

University of Melbourne Student Union

**Office Bearer Reports
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**President
James Baker**

Throughout the beginning of the year, there has been almost no movement in the university, so there is almost nothing to talk about around that. However, there are a multitude of meetings that have been organised for the next few weeks.

Bar

Progress has been made for the UMSU bar, and we have written confirmation that, if we are successful in the running of the bar, then we would be considered to run the bar that was Prince Alfred's.

We are using a consultant to prepare a business plan and source food vendors for the running of the bar.

The bar has also been painted, which no looks nice and refreshing, in comparison to the dark and gloomy space that it previously was.

Volunteering

Throughout January there have been a couple of volunteering programs that occurred under UMSU, and these were the VCE Summer School, and Destination Melbourne, both of which were a success. I would like to congratulate the directors for both of the programs on their hard work in ensuring these programs ran ahead successfully.

SSAF Awareness Campaign

The Communications and Marketing team have provided us with the information to go ahead with the SSAF awareness campaign, as well as the design for the logo that will be used in all of the UMSU O-Week publications, and the publications for the future.

If you wish to see the brief that they have supplied, please come and see me in my office.

**General Secretary
James Bashford**

Key activities:

Induction:

Induction for incoming Office Bearers was held in the first week of December last year. The program was put together by Goldie, James Baker and myself and included sessions with each staffing division, an all of UMSU meeting, the first meeting of Students' Council, planning sessions and more. Unfortunately we've had a lot of OBs overseas for induction this year but training sessions will continue to be held over time to ensure everyone is able to catch up on some of the training they missed out on

NUS National Conference:

NUS National Conference was held from December 7th-11th last year, attended by several delegates and observers from UMSU including myself. Key decisions were made regarding the education campaign for this year with the date of the first NDA set down for April 13th.

Several observers were given subsidies by UMSU to assist them in attending the conference, contingent on them submitting a report following the conference. Initially these reports were due on January 8th however this date was just after the Christmas/New Year holidays and was while I was overseas and unable to follow up grant recipients on their reports. This has resulted in only two reports being submitted so I would recommend this deadline be extended.

NUS National Executive:

During National Conference I was elected to the National Executive of NUS (essentially their equivalent of Students' Council. This is the first time in several years someone from Melbourne University has been elected to this position where I will also sit on the Constitutional Review Committee. This is a great chance for UMSU members to have more insight and access to NUS so if anybody wants to talk to me about issues or wants me to propose some constitutional changes to take to the committee, let me know.

NUS Presidents' Summit:

Last week I attended NUS Presidents' Summit as a member of the National Executive and on behalf of James Baker to represent UMSU. The summit included report backs from each of the National Office Bearers and allowed me to make sure they had contact details of our campus counterparts. A large focus of the summit was on the education campaign in the year ahead as well as comparing experiences of SSAF with other organisations. A screening of The Hunting Ground, a documentary on campus sexual assaults, was also held with a briefing on how this documentary will be rolled out with NUS over the next year.

Education Campaign:

This year the National Union of Students will be focussing on prioritising greater funding of higher education as an election issue. It's campaign will be called "Fund our future, fight for our future" and will incorporate surveys on the important issues for students, National Days of Action (with the first to be held on April 13th) and direct involvement in the election campaign modelled off the successful "We Are Union" model used in Victoria in 2014. On campus this will be coordinated by our Education Public officers and I attended the first Education Action Group for the year last Friday to share this information and campus planning is now underway.

SSAF Logo and Campaign:

A secondary focus of NUS this year will be campaigns to build support and awareness of the SSAF and SSAF funded services. This will include a spinoff campaign from the NUS Women's department focussing on services particularly benefitting women students, arising from some of the data from last year's Talk About It survey. This will work well with the work UMSU is already doing to promote SSAF with a "Brought to you by SSAF" logo now designed and being applied to UMSU materials. This logo has been designed with the hope that it will also be adopted by other SSAF funded bodies and services at Melbourne Uni and ensure greater awareness that the SSAF doesn't go entirely to UMSU. This is a lower order priority campaign as SSAF is not under imminent threat and we don't want to inadvertently bring it under threat by putting it too high on the agenda, but rather lay the groundwork for a campaign to defend it if necessary.

Flexible Academic Programming (FAP):

A key topic discussed at the last Education Action Group was the Flexible Academic Programming project being headed by Gregor Kennedy. We have many reasons to be optimistic about the Universities approach to being consultative on this project with student reps on each of the 8 working groups (including myself on the Larger Undergraduate Classrooms stream). Nonetheless this project could lead to very significant restructures to the way our university works and precedents at other Universities of similar moves are cause for concern (eg: Future Ready at La Trobe and "Balanced Semesters" at UTS). This demands that as the Student Union we remain vigilant of any changes being mooted as part of this process. At this stage we are planning a campaign to inform students of possible upcoming changes and ensure there is pressure on the University to keep students informed. What we don't want is a repeat of the BIP, where Chancellery used a veil of consultation to very quickly and efficiently push through mass staff cuts which has had widespread detrimental effects across the University. Of particular concern is the lack of information the University is providing to the NTEU, even though one of the workstreams explicitly focuses on the "Academic Workforce".

