



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
4:00PM, Tuesday, the 03rd of September 2019
Meeting 16(19)
Location: Private Dining, Union House

Student Office Bearer Reports		x/15
President	Not Submitted	11/15
General Secretary	Not Submitted	11/15
Activities	Not Submitted	9/15
Clubs & Societies	Not Submitted	11/15
Creative Arts	Not Submitted	11/15
Disabilities	Not Submitted	8/15
Education (Academic Affairs)	Not Submitted	10/15
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted	11/15
Environment	Not Submitted	10/15
Indigenous	Not Submitted	8/12
Media	Not Submitted	12/15
People of Colour	Submitted	13/15
Queer	Not Submitted	10/13
Welfare	Submitted	12/15
Women’s	Not Submitted	12/15
Burnley	Not Submitted	7/15
Southbank	Not Submitted	6/15

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

Late reports are not considered valid.

President
Molly Willmott

No report submitted.

General Secretary
Reece Moir

No report submitted.

Activities
Liam O’Brien

No report submitted.

Clubs & Societies
Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

No report submitted.

Creative Arts
Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz

No report submitted.

Disabilities
Lucy Birch

No report submitted.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan



No report submitted.

**Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Charlie Joyce**

Key Activities

Collingwood and Brisbane made the top 4

Been a big fortnight in the Footy, me (being from Queensland) have recently invested in my first Lions jersey now we’re actually looking like we have a chance. Can’t wait to froth over a Brisbane/Collingwood grand final.

Worker Student Alliance

The Worker Student Alliance (WSA) is up and running! We’ve stood in solidarity with the workers at OI Glass over in the West twice, to show every boss that worker issues are student issues.

We’ve been to the Casino Rally, to stand for permanent secure jobs for every worker, cleaner, dealer or hospo.

We stood with the interpreter’s union – Professionals Australia – as they fight VITS for the 30% pay rise the bosses are keeping hostage.

Djabwurrung solidarity

If people are unaware of what’s happening up on Djabwurrung country, there is a disgusting proposal for an unnecessary extension to the Western Freeway that would see the destruction of sacred sites to First Nation’s People. As we are unable to get out to the actual site, as UMSU education we thought it best we hold solidarity calls to the Labor politicians responsible in stopping this construction.

Climate Strike Forum

On the 21st of August, Charlie Joyce spoke at a climate forum to promote that climate change is an intersectional issue. Its effects will hit the most vulnerable sections of our society and the student movement should be at the forefront of mobilising people/coordinating different sectors in society in the fight of climate action.

Building for Sept 20 Strike

We’ve been doing lecture bashing, flyering and general social promotion for the Sept 20 climate strike. We’ve also ordered 3 staunch af posters for the outside of union house to be set up next week.

Protest on Open Day

Charli Fouhy – along with dozens of other activists participated in a human microphone and a die-in action on UniMelb Open Day. This was extremely effective in bringing attention to University of Melbourne’s repulsive connection to the International Mining and Resource Convention in October.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1/12/2016	Promotion	\$2000.00	Special projects	

**Environment
Will Ross**

No report submitted.

**Indigenous
Laura Brown & Jordan Holloway-Clarke**

No report submitted.

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

No report submitted.

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

Key Activities

Anti-Racism Workshops

Are being planned for weeks 6-8 - we’ve a lot of new presenters and topics this semester, which is really exciting.

Bla(c)k Collective

We’re running the second of these as a games night on Aug/30!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Decide and finalise Anti-Racism Workshop Speakers

Done! They’re weeks 6-8 tuesdays and fridays.

Still filtering through Myriad Submissions

Submissions closed and the pieces are starting to be circulated to subbies!

Action Points to be completed by next report

PoC Mental Health Week

We’ve started discussing this but the specifics are still kind of in the pipeline at the moment.

**Queer
Andie Moore & Raph Canty**

No report submitted.

**Welfare
Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino**

Key Activities

Safer Partying Initiative

Never having been on Tinder, we are alien to the concept of ghosting (is that what the cool kids say?). Our supplier has well and truly ghosted us, and as mature sensible adults, we have moved on from this breakup. Thanks for asking, we’re doing okay. Please direct all condolences and breakup advice to welfare@union.unimelb.edu.au.

On a more serious note, a new supplier has been found and we are waiting for them to email us with an invoice and an ETA on the kits.

Food Bank

Packs were made. Packs were given to Info. Packs ran out in THREE DAYS. Packs were given again.

Breakfast

Our biggest event and our biggest expenditure. We budgeted for \$750/week at the start of our term, but the crazy high demand has forced us to spend \$1200-1300 every week. For this to happen, we had to cut Welfare on Wheels (WoW) and Welfare Collective, both of which were either essential services or a space for students to know more about the department and UMSU.

We get ~200 students at Bar and ~350-400 at BBQ. That essentially means we're serving north of 1000 students every week, and we've managed to give them a nourishing healthy meal at \$1.20-1.30/student. We even cater to all dietary requirements (eg: soy and lactose-free milk) and we use free-range eggs. None of that is cheap.

It's come to a point where we are not sure if we can sustain this service anymore with the amount we have remaining at our budget. To avoid going over the budget, we'd have to cut breakfast to a couple days a week, or cut it entirely in a few weeks, instead of the current five days.

We need to use the remaining money for our other services like the essential Food Bank, which many students rely on. Please remember that the cost of living is on the rise and one in seven students can't afford food and skip meals to pay bills. In a meeting with UniLibrary last semester, we were informed that many students faint while studying because they have had nothing to eat.

^^ You have probably noticed this bit is the same as last time. We are trying to highlight that our money problems are real and haven't been resolved.

SLW

Yep, the most stressful week of the year is back! No, we're not talking about elections (although that's a totally different level of stress). We're talking about Stress Less Week (or as we call it in the Welfare Department, Stress Full Week). An EOI is up and we are planning to put everything up on BC very soon.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Reported above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Safer Partying Initiative

Needs to happen.

SLW

Have at least a rough idea of what we want to do and reach out to those who filled our form.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
10	3/7/2019	Breakfast	\$15,600	Regular Events	\$710.25 (28 th Aug) \$343.58 (26 th Aug) \$1100.55 (21 st Aug) \$344.58 (20 th Aug)
10	3/7/2019	Supervisor Trainings	\$600	Special Projects	\$450
10	3/7/2019	Yoga	\$1020	Regular Events	\$425

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

No report submitted.

**Burnley
James Barclay**

No report submitted.

**Southbank
Hilary Ekins**

No report submitted.