

University of Melbourne Student Union
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**President
 Tyson Holloway-Clarke**

SSAF Allocations

On Monday the General Manager informed UMSU as to the status of the 2017-2019 SSAF Allocation. We can now confirm that pending formal signoff UMSU will be receiving 36.46% of all SSAF allocated during the period of the agreement. Based on current projections this would be an allocation of \$5 865 125, an increase of over \$1 535 445 on the 2016 SSAF allocation of \$4 329 680. For the remainder of the year I will be working with the General Manager to support divisional managers and student representative departments in consideration for new or extended programs.

The accumulated surplus of SSAF and 5% of the total collected SSAF will be kept in contingency for the duration of the deal and will be subject to distribution through a bidding process. UMSU has already contacted and started the conversation around joint submissions in partnership with other groups within the University.

Student Precinct

We are currently engaging with the second Urban Design Framework and progress is moving along well. We have provided feedback around some potential UMSU accommodation in the precinct and no accommodations have been fully confirmed. I am pleased to note that based on the current work being done it appears as though a full suite of arts and cultural facilities with no compromises can be accommodated in the Student Precinct. While we are making meaningful progress there is still a great deal to consider, especially around the potentiality of a move in the next three years.

Special Consideration

The University have convened a Special Consideration Academic Advisory Group that I sit on and a Special Consideration Practice Leaders Advisory Group that Phoebe Churches, the Advocacy & Legal Divisional Manager sits on. In response to a poor showing last semester and work we have done in holding the University accountable for the outcomes of last semester these two groups have been convened to focus on delivering improved service provision. This includes but is not limited to reviewing responsibilities and delegations, and reviewing faculty and university services practices and procedures with the aim to both create a more uniform and consistent experience for students applying for special consideration, maintaining academic rigour, and not placing undue burden on students with ongoing disadvantages or acute. Discussions will be ongoing until December but improvements are already underway and I am optimistic that these groups will provide means for improvements.

Corporate Services Provision

Unfortunately Sue Elliott has become seriously ill before we had the opportunity to work together as we intended to test a variety of potential outcomes of a changed services model. In the interim the General Manager and the General Secretary and I met with Margaret Shiel who will have carriage of the issue in Sue's absence. Unfortunately Margaret has only been able to meet with us once and has not engaged with us in a meaningful or satisfying way in her carriage of the issue.

**General Secretary
James Bashford**

No report submitted

**Activities
Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock**

No Report Submitted

**Clubs & Societies
Ryan Davey & Yasmine Luu**

No Report Submitted

Creative Arts
Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong

Key activities:

Life Drawing & Botanic Drawing

The next drawing session is Botanic Drawing on the 13th of September, 12pm-2pm in the System Gardens. The next Life Drawing session is on the 4th of October, 12pm-2pm in the Arts Lab. Attendance has been consistently high, with old and new faces each week.

Above Water

Our launch party took place in Stop 2 and was a lot of fun. Students performed readings of their works and 3 student music groups performed. It was nice to see so many students come together from different student groups to celebrate the publication. The winners were announced on the night.

Tastings

Was between 8th-10th September in the Guild theatre. The last Saturday night performance was Auslan interpreted. (This report was written before Tastings actually happened so we can give an update at council).

Grants

Next grant round closes 6th October, this will be our final grant round for the year. The quality of applications has been consistently high, and we've funded a bunch of accessible and sustainable work. In particular, captioning and Auslan interpreting for theatre shows has increased, and the George Paton Gallery has had consistent attendance to their exhibitions (tactile tour + audio descriptions).

Talking Out 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

Applications to our short film competition have closed. UMFC are running a captioning workshop in week 8 and we will start captioning all of the films for the festival. A screening and Q and A with Genevieve Bailey has been organised in conjunction with MIFF, and a screening of some Richard Frankland films, with a Q and A, organised in conjunction with the Wilin Centre. A filmic exhibition is happening in the George Paton Gallery before and during the festival, so it's shaping up to be a varied program.

