



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
10:00AM, Monday, the 29th of July 2019
Meeting 13(19)
Location: Jim Potter Room, Old Physics

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Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Molly Willmott**

Winterfest

Carnival Day and Clubs Day are done and dusted. I lost my voice again, but no huge issues from the 2 days. Chuck a look at other OB’s reports for feedback as I was just on an information stall talking to students and checking in on the team.

Affiliations Update

As some may recall, I was tasked with investigating affiliation to peak student organisations other than NUS and ASEN at the budget council this year, namely AQSN and UATSIS. I have been slowly getting to that throughout the year and have some things to report back to council.

Firstly, I was able to talk to the President of UATSIS, Braedyn and his General Secretary at NUS Education Conference. I attended a workshop about UATSIS, its structure and its focuses. Following this conversation and the workshop, I see no huge barriers to affiliating to UATSIS. I have emailed the UMSU Indigenous officers, they will have the final tick of approval to affiliation and we will be revisiting this once that has happened.

Now for the spicy part of my report, AQSN. In my report, today I have tabled a recommendation that the 2019 UMSU Students Council term not affiliate to AQSN. I have done so through consultation with various stakeholders, conference attendees, and my own research into the organisation and its governance. Here are the issues that I have uncovered;

- Democracy and Queer Collaborations - The AQSN annual conference, Queer Collaborations, runs every year in June or July. At the conference, there are various elections for internal and external positions, as well as motions put that dictate the direction of AQSN and are presented as a representation of all queer students in Australia. This is fine, and stock standard for a conference. However, the biggest issue that comes out of this conference is the lack of a democratic delegates structure. A structure of democracy where anyone can vote sounds, on the surface, fair and just. However, when you look at a lack of disparity in student union funding and accessibility of QC, this system is completely open to rorting and undue influence from richer unions like our own. I’ll present you a hypothetical - say the UMSU Queer Officer is running for convenor of AQSN but it is a contested election and another candidate is a more popular, better option. The UMSU Queer Officer has access to a larger budget and is, therefore, able to take more people to conference - all those people have a vote and in being from UMSU, have more influence in the election of officers and voting of motions. This is a system of cash for votes that makes me uncomfortable and it is my belief that it is unrepresentative and the organisation is in need of a solid delegate structure. This is an issue I have come across from attendees from conference who believe it is something that needs to be changed for the organisation to be democratic and representative. I have been told by multiple people across the country that we should not affiliate to the organisation purely based on this system. Say what you want about other unions, but a model of delegates that are democratically elected limits influence on decisions due to financial means.

- Governance - It's a small one but a big one. In my research, I came across multiple AQSN documents that were on an editable google document that I could delete, edit, and add to. These documents were their budget, minutes, and QC minutes. I believe AQSN needs to rehaul their governance and create solid regulations and policy.

The recommendation I have put forth is not a case of me completely rejecting AQSN affiliation, it is a statement that until the above issues are addressed, we should not affiliate. I have discussed all these issue with Andie, our QO who is an incoming executive member of AQSN, and we both agree that there needs to be a dramatic change to the structure of the union and that UMSU not affiliating is an important trigger to making that happen.

NUS Education Conference

I was an attendee of NUS Education Conference. It was a mostly informative conference. There was as keen focus on environmentalism and climate justice. There were plenaries lead by leading climate strike activists, and passionate discussion about why we need to be active on this front.

An NUS survey this year found that climate change was the most pressing issue of university students (84% of responders) - more than their academics, housing, welfare etc. I believe it to be vital that the student movement pick up a strong united front to climate change and the destruction of the environment. I believe that with the climate strike movement and students walking out of class, we are about to go into a generation of students who are passionate and ready to fight for climate justice. We can't miss this or be apathetic or we will miss out on the opportunity for actual change. I'm glad that most of NUS is active and involved in this and I'll see you all August 9th.

Other than that, I ran 2 workshops at EdCon - one on how the HELP and HESLA bills are affecting students and one on safety on campus and fighting sexual violence. I also attended a range of workshops on university funding and cuts, student welfare and fighting poverty, and many on why climate justice and student unions must be inseparable in coming years. I was especially excited to attend the first plenary about disability rights at EdCon. Accessibility and disability rights are often forgotten in broader discussions. This plenary was also about the deportation of disabled students who are being deported due to their disability and the draconian legislation passed by the government. Very good!

