

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Student Officer Bearer Reports

Meeting 10(21)



President	Jack Buksh	<i>Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Allen Xiao	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities	Christos Prevolos	<i>Not Submitted</i>
	Phoebe Chen	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs and Societies	Kalyana Vania	<i>Submitted</i>
	Muskaan Hakhu	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	<i>Not Submitted</i>
	Merryn Hughes	<i>Submitted</i>
Disabilities	Lindsay Tupper-Creed	<i>Not Submitted</i>
	Brigit Doyle	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs)	Jennisha Arnanta	<i>Submitted</i>
	Planning Jay Vynn Saw	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs)	Hannah Krasovec	<i>Submitted</i>
	Tejas Gandhi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment	Ann Nguyen	<i>Submitted</i>
	James Park	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Indigenous	Shanysa McConville	<i>Submitted</i>
Media	Lauren Berry	<i>Submitted</i>
	Ailish Hallinan	<i>Submitted</i>
	Pavani Ambagahawattha	<i>Not Submitted</i>
People of Colour	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Submitted</i>
	Emily AlRamadhan	<i>Submitted</i>
Queer	Amy Bright	<i>Submitted</i>
	Laura Ehrensperger	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare	Hue Man Dang	<i>Submitted</i>
Women's	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
	Mickaella Ermita	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	William Hall	<i>Submitted</i>
	Leyla Moxham	<i>Submitted</i>
	Jamie Jungwoo Kim	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Submitted</i>

All reports submitted late are not considered valid for this meeting.

President

Jack Buksh

I'll keep it to the point!

Key Activities

Media

Have contributed to a number of media pieces across the *Herald Sun*, *The Age* and the *Guardian* as well as appearing on ABC Radio Melbourne with Virginia Trioli.

There has been significant media interest especially around return to campus and the impact of online learning, which has formed a significant basis of the media work done. It is always good to be able to contribute a student voice to these issues as it provides an important perspective.

There is currently some potential for a longer form piece about education cuts in the *Guardian* which is currently being worked through.

Federal Budget

In May, I travelled up to Canberra for the 2021/22 Federal Budget. While not unexpected, the budget was terrible for students and for young people. We saw a 10% cut over the next few years to university funding – an impact that we knew would happen as a result of the 'job ready' legislation from last year.

In addition, we saw assumptions in the budget for a 'gradual' return of international students into Australia. Yet, no plan from the federal government to do this. While we have seen plans from the New South Wales and South Australian governments, it's disappointing to see no plan to begin returning international students from the Federal government. We're also waiting on the Victorian government to step and announce a plan to begin bringing international students back – we all know how important it is.

While in Canberra, it was great to work with Zoe, the NUS President on ensuring student voices were heard in the budget, meeting with plenty of stakeholders to discuss the importance of supporting students and young people.

I also spoke at the NUS rally to call on the government to raise the age of independence. I have been, and know plenty of people who have been impacted by the ridiculous standards imposed by the government on accessing student support. The NUS' petition is currently up on the Australian Parliament website, and I encourage everyone to get on and support this.

Winterfest

Winterfest is back! Winterfest working groups are occurring regularly, and it is all coming together nicely.

Winterfest will be taking place during Week 0 and Week 1, to maximise the turnout among students. As is custom now, Winterfest will be hybrid to ensure that students who can't access campus can still get involved in clubs and all the other activities during the week. This also means that we can keep the event flexible with restrictions – being able to scale up and down the event as needed.

All in all, should be a fun time.

NUS Education Conference

In the previous scheduled meeting of Students' Council, there was a question about submitting a tender to host NUS EdCon this year. After that, and discussions with some OBs and councillors indicating interest across council to submit a tender to host EdCon in Melbourne. Usually, we would pay to give grants to students to travel to EdCon (and have a significant amount of money funded to do this). Hosting it allows for more University of Melbourne Students to attend (which is great), as well as costing relatively the same given no longer having to pay a large amount in grants.

Unfortunately, given there has been no adequately scheduled meeting since the beginning of May, this tender hasn't been able to come to council. While the NUS had been delaying the deadline to allow for a council meeting, this didn't happen and I had to submit the tender to the NUS, based off discussions with other members of council.

This tender is attached. My understanding is that the money allocated to EdCon grants in the Education Budget for Semester One will require a motion from the committee to allocate to Education Conference.

The final makeup of the conference is still a little bit up in the air given the latest lockdown. All the spaces are booked, which will allow for significant capacity and the other steps are coming along. Anyone who would like to be involved is welcome to get in touch!

Arts Board

It's been brought to my attention that the Arts Faculty has disbanded Arts Board. This seems to be a bit of a pattern in the University at the moment, removing various structures that provide guidance for management.

More worryingly, is that while the Arts Faculty has said they're setting up a student consultative body, there has been no communication about that or confirmation about the process for selecting representatives. I have sent multiple emails to Russell Golbourne, but with no response. I raised it with the University at Elected Reps the other week, and we will see where that lands.

VCESS Interviews

I'm sure not an overly exciting point for council, but I have sat on the recruitment panel for VCESS directors. A hoot.

General Secretary

Allen Xiao

Sperat infestis, metuit secundis / alteram sortem bene praeparatum/ pectus.

Hopeful in adversity, apprehensive in prosperity is the heart that prepares well for either fate. – Horace, Odes 2.10

The first proper Council in almost a month- exciting times! Despite taking on the role for little more than a month (40 days- rather Biblical, there's something in this I reckon) there have been some big developments on the Secretarial front. I'll try to keep it short for those among us who prefer their paperwork out of the way.

Key Activities

UMSU SGM 27/5

On the 27th of May, UMSU conducted its first mixed-mode SGM at Union Hall (in addition to Zoom hubs at Parkville and Southbank campuses). Students could attend via a Zoom link circulated over email, as well as in-person at the designated locations.

The SGM was for the purpose of approving the Constitutional changes previously endorsed at the last Council in May, and was attended by over 480 students. Changes were wide-ranging and many of them much overdue. Students voted for increased representation for Southbank students in UMSU, reinforced autonomy of UMSU INTL, as well as the opportunity to hold UMSU elections online.

It would be an understatement to say that the planning for this SGM was difficult, particularly given the circumstances (including a last-minute venue change due to weather concerns, among others). A massive thanks goes to all Office Bearers who hosted events on the day; your contributions made sure that many more students could engage with UMSU as a whole.

I am very pleased to announce that all changes proposed were passed with an overwhelming majority. The documents from the SGM have been filed with Consumer Affairs Victoria and the University.

Elected Representatives

I've had the chance to participate in two Elected Reps meetings in the past month. On the 12th of May, student representatives raised the issue of returning international students to campus, and what additional support may be required in this context. The University, as of now, does not seem to have a cohesive plan for supporting returned international students when travel restrictions ease, and this is likely to remain an ongoing area of advocacy in the coming months.

On the 11th of June, the issue of the ongoing WAM Adjustments campaign was raised with the University. UMSU, GSA and UMSU INTL noted that students had consistently expressed academic anxieties with the current WAM system, and highlighted structural flaws in the delivery of University wellbeing services. The conversation with the University regarding this matter is ongoing.

Electoral Regulations

Following consultation with Moores, and several meetings of the Constitutional Working Group, a version of the new Electoral Regulations has been drafted and publicised! These changes reflect the contributions made by Working Group members on the Moores draft made earlier, and will be voted on at a council in early July. It is likely that Moores may be engaged for further advice in the interim period, subject to Council approval.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A- watch this space!

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continued drafting of Electoral Regulations
2. Winterfest!
3. New Student Precinct (NSP) relocation plans- feedback and assessment on the University's relocation plans are desperately needed.

First Dog of UMSU update

No doggo, only paperwork :(

Activities

Christos Prevolos

No Report Submitted

Activities

Phoebe Chen

No Report Submitted

Clubs and Societies

Kalyana Vania

Trainings

We plan to record some trainings to be put into an established canvas subject. The trainings to be recorded will be: Treasurers Record Keeping and Reporting training, Grants training, AGM training and Club Governance & Financial Management, We hope by doing so can assist the administrative side of things as well as allow more flexibility for clubs to manage these trainings at their own time. Deadlines will be set for each trainings and we will keep record of clubs who have not done the quizzes afterwards. Quizzes will count as the clubs participation/attendance for these trainings. Our plan is to start recording videos of these and start editing it to be uploaded to canvas by week 1 of the new semester.

Furthermore, we plan to open up more RSA & SFH Trainings for clubs. Our aim is to hold 6 of these again at the start of the semester, giving clubs time to undergo these trainings and prepare themselves for future events that may need these qualifications. A meeting with ITFE will be held on 22nd June 2021 to discuss the dates and availabilities for the classes. As of right now we are still looking into a full online delivery of the subject.

Budget

As the new semester has come to its end, we are now in the midst of preparing the next semester's budget for the department.

Winterfest preparation

In line with the creation of the budget, a couple of things we aim to do to increase exposure and traction for clubs during O week.

- Holding a Facebook competition where clubs can use the allocated DP filter with a photo representing their club along with the designated hashtags. Ultimately the winner of the club will receive prizes of \$50, \$25, \$10 respectively.
- Create a fun online quiz accessible by everyone, which shows them which club category they most likely represent by the end. This online quiz can always be available and accessed from the Clubs & Societies website in the future.
- Having a henna booth where people can get C&S themed henna during both days of the Carnival day. (not the expo days as we want clubs to fully focus on getting more membership sign ups and visitors on their stalls)

- Creating some merchandizes in the form of keychains or C&S masks to be distributed to attendees.
- Promotional ads: revolves around paid Facebook ads. Facebook is widely used by students and is a valuable source of targeted communication when used sparingly and affectively. We aim to utilize this specifically to target the online expo that is happening Friday Week 0.

