



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
12:00PM, Monday, the 3rd of June 2019
Meeting 12(19)
Location: Jim Potter Room, Old Physics

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Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Molly Willmott**

Community wins as academic services improves (w help from us)

Just thought id take a mo’ to have a report back of how some things coming from last year have shaped out at the university. Last years academic team had a strong focus on improving stop 1 and available study spaces on campus.

Stop 1 waiting times have gone down significantly in the past year (by, off the top of my head, 20mins on average with about 1000 more visits), meaning that more students are able to access the service in less time. Satisfaction is around the same, so that is where we need to focus.

The university has also announced the opening of tote rooms as study spaces during SWOTVAC. This was a key push from last years academic team, meaning that there are thousands of new study spaces on campus during the next few weeks.

There are still some key issues in special consideration that we need to address, and that will be addressed in the next few weeks.

Academic Board

Academic board was on the 16th. Nothing huge to report back on other than the academic services report. Our submission about law lecture recordings was sent in for brief discussion. Pip Nicholson, Dean of Law, once again has rejected our proposal so we are readjusting how we are approaching the issue.

We were also presented with the development of the university’s new strategy for the next decade. Its still in very early works and we’ve been invited to be involved. Will update in future reports.

Elected Reps

Due to my beings in Sydney, I was unable to attend this meeting. Due to the absence of mys4elf and the provost, a lot of what was on the agenda was deferred to a future meeting. The next meeting that we have will be in July and it’ll be a discussion about our response to the MSEEP Paper. I assume that the deferred items will be discussed as well.

Student Precinct

It’s been a big week for the NSP. On Monday, we were invited to a drop-in session, so our council could get updated on the project. Councillors from the GSA and UMSU raised concerns over use of space, design and functionality of the spaces. These were taken on board by the team and will be integrated into future reports and design evaluations.

This week we also completed the detailed design phase of the project, with the main plans for the phase being approved for the next stage. There are still a range of issues that the union will have to address in the coming weeks. For me, and the office-bearers, the following come to mind most;

- All gender bathrooms and making sure they’re everywhere on the precinct
- The use of the bar
- Prayer spaces

We have tabled these, and other concerns, to the team at NSP for them to address.

Renew

Met with the lawyers about our constitution. In the process of helping Randall iron out some things around membership. On track!

Student Voice

I went to that summit! It was good, there was a lot of discussion on effective partnership strategies between students and universities at all levels. One good thing that I will take from the summit is that it made me reflect on partnerships at the university and reevaluate where we stand with the university and how we can make the relationship more productive, while also retaining the key values of the union in fighting against parts of the university that are detrimental to students. Basically, it’s a balancing act, but I think that we’re in a pretty good situation – we can fight back to things the university does, but we also get a say in important decisions and changes. Something that very little student unions get to do.

Together, we developed a code of practice/Tour/MoU (many words were used), around university partnerships and how those relationships should be facilitated, and to whom. I went to have a yell about unions, and this is where we got to do this. I made sure that this document ensured that unions and student reps were the ones facilitating this process, and that the university management recommendations reflected issues I have seen and heard in the relationship between reps and management. Honestly, however, I don’t see this pilot program going any further. I haven’t heard a huge number of next steps, and I know that the pilot is wrapping up soon – would like to see what happens though. Overall, a big reason why it was a good experience is because I met a lot of union presidents from extremely small unions (USQ, UNE etc) and how they run their union with like 5% of the resource that we do. One of these unions elects 300 students’ reps – not important but can all imagine that? No thanks?

However, there was one issue with my trip. Issue: my accom on Tuesday the 19th fell through completely, I had to order an AIRBNB in Chippendale. Because my flights were significantly cheaper than expected (and the \$600 passed), I am requesting a reimbursement for the \$60 the Tuesday night Airbnb cost – it’s put me out of pocket tbh. (Receipt attached)

Gross Sexism

A blog chain was brought to my attention that included a range of extremely disgusting, predatory discussion about women at the university of Melbourne and Parkville area. We are talking to the university about it and are preparing a response for any media and so students know this is still.

Other things I’m doing

I’m on the panel to decide the unimelb excellence awards recipients of this year. Our first review meeting is next week. Fun tings!

I’m also setting up a meeting with the president-elect of UMSUI, Archit, who will be replacing Jonas in July.