Creative Arts Collective

Every Thursday between 1pm and 3pm in the Arts Lab! As well as the mural project, the collective have been undergoing screen printing workshops with Susan Hewitt. Come along to achieve your creative dreams.

Disabilities
Jess Kapuscinski-Evan & Christian Tsoutsouvas

We will be holding a listening party tomorrow night where we will play some music and podcasts about disability. The speakers for our disability feminism event with the Women's Department are pretty much confirmed. Whilst attendance at our Disability and Journalism event was small, we did have some great debate and discussion. We hope to be screening Freaks and Daredevil in the Rowden White library soon. Finally we would like to hold an event with the Welfare Department leading up to exams.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal

No Report Submitted

Education (Public Affairs)
Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz

No Report Submitted

Environment
Zac Power & Anisa Rogers

Sustainability Plan:

The report is almost at final draft phase, and Anisa is pushing for the draft to be released for a week long public consultation. Anisa is in many conversations about using the momentum of the plan to push for more formalised structures in the university that give students the resources and connections to drive sustainability solutions on campus.

Bike co-op:

The bike co-op continues to see an increase in people using the service as well as volunteering their time, especially as the weather gets nicer!

Enviro expo:

We held a successful enviro expo a few weeks ago on concrete lawn with some stalls including the really free market (clothes and everything swap), plant stall, bake sale, bike co-op, fossil free and zine stall. We are planning one for this Thursday.

Dumpster diving workshop:

We held this in the food co-op and it was very popular! We are thinking of running more.

Hand-over:

Anisa has begun writing detailed handover documents :)

Screenings:

We have been having some good movie nights on Wednesday nights, and are holding a joint screening with the Postgraduate Environment Network on Thursday night to show A Simpler Way. One of the producers is a research fellow at MSSl, Samuel Alexander, and will be talking about the film and taking questions.

**Indigenous
Wunambi Connor & Emily Kayte James**

Social

The Indigenous Department has hosted 3 events thus far for the semester.

1. The Welcome Back Dinner and Drinks @ The Clyde Hotel
2. Bowling @ Strike Bowling
3. A Movie Night in Conjunction with the Environments Department

Under Bunjil is currently taking submissions with the editing process beginning in Week 8.

Welcome Back Dinner & Drinks	\$1800.00
Bowling	\$600
Movie Night	\$60

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

Farrago:

Edition Seven has been released and our launch party was on 7 September. This was the election edition and was very well received – after two weeks in circulation, all 3K copies are on stands or have been taken.

In collaboration with the Disabilities department, we hosted a Disabilities in the Media panel on 23 August to discuss the best ways to represent and report on disabilities. This was recorded and the video will go up next week on Farrago Video.

Farrago Video has released two videos in the past two weeks. 'Commerce Ball Red Carpet Coverage' reached 15K people while 'How to Get Away with Student Campaigners' reached 12K.

Radio Fodder:

We are continuing to broadcast every Wednesday at the Farmer's Market, now in collaboration with AV Melbourne. We currently have around 30 programmes scheduled each week and podcasts are being regularly uploaded and promoted by social media channels. The website is also gradually undergoing a facelift.

Above Water:

Above Water was launched on 30 August where the winners were announced. Many students from the Creative Arts and Media department attended. Three student bands performed during the event and writers published in the anthology read their work out. *Above Water* is now available on UMSU stands.

Expenditure:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item
C#6	21/4/16	Above Water Printing	2500	Printing
C#15	25/8/16	Above Water Printing	230	Special Projects & Events
C#6	21/4/16	Above Water Printing	1000	Whole of Union
C#11	19/5/16	Above Water Launch	495.82	Special Projects & Events
C#15	25/8/16	Farrago Ed7 Printing	\$11740	Printing
C#15	25/8/16	Farrago Ed7 Launch	454.50	Special Projects & Events
C#15	25/8/16	Disabilities Panel	101.72	Special Projects & Events

Queer
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye

Queer OB Report

Key Activities

Racism in the Queer Community Workshop

-We held a racism in the Queer Community workshop and were very happy with attendance and the quality of the workshop.