Clubs and Societies

Muskaan Hakhu

Key Activities

More SFH and RSA trainings

We are planning to hold more SFH and RSA trainings, in July. As seen previously these trainings have been very valuable and high in demand.

Winterfest 2021

We have been working on ways to make the winter-fest more interactable for clubs and students alike. From the feedback that we had gotten last time (from week 6&7 clubs expo), interactive activities between the Clubs and students were a big hit, hence we are planning to continue that aspect in this club expo too.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

None

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Update on how SFH and RSA trainings are going
2. Winterfest

Creative Arts

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna

Creative Arts

Merryn Hughes

Key Activities

Arts Grant Writing Online Zoom Workshop – 4th May 12:30-2pm AEST

- Online collab with Dave Attwood from Arts Programs
- Attendance: 15-20 people
- Facilitated by Channon Goodwin on Zoom
- Recording and slides are available on our website:
<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/studentlife/arts/grants/>
- This workshop aimed to assist and encourage students to apply for not only our grant program but external funding as well

De-stress dance (Online) - Tuesday 8th June 4-5pm AEST

- Online collab with Erin Adams from Union House Theatre
- Attendance: 5-6 people attended on Zoom, including familiar faces who came to De-stress dance last year and a new student who is set to commence their studies in the mid-year – we felt so honoured her first experience of uni life and UMSU was dancing with Creative Arts and UHT!
- Unfortunately, we had to cancel out IRL De-stress Dance due to the lockdown but we are planning with Erin to have an IRL and another online session during Winterfest! Fingers crossed the IRL can go ahead but if not, the online format works really well for this kind of activity.

Mudfest

- We have 60+ projects involved in Mudfest and are working towards confirming the program by early July
- We had a 'Welcome to Mudfest' Online Zoom event on Tuesday 1st June – unfortunately the IRL party was cancelled due to the lockdown but this online event was a hit! We had about 40 people attend on Zoom and after half an hour of introductions/general info, we had a fun time playing speed-friending activities inspired by the UMSU Host Program Online Speed-friending format from Summerfest.
- We released volunteer callouts and have already received 150+ sign-ups within two weeks! Shout out to the Leaders in Community Award Team for boosting our call-out! Would recommend everyone to contact the team if you need to recruit student volunteers: leaders-award@unimelb.edu.au
- Mudfest Production Team:

- We appointed our Volunteer Coordinator and our Front of House Manager – we now have our full production team and have secured mentors for every member to help support everyone in their roles.
- I set up our weekly production team meetings which began in person but have since moved online. After four meetings, I delegated chairing responsibilities to Jean our Mudfest Production Manager and am now in charge of minute-taking and distributing zoom links. We have met six times over the past seven weeks on the following dates: Thursday 6th May, Friday 14th May, Thursday 20th May, Thursday 27th May, Thursday 3rd June, Wednesday 16th June.
- Budget
 - I am in charge of sending invoices on behalf of the Mudfest Production team members. I realised that I had not accounted for providing superannuation guarantee payments to the prod team in our initial budget but fortunately there were funds in our 'Contingency' budget line which I could re-allocate to resolve the issue.
 - We received SSAF Grant funding! This is such great news as it means we can support more student artists and prod team members through mentorship opportunities and our Grant Program. A huge shout-out to Susan Hewitt for supporting us in the application process!

Student Artist Spotlight

- The initiative concluded at the end of week 11 and over the course of the semester, we received 30+ artworks from students from a range of faculties including Bachelor of Arts, Science, Agriculture, Design, Commerce, Fine Art (Photography), Masters of Architecture, Biotechnology, Creative Writing, Information Systems, Clinical Audiology
- You can see all 30+ artworks, including the 8 stand-out submissions here: <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/studentlife/arts/student-artist-spotlight-2021/>
- I have made a slideshow of the artworks which will feature in our online booth on Hopin during Winterfest 😊

Grants Program

- We have had two rounds of grants since our last report.
- In round 2, we supported six student creative projects and in round 3 we supported five.
- Over the course of the semester, we expended \$7,500 to support 19 student creative projects

Above Water

- We have been collaborating with Media to produce this year's *Above Water* anthology

- We closed submissions on Friday 11th June and will be selecting submissions over the next two weeks ready to present the short-listed artworks to our judging panel for review from 6-19th July
- Media have been managing the printing and design side of things as well as the appointment of our Editorial Assistant and illustration team.
- Creative Arts has been organising the Judging Panel and will manage the *Above Water* Launch due to occur mid-late September

Creative Arts Collective

- Since my last report, we have run 8 collectives
- We have been running collective every week even during exams
- Our themes have ranged from Warmth to Frost and we have been really enjoying meeting up every week with our regular collective crowd most of whom are also mudfest artists
- We have been seeing some new faces too
- Attendance is generally 7-9 people including Vaishnavi and me

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Share Student Artist Spotlight submissions from weeks 7 and 8 to website and socials - DONE.
2. Promote and run our Arts Grant Writing Online Workshop on Tues 4th May 12:30-2pm - DONE.
3. Grants round 2 - have our committee meeting on Friday 7th May to review grant applications and then email all applicants of outcome - DONE.
4. Promote Grants Round 3 – deadline: Friday 21st May, 5pm - DONE.
5. Promote EOIs for Mudfest Volunteer Coordinator and Mudfest Front of House Manager which close on Monday 17th May, 9am AEST - DONE.
6. Begin weekly meetings with all members of the Mudfest production team - DONE.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Review mentorship and grant applications for Mudfest Artists and act upon requests
2. Confirm Mudfest program
3. Close Mudfest Volunteer callouts on Friday 2nd July
4. Review student submissions to Above Water and present short-listed works to the judging panel
5. Ensure all Mudfest Staff and Volunteers have a valid Working With Children Check and send records to HR
6. Find a mentor to support us with the digital components of Mudfest

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Creative Arts Committee Meeting 8(21)	7.5.21	Funding for successful grant applicants for our second grant round.	\$2,496	Creative Arts Department 'Grants'	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee under Motion 7.1
Creative Arts Committee Meeting 9(21)	18.5.21	Payment of Mudfest Contract staff (Mudfest Front of House Manager and Mudfest Volunteer Coordinator) from the 'Salaries/Fees' Budget Line from the 2021 Mudfest Budget. ^[1] _{SEP}	\$2,000	'Salaries/Fees' Budget Line from the 2021 Mudfest Budget. ^[1] _{SEP}	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee under Motion 6.1. Amount not yet spent in its entirety– it will be transferred to employees in instalments.
Creative Arts Committee Meeting 9(21)	18.5.21	Payment of superannuation guarantee costs for Mudfest Contract staff (Production Manager, Southbank Manager,	\$1,900	'Contingency' Budget Line from the 2021 Mudfest Budget	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee

		Creative Producers x4, Access Manager, Marketing & Publicity Manager, Front of House Manager, Volunteer Coordinator)			under Motion 6.2. Amount not yet spent in its entirety– it will be transferred to employees in instalments.
Creative Arts Committee Meeting 10(21)	2.6.21	Funding for successful grant applicants for our third grant round.	\$2,004	Creative Arts Department 'Grants'	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee under Motion 7.1.
Total:	\$8,400				

Disabilities

Brigit Doyle

I have been working on two main things at the moment the disability space and care package giveaways.

For the disability space we are having craft time and games time every week. This is a low key events where people can drop in have a chat and do some art on Tuesdays from 2-4pm. A time to relax and destress while doing mindfulness colouring or stress ball making. And grab some snacks to take home. The same is with the Thursdays Game time from 2-4pm. Where there is board games, the switch and cards to enjoy while meeting people, making new friends and catching up with old. And of course enjoying some snacks and a hot drink. We have also set up quiet hours each day, from 1-2 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 11-12 on Tuesday and Thursday. There is also a bowl of fruit for people to enjoy at any time in the space.

We are also doing give away care packages to support peoples mental wellbeing during this stressful time of swotvac and exams. These will include things like healthy and yummy food snacks, stationary, heat packs, mindfulness colouring books, fidgets, soap, candles etc. We will also be making some stress balls and notes to put in them during craft time to add the personal touch. They will then be able for pick up during a few times during swotvac, this is a way we are going to try and draw in more people to the space and show what is available there and get a greater involvement from people. And for those who can't come to campus we will be mailing packs to people.

Due to lockdowns the give-away bags have not gone out, but I am hoping we will be able to send them out in the coming weeks so they have turned into a start of semester bag. I have also been working on planning O weeks, merchandise keep cups and the budget for next semester.

Disabilities

Lindsay Tupper-Creed

No Report Submitted

Education (Academic)

Jennisha Arnanta

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Elected Reps - International

On 14th May, UMSU representatives (Allen, Jennisha and I), UMSU INTL representatives (Rachel and Putri) and GSA representatives had a meeting with Prof Sarah Wilson (Pro-VC, Student Life) and Prof Michael Wesley (Deputy VC, International) to discuss concerns regarding international students.

