



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
1:00PM, Friday, the 03rd of May 2019
Meeting 10(19)
Location: Private Dining, Union House

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**President
Molly Willmott**

Hello students, I have very very little to report as I took most of the Easter break off (my most I mean 97%) of it – so this report is what I’ve done in the 3 workdays last report and now.

Key Actions

MSEEP Response

This week we completed a response to the Student Experience Enhancement Project Green Paper, a report by chancellery looking at where the university can improve in student engagement across campus.

Our response was a big boy of 13 pages, and we talked about a range of issues including how we define student engagement, how to develop a vision for student experience, and proposed various improvements the campus can make to make students more engaged in academia and campus social life. If anyone would like to read it, please chuck me a line

Scandal, Written by Shonda Rhimes

Easter Monday, I received a call from the Australian regarding a workshop at radical education week called how privilege manifests in tutorials. They claimed that a student was told that white men who look like liberals shouldn’t speak. After reviewing notes and talking to attendees (of which the person who complained was not one of them), I am of the firm belief that this did not happen, and the article was a misrepresentation of the event, and was a missed shot at the union’s undertakings. It was funny.

I received a whole bunch of media requests about the workshop, including old mate Andrew Bolt which I 100% declined lmao. Herse a screenshot of it though;

All in all, I’m very proud of how the environment department and POC department and how they handled this – it’s not easy being dogpiled by people on the Australian, but they handled it well.

I can’t wait till 2021 where we can experience this scandal again

Graduate Outcomes

On the 30th, Dom from EdAc and I are attending a meeting about graduate outcomes – this is after this report is written so will update

Actions to complete by the next report/actions from last report

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

a. MSEEP – In the process of writing UMSU’s official response - DONE

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

a. Have started some stuff to do with engagement, comms, and initiatives

Defer my course

a. Ha ha ha still forgot!

AQSN and UATSI affiliation - ONGOING

Potentially go to student life conference - INVESTIGATING

Meet w the science gallery about potential partnerships - DONE

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

Key Activities

Obviously, there isn’t a WHOLE LOT to report on this Council as there had been a break! But will try my best.

Annual General Meeting

This happened, that’s great. I can now upload our financial documents and minutes to the Consumer Affairs website! In future for SGMs, I will definitely give Activities better forewarning and communicate better – there was some breakdown this past month (partially out of my control but will take this on the chin).

I also will definitely ask for Council to direct me to have them a bit earlier! So that I don’t impede on the gig that occurs directly after.

Sampa really was (and is) Great!

MSEEP Green Paper

Molly and I finished this with the help of Phoebe Churches and Justin Bare. We provided a response to the conceptual basis of the document, criticizing it for it’s academic focus. We also covered various student issues on campus that should be addressed when talking about student engagement and experience. This included stuff like academic culture and accessibility in classrooms; graduate expectations, outcomes, and employability; as well as student services (the crème de la crème).

Operations Sub-committee

There has been no operations sub-committee since the last one reported. But! Nominations are still open! I’ve received one (1) nomination, would be great to receive one (1) more!

Bunch of University Panels/Committees

I’ve been contacted re: a bunch of student engagement/initiative grant panels; these are all either overlapping or very large time commitments. This was offered to OBs, but I’ve had no

interest flagged yet! If any student councilors are interested in volunteering their time, let me know.

Student Initiative Grants

There are lots of these! A lot of these are from the UMMSS. We need to think about our financial regulations in relation to this, as they state that the amount is capped to \$1,000 per project and/or group. In the past, and this year already we have funded multiple events that are run out of the same organization but by different branches of it (Austin Med, Regional Med etc.). Will need to look into this.

Progress on Assigned Actions since last report

1. Finish the scorecard.
Will be done before end of today (Wednesday 01/05/19, so that can use at first stall tomorrow, and also flyer on bollards and stuff)
2. Write a response to MSEEP (the Green Paper)
As above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Start on the updating Student Media Policy (in conjunction with Media OBs – to decide whether we need a working group etc.)
2. Look into how to update the financial regulations, and to what. Seek advice from CEO.

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. 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. Therefore, we still recommend that the Activities department is appointed their own staff member.

