

University of Melbourne Student Union

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**President
Tyson Holloway-Clarke**

Student Precinct

Our most recent Steering Group Meeting was delayed until August based on the timing of several critical reports. Between now and the next meeting we will have a significantly more information in regards to the recommendations made to the University, most notable of which being the Arts and Cultural Facilities. These facilities include; Union House Theatre, the Guild Theatre, Arts Labs, the George Paton Gallery, the Rowden White Library, the Fodder Radio Station and other key facilities. Based on discussions with the Project Lead Amelia Scurry and Arts and Entertainment Manager Susan Hewitt we anticipate favourable outcomes from this review and will have to opportunity to make suggestions to the final submission before it is submitted.

People of Colour Conference

Over the 23rd and 24th of July UMSU held the Inaugural Student People of Colour Conference in Australia. The conference was a resounding success with fantastic speakers, workshops and panels covering a broad spectrum of topics and representations. Yan Zhuang must also receive special recognition for their hard work and many sleepless nights in putting the conference together. See the recommendations attached to this report.

SSAF Allocations

Elizabeth Capp, the chair of the SSAF Consultative Group has issued the third proposed model for SSAF funding and allocations for 2017-2019. Both Justin and I have raised some concerns about this model of funding and have relayed them to Elizabeth. That being said there is still many changes to the model that must be accounted for moving forward, thus changing the likely final model.

Respect Working Group

Seemingly out of pointed conversations I have initiated with both Chancellery and the Colleges a Respect Working Group is being established to review a wide variety of community issues. The group will be looking at diversity, sexual assault and harassment, student led camps, alcohol policy, training for students and other key areas. Immediately this group would be involved in the review of the University's Appropriate Behaviour Policy and Respect Week for 2017. The composition of this group and other key information is unknown at this time and we are seeking further clarification. Should nominations be opened or a person appointed by the President notice will be provided.

**General Secretary
James Bashford**

NUS Education Conference

In early July I travelled to Sydney for the National Union of Students' Education Conference at the University of Sydney. A substantial focus of the conference was on the next steps looking forward after the federal election and dealing with the emerging wave of restructures at Universities across Australia. Alongside the UWA Guild Education Officer, Emma Boogaardt, I presented a workshop on trends emerging at Go8 Universities, presenting on some of the changes experienced here at Melbourne such as the Melbourne Model, BIP, FAP and Cadmus.

Federal Election

The re-election of the Turnbull Liberal Government is a real disappointment for students and higher education in Australia. The Liberal party made it clear during the election that they will continue to pursue partial deregulation and \$100k degrees in the coming term of government through their "flagship courses" proposal.

UMSU produced several thousand flyers as part of the "Vote for Students" campaign, including a score card on issues most important to students. Flyers were distributed around campus, at exams, at train stations alongside the NUS election campaign and at pre-poll and election day polling stations. Though there was some difficulty in distributing the flyers given the election was held during exams, the materials were very well received (except by Liberal volunteers at polling booths who seemed surprised students object to their constant attacks on education). The materials were also made available on the UMSU website and Facebook, generating an extremely successful response on the Facebook page in particular, reaching over 33,000 people and generating significant (and overwhelmingly positive) engagement.

Policy and Regulations Working Group

I convened three meetings of the Policy and Regulations working group over June to review some of UMSU's very outdated policies. Policies reviewed including Procedures for Student Representatives, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. Changes will now be drafted for further consultation.

**Activities
Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock**

No report submitted

Clubs & Societies
Ryan Davey & Yasmine Luu

Mid-Year O-Week

The Winter Festival was a busy day for the department. On the Wednesday we ran an information stall, a BBQ and a ticket sales event for Union House Party. Clubs Day took place on Thursday the 21st of July. 86 clubs filled concrete lawns as new students flocked in to make it a huge event. Aside from the weather, the day went off without a hitch and we distributed around 1000 club guides to new students. We would like to thank Comms and all of the volunteers who helped make it such a successful day.

