

University of Melbourne Student Union



Meeting of the Students' Council

Student Officer Bearer Reports

Meeting 15(21)

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

President

Jack Buksh

CW: Mentions of Sexual Assault and Harassment, no explicit detail

Key Activities

Obviously have been on leave for the past week, so not a heap to report.

Congratulations to all of those on council elected in the UMSU Elections last week, and a good luck for 2022. Fun things to come!

Media

Have contributed to an article in *The Age*, which is yet to be published. Am also working with the Herald Sun on another piece, hopefully to be published next week.

National Student Safety Survey

The National Student Safety Survey has opened and has been sent around to a random selection to students. UMSU is promoting this around, and indeed the importance of this survey to hold universities accountable on sexual assault and harassment.

We know the University has time and time again failed students on this issue, which is why you will see UMSU's communications on this issue separate from the University's.

There will be more to come on this issue, in conjunction with the NUS.

Other items

Steps have been taken on other items that will be reported to Council in the CEO Report, and input has been provided on a number of those items.

General Secretary

Allen Xiao

Hae tibi erunt artes: pacisque imponere morem,

Parcere subiectis, et debellare superbos (Aeneid VI, 252-3)

I would like to take this chance to congratulate the Office Bearers and Councillors recently elected- to guide UMSU through 2022 will take vision and creativity, which I am sure is in no short supply here.

Key Activities

Having been on leave last week, the main items to report are ongoing governance developments, which will be covered in the CEO Report.

Minutes and documents

Have received requests from Office Bearers- incoming and outgoing- for a range of documents to ease the handover process. A mass upload of relevant paperwork is ongoing; I am also reviewing current UMSU policies to ensure that any proposed changes begun earlier in the year can be completed (or are in a workable state) by the start of December.

UMSU INTL honoraria

As UMSU INTL hands over to the 2021-2022 Committee, discussions on the fair remuneration of international student representatives will be ongoing. Legal advice on these matters has been provided to myself, the President and the CEO, and will be shared with Council.

Progress on assigned actions since last report

1. A range of governance and management issues- ongoing
2. Continue discussions regarding academic/welfare support with University stakeholders – ongoing, particularly the issue regarding postgraduate MDHS course GPA calculation
3. Continue to review EBA, Regulations, and documents for the remainder of Semester – ongoing.

Activities

Christos Prevolos

Key Activities

Role as Activities OB

The way Phoebe and I decided would be best to run Activities would be to split the work between ourselves; I would run the 3BT/2BT programs while Phoebe would run one-off and large-scale events. This format worked well throughout semester 1; the online BBB program was quite successful and ran smoothly, while Phoebe ran activities such as Clash of Clubs.

Unfortunately I haven't heard from Phoebe for a few months now, and I am not sure what she had planned for this semester, if anything. I myself, as I have outlined in previous reports, spent a few months trying to reboot 3BT/2BT in a novel and COVID-safe format, bringing new initiatives in, while bringing back old favs. The CME staff I worked with were very helpful in organising everything, and when things would go wrong (e.g. 4 lockdowns) they were always ready to help me adapt the plans as needed.

Unfortunately, now, it is looking like even an online BBB is impossible for this semester. With the work I have outside of UMSU, as well as study and all that fun stuff, I don't have the capacity to pick up the projects Phoebe would have been running – after all I am one of two OBs, and ran for this position on the caveat that I didn't think I'd be able to run this office alone.

Therefore as I don't think I have the time or capacity to effectively pick up on what Phoebe was endeavouring on running this semester (due to a lack of communication or plans), and since the bands program is unable to run despite the work I've put into it, I feel that it is only fair to resign from my position as Activities OB. And so I'm doing that!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **3BT/2BT:** I have approved for this semester's budget to be used to pay the bands we were supposed to have playing this semester, as they will still be playing next year; this means that next year's OBs won't come across any unforeseen expenses.

Action Points to be completed by next report

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Budget Expenditure

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Activities

Phoebe Chen

On Leave

Clubs and Societies

Kalyana Vania

No Report Submitted

Clubs and Societies

Muskaan Hakhu

No Report Submitted

Creative Arts

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna

Key Activities

Mudfest

All the official things are done, and the Mudfest survey has also closed. Jess from the Rowden White Library has very kindly compiled the survey results for us and we'll be going through it sometime early next week along with Susan, the Arts & Culture Manager! The various Mudfest Award Winners have been slowly but surely getting back to us on their prize preferences, so we've been sending them through to Ciara Griffiths to process. It has all been taking a little bit of time but we're getting through them. We're having some trouble organising the Melbourne Fringe prize for one of our artists. Most artists have been submitting their acquittal reports for their Mudfest grants and a couple have asked for extensions. Several members of our Mudfest production team have sent in their final reports so Merryn can send the invoices on their behalf for their last payments.