Monash Pride Ball

-We have organised between Monash Queer Department to each buy 10 tickets for each of our respective pride balls and had members from the UMSU queer collective attend their Queer Ball on Friday the 2nd of September

Regular events

Our regular events: Trans Collective, Queer People of Colour Collective and Queer Lunch have been continuing as usual. We now have held 3 Queer Girls movie nights in conjunction with the Women's Department and our last screening of Saving Face had a higher than average attendance which we were very pleased with. We also have continued with our weekly radio show and most recently did a radio show in conjunction with our anti-racism workshop with one of the people running the workshop.

Pride Ball

Finalised details with the venue Bobby McGee's with regards to the running of Pride Ball and the food and beverages to be provided.

Planned Future Actions

Deakin’s Queer Ball

Discussing with Deakin about the possibility of buying tickets to each other’s Pride Balls, similar to what we have done with Monash Queer Ball.

Bendigo Street

Lotus has been involved with the Bendigo Street occupation and interviewing various people there. Currently we are looking at the possibility of doing a workshop or panel with LGBTQ+ members of that community or on homelessness in general given the rate of queer youth homelessness

Expenditure

Meeting Date	Description	Cost	Line Item
July 27 th	Workshop, Racism in Queer Community	\$100	Special events/projects
August 10 th	Food for Racism workshop	\$103.5	Food and Beverages
August 10 th	Queer Girl Movie Night	\$171.95	Food and Beverages

Welfare
Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

No Report Submitted

Women’s
Adriana Mells

I was on leave during week 7; none of the Women’s department regular events went ahead during this week with the exception of the Anti Racism Workshop. Thanks to Sarah Xia for organising it.

During week 6, Women’s Collective was replaced for a one-off Women’s Action Collective to discuss the sexual assault guides. This event was incredibly productive, and it was fantastic to hear the thoughts and feedback from students (some who had never engaged with the department before as well).

The national sexual assault in universities survey was launched a few weeks ago, since then there has been a dramatic increase in students wanting to know how to report to the University. If a student contacts you about this, please refer them onto the Safer Community Program. I will also be contacting you all within the next week or so to talk about promotion of the survey.

Tyson, James and I attended an event with the Sex Discrimination Commission Kate Jenkins, to talk about issues surrounding sexual assault/reporting at Universities and the sector wide survey. It was really fantastic to hear from other Women's Officers from different universities in Victoria about the experiences that they have had and the responses from their universities. It was also good to hear from the Australian Human Rights Commission about the survey design and the fact that they seem to want to work with student representatives about this matter.

**Burnley Campus
Eranthos Beretta**

No Report Submitted

**Victorian College of the Arts
Van Rudd**

OB report by Van T Rudd

Sep 8th, 2016

August 24th National Day of Action

It was great to see students come along to the VCA part of the protest held in the student lounge. I along with a number of speakers reminded students of the attacks on higher education that the Turnbull government is waging. A contingent of VCA students showed their anger and frustration at deregulation plans with a great sing-a-long and chant against Turnbull towards the end of the musical act. This energy tended to reflect the overall vibe at the main protest at the State Library later in the day.

Spoken Word

VCASA will also be continuing on with the VCA Spoken Word event planned for the Grant Street Theatre on 18th October. Posters and other announcements about this will be going out soon.

Proud

The VCA Proud exhibition was a highlight for VCA students held on August 25th to 29th. It was great to hear of the winners of the VCASA sponsored Social Justice and Gender and Sexual Equality awards.

Anti-Racism

While the environment of racism heats up in Australia more now with the mainstream media hype of One Nation and Pauline Hanson, the VCA campus is ripe for an anti-racism event due to the successes of events like Halal Not Hanson at Parkville. It would be worth holding this event after the Spoken Word event in late October.

Recommendations:

That \$3000 be used from the VCA dept Special Events budget line to food/bevs and 2 x musicians and other sound tech costs to hold an anti-racism event on VCA campus.