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Dear readers,
So you’ve stumbled upon this teeny tiny supplement inside our mag and you’re probably wondering what’s going on. A magazine inside another magazine? What is this madness?

Well if you’re anything like we used to be, you are probably terrified of the student politicians that come out in the early spring to berate you until you turn towards a polling booth. You’ve probably tried it all – you’ve run, pretended to be taking a call from your mum or yelled “I’ve already voted” in desperation. Most of these tactics work, but we’re not here to tell you how to get away with not voting. That’s a dumb thing to do. Don’t be dumb. Exercise your democratic right to vote for who runs the goddamn student union. It’s the Union you pay to be a part of, that prints the Farrago you read monthly, that helps out all those clubs you love, that organises music and theatre and that provides you with free legal services, advocacy, welfare and so (so!) much free food.

What follows are the names of all candidates for this year’s student elections and their submitted statements. If a statement ends abruptly, it’s because it was over the word limit and therefore cut in accordance with the Student Union’s Electoral Regulations. We have not edited the statements in any way, including spelling and grammar.

Enjoy,
The Editors.

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**Polling times and locations**

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Presidential Candidates

Lizzie Nicholson (More!)

Hey, I’m Lizzie and I’m excited to be running for the position of President with More! this year. I first got involved in student activism in my very first year of university, and now, halfway through my Masters, I am still as passionate as ever about creating a strong, accessible and progressive student union. As a current UMSU Environment Officer, the founder and former president of the MU Geographical Society, and the coordinator of Fossil Free MU, I believe I have the experience and skills necessary to do this well. In my time in UMSU clubs and collectives I’ve run events, established relationships with and lobbied against the university, driven students all around to plant/save a bunch of trees and all the time I’ve been learning knowledge and skills that have been truly transformational and empowering. I want to be a part of creating as many opportunities as possible for students to have the same kind of empowering experiences I’ve had within UMSU. I am dedicated and committed to helping to build upon the important work that UMSU does in providing spaces and services that really make a difference in students’ lives. We are facing a really scary time for students, where years of funding cuts and pressure from the government have meant that universities are no longer meeting our needs. Whether it is continuing to support survivors and campaign for a better response to the recent sexual assault and harassment survey results or pushing for students’ needs in the new student precinct, it is important that we keep fighting for a safer, fairer university for all students and, with your support, I would love to be able to do exactly that.

Themi Kritikakos (Choice)

Hi I’m Themi (or Themistocles if you like)! I’m standing for President as part of Choice because I believe that students should be getting more bang for their buck. Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a greater say in how our union is run. It is inconceivable that students’ hard-won dollars are being used to cash up student politicians and the like. If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you. It’s your union, we’re your Choice.

Michael Sabljak (Liberal)

In 2017, students have a chance to make UMSU a more open, accountable and transparent organisation than ever before. The Liberal team I lead want to fight for students’ interests, a vibrant campus culture and a secure future for the higher education sector. That’s why we need your support. They might claim to be ‘apolitical’, but we should never forget that Labor are still very much in control of UMSU. We should never forget Labor’s previous mismanagement of the student union. We should never forget the shame they brought to Melbourne University when they condemned our ANZACs, celebrated the death of a UK Prime Minister or used students’ money to pay for graphic sex shows. Throughout my time at Melbourne University I’ve strived to hold the student union to account. As a former Students’ Council member, I have a strong record as a representative of your interests and I will continue to stand for decency, accountability and better student representation. Liberals in the union will ensure that Labor’s mismanagement isn’t repeated. We have a comprehensive list of policies and a team committed to delivering for students. We’ll support better a funding model for the tertiary sector and together with a Coalition
government, we'll bring back your right to choose whether you give your money to the union or not.

If, like me, you want to see a student union that's more responsible, more accountable and more serious about representing students' interests Vote 1 Liberal for UMSU in 2017.

Jasper Bell (Unite and Fight Racism)
Between Malcolm Turnbull, Trump, and Pauline Hanson, racism is on the rise. The Federal Liberal Party peddle racism with their refugee-bashing, racist scapegoating towards Muslims through counter-terror raids, and the new citizenship bill, which would cut off migration pathways for many migrants and international students. Meanwhile, as the ALP line up behind Australia’s refugee cruelty, bigots like Pauline Hanson gain confidence.

This toxic racism seeps onto campus: On July 24, racist posters targeting Chinese students were plastered around Melbourne University and Monash University by a white supremacist group. Racism is a daily reality for thousands of migrants and Muslims on our campus.

Grassroots campaigns can challenge racism both on and off campus. Student movements against the Vietnam War joined worker moratoriums that brought cities to a standstill to end the war. A mass refugee rights movement forced the end of offshore processing under the Rudd Government. Left candidates are often pulled into the wheeling and dealing of student elections. But social change isn’t won through bureaucratic dealing, or even just by left-wing office bearers, but through principled mass protest movements.