Items for next report

AQSN and UATSI affiliation – ONGOING – sending correspondence to organisations

Expenditure

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET LINE	COST	PASSED	NOTES
Student Voice Registration	WoU	\$85	\$600	PAID
Return Flights to Melbourne	WoU	\$300.29	\$600	PAID

				Extra legroom for accessibility needs
AirBnb – 19 th of May	WoU	\$57.10		Being Requested of this council – receipt attached

Tax Invoice

Webjet reference: 14545633

Booking date: Mon 13 May 2019
 Invoiced by: Webjet Marketing Pty Ltd



ABN: 84 063 430 848

Payment Details

Paid \$ 300.29

Price Breakdown

Flights	\$	261.98
Jetstar from Melbourne (Tullamarine) to Sydney airfare	\$	172.49
1 Adult Airfare(s)	\$	147.49
Jetstar Add-on(s)		
Adult 1 - Seat Selection	\$	20.00
Jetstar Taxes	\$	5.00
Jetstar from Sydney to Melbourne (Tullamarine) airfare	\$	89.49
1 Adult Airfare(s)	\$	64.49
Jetstar Add-on(s)		
Adult 1 - Seat Selection	\$	20.00
Jetstar Taxes	\$	5.00
Webjet Booking Price Guarantee	\$	12.95*
Servicing Fee	\$	21.95*
Payment fees (1.15%) (Jetstar flights & fees)	\$	3.41*
Booking Price (inclusive of any applicable Taxes and Charges)	\$	300.29

* This item includes GST paid to Webjet

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

GST Paid to Webjet included in the above totals	\$	3.48
Total amount excluding GST	\$	296.81

Your payment will be processed by

Webjet	\$	300.29
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Payment Method

Visa **** * 5944	\$	300.29
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Total Booking Price \$ 300.29

All prices are in Australian Dollars.

**General Secretary
Reece Moir**

Key Activities

Operations Sub-committee

There has been one operations sub-committee meeting since the last report. This meeting only had Education Department motions in it! These motions were:

- for a drinks and food event in The IDA (for up to \$400), and
- passing food for the next SRN meeting (\$50).

Grievance Tribunal

The Grievance Tribunal had a hearing on the 20th of May. Minutes can be found on the UMSU website under the Secretariat, here. *

Stance Book (starting again)

This unfortunately become a very minute priority as the semester progressed, and I haven’t sat down and committed my time to finishing the reformatting. This will be my little project for the break. And hopefully, I can power through it with ease! (See in key action points).

Minutes

Uploading minutes has been fun, as per usual.

Student Initiative Grants

They keep coming! I’ll need to trawl through my emails to make sure I’ve contacted every approved SIG applicant, and I think I’ll also do a blast to the approved applicants with the reporting form again to make sure they have it.

Federal Election

The NLA has asked for Fed election materials used throughout the campaign that we may have for their archives, so I’m going to compile a few of those over the next week to send to their archive team!

Meetings

The following have occurred since last report:

- *Elected Reps*: I was very sick and did not attend. Education Academic were in attendance, and supposedly a lot of our agenda items were deferred to next meeting due to a lack of preparedness.
- *New Student Precinct Drop-In*: Thank you to all the OBs and Council members that attended this drop-in session! Multiple issues were discussed in relation to bathrooms, the bar, and the general design of the precinct. It was really good to also experience the materiality of the space first hand. If another session happens like this in the future, I would highly recommend coming!

Progress on Action Points from Last Report

1. **BE DONE WITH THE FEDERAL ELECTION**
See above re: NLA.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Finish reformatting stance book and start writing in the new motions.
2. Continue to catch up on uploading minutes.
3. Follow up on student media policy.

Expenditure

N/A

Activities
Olivia Panjkov & Liam O’Brien

Change of Management Plan Review

We have decided not to include the review in this report due to Liam not being able to attend this council as it was scheduled on a Monday again. We would rather have both of us there to answer questions anyone has.

