

University of Melbourne Student Union
**Office Bearer Reports
 To Students' Council 15(16)
 25.8.2016**

| Summary | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| President | Submitted | Page 1 |
| General Secretary | Submitted | Page 2 |
| Activities | No report submitted | Page 3 |
| Clubs & Societies | Submitted | Page 3 |
| Creative Arts | Submitted | Page 3 |
| Disabilities | Submitted | Page 4 |
| Education (Academic Affairs) | No report submitted | Page 4 |
| Education (Public Affairs) | Submitted | Page 4 |
| Environment | No report submitted | Page 5 |
| Indigenous | No report submitted | Page 5 |
| Media | Submitted | Page 5 |
| Queer | No report submitted | Page 6 |
| Welfare | Submitted | Page 6 |
| Women's | Submitted | Page 7 |
| Burnley | Submitted | Page 8 |
| VCA | Submitted | Page 8 |

*Office bearers who fail to submit a report for 3 consecutive scheduled meetings will have their honoraria suspended.

**President
 Tyson Holloway-Clarke**

SSAF Allocations

Having met with the SSAF Consultative Group last week I can confirm that clarification around the proposed model has been provided and there was a verbal agreement made around the proportional allocations of the SSAF. Additionally the Group has agreed on a wide variety of other principles concerning the allocation and expenditure of SSAF and will be working with the same key performance indicators or very similar ones to allow for better review of SSAF expenditure in the future. While not finalised the proposed model will provide a significant boon to the UMSU operating budget with key parts of the organisation preparing for programming and project costings.

Student Precinct

The Student Precinct Steering Group met sometime ago to endorse the submitted urban design framework and consider investigating options in consideration of the Arts and Cultural Facilities Review. As of writing the Review has not been submitted or deemed of suitable quality. We anticipate the review to agree with our perspective of the importance of arts and cultural facilities but it is not clear exactly how it will contribute to the final location, design and other outcomes. We have further reiterated UMSU's perspective that the Student Precinct is only the Student Precinct with the full and improved set of facilities included in its new location.

Additionally work has begun on developing an online community that when populated with a wide array of students and representative groups will inform the design principles and shape of the Precinct. UMSU will be a significant stakeholder in this student engagement project.

Appropriate Behaviour Policy

In collaboration with student representatives the UMSU Legal and Advocacy provided feedback on the proposed Appropriate Behaviour Policy. A consolidated approach to policies concerning both students and staff simultaneously, we raised a number of concerns regarding the scope and clarity of such an approach, various aspects in respect to procedural fairness and administrative decision making, and the complicating interaction for concurrent investigations. Open to a wide range feedback from other parts of the University community, it remains to be seen if any of the feedback will be incorporated or given due consideration.

Corporate Service Provision

At the present time of writing there will be no new information to present however the General Manager, General Secretary, and I will be meeting on Wednesday with Sue Elliot to discuss the outcomes of the review. I anticipate being able to provide further update verbally at Council.

**General Secretary
James Bashford**

Regulations

Changes to the UMSU Standing Orders and Procedures for Student Representatives have now been drafted. These drafts have been distributed to Councillors, the Students' Council mail list and UMSU staff for a period of feedback and consultation. I encourage everybody to take the time to contribute their feedback on the draft changes and the regulations generally. Submissions for feedback will close in 3 weeks on Thursday September 15th.

This is the second stage of a process of policy review that begun with working group meetings in June, over the winter break. Following this feedback period, I'll consolidate the suggestions into a new draft and potentially hold a further working group if necessary. Following this, the final drafts will be officially distributed for consideration by Council (a two week notice period is required for changes to regulations).

These changes broadly seek to significantly tighten and improve Office Bearer accountability, from induction through to handover, whilst also increasing the organisation's transparency. They are also desperately needed given Procedures for Student Reps have not been amended to my knowledge in over 10 years, while standing orders were last amended 3 years ago.

