into different food options as well, which is also exciting! Hope to see you there.

Summerfest Events

We're running our famous Queer Picnic (Wednesday 27th Feb, 1-2pm) and Queer Speed-Friending again (Thursday 28th Feb, 3-4pm)! We've got all the names and places to go to for our similarly famous Queer glitter, and we've budgeted for all the food and stall expenditures based on last year's – just a matter of getting it paid.

MU Sport

Free! Taekwondo! Self-Defence! Classes!

Have been arranged with the support of MU Sport and the Taekwando Club. We can’t wait to promote this as a way to allow LGBTQI+ students to stay fit, and learn practical self-defence techniques. MU Sport are also providing inclusiveness training for the teachers. It should be a good road test of sport initiatives with UMSU Queer – this is the first collaboration of its kind!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

Committee Meeting

We need to hold a committee meeting to allocate funds to pay for our collectives, Summerfest expenses and topping up Queer Space supplies.

CAMP Magazine

We need to get the ball rolling on CAMP Magazine and put the call-out for editors!

Queer Political Action Collective

We need to get sort out a speaker timetable for the coming semester, and plan out which topic speaker will be hosted for which week, on what topic.

Continue Summerfest Prep

Buy all the things required, find volunteers, and promo our events.

Replace the Banner in the Queer Space

We already have a quote to replace the old banner in the Queer Space with a collage of prints and photos from the Rowden White Archives – we need to get to actually replacing it!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
N/A	N/A	No expenditure yet passed.	N/A	N/A	

Welfare Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino

Key Activities

Welfare Handbook & Tote Bag

For 2019, we decided that the Handbook needed a design change with the new artwork being something that would relate to what the Department does. We went through a few design updates with Comms and decided on using the new design for both the Handbook and tote bags to ensure uniformity. The Handbook has also been updated with current info, and we’ve placed an order for 1000 copies to cover SummerFest and Semester 1. Additionally, 500 tote bags have been ordered which should cover SummerFest.

Pullup banner

The Department has also acquired a pullup banner after consultation with Comms. We intend to display the banner at all our events to attract any student who may have not come across our promos on Facebook and Instagram.

Regular Events

Yoga, meditation and fitness have all been booked with the instructors and Rooms have confirmed our bookings, and we’ll start in Week 2 which gives us time to do volunteer induction in Week 1. Room for the Welfare Collective has also been booked and it’ll run from Week 1.

Volunteering

We’re currently in the process of creating a form to help us select Supervisors for our Community Involvement Program (CIP). The form should be up by 1st of February. The form for vollies is live and on our website. We intend to promote that aggressively during SummerFest both on the ground and on our social media channels. Induction for volunteers would take place in Week 1.

Dogs in the Rowdy

We’ve been in touch with Clint from the Rowdy and we’ve decided to collaborate on four events this year (possibly going up to 6, depending on availability). We’ve agreed on combining resources by helping with volunteers, promotion via flyers and our social media, and sharing the cost.

University Service Essentials (USE)

We have been consulting with UMSU International since assuming office about running an event aimed at international students to assist with the transition to university and introduce essential services (like Legal, CAPS, etc). It will consist of presentations from relevant services followed by a Q&A session and light refreshments/food. We will combine resources and split costs with UMSU International.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Handover from Last Year’s OBs

We were not able to submit an OB report for last council 1 (19) as Ashwin was in India and Natasha was in the office for only a few days. However, we have continued with Handover and have had extensive discussions with Cecilia and Michael regarding better advertisement of our weekly wellness classes and continuation of the Mental Wellness Collective and the Safer Partying Initiative.

Action Points to be completed by next report

SummerFest planning

We need to finish all planning for Summerfest by the 11th of February. This would include procurement of any materials we plan to give out, and the date would give us enough time to prepare for orientation down at Southbank. Although we’ve been in touch with Lily from Southbank and have logged jobs with Comms for tote bags, handbooks, banner, etc, a detailed plan centred around the activities we plan to do is still needed.

Volunteering

We aim to have selected our CIP Supervisors and get them scheduled for SFH and Mental Health training after consultation with Fiona.

Safer Partying Initiative

We need to meet with Michael’s contacts at DanceWize and Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) to lay the groundwork for continuing the initiative this year. This would include budgeting for and procuring the pill testing kits.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	12/12/2018	SummerFest	\$3250.00	Special Projects	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spent \$2310 on two thousand handbooks 2. \$244.20 on pullup banner 3. \$1092.50 + GST on tote bags
	12/12/2018	Office Needs	\$750.00	Special Projects	\$575 spent at IKEA on a couch + 2 desks

**Women’s
Aria Sunga & Hannah Buchan**

Key Activities

Summerfest

Wow, we love O-Week. Talking to hundreds of women, it’s the dream! Planning for our O-Week has been coming along nicely and we are very excited. Most of the time we have spent in the offices lately have been planning for Summerfest. We are going to having a stall at the Southbank campus on the 19th, and a stall at the Parkville campus on the 26th. We are finishing work on all of our Summerfest merch, which will be a tote bag, a department brochure, and UMSU Women’s branded lip balms. We are working with Comms to get some sponsorships for the bags, and we’ll also be giving out last year’s Judy’s Punches and safety resources info sheets. We originally planned and budgeted to do a department zine, but we had issues with artwork coming in on time so we decided to go with a brochure option, which will free up some money in our budget for later.