There were no issues from attendees on behalf of UMSU, all being active participants in the conference and running workshops on range of education and social issues.

August 9th Climate Strike

I am helping to organise the august 9th climate strike which will start at 1pm at the state library (meet at uni beforehand). I have said everything I need to say about why this is important previously in this report, but I want to also say students should stand against Adani, all new coal, push for 100% renewables and sustainable jobs. I believe there will be a motion endorsing this rally that will go up to council. See you all there. It will be a precursor to the wider Sept 20th global strike, and the union should be hitting the ground hard with this.

Elected Reps

We have had one cancelled elected reps regarding the MSEEP Green paper that will be rescheduled to get an update on this - we are expecting a white paper on this in the next few months.

We had a normal ER meeting with chancellery last week. Biggest update - we’re finally getting a CADMUS update! We will report back to council once we get it.

On that topic, we have raised concerns about the new contract cheating legislation that has been introduced and how that will target students, not large providers who scam students.

There will also be large changes to SEDS and SpecConsid that will be happening through a review. We are talking to the head of student services regarding this.

Constitution

See Reece’s report. It is trucking along. We had an information session about the proposed constitution for councillors and are engaged in the last stages of the project.

G08

I have been talking to the presidents of all the G08 unions throughout winter about organising a summit like what happened at UNSW last year. It’s looking like it’ll be in Melbourne and it would be a unique opportunity to discuss our unions, university and union culture together. Will keep updated.

AB

There have been 2 academic boards since the last council. Firstly, there have been a restructure of breadths that have meant that there are more options across disciplines. There will also be a review in the UNIB subjects - those ones at the end of the study guide that are a lil bit strange but you’ll do em bc you do arts and don’t want to do a law or commerce breadth (Im @ myself with that one).

Some discussion about the cultural commons (see previous reports) brought some issues with about the operating of theatre. We are actively chasing this up.

There are also some issues with examination and the Queen’s Birthday holiday. Academics voiced issues with replacement exams and the loss of the day for marking and adjudicating. A decision will need to be made in AB shortly and may lead to change in examination.

UMSU History

Reece and I were lucky enough to meet one of the famous Vietnam war draft dodgers who barricaded themselves in union house. It was AWESOME and we found out a lot about this amazing part of our history that have been lost.

John gave us a bunch of names and information of these protests that will be passed onto the rowdy who are doing a look at the history of union house before we move across campus. We have to, as a union, figure out how to move the culture of activism and staunchness to the new building so we can continue to be a place of political activism. Apart of my last few months of my term, I will be writing various recommendations about the move to the president that will be the first of Dougy Mac about culture and what needs to be done to keep the UMSU history alive.

UMSU INTL

Welcome to Archit as the new president of UMSU International! We met last week to talk about plans and knowledge share etc. Very excited to work together!

SSAF

There are talks with other union presidents across the country about pushing for stability in ssaf through state legislation. I will be reaching out to presidents across the state about lobbying for a 50% SSAF minimum (at least, give me 100% I want it all) to be introduced in Victoria. This is something that happens in WA, and I believe that it is possible in Victoria. SSAF is, if I remember my VCE legal studies well, apart of the state higher education portfolio as well as the federal government. I am of the belief that ssaf is mostly stable in the next 3 years due to support from the National Party, but a ssaf minimum would mean stability of funding for all democratically elected student unions in the state. Will keep you updated.

