

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students' Council**

**Student Office Bearer Reports**

**9:20AM, Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**

**Meeting 4(19)**

**Location: Private Dining, Union House**

<b>Student Office Bearer Reports</b>	
President	Not submitted
General Secretary	Not submitted
Activities	Not submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Not submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted (incomplete)
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Not submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Not submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women's	Submitted
Burnley	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.*

**President**  
**Molly Willmott**

*Not submitted.*

**General Secretary**  
**Reece Moir**

*Not submitted.*

**Activities**  
**Olivia Panjkov & Liam O'Brien**

*Submitted late, invalid.*

## **Clubs & Societies**

### **Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst**

#### **Key Activities from Chrissy Boi**

##### Emails

Most of our job is dealing with many emails a day and the various correspondence they develop into. Not exciting, but a main part of the job.

##### Membership App Development

More updates and bug testing have been ongoing, watch this space.

##### Southbank

I think Southbank went fairly well. It was a good showcase of what it could be, and with some more work (and maybe advertising or scheduling) I think the crowd you could get would be sizeable. The clubs that did attend seemed to think it's worthwhile.

##### Carnival

I was rushed off from Carnival to help the Ida be ready for its opening post a small emergency, but like most ear our involvement is pretty low with a general message of "Come back on the next few days for clubs"

##### Clubs Expo

Clubs expo was great! Clubs were well behaved (for the most part) and apart from the uncontrollable heat. Pack up was speedy and efficient, and we had a good attendance. Our committee was a little scarce at times but it worked out in the end. Set up was smooth as the casuals and hired staff were helpful. Maybe in future years we might have to look at having one more marquee if the club numbers continue to grow, but we'll see.

##### Sleepover

Sleepover was interesting. I think for the most part communication between activities and clubs was 4000% better this year, and I think the fact that Jordan and I were there through the night to act as liaisons for clubs was definitely helpful. Some things did go awry and could have been communicated better, but these are all lessons for next year. There was definitely improvements in sleeping spaces from last year, however like last year I think more thought needs to be given to a) What time clubs are scheduled and b) General expectations of what to do in the early hours. Maybe in future only roster clubs until midnight? Who knows, it's something to look into in the future.

#### **Key Activities from Jordan Gurl**

##### Lockers

SO THIS IS STILL GOING. So far most of the locks have been collected with a few funny jokers asking us if we were free now to assign lockers WHILE AT CLUBS EXPO. Haha silly clubs. They will be able to collect locks during office hours during week 1, after which they will be reassigned

##### Welfare training

This keeps chugging on with Safer Communities continuing to fail to give us a yearly schedule for trainings. We discussed the session being reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour with committee and are currently looking into extending and improving the training.

##### Clearing emails

Still so many emails. So, so many

#### Affirmative Action in Clubs

I will be sending out a google form this week to all clubs to collect data about representation and diversity once committee has had a look at it and marked it as good to go. At this point, it is just looking at some stats to see if there even is a problem and if there needs to be action taken from the department

#### Southbank O-Week

This was a while ago now but ran really smoothly from our end. All the C&S affiliated clubs showed up and seemed to have a really good time and caused very little hassle for us. We sent out a thank you to those who attended and asked for feedback. Only got the one response from M-ASS which read:

*From what our crew down there had to say, the event, space and set-up was great. Only thing that lacked was more online marketing, which will obviously be easier beyond the first time it is run.*

*All in all a good way to interact with satellite campuses.*

We have passed on this feedback to Lily and are taking it as a success from our end!

