



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

10:30am, Friday, the 7th of December, 2018

Meeting 2(19)

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

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

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

Late reports are not considered valid. (Reports for this Council were optional due to the beginning of terms).

**President
Molly Willmott**

Key Activities

Welcome to the Willmott Reign! Lmao.

I've been doing president stuff for about a month now, so here's a breakdown of it all.

Conferences

It's the most wonderful time of the year – mini conference season.

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Third Annual Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA) Conference. TEQSA is the peak regulatory body of tertiary and post-school education in Australia and its conference sees delegates from nearly every small and large higher education provider come together to talk about the state of Australian higher education. I was, due to budget stuff, not able to attend the entire thing, but what I did attend was really insightful and gave me the scope of higher ed from a regulatory stand point. I was also able to attend a lunch of student representatives and share stories about how our unions and our universities interaction with us. This was a great opportunity to network with other reps and university administration around the country.

It's also NUS National Conference next week! See you all in Ballarat (or twitter). I've moved a bunch of policy on a plethora of issues so keep tuned – ill report back to council how those go.

Student Precinct

We had a briefing about the project up until now with Alex Kennedy, project director. We're moving into the design stage this year, so Im going to be making sure the heart and soul of UMSU is reflected into the new precinct.

After the break, well be organising student experience and engagement meeting with a couple of firms and groups involved in the project. Two things I've already flagged in initial discussions that I think the union needs to have a strong voice in is workers right and anti-wage theft measures in the precinct and ethical procurement of materials. This may be after my time but hopefully bringing this stuff up now will mean it's in the conversation in 2022 or so.

Budget

The budgets done! Have a read! That's my entire life for the past fortnight. My role has been to talk to OBs about their submissions and refigure things based on legal/organisational/planning stuff.

As per the resignations of Alex and Serena, The Indigenous Department has been allocated money that will be used once we have a by-election to elect new office bearers.

Comms and Student Engagement

A huge focus of mine is student engagement. We need to be increasing our reach and engagement with the student body to make us effective in our advocacy and representations.

As such, I am meeting with dee and Comms about little things we can do. We’re talking to all the obs about programming and saturation of umsu, more consistent branding, and looking at how we can look at Summerfest and engage more students for longer. We have integrated it into induction and planning for next year, including the budget process.

Meeting with Stakeholders

I’m in the process of meeting with people around the university and introducing myself. I had a very exciting meeting with umsu international a couple of weeks ago to talk about collaboration both in umsu and in front of the university.

I’ll be catching up with the GSA and NTEU after I arrive back from Natcon. The NTEU will be especially interesting given the French Review on freedom of speech which Im OBSESSED with. Hopefully we can organise a campaign against it. The GSA just got a new general secretary so till be great to breakdown how this will affect our relationship

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Meet with other stakeholders across uni
2. NUS National Conference
3. Celebrate Christmas
4. Receive, read, and organise the next steps of the governance review

<p style="text-align: center;">General Secretary Reece Moir</p>

Hi, yes, welcome to a frantic year of administration. You may have witnessed me make some mistakes with the mail out for Students’ Council. I promise I’ll get better. Please enjoy NatCon if you’re going, I’ll still be at uni because I’m a debating hack!

Key Activities

Induction

Induction is wrapping up as a write this. We’ve had a hectic two weeks and I thank everyone for attending the scheduled trainings/workshops they were told they had to. USBs for office bearers will be available soon and will have all the legal and organisational stuff in it.

There will be repeat trainings (hopefully) over January or February – particularly a repeat of the dance workshop because no one came and there was a lot of work put into it. (Get ready for a Summerfest flash mob).

Resignations and Appointments

Wow, so student reps hate us. There have been many resignations since the declaration of our election. All is not lost, the wonderful electoral tribunal has started confirming.

A very important note on this that you might see is that the Indigenous Office Bearers have resigned. In terms of budget they have been allocated funds to be used when new office bearers are elected once we have a by-election.

Budget

The budget is done! Please read the memorandum if you haven’t as we want to have healthy and informed discussion during council! Molly and I have met with OBs to talk about their submissions, rationale and planning for the year. Big thank you to Accru+ as well for working with us to help us understand the budget process.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Organise a meeting schedule for January to discuss the governance review recommendations.
2. Read and review the governance review recommendations
3. Eat and drink for Christmas and New Years

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Activities
Olivia Panjkov & Liam O’Brien

No report submitted.