NSP Update

There will be a steering committee this Tuesday where we will get a proper update on the plan as a whole. Heres a quick breakdown of discussions we have had;

- AV Breakdown of the Dougy Mac (UMSU’s new home) - feedback given, feedback taken for updating
- The NSP Communications Strategy - In ongoing discussions about collaboration
- Issues with student theatre - ongoing talks
- Safe Spaces - working together to make them as accessible to students and umsu events as possible
- Prayer Spaces - will not be in the precinct, am organising a meeting with UniManagement about this

ACTIONS FOR NEXT REPORT

- Climate Strike Planning
- G08 Organising
- Ongoing meetings as outlined

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2019 UMSU Students Council does not affiliate to the Australian Queer Students Network (AQSN) and that the issue of affiliation be revisited in future terms of council

**General Secretary
Reece Moir**

Key Activities

Operations Sub-committee

There has been one operations sub-committee meeting since the last report. This meeting passed the following expenditure:

- \$800 in Activities re: Carnival Day
- The Media recommendations from Council 12(19)
- \$650 out of WoU for Queer Winterfest activities.

Stance Book (starting again)

HI I FINISHED UPDATING, SEE ATTACHED. I am seeking re-endorsement due to some changes to the document.

Minutes

As per usual. I am mostly up to date with the exception of Disabilities. Will aim to have this done by end of Week One.

Student Initiative Grants

They keep coming in. Due to inqorate Council, an application lapsed due to the event having already happened and that’s a real shame.

Meetings

The following have occurred since last report:

- *Elected Reps*: We have had one meeting with Chancellery, the Green Paper was discussed briefly. We are expecting data on Cadmus soon.
- *SERG*: I unfortunately missed this, but am catching up with Alice from NSP to discuss what I had missed.
- *Academic Services Exec Team*: Did you know that the university restructured? There is now a super-Chancellery, with Academic Services merging into it. Nothing in particular to note came out of this meeting, except the wins mentioned in Molly’s previous OB report from Council 12(19). Thanks Alice Smith.

Students’ Council

There is a schedule here and on the agenda. Please look at this.

- 14(19) – Tuesday Aug. 6th 10:00AM.
- 15(19) – Monday Aug. 19th 4:00PM.
- 16(19) – Wednesday Sept. 11th 3:00PM.
- 17(19) – Tuesday Sept. 24th 10:00AM.
- 18(19) – Friday Oct. 11th 3:00PM.
- 19(19) – Monday Oct. 21st 4:00PM.

Progress on Action Points from Last Report

1. Finish reformatting stance book and start writing in the new motions.
 - o See attached!
2. Continue to catch up on uploading minutes.
 - o Almost done. If I hadn’t done a winter subject she’d be completed.
3. Follow up on student media policy.
 - o Waiting on feedback from Media OBs now.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Disabilities Dept. Minutes
2. Hopefully have a schedule
- 3.

Expenditure

N/A

Activities
Olivia Panjkov & Liam O’Brien

Not submitted.

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.

Carnival day

Carnival day as always is pretty simple for us, as it mostly consists of yelling people about clubs Day. Apart from a small printing mishap with flyers, it went smoothly

Clubs Day

At the time of writing this, clubs Day is just beginning, however Jordan Fiona and Patrick have been primarily in charge of organising it this year. Given we're more or less repeating last year's move to union house, it has been fairly smooth and it more a task of conflict resolution on the day and email correspondence leading up to the day.

Regulation updates

As the UMSU constitution is being updated, the spirit of regulatory change has been summoned from within me. I have begun a process of regulation review for C&S, with a focus on fixing issues bright to light by recent issues brought to the committee about general meetings and the rights of members. Although at the moment it stands as casual musings, it's a start.

Moving

We're moving office to the space behind info desk next to North court, and Jordan and I have been packing everything up and cleaning the storeroom. We visited the furniture recycling centre and chose new furniture, and discussed the positioning of new outlets among other things. All things considered we should be in by the day of this council meeting

Chris’ Actionable items

- Answer some emails
- Avoid death
- Discuss proposals to act as the basis for regulation changes
- Finish organising awards night

- Respond to recent update about C&s app

Key Activities from Jordan

Committee and Minutes

This time we had over 300 pages of meeting papers so 'twas a long one.