Concern raised	University Response and Our Response
International students that are intending to further their studies with the University of Melbourne have been facing issues with their visas expiring during the process of transitioning from their degree to masters programs. As there are strict travel restrictions during this time, it is understandably not feasible for international students who want to remain in Melbourne to travel back to their home country while their visa has lapsed.	Prof Sarah Wilson responded that Tim Brabazon (Director, Student Success) has mentioned that this will be addressed through Student and Scholarly Services (SASS). We pushed for this clarification of information and processes to be posted on the website so that communication can be made clearer to the students.
Given the announcement and implementation of the travel ban between Australia and India, what are we doing to ensure that our students' right to return to Australia (both Australian citizens and International Students)?	In response to the situation with Indian Students, Prof Michael Wesley responded that when Australian borders open to international students, it is most likely that the system will allow countries with low COVID-19 infection rates and high vaccination students. Prof Sarah Wilson responded that there is a centralised hotline for specific issues for Indian students. All Indian students in India or Australia can directly contact with regards to specific issues via this hotline.

	We will be pushing the university for greater support for our Indian students.
Are there any developments with regards to the establishment of the Singapore-Australia travel bubble so that Singaporeans can return to Australia for their studies?	In response to the Singapore - Australian travel bubble, Prof Michel Wesley commented that Australian government is not enthusiastic about having this bubble.
UMSU INTL commented that some exemptions have been made by the government, and if the university is able to assist through the release of supporting documentation?	University responded that they can assist through providence of supporting documents. We pushed that it should be further highlighted on the University website that the University is able to provide such supporting documents.

Key Activity 2: SRN Application

SRN applications will close on the 19th May 2021. Throughout the application process, we have been promoting it through UMSU Communications and creating a Facebook event via UMSU Education. We have also communicated with Southbank so that SRN applications are promoted through their channels too.

Following the deadline, we will then be proceeding with the selection process.

Key Activity 3: Answering enquiries from students

Over the past month, we have been replying and answering queries and concerns from students. These included problems on lecture recordings, timetable and subject queries. As a response, we bridged them to the appropriate people to solve the matter (such as the Advocacy team) or emailed the subject coordinator to resolve this issue.

Key Activity 4: WAM Adjustment Campaign

The recent snap lockdown during SWOTVAC period, extending to Examination period, had exacerbated the anxiety and stress students have been experiencing during the pandemic. As such Planning and I have decided to launch our "Equity for All - WAM Adjustment Campaign for Semester 1, 2021" campaign.

This campaign is a collaborative effort with GSA and UMSU international and consists of three parts: a petition, report and a video campaign. To date, over 20,000 students have signed the petition. We would also like to thank the support all the departments have given us on this campaign despite the short notice. We are currently still in conversation with the university on our next action steps.

Action points:

1. Further correspond with University with regards to issues affecting international students
2. Proceed with the selection procedure for SRN
3. Hold another education committee meeting

Education (Academic)
Planning Jay Vynn Saw

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Elected Reps

On the 7th May, we had our elected reps meeting with the University.

UMSU representatives (Jennisha and I), GSA representatives, and UMSU International representatives had a meeting with Prof Sarah Wilson (new Pro-VC, Student Life), Prof Janet Hergt (President of Academic Board), **Alastair Ingham** (Director - Stop 1 and Student Service Coordination).

Concern raised	University Response	Our Response
<p>Library hours not returning to normalcy despite 100% capacity</p> <p>Library hours for Baillieu goes from 9am - 8pm, with after-hour until 10pm, whereas pre-COVID library hours were till 2am during the semester and 24 hours during the SWOTVAC and exam period</p> <p>Inconsistency in library hours for libraries: e.g. Biomedical Brownless Library after-hours until 8pm, Giblin Eunson library after-hours until 8pm, Architecture, Building and Planning Library until 7pm</p> <p>Law library does not offer an after-hour study zone</p>	<p>University provided a lackluster response that library hours has not been extended due to a lack of demand.</p>	<p>We disagree with this. Given that the University has been promoting their return to campus through Rediscover Melbourne, we believe that the University should commit to returning our library hours as they were before COVID-19 pandemic. This should be the benchmark so that students can have an equitable learning environment.</p>

<p>Will there be consistency in examinations and their delivery method so that it is equitable for all students?</p> <p>Will the final examination be conducted online for the entire cohort of a subject?</p> <p>Appreciating the differences between an in-person exam and an online exam.</p>	<p>Guidelines have been sent to Faculties to ensure that there will be consistency in delivery of examinations such that the online format will be adopted for dual delivery and online subjects.</p>	
<p>Given the announcement and implementation of the travel ban between Australia and India, what are we doing to ensure that our students right to return to Australia (both Australian citizen and International Students)</p> <p>Are there any developments with regards to the establishment of the Singapore-Australia travel bubble so that Singaporeans can return to Australia for their studies?</p>	<p>As there was a limited amount of time given other concerns raised by UMSU, UMSU INTL and GSA, a meeting was scheduled with Prof Michael Wesley (Deputy VC, International) on these concerns.</p>	

Key Activity 2: Extension of Library Hours Video Campaign

After receiving a disappointing response from the University regarding library hours, Jennisha and I launched a video campaign regarding library hours. We have circulated a form for students to share their voice on the matter.

We would also like to thank the different departments who have supported our campaign and helped us promote this on their social media and personal social media page.

Jennisha and I have also been circulating flyers in libraries to push forward this campaign.

Examination period is coming and the library serves as an important place of refuge for students. It is important that the University acknowledge this and open the library back to pre-covid times. We are pushing on the University for a response.

Key Activity 3: Education Committee Meeting

We held our fortnightly education committee meeting together with EdPub where we debriefed our committee members about what we have been working on, what has been going on and how they can get more involved for both the departments.

Key Activity 4: Increase in queries regarding assessments during SWOTVAC

We have been receiving an increase in emails from students about assessments that have been seen in SWOTVAC. We have been answering these queries as well as emailing these subject coordinators, and ensuring that these assessment dates are changed as required in the guidelines.

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Once again, we would like to thank everyone who has supported this campaign and show my deepest appreciation to everyone who has raised awareness of this campaign.

Action points:

1. Push University to take action to extend library hours
2. Proceed with the selection procedure for SRN
3. Hold another education committee meeting

Education (Public)

Hannah Krasovec

Key Activities

No Cuts Campaign

Since we last submitted our reports back in April, a lot of my work since then and week 12 of semester was on the May 27 Rally to Defend Our Staff and Education. We had some awesome graphics made up by Sam Rath, a student involved in the No Cuts campaign (thanks Sam!!). We also did banner and placard painting for the rally and made infographics and leaflets to inform students about the rally. Unfortunately, the rally was scheduled for the day before lockdown and I was advised to cancel the rally, but we're keen to have a rally early on in semester. A huge shoutout to Emily Kaji and Alec Ferguson who volunteered to give speeches on the day, and to everyone else who has helped with the campaign. We had several No Cuts meetings, with the most recent being on 24 May.

Banner/placard painting

As aforementioned, we had some banner and placard painting sessions. The first session (6 May) focused on banners for the May 27 rally which we planned to drop around the university. The second session (May 19) was making placards for the May 27 rally but also the Palestine rally that was on the 22nd of May. We had people in our Education Action Collective express interest to make placards for both rallies, so we took that up. Our placards for the May 27 rally will be used at our future rally so our time, effort and artistic skills haven't gone to waste (yay!). We had pretty good turnout to both sessions which was exciting.

Collectives

We had our in-person collectives which was so exciting!! We had 2 Rural, Regional and Interstate (RRI) Collectives and for Education Action Collective we had 1 in person collective and for the other, we ran collective in conjunction with the second banner painting session (see aforementioned). Attendance ranged between 5-10 people for RRI and was around 10 people each for Education Action Collective. We continued to run our online collectives as well. Each week alternated between online and in person, to ensure that students who could not attend campus could still attend collective and participate. I didn't plan out in person collectives for earlier because I genuinely thought we'd be online for most of semester 1, especially following the snap lockdown that happened in mid-Feb.

Know Your Rights Booklet

We were about to publish it and then we realised some errors – some typos and changes to info on Advocacy and Legal (changes because of COVID). Anyway, we published the booklet on the UMSU website and started to advertise it. We'll continue to advertise it throughout the rest of

the year so students can access it. We decided to have it online only this year to save paper and student money, as well as the fact that less students are on campus (including many interstate and international students, and people with only online classes). We're also uncertain as to what will happen regarding COVID for the rest of the year, so we don't want to print a bunch and then go into a 12-week lockdown like last year!! Anyway, this booklet has heaps of info about your rights and work and at university, and was a collaborative project between myself, Tejas, Jennisha and Planning.

Winterfest Planning

Since I finished exams, I've been focusing on planning for Winterfest, both for Hopin and the Carnival Days. I've zoomed with the events team to plan out some ideas and how everything will work. At the moment I'm planning to do a slideshow presentation for Hopin – we did this last time and it worked really well. For the in-person carnival, I'm planning to have some leaflets on the No Cuts Campaign and about our collectives, as well as some brochures about workplace safety and rights at work that the Young Workers Centre and COVIDSafe team at Trades Hall have given us. We'll also give away tote bags with these brochures to students.

Budget Planning

Looking over the Semester 1 budget, I'm impressed that the Education Department hasn't spent much money this year so far – it's really good that we've been able to run campaigns with the resources we already have and being economical with student money. With EdAc, we've passed around \$1000 from our budget, to spend on collectives, advertising for campaigns and for equipment for our first rally. You can see expenditure in my previous OB reports and down below. I still need to discuss the budget with Tejas, Jennisha and Planning – aiming to do this before this council. So, by the time you're reading this report I will probably have met with the other Education OBs to work on our budget.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Have the next No Cuts Meeting

Done – we had a few since we last handed in our last OB reports, with our most recent meeting being on 24 May via Zoom.