Key Activities

Trivia #1

We had our first trivia event in the Ida bar. It was big, the Ida was packed. We definitely need to look at moving trivia to a larger venue. It’s a shame that its next to impossible for us to book in Union Hall next semester

Last Week of BBQs

We had our last BBQs for the semester, capping of an amazingly popular semester in terms of number of people fed. We will be looking at ways to increase the amount of food ordered so we can continue to feed mope students

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1

The bands for semester 2 have come along nicely, we only have 3 empty weeks in which we are hoping to collaborate with different parties

Action Point 2

Trivia and Comedy went of without a hitch.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

To have no weeks to fill in for the bands

Action Point 2

To have made great progress in the planning for our new winterfest event and Oktoberfest

Meeting	meeting date	Item descriptiong	amount passed	budget line	comment
8(19)	23-May	Fencing for Sampa the Great	\$400	Entertainment	
8(19)	23-May	Security for Sampa the Great	\$600	Entertainment	
8(19)	23-May	Security for Sleepover	\$4,000	Special Projects	
8(19)	23-May	Artist for Comedy Competition	\$600	Entertainment	
8(19)	23-May	Prize for Comedy Competition Pizza	\$500	Entertainment	

Clubs & Societies
Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

Key Activities from Chris

Emails

With Fiona back emails have been the better, and fiona and patrick answer most of them now which is nice.

Grievance Tribunal

The grievance against the C&S department was resolved with the GT finding in favor of the complainant. Committee has rescinded its previous decisions regarding the matter and despite ongoing conversations, it should be mostly resolved.

Clubs Council

Clubs council took place on the 30th and was a good chance to tell clubs about what we’re doing, the attendance app, progress on our gender diversity survey and issues they’ve faced around grant applications. Overall a good meeting with few hiccups.

IGMs

I’ve RO’d a couple of IGMs, and it's a nice way to meet new and aspirational committee members and be a public face for UMSU. Hopefully all of these new 21 ish clubs live long and prosper.

Chris’ Actionable items

- Answer some emails
- Avoid death
- Understand where our audits are sitting
- Respond to most recent update about the app
- Contemplate how happy I’ll be on holidays
- Write potential proposals to act as the basis for regulation changes

Key Activities from Jordan

Committee and Minutes

Another committee, another two days of writing minutes. Tis time consuming

IGMs

These are almost done! As I’m writing this there are only 3 IGMs left to run and then we move onto the administrative stage of the process which will be a Patrick job not a me job. We’ve only had one club so far not meet quorum which means (assuming the next 3 go as planned) we will be affiliating 21 new clubs! Yay/cry

Welfare training and advisors

At this point the only real next step is to get committee to pass some money for us to get a consultant to guide us. This is tied in really closely with the regs change so it will be hard to get anything done until we work out exactly how it’s going to fit in with that

C&S Regulations Revamp

We have been advised to take an aspirational perspective on the regulations as we look at giving them a massive revamp. This mostly means writing things we would like the committee/the department to be able to do on the whiteboard and realising how many problems there are in the regs as they stand now

Affirmative Action in Clubs

Today we will be presenting the results for the survey at Clubs Council and getting some feedback on what clubs think we should do. At this point, we’re not looking at instituting AA across clubs because they really don’t need it but we’re going to keep looking at different things we can do to improve gender diversity in clubs

Clubs Awards Night

Until we book in a venue we can’t do anything else for this. This is incredibly frustrating

Jordan’s Actionable items

- Answer some emails
- Complete a Clubs Council
- Start activity reporting

Expenditure

N/A

<p style="text-align: center;">Creative Arts Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz</p>
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Key Activities

Mudfest

We are continuing to meet regularly with the Festival Team, both individually and in whole team meetings. We have contacted all successful artists and are about to send them their confirmed venues.

We held an artist induction session on the 24th of May, which had good attendance from both the Festival Team and artists. The event included information from Artistic Directors, Creative Producers, the Access Manager and Sustainability Manager, and was followed up with an email including further information and how to apply for both mentorship and a grant.

We also held our second of two wellbeing sessions on Tuesday 28th of May, which will ensure continued good communication and general health of the artists during the festival. This also had a great turnout and was attended by both artists and members of the Festival Team. This session was run by professional facilitators as part of an Arts Centre Melbourne initiative, the Arts Wellbeing Collective.

Expressions of interest for the front of house roles have now opened. These three roles are Front of House Manager, Events Manager and Volunteer Manager, and they will assist artists, volunteers and the Festival Team with the actual running of the festival over the 8 day period.

The Mudfest website is live! Looking great and is very user friendly.