Clubs Guide Reprint

The old guide had a lot of mistakes so we've printed another 1500 which meant a solid day of sifting through it and some back and forth with comms. We've also designed a little supplementary guide to represent the new clubs which has been a bit time consuming but worth it to see all the baby clubs advertised

Welfare training and advisors

Still going with this. At this point we're talking about putting together an online training that will actually accomodate everything we need it to

Clubs Awards Night

This is coming along really well!!!! We got union hall so now it's all about getting some gala worthy props and getting the clubs pumped

Moving

Majority of my time has been taken up with packing for the move. It is tiring and I don't like it

Missing Chrissy Boi

I love him and missed him greatly

Jordan's Actionable items

- Answer some emails
- Do the move

Creative Arts
Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz

Key Activities

Mudfest

We’re only a month out and are really kicking into gear now. Programming is complete, and our program launch is Thursday May 25th. This is when the program will be live on the website and people can view all the art in the festival as well as buy tickets to the ticketed events. This night will also have a teaser performance from a couple of our performers.

Artists are having production meetings with our production team and their relevant creative producers to go over their rehearsal and performance schedules in their venues. We are also hiring tech support from AVM to assist each night of the festival, so all artists are supported in their technical needs.

We have hired our frontline team (Front of House Manager, Events Manager and Volunteer Manager), and they have all begun work.

Our Mudfest volunteer callout is still open, we’re looking for anyone who would like to volunteer during the festival (eg. ushering, front of house, bump in and out support, access). We have about 75 applications so far and would love some more. We have just held a disability training session for our festival team, and will hold another in the next couple of weeks for a specific group of access ushers. This will allow the festival team and this group of ushers to assist audience members with access requirements, to increase their enjoyment of the festival.

By the time of student council, the Mudfest program will be live, and we encourage everyone to check it out and book tickets. All events are free and the art ranges from totally free to \$5. Our events throughout the festival are opening night, film night (at VCA), late late night, Above Water launch night, Under Bunjil relaunch night, music night, closing night and an awards night the week following the festival.

On Tuesday the 23rd of July we are running a Ready, Steady, Festival! Workshop in collaboration with Union House Theatre. This is designed for Mudfest artists to come along and ask any questions they might have about the festival coming up, but also about putting their art in a festival generally (as Melbourne Fringe Festival is also on the horizon).

Winterfest

We had two stalls on Wednesday the 24th, one in Union House and one in the Farmers Market (where a Mudfest banner is being painted). On Thursday the 25th we also had a stall. These were manned by the office bearers and a number of the festival team, and we chatted to

students about Mudfest and getting involved in the arts on campus. Our launch night is also part of Winterfest and is being held in the Ida.

Volunteer Framework

Over the past few months we have been working in collaboration with Goldie, Justin and Susan to create a strong and clear volunteer framework for Mudfest. This framework will ensure the festival is more streamlined when it comes to volunteer welfare, artistic director responsibility, general safety, record keeping, etc.

It will ensure the Artistic Directors and the Volunteer Manager determine that volunteer responsibilities are consistent with their capabilities and status as volunteers. Similarly, they will manage and support volunteers consistently within the framework of the UMSU Volunteering Policy and associated policies and procedures. The Artistic Directors will be expected to keep records of volunteer details as per Management of Volunteer Involvement Procedure. The safety and wellbeing of audience members, students, staff, volunteers and the public will be paramount through the framework. In collaboration with the relevant staff, Artistic Directors will be expected to make every reasonable effort to reduce, remove or minimise risks associated with the operation of the Program. All student volunteers must have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) for the duration of the program and must have received training in Child Care Safety Standards from the UMSU Child Safety Officer or UMSU HR or delegate.

We hope this framework can be passed through council this meeting, as it is a way to ensure this Mudfest, and those in the future, are the best festivals they can be.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Review Creative Arts grant applications, hold committee to pass the money and notify successful applicants of the next steps required

We have held committee and reviewed the grant applications. All successful grant applicants have been notified and their grants are being processed through finance. This grant round featured both performing arts works and visual art exhibitions.

2. Review all grant forms from Mudfest artists and begin to process.

We have reviewed all grant forms from Mudfest artists. All successful grant applicants have been notified and their grants are being processed through finance.

