



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
2:00PM, Thursday, the 18th of April 2019
Meeting 9(19)
Location: Old Arts, Room 224

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

Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Molly Willmott**

Key activities

Busy fortnight etc etc

Elected Reps

We had a special elected rep just for the MSEEP Green Paper. We presented chancellery with some broad issues that we have with the paper, and where we think its strengths are. The TLDR is that we believe that the student experience is outside of the classroom and is the totality of a student's time – academic, social, services, and transport. The official response is due on the 30th, we have started it.

Academic Board

Rescheduled AB happened! It was a quite one. Not much to report other than there was discussion on MSEEP and the relationship between students, their social opportunities and the academic environment.

RadEd Week

I'm chairing the student sustainability forum tonight (16/4) for the environment department. Very keen to talk a sustainable, divested campus. Will update in future reports

Respect Work

Met with Celia Scott from chancellery to talk Respect. We received an update on consent matters, our consent module, and the anonymous reporting register that was released this year. We also talked about the future of anonymous reporting at the university, how the VC is interacting with the space, and the weird ground we've found ourselves with respect – in that, that there are still issues that surround the safety of students on campus but most of them are being addressed. In all honesty, this space will be a difficult one to navigate in the next few years because it shifted from pushing the university and other stakeholder to implement key changes to watching these initiatives roll out, keeping pressure, and acting. This is good and bad, right now it's a waiting game and looking at how initiatives and reports come out and seeing what we can do about it.

Student Precinct

Last week at student leaders we signed off on the majority of Doug Mac, the building that UMSU will be moving into. There are a few things left to sign off on, but as of right now were heading towards the end of the detailed design phase.

At steering committee this week I was given the very funky opportunity to look at the materials that the precinct will be built with. Mesh, brick, carpet, velvet, stone, woods, lino, paint swatches, pin board – everything! But curtains – no curtains 😞. The best material that I touched would have to be the glass brick! Its clear! Anyway, this will all be on display where tsubu used to be and I implore you all to go and look at what our precinct will look AND FEEL like. I really really enjoyed this.

The team have also requested to do another presentation to the office bearers and councillors in the next few weeks talking about what the updates have been in the past 6 months and walking through changes.

Fed Election

We're very limited in what we can do in the fed election. Basically, we are limited to enrol to vote drives and talking about broad issues (but not parties!). These have been going well, we have gotten a couple dozen students to enrol. Democracy!

Actions to complete by the next report

1. Do all those meetings I mentioned throughout this report

- a. Werent able to organise those meetings rippo

2. Deep analysis of freedom of speech policy and student life green paper

- a. MSEEP – In the process or writing UMSU's official response
- b. FOS - ONGOING

3. Chase up stuff on my to do list that have been chucked on the back burner

- a. Still haven't had time 😞

4. Defer my course

- a. Ha ha ha I forgot!

Actions by next meeting

1. AQSN and UATSIS affiliation
2. Potentially go to student life conference
3. MSEEP Response
4. Meet w the science gallery about potential partnerships
5. Take easter off! Bc I'm tired and burnt out!

Expenditure

N/A

**General Secretary
Reece Moir**

Key Activities

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN, it’s great!

OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

As per my constitutional requirement, I’m supposed to report on any meeting of the Sub-committee. There has been 1 meeting since the last council,

In this meeting;

- POC passed \$150 for Rad Ed Week
- Creative Arts passed up to \$1,000 for the Mudfest website

ENROLLING TO VOTE, FEDERAL ELECTION TINGZ

So the election has been called, IT IS ON. Thanks to all the volunteers that have been getting people to check their enrolment or update their details. IF YOU HAVEN’T go to www.aec.gov.au to update or enrol! You have until 8:00pm Thursday the 18th!

After the mid-sem break we’ll go into full swing Federal election campaigning. This will be to remind students that their vote counts – VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN. I’ve prepared a scorecard on big issues like the environment, higher education, working rights etc. that Comms is currently designing. There are four parties on this scorecard – ALP, Liberal, the Greens, and UAP (lol @ Clive).

STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND ENHANCEMENT GREEN PAPER

We met with Chancellery last week, to discuss the broader issues we have with the Green Paper and suggestions for action. Molly and I will be writing a response to the paper – lots of fun ideas. The paper is quite academic-centred, so hopefully we can push for it to be more holistic.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Give notice for the AGM.

As above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Finish the scorecard.
2. Write a response to MSEEP (the Green Paper)

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Activities
Olivia Panjkov & Liam O’Brien

Change of Management Plan Review

The department has finally had a chance to reflect on the impact from the change of management plan implemented last year. We were promised there would be no increase in workload for the department. There have been multiple times we have had to organise piles of invoices, something the department hasn’t had to deal with in the past. These invoices include BBQ foods, AV payments for our Tuesday BBQs and riders for the artists. This change of management plan was passed in council last year and has seen the both of us in the office at a minimum of 4 days of the week. It’s taking away our ability to implement what we set out to do at the start of the year to do. The Activities department at the end of last year pushed for the appointment of a staff member dedicated towards our department. While the events team has helped us tremendously, it is not fair for our department to ask that they solely work for us, which would take away the resources that other departments have access to.