Theatre board Meeting

We attended a strategic planning theatre board meeting, which involved brainstorming ways in which the board can be more visible to students, and reach higher levels of applications from a wider range of students. We came to decisions about how we can achieve those goals, and tangible steps forward.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Begin programming the festival, meet with relevant parties and discuss applications
We have almost finished programming! Successful artists have been contacted.
2. Collaborate with the Mudfest Production Team to discuss potential venues for proposed works, begin booking any that we do not already have booked
Venue allocation is almost complete. Artists are being contacted with confirmed spaces.
3. Prepare all required information for our Artist Induction Session on the 24th of May
Induction session ran successfully with a great attendance of nearly all the artists.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Review Creative Arts grant applications, hold committee to pass the money and notify successful applicants of the next steps required
2. Review all grant forms from Mudfest artists and begin to process.
3. Review all mentor forms from Mudfest artists and begin to contact potential mentors and set up relationships

NO NEW BUDGET EXPENDITURE

**Disabilities
Lucy Birch**

No report submitted

**Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan**

Key Activities

1. Regular Meetings

- **AB Academic Board**

- **Elected Representatives Meeting** with Chancellery

Elizabeth, Molly and Reece could not attend the meeting, so Dom attended alone. There was discussion on Student Services and Academic Support BUT seeing as Richard James (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and Deputy Provost) was also unable to attend, most questions asked were differed and put on notice. As such we’ll elaborate on the progress being made in these areas after our next meeting in June/July.

- **SRN Meeting** Student Representative Network Committee Meeting

Dom and I finally got around to holding another SRN Committee meeting. Most of the conversation was dominated by the Student Life Green paper, which is not entirely surprising considering the bulk of material in the Green Paper had a very heavy academic and teaching and learning, almost curriculum-based approach to tackling issues like student alienation and hurdles to student success.

24-Hour study spaces in libraries was brought up again, the committee was debriefed that the data presented to us showed that not many students make use of 24hr study spaces during SWOTVAC yet alone the extended after-hours study areas in Giblin, Baillieu and ERC – the university would therefore reject our request for them to spend an additional \$300,000 p/a to facilitate 24hr spaces. It was also explained that there generally was a lack of space, however Scholarly Services had done what they could do already and were waiting on the development of the new Student Precinct to cater to the demand. We discussed asking the Uni to provide at least one 24hr space.

- **AB Academic Board**

Following the Four-Corners report about universities throughout Australia using International Students as ‘cash-cows’ academics were keen to press the University leadership on the state of affairs here. The chair of Selection Procedures Committee (SPC), Prof. Bill Harley informed his peers that a report was given to SPC last year that showed that while International students

with low English entry requirements are far less likely to achieve H1’s and H2A’s, they for the most part are less likely to fail compared to the rest of their cohort – rather they are heavily represented in P’s and H3’s.

Though it’s been established that AB cannot affect Lecture Capture policy, Elizabeth and Prof. Pip Nicholson (Dean of MLS) were asked to highlight their cases. Elizabeth went first, she stuttered and wanted to cry, she was then followed by the eloquent lawyer Pip Nicholson. There was no discussion and we moved on to the next agenda item meanwhile Elizabeth died quietly and went through the seven stages of grief for the remaining hour.

2. OTHER MEETINGS

- **Molly and Dom - Tim Brabazon Showcase of the Academic Services Project**

Molly and Dom were invited to a showcase by Tim Brabazon but because of commitments and because it's Week 12 neither of us could go. We have arranged for a report-back/debrief about it next week, time TBD

Student Success team at Academic Services would like for a wider UMSU audience of office-bearers and officers, to be organised and penciled in for 25 June, after exams.

(No action points submitted.)

<p style="text-align: center;">Education (Public Affairs) Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig</p>

No report submitted by Cam Doig

Report from Charli Fouhy

Key Activities

Anti-conservative banter

In AFL news, the three arguably most working-class teams (Geelong, Collingwood and the Western Bulldogs) are at the top of the ladder this week. After all the stress of every progressive ever being robbed of an election that could’ve brought about real change for all Australians by a rich old white man splashing millions of dollars against working people – I’d say that is a win.

Hospo Voice

Some of our regular attendees (through campaigns and Young Worker’s Centre) have taken a massive step for the hospitality union – Hospo Voice. They’re trying to organise workers on campus and make sure that all young people have the tools to better their industry together. They’ll be campaigning outside of Arts West throughout next semester.