2. Get posters/flyers out onto campus for No Cuts

Done – if you walk around campus you can still see some posters up!! A huge thank you to everyone who helped poster. I also made some leaflets with the help of the Education Action Collective but we didn't manage to hand these out because our rally was cancelled. However, the content is still relevant (Unimelb keeps cutting jobs) so we'll be able to use them throughout the rest of the year.

3. Promote the Defend our Staff and Education rally (pending UMSU CEO COVID approval)

Done – it was COVID approved and then it wasn't because COVID hit and we went into lockdown. Oh well. But we did get info out there on the socials and through emails about the rally and what the university is doing to harm our education, so students are aware of the cuts. We also communicated that the rally was postponed via social media and email.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Finish and hand in our budget.
2. Have everything ready to go for Winterfest.
3. Have another No Cuts meeting.
4. Have venues all ready for in-person collectives.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
9(21)	28.5.21, 1pm.	To move up to \$650 from the Collectives budget line to supply food for both the Rural, Regional and Interstate Students Collective and the Education Action Collective.	\$650	Collectives	This will be for the collectives for the rest of the year. I have spoken to Goldie about how much money should be spent per collective, and she recommended the standard is \$50 per collective. At this stage, collectives will be in person/require food every second week. Considering we have 2 separate collectives and will have 6 in person collectives run each week, we will have a total of 12 in person collectives run next semester. So $50 \times 12 = \$600$. I've added an extra \$50 just in case attendance is bigger than usual or to cover extra costs for dietary requirements.

Education (Public)

Tejas Gandhi

Key Activities:

Education Action Collective

In the Education Action Collective, we discussed the ongoing job cuts at the university and encouraged everyone to show solidarity through a collective photo with posters. Another collective was planned to be held in person for poster making for the Education Action Collective Rally to defend our staff and education. However, due to the unforeseen lockdown and government restrictions in Melbourne, the rally was postponed. The collective also focused on how international students have been struggling and missing out on the in-person experiences. Therefore, Education Action Collective will continue to push for providing more support to the students stuck overseas. After all, we deserve the same opportunities.

RRI Collective

We sought more information from students about their experiences coming to the University of Melbourne through surveys. The collective went well, and we are looking forward to more in-person and interactive events in the following semester.

Change the age campaign

We have been advocating for changing the age of independence, so every deserving student gets the youth allowance and doesn't struggle to meet the basic needs. We understand that the age factor can create barriers for students and affect their education in multiple ways. Thus, we will continue to demand this change and amplify their voices in solidarity with the extensive campaign organised by NUS. We have been encouraging people to sign a petition to demand the Centrelink age change from 22 to 18, which can be accessed at <https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN2680>. The petition is open for two more days (until 23 June 2021)

International student return campaign

As we all know that international students are stuck overseas and while many governments are preparing pilot programmes to bring back international students gradually, we believe there needs to be more transparency and expedition to this process. Therefore, education committee will continue to strive for a more a supportive and feasible structure for international students. We will also create more advocacy for qualitative education for international students in semester two.

Budget:

We have been brainstorming the budget for semester two and deciding on the most significant campaigns that we would raise our concerns for in the following semester.

Action points to be completed by the next report:

- 1. Brainstorm more strategies to promote our collectives.**
- 2. Brainstorm which campaigns to focus on for the next semester.**

Plan the budget for next semester.

Environment

Ann Nguyen

Key activities

Weekly Organising Collectives

After Sustainability Week, we found some new friends to join us for our organising collectives. Students, activists, and friends of the collective have been getting together every week to plan and build the contingent for our Climate Strike Contingent on Friday May 21st!

We've been doing daily leafleting and poster runs, email sessions, stalls, petition runs, making materials for class and club announcements, going over to Southbank to chat with VCA peeps about the strike, spreading the news to colleges, and creating promotional materials together. Despite it being the most hectic period of uni, every one of us in the collective has worked really hard in the past month to build the strike in any way we can and I am so beyond thankful.

It was an extremely draining process for most of us, but all of it was worth it. Thank you so much to the amazing friends of the collective for all your time and effort, and to all the amazing OBs from Ed Pub, Ed Ac, Welfare, Clubs & Societies, Women's, Queer, POC, Creative Arts and the Media department for supporting us throughout everything ❤️

Read our Farrago article for the strike [here](#) - thank you Ailish for helping us with it on such short notice!

Some extremely wholesome photos of our strike building efforts in the past month:



Again, thank you so much to all our friends again for helping with building the strike.

Sustainability Fair

Done in preparation for the climate strike, we hosted another massive plant-based BBQ for students with 10 stalls of different activist / environmental initiatives around campus to talk about their work and to promote the strike. A massive thank you to all the lovely friends who hosted their stalls, and to all the volunteers who helped us out on the day :)

Community Garden was giving out seeds and potted plants, Max from the Bike Co-op had his amazing full-on bike setup, W*men's were giving out Judy's Punch zines and tote bags, Ed Ac was helping us out throughout the whole event, and we even had our collective friends churning out

the best tunes on their DJ setup. It was a wonderful event and a perfect build-up to the climate strike happening the day after.

The list of stallholders:

- Victorian Environmental Law Student Network
- Community Garden
- Bike Co-op
- Sustainability Team
- Postgraduate Environmental Network
- University of Melbourne Vegan Club
- Education Academic Department
- Education Public Department
- Women's Department
- Enviro Collective Climate Strike stall

Cute photos of Sustainability Fair [here](#).

May 21st Climate Strike

We had an amazing turnout at our Unimelb Contingent! Thank you to Brittney, Srishti, Callum and Dylan - our amazing speakers, and to everyone who showed up and marched off with us.

There was a lot to be learned from this strike - we need to have more protocol set in place to improve accessibility for everyone at strikes; and issues of racial justice and First Nations justice should not be left to be addressed by people of colour, instead must be acknowledged and addressed by white speakers and chairs. A proper protocol will be made. We were going to discuss this with strike attendees at our post-strike Enviro Collective, but due to low attendance and new COVID restrictions, this will be postponed until further notice.

Some incredible photos of the contingent taken by Candy from Farrago on the day [here](#)!

Body Wellness Giveaway

This was our final event for Semester 1. The reusable menstrual products and shaving kits that we bought at the start of the semester took a longgggg time to be given out due to travel issues, new collabs and campaigns, but it's finally done! Over 3000 reusable pads, cups, safety razors, and shaving cream have been given out to those who wanted/needed them. Sustainable alternatives to essential products are often overpriced and inaccessible to many, so we're so glad to be able to give these products away.

Beyond thankful to Hue Man and Scottie for being a huge part of making this happen.

Budget Expenditure

Item	Cost
Catering for stalls (Sustainability Fair)	\$445
Vegan Schnitzels for BBQ (Sustainability Fair)	\$186.75
Vegan Satay Skewers for BBQ (Sustainability Fair)	\$153.7
Seeds for Community Garden (Sustainability Fair)	\$81
Seeds for Community Garden (Indigenous collab)	\$190.7
Total	\$1057.15

Letter of Resignation

This letter is to formally notify that I will be resigning from my position of Environments Office Bearer, effective 1st June 2021. The work environment has worsened my mental health issues - I have been repeatedly harassed and bullied by certain members of the union, which has led me to feel unsafe at work and on campus throughout the whole duration of my role. I am not the only person that has suffered from the extremely harmful and damaging behaviours from said members, behaviours that are deeply privileged and inconsiderate of their victims' pre-existing traumas, mental health issues and

disabilities. Harassment and bullying should never be tolerated in any workplace, but have been made to be a normal part of my role and of many others'. By flagging this I hope that these behaviours will be taken seriously by UMSU in the future and that more effort will be made to make the work environment a safe one.

My mental health has consistently suffered because of this, and I have had to make the difficult decision of resigning from this role to take care of my health and well-being. Regardless of this, the help, care and encouragement that UMSU staff, fellow office bearers and ex-office bearers have given me has made me feel very supported through these difficult times, and I am immensely thankful for this.

A thorough handover will be given to the next elected Environments Office Bearer and I will be giving them all the support that they need to kickstart their term and for the remaining duration of it. I will do my best to ensure that Enviro goes on to be as great of a department as it has always been.

Environment

James Park

No Report Submitted

Indigenous

Shanysa McConville

Key Activities

Indigenous University Games 2021

Unfortunately, the University of Newcastle's health team advised all metropolitan Universities that their teams could not compete at Indigenous Nationals this year. This decision came one day before it was announced restrictions would ease and the 25/km travel bubble would no longer apply. The team was certainly not impressed with this prudent decision (rightly so) and all signed a letter which was forwarded to the University urging them to reconsider. After two days of back-and-forth negotiations, we were informed the original decision was being upheld. A disappointing result as we trained for months for the event and had uniforms made for the team (and even more disappointing after the University of Newcastle let Sydney based teams go despite their COVID outbreak late last week). We plan to host a small state-based competition next semester instead so the team can still socialise with Indigenous students from other universities.

SSAF Grant

We were lucky enough to win a SSAF Grant for the production of Under Bunjil Vol 9! While we originally lobbied for funds for two editions in 2021, after a few discussions with a SSAF Grant Committee representative we decided that funds for one edition were better than none, stating we could seek additional Students Council funds for Vol 10 if need be. The Committee thought this was the best solution, so we were awarded \$11,900 to print the current edition.

Under Bunjil Vol 9

Is all done and dusted! Just liaising with the printer about foils for our front cover and checking images are of a high enough quality, but once that's all gone over, we should be good to go. The editorial team are currently planning a launch for Week 2, Sem 2 in the Ida Bar to celebrate this edition. The event will be advertised soon!