Students' Council:

Managing Student's Council is one of my central responsibilities. So far the year has had a very promising start with the first meeting of council during induction not only being quorate but managing to pass a budget earlier than any year in recent memory. While things have slowed down over summer, I've been working on improving the way information is disseminated to Councillors. I've set up a Mailchimp account which will hopefully make sending agendas and meeting notice much more efficient. Importantly this also allows councillors to update their contact details and for all students to easily subscribe to council emails through a form that is now on the website.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Website Updates:

I've had significant difficulties updating UMSU's website due to not having access to many pages I need access to, a very slow computer which struggles with editing and the general clunkiness of the website. I'll be working with the Communications department to help get things back in order and make it much easier to find important information about council and committees, as well as updating a lot of out of date information.

Committee Meetings:

I'm hoping to attend committee meetings over the next month to help make sure new OB's are confident in running meetings and processes are being followed correctly. For autonomous departments I don't identify with I will consult with the relevant OB's to see if they would like me to attend. Several committees are already meeting which is a good sign at this time of the year!

Budget expenditure since last report:

As the Secretariat doesn't have a budget (beyond a small stationary one) I won't usually have expenditure to report, but will do so when relevant.

Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
UMSU Aprons	\$529.50	Whole of Union	Incl. GST. From 2015 budget.
UMSU tote bags	\$1970	Whole of Union	Incl. GST. From 2015 budget.
UMSU stressballs	\$1420	Whole of Union	Incl. GST. From 2015 budget.
UMSU Shirts	\$1168	Whole of Union	Incl. GST. From 2015 budget.
UMSU jumpers	\$1340	Whole of Union	Incl. GST. From 2015 budget.

Activities
Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock

Key activities:

#1 Luna Park

Luna Park venue has been booked along with the Monash Activities department for Friday of O-week, 26th February. With a park capacity of 1000 we will sell 500 and Monash 500. The event will run for three hours from 4pm-7pm with unlimited rides for all attending. Tickets will be selling at a price of \$25 each from the info desk from Monday 15th Feb.

#2 Start of University Party (SoUP)

Everything is on the way to being ordered and finalised in quantity. We will have 4 Pines beer and cider supplying this event. Vodka Cruisers will also be purchased for this event in 4 flavours people seemed to like the most- Guava, Raspberry, Pineapple and Zesty. There will also be a DJ and lights show with free pizza for people attending. Tickets for this event will be \$20 which is more than last year but we are making the drinks cheaper with \$2 beer, \$2 cider and \$3 Cruisers. This event will run on Wednesday 9th of March from 7-12am.

Luna Park and SoUP flyers have been designed, double sided. We've confirmed to get 5000 printed to put in bags. 3,600 for student showbags and 500 for host ones. The rest will be handed out at our Tuesday O-week stall. Cost of this will be \$660.

#3 Trivia 1: St Paddies Day

We will be hosting our first trivia night on St Paddies day in the Grand Buffet Hall from 6pm-11pm. We will be serving Guinness kegs along with cider and most likely leftover cruisers from SoUP. We may have to up the beer prices slightly to \$4 per beer from last year to account for inflation and increased cost of Guinness.

#4 Zedtown

We are currently in contact to arrange a meeting with the University security in regards to this event. We plan to run this event on the Easter Sunday when campus will be empty and security are most likely to allow the event to go ahead. Once we get the clear we'll start looking at advertising and promoting this event as it will be a brand new event. Not confirmed yet but looking at doing tickets to cover some of the costs and ensure people commit, not sure on prices but probably around \$10-15.

**#5 Bands, BBQs and Bevs
Mondays**

We will run BBQs on Mondays from week 2 to 6 on North Court from 1-2pm. We also plan to run a final Monday BBQ at Burnley campus during week 7 or whenever suits them best.

Tuesdays

BBQs will run as per last year weekly serving food from 1-2pm.

Week

- 1: Pierce Brothers
- 2: Kate Miller Heidke, The Darjeelings
- 3: Jakubi, Flying Bison
- 4: Lunchbox Laughter
- 5: The Beards, John Citizen
- 6: Methyl Ethyl
- 7: Dallas Frasca
- 8: BABBA
- 9: Lime Cordial
- 10: Kings
- 11: The Pockets
- 12: Totally Mild

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

No actions assigned

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Action#1: Finalise SoUP payments and orders

Make sure all expenses for SoUP are paid for and ordered to allow the event to run smoothly on the day.