Key Activities

Sampa the Great

This was big. We ordered extra food and it all got eaten. Lines for bevs and the bbq were very long but out casuals and volunteers got them moving quickly. The crowd was very engaged. One thing to note booking an artist as popular as Sampa is the attendance by non-students. We had some dramas in the lead up to this event regarding the AGM. There was discussions had regarding the impact that the agm would have on our event. We were not involved in these discussions, so there were decisions made on our behalf either by the general secretary or umsu staff members, in which we will be chasing up where/when this happened

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1

Comedy Competition is finalised, now just the event needs to go ahead.

Action Point 2

Trivia planning is in full swing, date is set, venue is booked.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

To be half way towards booking the acts for semester 3BTs.

Action Point 2

Trivia rounds to be completed and event to be finalised.

<p style="text-align: center;">Clubs & Societies Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst</p>
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Key Activities from Chris

Time off

Mid sem break! I came in for 4 hours on Wednesday to write the Lawyers without borders’ constitution with them and fix some errors, took a couple of hours but we got there in the End.

Emails

Answering erroneous emails, being available for consultation. The usual

Asset checking

Not as many clubs as I would’ve liked came and presented assets, so today we get to decide what happens.

Minute Writing

Last meeting didn’t take too long to write up, but it was still a lot of note taking from the arguments presented over the 4 hours. Hopefully there are fewer errors than last time.

Getting Fiona to explain literally everything

There have only been 3 academic days between last meeting and today, so nothing much has happened. Welcome back Jordan and say goodbye to Fiona until the 20th. Hopefully nothing will burn down, as the asbestos would make that a pain.

Key Activities from Jordan

Hello I am back

Creative Arts
Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz

Key Activities

Mudfest

We have set up regular meeting times with everyone in the Festival Team, and are checking in with everyone to ensure they are making steady progress. This includes creating sustainability and access plans for the festival, continuing to book venues, boosting artist application posts on facebook and organising our upcoming artist information session.

We met with our Mudfest Mentor and went through the festival timeline with a fine tooth comb, ensuring that we are aware of all upcoming tasks and things to organise. We have created deadlines for artist selection, notification and an artist induction workshop. We have also planned two arts wellbeing sessions, one for the Festival Team, and one for artists. These sessions are run by professional facilitators as part of an Arts Centre Melbourne initiative, the Arts Wellbeing Collective. They will cover how to ensure individual and group wellbeing for both artists and the festival team throughout the process of Mudfest.

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 in the Ida Bar, which will allow prospective applicants to ask questions and receive support and information regarding their applications and work. Creative producers and other members of the Festival Team will be present to provide information around their areas of expertise and will be around after the session has concluded to answer artist questions and potentially organise artist meetings.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Hold an artist information session for potential Mudfest applicants
This will have only just happened an hour before council, but all is moving along as planned.
2. Create and begin to use a festival team communication channel (Slack)
All Festival Team members are part of this communication channel, and a number of smaller chats have been created to streamline conversations.
3. Organise mentors for all members of the festival team

This is well underway, with nearly all mentors confirmed for our festival team. We’re just waiting on the confirmation of our Moving Image Creative Producer and Sustainability Manager Mentors.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Confirm the mentors for Moving Image Creative Producer and Sustainability Manager mentor
2. Close Artist Applications on Monday the 13th of May and begin programming the festival
3. Hold the Arts Wellbeing Collective Festival Team Workshop on Friday 10th May

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Operations Subcommittee 9(19)	15/04/19	Payment of a Squarespace subscription for the Mudfest Website	Up to \$1000	Advertising [3231]	
6	30/04/19	Boosting of the Artist Application Facebook Event for 14 days from the Mudfest Budget	\$31.25	Advertising [3231]	
6	30/04/19	Bulk payment of Mudfest Contract staff, excluding the payment of the Mudfest Frontline Team as they are yet to be hired	\$52,000	Mudfest contract staff [3011]	

**Disabilities
Lucy Birch**

No report submitted.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan

Key Activities

1. Regular Meetings

- **APC Academic Procedures Committee**

On Friday 12th April, Elizabeth presented the case for mandatory class recordings in MLS. Professor Chapman was also in attendance to speak to her paper. The discussion was long with the academics raising concerns about;

- A loss of incentive to engage in class even if in attendance
- Student and staff fear of expressing opinions due to a perceived lack of privacy/anonymity
- Potential learning outcomes in some subjects not being met through not being present
- A significant drop in attendance
- Class recordings won’t actually address the stigma of identifying and seeking help for poor mental health amongst law students, student poverty and the need to work, difficulties in comprehension that may arise due to not being a native-English speaker
- The proportion of the ‘seminars’ spent lecturing rather than engaging. There was serious doubt that all MLS classes were conducted as seminars and that even for the subjects that are, that there was no significant amount of lecturing within them
- That the special considerations process was long and complicated, causing students’ studies to still be impacted due to the waiting periods and amount of paper-work required