Our flagship Summerfest event is going to be a moonlight cinemas styled event which we are looking to hold on the beach in North Court. We are still deciding on which movie to play but is likely to happen in week one. We are also going to make use of the North Court beach activation by holding an UMSU Women’s mocktails on the beach, where we can talk to students about the department while we give them a drink (drinks are yet to be determined, but will be non-alcoholic and we will have more than one option).

We are going to be getting involved with the Union House Sleepover, and running events like a sleeping space in the Women’s Room, a movie screening in the Rowdy, and DJing part of the dance floor.

Collective planning

This year we will be running four collectives: Women’s Collective, Women of Colour Collective, Judy’s Punch Collective and the Women’s Action Collective, and aim to pass the budget line for our collectives in our 2nd committee meeting (31/1/19). We decided against running a Transfemme Collective with advice from the Queer OBs, as not many people attended in the past. Instead, we are going to promote the Trans Collective from the Queer Department within our department to promote attendance, and the Queer Department will promote our collectives as inclusive of all trans and non-binary students as well.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Budget approval

In December students’ council approved our budget and it was approved by our committee at our first committee meeting in December. Hooray for spending money!

Tote bags

Our tote bags are lit. Like so, so, lit. We found a Melbourne Uni student artist who designed our graphic and it has been sent for printing, awaiting for despatch.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Meet with residential colleges

We got in contact with the president of the Inter-Collegiate Council (ICC) to discuss plans for having an UMSU presence in O-Week. We are really excited to have the opportunity to meet with college students because there’s a disconnect between colleges and UMSU, and we want everyone to be able to access the services UMSU provides. At this point we have had interest from four out of the ten residential colleges, and working on getting in contact with others.

Respect Task Force Meetings

The Respect Task Force meetings are starting up again soon, and we will be meeting with Celia Scott from Chancellery. We are involved in these meetings in order to be a part of the university’s respect campaign to tackle the issue of safety on campus.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	12/12/18	Lip Balms	\$3000.00	2018 budget	858 lip balms purchased
1	12/12/18	Tote Bags	\$4000	Summer and Winter Orientation	1500 tote bags purchased, only \$3408.35 spent. Spent \$586.30 of remaining money (\$591.00) on stickers for branding on lip balms

**Burnley
James Barclay**

No report submitted

Victorian College of the Arts
Lily Ekins

Key Activities

Orientation camp

UMSU Southbank is working with the Production Society to bring incoming and returning students a Fine Arts and Music Orientation camp from the 15-17th February 2019. The camp will cost \$90 for students including catering and transport and is being held at PGL Camp Rumbug. Publicity of this event will be a priority in the coming weeks, and the department is optimistic about engagement.

Summerfest Carnival Day

On Tuesday 19th February from 10am-3pm, UMSU Southbank, in collaboration with about 10 other UMSU departments and the faculty of Fine Arts and Music, will be holding a day of festivities including info stalls, food and drink, games, scheduled activities such as speed friending and live music by student groups. The grounds inside campus and around Red Shed as well as the Grant St Foyer have been booked for this event, and we also anticipate high engagement by UMSU affiliated clubs. We may also have presence from other university groups including Counselling (CAPS) and MU Sports.

Drag Show

UMSU Southbank’s first large event after orientation will be a student run and performed Drag Show Spectacular. The Department is in conversation with UMSU Queers and plans to hold this event on Thursday the 18th of April in the Grant Street Theatre. We hope to have an application form for performers live before Orientation.

Campus-based advocacy

The UMSU Southbank committee has called on the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music to commit to providing a storage space and borrowing service for Visual Arts Material and has begun writing a public statement to be made public of social media and through the Southbank website, as well as being forwarded to the Head of Visual Arts.

The UMSU Southbank committee has called on the University of Melbourne to rectify accessibility issues in Building 873. 873 or “the Stables” is an arts studio space and has limited and dangerous accessibility by wheelchair or crutches. A public statement to be made public through the website and social media has been drafted and will be sent to the Head of Visual Arts, the Manager of OH&S on campus and other relevant University staff.

Southbank students currently have very poor access to vital student services. Particularly distressing is Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS) which is currently only 2 half

days. The UMSU Southbank committee has created a sub-committee on campus mental health services for current committee and any Southbank students interested to work on a public statement from UMSU Southbank and is working on how to campaign on these issues.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Meet with Camp leadership team to confirm schedule, activities, meal plan and workshops.

Action Point 2

Finalise distribution of statements on all platforms.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
0	30/11/18	Hub Space supplies (kettle, toaster)	\$300	BBQ lunches (2018)	\$247.74 spent
		Board games	\$500	Mental Health Support (2018)	\$500 spent
1	11/12/18	Branded T-shirts	\$600	Orientation	\$480 spent
		Branded Mugs	\$1,000	Orientation	\$712 spent, the remaining money will be spent on materials to build mug walls around campus
2	21/12/18	Orientation Carnival Expenses	\$10,000	Orientation	Quotes available, no expenditure yet
3	18/1/19	Orientation camp site deposit	\$2,200	Orientation	\$2,000 spent (\$200 extra included GST)