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
02/16	10/02/2016	Luna Park venue hire	\$13,500	3839	
		Luna Park and SoUP ticket printing	\$170.50	3839	

Clubs & Societies
Ryan Davey & Yasmin Luu

Clubs Guide:

The C&S Department is again putting together its annual Clubs Guide to distribute at O-Week and throughout the year. Beginning in December, we began compiling the descriptions and contact information for our 210 affiliated clubs and societies, as well as several theatre groups. The guide will also be accompanied by a leaflet of club events during O-Week. This small additional handout will provide students attending orientation with more information of how to settle in and make friends in their first weeks at university. The designs of both publications are currently being designed by the Communications and Marketing Division to be signed off in the next week.

Camp Welfare Workshops and Guide:

C&S has continued working with Sally Coates and Ben Purvis in the Safer Communities Program to deliver welfare training to clubs who run camps to ensure that appropriate guidance is provided to students on camps. This involves having Camp Welfare Officers, and other measures to ensure that safety is the chief concern. Sessions for 2016 have already begun, and we will be aiming to have more sessions available for camp leaders than ever before. The Department is also updating the camp welfare guide which is used as a hardcopy resource which clubs can take on the camps.

Events

O-Week will be a busy time for C&S with a stall running all day Tuesday as well as the huge Clubs Expo on the Thursday and Friday. We will also continue to run the C&S Collective throughout Semester, giving club committees the chance to provide the department with feedback and ideas for future events. The last big event for clubs in Semester 1 will be the Clubs Carnival in the early weeks of term.

The Executive Handbook

This project will be ongoing throughout the year. Our goal is to compile a comprehensive guide on all areas of running a club. When completed, this handbook will then be put up on the departments website for easy access.

<h2>Creative Arts</h2> <h3>Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong</h3>
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Key activities:

Planning for:

mini-festivals:

- SIGNAL Festival: (soon-to-be-renamed) A live art festival over 6 weeks [12 April-19 May, Tuesdays-Thursdays @ 12pm-2pm] spread across campus grounds
- TASTINGS: The biennale festival for original student performances (including dance, theatre, devised work etc), to be held in the Guild Theatre [Week of 12-17 September]
- Film Festival: (name tbc) to be held in the Union Theatre [Week of 19-23 September]

Ongoing Events:

- Life Drawing: twice a month, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, based on feedback from past attendees)
- WordPlay (led by Media Office)
- Grants Writing Workshop: led by Dr Amanda Coles last year and well-received by attendees, we are looking into repeating this event this year to help facilitate independent artistic projects after university
- Talking Out of Your ARTS (TOoYA): one Friday per month, student-led talk about the work they have been working on that has been presented during that month
- Outdoor Office: Every fortnight or so we plan on taking our office outside, probably to South Lawn, and conduct our meetings, work etc there with the aim of making ourselves more visible and accessible.

O-Week

We will be present on the Tuesday and Wednesday of O-week to meet new students, introduce ourselves, and ensure that they are aware of where we are and the available assistance we can

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

N/A

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Budget Approval/Committee Meeting:

Our next committee meeting is currently scheduled for the 10th of February, and we are hoping to have all events confirmed and our budget approved by this time. We will then advertise our grants, workshops, festival applications and other events through the UMSU website and Facebook page.

Disabilities
Jess Kapuscinski-Evan & Christian Tsoutsouvas

We have passed the following initial budget:

\$1250 for O'Week,

\$10,000 for events,

\$1000 for grants,

\$4850 for campaigns (such as our poster campaign to reduce stigma surrounding disability) \$1000 for collectives and support groups,

\$3500 for guest speakers

\$100 for printing

\$50 for telephone usage

\$5000 for continuing our Auslan classes from last year, and

\$1500 for film screenings

This year in our campaigns and events we are planning to focus on intersectionality and the department's openness to all levels of disability.

We have made plans for O'Week to hold a screening and discussion event of a TV pilot episode or feature film featuring disability. This is part of a series of similar screenings we are planning on holding throughout the year. As of yet we are still trying to get in contact with a film company that can give us permission to screen one of the shows/films we had shortlisted. At our stall we will be giving away USBs and department guides, which this year will have personal stories and tips from successful disabled students as well as a map marking out the quiet and accessible spaces on the Parkville campus.

We are also planning to hold a workshop at the VCA campus on how to portray disability in the arts, and work with Creative Arts on projects related to access and representation.

We are also planning on continuing the work of previous Office Bearers Sasha and Susannah towards the offering sign language studies by the School of Languages and Linguistics.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal

Key activities:

Student Representative Network (SRN)

The SRN is one of the main activities run by the Education Academic department. Late last year, we were involved in selecting this year's SRN, which comprises over 50 representatives. SRN reps sit on the senior decision-making committees across the university, representing students. We come together for regular SRN meetings to discuss major issues and plan to achieve change. We had our first meeting yesterday, which was

highly constructive. Minutes will be provided to the Education Committee but are available upon request to any member of Students' Council. All members of Students' Council are also welcome to attend these meetings, and can contact us if they would like to be added to our Facebook group.