Clubs & Societies
Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

No report submitted.

Creative Arts

Eloise Hammill & Lucy Holz

No report submitted.

**Disabilities
Lucy Birch & Jocelyn Deane**

No report submitted.

**Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Ru Bee Chung**

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

High Stakes Assessments: Following up from our predecessors, we’re looking at tackling high stakes assessments. We want to form a working group looking at (i) what high stakes assessment is, (ii) how prevalent it is, (iii) what is its relationship with assessment and equity outcomes, (iv) whether an “audit” is required to identify poor assessment practice, and (iv) what practical alternatives can be implemented to minimise high stakes assessment.

Key Activity 2

By the time council meets, we will have had the first meeting in our term with Advocacy. We will begin work on arranging packages that target students generally and also that a more catered towards International students and those with a disability. We’ll also like to discuss how to continue work on High Stakes Assessments.

Key Activity 3

Committees: Set up a Facebook group and sent out When Is Good forms to fill out in order to organise our next committee meeting. Briefed committee members on their role and responsibilities outlined in the constitution.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Organise a meeting with and/or contact Andrew Melatos, David Shallcross, and Ian Malkin about setting up a cross-APC-TALQAC working group looking at high stakes assessment.

Action Point 2

Have committee meeting to discuss and potentially pass money for Summerfest.

Action Point 3

Organise an informal get together with committee members and Ed Pub.

Action Point 3

Take a cute pic in front of our door when the new signs arrive.

Budget Expenditure

Nothing as of yet.

**Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig**

Key Activities

On Track

Key Activity 1

We had a hugely successful barbecue to promote the Free Tram Zone (FTZ) campaign which brought our grand total of petition signatures to over 1100.

Key Activity 2

We’ve had meetings with stakeholders about the FTZ extension, including office of Minister for Public Transport, Melbourne Biomedical Precinct, the Government Relations team at Unimelb, and the Government Relations team at RMIT.

We’re looking for co-signatures for a draft letter to the Minister. So far, we have the School Council of University High School, GSA and UMSU International co-signing. We have the full support of the Parkville Association.

We’re waiting to hear back from RMIT University Student Union (RUSU), RMIT, the Australian Association of Medical Research Institutions (AAMRI), and the Carlton Residents Association about co-signatures.

Law lecture recordings

Key Activity 3

Met with the Education Directors (OBs) from the Law Students Society about possible collaborations between UMSU Education and LSS with regards to lecture recordings campaign.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

On Track

Action Point 1

Keep trying to get co-signs from RUSU, RMIT, and AAMRI.

Action Point 2

Meeting with Lord Mayor’s office booked for late December.

Action Point 3

Follow up with PTV to get a meeting.

Law lecture recordings

Action Point 4

Follow up with LSS reps about working together during Law School’s Orientation Week to engage new law students and inform students about the access barriers created by the current recordings policy. We want to recruit new students to a Lecture Recordings working group, and keep getting signatures.

Budget Expenditure

N/A.

Committee Meetings

N/A.

<p>Environment Will Ross</p>
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Key Activities

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

The Environment Department are making plans with the University’s SIF (Sustainable Investment Framework) staff about a Student Forum in early semester 1, concerning divestment at the University of Melbourne. Many students and community members will remember the Fossil Free Melbourne University (FFMU) campaign, but not many know that its efforts are still ongoing and that some promising developments in the university’s investments will be happening in 2019. Students, staff, and community members will be invited to speak at this interactive forum, including some special guests (TBA). This is an opportunity not just to update students on divestment, but to push the University to go further.

Plans for the Forum are in the preliminary stage at this point in time, but any feedback, ideas, or questions would be welcomed by the Enviro Department.

Return of Rad Ed Week

Enviro is also excited to announce that a much-loved favourite from previous year, Radical Education Week, will be returning bigger and better in 2019. Tying into our departmental focus on training and radical education for 2019, we are hoping to make this event more accessible and more attractive for students of all stripes. Rad!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

No previously assigned actions.

Action Points to be completed by next report

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

To confirm a date and venue for the Student Forum on Divestment by early February. We will continue to reach out to student, community, and University staff for speakers.