Above Water

I've taken over the online event supervision for the Above Water Launch. We have the Zoom and ticket registration set up, but unfortunately we're a little stuck right now because the UMSU Design team have not been allocated on the Basecamp job. The job was logged a while ago, so I've tried to get in touch with the team, since the event is on in about two weeks!

Creative Arts Collective

All good on this end!

Student Artist Spotlight

We're a little behind posting on socials. I've just been a little bit overwhelmed with things this week since Merryn is on leave. But hopefully I'll find the time to put up some posts this week.

Mask Making Workshop

Happening in collaboration with Enviro tomorrow (16th September) from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM AEST on Zoom! This workshop will be facilitated by CJ Starc who is a textile artist and also a student. It's mainly aimed at showing beginners how to hand-sew a reusable face mask, but everyone is welcome, and if people want to do it their own way, they are more than welcome to

do that! We're a little bit low on registrations, but hoping for some more by tomorrow. Since CJ is a student, we need to go via the Payment for Students form in order to pay them for facilitating the workshop, so just waiting for approval on that before we can process the payment.

Grants

We have another grant round closing this Friday (September 17th) at 5:00 PM AEST. There hasn't been as much uptake for the grants as last semester, but we're still expecting 3 – 4 applications this round. I'm in the process of meeting with all the applicants still. Some acquittal reports from previous grant rounds are overdue, but I haven't had time to chase up on them yet, so will get onto that later this week or early next week.

Collabs with UHT

We're hosting a TRIVIArts event this Friday (September 17th) in collaboration with UHT and the UHT Peer Mentors at 7:00 PM AEST. All of you are invited! There will be prizes! We also met with Erin from UHT last week to discuss other collaboration opportunities. We're thinking of doing a very chill artsy games night during SWOTVAC and are also planning a homemade costume video submission competition thingy sometime in the next month or so. More details to come.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Organise the requested prizes for the Mudfest award winners – In progress
2. Plan and conduct our mask-making workshop – Almost done (happening on September 16th)
3. Go through and approve the Creative Arts Grants for this round – Last round applications approved and processed
4. Go through the results of the Mudfest survey – Will be done in the coming week

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Start planning our UHT video costume competition collaboration
2. Meet with Southbank OBs to discuss Trivia collaboration
3. Potential art journaling collab with Women's
4. Close grant round
5. Run Making Masks and TRIVIArts events
6. Finish up all the planning and promotion for Above Water Launch

Budget Expenditure

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Creative Arts Committee 14(21)	02.09.2021	Spending of \$2,000 for the fourth grant round of Creative Arts Grants.	\$2000	Creative Arts Grants	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee under motion 7.1.
Creative Arts Committee 14(21)	02.09.2021	Spending \$200 for the payment of a facilitator for the Making Masks workshop.	\$200	Special Projects	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee under motion 7.2. This amount has not yet been spent.

Creative Arts

Merryn Hughes

No Report Submitted

Disabilities

Brigit Doyle

In line with the current restrictions and as advised that we will be in lockdown for the remainder of the year, we if not lockdown but we won't be able to return to uni we are developing online programs. However everyone has zoom fatigue, and most people have just had enough of online events. We are really trying to get people to come along to events, so we are giving out vouchers to everyone who attends our events, as normally there would be free food and things so now instead we are giving away vouchers.

We are also trying to keep the community engaged through a greater Facebook presence, trying to have regular posts even if not about events but general information and fun participation.

Upcoming we have Mental health workshop which we ran last semester with great success so we are running it again however online. This will be run by a psychologist from CAPs, looking at how to improve individuals and friends mental health particularly in this challenging time. We are also going to be offering funded places to the mental healthier first aid training, which is accreditator. So as a student community we continue to develop mental health leaders in this challenging time.

We have an NDIS talk coming up, however this seems challenging at the moment with trying to find an NDIS person to come and present. And we will be releasing the remaining Auslan places next week in line with the National Week of Deaf People. Clea the disability rep on council is going to be running the disability collective for the next few weeks till the end of semester, from 12-1pm on Thursdays. The Queer&Disability collective is also on Thursdays.

Disability Pilates: Movement for Everyone I have been working on for a while, did not happen exactly, due to legal issues between MU sport and UMSU. However MU sport ended up running the classes for students for free, with more than 30 people signing up. This was great to see that many people connected with this idea and hopefully something similar can be done in the future or ongoing by MU sport.

Disabilities

Lindsay Tupper-Creed

No Report Submitted

Education (Academic)

Jennisha Arnanta

No Report Submitted

Education (Academic)
Planning Jay Vynn Saw

No Report Submitted

Education (Public)

Hannah Krasovec

Apologies for this being shorter than usual – I'm suffering from a sinus infection (not COVID my test came back negative) but I'm really knocked out and just trying to recover!!