#### Summerfest Carnival Day

Although our role was mostly just telling people “no, those aren’t clubs those are departments, please come back tomorrow and Thursday” and “hmmm, the closest we have to a sports club is the Soccer Appreciation Society, maybe try MU Sports” we did get a bit of a crowd and some cute shots of Gunter. I would say a successful day

#### Clubs Expo

Hahhahahahahahaha. Two fun filled days of heat and telling off clubs for flyering. This was incredibly exhausting but ultimately, we only had to kick out two clubs and give out a few more warnings. We think it went really well, numbers might have been down a teensy bit from what I’ve heard but I kinda of have to blame the heat for that. We are a little bit concerned with the number of clubs we have and how many more we can fit in 2 days in future years but that will be an issue for further down the track. All in all we had fun, Fiona wore a sparkly red bumbag and the Greek society gave us a free membership for all UMSU people. Love it

#### Sleepover

WE SURVIVED THE THING. Our babies were wonderful and we are very, very proud of them. We had a few pull out the week of which was a bit disappointing but the ones who did come did really well and seemed to have a good time. We have sent out a thank you message and asked for feedback so will report back to both council and committee with what they say

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	20/2/19	AVM for performance equipment	\$3210	Orientation	
3	20/2/19	Reimburse Tuna from Juggling Club	\$29	Special Projects	
3	20/2/19	Pay Bluegum for tshirts	\$591.14	Special Projects	
3	20/2/19	Incidentals for Orientation	\$500	Orientation	

## Creative Arts Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz

### Key Activities

#### **Summerfest Events**

All our Summerfest events have now been completed. We'll had wonderful times chatting to students at both VCA and Parkville **Carnival Day** stalls and did some lovely **collaging** and **face painting**. After some bumps in the road due to the extremely hot weather, **Botanical Drawing Workshop** did go ahead although unfortunately not at the Burnley campus due to needing to change the time to not be hosting the event during the hottest point of the day and that affected availability. We instead held it in the System Gardens at Parkville, and we were happy it could go ahead despite the weather. It was a great success, with lovely reports from students and Andrew Seward was a wonderful facilitator. We hope to have an event later in the year at the Burnley campus. By the time of this council we will have just wrapped up the **Arty Party!** Which was on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, in the Ida Bar. **Arty Party** is a collaboration with UHT and a chance for students interested in Creative Arts and Student Theatre to meet and mingle, chat about what they're working on/future collaborations and have a good ol' time. It's sure to be a fun summery evening, with free food, a raffle, bingo, a photo wall and some good old fashion boogie woogie-ing.

#### **Future Events**

We've also been working on a **Grants Workshop** to be held Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of demystify the process of applying for Creative Arts, Theatre Board and SSAF grants for student arts projects.

Also, in the works is a **Queer Writing Workshop** which we're collaborating with Andie in the Queer department, with the plan of running it before submissions for both Mudfest and Camp are due to encourage and support the fantastic queer writers in our community. We'll be progressing on that now that the craziness of Summerfest is behind us.

We're also collaborating with **Arts Programs** to run an **Arts Wellbeing Workshop** run by the **Arts Wellbeing Collective** toward the end of semester, in time for when we select our Mudfest artists, but before they get fully stuck in, so they can implement good practice in their artistic process in the lead up to the festival. As we want to support our artists to be as happy and healthy as they can be ☺

#### **Student Theatre Council**

We had our first **Student Theatre Council** meeting for 2019 on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, which is very exciting. There were cupcakes, reps from the Student Theatre Groups as well as keen student theatre beans. We chatted Mudfest, upcoming events and what's on offer from UHT and Creative Arts in 2019.

#### **Theatre Board**

We received lots of interest from students wanting to be representatives on **Theatre Board**, which is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a grant selection board, as well as be a part of discussions about the future of performance on campus with university staff and industry professionals. We selected 3 wonderful students reps and believe they will be fantastic advocates and strong voices for students in this space.

## Mudfest

Expressions of interest are now open for all the roles in the production team. On Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> expressions of interest of interest for our new **Mudfest Mentor** role closed. We'll be working very closely with Susan to select someone for this role to support us and the Mudfest Production Team in the management of the festival. We're very grateful for Rozz, Justin and Susan's support in developing the expression of interest documentation and advertising and in the recruitment process, they have been amazing, and we've learnt a lot. As for the student roles in the production team expressions of Interest are open for ALL the following roles:

- **Production Manager, Deputy Production Manager, Marketing and Publicity Manager, Website and Ticketing Coordinator** – Close at 9AM on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March
- **Access Manager and Sustainability Manager** – Close at 9AM on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March
- **Creative Producers (Moving Image, Visual Art, Music, Performing Arts and Interdisciplinary)** - Close at 9AM on Monday the 25th of March

So if any councillors would like to be involved or know anyone who would please let us know, we'd love to chat to you more about it, it's going to be a pretty amazing time and we're very excited to have a team of humans to work with.

## Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Open Mudfest Production Team Expressions of interest. As mentioned above expressions of interest for the production team are all currently open, as we're busy spruiking, promoting and sharing these opportunities with as many students as possible!
2. Organise recurring fortnightly time for Creative Arts Committee Meetings. We've arranged two alternating fortnightly meeting times for our committee meetings and are really grateful to our wonderful committee for all their work and enthusiasm and energy during Summerfest – we couldn't have done it without them ☺
3. Run a wonderful Creative Arts Summerfest – we're very happy, got to chat to lots of lovely creative arts beans ☺

## Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Attend our first Theatre board meeting for 2019 on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March
2. Close expressions of interest for Mudfest Production Roles and begin the hiring process
3. Run our Grants Workshop on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March

## Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	20/2/2019	Summerfest supplies including facepaint and brushes as well as our facepainter fee	\$200.00	Special Project Weeks	

2	20/2/2019	Food and drink for the Arty Party	\$450	Special Projects	Supplied free pizza and a free drink on entry – costs split with UHT
2	20/2/2019	Catering for Creative Arts Committee Meetings and Student Theatre Council Meetings	\$300	Special Projects	

## **Disabilities Lucy Birch**

### **Key Activities**

#### **Key Activity 1**

Lucy and Jocelyn were engaged the week before Summerfest in planning the events. Lucy was in charge of organising anything arising or pertaining to the basecamp jobs. Jocelyn searched for furniture for the disability space (as of the 4th of March, there is no new furniture that is not borrowed). Lucy and Jocelyn also unboxed the december mail order. Summerfest is the most important week for new activities and presentation of the entire year. During the first two days of summerfest Jocelyn and Lucy ran a special consideration information session, carnival day stall and Beer and Boardgames night. From the 27th of February to the 4th of March Lucy has run two speed friending events, mindfulness classes, the disability collective, the mental wellness collective, the amazing race pitstop and the sleepover events.

As of the 4th of March Jocelyn has not made formal work related contact with Lucy since the 26th of february. Both Lucy and Jocelyn attended the Farrago launch on the 28th of February.

Lucy has been organising the responses to request for artists throughout this time. And cleaning and organising the disability space in preparation for all semester 1 events.

#### **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 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

##### **Last Action Point 1**

Jocelyn currently has the form on their computer and it has not been retrieved at this time

##### **Last Action Point 2**

Lucy successfully recruited 8 volunteers to the carnival day stall, Jocelyn successfully recruited 1.

Lucy worked with communications to make sure there was a casual staffer to man the popcorn machine.

#### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

##### **Action Point 1**

To get the requirements sheet for special needs up and running

##### **Action Point 2**

To continue to smoothly run events, and keep the attendance of regular events as successful as they were during O week.

#### **Budget Expenditure**

February committee meeting did not make quorum

**Education (Academic Affairs)**  
**Elizabeth Tembo**

*Submitted late, invalid.*

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

**Key Activities**

**Key Activity 1**

Travel Passes arrived, now branded as the On Track Pass. Set up a management plan for administration of On Track Passes – basically who's in charge of what between Ed, Vanessa, and Legal.

**Key Activity 2**

Met and chatted with over 1000 students at O Week. Gave out totes boosting On Track + On Track Pass, Coop, Syndicate, Climate Strike.

**Key Activity 3**

Met and chatted with about 300 students at Law School Orientation. Got 70 petition signatures calling on Melbourne Law School to make lecture recordings available.

**Key Activity 4**

Called the Minister for Public Transport's office a good 4 – 5 times. Left on seen.

**Key Activity 5**

Finished Law School Lecture Recordings Position Paper finally

*Submitted on time, incomplete.*

## **Environment** **Will Ross**

### **Summerfest**

Was good. Saw people. Gave food. Made picnic. Got signups.  
Also, got 40 people to rock up to our first collective for the year.  