We need an activist student union that will mobilise students in protest movements to fight cuts and racism.

Our union should build a contingent of students to march at the next refugee rights rally on October 8th, and call on the Turnbull government to bring the refugees here!

We need to organise and fight to say that racism and Islamophobia are not welcome, and that the scapegoating of migrants and Muslims must stop.

We have to fight together for the rights of international students and say we want less fees and more pathways to migration - not racism and cuts to citizenship. It is government cuts, not international students, migrants or Muslims, threatening our universities.

Desiree Cai (Stand Up!)
Hi! I’m Desiree, and it would be my absolute privilege to represent and fight for you as UMSU President. UMSU, at its best, is an organisation that advocates strongly for students rights, and also builds a community for students through their involvement in a range of departments and clubs.

2018 will be an important year. Now more than ever, the Union should be running accessible, inclusive and effective campaigns, providing support and services for students and being a strong and active voice to represent all students.

This year has seen a whole range of attacks on higher education. The proposed government cuts will result in an unacceptable decrease in the accessibility and quality of your degree.

On a campus level, proposed changes to courses through Flex-AP and other restructures threaten our education, and I’d like to see strong, intersectional campaigns run to combat these threats.

Student welfare is another ongoing issue. We need services that target welfare issues include introducing Centrelink help through UMSU, forming a network to fight for student’s rights at work and ensuring that there is accessible information for students struggling with housing.

The recent release of the sexual assault survey means that UMSU is in a position to push for tangible changes to university policy around this issue. It will be vital to support a strong Safety on Campus campaign next year.

I feel fortunate to have been involved in UMSU since my very first day on campus. In my two years volunteering for departments and in campaigns, sitting on People of Colour Committee and Students Council, I’ve been honoured to have been able to represent students. I promise to continue to dedicate myself to ensuring a strong voice for the Union.

Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!
Lai Ching (Sonia) Lim (Stand Up!)

I’m Sonia Lim, an international Chinese-Myanmar student majoring in Politics and International Relations. Being raised by a strict ‘tiger mom’, I was taught to value hard work, loyalty, discipline and efficiency over everything else (although daring to be different was my personal choice).

As the youngest grandchild of my extended family, 90% of whom are doctors, I was always brought up to be like one of them. While I have true respect for them, my interests lie elsewhere. For me, getting involved in community leadership was always my greatest passion.

One of the community projects I led was the ‘Carpe Diem’ project at International School Yangon (Myanmar) in which we had 1000 attendees at the concert with children from several local girl’s schools and orphanages working together to deliver their voice, their identity.

On campus, I am the Vice President (Events) at Melbourne International Relations Society in which I took charge in organizing speaker series by the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences and co-organized the Trivia Nights, Social Drinks and the annual ball (Soiree). As a staunch supporter of female representation in the workplace, I am now founding the Women In Commerce and Politics student club.

As General Secretary, I’d be responsible for keeping track of meetings, budget reports, ensuring that daily operations are well run, and that the UMSU Constitution is well upheld. It is also important in creating an environment for effective facilitation and discussion of different issues on campus. I am a very firm supporter of strong representation, embracing different cultural and academic interests, improving engagement between university services and students and getting plans executed on time. It is my duty to ensure that UMSU interests are well protected. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Jeremy Gibson (Left Focus)

Hi! I’m Jeremy, a third year Arts student majoring in History, and a longstanding activist at Melbourne Uni. I’m running for General Secretary with Left Focus because I want to reinvigorate UMSU. Too often our student union is invisible. Office-bearers are elected and then disappear until the elections the following year. I want to organise a student union that’s accountable to the student body. I, and the Left Focus team, want to transform UMSU from a body that’s distant and unaccountable into one that seeks to engage and involve students at every level. I don’t just want your vote - I want you to be engaged with UMSU’s work all year round. This could mean getting involved with campaigns run by UMSU’s activist departments, getting on board with the events and activities that UMSU organises, having a voice in the decisions that UMSU makes and the projects it takes on, or just generally knowing what’s going on - who the officebearers are and what they’re up to.

Left Focus activists campaign for university funding all year round, and against the government’s attacks on higher education. Right now the Turnbull government is attempting to pull nearly $50 million out of our university, while simultaneously trying to increase fees. Fighting against this and other attacks has to be the foundation of any student body that’s serious about standing up for students’ rights. Things won’t go forward with the same old faces running things, the same student politicians that get themselves elected and then get nothing done. We need to challenge the trend of increasing fees and declining quality in
Australian universities. I’m part of a committed team that will get that done. Vote [1] Left Focus for General Secretary - we make a difference.