MU Community Garden Event

Am in the preliminary stages of planning another event with the MU Community Garden for Sem 2. It would be good to align this with National Science Week (Week 4) as the theme this year is Food: Different by Design.

Trading Blak Partnership

This semester I've been promoting 'On Wednesdays We Wear Blak', especially in the private Murrup Barak Students Facebook page encouraging students to submit a photo of themselves in Blak merch every Wednesday, with one random student winning a \$50 voucher to the Blak store of their choice for participating. This is a campaign that the organisation Trading Blak stated last year that we're supporting. After talking with Jarin (one of Trading Blak's founders), we discussed the possibility of becoming their first official partners as I was keen to include a spread about this in Under Bunjil which would require use of their official branding and logos. I'm still waiting for Jarin to forward on the relevant documents for me to review, but she let me know that we'd be praised as their first official partner, and universities come under their 'tier 2 fees' which would equate to \$15,000 for us to sign on with them. This price is negotiable as we've been in contact for months, but this is something that Council will need to consider at a later date (once the relevant docs are available).

Merchandise

We are once again planning to produce a range of UMSU Indigenous merch for Semester 2. We'll produce more glass water bottles and notebooks, as well as caps and bucket hats with a new design! We hope to get those all produced by Week 1 or 2.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Report on Under Bunjil progress.
Above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Update on merch.
2. Update on Trading Blak partnership.

Media

Lauren Berry

Key Activities

Edition Three

We spent a lot of the past few months working on Edition Three. Subediting and illustrations were returned, and we sent the magazine to print on May 11. I spent a long time carefully planning the launch party (28 May) which was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-restrictions and lockdown. We have since rescheduled the launch to 30 July (Week 1 Semester 2; Winterfest) where we will launch Edition Three and Four simultaneously. Print magazines arrived at campus just before the end of semester and have since been distributed to stands.

Edition Four

We closed submissions for Edition Four on May 13. Subediting and illustrations have been sent out and are due back within the next week. A cover has also been commissioned and we're really pleased with it! We're also working on filling out our additional pages in the magazine, such as editorial, contributor's page, photography and art pages, fodder pages etc.

Edition Five

Submissions for Edition Five opened on June 2 and will close on July 9. This was promoted across our various social media channels. We have decided upon a theme and are progressing nicely according to our timeline.

Radio Fodder

We opened applications for Radio Fodder Semester 2 shows on June 6. We've already got some interest, but will continue promoting this across our social media channels until submissions close in early July. Depending on COVID-19 restrictions, the physical studio will also hopefully be reopened by the start of semester. We are currently planning for a dual-delivery system (in-studio and remote/home broadcasting) for training/induction and Sem2 shows.

Above Water

Due to low numbers, submissions were extended until June 11. After a lot of social media promotion we saw a sharp increase in submission numbers which was very exciting! We also advertised for, and selected, an editorial assistant. I personally compiled and administered her handover documents, including a lot of time spent warring with the stubborn gmail account. The editorial assistant has spent the past week blinding submissions and handling the email address, and we are due to start selection in the next few days. We had a meeting with Creative Arts on June 18 to finalise a timeline, discuss budgeting, page numbers, illustrations, and divide up responsibilities. We have decided to shorten this year's Above Water anthology to 48 pages in order to have a stronger and more focused/refined competition publication. At this stage, we plan to launch around Week 8 of Semester 2.

Website

We have been exploring multiple designs of our new website and have sent through our final preferences and comments to MSL, who are currently moving forward with building our website! This is due to arrive within the next two months, and we are beyond stoked to see it!

Shipping

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, I have spent a lot of time organising and mailing out review books to students! I have already done the first load, but due to demand, we will need to pass some more money to go towards a second round of shipping. See recommendations.

Event Planning + Winterfest

The three of us have been planning the first events of this second-half year of our term. Ailish has taken over the majority of the Winterfest physical event/stall planning, whilst I have been focusing on the combined Ed 3/4 launch, and Pavani on the online components.

Budget and Other Planning

Ailish, Pavani and I have been busy planning for Semester 2, including negotiating our needs for our second-half year budget. The biggest aspects include increasing our print numbers, allocating funds to our launch parties, deciding on events/workshops, website funds, and incorporating two extra publications (*Above Water* and the *Election Guide*) into our planning.

We have also been reassessing our various student teams for the second-half year. This has included hiring new social media team managers, opening applications for new Fodder hosts, getting feedback (through google forms) from subeditors and etc.

Progress on Actions from Last Report

1. Received subediting & illustrations for Edition Three
2. Proofed and sent Edition Three to Printer
3. Hired a volunteer editorial assistant for *Above Water*
4. Held remaining Semester 1 Events; Launch #3 postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions
5. Made final arrangements with MSL on our website

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Receive subediting & illustrations for Edition Four
2. Proof Edition Four
3. Close Edition Five submissions
4. Close *Radio Fodder* Semester 2 Applications; finalise schedule
5. Select *Above Water* shortlist
6. Finalise Budget

Media Department Recommendations

Item Description	Amount	Budget Line	Comment
Shipping Review Books	\$100	Special Projects	● To cover costs of shipping review books to students
Tiffany Ferguson Video Workshop	\$115	Special Projects	● To cover costs for the Video Workshop
Issuu subscription	\$170	Special Projects	● To cover the costs of the Issuu subscription for the next two months

Media

Ailish Hallinan

Key Activities

Edition 3 Updates

Our retro baby was born in late May! I had a lot of fun working with everyone from the Media Collective on this one! It might be my favourite yet (although parents aren't supposed to have favourites, are we?).

Launch

Due to the recent 2-week lockdown in Melbourne, we had to postpone our physical launch for Edition 3. This has now been rescheduled for Week 1 of Semester 2, alongside the launch of Edition 4.

Magazine

Despite the lack of launch, we have still begun to distro the magazine. I sent some boxes to Southbank and also provided some to the Comms team who have put them in stands around Union House. A digital copy of the magazine is also online for students who are unable to get their hands on a physical copy.

Above Water Updates

We have been working closely with the Creative Arts Department on our annual creative writing and arts anthology *Above Water*. Submissions closed in early June and our editorial assistant Helena has begun blinding submissions for us to choose from. The lovely Merryn and Vaishnavi have taken the lead on finalising judges. I have also finalised all the paper and aesthetic specs of the magazine with our printer Kosdown.

Budget Preparation & Semester 2 Planning

The three of us have been working hard to prepare for next semester. I have already been in contact with the printer to secure quotes for everything that requires printing next semester & we have finalised all planning for the remaining *Farrago* themes and launch dates.

Edition 4

Edition 4 is almost finished! All of the written work is in its final stages of subediting and illustrations are nearly complete too. Once I receive all the work back, I will start formatting the mag and send it to the printer by 14 July.

Website Updates

We have finalised a design with MSL who are in the process of building our new website — yay! At this stage, the site is due to launch at the end of July / early August, which is super exciting.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Edition 3 launched! (kinda)
2. Edition 4 submissions closed & work sent out for subediting / illustrating
3. Above Water submissions closed
4. Edition 5 submissions opened
5. Website design finalised

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Edition 4 subediting & illustrations to be returned
2. Choose Above Water finalists
3. Template Above Water
4. Continue budget & Semester 2 planning

Media

Pavani Ambagahawatta

No Report Submitted

People of Colour

Mohamed Hadi

Key Activities

Refugee action and advocacy with Mostafa Azimitabar

This went really well! We had around 30-40 people in attendance meeting and talking to Moz, he shared his story and talked about so many heart wrenching incidents that are happening to refugees in detention, We followed this up with a banner painting session with the women's department.

BIPOC Queer Party

The event went well with around 25 people attending, Moxie has enjoyed performing for the bipoc queer community, there were some issues with lighting and sound but Kyle is amazing and helped them out. don't have much detail to report as i couldn't be there myself, but it generally went well from what i heard we're getting BIPOC drag queens to perform throughout, there's going to be food from pronto's and a bar tab. Moxie Delite is confirmed as one drag queen and we're looking for a second one. the theme is 50 shades of glitter! Thank you Brittney for organizing this!

Islamophobia: Online and On Screen

This is our last workshop of the semester, the speakers had a lot of things come up i so the workshop couldn't happen until week 12 which is fine, now it's now on Monday and will be presented as one big workshop instead of 2 normal length ones.

Solidarity with Palestine action

In response to the events happening in Sheikh Jarrah in Palestine, I've organised a banner painting session and a small contingent ahead of the emergency May 19 protests, had a small number of attendees which is understandable given the short time frame I worked on.

Myriad magazine

After a lot of interviews and discussion, we've selected our editors for this year's edition of Myriad Woohoo! Sadly, the graphics editor that we selected has dropped out and now we need to look into either asking one of the sub editors to become editors or reopen editor applications which is not ideal.

We got SO many applications and it's sad that places are limited since we're paying subbies, (around 5 for each team) the selection process is really tough. now the editors are working on the prompt list and theme for this year

Winterfest Plans

So we will be having stalls on the two carnival days of interfest, and give away tote bags with some of the snacks and facemasks we previously bought, some of the keep cups also previously bought. We might have a hot drink for students but that is TBD.

Our main event will be a social games night at the ida, after the second carnival day (28th of July), i might hire some small games, and use some of the board games we have and ones that umsu has lying around for this, there'll be food and a tab for non alcoholic drinks, should be fun!