Open Day

The University of Melbourne has once again asked C&S and interested Clubs to be a part of Open Day. This will be on the Sunday 21st of August 2016 at University Square. We have 15 clubs registered to participate on the day in the allocated club's marquee. Each society selected will be providing a unique activity or giveaway on the day, ranging from live music performances to a sumo robots demo. We hope to show prospective students that there is so much more to university than just study.

Lockers

A second round of club lockers have been re-distributed, with 19 small lockers and 4 medium lockers being allocated to applicants. Lockers continue to be an invaluable resource to clubs at the University and will be a key priority of the department when it comes to negotiating space in the new student precinct.

Camp Welfare Workshops finished for 2016

The final camp welfare workshop for the year was held on Monday July 12th. We are in the process of summarising the feedback forms from the sessions into a report for 2016. Overall the feedback has been immensely positive, continuing the trend of recent years. The report will be made available to anyone interested upon its completion.

Clubs Wiki

IT have recently created a Wikipedia page that we will be using for Clubs. Over the coming months, we will be populating the page with information that we had marked for our Executive Handbook. It is our hope that by the end of our term, the Clubs Wiki will have materials to cover any questions that an executive may have about running their club.

Awards Night

We have consulted with the Activities department and calculated a rough estimate of what the costs of the awards night will be. We haven't settled on a date to hold the event yet but it will be in the Grand Buffet Hall of Union House. We have also begun forming a list of award categories. The main aim of this is to make the event as inclusive as possible, catering to clubs of all types and sizes. This fits into our over-arching goal of creating an event which rewards the hard work of club executive members; volunteers who give up their time and go to great efforts for the benefit of club members, providing an invaluable service to campus culture.

Archiving

C&S are required to keep the previous 7 years' worth of club records. This paperwork includes every membership list, AGM pack and grants bundle from EVERY affiliated club. Recently Yasmine has undertaken the huge task of getting rid of everything from 2005-2008 and sorting through 2009-present. Significant progress has been made but there is still a huge amount to do. We will be aiming to have this project done by the end of the term.

Creative Arts
Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong

Key activities:

Life Drawing & Botanic Drawing

We've planned three Life Drawing and three Botanic Drawing sessions for Semester 2. All sessions are free, at Tuesday lunch times. Dates on our website.

Above Water

We had a really fun time working with Media Office on Above Water. We received over 100 applications and made a short list to be published. Our three judges are Jessica Yu, Candy Bowers and Sam Cooney. The winners will be announced at the August launch of Above Water, which we are currently organising.

Tastings

We received 11 applications to Tastings and we have almost finished pairing students with professional mentors. Students will soon begin to develop their performances for a September season, with devising workshops run by the Dig Collective to get them started.

Ensemble Assembly

We are co-hosting/organising 'Ensemble Assembly' with Union House Theatre on 28th July. The event is a new initiative which brings the student theatre community together to celebrate past and future work. The event seeks to provide a space and provocation for the community to more closely reflect on and interrogate the work they make within the unique theatre-making opportunities we have on campus.

Arts Grants

We funded 4 more artists from our last round of grants. 2 visual artworks, a large participatory art event at the VCA and a student theatre company. Money will be going towards access initiatives as well as materials and venue hire.

Film Festival

We are currently organising publicity for the short film competition to be launched during o-week. The date of the festival itself has been finalised, and we have been having regular meetings mainly between the Filmmakers Collaborative and our Department. Susan Hewitt (Arts & Entertainment Manager) has been assisting us with organising and finalising details.

Creative Arts Collective

Continues in Semester 2, and will now take place on Thursdays between 1pm and 3pm.