NTEU

We caught up with the NTEU about their strike/action the other week. Seems to be an agitation around email addresses being cut off and casualisation. They’re three years out of another EBA negotiation, so the agitation isn’t directly from the NTEU, nonetheless members

were great at the action. They’re taking a step back after the election and will reconvene next semester.

Post-election blues drinks

The Education Department got together in the IDA last week to give people some hope after the shocking election results. UMSU Queer (shout out!) turned people out as well as some fringe UMSU Ed people and we chatted about next steps, in particular how important it is to make sacrifices on our cushy lives right now for the planet, for people that are marginalised by society and for a better future.

Charli’s exams

Surprise! Charli has been studying this whole time!! All assessments are done now and we’re in the clear for the next two weeks. Keen to get all UMSU Ed admin out of the way! xo

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Pick up my insta game

Figure out with comms how the Free Education campaign is tracking

Send out a student wide email

Action Points to be completed by next report

None submitted

Environment Will Ross
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Key Activities

Welcome to Country in the Community Garden

Last week on the 29th of May, the Community Garden in collaboration with the Environment Department, the Indigenous Department, Murrup Barak, Wurundjeri Tribe Council and the Wilin Centre held a Welcome to Country on the site of the Melbourne University Community Garden in Parkville. The evening, starting at 5:30 p.m., saw attendance of more than 30 people - despite the wet and wild weather. We were also lucky to have crockery supplied by Fair Food Challenge and catering from west Melbourne's Sorghum Sisters, to go with our tea, coffee and hot milo on the night. The evening began with a introduction from Mimm and Clare, coconvenors of the Garden, before Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Ron Jones gave a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony for all those present. Uncle Ron discussed his family's history in Aboriginal rights activism and health, as well as their connection to Coranderrk mission and the Cummeragunja Walk-off. A native Prickly Currant Bush was then planted in the community garden by Brittney Andrews and Brittney Henderson, both Indigenous students at the University, as a symbol of ongoing reconciliation and recognition of sovereign Wurundjeri land.

After the ceremony, we were treated to an amazing performance by John Wayne Parsons of the Wilin Centre, who performed a song written by his sister about mother Earth. It was good to see this beautiful and long-needed event, and we hope to collaborate with the Community Garden again in the future.

Enviro Collective End of Semester Picnic

Last week, collective members also said a tearful goodbye to a productive and event filled semester in the first half of 2019. Having to relocate our picnic due to wet weather, we happily sat with an indoor picnic in Graham Cornish A with hot food, co-op snacks and zines. With the amount of energy harnessed this semester by collective, we're looking forward to even more productive time next semester with upcoming events, campaigns and actions. Keep an eye out for the return of Play with Your Food in semester 2, as well as the new Rad Workshops series and some weekly stalls from the collective.

Snap Rally for the Climate (and upcoming climate strike)

Last week several collective members attended the snap rally for the climate, organised by Extinction Rebellion. It was heartening to see such energy and anger after the disappointing election results, and to reaffirm the message that democracy and the fight for climate justice continues outside of the ballot box. With Greta Thunberg calling for a general strike for the climate on the 20th of September this year, look forward to the Environment Collective organising a contingent to the strike in greater numbers than we have seen yet.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Report back on the MUCG Welcome to Country Event

Done.

Action Point 2: Have confirmation for our first two Rad Workshops, including date and venue.

Not yet confirmed. To be done by date of next Students’ council.

Action Point 3: Have concrete plans prepared for Winter Fest 2019, including an opening event for the Bike Collective (FKA Co-op) - to be confirmed

In progress. Looking good!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: *Confirm dates for Winterfest and Rad Workshop events*

By date of next Students’ council.

Action Point 2: Have a report on any winter break events to be hosted by Enviro.

By date of next Students’ council.

Budget Expenditure

\$500 spent on catering for Welcome to Country

\$300 spent on plants and equipment for above event.

\$800 paid to Wurundjeri Tribe Council for the giving of a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony on 29th May.

\$150 spent on new books for the Enviro library

<p>Indigenous Marley Holloway-Clarke & Jordan Holloway-Clarke</p>

Key Activities

Indigenous Games

Been in communication with other Universities Indigenous OB’s and are discussing holding a couple events throughout Semester 2. Including a trivia night and potentially a fundraising

ball to help raise money for a good cause. This is currently in development and we look to exploring more options.