Professor Chapman conceded that lecturing is often necessary as students do not always do their readings. It seemed that MLS would be reluctant at best to make further changes to their current special consideration processes that allow a set number of recordings. I and other academics in attendance pointed out that a significant drop in class attendance was anecdotal and contrary studies showed that there was significant evidence to show that **was not** does not happen. I also pointed out that;

- As a science student whose classes are all recorded, there’re classes that still have high attendance and others that don’t and there therefore are other reasons that contribute to not attending a class.
- UMSU does not believe class recordings are a solution but are a necessary step in addressing these issues. And that it is our intention to continue working with MLS to address
- MLS’s current special consideration processes do not address mental-health stigma, ESL speakers, assessment stress nor those who have to work. And would need expanding.
- That this practice is effectively shutting out students who do not come from a certain amount of privilege
- The students who need this wouldn’t necessarily consistently miss class, but that recordings would allow them to cope with the fluctuations they experience in health and work.

Though with varying contributions and perspectives, the academics neither seemed to fully be in support of our recommendations nor with MLS’s current practices. It seemed that the academics thought a compromise could be reached;

- All class recordings are made available at the end of the teaching period
- An attendance hurdle is introduced

Professor Chapman argued that checking attendance would consume a lot of class time. This was refuted by a couple of members.

The discussion was cut off due to time constraints. Professor Gregor Kennedy (Arts Teaching and Learning VC) pointed out that Academic Board is actually unable to implement/recommend these changes and just like with the University Lecture Recording Policy, it will have to be brought through Provost. He offered to take it up there.

- **TALQAC** Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee

The Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee of the Academic Board has met twice in 2019. The second meeting was held on the 18th of April, attended by Conor. Unfortunately, Dominic had fallen ill on the day, prompting an apology. The Melbourne Law School Lecture Recordings Position Paper penned by UMSU was submitted and discussed at the Committee meeting; it was however resolved that no decision could be made as the relevant committee for this would be APC.

- **ACCC** Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee

The Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee is due to meet for a second time this year next week. A paper may be penned for submission and discussion, dependent on how the meeting between Dominic, UMSU President Molly, and the Director of Student Success re: student employability outcomes goes later today (just after this report is due 3pm at 3.30pm, 1/5/19.)

- **SPC** Selection Procedures Committee

We finally have a second UMSU student rep on the committee! Nothing contentious floated through what was the longest (and driest) meeting we've had to date. However, it was indeed quite necessary as there're about 15 new scholarships being implemented across the University. A number of these scholarships have been created to provide high-performing, and regional/rural students with financial aid. A few aimed to increase the representation of women in certain fields.

2. OTHER MEETINGS

- **EdAc x EdPub Meeting with Professor Anna Chapman (Associate Dean of JD)**

Prior to the meeting of APC, Elizabeth and Cam met with Professor Chapman who coordinated MLS's response to our paper. We discussed the matter expressing our concerns and the concerns of those whom we represented. It was clear throughout the meeting that MLS had no intention of changing the way they operated, despite us being able to counter the School's concerns (see above and mid-year report for more info). It's going to be a long campaign but this is something we anticipated.

- **Student Employability**

Dom will be meeting with the Director of Student Success Wednesday 1st May.

- **Meeting with Maddy McMaster about Selection Procedures for VCA Programs**

Dom met with Maddy McMaster (Executive Director, Academic Services and Registrar).

3. OTHER

- **Free Software for Design Students**

A survey has been drafted and will likely be released later in the semester. At this point in time it's about reviewing the questions and getting in contact with Comms to discuss design, incentives and promotion.

The details should be ironed out by next week. The survey should go live in the latter part of the semester (around week 10) and will close in the early part of semester two (around week 2). I anticipate that a lack of access to software has academic as well as financial ramifications. At the end of the semester, students may be more aware about how the lack of affordable software has impacted their grades, at the beginning of the semester, students would feel keenly the financial pressure of their subject.

There is potential to gather data on non-design subjects. While campaigns should be focused it may be a good opportunity to still gather important data that may form the basis of future campaigns this year or in subsequent ones.