### **School Strike 4 Climate**

As mentioned above, Summerfest went really well & was a fantastic opportunity to get word out not only about the Enviro Collective, but also the upcoming School Strike for the Climate taking place Friday 15th March.

Enviro has been busy organising for the UniMelb support contingent to this March. This culminated in our Info Session during collective where one of the student organisers came along & spoke about the March and what we can do to support the strikers. All of this week and next, volunteers from the info session will be flyering, posterizing, chalking and lecture loving to spread the climate strike and let UniMelb students know that they have a contingent to march alongside.

This is an exciting time and the great numbers Enviro has had have really allowed us to spread word about the Strike, facilitating not just student marchers but also marshaling on the day. Watch this space and see you there at 10.30am on Friday 15th March - just next to the Swanston tram stop.

### **Rad Ed Week**

Now that Summerfest is (finally) over, Enviro is sitting down to discussions with the Comms & Events teams about Radical Education Week 2019. This year, our theme is Student Radicalism, and key topics are community, skillsharing, and building support in the fight against the corporate university. The dates for Rad Ed are 15th-18th of April, and the key event to watch out for is our Student Sustainability Forum at 6.30pm on the 16th April, where we will be chatting the real stuff with the University. Rad.

### **Play With Your Food**

Back for another year! PWYF will be taking place every third week (weeks 3, 6, 8, and 11) in Semester 1 and will feature such themes as camp cooking, activist burnout, backyard gardening - and of course, delicious meals. Wednesdays 6.30pm.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Action Point 1: Venue & Speakers confirmed for the Student Forum on Divestment**

Venue confirmed for Student Forum on Sustainability. Taking place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 16th April in G06 (formerly known as Elisabeth Murdoch Theatre A) in the Elisabeth Murdoch building. Speaking list confirmation ongoing.

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

**Action Point 1: Confirm Speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment**

Speakers list to be confirmed before the next Students' council.

**Action Point 2: Schedule for the upcoming Rad Ed Week to be drafted & promotional material ready**

By the date of next Students' council.

**Budget Expenditure**

\$1,450 spent from the Summerfest budget line on catering, A/V, and picnic supplies during the past week.

\$30 spent from Enviro Collective catering line for snacks at our first collective. (Note: special thanks to Lentil As Anything - Inconvenience Store for their help).

**Indigenous  
Marley Holloway-Clarke & Jordan Holloway-Clarke**

*No report submitted.*

## Media

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

### **Key Activities**

#### **Edition one launch**

We've launched our first edition! You can pick up a copy from the stands around campus. The launch party was well-attended, despite the sweltering weather. Drink tokens ran out in the first two hours and most people just stuck around and read mags on the beach chairs, and we met a lot of contributors and subeditors.

#### **Edition two**

Work on edition two is well underway. We sent subediting and graphics commissions out during O-week and are waiting for them to come back so that we can finalise layouts.

#### **Updating the website**

By the time of this council, all pieces from edition one should be uploaded onto our website and queued up for Facebook sharing.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Summerfest**

Summerfest went really well! We manned the stall the whole day during Carnival day and spoke to a lot of students, new and old. We also met a surprisingly large amount of exchange students from the US, who were keen to get involved with Radio Fodder. Lots of people signed up for the mailing list as well.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **Action Point 1: Work on edition two**

#### **Action Point 2: Work on edition three**

We'll be having our board meeting next week to decide what goes into the third edition.

#### **Action Point 3: Hold events**

PoC media collectives will be starting soon. We're also hoping to have a Wordplay event sometime next week, where people can come along and listen to spoken word performances.

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

### **Key Activities**

#### **Completion of SummerFest events**

We got to meet so many new students over the SummerFest period, and we managed to give out all of our bookmarks and snacks, as well as the vast majority of our tote bags. Our special events were also well attended, with a great mix of old and new faces alike. The *Crazy Rich Asians* Film Screening on Mar/4 was particularly popular, and we're stoked to have been able to hold an event like this to kick off semester. We hope to see ongoing progress with this level of community-building and engagement throughout our term.