On hopin the events team gave me a great idea of playing one of our recorded anti-racism workshops in our booth for attendees to attend (after asking the presenter of course) which is what I might do as well.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Rise campaign is done but the fight is far from over
2. Week 7 workshops are now week 10
3. Giveaways for week 12

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Week 12 workshop on islamophobia
2. Giveaways for week 1

People of Colour
Emily AlRamadhan

No Report Submitted

Queer

Amy Bright

Since the last report, the Queer Department capped off its end of semester events, including completing the Queer Gym Nights program with excellent feedback, our regular collectives and G&Ts with the LGBTs. In advocacy, we completed the Report to Request a Review of the Subject PHIL20046: "Feminism" and presented it to the Dean of Arts alongside our petition. He is still considering the review, and seems to be engaging in delay tactics. This is frustrating, but we continue to balance pressure tactics with the importance of maintaining a working relationship with the Faculty.

Since then, the Vice-Chancellor, Duncan Maskell, made his annual address to University staff which referenced the "debate" about TGD wellbeing at Unimelb. His sentiment demonstrated meaningful progress in the attitude of the University towards this issue, which is promising, but still has some key misunderstandings of the nature of harm done to TGD staff and students. The draft Gender Affirmation Policy has garnered some media attention, specifically due to public criticism by the usual TERF suspects at Unimelb. The Queer Department has provided comment to media several times on the issue and is likely to have an opinion article published in The Age in the coming week.

Laura and I, like most OBs, are focusing most of our attention on planning for Winterfest and for Semester 2, including preparing the budget and planning events such as the annual Queer Ball - get hyped!

Amelia Bright.

Queer

Laura Ehrensperger

Key Activities

Social Media

Promotion for upcoming events on our social media pages will be aided with the previously allowed \$150 for Facebook Boosting.

Events for next semester will be updated when we have a set out calendar of what events will occur when.

Events

Queer Ball

The basic foundations of Queer Ball have been organised. This includes the price estimate for the venue booking, equipment, bar tab, and canapes which is highly recommended to be brought around to manage alcohol consumption.

Last years deposit for Queer Ball has been used to pay the booking, and the remainder of the cost will be provided when the budget has been approved.

We may be seeking out a ball committee to help manage the organisation for the ball and the event itself.

Drag Makeup Artist

Hopefully, this event will run in the upcoming Semester, yet we will discuss and plan it out more.

Winter Fest

For this event a videogame stream will be occurring while Amy and I talk to members who join, will ask questions, and promote upcoming events from our department.

All Gender Bathroom

This has been installed in Union House on level 3! Courtesy of Amy's amazing work.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Sorting out the rest of Queer Ball
2. More promotion and attendance for smaller events

Welfare

Hue Man Dang

Key Activities

Key Activity – Activate the Union Mart over the Winter Break at Parkville and Southbank

Key Activity – Prepare the Packages for the Infodesk

Key Activity – Prepare for Winterfest

Progress on assigned actions from last report

It's been a busy period!

Time really flies by when you're working at UMSU. There have been a number of activities that have occurred over the end of May and June period.

SGM Preparation (Collaboration with the Environment Department's Body Wellness Project)

I spent a good proportion of the period before the lockdown working with the Environments Department on their Body Wellness giveaway that happened. The project greatly aligns with the Welfare Department's initiatives around making wellbeing and health care accessible. We ended up giving out more than half the products that we had bought and in the history of UMSU, this is the first project of its kind (at the scale that it was) to give away body wellness products.

Union Mart and Snap Lock Down

Union Mart has been on a roll and the online social media posts have really helped the project gain traction over the last few weeks (minus the period of lockdown). During Semester Two, it's clear that we will need weekly restocking sessions. The team at the National Union of Students came down to visit Union Mart and gave a glowing review of the project on their socials!

We're proud to have been there to support students who need us. On the Thursday in the hours before the lock down we have almost wiped out our shelves at Union Mart to provide \$2000 of staple and needed food supplies / hygiene products (and even toilet paper 🧻). Over 200 students came and grabbed items and noted how important projects like Union Mart are to the overall wellbeing of students.

As a result of the completely wipe-out, we need to do a massive restocking of the Union Mart for the break period. I've come to realise that I really want to have this as a continued project over the break so that students can come to access support in a time when a lot of services have been

traditionally shut down. There will be reduced hours over the break to accommodate for Semester Two planning.

In an effort to make sure that students who can't come during the scheduled days, I'll be restarting the food container project with the Info Desk.

Healthy and Wellthy Project (Winter Clothing Program)

Other than the Environment Department's giveaway, another aspect of the Health and Wellthy week project was a winter clothing program. This is in addition to the home warmers project that we have. On the Thursday of the SGM we ended up giving away over \$1800 of winter clothing such as scarves and beanies to students in preparation for the Winter period which is very exciting.

Meeting with Talking Hunger Project

This project was funded by a SSAF grant and hosted and supported by the Melbourne Social Equity Institute. We discussed some of the data and findings that they have which include:

- The primary causes of food insecurity noted by students was a lack of income, particularly from access to adequate paid employment, especially for students living away from the family home and for international students.
- Students reported having to compromise the quality, diversity, healthfulness of food, and of being denied their preferred food choices.
- One student stated that they had become a vegetarian out of necessity.
- Students discussed lacking cooking skills, which limited their ability to eat well on a budget and rely more on eating out at the cheapest restaurants and takeOaway meals.

We talked together about the Union Mart and how it can be addressing some of the food concerns from the Talking Hunger Project. We also chatted about the future of food at the NSP – perhaps integrated within a broader Student Food Security Policy within a broader Health and Wellbeing Policy and/or Food Policy for the University. We also talked about how we can better manage data within the Union Mart project and how we can bring more fresh food into the picture.

Meeting with SSDP

Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia (SSDP) have previously collaborated with UMSU to run the Safer Partying Initiative (SPI). These were a set of 5 workshops run in 2018 /2019 out of the Union House. 94 reagent kits were administered in total over a two year period. A survey was given out before and after the workshop and some of the key data included:

- 82% of those who participated in the survey said they had consumed an illicit substance within the past year.
- 17% of all the participants said that they had been harmed by substance use at some

time in the past.

- Every single person said they were willing to test their friends' drugs.
- Participants showed that they would be interested in picking up a test kit from a number of options but the student union was the most popular.

Whilst the University of Melbourne and UMSU does not condone the use of illicit substances, we have (evidenced by the unanimous motion in 2015) and should continue to support harm reduction principles and the distribution of reagent drug checking kits. This approach is in line with Australia's National Drug Strategy of Harm Minimisation.

In bringing this collaboration back we hope to provide a free drug checking kit program for University of Melbourne Students and provide non-discriminatory and evidence-based information on safer drug use practices.

SSDP UniMelb proposes the SPI workshops are delivered every quarter, starting at the beginning of Semester 2, 2021 (July) through until the end of 2022 (November). I've had a number of meetings with SSDP to start churning out the details for this project. Other than some minor changes needed, overall, UMSU (supported by Advocacy, Comms) is going to be happy to start this project again.

Preparation for the upcoming Winterfest (Collaboration with the Disabilities Department)

The last project on my list is a Winter Fest Collaboration with the Disabilities Department. We will be running two activities, the first of which is called 'Making Wellness' which is happening on the 19th of July at the Art Lab. We will be making bath bombs! The second activity is a Terrarium Making activity happening on the 26th of July!

Action Points to be completed by next report

3. Replenish the shelves for the Union Mart
4. Start getting the Basecamp things in for the new projects
5. Start planning the Stationary Giveaway
6. Work with the Disabilities Department for the Winterfest Event
7. Organise the Instagram Takeover for Winterbreak
8. Meet with Advocacy + Stop 1 Regarding Union Mart
9. Start promoting the Calculator project
10. Attend the Student Wellbeing Reference Group Meeting – Friday 25th June at 10 am

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
6(21) WEL	6 th May	Big W	\$2250	Events	\$1850

6(21) WEL	6 th May	Coles – Union Mart	\$1500	Events	\$1480
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Women's Srishti Chatterjee

Genuinely don't know what number of council we are on, who even cares anymore. Time is a lie, I'm queer, and winter is the season of eXistENTIAL feAR. Just a little shoutout to Mickhaella for having my back during this ridiculous time of exams and me being sick for three weeks.

Refugee Action: Protests are back on - after the end of lockdown. 5:30pm on weekdays, 3pm on weekends.

Judy's Punch: We had a week full of Judy's Punch interviews, the quality of applications is so incredible and inspiring, and we're very excited to have our new team of editors and sub-editors. By the end of this month, we'll start our collective, because at its heart, Judy's is a collectivist magazine, produced by our collective with love and solidarity for our stories and art - would love to see some of y'all submit.

Heaps of love to Goldie (and Tim), for being at every interview and helping us through the nightmare of 5 days of Zoom interviews. You're OG.

Winterfest: Lots of jobs have been logged in the hope that we do have Winterfest in person, and we're registered for Winterfest Carnival Days on Parkville and Southbank.

Online Safety Policy:

I met with a few people from the Chancellery's team for Online Safety Policy committee prior to our fourth workshop with the e-Safety Commissioner, to discuss how existing Student Misconduct policies create loopholes in terms of online, image-based abuse.

At the fourth workshop, we discussed a prevention-response-recovery framework on the University's misconduct policy, and I explained to a room full of people what sexting is, and why one would, I quote - "send dick pics". Idk sir, I'm a reasonably attractive femme on the internet, I have been asking myself that for a LONG TIME.