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item
7	12/07/2016	To pass \$1750 towards successful grant applications for Round 3. These applicants are: Hayley Tan, Periscope Productions, Tal Fitzpatrick and Jessica Row.	\$1750.00	3531
7	12/07/2016	To pass up to \$500 for Above Water prizes	\$500	3850
7	12/07/2016	To pass up to \$600 for Ensemble Assembly (July 28 th) - our launch event for Semester 2's <i>Talking Out of Your Arts</i> program	\$600	3839

Disabilities
Jess Kapuscinski-Evan & Christian Tsoutsouvas

We had a successful midyear oh week stall where we gave out all of our USBs and had some good conversations with new students. The disability action plan is going well, and we expect to have our survey questions online at the latest by the end of this week for students and staff to respond to. We are getting some help from the communications team to contact various film production companies to gain screening rights for some movies that we hope to screen later on in semester. Finally we will be running 2 Auslan classes this semester, one for beginners and one level 2 subject.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal

No report submitted

Education (Public Affairs)
Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz

Key Activities:

Education Conference

Both of us attended Education Conference over the break. It was a rewarding experience as we got to share a lot of ideas with Education officers from around the country as well as attend workshops. In particular, a meeting was held with all Education Offices. Here we spoke about the need to broaden the campaign to protect students and ensure affordable education. The want for a more positive and less reactionary campaign was apparent and it is something we have brought back to our campus here. Akira also lead a plenary were campuses shared their experiences and speaking of the need for a national campaign on restrutures.

There were a number of Uni Melb students in attendance. A number of which could only attend due to grants offered by the Education Committee. All recipients have to submit a report to the Education Committee in the upcoming weeks.

Keep the Quality campaign

Over the break we have been working heavily on a campaign titled 'Keep the Quality!'. This is going to be a broad and continual campaign that encompass a range of on campus issues. We aim to engage a wide range of students with both a positive and negative campaign working in symmetry. We'll be running numerous stalls as part of the campaign as well as doing other creative activities like a video and an online photo gallery. We'll soon be putting out lots of posters to alert all students and have a strong online presence.

August 24 NDA

We'll also be preparing for the next National Day of Action coordinated by NUS. It will co exist along side our Keep the Quality! Campaign, using the NDA as an initial ask for students to become more involved in the education movement.

Exploitation of works in Union House

We have been working closely with the Malaysian Progressives in Australia recently. We met with representatives of the group, NTEU, United Voice and the Young Workers Centre to discuss the exploitation of workers, in particular, international students, in a number of locations in Union House. This includes underpayment of \$10 an hour which was paid cash in hand.

Budget Expenditure

Education Committee no.	Date	Description	Amount	Budget Line
Meeting 5	24/5/16	Grants for Education Conference	\$3500	Grants
Meeting 4	09/05/16	Coffee van for SWOTVAC stall	\$849.7	Special campaigns, projects and events
Meeting 5	24/5/16	Pens for SWOTVAC stall	\$307.5	Special campaigns, projects and events
Meeting 5	24/5/16	Stickers for SWOTVAC stall	\$135.25	Special campaigns, projects and events
Meeting 4	09/05/16	Snacks for SWOTVAC stall	\$100.27	Special campaigns, projects and events

**Environment
Zac Power & Anisa Rogers**

Environment Week

We have planned a number of events for environment week, involving collaboration with Sustainable Campus, the Faculty of Science, the UMSU Disabilities Department and the other groups/organisations. We are in the process of organising an Opening and Closing Party, a trivia night and a whole bunch of workshops and crafternoons. We are currently looking for additional groups that may be interested in running events.

Environment Collective

Weekly Environment collective meetings have resumed, and until Environment week is finished will be focused on environment week. Following this, each environment collective meeting will have a pre-arranged theme for discussion or organisation.

Weekly events/programs – The Bike Co-op, Play with your Food and the Documentary Screenings.

The Bike Co-op, Play with your Food and the Documentary Screenings are going well. We will be looking to expand the reach of these events through the semester. The Bike Co-op space is now open next to Tsubu bar and has been painted, we are awaiting furniture from the reuse centre. The opening party was on Wednesday night.

Sustainability Plan

The consultation phase for the sustainability plan continues, and the university have engaged the Australian Centre for Corporate Responsibility to support this process. Anita continues to be active in engaging the university to include student interests in the plan through the Sustainability Executive and meetings with decision makers, and the chancellor have hired Angus Dowell to help Anisa engage students. The Investment Forum is being run by the university on the 9th of August as part of the consultation.