#### **UMSU Sleepover**

This happened. We tried to hold a department activation, but for a range of reasons this kind of fell through; sorry Activities. We did kind of end up on corridor duty with Welfare though, and felt overall like it may be useful in future sleepovers to have this role somewhat more formalised, if only future Activities OBs can feel like they have an extra pair of eyes and hands around to help? This isn't our event so take this section of the report with a grain of salt, but we spotted a few drunk people and helped them get food/find their friends/etc. and Felt Very Helpful in doing so.

#### **Faculty of Arts tutor training**

In collaboration with a number of other departments, Mark spoke at an inclusive classroom symposium held by the Faculty of Arts. Tutors seemed really receptive in general and the feedback that we received was overwhelmingly positive. This may lend itself to future avenues of collaboration, potentially with academics in the field of education - the organiser has also expressed interest in facilitating more practical workshops throughout the year. We hope to be able to take this on board and bring it to other faculties as well.

#### **PASS training**

We met with the coordinator of the Peer Assisted Study Sessions within the Faculty of Arts to organise another round of cultural sensitivity training. The training held last year was popular and highly regarded and we will be looking to organise something similar in Week 4, hopefully in collaboration with some other departments as well.

#### **Preparation of Week 1 collectives**

We bought food. So much food. Given the level of engagement we've seen over the SummerFest period, we're generally glad and very relieved that our budget has the room to feed and otherwise accommodate for our growing collective.

#### **Finalisation of Diversity Week events**

Our program of events for Diversity Week has been finalised. This will include a range of special events and themed regular events, which we're very excited about. The website is now up and we will be looking to begin promotion on our end very shortly as well.

#### **Incident reporting form**

Given that semester is now under way, we've looked to start work on an incident reporting form for our website. This will have anonymous options also, and will hopefully help students feel more safe on campus. We are in the process of finalising the design for the form.

### **Continued work with UMSU Intl**

We were approached by UMSU International to run a games night in week 5 and attended a meeting with regards to the initial logistics and delegation of tasks. Collectively, we will be contacting clubs, securing venues and opening a Basecamp job to centralise a lot of this work in the coming weeks.

### **Caution world tour**

Mariah is on tour. Mark is happy.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Make SummerFest happen\***

It happened. We think. It was honestly a bit of a lucid dream.

#### **Go forth and train Arts tutors**

It happened. It was good.

#### **Start getting caterers for Week 1**

We finished this. Lots of good, seasoned food to come.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **Anti-Racism workshops**

We want to start these in week 4 or 5 perhaps, depending on how keen our collective is. We will be canvassing appetite and start talking to potential presenters.

#### **Start thinking about *Myriad* callouts**

We are planning to be a bit more on top of *Myriad* this year, so planning will commence shortly.

#### **Continue collaborations with the Faculty of Arts**

Diversity Week and the PASS training are coming up imminently, so we want to get through those to the best of our ability. This will involve sorting our final logistics of our events and also co-opting a student panel for the training.

#### **Continue collaborations with UMSU Intl**

We have agreed to meet in a fortnight so as to further discuss work on the week 5 games night.

### **Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment

2(19) and 3(19)	24/01/2019	S'Fest snacks	\$1,000 in total	Special Events	Spent another \$197.1 on tea and cups
2(19)	24/01/2019	Week 1 collective catering	\$7,200	Collectives	Spent \$349 this week
2(19)	24/01/2019	S'Fest Film Screening catering	\$400	Special Events	Spent \$397.80
3(19)	18/02/2019	Board games	\$200	Special Events	Spent \$198; these were for our games day S'Fest event
3(19)	18/02/2019	Screening rights	\$150	Special Events	Cost \$132 for rights and promotional materials for <i>Crazy Rich Asians</i>
3(19)	18/02/2019	Anti-Racism 101 catering	\$150	Special Events	All spent
3(19)	18/02/2019	QPOC catering	\$1,200	Collectives	Spent \$100.40 this week

**Queer  
Andie Moore & Will Parker**

*Not submitted.*

**Welfare**  
**Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino**

**Key Activities**

**Summerfest**

Sufferfest is over! Our Summerfest stall was much more successful than expected. We gave out totes, Zooper Doopers, fairy floss (before the machine broke :/) and collected CIP signups with the help of our CIP Supervisors and Welfare Committee members.