Key Activities

BBQs

The BBQ have been extremely popular. The turnout has been consistent, and is often the same faces week after week, relying on the BBQ. Some students have told us that this is their main meal of the day, and line up multiple times to get enough food.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1

Planning of the Comedy Competition. Callout for student comedy acts has begun.

Action Point 2

Trivia date has not yet been confirmed. Due to strain on the workflow of the department, We are having to consider pushing trivia to semester 2 only, and not running any this semester.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Planning of Trivia, once the date is confirmed.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment

6	5/4/2019	St Pat’s Day building Access and First Aid Invoices	\$1400	Special projects	
6	5/4/2019	Oktoberfest 2018 EMS band	\$1000	Special projects	Was not paid last year
6	5/4/2019	Trivia 1	\$2900	Special projects	Date TBC
6	5/4/2019	Comedy Competition	\$5440	Special projects	

Clubs & Societies

Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

Key Activities from a person who looks an awful lot like Chris Melenhorst

Emails

Most of our job is dealing with many emails a day and the various correspondence they develop into. They are slowing down, and will probably drop to ~30 a day in the next few weeks which is expected as people settle in to the semester.

Membership App Development

More updates and bug testing have been ongoing, watch this space. Hopefull it is in its final stages

Locker handouts

Many clubs were late with locker applications and as such a lot of my office hours were spent allocating lockers.

Financial Auditing

I've completed one audit and am making headway through another, a time-consuming process that involves waiting for correspondence, document submission and then a lengthy verification and checking process. But it's what our committee demands.

Preparing for meeting and ongoing correspondence

Many recent committee meetings have involved heavy disputes, issues regarding interpretation of regulations and constitutoins, along with other issues that remain confidential. Responding to this, reading correspondence and planning is taking a long time. Ideally it will be resolved in the next few weeks.

Key Activities from Jordan Gurl

Minutes

This took a whole, painstaking day but I got these babies done as you can see. Be kind to Them

Lockers

THIS IS STILL GOING. Have re-assigned lockers that were not collected and grateful lil baby clubs are slowly coming to pick them up. I also wrote a rant heavy handover for this so that's pretty great

Welfare training and advisors

Held the working group. One club came so big gosh darn shout out to Cast on Charity, the wonder club. Got some really valuable feedback, I'm gonna have another big think about it before doing anything

Affirmative Action in Clubs

Have sent out follow up, now have 126 responses

Pub crawls

Met with advocacy and legal to discuss what needs to be done with this. Really good meeting where Phoebe agreed we needed to do something, said she would bring it to management meeting to discuss. Will update more when we get a response

Clubs Awards Night

Updates with this are:

- sat down with events who are really struggling to book us Union Hall. We looked in to Arts Hall but capacity isn't super fab. Arts West foyer is an option but there are problems there with security and ticketing as the building closes at 9pm. If anyone has ideas pls hmu
- sat down with AV to discuss stages and things. Can't really do much until venue is locked in and we know what we're working with but they've got in their calendar now which is nice
- contacted catering company from last year but need to work out why it is significantly more expensive and fix that
- i want a photobooth

Online trainings

Have started this as a lil project. There is a basecamp for it with comms. We shall see how successful we are

Asset checking

This takes up like none of my time but probably should just say this is happening and is a Thing

Creative Arts
Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz

Key Activities

Theatre Board

We attended our second Theatre Board meeting of the year on Friday April 12. This meeting included approving grants for student theatre groups, and a discussion an upcoming strategic planning session to increase the accessibility of theatre board to students.

Next Wave/Student Precinct Meeting

We attended a Next Wave/Student Precinct meeting on Tuesday April 9. In the meeting we discussed how to increase visibility of Mudfest on campus to increase student engagement. We began talks with the Next Wave festival team around collaboration between the two festivals to create further student opportunity and pool our resources, particularly when it comes to using unconventional and outdoor spaces.

Mudfest

We have just finished selecting our core Mudfest Festival Team. This group includes a Production Manager, two Deputy Production Managers, Access Manager, Sustainability Manager, Marketing Manager and Publicity Manager, Website and Ticketing Manager, Visual Arts Creative Producer, Performing Arts Creative Producer, Music Creative Producer, Interdisciplinary Creative Producer and Moving Image Creative Producer. All successful and unsuccessful applicants for all these roles have been notified.

On Monday April 15 we had a whole Festival Team meeting where we gave out general info. We discussed modes of communication, responsibilities, aims and goals of the festival and mentors. We also set up more individual meetings to further discuss mentors and expectations of the roles.

We are continuing to meet with our Mudfest Mentor and discuss broader festival logistics. We have created measurable festival goals and ways we can determine whether they have been achieved throughout the process. We are beginning to dissect the festival timeline and make it more succinct.

Artist applications are ready currently open. They will close on Monday the 13th of May at 9am, and we will then begin selecting works in collaboration with the Creative Producers.

We are holding an artist information session at 11am on Friday May 3, which will allow prospective applicants to ask questions and receive support and information regarding their applications and work.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Open Artist Applications
Artists applications have opened, an application form is available online. They will close on the 13th of May.
2. Conduct interviews for Creative Producer roles for Mudfest

Interviews were conducted and our five Creative Producers have been chosen. All successful and unsuccessful applicants have been notified.