Climate Themed Film Competition

We are currently working with the creative arts department to organise a climate themed short film competition that will tie in with MUFest.

**Indigenous
Wunambi Connor & Emily Kayte James**

NITESG

In Late June, the UMSU Indigenous department attended the National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games in Brisbane along with 2 teams (consisting a total of 30 students - the most we have ever taken). Held at the Australian Catholic University (Brisbane Campus), the event hosted 450 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students (that's thirty-three teams) from twenty-five universities across the country. Both teams participated in the weeklong event of sporting activities including basketball, volleyball, netball, and touch football, as well as a range of social and networking functions. At the end of the week one of teams walked away in equal third place (out of the seven years that UOM has sent team's we have placed in the top three teams six times), after winning the volleyball grand final (for the third consecutive year) and finishing as runner ups in the basketball grand finale. In addition to this, two players walked away with Most Valuable Player awards – Neerim Callope for Male Basketball MVP and Verhonda Smith for both Female Basketball and Volleyball MVP (adding to the Female Netball MVP award she won last year). These incredible achievements are testament to the hard work and effort put in by players, coaches and assistants both during and prior to the games. We are very happy with these results and look forward to the Indigenous University Games next year.

Semester 2 Events

We've got a lot of exciting things happening at the Indigenous department this semester. We've been planning for our fortnightly social events which are going to be bigger and better than ever. We've got a joint movie night with the environment department as well a trip to the comedy lounge for a laugh Trivia in the Union House bar, and Go-Karting. Under Bunjil Volume Four is in its early planning stages and we're still looking for submissions. We love reading the diverse range of poetry, art and commentary that Unimelb's Indigenous students come up with.

**Media
Danielle Bagnato, Sebastian Dodds, Caleb Triscari & Baya Ou Yang**

Farrago:

Edition Five has been released Edition Six is expected to go to print on Friday 29th July. We have spoken to the returning officers of the 2016 UMSU General Elections about producing the election edition.

Radio Fodder:

Season Two has commenced and we have around 30 programmes running, including quite a few UMSU Department shows. Technical issues are slowly being resolved.

Above Water:

Above Water has been laid out and we're above to start proofreading it. Jean and Josh from Creative Arts are organising the launch party.

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item
Council	07/04/2016	Farrago Ed5 Printing	\$9,770	Printing
Council 3	10/02/2016	PPCA Licensing	\$250.00	Radio/Video

Queer
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye

Key Activities:

- **Stall at Carnival Day during O-Week**
The Queer Department had their own stall during Carnival Day on O-Week, handing out zines, condoms and popcorn to mid-year intake and transfer students and also getting more sign-ups to our weekly newsletter.
- **Queer Collaborations**
Queer Officer Frances Connors and several other students attended the Queer Collaborations conference in Perth this early July.
- **Queer Movie Night with Comms**
The Queer Department also co-hosted Queer Movie Night with the Comms Department, showing two movies (Pride and Rocky Horror Picture Show) with free pizza beforehand.
- **Dead mouse in office**
It is speculated there is a dead mouse (or several dead mice) rotting away within the walls of the Queer office, as there is a suspicious smell that has lingered for several weeks. The saga is still on-going and both officers are still unwilling to set foot in their office.
- **Pride Ball planning**
A venue and date has been picked for this year's Pride Ball, as well as a tentative budget set (due to be passed at this week's committee meeting). The Department will also be working with Comms both to advertise the event and to design and print tickets.
- **Start of radio show 'Queerly Beloved'**
Queer Officer Frances Connors has also started hosting the Queer Department's new show on Radio Fodder, 'Queerly Beloved' (on Tuesdays every 11:00 am)

Planned Future Actions:

- **Advertisement for Pride Ball and further planning**
The department will now focus on advertising for Pride Ball as well as setting up a ticket system and a schedule for selling tickets.
- **Change of 'Transgender/Nonbinary' Option to 'Nonbinary/Other'**
Officers are continuing to work on changing the 'transgender/nonbinary' gender option for University of Melbourne to simply read 'nonbinary/other'
- **Collectives**
Collectives will begin running in week 2. This semester there are two collectives: Queer People of Colour and Trans Collective
- **Panel on Racism in LGBT+ Communities**
The Queer Department is currently in contact with speakers to hold a 'Racism in the LGBT+ Community' panel later in the semester
- **Queer Girls Movie Night**
This semester, the Queer Department will work with the Women's Department to hold a Queer Girls Movie Night (Thursday nights every second week) to replace the Women's Department Queer and Questioning Cuties lunch

Welfare
Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

We hope that everyone had a relaxing mid semester break! We have been busy preparing for the start of Semester 2, with the continuation of all of our semester 1 regular events like Monday Mingle, Conversation Partners, Welfare Collective and free breakfasts.

Mid-year O-week

For mid-year O-week the Welfare Department held a stall on 20 July 2016, as well as a petting zoo. These were both well-received and gathered a large number of new students. The petting zoo provided us a lovely opportunity to engage students in the Welfare Department and many people approached the stall after first seeing the petting zoo. We received a high number of sign-ups to our mailing list and were able to give away most of our materials. We also had a high volunteer presence at the O-week festival, and this was a great way to continue our volunteer program.

Free Zumba

In addition to our weekly free yoga session, we are in the process of introducing weekly free Zumba classes. Fitness is one of the best ways for students to de-stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle, and free Zumba was one of our most requested events at Stress Less Week in Semester 1, Week 6. Our free Zumba classes will start on Monday 1 August in Training Rooms 1&2, Union House, and we encourage anyone interested to come along.

Food Bank

The food bank has been going well, and our expansion at the VCA campus has been going smoothly. We have provided some advertising materials to Stop 1 at the VCA, including posters and online advertisement. The Stop 1 food bank is going well, and we've already restocked the food bank due to student demand over the semester break. We also advertised the Food Bank heavily at mid-year O Week and we look forward to this being a great student service going into Semester 2.

People of Colour Conference

Yan was in charge of organizing UMSU's People of Colour Conference, which was held on 23-24 July. The conference included a line-up of several notable keynote speakers, as well as student run workshops. The conference was a success, with attendees coming from multiple states and universities. The feedback received was very positive and we are keen for this conference to be something which continues into the future and is held by different universities.

General Enquiries

We can be contacted about any student issues at welfare@union.unimelb.edu.au and we are always happy for a quick chat.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting no.	Date of meeting	Description	Amount	Line-Item
09/16	30.05.2016	Petting Zoo	542.00	Special Project and Events

**Women's
Adriana Mells**

Women's Mentoring Network

A lot of the work surrounding the WMN has been around trying to finalise speakers for semester two. So far we have secured 2 speakers for our first networking night and 1 for our second. This semester we are hoping to look at fields that weren't explored last semester, so we have a few panellists who come from different parts of the medical field.

Queer Girl Movie Nights

This semester the Women's department is no longer holding Queer and Questioning QTs due to poor attendance. To make up for this we are hosting fortnightly movie nights with the Queer Department. This will start in week 2.

Judy's Punch

At this stage we have finalised our sub editor team as well as our graphics team and we are very excited at the level of enthusiasm our lovely team has shown for Judy's Punch. This week are holding two meetings so that Amie (Judy's Punch co-editor) and I have the chance to speak to all of the sub editors. Amie and I have also had a meeting with Nigel from Printgraphics, where he talked to us about potential printing options. He then sent us a few quotes which we took to committee and they have decided to create 1000 copies of Judy's Punch in colour this year.

Women in Higher Education Week

Women in Higher Ed is coming up in week 3 of this semester. There will be two events held as part of this week, the first is a panel discussion and the second is a trivia night. All of our posters have been created, so I am hoping to have them scattered around campus at some point during the week. Last year, the women's officers promoted the events weeks in advance and it really showed by the high level of attendance – we hope the same thing can happen this year. So far I have contacted 4 speakers for the panel event, and out of those four, two have confirmed. The trivia has been a bit harder to organise, as the Women's department does not usually host events with alcohol.