**Union House Sleepover**

Our Welfare Space/Chill Zone ran pretty smoothly. We had snacks, bean bags and cushions as well as some of our committee members helping us roam around. There were no incidents so it was an overall success.

**Volunteering**

We've organised for our CIP induction sessions to be on 7/03/19 and 8/03/19. We'll run through a standard UMSU Volunteering induction and introduce our supervisors and specific info about how the CIP works. The sessions will be followed by food for our new volunteers.

**Regular Events**

All of our regular events are due to start next week. This Thursday we will have our first BBQ of the year and we have received the Coles order, yay! We're waiting on a Comms job for some more promo for these.

**Social Media**

We have done some promo throughout Summerfest and have reached 3000 likes on Facebook.

**Dogs at the Rowdy**

We have been in contact with Clint from the Rowden White Library about our first therapy dogs session, which is due to occur in Week 3.

**University Service Essentials (USE)**

USE, our event with UMSU International will be on 14/03/19. This event aimed to introduce important services to new students of the University, and will have guest speakers from UMSU Legal, CAPS and Financial Aid.

**Low SES Collective**

We are establishing a new support collective for students experiencing financial disadvantage. Rooms are booked and this collective will run on Mondays 12-1 in Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. We have submitted a job to Comms to promote this.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Summerfest**

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### **Volunteering**

We have selected our 7 CIP Supervisors, and all of them have completed SFH Training.

### **Safer Party Initiative**

We met with Molly, Michael (2018 Welfare Officer) and the president of SSDP to map out the program for this year. We plan to run 3 sessions with SSDP and DanceWize like last year in Weeks 3, 7 and 11. We have contacted the supplier of pill testing kits from last year and will make an order soon.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **Safer Party initiative**

We should have the pill testing kits ordered and Comms job submitted for the sessions by the next council.

### **Volunteering**

We are yet to allocate our new volunteers into CIP groups, so this should be done soon.

### **Budget Expenditure**

<b>Meeting Number</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount Passed</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	28/02/2019	Breakfast BBQ Food	\$400	Special Projects	Spent \$400
2	28/02/2019	Breakfast Bar Food	\$8250.00	Regular Events	Spent \$747.95
3	28/02/2019	CIP Supervisor SFH Training	\$350	Regular Events	Spent \$350

## Women's Aria Sunga & Hannah Buchan

### **Key Activities**

#### **Summerfest**

##### Carnival Day:

Carnival day was a blast! Tiring, but worth it. We gave away the remaining 900 of our packed tote bags (we still have around 500 for Winterfest), and the majority of our lip balms. We got 662 sign ups to our mailing list, and spoke to heaps of women and non binary students about how the department can support them. Big win!

##### Mocktails

Our first carnival day event was Mocktails with the Women's Department on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March. Preparation for the mocktails was going well until we found out that we had been double booked for the beach in North Court, and the Ida was already serving mocktails out of there. We began serving out of the UMSU tent just across the beach activation, and though disheartened, we were able to speak to many students about our upcoming events (Moonlight Cinema, Intl Women's Day picnic, banner making and march). It actually turned into a really great event for us, and good exposure for our department and UMSU. The event was non-autonomous, because we wanted to reach as many students as possible and have them interact with the Women's department (as well as invite them to our non-autonomous events). We were so, so grateful for our absolute litte committee members that helped us out here. Also our mocktails were delicious, so we're going to have a mocktails collective soon to flex our recipe.

##### Union House Sleepover

We attended Union House Sleepover together and it was a time. We ran a sleeping space in the women's room, and a disco from 2am-3:30am. We were so exhausted but it was fun pretending that we were real DJs. A group of 10 people left when Hannah put on a Carly Rae Jepsen song and it was sad. Where is the respect for Carly Rae? Where is the E•MO•TION???? Anyway, the women's room wasn't really used as a sleeping space but people came in and out!