The SRN is a joint initiative of UMSU and the GSA, but this is not formally acknowledged in UMSU policy. In conjunction with Emily De Rango of the GSA we are redrafting a policy to rectify this and will present it to Council soon.

Counter Course Handbook

The Education Academic Affairs officers took responsibility for the course review section of this year's counter course handbook. We received 88 submissions, which will be included in the final document. For the first time, we have also catalogued the course outline and available subject list for every discipline of every course, providing a valuable one-stop course resource for students that doesn't exist in that format elsewhere. We will continue to add to the online handbook over the year with the intention of turning into a full and comprehensive course advice guide, complete with the sort of logistical and technical information that students usually have to consult student centres about, which can be a stressful process. Any suggestions for valuable inclusions in this project are welcome.

Misconduct Hearings

The Education Academic Affairs officers are responsible for overseeing student representatives on academic and general misconduct hearings university-wide. We were trained for this late last year, along with several other OBs, and have served on several hearings over summer. Whilst the experience has generally been positive, we have identified a lack of consistent and fair application of precedence across different faculties. We will be pursuing this issue through the SRN in the hopes of introducing clearer and more transparent guidelines.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

N/A

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description		Line-Item	Comments
01/11	18/12/2011	(Budget for year passed)			
02/11	Xx/xx/2011	Tote bags for O Week	\$2,000		
		Printing of Counter Course Handbook	\$3500		
		O Week giveaways	\$300		

Education (Public Affairs)
Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz

Key activities:

Counter Course Handbook:

In conjunction with the Education Academic department, we have now completed all the content for the 2016 Counter Course Handbook and it has been submitted to comms for editing. We have since heard back from comms and seen the final copy.

Education Action Group:

I have set up the Facebook group to become more communicative, created a new graphic and held two EAGs. It was a great success with attendance from the NTEU. We hope to have close collaboration with the NTEU.

O-Week:

Young Workers Victoria will be coming in under the Education Public stall on the Wednesday of O-Week to promote their services and help educate young people on their rights at work. We are in the process of

Flexible Academic Programme (FAP):

The University had begun the process of the so called Flexible Academic Programme (FAP), a series of 'workstreams' that will investigate a variety of issues, including course design, technology timetabling and semester structure. The primary aims of the FAP are to improve flexibility, quality and efficiency at the University. In response we have begun to formulate ideas for a campaign. At the moment we are continuing to monitor how the workstreams develop.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Hold another EAG/working bee on the 15th of Feb:

We will have another EAG in the OB spaces on the 15th of February which everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We will continue to prepare for O-Week.

Have a coherent campaign plan for Semester 1:

After the next EAG there will be more direction of the campaign planned for semester 1. I will then be creating materials for the campaign and organising events.

FAP campaign

We are assessing how best respond to the FAP. We wait to see what results from the workstreams as well as how the University engages in the consultation process. We look forward to planning how we will respond.

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
02/15	20/01/2015	Tote Bags	\$2000	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line	These have been ordered now, for \$2145 (including GST)
		Counter Course Handbook Printing	\$3500	Printing Line	
		Foodstuff/Freebies for OWeek	\$300	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events Line	

**Environment
Zac Power & Anisa Rogers**

We are currently working to organise the office, develop our capacity to best respond to enquiries, requests and proposals and develop plans for 2016.

At the first meeting of Students' Council's Operations subcommittee (16 Dec 2015) two motions were passed to allow the office to procure UMSU T-shirts and an UMSU Environment Department pull up

banner, and this planned expenditure has been accrued to allow these items to be procured this year. We are currently working with the UMSU communications Department to potentially develop a new design and order these items.

Anisa sat the panel at the Sustainability Charter forum (16 Dec 2015), and emphasised the need for the university commitments to translate to fundamental changes to way the organisation operates to reflect a genuine commitment to sustainability.

Anisa attended and helped organise the Australian Students Environment Network training camp (20 - 25 Jan 2016) and then spent some time at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on invasion/survival day as part of an ongoing commitment to learning about and supporting first nation resistance. The relationships made and strengthened on this trip will help organizing cross campus events and educating students on environment, first nations and social justice campaigns and movements around australia, especially for the Students of Sustainability conference.

The cyclist advocacy organisation, the Squeaky Wheel has proposed UMSU become a communication support of their Bike Spot project. The project is essentially about providing a platform for cyclists to identifying areas where improved infrastructure is required and promote safe cycling, and becoming a communication supporter requires an the organisation to endorse the project and commit to promoting the project through whatever channels we have available. We will be moving a motion at the next Students' Council meeting to allow UMSU to become and communication support. If successful, the Environment Department will take primary responsibility for the promotion of the project.

We are engaged in O-Week preparations and plan to hold an Environment Department stall on carnival day (23 Feb) and a department event in afternoon of the following day. We are currently developing a small resource on the Environment Department that can be distributed during O-Week.

We are also planning to hold an environmental film screening event early in semester one.