Some significant changes to point out include:

- Replacement of gendered pronouns to gender neutral
- Updating anachronisms and updated references to the Constitution
- Clearer penalties for OBs who fail to submit Council reports
- Enhanced requirements for OB reports, including a new arrangement for financial reporting and arrangements for OBs in shared offices to submit separate reports if desired
- Codified requirements for OBs to submit reports to Farrago
- Stronger requirements for induction, including for representatives that are appointed mid-term
- Removed ambiguities surrounding procedures for the filling of Casual Vacancies
- New requirements to ensure OBs make themselves readily available to students
- Clarifying quorum for Council and Committees
- Clarifying the ability to "attend" meetings via phone

Corporate Services

Tyson, Justin and myself will be meeting with Sue Elliot from Chancellery on Wednesday 24th to discuss the outcome of the University's consideration of the future of corporate service provision to UMSU. Council will be updated as to the outcome of this meeting during meeting 15(16). The priority for UMSU continues to be to ensure the ongoing issues we have faced with current arrangements are addressed whilst minimising the amount of funds that have been required for this purpose.

Activities
Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock

No Report Submitted

Clubs & Societies
Ryan Davey & Yasmine Luu

Open Day

Sunday (August 21st) was a huge day for promoting the department to prospective students. We had an entire Marquee set up on University Lawn where we and 14 clubs set up for a massive 8-hour day. Overall we had 5000 people pass through our area and handed out all remaining clubs guides. The best part of the day was showing potential students that there is a lot more to do at University than study.

Clubs Carnival

Unfortunately, this event is why Yasmine and I are missing Council today. Starting setup from 9am, the event itself will go from 12pm-2pm. This is set to be the largest Clubs Carnival the Department has ever held, with a huge 50 clubs set to take part, the majority of which have never participated in the event before.

Awards Night

Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of awards night to Friday the 16th of September as the 15th was already booked. We have locked in our list of award categories and liased with Comms about getting award certificates, sponsors ect. We will most likely be incorporating trivia into the night to fill the gaps between award categories. The expression of interest form has been released to gauge club interest and to collate nominations for awards.

New Clubs

Following new club applications, we have given conditional approval to 9 groups of students looking to affiliate to UMSU. These range from Cheese Club to Big Data Analysis Club. Since the start of the year, our goal has been to give as many students as possible the chance to start a club, an objective we feel has been met.

Creative Arts
Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong

Key activities:

Life Drawing & Botanic Drawing

The next drawing session is Life Drawing on the 30th of August, 12pm-2pm in the Arts Lab. The next Botanic Drawing session is on the 13th of September, 12pm-2pm in the System Gardens. Our first session for the semester was last week and it was really successful. Good turnout, nice sun, good times, great classic hits.

Above Water

Is HERE! And it is BEAUTIFUL. Come along to the launch party next Tuesday the 30th at 5pm in the Student Lounge. The winners will be announced, writers will deliver readings of their works, and student musicians will perform throughout the night. Drinks and snacks provided.

Tastings

Students continue to develop their works with their mentors. Marketing material have gone out, and we will begin contact organisations within the Deaf community to advertise our Auslan interpreted performance.

Talking Our of Your Arts

We are contacting student theatre groups to see if they want to participate in this program of post-show q and a's, to continue conversations that arose out of our Ensemble Assembly event.

Film Festival

We've extended the application deadline for our short film competition to August the 29th. Genevieve Bailey has been confirmed for an event, we're now finalising the date. Sweet!

Creative Arts Collective- Mural Project

Every Thursday between 1pm and 3pm in the Arts Lab! We're painting the walls of the Arts Lab, come and throw some paint around, it feels really good.

Disabilities

Jess Kapuscinski-Evan & Christian Tsoutsouvas

We had a small attendance at our environment week panel however those that did come found it a worthwhile and informative discussion. Our Journalism and Disability Panel is happening tonight in collaboration with the Media Department. Neither of our collectives has been very well attended. We are looking to hold an event with the Welfare Department about student mental health to coincide with the exam period, and our radio show Network Disabled has been going well with people interested in being guest hosts.

Education (Academic Affairs)

Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal

No Report Submitted

Education (Public Affairs)

Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz

Workers' rights

The 'Rights at Work' booklet is off to the printers. It looks great and we have 725 copies being printed. We are yet to work out the specifics of distribution but will update Students Council accordingly.