3. Meet with all successful production team applicants prior to a group meeting
We have met with all successful team applicants either individually or within the group meeting (except for the Moving Image Creative Producer who has been unavailable but who we will be meeting with on Thursday April 18)

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Hold an artist information session for potential Mudfest applicants
2. Create and begin to use a festival team communication channel (Slack)
3. Organise mentors for all members of the festival team

Budget Expenditure

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

**Disabilities
Lucy Birch**

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Regular events, Beer and Boardgames, Disability and Mental Wellness Collective, Mindfulness Workshop and Anxiety Support Group have all been running smoothly with strong attendance, with the exception of Anxiety Support Group and now Mindfulness which has struggled to maintain consistent attendance numbers. Disability collective continues to grow in attendance. All events are currently running within budget. We’re just about to release all out new advertising for the imprint which we have been organising over the past few weeks.

Key Activity 2

Furnishing the disability space. We are looking to solicit a response about projector installation from the university who have not gotten back to us, as of the 9th of February.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Emails for Fine Arts coordinators have been sourced.

Last Action Point 2

Pending the appointment of volunteers, we have had some interest and this needs to be finalised. Flyering lectures has taken place.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

To start getting in touch with VCA fine art coordinators to facilitate more advertisement of the artist contracts. And to do the same with the creative arts department. To add the advertisement to the university job recruitment email. Pending final submission from comms.

Action Point 2

Pending the appointment of volunteers, we have had some interest and this needs to be finalised. Flyering lectures has taken place.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5	09/04/19	Gaming console/ controllers/ games	\$1,500	Special Events	

5	09/04/19	Beer and Food	\$500	Special Events	
5	09/04/19	Collective catering	\$200	Special Events	
5	09/04/19	Creative writing submissions	\$200	Promotions	
5	09/04/19	Art Submissions	\$300	Promotions	
5	09/04/19	Wall art	\$500	Assets	
5	09/04/19	Materials Fee	\$200	Assets	
5	09/04/19	Cafe food Collective	\$300	Special Event	
5	09/04/19	Movie tickets	\$300	Special Event	
5	09/04/19	Walking Canes	\$300	Assets	
5	09/04/19	Wheelchair	\$600	Assets	

Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan

Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig

Report from Charli Fouhy

Key Activities

Take Back Our Coop BBQ

With a democratic push from the Take Back Our Coop group, we’re holding a BBQ on Wednesday the 17th of April. There’ll be sausages, flyers and general good spirited chats about how cooked the Coop is and how we need to get it back in the hands of the students. The point of this is to get the word out that people are caring about this issue, with a push for people to join the weekly meetings and be involved in a larger action at the end of semester.

Free Education Survey

The Free Education Survey is finally up and running! It’s on our website and will be pushed through all avenues that UMSU Ed has access to. The point of this survey is to lay the foundations for a massive free ed campaign to run through and beyond the election to obviously win free education on a government level.

Change the Rules rally

UMSU Ed facilitated and participated in the 150,000 unionist strong rally held in the city on the 10th of April. We had NUS flags to show union support for all students. Around 30 unimelb students stood with UMSU Ed and different university students in Melbourne’s CBD.

NTEU hook up

We met with NTEU 2 weeks ago to discuss plans moving forward and how the two unions (UMSU and NTEU) can help each other up. They asked us to flyer 2 mornings in the past two weeks for the Change the Rules rally and to facilitate a stall for them to flyer more outside Union House. We (Charli, Gurpreet Singh, Jess Miller and Conor Clements) all volunteered help with these actions.

Enrol to vote drive – election campaign

The election was called, and being an office dedicated to education and the bettering education for all, it’s a big deal for UMSU Ed. We’re holding a “enrol to drank” party on the night of council (Thursday 18th of April), where you get a free drink for successfully showing us your enrolment. It’s targeted at first years, with a stall every day this week to try and get students enrolled before the deadline to be able to vote in the 2019 federal election.

The Book Co-op zine workshop

UMSU Ed attended the Book Co-op’s weekly meeting this week. They discussed holding a workshop during Rad Ed week on how to and the importance of making zines. As we’re staunchly against the Big Corporate Coop, it’s important that we support groups trying to do the right thing by students, like the Book Co-op.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

See Surge Report attached

Action Points to be completed by next report

ScoMo's gotta go

National Day of Action held by NUS on the 2nd of May to tell students exactly who is working for their interests in terms of education.

UMSU Ed will not only be attending, but will be organising promotion drives around campus.

Get some sleep over Easter.

Report from Cam Doig

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

The On Track Pass initiative is continuing at a great pace. We have given out **seven 30 day passes** and **six 7 day passes** as of 12 April. There are several more 7 day pass appointments lined up. There is a date, yet to be confirmed, for appointments at VCA after Easter.

Key Activity 2

Running weekly On Track meetings, with about 10 people at each. We have done lecture bashes to boost the FTZ rally. The next mission is to build a strong contingent for a rally for postgraduate and international student concessions. Some of the existing campaigns for concessions don't include undergraduate international students, so we want to make sure that our campaign does include those students.