Safety on Campus

I have been continuing to work on the sexual assault guide, it is now updated with the information from the advocacy service at UMSU. The last part I need to update is the legal side and considerations for the booklet.

The Australian Human Rights Commission's survey is set to be released in September. We still don't know how it is being distributed at the University of Melbourne, my hope is that it is sent to all students.

The university is also in the process of updating their policies online, I have been asking them about this for a while so it is good to see some progress has been made. In particular, the Student General Misconduct which deals with students who are acting in a manner that is harassing, discriminatory or bullying.

This semester I hope to get the campaign surrounding this underway. Comms suggested running a focus group to ensure that this campaign wouldn't make people on campus feel unsafe. This campaign would look at reporting both on and on campus and it would talk about consent. Alongside this I am hoping to host more Hunting Ground screenings and also hoping to host a few off the Parkville campus.

At the end of last semester, I had a meeting with Sally Coates who is the head of campus community, one of the things I brought up was the Sexual Harassment Advisors Network which is a network that allows staff to seek advice in relation to sexual harassment from a peer in another faculty. There seemed to be confusion surrounding the current status of this network, since then it has now been confirmed that this network is still running. However some of the people who are currently being advertised as part of this network are in fact no longer apart of this network. I will be following this as the semester progress and I am hoping to speak to the NTEU about this.

**Burnley Campus
Eranthos Beretta**

Key News: Welfare services available remotely and bookable, international food day, day trip.

News and Events:

BSA will be running a day trip for all Burnley students to one of four places : Tree Adventure Park, Mornington, Yarra Valley or Go Karting. Email sent to students with reply required by Friday the 29th to gauge numbers and vote on location.

In conjunction with the Olympics BSA looking to run 'international food day' as catered event and welcome back to semester 2. (see motion below)

Student welfare services now available on Burnley Campus to be accessed remotely and available to book in room in the library via bookit.unimelb.

BSA now has its on laptop and UMSU IT coming to install printer in the coming fortnight.

Expenditure(s) (motions passed, actual expenditures to follow):

\$600 passed for subsidised First Aid Training for students.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Action#1:

ACTION: Eranthos to follow up with Stefan Arndt (Campus Director) about remote access student services. = progress , all is set up on Burnley's end.. issues with connectivity and booking services from the university. still awaiting progress. (still in process with Burnley Executive Committee)

Future:

Action#1:

ACTION: Printer to be installed in BSA office with UMSU IT.

Action 2: Email to be sent to all students advising subsidised First Aid with 'first in best dressed policy'. E Beretta to follow up with G Pergl re logistics.

Action 3. E Beretta to clean out BSA storage area on campus

Recommendations:

Motion 1: In conjunction with olympics and beginning of semester 2 BSA would like to run an international food day on the Friday the 5th of August. To run this catered event BSA moves to pass \$1000 for food from the Burnley Activities and Events budget line.

Mover: Eranthos Seconder:

Motion 2: To move \$600 from Burnley General Op's budget line for drinks for the above event and future BBQ's.

Mover: Eranthos Seconder:

**Victorian College of the Arts
Van Rudd**

Welcome back to the VCA for semester 2. Due to the ongoing attacks on higher education, VCASA will be supporting the August 24th NUS protest against with an event on campus and linking it up to the main student protest at the State Library. The proposed event will hopefully take place in the VCA student lounge and include free soup and live music for students.

VCASA will also be continuing on with the VCA Spoken Word event planned for the student lounge in september. Unfortunately, the delays in getting the student lounge operational has but a back a bit with this event.

The Proud exhibition will also be a highlight for VCA students coming up in late August.

Plans are also underway for a series of murals on VCA campus with the support of the Wilin centre in consultation with the VCA faculty. We aim to employ a number of indigenous artists to design the murals.

Recommendations.

That \$3000 be used from the VCA dept Special Events budget line to pay for free soup for students, 2 x musicians and other sound tech costs to hold an event for the NUS Student Protest on August 24th.