Mic Drop for Feminism:

OHMYGOD this was so, so extremely beautiful. We had some stellar performances, lots of drinks, and some heartwarming photos - thanks Jo! UMSU hasn't had an open arts night in a long time (thanks, COVID) + our performers were autonomous (why would we ever pass a mic to cis men), and it was THE BEST. We discussed grandmothers, bad dating experiences and masturbation. SUCCESS.

Menstruation Workshop:

The workshop is scheduled right as this is meant to be submitted, but this fortnight has been spent planning the workshop with our speaker, making sure the discussion about sustainable menstruation deconstructs gender within itself. We have blood themed cupcakes, highlight of the week. Red velvet, and white choc-raspberry.

Colleges and Safety on Campus:

Mickhaella, Patrick and I met with the President of the Inter-collegiate Council (a few times) and the Chair of their Respect Taskforce, to discuss how to best centre the experiences of colleges

and their clubs in the conversation around sexual misconduct. They're planning on a few things that they asked for UMSU Women's support with, and of course we're happy to help. We also discussed the National sa/sh survey (which is going to happen in September) and how to best get college representation within the narrow scope of the survey, as of the pilot.

Zero Tolerance for Zero Action:

Patrick, Mickhaella and I met the legal team to discuss our answers to the questionnaire on developing the guiding principles and the standalone sexual misconduct policy. We're expecting a review in six to eight weeks, upon which we will be reconsulting other departments through the sa/sh working group.

We also had a re-consult to discuss the draft of guiding principles (which are confidential to attendees), and are looking forward to future discussions, expected to happen in a few weeks.

The Feminist Action Collective (bless everyone who comes to them I love you) is on its way to prepare for an exhibition, some cheeky chalking and a few performances to keep up the pressure on the University.

Actions Items Completed:

1. **SA/SH #5:** Done.
2. **Sustainability Fair and Climate Strike:** Will have happened before council.
3. **Menstruation Workshop**
4. **Judy's Punch Editors Interview:** Editors have been picked, and we're so excited to start up collective.
5. **Legal Consult SA/SH:** I couldn't make it because I was unwell, but Mickhaella and Patrick had my back!

Action Items Assigned for next report:

1. **Winterfest**
2. **Basecamp Tings!**
3. **Organising semester budget**

Women's Mickhaella Ermita

TW: mentions of sexual assault, harassment and drink-spiking in no explicit detail.

Beware, all ye who enter here: this report is *monstrously* long. That's because it's essentially two-in-one after last Students' Council was abruptly adjourned, and the Women's Department has had no shortage of work over the past two months.

I've reached the midway point of my term and, looking back, last semester was particularly exhausting. Adjusting to being an Office-Bearer is difficult enough without dealing with student politics factionalist bullshit as well as having to constantly talk about sexual misconduct policy – especially to a bureaucratic institution that refuses to take accountability and act humanely without self-interest. Despite that, the progress that Srishti and I have made, especially for Safety on Campus, has made things worthwhile. A sincere thank you to those who have treated us kindly and offered support where it was greatly needed; to everyone else, you know who you are.

Key Activities

Safety on Campus

Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group (May 25)

On May 25, we held the fifth scheduled meeting for the SA/SH WG. While there were some really promising updates from Southbank, especially with their attempts at implementing restorative justice practices, it was incredibly disappointing that we were unable to reach quorum, even with ample communication and notice from our end about scheduling the meeting.

This meant that no actions could be made and the time of everyone who did come was, essentially, wasted. For those who were unable to meet but observed correct procedure, I sincerely thank you. For those who didn't, I ask that you be more considerate towards others and meet us halfway – if you're unable to attend (which is perfectly fine), please send apologies and a proxy in advance, and we can reschedule if need be.

The subject matter of these meetings is *incredibly important* given the ongoing development of a standalone sexual misconduct policy and Guiding Principles for the University. It cannot be overstated just how necessary these meetings are to hear directly from all UMSU departments, as the feedback given is what UMSU Women's directly reiterate to the Chancellery and legal consultants writing this policy.

Attendance is a constitutional requirement for multiple UMSU Departments and some Councillors. Aside from that, however, the students and survivors we represent deserve to have Safety on Campus treated seriously and discussed *properly*.

Development of a standalone policy for addressing sexual misconduct policy

Phase 1 Consultations (April 30)

Srishti, Patrick (the UMSU Sexual Harm Response Coordinator) and I had a one-hour consultation session with the third-party tasked with creating Guiding Principles and a standalone sexual misconduct policy for the University. We are cautiously optimistic - the people we talked to seemed understanding of the trauma driving the creation of this policy and listened to us as we covered everything in the UMSU 10 Respect Priorities and the feedback that the Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group gave us. We also submitted written responses to their pre-meeting questionnaire as a tangible record of what UMSU wanted to see change.

Something of concern was how the Guiding Principles were being centred because it was not possible to hold every single University entity to the standalone policy - for instance, some residential colleges are privately owned and we cannot force companies to sign to this policy. Further student action may be required to pressure them into doing so.

Phase 2 Consultations (May 12)

Ideally, we would have wanted to schedule another Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group meeting before beginning the second phase of consultations, but it was decided by the University that this was not to be the case – they're very obviously rushing this process along to put out various fires. This next meeting was scheduled with very little notice and, significantly, the email to RSVP a time was not sent to Srishti (despite mentioning them by name in the address) nor was an invitation extended to Patrick (which we very politely but pointedly mentioned in return emails until it was confirmed that he could attend with us too).

The consultation itself went well. The consultants very clearly listened to our feedback and I'm pleased to say that key phrases that we mentioned, like "victim-centric" and "trauma-informed" were explicitly included in the draft version of the Guiding Principles. Shout-out to Inala and Matthew from Murrup Barak for being incredible allies and bringing much needed frankness and humour to the consultation.

We are ultimately suspicious, though, of the University's "bigger picture" that the consultants kept referring to, especially given that Respect Community of Practice meetings have been adjourned until the Respect Advisory Group next meet – which has yet to be scheduled. Once again, the University are doing their utmost to *not* be transparent about what's going on. Additionally, Patrick, Srishti and I are working hard to convince the Chancellery that it would be worthwhile to workshop the standalone policy with hypothetical situations modelled on anonymised, real-life cases, to ensure it is robust enough to protect *all* students.

Meetings with Inter-Collegiate Council (April 30, May 14)

Srishti and I also met with Sami from the ICC (Inter-Collegiate Council) to discuss a college-specific survey on sexual assault and harassment, after a reported spike in incidents (particularly with drink spiking) to which college administration have done little or nothing despite damning video evidence.

In a follow-up meeting, we put Sami and Emily (the new head of the ICC RESPECT Taskforce) in contact with Patrick, who conducted a similar survey when he wrote the UMSU Report to the RESPECT Taskforce in 2017. Unfortunately, given the recent and very rapid developments in the standalone sexual misconduct policy, UMSU are constrained in the time and resources they can provide to another project and are also especially mindful of fatiguing students with another survey in addition to the one to be released by Universities Australia. However, we'll be having a follow-up meeting with the college presidents to discuss broader strategy and have invited them to attend the next Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group meeting. I've also submitted a motion to Council to amend the Terms of Reference to include a nominated student from the ICC to sit as a voting member on the Committee, to ensure they are not left behind in the fight for Safety on Campus.

Phase 3 Consultations (June 16)

Patrick and I met with the legal consultants again after being sent a draft version of the standalone policy. While a step forward in the right direction in terms of tone and language used (we really felt that they took onboard our feedback about making the policy "victim-centric") from past attempts, there were some other issues: the policy was far too long to navigate for most students, especially after a traumatic experience; there was not enough emphasis on *prevention* and culture change rather than simply detailing repercussions after the fact; and there was a lack of clarity about investigation and adjudication processes.

In short, I would not be able to confidently say I would recommend the policy in its current iteration as I feel it doesn't answer that first, simple question that survivors often ask when they first disclose: *what will happen to me after I make a complaint?* Without that lack of clarity, I don't think the policy is adequate – even while recognising that a standalone policy is the first step in a long journey for Safety on Campus.

Judy's Punch

We opened applications for Editor positions and were able to hire (commentary, creative and graphics) for the magazine this year's edition! The process involved shortlisting, interviewing (which was abruptly moved to Zoom with the sudden lockdown) and reference-checking applicants – an incredibly hectic process to do during exam period, but Srishti and I managed thanks to Goldie's help!

Being on the other end of the (virtual) interviewing table was an incredibly eye-opening experience – make sure to read up on the position and organisation you're applying for before the interview!

Women's X

People of Colour:

The Refugee Justice Movement with Mostafa Azimitabar: (April 29)

It was a great privilege to hear and support Moz speak as he shared his story with us. The cruelty of the Australian Government still manages to shock me, despite being familiar with offshore

detention policies and practices. But what really resonated with me about Moz was his message of love and hope and art, as opposed to the anger (which is very justifiable but ultimately counter-productive for how it harms the people it purports to protect) that many associate with the refugee justice movement.

Banner-Painting for RISE End Detention Walkout (April 29)

After hearing Moz speak, I headed down to the Arts Lab with Srishti and Annalyce to begin work on the banner that will be used for the Unimelb contingent of the RISE End Detention Student Walk Out happening on May 8. Despite my discomfort with a paintbrush (I've been told I wield them like a seven year-old), I painted 5/15 of the letters in "End Detention Now" and wound up making friends with the activists who kindly came.

RISE End Detention Walkout (May 5)

I went with Srishti, who organised and led the Unimelb Contingent to RISE's (Refugees, Survivors and Ex-Detainees) End Detention Walkout. While the turnout on our campus was disappointing, the number of people who showed up to the State Library, especially from high school, was heartening. There were some beautiful speeches.