Key Activities

Campaign to Stop the Robert Menzies Institute (RMI)

We had the online forum on Thursday 2nd Sept 6pm with Jeanine Leane, Jeff Sparrow and Mick Armstrong, co-hosted with GSA Education. It went really well – was definitely good to have academic insight from the three highly skilled speakers. Attendance was pretty good – around 80 people which was awesome, including decent numbers of non-stupol people!!

We did have an in-person rally planned but obviously with lockdown this has had to be scrapped. Once I'm over this sinus infection I'll start working on next steps for the campaign.

Unimelb is planning some opening gala for the Institute with Federal Liberal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg sometime in November – although with COVID I doubt this will be able to go ahead at this rate. We'll be keeping an eye on this, however. If we can't have in person classes or exams, galas shouldn't be happening either. But anyway.

Collectives

Attendance for Rural, Regional and Interstate collective picked up slightly after the UMSU socials but is still quite low unfortunately. I'm disappointed we won't be able to have in person collectives this sem, because they always had good attendance.

Education Action Collective has been going really well!! Last collective (Thursday 2nd September) we had the Young Workers Centre (YWC) come in and give a workshop on our rights at work and how to get our colleagues to join the union movement and fight for fair workplaces. We all found it really beneficial, especially on how to get our other colleagues on board with taking action. I used to work in hospitality so I know that struggle personally and wish that I'd had that workshop in 2019 or 2020. But it's already helping other collective attendees so that's awesome.

No Cuts campaign

Unimelb pulled a sneaky and decided to announce more job cuts during election season. Main cuts to highlight are in the IT departments, including those who work with students, update student interfaces etc. I'm currently working with the NTEU on a student-staff campaign against these specific cuts.

We also found out that 1 in 5 uni jobs across Australia have been cut since the start of the pandemic. The National Union of Students (NUS) has been doing work around a national campaign against widespread university job cuts, and we're keen to help with the campaign of course.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **Hold the online forum for the Menzies campaign.**
Done. Read aforementioned.
2. **Brainstorm more ideas to help boost RRI attendance.**
In the process – more advertising, using powerpoints to guide discussion etc. We were hoping on in person collectives too but that won't be happening because COVID.
3. **Brainstorm more ideas for workshops for Education Action Collective (similar to the collab with YWC)**
I'm working on getting the Melbourne Activist Legal Centre in for a session on protest rights especially around COVID. Had this workshop last year and it went really well.
4. **Even more memes on the socials – they really boost engagement for when we post more official stuff!!**
Been a bit on the backburner because of election week/leave and me being sick but I'll get onto it when I'm better.

Action Points to be completed by next report

2. Have the workshop with Melbourne Activist Legal Centre organised.
3. Plan next steps for campaign to stop the Menzies Institute.
4. Keep working with the NTEU to fight back against the recent job cuts.

Budget Expenditure

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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Education (Public)

Tejas Gandhi

“There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter” – Barack Obama

Hi superstars, the elections are over and now it's time to get back to work. Hope everyone is keeping well.

Key activities:

Education Action Collective and RRI Collective:

We had young workers centre event the week before elections and we discussed about the issues that workers are facing in the recent times, shared personal experiences and how we can overcome the difficulties arose by workers being unfairly paid or treated. We also discussed some of the unions that students can join and their recent campaign around the discouragement of apprenticeship/ TAFE workers to finish their degrees in order to pay them less.

https://www.youngworkers.org.au/apprenticeship_campaign

Last week, in RRI collective we discussed about the problems around student accommodation and colleges. Much higher fees charged by them and being asked to travel back home particularly during the lockdowns. We also discussed about the students dropping out, skipping a semester, or changing universities altogether as there is no substantial support provided for them. These are the key issues and it's important to continue talking about them.

We plan on hosting some insightful organisations in the upcoming weeks to further our mission.

Higher Education Reform and others:

It's been comparatively quieter otherwise because of the leave last week. There's been some research and developments in the federal government's attempts to by-pass the higher education system by introducing the reform bill last year which was supported by a lot of crossbenchers as well. The federal government's promise to deliver more student places through its Job-ready Graduates Package was hollow rhetoric. There is no additional subsidy for the 27,000 additional student places promised under JRG. It created further challenges by reducing overall financing of domestic students by over 5 per cent, government subsidies reduced by 15 per cent and student contributions increased by nearly 8 per cent. This is a worrying development, and we will need to remain vigilant. It is unfortunate that we're in lockdown still, as our actions are very curtailed. We'll be discussing it in Ed Action Collective as well.