Key Activity 3

Met with Melbourne Law School faculty to discuss lecture recordings. MLS has no intention of changing their policy, despite the 500 signatures we've collected to show student support for change.

Key Activity 4

Met with Devendra Singh from Monash Postgraduate Association, as well as the International Officer at the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) about organising a rally for postgraduate and international students on the steps of Victorian Parliament with Nikolai, a postgraduate student from Monash. Devendra is taking a proposal to the executive, so we should hear back soon about endorsement for a rally. It would [be based on this NSW rally from last year](#).

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1

Follow up with minister re: student ID as proof of concession trial.

Chatted to Minister's office – we have the green light to talk to the Uni about this.

Action Point 2

Build for FTZ rally.

Done – 70 going and 852 interested on Facebook as of 16 April.

Action Point 3

Build for postgraduate and international student concessions.

Met with MPA and CAPA about a rally. Proposal is going to the exec tomorrow.

Action Point 4

Run Craftivism session.

Done – 10 bright and colourful placards painted, calling for an accessible ride into uni.

Action Point 5

Gauge student interest in a community legal education session about students' rights on public transport.

Ongoing – turns out GSA is running this so we might boost the GSA's initiative.

Action points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Lock in details for a concessions rally.

Surge Camp Report

Rationale behind Surge Camp

The bubble of student activists in UMSU and broader is extremely small compared to the number of students on our campus. Furthermore, students ability to get involved in campaigns, learn skills to be effective campaigners and meet, greet and mingle with UMSU officials is very low in UMSU.

The reason for this is at no fault of trying within UMSU, we hold BBQ's, we give them free food and we attempt to have workshops, but the long-term relationships are hard to build in this way. Therefore, at the beginning of the year, the Education Public Affairs office thought the best way to make long-term relationships, build skills with people outside the UMSU bubble and get an idea of what change looks like from the perspective of students, was to take them away for an entire weekend.

The rationale behind timing was as to not clash with other well-attended camps.

Promotion

As with everything through UMSU, Surge was promoted through comms. So LEDs, posters, etc etc.

2 emails were sent out to around 2000 subscribers each.

We also paid for \$150 in facebook advertising, which was extremely effective.

Budget

Campgrounds

For catering and campgrounds: \$4257.00

Transport

VLine: \$150

Buses from the Vline: \$343

Last minute expenditure

\$35 on snacks

Total:

$4257 + 150 + 343 + 35 = \4785 (omg under budget, look out)

Itinerary

Friday

Overall objective of Friday

The main objective to get out of Friday was make everyone comfortable with each other. Since people weren't really friends, the workshops were light and the activities even lighter.

We wanted people to get in a good mindset for the rest of the camp and have the overall feeling that there were no wrong answers, and participation was extremely encouraged.

Left uni at 11am – got the V-line to Kyneton (cost roughly \$150)

Went for a hike/walk around the campsite and did a low-rope exercise

Visionary workshop

Went for a swim

Dinner

Granparents/value workshop

Watched the movie Philadelphia with a facilitated discussion afterwards

Saturday

Overall objective of Saturday

The workshops and themes of the day were to open people’s minds to what has been done in the past, how power is built and launched, and how to freaking win. Obviously these are massive ideas and therefore need to be broken up with reflection and down-time.

Breakfast 8am

Hike around “challenge” obstacle course

Workshop: Building power

Lunch 12pm

Workshop: Theory of change

Swim

Dinner 6pm

Workshop: Autonomous organising

Dance party

Sunday

Overall objective of Sunday

OK, now we have the vision, we have the skills, how are we going to use them? This day was all about launching into action. The aim is to get people excited about an idea that they will take (or help to take with UMSU ed lol) into the real world.

Breakfast 8am

Workshop: WHAT’S THE GO JOE (breakdown of UMSU)

Workshop: Brainstorm successful campaign traits (power maps)

Lunch 12pm

Team building lake walk

Workshop: Logistics

Evaluations of successes and failures

Successes

The students that are tangent to UMSU rock! The camp definitely proved that there are people untapped and inactivated in third and second year, which want to see more connection to UMSU. Also proved that people want to be more involved in the governance and “inner circle” of UMSU, but have literally no clue how to do this.

Students made multiple friends on the camp and have caught up since then multiple times.

Their connection to UMSU has strengthened and UMSU now has a source of volunteers who were previously non-aware of structures or opportunities amongst UMSU.

Facilities were perfect for what the camp needed, with rooms, food beds etc. There was tonnes of extra free activities to do and heaps of walking tracks with fun (albeit for children lol) rope courses and obstacle courses etc.

Failures

The turn-out wasn’t what was expected, the timing probably had a huge amount to do with that, with uni ramping up and people not being used to multiple events on at once.

The site was far away from public transport and didn’t have a good/cheap way to get to and from the camp site. There was one uber in the town, so emergency supplies etc were hard to access.

Recommendations Top 5

- 1. Do it again and do it often**

All in all this was a good camp that connected people who have never been connected with UMSU before. If our objective is to not be a tiny insular group of politics nerds then we need to support actions like this and we need to support them often.