Indigenous
Tyson Holloway-Clarke & Emily Kayte James

The Indigenous Department rolls on with a number of important projects already underway. Our partnership with Murrup Barak has strengthened over the summer on a number of fronts and we eagerly anticipate the biggest cohort and intake of Indigenous students in the University's history. There have also been a number of staffing changes that have largely been for the better. I reaffirm the relationship between the Union, students and Murrup Barak has never been stronger.

Indigenous OWeek- Transition In Camp

Emily and I have been coordinating with Murrup Barak on the upcoming Indigenous OWeek, dubbed the Transition In Camp since late last year and the final steps are being taken to ensure the week is successful. The week is designed to both prepare students for the semester and years ahead with meet and greets and informational sessions tailored by the faculties and start to forge the incredibly important social and cultural bonds to the University of Melbourne. Murrup Barak has been incredibly professional and considerate of our input to the point of allowing us creative control of the project and its goals. While the camp has not happened yet, I anticipate a great deal of praise for the new Student Recruitment and Support Team Leader Kiernan Ironfield and the great work of his team. Kiernan has gone out of his way to facilitate a healthy and productive work relationship between the student body and Union.

Staffing Changes to Murrup Barak

A number of staffing changes both at the student support level and administration and projects level has taken affect at Murrup Barak. It is noteworthy that the Indigenous Officers and thusly the collective have been informed of the reviews and changes at every step of the way. I have also been consulted in confidence as to the situation where appropriate and provided my own feedback for the student body- feedback that has apparently been taken on board and acted on.

At these early stages we cannot know the effects the changes will have though I am largely optimistic that the introduction of key new staff members will have a positive effect. One concern is the lack of women on the front line of the student support team but this is a concern that Murrup Barak is well aware of and currently trying to remedy.

There is also the added potential of students being employed on a casual basis by Murrup Barak in an effort to focus on the development of new projects and processes aimed at supporting students and lightening the load of administrative work. With work like ITAS and other filing appropriate for current undergraduates it is likely that some students would have the chance to come on board.

There has also been discussion and positive feedback about creating a space for the Indigenous Office Bearers in Murrup Barak. While not confirmed, renovations to the Murrup Barak space would allow for a desk and space for Office Bearers to spend more time in Murrup Barak in direct service of students needs and strengthen the bond between the University and the Union. While for some this may be concerning, the positive and constructive relationship and the shared goals between the Indigenous Department and Murrup Barak is at stark contrast to many other departments and their contemporaries and colleagues across the University.

<p>Media Danielle Bagnato, Sebastian Dodds, Caleb Triscari & Baya Ou Yang</p>

Key activities:

The past two months have been completely devoted to setting up the Media Office.

FARRAGO:

Edition One is on its way! December was entirely devoted to building up a team of subeditors, graphics contributors, reporters, columnists and other wonderful people. Submissions have closed and we are now deciding on where the successful articles will be placed in the magazine. The first edition is planned for release during O-Week for all the newbies to pick up and be dazzled by.

RADIO:

A brand new bunch of presenters have just been welcomed to the studio and are set to begin broadcasting. Our new line-up features topics from spoken word to science fiction plays. We've also started making the studio appear a little more homey and stylish.

Moreover, after some reflection and consultation, we believe there should be a name change from "The Fodder" to "Radio Fodder". There will be more details on this in a subsequent motion.

VIDEO:

A new focus of the Media Department this year is to develop a video platform. The video equipment purchased last year has arrived and projects are currently being carried out with the help of our shiny new video team. We also have a Youtube channel up and running and look forward to bringing you some snazzy content for students to feast their eyes on.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Action#1: Begin work on *Farrago* Edition Two.

Action #2: Radio broadcasters begin their seasons.

Action #3: Publish video content.

Action #4: Prepare *Farrago* Edition One launch party.

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item
Council #25	29/10/2015	2 x Canon EOS 700D	\$1316.00	Special Events and Projects
OpSub #16	24/11/2015	Behringer Xenyx 302USB 5 Input Mixer with USB	\$101.00	UMSU Radio
Council #1	01/12/2015	Rode Boompole	\$129.00	Whole of Union
		Rode Boompole Clips - Pack of 5	\$13.00	Whole of Union
		Reflector	\$64.00	Whole of Union
		Chroma Key Green Screen Backdrop	\$119.00	Whole of Union
		Dot Line Double Handle Rig with Shoulder Pad	\$149.72	Whole of Union
		Vidpro XM-88 Shotgun Microphone Kit	\$117.77	Whole of Union
		IndiPRO Tools Mini Box XLR to 3.5mm	\$95.65	Whole of Union
		2 x Canon EF-S 18-55mm f/3.5-5.6 IS STM Lens	\$566.00	Whole of Union
		Aputure Amaran Halo HC100 LED Ring Flash for Canon CRI95+	\$69.00	Whole of Union

**Queer
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye**

Key Activities:

- **Budget and Planning**
The budget for 2016 was passed while a rough schedule for key events throughout the year (Pride Ball, Rad Sex and Consent Week) was established
- **O-Week Planning**
The main activity has been preparation for O-Week and welcome events for new students. The O-Week stall will feature goodie bags and a zine with contributions from other queer students that act as a guide to the queer community at the University of Melbourne and Melbourne in general. A welcome picnic/BBQ has also been planned on South Lawn
- **Establishment of Collectives and Weekly Activities**
Times and rooms have also been booked for regular activities run by the Queer Department, such as various collectives and events like Wednesday lunches. This include co-ordinating with the people running collectives, establishing time and place, and calculating rough costs for activities.