Action points to be completed by the next report:

1. Continue planning for upcoming collectives and forums.
2. Plan and Promote our campaigns on social media.

Environment

Lynne Bian

Key Activities

Creative Arts Collaboration

In the past week we have had meetings with the creative art department to finalise some details of the mask making workshop. We have also gathered materials and videos that will assist with the event from the UMSU sustainability team. We have also promoted the event on the environment and collective page

Setting up social media

Since we just got our union mail, we're still setting up social medias. Social media is an effective way to reach more students.

Discussion potentials of collaboration with GSV

After attending the UoM Student Groups Sustainability Network, we found many projects that we can collaborate with other student groups. We are in the process of reaching out to multiple projects.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Mudfest collaboration

Finalised the collaboration creative arts department

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continue to find ways to mobilise students in supporting the environmental activism.

Environment

Disha Zutshi

Key Activities

Making Masks Workshop

- Collaboration between the environment and the creative arts department
- Collaboration on workshop for making sustainable masks

Sustainability Network

- Interacted with a few student groups in the sustainability circle
- The environment department will be getting in touch with a few groups for future collaboration

Action Points to be completed by next report

5. Reimbursement for Community Garden
6. Meeting with student groups for collaboration

Budget Expenditure

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9(21)	3 rd September, 2021	Reimbursement to Community Garden for workshops and garden supplies.	\$758.43	The 'Events' Budget line	In process

Indigenous

Shanysa McConville

Key Activities

Gundui Bunjil Volume 9 Launch

Due to the continued restrictions in Victoria, we've elected to host an online launch for Gundui Bunjil Volume 9. This is set to take place on Wednesday the 29th of September at 5pm on zoom. A Facebook event is currently being made and registrations details will be circulated amongst the student body. We'll have the editorial team speak about this edition, the founder talk about the evolution of the magazine, and select readers come along to read and reflect on their submissions.

Gundui Bunjil Volume 10

Submissions are still open for Gundui Bunjil Volume 10. We're slowly getting a few submissions come in, and we hope that once we send out a prompt document with topics that we'd love to hear students write about, we'll have enough to make this new edition.

Indigenous Literacy Day

Still unsure about this postponed event at this stage. We were looking at purchasing books from Readings and posting to students, then having those that register attend a bookclub/Q&A session with the author, but waiting to hear if the author is available first.

Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k Liberation Week

The whole event has been moved online. We're in the midst of transitioning everything to an online format which as you can imagine is taking some time. Once we know the exact layout of the events (Week 11), we'll distribute to Council before we start advertising.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Update on Gundui Bunjil launch.
Has been moved online.

2. Update on Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k Liberation Week planning.
Has been moved online.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Update on Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k Liberation Week planning.

Media

Lauren Berry

Key Activities

Edition Five

We held a proofing event for Edition Five on September 6. We're currently busy readying Edition Five for launch alongside Edition Six on October 21 (week 12).

Edition Six

The team and I have been busy templating and preparing comprehensive notes for illustrators for Edition Six! As Edition Six is our biggest and final edition for the year, we want to provide extra support and refined notes for all areas of the department, so a lot of our time has been going into this. We have several new illustrators on our team too which is exciting to see this late in the year! Subediting and illustration commissions have been sent out this week. We've received a few cover submissions, and are awaiting more. We are planning a dual launch with Edition Five on October 21 (week 12).

Creative with Covid 2.0

If only to make more work for ourselves, Creative with Covid is back! The 2020 team launched this competition last year to encourage students to keep being creative during lockdown. We're continuing this with a focus on audio/music, video, experimental art and photography — i.e. areas we haven't been able to pay a heap of attention to this year. The competition should be launched this week, with submissions closing at the end of semester. We'll be promoting this on social media channels to encourage more and more students to submit. Prizes will be awarded to winners and runners ups, with the works uploaded and shared online.

Website

Our new website is finally in our hands! We're currently busy preparing it for launch — making sure all content is uploaded properly and up to date, as well as ironing out any technical issues. At this stage we plan to launch the website on the weekend before week 9.

Event Planning & Merch

Event planning is in full swing! Because we unfortunately had to cancel our gallery event due to lockdown/restrictions, we've been looking for smaller ways to keep students engaged with our department throughout the rest of the semester. Zoom fatigue is also a beast, and for this reason we've combined Ed 5/6 into a single launch. We also plan to hold a brief website launch, and an incredible shared virtual event with Creative Arts to celebrate the 2021 Above Water anthology!

We've also decided to relaunch 2020's Creative with Covid competition, with a focus on media forms not commonly featured much in *Farrago*—video, audio/music, experimental illustration and photography.

Pavani has been incredible at leading our series of Decolonising & Restructuring UMSU Media community forums with the POC department. Two open events have been held in the past few weeks, with a third to be held shortly.

Finally, I've been working with Comms and Design on plans for our *Farrago* merchandise, including various design/concept drafts, supply plans and more!