2. Plan it during o-week

The people we want are busy. Ticket sales should go on sale in January and we should be SELLING tickets at o-week for it to be that weekend. I would recommend going up against big camps like Arts Camp etc because the students who want to be activated as activists won't be on those camps surprisingly.

3. Have a rally (next steps) event already planned during the semester

It's been hard to catch up with everyone from Surge Camp in the one place and differentiate between the really keen people and the semi-keeners. If there was some planned event happening maybe a month after the camp that everyone could put in their diaries and make a big deal out of I reckon that would keep the ties stronger

4. Hire a bus

If you choose Kyneton PGL again (which I would recommend) then I reckon a bus is wayyyyy better than the V-Line experience since you can all sit together etc.

5. Get it catered

The best thing to worry about during this camp is how everyone is doing and what the next event is, you don't want to be worrying about food and whether people are hungry etc. Spend the money, get it catered.

Environment
Will Ross

Indigenous Marley Holloway-Clarke & Jordan Holloway-Clarke

Introduction

Hello all, most things the same on our end. The first trial for Indigenous University Games was a massive success, we are pushing the yearly calendars. No major events yet just planning and organising for the next few hectic weeks.

Key Activities

Social Calendar

The Indigenous Department is continuing planning our social calendar for students, social sport (starting wk 3), social recreational events and art and culture activities. These events provide a place for Indigenous students to socialise outside of class and connect with other mob on different campuses. In the past it has created great opportunities for students to support one another and to form close bonds.

Indigenous University Games

The Indigenous Department is continuing with supporting two teams at the National Indigenous University Games. This years games will be held in Perth, WA during the last week of exam which will potentially create issues for students that have exams in that last week. We held the first trial and info night with massive success and have our second trial today. We hope to secure a win once again this year and take the trophy home as back to back champions.

MB lunch

Every Tuesday MB has a successful lunch with large numbers coming most weeks. As OB’s we think it is a great space for us to advertise our events and make any other announcements. Two weeks ago we took the large majority of the tote bags, stationary, hygiene products and condoms to no surprise we almost ran out of everything and people were so thankful and appreciated that.

Submitting the Budget

We have submitted the budget after major consultation with Murrup Barak and will be presenting it in an upcoming scheduled students council meeting. We have budgeted for a jam packed year and as numbers of Indigenous students grow our budget has to grow with it. Indigenous Uni Games will be in WA this year which means it will be significantly more expensive than last year and we plan on pushing for two editions of Under Bunjil this year to truly showcase this cohorts talent. Although we have allocated a significant portion of the budget to those portfolios we still aim to help all students weather it is continuing buying hygiene products, notebooks or essential items that people may not be able to afford.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- Budget started
- Calendars revised
- Initiate games tryouts/info session

Action Points to be completed by next report

- New tote bags purchased

- Finish budget

Budget Expenditure

N/A

<p style="text-align: center;">Media Stephanie Zhang, Katie Doherty, Carolyn Huane, Ruby Perryman</p>

Key Activities

OB Reports

Things have not really improved on the OB reports/photos front. Edition three is going to print with a lot of photos missing, and a number of reports too. It really does make everyone look a lot better if those are in there, plus keeps students informed of your activities and means that we aren’t wasting space that could otherwise be used to publish more student work. Please, please try harder to get them in.

Federal Election and Budget coverage

The news team have done a bunch of coverage of the budget (including a video! Multimedia!) and are continuing work on coverage of the election. I (Katie) am a bit concerned that this behaviour in the office might force me to actually learn something about politics, but they really are all doing a great job.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Work on edition three

At time of writing, she’s going to print today! Everyone should come along to the launch party on the 2nd of May, at 4pm.

Upload edition two content onto website

It’s all up there! Check it out!

Work on pre-election coverage

Steph has been doing an incredible job of budget coverage, and organising reporters to cover the federal election. Yay, Steph!

Hold events

Regular activities are happening, including the fortnightly People of Colour in Media Collective which we are co-hosting with the PoC Department! We also had a Wordplay on the 17th (hope you were all there!) and are launching the mag on the 2nd!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Work on edition four

Action Point 2: Launch edition three!

Action Point 3: Work on pre-election coverage

Action Point 4: Open submissions for edition 5 (!!! That’s so MANY!!!)

Action Point 5: Hold events

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

Key Activities

PASS training

Following up from our meeting with different student panelists, we have workshopped and updated a Tutor Induction document. We used this document in the panel we facilitated in collaboration with PASS and the Arts Faculty. The panel has received very positive feedback from both panelists and attendees alike.

Anti-Racism Workshops

We started workshops in Week 6 and will be hosting them almost every Tuesday and Wednesday through to Week 10. The workshops, which have been facilitated by student presenters have been well attended and very engaging.

Rad Ed Week

Rad-Ed Week is this week and our first event on Monday was facilitated by a student presenter on the Origins of Race and Bias. This was held at the South Lawn Radical Classroom. We are hosting another workshop following up previous years: How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials on Wednesday.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Run Southbank Collective and decide on direction for Southbank campus events

Southbank Collective was postponed to Week 7 due to logistical reasons to do with venue etc. We needed more time to arrange and promote the event. We’ve decided also on an Open Mic in Week 10 (Stress Less Week) at Lionel’s Café in Southbank! Fingers crossed on attendance at our first collective this Thursday!