Organised a round robin sports event with RMIT in the lead up to Uni Games. Hosted by RMIT including Melbourne University, Swinburne and Monash. This provided an initial event that allowed players to meet up with other universities and form friendships.

Welcome to Country - Community Gardens

In conjunction with the UMSU environmental collective, a welcome to country was held at the new community garden on campus. This was something that was important to both UMSU Indigenous and UMSU environmental.

Mid Year O-Week

Jordan and I are in the process of organising events and activities to welcome the new mid year indigenous students to campus. This will include organising ‘flag bags’, calendars and an activity for new students to meet existing students at the start of semester 2.

Movie Night

Jordan and I wish to host another Cinema Nova movie night again this semester. We are hoping to be during the second week of semester 2. There are a selection of movies available that we can choose from.

We would like to put it to a vote on what people would like to see. There are multiple content warnings on these movies which include police brutality, racism, hate speech and violence. We want to make this event as accessible as we can so it may be the case of splitting the tickets and offering two movies.

Under Bunjil:

In the beginning stages of organising this years Under Bunjil publication and looking at starting an editorial committee.

Ideas of also holding writing and editing workshops for students is another potential option we are looking at organising.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Both summerfest and the movie nights were successful. We are looking at continuing movie nights throughout semester 2 as students really enjoyed them.

Action Points to be completed by next report

- Budget for events and activities with other Universities Indigenous Departments
- Budget for activities and items supplied to commencing students in Mid Year O-Week
- Potential list of movies available at Lido for next semester.

Budget Expenditure

N/A

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

Key Activities

Edition 4

It’s done and it has flowers on it! Hope you were all at launch, but if not you can still pick up a copy and check out all the awesome work our contributors, subbies and graphics have done.

Above Water

Above Water is chugging along, Ruby’s doing a great job and we’re all very thankful for her and our new editorial assistant Amber Meyer, who’s going to make sure that we don’t just give the prizes to our friends.

Scroggin Prize

At the beginning of the year, Liz Macfarlane, the coordinator of the first-year creative writing subject *Ideas and Practice*, contacted *Farrago* with the idea of collaborating on a creative writing competition for students taking the subject. We got a ton of amazing submissions and have picked three wonderful winners and four incredible runners-up. As well as getting to reward these exceptionally talented writers, we’re really excited by the idea of getting a lot of new people involved in *Farrago* much earlier in their uni careers than they otherwise may have!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Print ed 4

It’s out and launched last Thursday. Hope you were all there!

Have that Wordplay

Uh... We’ll do better next semester. To quote @Horse_ebooks, “Everything happens so much.”

Action Points to be completed by next report

Work on ed 5

We’ll be launching ed 5 (containing the Scroggin Prize winners, as well as other great work!) during Winterfest, so need to hop on that.

Get organised for next sem

Mostly, we need to book actual Wordplay dates so they, like, happen.

Have a break

We’re so tired. We’re so, so tired. We definitely all need to hibernate at least a little over winter (and by hibernate of course we mean lie down while still responding to the endless emails).

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

Key Activities

Myriad

We’ve almost confirmed our editorial team! We’re hoping to announce the team really soon as well as open submissions.

Biggest Blakest Rainbow

We collaborated with the Queer and Indigenous Departments to help host a party at the Ida Bar with two performers, Wonderbao and a drink tab!

Planning for Winterfest

We’re planning for Winterfest- we’ve run out of totebags and snacks so we’ll be ordering some more shortly as well as (finally) getting a department banner! In terms of events, we’re hoping to host a Trivia during Week 1 to get everyone back into the semester 2 feels.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Interview prospective *Myriad* editors

Done- we’ve chosen our editors, designer, and social media team!

Stress Less Week

This was a success! The weather was a bit disappointing but otherwise it was lots of fun collaborating with Welfare and all the different cultural clubs. Food lasted for pretty much the majority of the event and ran out with about 30 minutes to spare.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Open *Myriad* Submissions

Since our editorial team is almost finalised, we’re hoping to open submissions next week and keeping them open until August 5th.

Run our SWOTVAC Collective

We’re hosting a SWOTVAC Collective at Baretto’s with a food & coffee tab. We’re hoping it’ll engage some more Commerce students but also just be a good space for everyone to study and do their own thing in a relaxed, well-nourished, environment.