List of Planned Actions:

- **Maintenance of Queer Space**
To clean up and continue to ensure the Queer Space is in good shape and supplied for the new academic year with resources such as condoms, art supplies, snacks etc., as well as appropriate guides and posters such as pronouns whiteboard and traditional acknowledgement of land
- **Networking with Other Queer Organisations**
To establish contact with local organisations in Melbourne, possibly for future collaborations. A notable example of this is the collaboration with the GSA in organising a Professional Networking Night in February
- **Budgeting funds for future events**
To continue working out and planning for costs of future events

- **Campaigning**
To continue campaigns and lobbying with the University such as the 'We Need to Pee' campaign, ensuring gender-neutral bathrooms in the new student union building, and adjusting university policy so 'trans' is not listed as a third gender option

Welfare
Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

Since moving into the Welfare Office, we have been busy setting up for 2016. We are continuing popular events and programs such as the weekly free breakfasts, while expanding into new and exciting areas such as Monday Mingle social events and the autonomous People of Colour Collective. Since the last meeting of Students' Council on 27 January, the Welfare Committee met and passed the 2016 budget for the department, which was very exciting.

We would like to thank the previous Welfare Officer, James Bashford, for his wonderful advice and support during the handover period. Equipment and food purchased at the end of last year has assisted our organisation of ongoing projects/events such as the Food Bank and free breakfasts, and has been particularly valuable in running the Food Bank efficiently over the semester break.

Welfare Handbook

We are delighted to announce that we are in the process of creating and printing the new Welfare Handbook, with the assistance of the UMSU Communications Department. Despite some difficulty confirming details of support services due to the new merger of a variety of crucial student services into the 13MELB phone number, production is underway and 3000 copies are being printed in time for O Week and Semester 1. This will provide a helpful guide for students, as support services available to students can often be confusing and hard to find, particularly with the recent changes to support service structures with the introduction of Stop 1.

Food Bank

The Food Bank has already seen some use over the semester break, and an ongoing challenge will be finding storage space. We are already using a significant section of the storage area behind the C&S Offices to store food and amenities, but this space cannot fit all of the associated Food Bank items. Additionally, as we are not able to obtain the key to this area, access can be limited at times and requires support from security. Some basic food packs are now available at the UMSU Information Desk on Ground Floor, Union House, and we are looking at placing some food packs at the UMSU FBE Pod once it opens for semester 1.

Free Breakfasts, Free Yoga and Stress Less Week

Free breakfasts will be continuing on Thursday mornings, and we have booked BBQ times and locations for the year. Volunteer recruitment is underway through our Welfare Volunteer Program, which is being advertised across multiple platforms. We have already received over 150 sign-ups to our program through our mailing list, and anticipate more interest in the build-up to semester.

Free yoga will be continuing on Tuesday evenings from 5:30pm-6:30pm, and we are confirming locations for our classes. We have booked Training Rooms 1&2 for most nights, but may seek a larger location for the classes.

This year the Welfare Department will run Stress Less Week in Week 6 of Semester 1, and the planning stages have just begun. We plan to work with Wellness@Melbourne and other UMSU Departments to create a fun and important week for students.

Future Planning

In the next few weeks we will continue planning for the year ahead and preparing for early events in the semester. Sarah will be doing RSA training in mid-February and has recently completed First Aid training, which will assist us in running any events involving alcohol during the year.

We are currently looking into the mental health services available at satellite campuses, particularly counselling at the Werribee campus. Additionally, we are seeking volunteers to assist in the running of Welfare events, and preparing for the department's O-Week Stall. We have booked times and locations for our regular events such as free weekly breakfasts, and are excited for the year ahead.