NDA

By the time we are having this Student's Council we will have held another NDA yesterday. We'll update how this went verbally at Council.

Women in Higher Education week

Both of us in the Education Public officer were involved in women in Higher Education Week. Akira co-chaired the forum with the women's officer Adriana. It was insightful to hear the experiences of a diverse group of women and their experiences at University as students and as staff. Akira co-hosted the trivia with one of the queer department officers, Frankie. And Dominic wrote some of the question for the night. It was a great event that Education Public department was proud to be part of.

Keep the Quality!

The Keep the Quality campaign is going really well. We continue to go out and talk to students almost every day about the key issues that are going to affect them, most of which is a result of the FlexAP. These conversations are really positive in terms of getting responses and having people like the Facebook page and sign up to our mailing list.

These include:

TIMETABLING: issues around Automatic Preference Timetabling System which will result in students having to structure their life around their timetable and is flexibility for the University not for students.

CADMUS: The tracking of students as they work. In particular, the tracking of keyboard biomechanics. Potential to result in unfair marking. Visit the website and Facebook page for more details.

Expenditure

| Education Committee no. | Date | Description | Amount | Budget Line |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Meeting 6 | 2/8/16 | Keep the Quality Facebook advertising | \$100 | Special campaigns, projects and events |
| Meeting 6 | 2/8/16 | Women in Higher Education week | \$200 | Special campaigns, projects and events |

Environment
Zac Power & Anisa Rogers

No Report Submitted

Indigenous
Wunambi Connor & Emily Kayte James

No Report Submitted

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

Farrago:

Edition Seven has been sent to print as is expected to return in the next few days. As the Election Edition, Edition Seven was an absolute nightmare to put together due to the increased number of candidates this year and those who decided to withdraw at the last minute.

Radio Fodder:

We played an outdoor broadcast at Open Day on the 21st of August. We handed out a lot of copies of Farrago and overall the day was a success despite the weather and the neverending sound complaints from MU Sport.

Above Water:

Above Water has returned from print and is being kept under wraps until the launch party held on the 30th of August.

Expenditure:

| Meeting no. | Date | Description | Amount | Line-Item |
|-------------|-----------|---|--------|-------------------------|
| Op-Sub | 17th Aug | Farrago Ed5 Launch | 462.56 | Special Projects/Events |
| #12 | 22nd June | Preparations for National Young Writer Festival | \$589 | Special Projects/Events |
| Op-Sub | 17th Aug | Farrago E6 Launch | \$332 | Special Projects/Events |
| Op-Sub | 7th April | Farrago Ed6 Printing | 9740 | Printing |

Queer
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye

No Report Submitted

Welfare
Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

Free Meditation

In addition to our free Zumba and Yoga sessions, we have now also introduced free Meditation classes to our repertoire of fitness classes. These were introduced after we were contacted by some members of University of Melbourne staff who offered to run them for free. Such classes were already being run for University of Melbourne staff. In the same vein as our other fitness classes, meditation is a great form of stress reduction and can improve mental wellbeing. The classes are held every Friday 12pm-1pm, in Training Rooms 1&2, level 3 of Union House (unless stated otherwise), and we encourage anyone who is interested to attend.

Free Breakfast with the Environment Department

Our Thursday breakfast held on 18 August 2016 was done in collaboration with the Environment Department, as part of Enviro Week. We served up a vegetarian breakfast to raise awareness about the week, replacing our usual bacon with hash browns. The Enviro Collective also provided some home-made porridge and fruit. The event was a resounding success and students seemed to have enjoyed the temporary change of our menu.

Big Bazaar

We held the UMSU Big Bazaar with UMSU International on 11 and 12 August. We were largely responsible for providing volunteers for the collection period and during the actual Bazaar, and had good volunteer turnout throughout the process. The event was a success and most unsold items have now been returned to their original owners.