Tutor training

We’re currently workshopping a cultural/language sensitivity document that was provided to us from previous OB’s. We’re hoping to continue to workshop this semester and build off some really interesting Anti-Racism workshops to be able to provide a holistic training by semester 2.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Myriad Call-outs

We’re hoping to put out our call-outs for Editors, Designers, and Sub-Editors soon to get Myriad started as soon as possible!

Stress Less Week

We’re liaising with Welfare and other cultural clubs to organise a range of events for Stress Less Week to tackle different wants and needs (we asked students at POC and WOC Collective what they wanted to see). We’re aiming for three different events: a chai and hot chocolate stall in collaboration with cultural clubs, a skin pampering event, and an open mic at Southbank.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2(19)	24/01/2019	Collective catering	\$7,200	Collectives	Spent \$587 since last council; cumulatively \$1,783.60
2(19)	24/01/2019	Week 3 Reading group catering	\$960	Collectives	Spent \$53
3(19)	18/02/2019	QPOC catering	\$1,200	Collectives	Spent \$199.80 since last council; cumulatively \$571.60
4(19)	13/03/2019	Media POC catering	\$360	Collectives	Spent \$19.40 this week
5(19)	05/04/2019	Bollywood Club	\$50	Special Events	Reimbursed \$26.99 to club committee
5(19)	05/04/2019	Anti-Racism Workshop catering	\$850	Special Events	Spent \$279.8 so far

Queer **Andie Moore & Raph Canty**

Key Activities

CAMP

Andie and Raph have been preparing for the start of work on the second edition of the Queer Department's magazine. We're currently hiring editors and will then look for subeditors and submissions. Expected publication is during Winterfest Semester two.

Queer Collaborations

Raph has been coordinating applications for the Queer Collaborations conference, to be held in Warrnambool from June 30 - July 6. We have a significant amount of interest and are very keen to take as many students in our contingent to this very important conference.

Radical Education Week

Andie has been organising cross-departmental collaboration on the Enviro department's week of Rad Ed. We are merging Queer Political Action Collective in with Rad Ed Week to run two workshops, one called "Deconstructing Gender in Education", the other "Burn Down The Prisons, Tear The Walls Apart". Gonna be GOOD!

Intercollegiate Queer Picnic

Andie organised the Queer Picnic which was held on Sunday 7 April which was a big hit! Got about 50 collegians rocking up for as really cute time in Princes Park, and we got to introduce a lot of LGBTQIA+ collegians to the Department.

Collectives

Collectives are running strong, with weekly Ace/Aro, Trans and People of Colour collectives seeing good continual attendance. Southbank Collective, which meets every two weeks, has been growing. This week we put on a really cool event with the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music called "The Queer Art of Failure", which was a interactive discussion lead by the organisers of Midsumma. Queer Political Action Collective, meeting also every two weeks but missing the previous cycle due to time constraints, looks set to have a big week for Radical Education week.

Pride in Action Network Committee

Andie and Raph are involved in a sub-committee to develop Queer Ally training for students. It has been decided that providers for workplaces aren't appropriate for students, and this gives us the opportunity to build the training we want to see. We're also planning more broadly for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHoBIT).

Queer Gals Movie Night

Queer Gals Movie Night coming up again in week 7, we've been planning for another great event.

G&Ts with the LGBTs and Queer Lunch

These two events have been super successful this year, consistently popular and a great time for queer students to mingle in a casual setting. Queer Lunch is continuously attracting 50 people a lunch, which is incredible - but it's taking us a little over budget. We may be requiring some assistance in the future with keeping this going, as our pizza orders are getting eaten in about 15 minutes of collective, despite us budgetting \$50 more per lunch, on top of that allocated from our earlier budget figures. Just something for Council to mull over!

Likewise, for G&Ts, although attendance dropped a little at the last one, we are constantly above the 30-per-event forecast we had earlier. These events mean we have incredibly large outreach and engagement, but they're getting a bit costly.

Queer Space Renewal

More work is to be done on renewing the queer space, with new posters to go up and more coffee, tea, utensils and sexual health products to be purchased. The new // H I G H V E L O C I T Y // fan is really good and people are appreciating milk in the fridge. The gays drank two cartons of soy milk in a week, can you believe!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Appoint CAMP Editors

Interviews are in process, to be selected perhaps even by the time council meets. We have lots of really, really high calibre candidates, which is super exciting.

Put out expressions of interest for Queer Collaborations

EOIs are out and popular!

Start building campaign against the rescheduling of Amyl

Yet to meet with SSDP. More to come.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Appoint CAMP Editors, open subeditor applications

Decide on Editors and open submission for subbies

Plan for end-of-semester party

Raph to chat to Ida to decide on format of an end of semester party in week 12

Organise Stress Less Week

We are looking to set up a dog picnic for Welfare's stress less week.