3. Review all mentor forms from Mudfest artists and begin to contact potential mentors and set up relationships

We have written up a mentor agreement and met with the creative producers to discuss the process of mentoring and finding appropriate mentors. Artists have begun to meet up with mentors. Many artists have sent through invoices from their mentors and these are being processed through finance.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Launch the Mudfest program on the website
2. Attend Theatre Board
3. Run the Ready, Steady Festival! Workshop

BUDGET EXPENDITURE

\$300 on a beverages tab at the Ida for the Mudfest program launch
\$800 for the purchasing of volunteer high visibility vests to be used for future Mudfests
\$400 for the purchasing of Mudfest Festival Team T-shirts to ensure the visibility of the festival team during Mudfest for audiences, artists and volunteers
\$10000 to pay fees for artist mentors in Mudfest
\$3000 for the third Creative Arts grant round
\$8000 for Mudfest artist grants

Disabilities
Lucy Birch

No report submitted

Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan

No report submitted.

Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy

Key activity one:

Winterfest

WinterFest was a massive success. Our main message was letting students know how to get involved with activism on campus by demanding free public transport for all, free and accessible education to all and by walking out on Aug 9th to demand better action on climate change.

We spoke to 100’s of students, and collected signatures on a Sept20 petition as well as grew our mailing list.

Key activity two:

EdCon

The Education Department brought tonnes of students to the annual NUS Education Conference. As well as running a couple of workshops between volunteers and Charli Fouser, in an extra effort to engage students with NUS, @umsueducation ran coverage of the conference, answering many questions from interested new students about how to further

their involvement in NUS. Students came back invigorated and ready to spring into action for the Aug9th rally held at 1pm at the State Library in week 2.

Key Activity three:

EAGs

Post EdCon with new energy, we’ve held two Education Action Groups over the holiday break. These meeting are open to any keen beans and are the basis for organising Aug9th to make real change.

The next EAG will be in Week 2, look forward to seeing everyone there!

Key Activity four:

Aug 9th

The NUS national rally: University WalkOut for Climate is happening on Aug 9th in every major city in Australia. The education department wants to take a key role in helping anyone who’s interested in real action on climate change to pull of a mass student rally in lead up to Sept20. I urge anyone reading this report to press attending on the Facebook event and invite their mates, because climate change is too important to not take to the streets.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

No comment given

Action Points to be completed by next report

None submitted

<p>Environment Will Ross</p>

Key Activities

Welcome to Country in the Community Garden

Last semester 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.

Bike Collective Space - Grand Opening

The Bike Co-op is back! In its new form, as UMSU Bike Collective will be opening its doors to the public for the first time on Wednesday 31st July, next week.

This is the culmination of months (years) of hard work and perseverance, and special thanks go to previous Enviro OBs for keeping the co-op flame alight.

As it opens, the Collective will be offering repairs, educational workshops, free accessories, and weekly breakfasts. Starting with two days a week, we'll quickly move to more than that! See you at 10am on the 31st!

Semester 2 Climate Strikes

This semester Enviro will be building the climate strikes & working with students on campus to provide a massive contingent to the strike. We're also working with NTEU to petition the VC to endorse the strike.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Report back on the MUCG Welctome 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>
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Introduction

Hello, hope everyone had a great break and is keen for sem 2.

Key Activities

Social Calendar

The Indigenous Department will start to plan sem 2’s social events with the OB’s having a few ideas we need to take to council. We will be re-launching Under Bunjil at Mudfest 2019 with performers so it will be exciting to see that fly.

Indigenous University Games

The Indigenous Department is keen to report that Indigenous University Games was a massive success for the University. From all angles I have only had positive feedback and we still were strong competitors regardless of only taking social teams this year. Lots of involvement from first years which always is a good indicator for years to come.

Under Bunjil

We will be calling upon students for editorial roles soon and shortly followed by opening submissions. Super keen to see what talent we have this year.

Winter O-Week

This o-week we will have liver performers at the re-launch of Under Bunjil 2018, here we will distribute the calendars and the new tote bags that are coming.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- Indigenous Uni Games completed

Action Points to be completed by next report

- New tote bags purchased
- Under Bunjil editors finalised

Budget Expenditure

N/A

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

Key Activities

Wordplay

We had a Winterfest Wordplay and it was really nice! Not a huge turnout but people had fun.