Budget Expenditure

| Welfare Committee Meeting no. | Date of meeting | Description | Amount | Line-Item |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------|----------------|
| 09/16 | 30/05/2016 | Free Breakfast #3 | 181.45 | Regular Events |
| 10/16 | 28/07/2016 | Conversation Partners #1 | 80 | Regular Events |

| | | | | |
|-------|------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------|
| 10/16 | 28/07/2016 | Conversation Partners #2 | 60 | Regular Events |
| 10/16 | 28/07/2016 | Monday Mingle #1 | 75 | Regular Events |
| 10/16 | 28/07/2016 | Monday Mingle #2 | 112.5 | Regular Events |

**Women's
Adriana Mells**

Women in Higher Education Week

Women in Higher Education week was held in week 3 of this semester. The week was collaboration between Women's, Education and Activities. On the Tuesday, we held a panel discussion event called 'Storylines'; the event was relatively well attended and some great conversations took place. On the Thursday, we held the Women's department trivia night called 'Let's get Quizzical', this event was a lot of fun and this event was also relatively well attended (although we didn't get as much as last year). Special thanks to all the people who helped with the preparation and events for Women in Higher Education week.

Regular Events

Our regular events have been continuing as usual, with the addition of our newest event which is also in collaboration with the Queer Department 'Queer Girls Movie Night'.

Safety on Campus

I have now finished the first drafts of the sexual assault guides and have had an initial discussion about the content with Women's Committee. I will also be taking them to Women's Collective to ensure people within the department are also consulted about this element of the campaign. If you would like a copy of a draft to provide feedback, please feel free to contact me at a.mells@union.unimelb.edu.au

In terms of the campaign we will be running alongside this I would like there to be a focus on three things: Reporting procedure, support services and consent/respectful behaviour.

Universities Australia has just held the launch for their survey, which is set to be rolled out in the next few months. This survey was developed by the Australian Human Rights Commission, and will be extremely important in shaping the future conversations and proposed solutions to this issue.

Judy's Punch

Judy's Punch has been sailing smoothly, thanks to the work of the brilliant Amie Green. All sub-editors have their pieces, which we should be receiving in a few weeks. Amie has worked so tirelessly on layout and this year's edition of the magazine is looking fantastic. We are now in search of this year's front cover.

Women's Department Expenditure:

O-week/Winter Festival

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| O-Week Picnic | \$181.03 |
| Sweet Treats in the Women's Room | \$288 |

Regular Events (Weeks 1-4)

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Women of Colour Collective | \$228.25 |
| Women's Collective | \$81.30 |
| Queer Girls Movie Night | - |

Women's Mentoring Network

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Networking Night 1 | \$104.42 |
|--------------------|----------|

Women in Higher Education Week

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Storylines Panel | \$478.43 |
|------------------|----------|

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Let's Get Quizzical – Trivia Night | \$1031.50 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|

Judy's Punch (May, June & July)

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Co-editor payment | \$750 |
|-------------------|-------|

**Burnley Campus
Eranthos Beretta**

Key News: SEFS review, Day trip moved, successful food day

News and Events:

Tree adventure trip had to be moved to midsemester break

International food day , great success, worked with ASRC catering and local restaurants.

Nominations completed, sufficient student representation for 2017.

School of Ecosystem Forest Sciences (SEFS) is reviewing Burnley . Submitted report on behalf of all students on this campus. Can be provided on request.

Campus coordinator to have interview with SEFS review panel early September.

Working with campus director and academic director of Burnley to try and find suitable study path for undergraduates from ADUH now that Bachelor of Environmental Science has been discontinued.

Working with library to relocate lockers to student area also book donation from Cranbourne Botanic Garden.

No expenditures since last report.

Actions;

- 1: end of semester trip to be organized
- 2: midsemester trip to be organized
- 3: meeting with SEFS review panel.

**Victorian College of the Arts
Van Rudd**

We at the VCA are gearing up for the NUS student protest on August 24th against the Turnbull government's attacks on higher education. There'll be a musical act, speakers and some free food for students. The annual VCA Proud visual art exhibition is also starting August 25th with VCASA's contribution to a Social Justice and Gender and Sexual Equality prize. And planning is under way for the VCA Spoken Word event occurring in October for VCA and Melbourne Uni students.