Budget Expenditure

Wellfare Committee Meeting no.	Date of meeting	Description	Amount (does not include GST)	Line-Item
01/16	01/02/2015	Paper bags for O Week	\$265	3839
		Printing of Welfare Handbook	\$1780	3839

**Wom*n's
Adrianna Mells & Hien Nguyen**

We started off by discussing the events we wanted the Wom*n's Department to run in 2016 and planned a detailed schedule of important dates/weeks for the following events for the next year:

Week-Long Events:	Regular Weekly Events	Workshops/Networking Nights
Feminism 101 (w3)	Wom*n of Colour Collective (Tuesday)	Networking Nights (apart of Wom*n's Mentoring Network)
Wom*n's Safety on Campus (w4)	Wom*n's Collective (Wednesday)	Anti-Racism Workshops
Rad Sex and Consent Week (w9)	Queer and Questioning QTs (Thursday)	Judy's Punch Timeline and Launch date
Wom*n in Higher Education Week (Semester 2 – w3)	Crafternoons (once a month on Wednesday)	

Budget 2016:

Postage: \$50
 Phone: \$50
 Stationary: \$70
 Photocopying/Printing: \$300
 Wom*n's Room Maintenance: \$300
 Grants: \$500
 Orientation Expenditure: \$4198
 Special Projects/Events: \$14,532
 Total: \$20,000
 Plus \$5000 for Judy's Punch (from the Judy's Punch Budget Line in the UMSU Budget)

So far the only money that has been spent by the Wom*n's Department is \$2090 from the Orientation Expenditure budget line for our 'Be your own hero' tote bags

O-Week

As done in previous years, we are creating show bags/booklets for the Wom*n's Department to give away during o-week.

- 1000 tote bags with the same "Be your own hero" design as last year to keep the design consistent. This will also cost less than originally anticipated
- 2000 copies of our Wom*n's Department guide – this year we decided to produce 1000 more copies than previous years. 1000 for our tote bags and 1000 for the department to use at stalls, in the Wom*n's room and at mid-year O-Week. We asked Comms to design it to make

it look consistent with UMSU branding. The guides will also cost less than originally anticipated in our Orientation Expenditure budget line

- We have been contacting companies for free things – U by Kotex have delivered products to us, as well as the Safer Community Program and Four Seasons

Wom*n's Mentoring Network

This year the Wom*n's Mentoring Network has gone through some much needed changes. Using the results from the survey that had been completed by the participants of the program from 2015, improvements have been made to the program. These include:

- More detailed forms
- That the forms are in application form – mentors and mentees are not automatically in the program. Mentors are now interviewed to ensure their commitment to the program. Mentees will be assigned a mentor only if we have a suitable mentor for them (this was a complaint from previous years)

Applications for both mentors and mentee's were compiled and online in December 2015. There has been significant interest so far and we are in the process of interviewing mentors at the moment. We are also organising training sessions with the Safer Community Program and UMSU Advocacy and Legal.

Wom*n's Mentoring Network – Networking Panels

This year we will be holding six networking nights in total, 3 a semester – our first launching in Week 3. We are in the midst of contacting speakers for these nights at the moment.

We have had a meeting with WISE a club on campus dedicated to women in science and engineering, to talk about potential speakers for our events as we are particularly excited to provide networking opportunities for women in those fields.

So far we have speakers for our first networking night confirmed.

Feminism 101

We are in the midst of planning Feminism 101 week, we outlined a plan of the events that will be run that week and hoping to make it more about intersectional feminism than it has been in previous years.

We are contacting speakers to attend/speak at our events during this week.

Wom*n's Safety on Campus

In December, we had a meeting with Wendy and Fleur from Chancellery who brought up that the university was interested in doing something regarding women's safety on campus in 2016.

The possibility of screening the Hunting Ground came up (which has already started happening on other campuses by Good Pitch in collaboration with NUS as well as the Australian Human Rights Commission). They discussed doing this in collaboration with the Wom*n's Department as well as holding a panel discussion after the movie and were also open to the idea of running a campaign.

The talks seemed to indicate this event taking place in Week 4; we have drafted a few plans/ideas what could be done during this week. We are now looking towards having further discussions about this with the university.

They were also interested in running a survey about women's experience on campus that is being run by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Meeting with Victorian Wom*n's Officers

We have also had a meeting with the NUS Wom*n's Officer as well as some of the Victorian Wom*n's Officers for 2016. This was fairly introductory, and to get idea what different campuses were hoping to get up to this year.

Heidi (NUS Women's Officer) also outlined what she hoped to do with us this next year, starting with a Wom*n's specific SSAF campaign to be run through O-Week and we should be receiving materials to distribute throughout the week.

Talk about it Report – CW: sexual abuse, sexual harassment, bullying

The NUS 'Talk about it' report was released on the 02/02/16. It looks at the experience of women students on campus. The University of Melbourne had one of the largest response rates and we are in the process of getting the results specifically for our campus. Overall the results were not great,

particularly in terms of sexual violence. We will be talking to different departments and organisations within the University about improvement of services and use this information for our Wom*n's Safety on Campus campaign.