Above Water

It’s coming along! We have our shortlist and Ruby’s busy putting the publication together, it’s going to look amazing! Launch is the 26th of August, come along!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Work on ed 5

It’s gone to print and will be launching on the 1st of August at the Ida! Come along!

Get organised for next sem

We’re more or less on top of things going in, I think, though still gotta book those Wordplay dates.

Have a break

No rest for the wicked, as they say - we’re still very sleepy.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Launch edition 5

This one took absolutely ages, it’ll be extremely satisfying to see it in print where it can’t stress us out anymore.

Work on edition 6

What was that about not being stressed about edition 5 anymore how did I forget there’s *three more of these*.

Have more Wordplays

It’s such a nice event, we’d really like to make sure that they happen this semester.

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

Key Activities

Myriad

Submissions have been open for a while now and close soon (August 11th!) We’ve seen some really cool work come through and are anticipating lots more. We’ve created a “Myriad Collective” facebook group so that people can keep up with Myriad and stay connected beyond just the annual publication date.

Myriad website

We’ve been talking to Comms regarding a digitisation process for the magazine as well. This looks like it will involve the purchase of a new URL but still hosted through the UMSU website.

WinterFest

Winterfest was a huge success! We handed out a lot of our new tote bags (with our department bookmarks) and ran out of snacks. We also managed to print out some fliers about Myriad to hand out with info about submissions. We spoke to a lot of new people about the department and have connected with a few on social media as well. Despite our massive yellow Department banner that we finally have now, people still came to ask “So who are you guys?”- but we don’t mind because we got to see a lot of lovely new faces and chat about what we do.

Apart from our Carnival Day stall, we also collaborated with UMSU Intl for free hot chocolate on West Court (despite our missing 60L of milk shenanigans!!!) and had a few tote bags and Myriad fliers over there as well. We’re also looking forward to our Winterfest Trivia next week!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Open Myriad Submissions

*See above

Run our SWOTVAC Collective

This was successful (Farah couldn’t come because it was Eid) but overall a chill and wholesome event that went a little over the tab.

Determine Winterfest Events

We’re running a Trivia on August 1st at the Ida Bar with prizes, food, and different rounds run by us and different people who engage with the department (QPOC Collective, Myriad Editors, Myriad Subeditors).

Action Points to be completed by next report

Run Trivia Night

We’re about to post our Facebook event with a registration link - this is our first Trivia this year but hopefully it’s a success.

Filter through Myriad Submissions

While this is a job mainly for our editors, submissions should be closing soon and this is going to mean a lot more Myriad meetings and filtering through what people have sent through.

Run our first regular collectives

Starting a new semester means potential for interacting and reaching out to more people so we’re hoping our other regular events like Film Screenings and Reading Groups gain a little more traction this semester!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
6(19)	08/05/2019	Snacks	\$720	Special Events	Spend \$159.05 - clubs were largely funded by themselves
7(19)	29/05/2019	Tote bags	\$3,000	Special Events	Spent \$1,463
7(19)	29/05/2019	Pull-up banner	\$500	Special Events	Spent \$244.25 on a solid investment, we stan
7(19)	29/05/2019	WinterFest snacks	\$500	Special Events	Spent \$85.60 on Milkgate; there’s also a few other things that we haven’t yet filled out a reimbursement form for so watch this space?
7(19)	29/05/2019	SWOTVAC Collective	\$300	Special Events	Yeah we blew this
2(19)	24/01/2019	SWOTVAC Collective	\$7,200	Collectives	\$149.85 was moved across to cover for going over the tab

Op Sub 19(12)	19/06/2019	Myriad social media promotion	\$100	Myriad	Spend \$30 so far
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Queer
Andie Moore & Raph Canty

Key Activities

#StallsForAll

Andie has been doing a lot, lot, lot of work for the all-gender bathrooms campaign the Queer Department is running, called *Stalls for All*. Currently they are writing up the report, for which there is a 15-page long essay plan, and they have been doing a lot of research on trans, intersex and gender diverse (TISGD) students’ experiences on campus, and with all gender bathrooms, and how gendered bathrooms are harmful for TISGD students. A lot of students and staff are helping catalog how many gendered bathrooms there are on campus, and this information will be presented in the report. We will also be pushing a petition at Winterfest, online, and in person after then, with our demands about the University implementing all-gender bathrooms. WATCH THIS SPACE! And let us know if you’d like to get involved.