Welfare
Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino

Key Activities

Stress Less Week

ICYMI, Stress Less will happen in Week 10 of this semester. A job has been logged and Events and Comms have been a big help. We’ll be reaching out to some suppliers but are on track to get at least two sponsorships/giveaways locked-in. Big shout-out to Mark and Farah for giving brilliant ideas and not making us chase them by taking initiative and doing their stuff! Our week is almost planned, just a few people to reach out to and confirm venue bookings 😊

Safer Partying Initiative

The event happened!! We got a packed Training Room and Harm Reduction Victoria, Michael (2018 Welfare officer) and DanceWize were very helpful. We assembled 50 kits and took everything down to HRV, along with the 7 kits remaining from last year. HRV says most of them are out, so we’ll be looking at getting some more and hope to do another session by the end of this sem.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

New initiative

It’s up and running!! “Welfare on Wheels” had its first run on Monday, the 15th of April at Giblein Eunson library. We took a trolley full of Up & Go, fruits and muesli bars. We were there for about 45-50 minutes and ran out of everything. Students and staff alike love our initiative, and Uni Library & Uni Wellbeing are doing everything they can to support and help us with this.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Easter

Looking out for our Welfare by not doing much of UMSU Welfare

Stress Less Week

Getting all confirmed events up on Basecamp and locking everything in.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
6	10/04/2019	Welfare on Wheels	\$5000.00	Regular Events	\$972.77 (11/04/2019)

5	27/03/2019	Breakfast	\$1300.00/wk	Regular Events	\$726.35 (16/04/2019)
5	28/02/2019	Safer Partying Initiative	\$500	Special Projects	\$26 spent on buying the kits
4	28/02/2019	Welfare Collective	\$1250.00	Regular Events	\$132.00 (10/04/2019)
4	28/02/2019	Low SES Collective	\$30.00/wk	Special Projects	\$30.00 (15/04/2019)
5	27/03/2019	Breakfast	\$1300.00/wk	Regular Events	\$18.25 \$12.01 (11/04/2019)

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

Key Activities

Respect Week

We had our Respect Week event on the 12th of April. We gave out mocktails again because we had so much stuff leftover from our Summerfest event and people seemed to enjoy them. We put a bunch of stuff on the stall including the university’s Respect Now Always campaign material, and posters from the NUS Women’s department. We also had a big calico banner as an activity for people to write on with the question “What does respect mean to you?” We would exchange a free mocktail in return for people writing on the banner. We had pretty successful engagement.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Respect week stuff

See above.

Judy’s Punch

We have now opened EOIs for the Judy’s Punch editor positions. We have received quite a few applications already, with submissions closing on April 26th. After this we will interview the applicants and open up content submissions. Yeet

Action Points to be completed by next report

Plan welcome back to semester one event

We will have a fun back to semester event after the break.

Interview Judy’s Punch editors

We love creative women.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	12/12/18	Gift Cards for Summerfest tote bag art	\$4000	Summer and Winter Orientation	1x\$100 GC for tote bag artist

1	12/12/18	Gift Cards for Summerfest brochure art	\$2000	Summer and Winter Orientation	1x\$50 GC for brochure cover art artist 3x\$20 GC for brochure art submissions
3	28/02/19	Gift card for translator of IWD flyer	\$1000	Special Projects and Events	Spent \$20
2	31/1/19	Week 6 Collectives (Toasties/Sandwiches)	\$4800	Collectives	Spent \$96.13 for WOC and Women's Collective
2	31/1/19	Week 6 Southbank Collective	\$4800	Collectives	Spent \$50 on sushi
4	3/4/19	Coles order for extra mocktails ingredients	\$500	Special Projects and Events	Spent \$104.20 Spent \$4.50 on ice Spent \$10 on extra cups
4	3/4/19	Calico banner`	\$500	Special Projects and Events	Spent \$6

Burnley
James Barclay

No report submitted.

**Southbank
Hilary Ekins**

Hi all! It has been a little while. I’ve been struggling with my health recently which has impacted my ability to be in office as much as I’d like but should be on the mend by the time of next council so don’t worry about that (please send dog pics to help speed up recovery). This is going to be a long one so buckle up!

Key Activities

1. Wednesday BBQs (continued)

After several rough starts on Wednesday mornings, I think we are finally getting used to this chaotic routine, and we hope that it will become much easier now that a fridge is on its way. Coles failed to complete their delivery on the day. Twice. We’ve tried Woolworths in the short term, and they’ve been surprisingly reliable. We hope to investigate other options such as the South Melbourne Market going forward. On April 3rd, we had the additional chaos of the veggie burger order never arriving. Thankfully after some quick brainstorming we were able to get to IGA and turn a trolley full of veggies into a yummy teriyaki fry up. Cooked faster, tasted great, was cheaper too. Friendship ended with Coles and PFD Foods. New best friend is the IGA around the corner who sold me a cabbage twice the size of my head for only \$6. Volunteering numbers are also increasing! It’s a struggle to get enough helpers for the preparation and clean up stages but we consistently have enthusiastic chefs.

2. Mx Southbank, Drag Spectacular

Applications are closed! Interviews will hopefully be completed, and performers selected by the time of council. Contractor positions are being advertised to students, currently there will be opportunities for at least 10 students across several disciplines to do paid work in their artistic field. This continues to be a wild ride; we have received heaps of interest and feedback from students and hope that the performer workshops are finalised soon. The first workshop will be held on April 25th and will be a 2h introduction to drag with interactive tutorials run by student drag queen Scotty So.