Environment:

Sustainability Fair (May 20)

Srishti and I had our own stall during Sustainability Fair. The turn-out was great (people love freebies, and we had plenty of leftover tote bags and 2019 editions of Judy's Punch to hand out!) and the BBQ was *especially* good.

Climate Strike (May 21)

I also attended to listen to some of the speakers for the UMSU Environment contingent for the School Strike 4 Climate (SS4C). While I couldn't participate in the rally itself, it was great to listen to some of the speeches.

Events

Mic Drop for Feminism (May 11)

I'm pleased to say that this went *really well!* It's probably one of my favourite events that we've hosted so far as a department – thank you so much to everyone who came and performed, and a special shout-out to Liv who hosted for us (RIP to Olly) and Jo who gave a kickass rant while also taking photographs for us!

Menstruation Beyond the Binary Workshop (May 20)

The UMSU Women's Department facilitated a workshop on menstruation on May 20, deconstructing its essentialist association with womanhood as well as providing information on sustainable menstruation products. There was an incident with the online ticketing that made me worry that the event would be hijacked by TERFs but luckily none came in-person, and instead we were able to have a respectful and insightful conversation with the people who did come. And kudos to Liv Bell and Srishti for keeping things light but educational. The red velvet cupcakes were also delicious.

UMSU Women's Webpage

I finally learned how to use Wordpress and tidied up the Women's page on the UMSU website. Please do check it out – I asked Comms to create some nice, new graphics to tie things together prettily! Also of note is how there's now a page explaining the "Zero Tolerance for Zero Action" petition in case students wanted to learn more about the background of the campaign and how they can help.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

11. **Attend consultation session on the development of Guiding Principles and a stand-alone policy for addressing sexual misconduct.**
Done.
12. **Attend and minute Women's Committee Meeting 6(21).**
Done.
13. **Attend and minute SA/SH WG Meeting 4(21).**
This is scheduled to take place on May 25.
14. **Attend and facilitate the Women and Non-Binary People Collective and Feminist Action Collective.**
Done.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continue planning, and later facilitate, UMSU Women's events for WinterFest.
2. Attend and minute SA/SH WG Meeting 5(21) – again.
3. Attend and minute Women's Committee Meeting 8(21).

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
6	May 14, 2021	UMSU Women's have been providing catering for our weekly Women and Non-Binary People, and Women and Non-Binary People of Colour collectives, which we've moved in-person. We've passed an additional \$500 to accommodate for the last few weeks of the semester.	\$500	Collectives (\$1000)	MOTION: To pass \$500 from the "Collectives" budget line to purchase food and drinks for the Women and Non-Binary People Collective, and Women and Non-Binary People of Colour Collective.

6	May 14, 2021	UMSU Women's hosted an Open Mic for Feminism event at the Ida Bar, where we provided attendees with Pronto's Pizza (including vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free and halal options) and drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic).	\$407	Events (\$10,000)	MOTION: To pass \$407 from the "Events" budget line to pay for the \$310 bar tab at the Ida, and \$97 for food.
7	May 24, 2021	We emptied out our "Collectives" budget line to stock up the Women's Room refrigerator for women and non-binary people who wanted to use the room during SWOTVAC.	\$300	Collectives (\$1000)	MOTION: To pass \$300 from the "Collectives" budget line to purchase food and drinks to stock the Women's Room and for use during in-person collectives.
7	May 24, 2021	MOTION: To pass \$150 from the "Events" budget line to pay Liv Bell for planning and facilitating the "Menstruation Beyond the Binary" workshop.	\$150	Events (\$10,000)	N/A
7	May 24, 2021	MOTION: To pass \$2463.75 from the "Judy's Punch" budget line to pay the three student contractors who will edit the publication (creative, commentary and graphics) \$750 each, plus super.	\$2463.75	Judy's Punch (\$2500)	N/A

Southbank

William Hall, Jamie Kim, Leyla Moxham

Dean Meeting

Unfortunately, the Dean could not attend the meeting on June 8th with UMSU Southbank OBs, Professor Richard Kurth and Professor Katrina Skewes McFerran. During the meeting, the discussions regarding 2021 Semester 1 WAM adjustments for students, conducting a CAPS (Counselling and Psychological Services) workshop for Southbank students, and having captions for live and pre-recorded Zoom lectures for students' convenience. Professor Skewes McFerran had contacted three CAPS counsellors and they responded that they are happy to conduct a workshop. Furthermore, she added that the function called Otter.ai is the best option for Zoom lecture captions.

UMSU Southbank Free BBQ Lunch Event

UMSU Southbank organized and conducted another Free BBQ Lunch event at the Southbank campus on Tuesday, May 18th, from 12pm to 2pm. It was another successful free lunch event, serving over 300 gluten free burgers and flaxseed & soy schnitzels to students. UMSU Southbank is currently under discussion with senior enrichment officers of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music to potentially hold another Free BBQ Lunch event during the upcoming orientation week in July.

UMSU Special General Meeting

UMSU Southbank is extremely happy that the motion to adopt the updated UMSU Constitution has been passed at the latest UMSU SGM, allowing online UMSU elections, acknowledging UMSU International as an autonomous body, and acknowledging our Activities Officer (also known as Activities and Events Coordinator) and Education Officer (aka Campaigns Coordinator) as official Office Bearers! We are very grateful for everyone's help :D

Semester 2 Orientation Week & Winterfest Preparations

Leyla and Jamie have talked to Manda and Dove (Faculty of Fine Arts and Music Senior Enrichment officers) to discuss preparations for the next semester O'Week and the upcoming Winterfest. Due to a small number of new students at the Southbank campus, the current plan for UMSU Southbank is to attend the morning tea ceremony on Wednesday, July 21st, to meet various new students and introduce themselves as Southbank students representatives. UMSU Southbank also plans to distribute free stuff to students.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Had another committee meeting
2. Had another sub-committee meeting
3. Conducted a BBQ Lunch event at the Southbank Campus

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Have the next committee meeting
2. Continue organizing plans for the Semester 2 O'Week and Winterfest
3. Write an open letter to Deans of **all** faculties and the Vice Chancellor outlining the need for workshops that address matters of consent and identifying predatory behaviour to be implemented immediately with compulsory participation in their respective schools and to call for the immediate termination of Professor Lopez- Was action point from last report. Need to meet with Womens OBs to discuss.
4. Meeting With Disabilities OBs and our committee members to start the collectives

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5 (21)	12/5/2021	<i>Hiring caterers from the University of Melbourne Student Union Event Casual team for the BBQ Free Lunch events</i>	\$120	<i>BBQ Lunch events</i>	Mover: Jungwoo Kim Seconder: Hannah Bowles
		<i>To pay student contractors Sherry Watson and Mmoloki Batsietswe-Hartill for hosting Town Hall Talks during O-Week</i>	\$300	<i>Town Hall Talks</i>	Mover: Will Hall Seconder: Hannah Bowles

6 (21)	8/6/2021	<i>To purchase non-perishable food items for the new initiative in the student lounge: The Bread Bin</i>	\$500	<i>The Bread Bin</i>	Mover: Will Hall Second: Jenny Le
		<i>To reimburse Leyla Moxham (the UMSU Southbank Education Officer) for purchasing inks and papers for the printer at the UMSU Southbank Office</i>	\$49.77	<i>Office Supplies</i>	Mover: Jungwoo Kim Second: Nicola Ingram
		<i>The printing costs associated with free coffee vouchers</i>	\$290	<i>Orientation Events</i>	Mover: Will Hall Second: Max Bowyer
		<i>Coles and Woolworths vouchers for Southbank students in need</i>	\$4000	<i>BBQ Lunch Events & Queer Collectives & Quick Response Arts Grants</i>	Mover: Jungwoo Kim Second: Annalyce Wiebenga

Burnley

Kaitlyn Hammond

General Update

Hello, everyone! It's been a while since I've had the opportunity to write an OB report. I have been having some challenging medical issues and spent a substantial portion of semester 1 in hospital. Without a committee to carry things through, my absence has meant that many of the activities I had planned have had to be postponed. I am doing much better now and have spent time planning the semester ahead to ensure that we provide opportunities for student engagement and that everything will run smoothly even if I have some medical difficulties again. I have been in touch with the Burnley Campus Postgrad Group (a GSA group) and will be collaborating on some of our activities to ensure that there is enough human power to get these events underway. I am very excited for the semester ahead!

Key Activities

R-efreshers course

I am proud to say that the course is underway and that we will have our 5th session of the course next week! We have had great turnout for these sessions and lots of positive reviews from the students who have attended. The events team did an amazing job getting this in motion and creating some incredible artwork for our advertisements! I am extremely grateful for all the help from the team and all of the work put in by our tutors.

Burnley Garden Party

While the event happened a few months ago, I didn't get the chance to provide an update. The party was extremely successful- everyone said the catering was excellent, and the whole event was an amazing opportunity to showcase some excellent student work.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Completed semester 2 budget
2. Organized, advertised, and ran R-efreshers event

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Get all budget expenses paid and everything ready for next semester
2. Contact pottery location and confirm dates (COVID permitting)
3. Get events up on Eventbrite and advertised for semester 2 R-efreshers sessions
4. See if we can get a group discount for ice skating

Budget Expenditure

Organized for semester 1:

R-freshers course:

Total: \$3600

Garden party:

Total: \$1000

Yoga

Total: \$1000

Pottery

Total: \$700

Hoodies

Total: \$1600

Groceries for SAB

Total: \$100

TOTAL: \$8000