- **Collaboration with the NTEU**

UMSU endorsement for their Casual Staff Campaign has been given, especially since most casuals and tutors are also students. In return, they are endorsing our campaigns. The NTEU has asked ED AC to support another motion for the Student Council upcoming, to be moved and seconded by Elizabeth and Dom.

- **OB LYF**

Ed now has some cool new chairs and a cabinet! Dom has access to his emails!!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- **TALQAC Working Group on student mental health, assessments, student support**

Build a case, collate material for submission to the Committee which shall inform the establishment of the working group and the terms of reference for this working group. Collect student stories. Build relationships with clubs and departments to coordinate this. This is a whole of union issue. Unimelb Love Letters has agreed to put a callout too bless—still having a suss.

Action Points to be completed by next report

- **Meeting with Professor Gregor Kennedy (Vice Chancellor Teaching and Learning):**

A meeting with Professor Kennedy has been organised for Tuesday 7th May. We'll be discussing what channels we can push for MLS Class Recordings now that it's been established that the changes to Unimelb Lecture Recording Policy came through a subcommittee of Chancellery and not Academic Board.

We'll also be getting more details about the FlexAp streams being rolled out this year and what they look like, and lobbying for student representation and consultation.

- **Design Student Software Survey**

Finalise and roll out survey.

Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig

No report submitted by Cam Doig

Report from Charli Fouhy

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Being on break

I had an assignment due at midnight on Good Friday, and at 11am during one of my (many) breaks, I purchased Sims4 for my playstation. After I handed that assignment in at 11:23pm (early!!) I then proceeded to make an entire family of activists with different jobs in society, all silent members of their union. In Sims4 you have sick leave (a proud win of the union movement), and each of my sims used their sick leave to teach their kids the imagination skill. 10/10 would recommend every aspiring unionist buy Sims4.

Anzac Day match

Collingwood won this year’s Anzac Day – Nathan Buckley called out some salty Essendon supporters and it reminded me of the first time I called out a boss for being a completely unreasonable in a time of celebration.

Charli’s housewarming

My two-bedroom apartment is now sufficiently warmed, collectively we had multiple slabs of beer, champagne, juice and coke zero.

Key Activity 2

Week 7 and 8

Take Back Our Coop

Take Back Our Coop has decided to go into the online space until the end of semester. Everyone should go and like the page on FB and the UMSU Education insta will be featuring posts about it. This is so we can grow support and interest in the lead up to the AGM.

EdPub in the Pub

This event was great! We engaged with around 40 students to either check their enrolment, talk about who is running in their seat and their thoughts on the election in general. The main message was to use your vote and not allow your voice to be squashed by NOT voting – and this was received really well.

Enrol to vote stalls

It’s so important that everyone is enrolled to vote especially in a contentious election like this year’s. In order to do this a bunch of UMSU Ed volunteers and I had a stall in Union House everyday throughout Week 7.

Action Points to be completed by next report

NDA Party

To report back on the ScoMo’s got to go party happening on Thursday the 2nd of May.

Take Back Our Coop

To share/create/pump out some slick content against the coop. To chase up a article in Farrago with the squad.

<p style="text-align: center;">Environment Will Ross</p>
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Key Activities

Radical Education Week

Radical Education Week was our big week 8 undertaking - packed with workshops and discussions on everything from climate grief and school strikes, to circus for social justice, radical prison abolition, queer political action, and everything in between! The idea behind Radical Education Week is to critique the corporatisation of tertiary education and erosion of cooperative spaces at the university, and to teach useful and thought-provoking ideas that students will never learn in the classroom.

Radical Education Week was very,very well attended throughout the week, with top turnouts of up to twenty at our biggest ‘shops. There were many thought-provoking discussions and moments. We were also very proud to our hoist our cute new ‘Radical Classroom’ banner for the first of hopefully many years to come. We’re so thankful for all the amazing contributions from students, friends and the UMSU departments and Food Co-op. It took a great deal of effort from many people, but it is certainly a worthwhile exercise. We are now reaching out to participants and our collective to reflect help improve the week for future years.

Student Forum on Sustainability/Fossil Free MU

As a part of Radical Education Week, The University of Melbourne Student Union Environment Department was proud to host the Student Sustainability Forum on Tuesday 16th April at 6.30pm. This was an evening for students, staff, and community members alike to come together and re-examine our goals and progress toward sustainability as a University community. Many older members of the collective and the Fossil Free campaign came along, and contributed to wide-ranging, critical, and productive conversation with the panel, consisting of University and Chancellery staff, as well as former Enviro OB Lucy Turton. Ideas were raised for more student advocacy, consultation and working groups with the possibility of permanent positions for student sustainability advocates. The night went exceedingly well, leaving more questions to ask as we head into a new phase for the Sustainability Plan at UniMelb.