Action Point 2

To facilitate a meeting of key members of the Bike Co-Op and key UMSU staff to finalise and confirm a framework for the re-opening of the Co-Op for the start of the academic year in 2019.

Budget Expenditure

No expenditure from the 2019 budget to date.

Indigenous

No report submitted.

Media Stephanie Zhang, Ruby Perryman, Katie Doherty & Carolyn Huane
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Key Activities

Open applications

We opened applications to the media collective in early November and have received around 300 total. Second round tests have also been sent out and we are in the process of getting them blinded by a neutral third party.

Interview and finalise coordinators and managers

Over the last two weeks we’ve also been interviewing candidates for coordinator and manager positions. We’ll have these positions decided by the end of the week and successful and unsuccessful candidates will be notified. We also aim to formalise job descriptions so that managers know what is expected of them, especially as they will be compensated for their time.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finish applications process

We’d like to finish going through applications for all positions and begin the Media Collective 2019.

Begin working on Edition One

Submissions have begun trickling in already. We’ll be reading them after applications finish and begin allocating subediting and graphics.

Budget Expenditure

N/A

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

Key Activities

Settling in

We are in the process of moving into the office, as well as stocking up on supplies that had not previously been there. This includes stationery, cutlery and also books for the department library. Mark picked a desk while Farah was interstate, and he misses her. Don’t tell her he said that. We’re also working on our social media voice and trying to keep it updated as much as possible.

Preliminary SummerFest preparations

We’ve begun brainstorming what our stall and program of events will look like. We’ve also held a committee meeting to pass some money for acquiring new tote bags.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

Order tote bags!

Artists will be submitting designs by the 11th; we’ll request some quotes in the meantime— an order will hopefully be made shortly after that. We’re still not fully sure of the specifications we’d like to order, so we’ll be taking that into account.

Plan out SummerFest in more detail

We’re aiming to have a more concrete outline of our events and our Carnival Day stall sorted out before Christmas. As part of this, we will also be in touch with some other departments about possibly collaborating on events. Hopefully, we will have the details lined up to then be able to order anything we need in the new year.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	06/12/2018	Tote bags	\$3,645	Special events: Film Screenings	From 2018 budget, haven’t put the order through just yet
1	06/12/2018	Nelson Mandela exhibition tickets	\$110.95	People of Colour Collective	From 2018 budget, to be used as prizes for a giveaway competition
1	06/12/2018	Social media promotion	\$20	People of Colour Collective	From 2018 budget, used to promote social media posts for tote bag designers

Queer
Will Parker & Andie Moore

No report submitted.

Welfare
Natasha Guglielmino & Ashwin Chhaperia

No report submitted.

Women’s
Aria Sunga & Hannah Buchan

Welcome to the first 2019 Women’s report. Aria is currently on leave having fun in the Philippines, so here is me (Hannah) taking you on this report today. Overall, we don’t have a lot to report since I am writing this on the first day of our term, but we’re excited to share with you what has happened recently.

Key Activities

Induction

Over the past few weeks we’ve been going through OB induction and had some fun handover meetings with Kareena and Molly. We have now picked up our keys which gives us access to our office and put up some decorations. We’ve also had sessions with comms to start planning for Summerfest. Great content!

Task force and chancellery

Hannah went with Molly a couple of weeks ago to the university’s Respect Task Force. We met with Chancellery and Celia Scott to discuss a university reporting system. We are going to be meeting with Celia Scott and Task Force each once a month.

Committee meeting

We recently had an informal committee meeting to get to know everyone, we had snacks and it was an overall lit time, wholesome bonding experience.

Budget

It’s written! There’s only a small increase in money from last year’s budget. We’ve changed some of the budget lines to more general categories which will help us in passing money for stuff during the year. Safety on Campus is no longer featured in our budget as we will be passing money from Whole of Union to pay for campaign costs to reflect that this is a Whole of Union issue.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Not applicable!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Call committee meeting to approve budget

So we can spend money on women!

Find artist for tote bags and get them bad boiz printed

We’re in the process of finding an artist for the bags so we can send them off to be printed early.

Budget Expenditure

Nothing has been spent.

Burnley James Barclay

No report submitted.

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Victorian College of the Arts
Lily Ekins

No report submitted.