Winterfest

We have been planning two events for Winterfest Thursday in addition to our carnival stall: a fancy dinner at lunch and a screening of the film *Pride at the Rowdy*. We have put together glitter tubs, more badges and had zines reprinted to be handed out.

Queer Collaborations

Andie and Raph attended Queer Collaborations Student Conference at the start of July and had a fun gay week collaborating with queers from other unis. Eventually, we bid for hosting the conference at UniMelb next year and won!

Queer Space Maintenance

A new rug, more tea and a wider range of sexual health products have been purchased for the Queer Space. We have continued to keep the space topped-up with milk and iced tea for queer students to use. The new rug makes the space more vibrant and fun to be in.

Student Exchange Carnival

Andie ran a Queer Stall at the Global Mobility incoming exchange students carnival day. It was the first time UMSU Queer has been invited to host a stall at the Exchange Fair, and Queer got a fair few sign ups to its mailing list! They are really excited to have us back next year.

Trans-Exclusionary Radical Feminists

At Queer Collaborations and elsewhere, we have been meeting with concerned staff and students from our campus, and other campuses, about the presence, platforming and support of numerous “trans-exclusionary radical feminists”. We have also worked with the Women’s department on a public statement regarding whether trans women and non-binary people are welcome in the women’s room (which, they obviously are, lol). We hope to work further on

this issue over the next semester, and ensure the University takes a tough stance on transphobia in the academy.

Getting ready for Semester Two

We have been getting posters redone, zines reprinted and our Facebook page updated on all the events we have planned for the upcoming semester. Among the events are CAMP Launch, Queer Ball and G&Ts at Southbank.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Purchase of a new rug for Queer Space

Raph purchased the rug during SWOT Vac

Start work on a new mural for Queer Space

We are aware of the person we need to ask about the archives and will be doing this very soon

Start planning for Queer Ball

Raph has made preliminary plans with the Ball venue and the theme has been decided by Queer Committee: Space

Plan for Winterfest

Glitter purchased and events planned

Start planning a campaign for gender neutral bathrooms

Andie is writing their report into gender neutral bathrooms on campus

Action Points to be completed by next report

Work on a new mural for Queer Space

We will be going to the Rowdy to get historical pictures for this

Continue planning for Queer Ball

Raph will continue work on the ball, confirming details with the venue, getting advertising from Comms and setting up ticketing for the event.

Launch Gender-neutral bathrooms campaign

Andie will be launching their report in week one

Start planning for Queer Collaborations 2020

Raph will be looking into accommodation options at colleges for the 2020 conference

<p>Welfare Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino</p>

Key Activities

Winterfest

Our Winterfest stall was a success! Our dog totes and the popcorn machine were very popular. Most importantly, we got over 200 CIP sign ups! However, this means we received 200+ emails in one day to get to ... in addition to the heaps we already have RIP.

Regular Events

Our regular events will be back in full swing from Week 2. We’ll be spending Week 1 getting our new volunteers trained and continuing to organise the semester.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Winterfest Jobs

We did it, Winterfest happened

Action Points to be completed by next report

Safer Partying Initiative

Order more kits and organise Semester 2 sessions

Food Bank

Order food, make more packs.

CIP Induction Sessions

Organise and hold 2-3 training sessions for new volunteers.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
10	3/7/2019	Winterfest expenditure	\$3250	Regular Events	\$2068 - 1,500 handbooks ~\$1000 – 100 Volunteer t-shirts (Council will be updated of the exact figure when we receive the invoice)
10	3/7/2019	Winterfest expenditure	\$1750	Special Projects	\$245 - Department banner \$1076.90 – 500 totes \$110.35 – Lollies for totes \$68.50 – Candies for the stall
10	3/7/2019	CIP Supervisor Training	\$600	Special Projects	We haven’t received the internal transfer yet, but it should be around the \$450 mark (\$50/training). We will update this figure as soon as we get the transfer request.