Elections

Farrago has been busy covering the elections. We hosted the presidential debate on September 1 and the turnout was outstanding. The election guide was released on September 3 and generated much interest and an extremely high number of views.

Progress on Actions from Last Report

1. Proofed Edition Five, with finalisations in progress
2. Sent out subediting and illustrations for Edition Six
3. Proceeded with event and merch planning

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Prepare content (*Farrago* and *Fodder*) for website launch; Launch new website
2. Finalise Edition Five

3. Launch Creative with Covid competition
4. Launch Above Water on September 30
5. Proceed with event and merch planning

Media Department Recommendations

Item Description	Amount	Budget Line	Comment
Creative with Covid 2.0 prizes	\$1,300	*Money passed from Special Projects line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reallocate \$1,300 from cancelled Edition Five launch party to go towards purchasing prizes/vouchers for winners and runners-ups in the Creative with Covid 2.0 competition.
Creative with Covid 2.0 advertising	\$150	Money passed from Special Projects line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reallocate \$150 from cancelled Edition Five launch party to promote the Creative with Covid 2.0 competition across UMSU social media channels. This will help to increase reach and ensure we can engage as many students as possible with this opportunity.

*We initially passed \$1,500 for this launch in early August an attempt to be organised for Semester 2. However, due to lockdown it can't be spent. Since this expenditure was already approved, we are hoping council will let us use this money for Creative with Covid 2.0 instead, as this initiative will help reward and engage students in spite of lost opportunities due to lockdowns.

Media

Ailish Hallinan

Key Activities

Election Coverage

Well elections are done and dusted for another year! Overall, I am super proud of the coverage our team was able to achieve this year, which was significantly more comprehensive than in previous years. We interviewed and published profiles on each of the Presidential candidates, created a “What is the UMSU Election?” infographic for students, published an 84-page Election Guide & held a Presidential candidate debate. Given how busy I was during elections, I have not had time to compile a full report on the debate & other election-related issues, but I hope to present this to Council 16(21) or 17(21) with some future recommendations about the role of the Media Department in elections. The Returning Officer (Gavin) has also agreed to sit down with me to discuss some recommendations he has about this as well. I will touch on this in my later report, but a lot of the legacy about how to report on elections was greatly informed by how Above Quota used to run our elections and is not necessarily compliant with elections regs OR in some cases the regs are not clear enough to guide the Media Department. I am incredibly grateful to Gavin & Jarrod for dealing with my constant pestering to ensure all reporting was above board.

But overall, I am pleased to report incredibly high student engagement with our election coverage — which is ultimately the best way to measure the success of our reporting. Some juicy stats for you all:

- *Farrago* Facebook reach was up 70.1% from this time last month. Given that the majority of our posts were about elections during this period, this significant increase is more than likely a result of this coverage.
- Our department’s ‘Election Guide’ received 4077 views (!!) — for comparison, the most recent edition of *Farrago* received 469 views
- Over 140 people attended our Presidential candidate debate. We opened questions to the public and had to close them within 5 minutes as we had already received over 30 question submissions.
- The recording of this debate was published to our Facebook page and received 969 views.

‘Creative with COVID’ Competition

We’ve decided to bring back the Creative with COVID competition that was introduced by last year’s OB team. Lockdowns have seen a lot of creative opportunities taken away from students, so we believe this competition can help rectify this! Given that we already ran a writing

competition this year (*Above Water*), we want to focus on other areas of media! There will be 4 categories: Audio/Music, Photography, Video & Visual Art. The competition will run until the end of semester, with prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. The judging panel will comprise of the Editors and our Radio, Photography & Video team managers to ensure balance as well as expertise. Please see Lauren's OB report for all related expenditure for this competition.

Establishing Media Library

The Media Library I discussed in my last OB report is fully functional! Our photography team & social media team have been collaborating to start advertising opportunities to submit to the library. The feedback so far has been really positive & we are excited to see what students send in. I must give full credit to Ben & Caro (our photography team managers) and Alain (one of our photographers) for this idea! They worked so hard setting it up & I am so grateful for their dedication to our department!

Above Water Updates

Our beautiful baby with Creative Arts is nearly ready to be birthed! She got put on the back burner a little while elections were running but I have spent most of this week importing all the final artwork & adding the finishing touches! I am hopeful to have it to the Gen Sec next week so we can go ahead with our launch during the break. Thank you as always to the beautiful Merryn and Vaishnavi (Creative Arts) for their endless support and kindness. They are planning a wonderful launch for *Above Water* & we would LOVE for you to attend!