The Forum was a great opportunity for those students to hear from those spearheading UniMelb’s sustainability efforts, and to work with them to imagine a more sustainable future. More importantly, it was an opportunity to communicate the work being done by the

Sustainability Executive, and work together to build (and sometimes push for) a more radical platform for sustainability on campus.

- note having more student representatives and delegating more through the enviro office to create a network so that pressure is taken off the enviro officers and more can be done in terms of making melb uni more sustainable. including potentially having paid student reps to translate bureaucracy of sustainability board thingo to students (paid by board thingo)

Students of Sustainability

Students of Sustainability (SOS) conference is an annual gathering of environmentalists and activists hosted by the Australian Student Environment Network. Students and other activists from across the country come to learn skills and discuss contemporary issues in environmental and social justice.

SOS 2019 is going to be held on Gadigal, Wangul and Darug lands (sydney) in late July, with arrivals and departure happening around the 25th. The Environment Officer and a dozen or more of the environment collective members have expressed keen interest in coming along, and plans are in preparation for the rental of a minivan to take attendees in convoy to Sydney with other collectives members who have car access.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Report-back on the success of Rad Ed Week organisation
See above!

Action Point 2: Feedback and report from the Student Sustainability Forum, including new ideas and initiatives for transparency and ensuring the success of the divestment campaign Workshop submissions are coming through and our schedule should be ready by Tuesday 9th of April for distribution. Promotional materials are also on their way. Feeling geared up for a very rad week in the Radical Classroom.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Create Rad Ed feedback sheet with Environment Collective + attendees on how to improve the week for next year.
By date of next Students' council.

Action Point 2: Follow up on discussions and initiatives from the Student Forum, including possibility of more collective engagement in official Sus Campus positions.
Ongoing project.

Action Point 3: Work with collective + committee to create a plan for an ongoing series of 'Radical Workshops' run by Enviro for the rest of the year. This is in response to overwhelmingly positive feedback and demand for more events, in a less hectic time schedule, over the rest of the year.

Budget Expenditure

\$500 spent on marquee weights for rad ed week.

\$600 spent on Sorghum Sisters catering from the Student Forum event.

\$160 spent on banner-painting and workshop materials through Radical Education Week.

\$164 spent reimbursing MUCG convenors for their materials and supplies purchases this semester.

Indigenous Marley Holloway-Clarke & Jordan Holloway-Clarke

Introduction

Over the next couple of weeks, we are in full speed ahead for Indigenous University Games with both teams being chosen before the mid-semester break. We are collaborating with Murrup Barak for a trivia night in week 10 as well as giving guidance to the Environments Department for the Community Garden.

Key Activities

Trivia Night

In collaboration with Murrup Barak Student Ambassadors, we are presenting a trivia night for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. This event will be run on Wednesday 15th May (Wk 10). This social event will give students the chance to unwind before exams start and people become busier. The department will be funding most of the event while the Ambassadors are doing the leg work. We are catering, putting on a tab and providing the AV equipment through AV Melbourne. This will be the last big social event run through the department this semester but there will be smaller events in lead up to the end of June.

Indigenous University Games

The Games squad has been chosen and training sessions have finally commenced. The coaches, captains and social captains will be announced in the next day or so. It is with great success that we have engaged a student from the Shepparton campus which hasn’t happened for a number of years. Accommodation, transport, uniforms and registration are being finalised in the next handful of weeks. We have commissioned a current Indigenous student to design the uniforms this year, who will provide said designs by the end of the week. It has been great joining forces with Murrup Barak and MU Sport for this games as with the change over of Office Bearers has made the whole process easier.

Environment Community Garden

We have been approached to give advice on the re-launching of the Community Garden. After messages and a meeting, we are collaborating to have the garden Smoked and re-open to give thanks to the Traditional Custodians for the land that the garden sits on. From this collaborating, we are creating a chance for some Indigenous students to take part and be compensated for their work. It will provide a great opportunity to have their passions put into something constructive and to meet other community members.