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

I bet you’ve heard of Winterfest, but just wait till you hear about Womensfest!

Key Activities

Winterfest

Womensfest was a huge success. We got to talk to so many women at Carnival Day and it was really fun. We love women! We gave out tote bags, tea, Judy’s Punch, and our department brochures. Our next Winterfest event is Womensfest Karaoke so we will report back on that in our next OB report.

Education Conference

Hannah attended the Education Conference hosted by the National Union of Students. It was pretty wild! It was a really good space to build on women’s activism. We hosted a workshop called “Extending Student Unionism to Colleges.” We discussed how to provide resources to residential colleges. The conversation was sidelined quite a bit, but since then other student unions have contacted us in regards to how they contact colleges at their universities, which is very cool! During the conference the NUS Women’s officer also planned a national day of action to mark the anniversary of the Change the Course report. UMSU Women’s will be involved in this.

NOWSA 2019

Aria is at NOWSA! As I write this, it's the morning of the fourth day of conference. It's been a wonderful three days so far, Unimelb has a pretty large contingent and it's so lovely to see everyone here. So far, we've been listened to panels and speakers on various topics and attended more interactive workshops as well. Will have a full report back after the conference has ended.

Respect Taskforce

The July meeting for the Respect Taskforce was cancelled. The next one will be in September.

New Student Precinct Safe Spaces Meeting

This meeting showed us the plans for the Women’s room in the new student precinct. It looks very fun. We’re going to have couches, beanbags, tables, chairs, and a lil kitchenette. It’s also going to be very colourful, so the Women’s Officers of the future can commission some fun wall art.

New Women’s Banner

We got her! Very excited.

Judy’s Punch

Our editors and sub-editors are finalised and they have been active throughout the break. We’re very excited the magazine is going to be very cool.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Women in Higher Ed Week

In planning!

Rad Sex and Consent Week

Also in planning!

Organise Winterfest activities

Hannah is staying in Melbz when Aria is at NOWSA. NOWSA is lit! Womensfest is lit!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Womensfest Karaoke

Can’t wait to make everyone sing to Carly Rae Jepsen.

Back 2 Semester Collectives

Our first week collectives are really popular so we’re going to make it special.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
8	20/06/19	NOWSA Grants	\$6,760	Campaigns , Special Projects, Grants, and Events	For students who received grants and requested the Women's Department to book their flights and accommodation in addition to registration: Registration - \$1080 Accommodation - \$1344. 01 Flights - \$2010.3
8	20/06/19	Women’s Pull Up Banner	\$400	Campaigns , Special Projects, Grants, and Events	\$245 spent

8	20/06/19	Tea for Winterfest Stall	\$500	Campaigns , Special Projects, Grants, and Events	\$16.29 spent
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**Burnley
James Barclay**

Key Activities

Workshops

The Burnley Student Association is hosting a workshop on Gourmet Mushroom Cultivation with Nick Ritar from Milkwood Permaculture. Students will take home their own cultivation kit after a whole weekend of information. The workshop is taking place from the 10th – 11th of August.

Burnley Ski Trip

The Burnley Ski trip was a phenomenal success with high student engagement and satisfaction. Three days were spent at Melbourne Universities Alpine Lodge at Mt Buller, providing students with a memorable winter experience.

Semester 2 BBQ Lunch

The BSA will be hosting a bbq lunch and consultation with returning students. The BSA intends to utilise this opportunity to gather feedback, ideas and spread awareness of upcoming events throughout Semester 2.

BSA Hiking Trips

The BSA is organising student led hiking trips across Victorian State and National Parks. The first trek will take place at Werribee Gorge State Park.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

End of Semester Celebrated
Ski Trip Complete

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalise BBQ Lunch
Finalise Mushroom Workshop

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	17/01/2019	Mushroom Workshop	\$5,000	On Campus Activities	Spent \$2,350 so far
2	6/2/2019	Ski Trip	\$10,000	Off Campus Activities	Final expense \$11,709

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	17/01/2019	Yes, Confirmed
2	06/02/2019	Yes, Unconfirmed

**Southbank
Hilary Ekins**

No report submitted