Determine Winterfest Events

We’re hoping to run Trivia, but are yet to decide on when, where, and the different semantics of it all.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment

2(19)	24/01/2019	Collective catering	\$7,200	Collectives	Spent \$743.5 since last council; cumulatively \$3,447.6
3(19)	18/02/2019	QPOC catering	\$1,200	Collectives	Spent \$405.5 since last council; cumulatively \$1,189.5 - passing next semester's spending onto Queer!
4(19)	13/03/2019	Media POC catering	\$360	Collecties	Spent \$19.01 since last council
3(19)	18/02/2019	Reading group catering	\$960	Collectives	Spent \$45.4
7(19)	29/05/2019	Reading group presenter	\$120	Collectives	
5(19)	05/04/2019	Anti-Racism Workshop catering	\$850	Special Events	Spent \$65.85 since last council
6(19)	08/05/2019	Film screening refreshments	\$16	Collectives	We bought Milo. It was good.
6(19)	08/05/2019	New bookmarks	\$300	Special Events	Spent \$297 on 800 bookmarks
6(19)	08/05/2019	Grants	\$1,000	Department Outreach	\$500 to Project of Colour; \$500 to Liminal Creative Writing Group
5(19)	05/04/2019	Anti-Racism Workshop catering	\$850	Special Events	Spent \$10.20 (literally on tea and crumpets)
5(19) and 7(19)	05/04/2019 29/05/2019	Anti-Racism Workshop Presenters	\$1,150 + \$70 = \$1,220	Special Events	Paid 8 presenters; one requested a travel fee

Queer
Andie Moore & Raph Canty

No report submitted.

Welfare
Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino

Key Activities

Regular Events

Our regular events have come to an end which means we finally get some time to study and relax before its exams stressing us out.

Welfare on Wheels (WoW)

This ended in Week 11 and based on feedback from students and our contacts at ERC, Baillieu and Giblin, WoW was a success and people loved it!

Stress Less Week (SLW)

This happened yeet!

All our events were a hit, but some events that stood out in terms of footfall were the Cultural Food Fest, Bouncy Castle and HSP – Healthy Snack Pack. Big thanks to the PoC department for helping us with the Cultural Food Fest and to the Queer department for organising the Gay Dogs Picnic.

Special mention to the clubs that worked with us and helped us heaps!

Safer Partying Initiative

The second session was packed just like the first one! We filled up both Training Rooms and had a nice session thanks to our friends at Harm Reduction Victoria and DanceWize.

SARAH !!!

Stress Less Week wouldn't have been impossible without Sarah's help. This week would've been a disaster if you hadn't put through orders for us after work and hadn't managed our hundred or so deliveries coming in at random times. We love you and none of this would've been possible without you <3

Goldie

Thanks for always patiently answering our dumb governance questions! We'd be clueless clownfish if it wasn't for your constant help. Thank you :')

Events & Comms

Big thanks and hugs to every single person at Events & Comms. Kim for getting Chobani and Remedy to sponsor us. Emm & Isobel for managing bookings for us and helping us on the

ground. Brenton for designing an amazing spread for the newsletter, promoting our events on the UMSU socials and getting the AIs out before the distro people. Nikki, Dayani and Kim for designing such a beautiful poster and events calendar for us. Apologies if we’ve forgotten someone, but this week wouldn’t happen without you. Thank you :’)

Rowdy

Big thank you to everyone at the Rowdy for organising Dogs at the Rowdy and making it part of our SLW. Special thanks to Clint for always being accommodating (he let us have a pat with the doggos even though we were stressed and forgot to book) and so lovely to work with.

Alex & Info Desk

Ty Alex for the early morning conversations and encouragement, and to everyone at info for all the usual. We appreciated all that you do even more during SLW <3

Food Bank

We are giving these out like crazy. We go through ~100 packs in a fortnight, but sometimes must throw out things because of rat excreta, which just pains out because good food was just wasted. Maybe we could get a pest control treatment for the C&S storage space?