PoC x Queer x Indigenous Department Party

I have been sent a proposal by a Queer Indigenous student to host a party held in the IDA Bar that will be a place to unwind and to celebrate themselves. Once the proposal is complete the ball will start rolling and hopefully, it can happen before the end of the semester. This same student is getting the Queer Indigenous Collective up and running after the last student to head it up as gone on to other things.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- Indigenous games teams selected
- Social event underway social

Action Points to be completed by next report

- Games uniform presentation night
- Trivia completed
- Handover for new Office Bearer completed

Budget Expenditure

N/A

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

Key Activities

OB Reports

Yes we are going to keep putting this in here. You have to do them. Please, please, please do them.

Edition 3/4

Edition 3 is printed! She’s so pretty! And edition 4 is getting there and she’s going to be super pretty too!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Work on edition 4

She’s getting there! Launch is planned for the 30th of May at Southbank, and we’re in the process of subediting so things are really coming along.

Launch edition 3!

Launch is on the 2nd of May, if you’re reading this beforehand please come along! If you’re reading this at council, sorry you missed out and yes this is why we look hungover.

Work on pre-election coverage

Election coverage is coming right along, we’ll be doing a live broadcast on the night as well as coverage leading up to and summarising the results of the election.

Open submissions for edition 5 (!!! That’s so MANY!!!)

They’re open! If you have any art or writing please submit it to editors@farragomagazine.com!

Hold events

We had a Wordplay, launch is on the 2nd, everything’s very social and very busy omg.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Keep working on ed 4

Have another Wordplay hopefully

Keep on keepin’ on

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

Key Activities

Stress Less Week Planning

We’re currently planning our events for Stress Less Week, which will include a cross-cultural club collaboration as well as an extended collective with skincare. We’ve spoken to 6 clubs about the collab (a series of food/drink stalls in North Court) and we have 4 on board so far.

Anti-Racism Workshops

We’re continuing with our Anti-Racism Workshops until the end of week 9! This’ll have been two workshops a week (with the exception of week 7—no Friday workshop on the public holiday) over the fortnights either side of the Easter break, making for seven workshops all up. The presenters were a mix of people already involved in the department, as well as new faces.

Tutor Training

Emailed FBE contact regarding cultural diversity training, awaiting reply.

Myriad

We’ve just closed our editor applications and are currently sifting through them. We’re hoping to interview people next week and open subeditor applications!

UMSU International exam pack giveaway

We’ve been contacted to assist with their exam pack giveaways, and we’ll probably run off a few hundred extra bookmarks (we ran out of those quite quickly over the SummerFest period so it’d be nice to have a few more anyway?)

Committee

We haven’t called a committee meeting since before the break. We’re gonna do that.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Myriad call-outs

The callouts were made! We had applicants with a range of experience as well as levels of involvement with the collective, and are looking forward to discussing the magazine with them. (See above as well)

Stress Less Week

See above

Action Points to be completed by next report

Myriad Sub-Editor Call-Outs

We’re going to decide on Editors and Designers and open applications for sub-editors. We’re hoping to get our editorial team confirmed by the end of semester.

Stress Less Week

Run our events I guess? And give hugs to Ashwin and Natasha.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2(19)	24/01/2019	Collective catering	\$7,200	Collectives	Spent \$607.50 since last council; cumulatively \$2,391.10
2(19)	24/01/2019	Week 3 Reading group catering	\$960	Collectives	Spent \$64.50
3(19)	18/02/2019	QPOC catering	\$1,200	Collectives	Spent \$110.40 since last council; cumulatively \$682
5(19)	05/04/2019	Anti-Racism Workshop catering	\$850	Special Events	Spent another \$79.2; cumulatively \$359

Queer **Andie Moore & Raph Canty**

Key Activities

Break

Thank God for having the mid-semester break actually in the middle of the semester – we have both had a bit of decompression, and are now buzzing to keep doing cool things for queer students. Not much has happened in the Department since the last report relative to the rest of semester, so there's not a whole lot to report on, but there's some new events we're working on, new external partnerships, and updates on rolling projects we'd like to update you on!

(Re?)-election

As we (Raph and Andie) were the only nominees for Queer Officer, we have been elected by default as permanent Queer Officers... until December. Hooray!

Collectives

We've only really had a week of collectives since the last council meeting, as we had our one week break. Collective attendance is as presented in the last report, and consistent.

Pride in Action Network Committee

We're currently talking to other committee members about running a speaker panel for IDAHOBiT!