3. Collectives

The Queer and Women’s Collectives continue to run and grow smoothly. The Queer Collective has been hugely popular, with new and returning students each fortnight. This event will be soon moving indoors to the UMSU Space to better preserve the autonomy of the collective. I just got back (16/4, 2:55pm) from the latest instalment with artist speakers from Midsumma talking about the “Queer Art of Failure” which was an awesome and super engaging discussion of Queer Art and the capitalist, heteronormative definitions of success and failure. Rad!

The Women’s Collective has been growing, I will have a sit down with Aria and Hannah as soon as I can remember to touch base and review how this collective has gone the past couple of times!

The first People of Colour Collective has been bumped back to week 7 so that we can advertise widely enough. We’ve been blessed with active help and collaboration of students of colour on campus who are helping to manage the planned collective. I’ll be helping Mark and Farah settle in to the UMSU space beforehand and can’t wait to hear how it goes.

4. Community Building Initiatives

Update on the community garden! A walkthrough of the shortlisted sites has been organised by Hayden Williams on behalf of the Art as Social Practice Collective. Various students involved as well as James Barclay (Burnley Campus Coordinator) and interested members of staff will also be in attendance. The proposed time to meet up is on the 18th April, I expect more exciting updates following this.

5. UMSU Space

The UMSU space still looks a bit sterile. Needs more art. Needs more couches, games, people snoozing in corners etc. We're working on it slowly but surely. A careful of *stuff* including boxes of student/UMSU publications was brought down on April 10th, to vacate the Parkville office for the Returning Officer to move in. Also, we got a fridge! This is mainly for storage of cold goods for catered events but also for everyday office use. The packaging is still lying around, the mess is glorious, we hope to make heaps of art and/or protest signs out of the excessive cardboard and polystyrene leftovers. Exciting!

6. Campus Clubs

Since my last report in March, I have met with the Presidents of both the Music Students Society and the Production Society, the two C&S affiliated clubs on campus. Both clubs have several ideas for branching out to the wider Southbank Community and I expect to be announcing collaborative events and campaigns very soon.

The MSS is currently experiencing financial difficulty due to reckless spending by the previous executive committee but is receiving advice from C&S and financial advisers. UMSU Southbank will support the club as it gets back on its feet by collaborating on our events and promotion.

The Production Society has had a fantastic first year! Current president Kaite Head and I discussed several concerns pertaining to Production students on campus. These are further discussed in the next section. The Production Society will also be reaching out to their membership and faculty for excellent students of all production streams to be interviewed for employment with the Mx Southbank Drag Extravaganza.

7. Student Issues

A few issues have been brought to my attention by students that are currently under investigation which will be reported on soon, including but not limited to:

- Fishbowl to gym rumours
- Student kitchenettes and kickback spaces being neglected or taken over
- Door alarm systems around production passages limiting access

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Drag Show planning

Reported above. Great progress since last report, more to come.

2. Deck out space

Could use further decking out. This has been sidelined a little recently for more pressing work.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Attend community garden site walk, report on progress

2. Finalise Drag Show Program and contractors
3. Assist set-up of first People of Colour Collective, debrief with Mark and Farah
4. Report back on the issues listed in point 7.
5. Continue to hassle Gary McPherson for a meeting (ongoing)



Figure 1: The mess Lachie and I made unpacking



Figure 2: UMSU Southbank's beautiful new fridge and freezer, packed for a BBQ

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
X(18)	11/12/2018	UMSU Southbank branded T-Shirts	\$600	2018	Final cost was \$511.50
		UMSU branded mugs and mug wall materials	\$1000		Mugs purchased for \$810.70
1(19)	18/01/2019	O’Camp Deposit	\$2200	Orientation	Deposit paid was \$2000
2(19)	01/02/2019	Printing of ASPC marketing materials	\$264.50	Orientation	Only \$129.30 was spent
		Casual staff at Carnival Day	\$900		Final cost was \$771
		Food and drink for Orientation week BBQs	\$1400		Some receipts still being followed up.
		Staging costs and AV for performances at Carnival Day	\$3500		Final quote was \$2332.50,

					invoice in transit.
		Infrastructure and labour costs for Carnival Day	\$5000		Final cost was \$3888.50
		Payment of participating artists contracted at Carnival Day and entertainment expenses	\$2000		Still chasing some invoices, final expense estimated at \$1748
		First Aid Responders at Carnival Day	\$700		Final cost was \$660
3(19)	14/03/2019	Office supplies	\$200	Office supplies	TBC
		Decking out the new UMSU space	\$1000	Assets	Whoop whoop (TBC)
		Catering expenses for the Southbank Wednesday BBQs	\$9000	Special Projects & Events	Approx \$400 per week for 22 BBQs this year
4(19)	21/03/2019	Fridge	\$1200	Assets	See Figure 2 Price for both fridge and freezer was about \$1100
Op-Sub		Transport costs	\$100	Whole of Union	TBC