Some key statistics from the 'Talk about it' survey:

- 72.75% of respondents has experienced some form of sexual harassment or unwelcome sexual behaviour at their institution (not necessarily on campus)
- 15.7% of respondents had experienced physical mistreatment whilst enrolled at their current institution
- 27% of survey respondents had experienced some form of sexual assault
- Nearly 14% of respondents had experienced rape
- Reporting to the university was particularly low at 5.5% and reporting to police was 4.8%

Burnley Campus Eranthos Beretta

Key News: As mentioned in the last student council meeting Burnley Staff were undergoing an industrial dispute with the University of Melbourne due to job cuts and break EBA agreements. I can confirm that with the invaluable assistance of the two previous Education officers Conor Serong and Nellie Montague and working closely with NTEU we were able to salvage all of the permanents staff. In regards to the casual teaching positions and quality of education for students at Burnley this is still being sorted out however UoM has guaranteed student's learning experience will not be affected, though BSA and NTEU will be keeping a close eye and pressure on the university to deliver. Again, on behalf of all of Burnley staff and students I would like to formally thank and congratulate UMSU's assistance during this crisis.

Orientation & O-Week:

Meetings have been held with the director of campus, course coordinators and relevant staff to help organise a Burnley specific Orientation day. Working together with the president of Horticultured we will giving a Burnley orientated presentation and giving students information about what is happening at Parkville during o-week. Further, Myself and other members of the Burnley Student Association (BSA) and Horticultured will run our own separate tour/getting to know you session at Parkville for Burnley students. I have also organised some Burnley Alumni to speak during our O-week presentation.

Future Events:

Both Creative Arts and the Welfare department have been in contact regarding running events at Burnley and the enthusiasm is much appreciated. At this stage until BSA is able to hold its first official committee meeting nothing official has been planned yet.

BSA Set Up:

Working with UMSU IT to get a laptop/computer and printer set up for for our office, this is in progress and will hopefully be completed soon. Further I had put through motions to set up and improve the BSA office and Burnley Student Amenities Building (see below) though if this has been approved or not I have address below.

Expenditure(s):

At this stage there have bee zero expenditures from the Burnley budget line as I have been unable to have enough of my committee to gain quorum.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

N/A

Future:

Action#1:

Hold first official BSA meeting and organise op subs committees and expenditures guidelines to set a rough budget for 2016.

Action #2:

Detailed list of outcomes and draft of BSA's main plans for 2016

Action #2:

Liaise with UMSU IT to complete set up of BSA office and Burnley Student Amenities Building.

Expenditure(s):

At this stage there have been zero expenditures from the Burnley budget line as I have been unable to have enough of my committee to gain quorum.

Other business

Motions Outstanding from 2015:

At the end of 2015 I was approached by different departments in regards to being able to use some of the remaining funds from various budget lines and also put forward a number of other requests/motions to be considered from our own from BSA. I have attached these below. As an unpaid OB I was unfortunately required to be at my paid employment and was not able to attend these meetings so was not able to make sure they were addressed. At this stage I am still unaware if they were raised or what the outcome was. I would like to discuss how to address this matter and what the options are with this moving forward.

Previous motions outstanding:

Motion sent on the 6/12/2016

Motion: To pass \$50 to purchase a Chromecast device for Burnley to be able to display a digital notice board on campus in the Student Amenities Building.

Also an official request for a computer for the Burnley Student committee to use for above mentioned display for digital newsletter and general admin and digital needs for the UMSU reps.

Mover: Eranthos Beretta Seconder:

Motions sent on the 13/12/2015

Motion: To pass \$1000 for the Burnley campus to have magazine subscriptions for 2016 organised together with the Campus Coordinator and Rowden White Library.

***Detailed list and costs of subscriptions were also formulated and can be provided on request.*

Mover: Eranthos Beretta Seconder:

Motion: To pass \$400 for one new barbeque and two new 8.5kg Gas canisters for the Burnley Campus. The campus only has one fully functioning BBQ at the moment.

Mover: Eranthos Beretta Seconder:

Motion: To pass \$600 for printing, decorations and indoor plants to decorate the Student Amenities Building (SAB) and student committee (UMSU) office/space on the Burnley campus.

Mover: Eranthos Beretta Seconder:

Motion: To pass \$1000 for sporting/activities equipment, outdoor furniture & indoor furniture for the Student Amenities Building (SAB) and student use at the Burnley campus.

Mover: Eranthos Beretta Seconded:

<p style="text-align: center;">Victorian College of the Arts Van Rudd</p>
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VCASA fights all forms of oppression, sexism, racism, homophobia, stands for the rights of workers, the poor and marginalised people. We have another battle looming as a result of FAP (Flexible Academic Programming) driven by Melbourne Uni's desire for increased profits. It's the biggest proposed university restructure in Australia's history. It includes introducing the trimester, larger class sizes, longer teaching hours and further casualisation of staff. And this on the back of Melbourne Uni's BIP (Business Improvement Plan) which is the ongoing axing of 540 jobs – the largest mass redundancy in Australian University history. So our university breaks records. For the wrong reasons! But students fight back. Abbott couldn't pass plans for \$100 000 degrees due to our actions. Besides important protests against cuts and restructuring, we're running the popular yoga classes, spoken word, student film, murals and other events.