Edition 6 Updates

I can't believe I'm saying this but our FINAL edition for the year has been templated. We have sent off all the written work to be subedited & given templates to the illustrators. It's bittersweet that this is the last mag I will ever template for this department. Given that I was abruptly handed the design portfolio on our first day in office with no prior graphic design experience, I must admit I am really proud of what I've been able to accomplish this year. Thank you to everyone who has supported me through various sleepless nights & breakdowns over these *Farragos* — in particular to my co-OBs Pavani & Lauren, the Creative Arts Dept, the Women's Dept and our oh mighty President, Jack. Stay tuned for more details about our final (!!) launch.

Website Updates

Well there's some good news & bad news on this front! Good news is that MSL handed us the finished website to add our own personal touches before we launch. Given how frequently we upload content, some articles were missed in the transfer from the old site to the new, so all we were told we would need to do when we received the site from MSL is upload these and we'd be good to launch! Unfortunately, in this process, we have discovered a few technical errors with the site that we need MSL to resolve before we can launch (*sigh*). However, thanks to reassurances from my wonderful partner who works in IT and sits calmly by my side as I attempt not to scream

at my computer when the site won't work, I am still confident we can launch on or before the end of mid-sem break.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Election coverage complete!
2. Edition 6 templates & subediting sent out
3. Above Water final artwork imported
4. Final touches added to new website
5. Media Library set up & functional

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Website ready to launch! (hopefully!)
2. Above Water sent to Gen Sec
3. Election Report prepared for Council
4. Creative with COVID competition launched

Media

Pavani Ambagahawatta

Edition 5

Proofed. Templated by Ailish. Being put together. Ready to be sent off to the printer.

Edition 6

Submissions picked. Selected. Subediting sent out. Proofing event scheduled. Theme-surreal, we're receiving cover submissions and artwork.

Creative With Covid

It's back! We're advertising this week. Prize money in Loz's recommendations. Going to put it in e-news and ask UMSU Intl to help advertise.

POC x Media

My lil' community forums are fun, and well-attended. We're having a third, a constitutional working group where we discuss some issues with the, surprise, surprise, UMSU Media constitution. We're hoping it will help 2022.

Events and Merch

Lots of Zoom fatigue so we're focusing less on event and more on merch. Merch designs have been okayed. Nikkis is a creative genius and a S T A R.

Website

Oh, Christ. A bit of a mess. We're re-organizing the landing page and uploading all the articles from 2021 onto it. A pain, but must be done, I suppose. We can't publish anything until its done which is vERy annoying.

Other Stuff

Posting Farragos to domestic and international students.

Progress on Actions from Last Report

1. Edition 5 proofed
2. Edition 6 subediting sent out
3. Creative with COVID begun

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Receive Ed 6 subediting
2. Receive Creative with COVID submissions
3. Finish uploading website articles
4. Have constitutional working group
5. Send off merch order to Redbubble

People of Colour

Mohamed Hadi

Key Activities

Myriad magazine

- Submissions are closing next week! I have a target of 50 submissions to reach, from what I heard last we have 22 submissions but this is thankfully increasing.
- I'll be having a meeting with my editors to discuss launch party soon & try to figure out logistics of printing and sending them to students with the printers
- We are bumping subbies to submit work and help the editors

Collectives

- We're doing these as one-off events to try and get more engagement and distributing prezzy e-gift cards for students who come

Antiracism Workshops

- POC identity workshop ran a bit fast (around 40 minutes) but the content was really really good
- Diveristy without inclusion workshop is planned for the 1st of October or 28th of September
- Reached out to the presenter of racism and migration workshop to confirm and tell them they've been approved by committee
- The plan is to finish all workshops by week 10 before the launch of Myriad so Racism and Migration and Diveristy without inclusion might be the last ones for the year

Indigenous sovereignty and Bla(c)k liberation week

- Got confirmation from Neil Morris for the Bla(c)k liberation seminar, awaiting Celeste Liddle and Franka Vaughn to hopefully confirm
- The plan for the seminar is to have the Djirri Djirri performers first and have the seminar directly after it
- We're having a cook along with Mabu Mabu they'll be mailing kits to students and we can make it together, the kits will have everything the student need so no need to purchase anything
- We're struggling to confirm people for the alumni night, people are just not responding!

- We're working on the run sheets, questions and topics of each panel to send around and the speakers can start prepping

POC x Welfare Voucher giveaway

- This went SO well, 100 people signed up in 2 hours and we had to close the form
- The gift cards already went out to all 100 students and yeah! I think we'll definitely do this at least once before the semester ends – maybe as a support thing for exams

People of Colour

Emily AlRamadhan

No Report Submitted

Queer

Amy Bright

Since our last report, we have been planning for our regular collaborative event with the Women's Department - the Queer Gals and Enby Pals Movie Night (you should totally come) and continuing our planning for the Queer Ball. The most major development on this front has been seeking entertainers and establishing the format of the night. Production on CAMP Magazine continues to run smoothly - we ended up getting close to 20 submissions, which is a very solid effort given the circumstances. Amy has also been in touch with RUSU Queer Department regarding Queer Collaborations (mentioned in a previous report) and is seeking finalised quotes and invoices to estimate the funding required. The University has not been responsive to requests for funding, so we intend to request some money from the Students' Council (both RUSU and UMSU) once we have more information.