##### Moonlight Cinema

The Women's Department is organising a moonlight cinema screening of *Oceans 8* for Thursday the 7th of March as part of the Summerfest program! So far everything is going smoothly, and at the next council we will report back on how the event went.

##### International Women's Day

On International Women's Day, March 8th, we will be holding a few events - banner making, a picnic and also will be leading a contingent to the rally in the afternoon. From 12-2pm will be banner making, and from 2-5pm will be a picnic held in collaboration with UMSU Intl and Women in Commerce and Politics. We will have a few speakers and a panel discussion, and the theme of the event will be "Why does International Women's Day Exist?" as a way to

invite more international students to engage with domestic politics and causes, but also remain relevant to domestic students.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Meet with residential colleges**

The Women's Department has been trying to increase its engagement with the university's residential colleges. We contacted the president of the Inter-Collegiate Council, who helped us get in contact with all of the residential colleges. We received a reply from Trinity, Ormond, International House, Queens, University College, Janet Clarke Hall, and Newman. We were in correspondence with several different college leaders, and have been working out what would work best for their college. Most colleges were unfortunately incredibly busy with o-week and didn't have space in their schedule to accommodate us during the week, but are very keen for events with us in the future. However we were able to help out with International House and University College for their o-weeks, which was really exciting! We attended an o-week event at International House, spoke to many groups of students about UMSU and the Women's Department and gave the students some safety resources as well as some 2018 Women's department tote bags. Some of the students at International House have since engaged with the department through our collectives and Mocktail events, which was really cool. University College didn't have time for us to have an event at their college, but we gave them a lot of material for them to distribute in their welcome packs, including tote bags and brochures. Despite not being able to physically be at most colleges, we have some department merchandise we have reserved for them to distribute, and are really excited to engage more college students in the future.

#### **Respect Task Force Meetings**

The first meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for the 27th of March, so nothing to report there as of yet.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **Respect Task Force Meetings**

Looking forward to it.

#### **Southbank Collective**

We are currently searching for a facilitator to run the collective from 12-1pm every second Thursday in the UMSU space in the Hub Building. Until then, Hannah will be running that collective because Aria has class.

### **Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment

3	31/1/19	Utensils, Bowls, jugs, Ingredients	\$5000	Summer and Winter Orientation	Total amount spent: \$204.00
3	31/1/19	Food for Carnival Day Picnic	\$5000	Summer and Winter Orientation	Total amount spent: \$57
3	31/1/19	Cupcakes from Cupcake Central for Women of Colour Collective and Women's Collective	\$4800	Collectives	Total spent (WOC): \$104  Total spent (WC): \$138
		Rights to screen Oceans 8	\$5000	Summer and Winter Orientation	Spent \$450

**Burnley**  
**James Barclay**

### **Key Activities**

#### **O-Week**

Burnley campus hosted orientation for graduation and matters students with the welcome back celebration at the beginning of the semester. The BSA prepared catering through cornutopia and dessert food trucks. The event was a major success with old and new students alike getting to know each other and winning prizes along the way. A raffle was held for students to win ethically produced hard like hats by Will+Bear.

#### **MIFGS**

30 students have received tickets to the Melbourne international flower and garden show this year. This event is one of the largest events within the horticultural industry and provides a unique opportunity for students to engage outside of University both academically and professionally.

#### **Self Defence Classes**

The BSA has organised weekly self defence classes for students every Friday at 3pm in the gardens. It is our hope you these classes will encourage fitness and situational awareness among the cohort.

#### **Groceries**

With the vast popularity of seasonal produce provided last year the BSA has continued to supply students with fresh food and drinks. A well fed student is more likely to engage with and absorb information in classes.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Workshops**

Negotiations with 3<sup>rd</sup> party workshop hosts is ongoing, we expect to host worm lovers this semester to teach students about wicking bed and worm farm construction.

#### **Collab with Arts**

The botanical drawing session at Burnley was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **Finalize workshop negotiations**

### **Budget Expenditure**

Cornutopia : \$1320

Gelato truck : \$589

Will+Bear : \$1485.75

Groceries : \$203.88

Party food : \$80

MIFGS : \$960

Self Defence (12 weeks) : \$2400

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*No report submitted*