Susan Wakil Fellowship

Ashwin went to a dinner organised by the Fellowship where Welfare Officers from all major Victorian universities were invited. It was a pretty wholesome event with the aim of getting the Officers to know each other. We discussed what issues we were facing at our unis and how each union was working to improve student welfare.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Stress Less Week

It happened yeeet

Action Points to be completed by next report

Stress Less Week

Finish submitting WinterFest jobs

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5	27/03/2019	Breakfast	\$1300/wk	Regular Events	\$1200.05 (27 th May) \$16.20 (27 th May) \$1002.41 (20 th May) \$1806.90 (13 th May) \$605.15 (15 th May) \$569.25 (6 th May) \$630.38 (1 st May)

6	10/04/2019	Welfare on Wheels	\$5000	Regular Events	\$593.20 (20 th May) \$1005.60 (6 th May)
7	03/05/2019	Stress Less Week	\$3700	Special Projects	\$444.00 (AV for Cultural Food Fest) \$34.00 (Coffee Beans for event with C.A.F.E.) \$140.40 (Pizza for event with TGS & SEE) \$300 (Decolonise & Moisturise)

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

Key Activities

Judy’s Punch Editors & Collective

Our Judy’s Punch editors have been finalised and we are very excited about it. We have opened applications for sub-editor positions, and they will be closing soon. We have since had 2 Judy’s Punch collectives where we get together with snacks and talk about ideas for the magazine. We have decided on a theme and the content list is being sorted. Submissions will be closing early in semester 2 with a launch date later in the semester.

Queer Gals Movie Night

Finished for the semester! This was a well attended event this semester and we’ve had some good feedback. We had some technical issues this time with the sound, so thank you to Welfare for lending us their speaker for the event.

Respect Taskforce

The last respect task force meeting was held on May 22. In this meeting we received an update on the progress of the anonymous register for inappropriate behaviour. The next meeting will be held in July.

Inclusive Design Meeting (New Student Precinct)

The new student precinct is happening and we wish we would be around to see it. The project team have been meeting with office bearers to talk about inclusive spaces. There have been issues raised and the team are willing to talk to us about that which is good.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Open up NOWSA grant applications

Registration for NOWSA has yet to open, but we’ve opened applications for grants (which are due to close on the 7th of June). Apply if you want to come - the conference will be held on the 22nd to 26th of July. Our committee will be reviewing anonymous applications before the conference commences.

Request a new Women’s banner

Done! We have met with Kim from comms about what the design will be like, and we’re really excited for it to come.

Figure out if Aria’s desktop can be replaced

Haven’t had time to get around to this yet, but will do soon.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Women in Higher Ed Week

This will also be happening! Week 3!

Rad Sex and Consent Week

This will be happening! Week 5!

Organise Winterfest activities

We are going to be in NOWSA for Winterfest so we are going to have to arrange volunteers and activities in our absence :(

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	31/1/19	Week 10 Collectives	\$4800	Collectives	WOC Collective - \$42.62 Women’s Collective - \$89.50
2	31/1/19	Week 11 Collectives	\$4800	Collectives	Tea - \$76 WOC brunetti - \$107.80 Women’s brunetti - \$50.90
2	31/1/19	Week 12 Collectives	\$4800	Collectives	WOC Collective - \$62.50 Women’s Collective - \$62.50
2	31/1/19	Queer Gals Movie Night & Judy’s Punch Collective #1 snacks	\$4800	Collectives	QGMN + Collective snacks: \$38.37

2	31/1/19	Judy’s Punch Collective #2 snacks	\$4800	Collectives	\$14.75 spent
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**Burnley
James Barclay**

No report submitted.

**Southbank
Hilary Ekins**

Hi council! This will be a short one. I can finally say that I’m back at work after taking some much-needed leave. A few things will need catching up on so the NEXT report will be the roller coaster.

Key Activities

- Looking after my mental and physical health
- Continuing to feed the masses each Wednesday. Although rewarding, Woolies and Coles both need to get their ACT TOGETHER.
- Attended the Inaugural General Meeting of the Composers Collective, newly affiliated UMSU Club. This is very exciting, our C&S count has tripled since this time last year! The newly elected committee includes founders Robert McIntyre and Laura Abraham and other students from both in and out of the school of composition. We wish them all the best and hope that their example will see the birth of even more clubs at Southbank Campus
- Collective growth continue to progress smoothly.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Unfortunately, these are all still in progress bar one:

The very first Southbank People of Colour Collective hosted by Mark was a success! We were thrilled to collaborate with PoC and the leftover Poke bowl was delicious thank you.

Action Points to be completed by next report

- Reschedule EVERYTHING. New date for Drag Show TBA.

- Follow up on WHERE MY COMPUTER AT. Seriously, working without a workspace, computer or printer is driving me up the walls.
- Contact Infrastructure about UMSU space access