Queer

Laura Ehrensperger

Key Activities

Social Media

Social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram are used to promote the online events which are occurring throughout the Semester.

Facebook Boosting will also be used to promote these events and make the posts more far-reaching.

Events

Queer Ball

Queer Ball had to be postponed due to the lockdown in Melbourne. However, the next available times are occurring close to the exam period, or early next year.

As such we have decided to hold an online Queer Ball instead, and receive a refund on the money as the event will have to be cancelled with Bobby McGees.

Action Points to be completed by next report

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

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
12	To be decided				

Welfare

Hue Man Dang

No Report Submitted

Women's

Srishti Chatterjee

Women's

Mickhaella Ermita

TW: mentions of sexual assault and harassment in no explicit detail.

It's September, which means that the National Student Safety Survey has been rolled out to students and the most stressful time of year for the Women's Department has begun. It's also the last month before my thesis is due. Juggling both these things is difficult but I'm taking each day one at a time.

Key Activities

Safety on Campus

UMSU/GSA Video Statement

In light of the National Student Safety Survey being rolled out, I worked with Srishti and Madeleine (the Women's Officer for the Graduate Students' Association) on a joint statement from both our organisations for students. We then made this into a video to be uploaded onto our social media platforms, to explain to students what the NSSS is, how students can participate (both if selected for the official survey and through an anonymous online form on the NSSS website if not) and what support resources they can access. It was a team effort, as we individually filmed our parts, Madeleine edited them together, I captioned and Srishti and Madeleine are going to upload it onto social media.

Consent 101 Workshop

One of two events the UMSU Women's Department has planned for the NSSS is a Consent 101 workshop facilitated by Naomi Smith, a previous Women's Officer who has been extraordinarily helpful this year with regards to Safety on Campus. Stay tuned for more updates!

Art Relaxation Workshop and Drawing Packs (with UMSU Disabilities)

The second of the events the UMSU Women's Department has planned for the NSSS is a collaboration with UMSU Disabilities. I've been meeting with Brigit to plan an Art Relaxation workshop that students can attend closer to the end of the surveys, which centres art as a therapeutic practice. This is out of a recognition that the subject of sexual assault and harassment is a distressing one, and we wanted to provide a means to "destress" and relax.

In addition to this, we're organising to give away free drawing packs to students so that they can continue doing this art relaxation/therapy at home. While we've been having some trouble locating ethical suppliers who can ship in time, the alternative is buying Prezzy vouchers that students can use at a range of stores for either art or wellbeing purposes.

Women's Committee Meeting 11(21)

As most Women's Committee Meetings are, this one was brief and efficient. Most of the discussion was oriented around the National Student Safety Survey and the events that the

Women’s Department were planning to facilitate, including a Consent 101 workshop and Art Relaxation event, which money was passed for. More details on expenditure can be found in the table below.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **Continue meeting with NUS about OurTurn initiative for Safety on Campus.**
In-progress.
2. **Attend and minute Women’s Committee meeting 11(21).**
Done.
3. **Attend and minute UMSU Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group Meeting 8(21)**
In-progress.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continue meeting with NUS about OurTurn.
2. Attend UMSU Women’s Consent 101 workshop.
3. Attend UMSU Women’s x UMSU Disabilities Art Relaxation workshop.
4. Attend and minute Women’s Committee meeting 12(21).
5. Attend and minute UMSU Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group Meeting 9(21).

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
11	September 15, 2021	MOTION: To pass \$150 from the “Campaigns” budget line to pay for the planning and facilitating of a “Consent 101” workshop.	\$150	Campaigns and Special Projects (\$7500)	The UMSU Women’s Department has received queries from students about access to free menstrual products with the recent advent of Melbourne’s sixth lockdown. Given that the Women’s Room and the resources within are currently inaccessible as a result, we are proposing to buy vouchers from Coles and Myers for students so that they have the means to purchase them independently.