Stress-less Week Preparation

We are currently working on a Gay Dogs Picnic with PAWS, for the Thursday afternoon of Week 10. Come along and bring your dog! (You won't need to ask your dog about their sexuality, as all dogs are gay anyway)

We Are Union! Pride Conference

We are also promoting Trades Hall's *rad* Pride Conference to students, a really neat free conference for queer workers, happening on May 14.

“How To Nail That Job” with Out for Australia

We've had a meeting with Out for Australia about running a free workshop called “How To Nail That Job”, which will aim to give queer youth the skills to get a job, interview well, prepare the perfect CV and master LinkedIn. We're in liaison with OFA about how we can help boost attendance, and provide supplies for the event.

CAMP Editor Appointment

We've just about appointed the editors for CAMP, and are finalising our decision this week. We've been absolutely overwhelmed by the astronomical calibre of the applicants, and the magazine is going to be superb this year.

Queer Gals Movie Night

We did Queer Gals Movie Night the last Thursday before break, and apparently everyone enjoyed *But I'm a Cheerleader*! Yay <3

G&Ts with the LGBTs

Andie is preparing for G&Ts on Thursday.

Queer Collaborations

We are going to committee next week to discuss how we go about subsidising people to go along to Queer Collaborations, the largest annual gathering of LGBTQIA+ students in Australia.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Points to be completed by next report

Welfare
Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino

Key Activities

Welfare Advertising

To increase participation this year, we got Phoebe up on our artwork and Handbooks. Having a cute dog on our materials has attracted a lot of people who picked up our Handbooks just for her but then realised what the Department does. Quite a lot of them even joined to become CIP volunteers. Further, we’ve also spent ~\$200 on promoting our events and that had a big effect on our reach. Back in Week 1, we hit 3000 likes on Facebook which we celebrated by making the number ‘3000’ with pancake batter at our BBQ. We’ve also increased our Instagram follower count from 225 up to 380, a 69% increase, in just 2 months.

Emails

They say a picture says a thousand words. We’re going to let Superwoman do the talking for us:

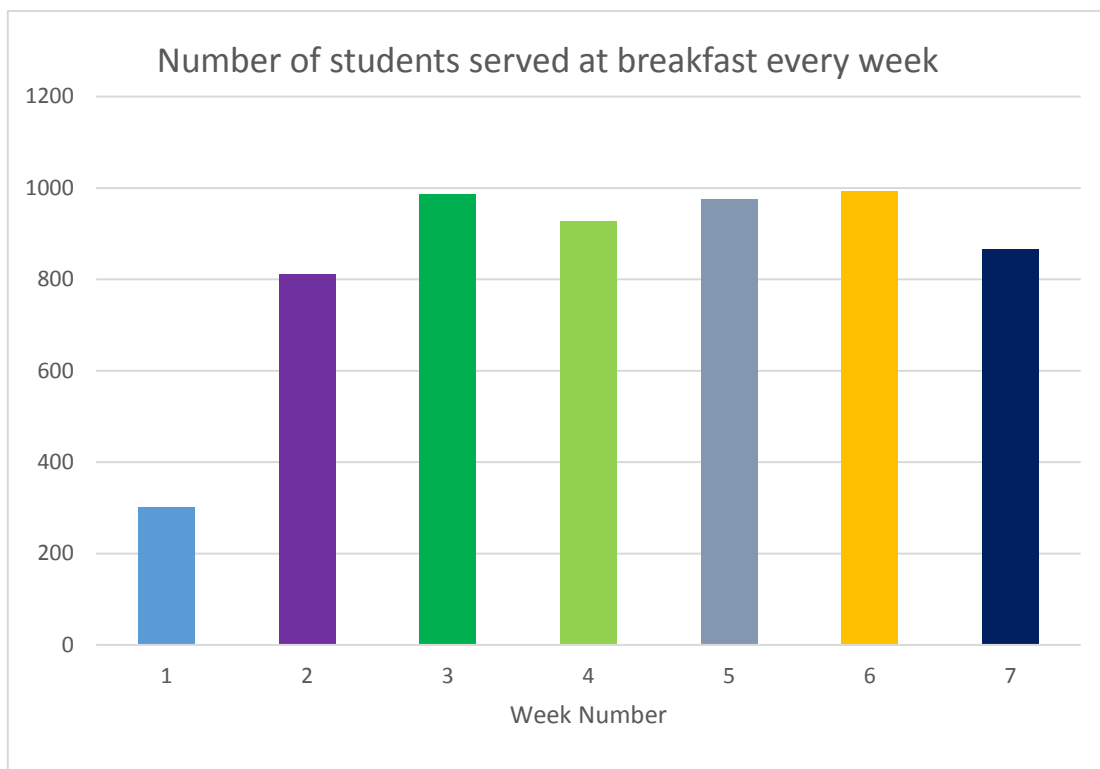


Regular Events

Yoga and meditation started in Week 2 and have happened every single week without any problems. In fact, Frank (yoga instructor) and Kieran (meditation instructor) love the fact that they get an average of 30 students/week (yoga) and 15 students/week (meditation). Both classes have seen an exponential increase in participation since last year which is an indication that the little money we spend on promotion, does not go to waste.

Welfare Collective runs fortnightly and gets around 45-50 people who really appreciate the friendly conversation, banter and free food.

Although BBQ started in Week 1, Breakfast Bar started in Week 2 to accommodate for volunteer training and Induction. Compared to last year, we get almost double the number of people and at the time of writing, we’d served breakfast to 5,855 people!!! We’ve also made breakfast more sustainable by having next to zero food wastage. In order to meet student demand for healthier breakfasts, this year we order more of muesli, oats and wholemeal bread instead of things like Coco Pops and white bread. To make breakfasts safer this year, all our supervisors have been given SFH training.



Welfare on Wheels (WoW)

Our new initiative, in collaboration with UniLibrary and Wellbeing, is aimed at curbing student hunger and kicked off in Week 7. We gave out a trolley full of fruits, Up & Go and muesli bars to Giblin-Eunson library on Monday and Tuesday between 3-4pm. WoW’s primary aim is to not let students study on a hungry stomach and to fill the demand for affordable healthy food

options. We’ll be doing weekly runs in Giblin-Eunson, ERC and Baillieu until Week 11 (for a detailed schedule, check out our Facebook).

Food Bank

Arguably one of the most important things we do. There has been an increased demand for food packs this year and we hope it’s because people are noticing our promo material more often and not because students are facing increased hardship (our last non-sponsored post reached more than 2000 people on Facebook). More than 150 food packs have been given out at the Southbank and Parkville campuses.

Stress Less Week (SLW)

We hereby rechristen this to Stress More Week, because that’s what it is doing to us. And ICYMI, we’ve brought forward Stress Less to Week 10 to ensure there aren’t a lot of clashes with assignment deadlines and tests. SLW activities are planned, and we are going to release our Week’s calendar very soon. Watch our socials for more!

New regular event

Our new event is called “Welfare OBs do cardio and strength training at Woolworths”. Every fortnight, the two of us spend close to \$1000 out of our own pockets because Coles is a huge supermarket chain that can’t manage simple deliveries, often not completing our orders which means we must lie to students when they ask for certain foods.

This week the Coles website was “DOWN, DOWN” so we tried “the fresh food people”. A big order was placed less than 20 hours before our desired delivery slot and they got us every single item (and that too, on-time)!!

Pictured us smiling after spending ~\$500 at Woolies and knowing that there is no way they are going to suffer losses this quarter.



Progress on assigned actions from last report

Easter

We looked after our Welfare by not waking up at 5:30-6:00am every day.

Stress Less Week

See ‘key activities’

Action Points to be completed by next report

Stress Less Week

Actually do Stress Less Week.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5	27/03/2019	Breakfast	\$1300.00/wk	Regular Events	\$630.38 (01/05/2019)

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

Key Activities

Self-care with the Women’s Department

On May 3rd, we will be having a day long event running in the Women’s Room, with board games, face masks and mindful colouring as a way for students to ease back into the semester. It’s going to be a super chill hang out space where people can drop by whenever they want.

Interview Judy’s Punch editors

We have closed applications for Judy’s Punch editors. We are currently organising times for interviews for Judy’s Punch editors, and will be opening up applications for other positions by the end of the semester, once the editors have been finalised.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

See above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Purchase more supplies for the women’s room.

We need to buy more tampons and dams.

Finalise editorial team for Judy’s Punch.

Magazine time! Ka-chow!

Organise a Judy’s Punch Collective before the semester ends.

Get them creative juices flowing.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	31/1/19	Week 8 Collectives	\$4800	Collectives	Spent 229.85 for Women of Colour and Women’s Collective altogether.

**Burnley
James Barclay**

No report submitted.

**Southbank
Hilary Ekins**

No report submitted.