11	September 15, 2021	MOTION: To pass \$500 from the "Campaigns" budget line to pay for the Art Relaxation workshop and drawing packs.	\$500	Campaigns and Special Projects (\$7500)	The UMSU Women's Department is collaborating with the UMSU Disabilities Department to facilitate an Art Relaxation Event and give away free drawing packs/supplies for students. As the subject of sexual assault and harassment is a distressing one, these initiatives are intended as means for students to 'depress' and recover in light of the National Student Safety Survey being rolled out this month, centring art as a therapeutic practice.
11	September 15, 2021	MOTION: To pass \$400 from the "Special Projects" budget line to purchase Netflix subscriptions for students.	\$400	Campaigns and Special Projects (\$7500)	The UMSU Women's Department is collaborating with the UMSU Queer Department to have a movie night autonomous to women and non-binary students. To increase the accessibility of the event, we are hoping to pass enough money to purchase Netflix subscriptions for students to use.
11	September 15, 2021	MOTION: To pass an additional \$50 from the "Stationery, Office Supplies and Merchandise" budget line to pay for the shipping of UMSU Women's mugs.	\$50	Stationery, Office Supplies and Merchandise (\$1000)	Previously, \$500 was passed to pay for the commissioning and shipping of custom UMSU Women's mugs for WinterFest. This amount was based off an estimate that Comms gave us, however, the Women's Department has recently received an invoice of \$547.80, inclusive of GST and

					shipping. We'd like to pass an additional \$50 to ensure that the mugs are fully paid for.
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Southbank

Leyla Moxham

Pandemic Relief Grocery Vouchers

In less than 9 hours all the pandemic relief vouchers have been accounted for. This is over \$4000 of welfare money and will provide essential groceries for students all over campus. I believe this highlights a real need for more welfare initiatives on campus and look forward to getting this next round up and running soon.

Hustle Grants

Money has been passed at the committee meeting to get this grant scheme ready for use. Will be checking in with The Powers That Be to make sure I have done everything correctly, just looking into an acquittal process now.

Mental Health Training

The committee has passed money to fund the Mental Health First Aid Training for students. Looking into ways to get that up and running.

Know Your Rights Workshop

Annalyce Wiebenga has been spearheading the KYR workshop for Music Students to happen in week 10 or 11. A when-is-good has been sent to the NTEU, VMATA, MEAA and APRA AMCOS. Good to see, go Annalyce.

Dean Meeting

RESCHEDULED by the Dean.

Bike shed

Reached out to Fine Arts Infrastructure and Operations to get access to the bike sheds. Success. Hurrah.

Southbank

Jamie Kim

UMSU Southbank Students Showcase Night

UMSU Southbank plans to host “Students Showcase Night” to give students the opportunity to meet the other students across the faculty, as well as showing off their artistic talents. The event will be conducted on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 from 6pm to 7pm online (Zoom). Leyla and I will facilitate the event (who will be the moderator of this event has not been finalized yet). We plan to begin promoting the event sometime this week. We are also currently in the process of liaising with the UMSU Activities and Events team for the preparations of the event. Furthermore, I have been working on PowerPoint slides to utilize for the event for accessibility needs.

UMSU Southbank 2021 Semester 2 Trivia Night

UMSU Southbank has been liaising with the UMSU Activities and Events team for the preparations of the event. Leyla and I will host the event (who will be the moderator of this event has not been finalized yet). During our latest committee meeting, we passed a motion to spend \$500 for prizes for the event. We plan to provide vouchers for the prospective winners. Like the “Students Showcase Night” event, I have been working on PowerPoint slides to utilize for the event for accessibility needs. We are also thinking of collaborating with the UMSU Creative Arts department for the event.

Town Hall Talk 2

UMSU Southbank was originally planning to host another Town Hall Talk event earlier this semester. We were initially going to host the event in-person. However, the event has been postponed due to the nature of the event, as well as the COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria.

Nonetheless, Leyla and I have decided to host the event online. We are currently in the process of discussing when we should conduct the event.

Trans Day of Remembrance

UMSU Queer Department has lately reached out to us regarding hosting a Trans Day of Remembrance event in November at the Southbank Campus. The Southbank Campus Committee has recently passed a motion to spend \$500 from the “Queer Lunch/events” budget line.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Complete the PowerPoint slides for the “Students Showcase Night” event (for accessibility needs)
2. Complete the PowerPoint slides for the “Trivia Night” event (for accessibility needs)
3. Finalize who the moderator of the “Students Showcase Night” event will be
4. Finalize who the moderator of the “Trivia Night” event will be
5. Begin promoting the “Students Showcase Night” event online

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
N/A					

Burnley

Kaitlyn Hammond

Key Activities

R-efreshers course

We were fully booked for our last two sessions- both were very well received. The next two sessions are coming up and will be our last sessions for the series. We will likely try to plan another set of workshops for students to participate in over lockdown.

Other activities

As with other departments, many of the activities we had planned have been put on hold due to the current lockdown. Online events haven't been particularly successful for the Burnley campus, so we will need some rethinking on how to engage students in these circumstances. One potential option is an online escape room. We will check in with other departments to see how this goes!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. All progress has become irrelevant due to COVID impacts

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Come up with potential online activities and plan one

Budget Expenditure

N/A