Chris Kounelis (Choice)
Hi! My name is Chris, and I’m standing for General Secretary because I believe that there should be more accountability and transparency within the Student Union. Student politicians will tell you that you need to cough up between $250-300 every year to pay for crucial services and amenities. Melbourne’s balance sheet says otherwise. Choice will fight to remove the SSAF and give you control back over your money. We will fight to make the University pay for the crucial services and amenities they make students pay for now. Every year UMSU sends up to $37,000 of your hard earned cash to the National Union of Students. Never heard of them? They’re a group of wannabe pollies who leech off hard-working students. We’ll give you a choice as to how your hard-won dollars should be spent. You can choose a better way.
If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you.
It’s time to derail the gravy train.
It’s your Union, we’re your Choice.

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)
I am committed to the principle of voluntary student unionism (VSU) and will work hard to ensure that students get a better deal from the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). Because of Labor and the Greens, students are now slugged with a $294 p.a. student tax. What’s worse, we have no choice about whether we’re members of our campus unions. I believe that forcing someone to join an organisation violates their freedom of association. I believe that students deserve the right to choose whether or not to join a union. And I believe it’s UMSU’s responsibility to convince students that doing so is worthwhile. If elected, I’ll lobby the Government to reintroduce VSU so that students can choose for themselves. I’ll also lobby to halve the SSAF and to ensure it’s only spent on students, not on student politicians’ perks. As your General Secretary, I’ll work hard to bring greater fiscal responsibility to UMSU’s budget. I’ll oppose waste and am committed to ensuring that students have more say in how their money is spent. In 2017, UMSU’s Budget was almost $7.3 million, funded almost entirely by student taxes. Despite this enormous budget, UMSU barely managed to break even this year after spending nearly $250,000 more than allocated. One example of significant waste is the approximately $430,000 (~6% of UMSU’s budget) spent on office bearer honoraria in 2017. Astoundingly, now UMSU wants to increase these honoraria by almost 10%. If elected, I won’t accept a cent of students’ money to serve as your representative.
If students are going to be forced to join campus unions, they should at least be able to expect their money to be spent responsibly and their interests to be advanced. With your support, know we can secure a better deal for students.

Daniel Beratis (More!)
Hey there! My name’s Daniel Beratis, and I would be thrilled to serve as your General Secretary in 2018. UMSU has given me the greatest times of my life. From acting in student theatre to being in the volunteer Host Program and VCE Summer School, to being a Students’ Councillor, a Farrago contributor and subeditor and an active member of clubs, I’ve been fortunate to experience so much of what UMSU has to offer. I want to give back and make sure that your voice is heard at every single level of UMSU. As General Secretary, I want to put my experience from all corners of UMSU to work. I want to ensure that UMSU always
puts you in control of the things that matter to them, and make sure that you’re at the heart of everything we do. I want to do that by revising our regulations and policy, and ensuring that collaboration between students and UMSU staff keeps your interests first. I want to make sure UMSU is persistently involving you in every decision it’s making, and I want you to more easily be in the rooms where decisions are made without needing to be “in the know” or needing insider UMSU knowledge. I want how you’re represented on UMSU’s highest decision-making body to be reformed, so that your representatives are more effective, more efficient, and can do their job more consistently. I want to be a General Secretary who values transparency, accessibility and accountability above all else. That’s why I’m running with More!, and I hope that I can count on your vote to make that happen!

Gaofei (Alice) Xue
No statement received

Miss Anmol Mehra
No statement received

Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Louis Devine & Kim Duong
(More!)
Hello, we’re Louis and Kim! We believe in the power of student unionism in improving the accessibility, quality and breadth of academic opportunities provided at University. That’s why we’re running with More! for the Education (Academic) Officers. We’re both Art students, and members of the Labor Club #transparency. Louis is the president of the Republic Club (Res Publica) and is a member Students’ Council. His majors are Politics and Philosophy. Kim is also on the Students’ Council as the PoC Rep and sits on the women’s committee, co-organising the WoC collective. Her majors are Politics and Art History.

Our university experiences have been improved by UMSU, in particular by policies pushed by the Education (Academic) office, such as languages as breadth for Arts students and recorded lectures. Together, we will combine our different strengths in order to enrich the student experience. Specifically, we want to ensure that changes from University reviews such as FlexAp are done with students’ interests in mind. For example, more feedback on assessments, more subject information provided on the course handbook, and mandatory training for tutors. One of our main focuses will be pressuring the University to provide more study spaces, particularly when “library improvement works” affect academic outcomes. We will also continue the work done by previous Education (Academic) Officers, such as the Counter Course Handbook. We want to ensure that any implementation of Cadmus is only done once student concerns have been met through sufficient consultation. We will continue holding students forums to have larger engagement with the wider student population. Particularly, we will work more closely with UMSU International and student societies. Our previous experience and commitment to improving our university education is why we believe we’re the best candidates for the job.

Mark Donato & Kristen Politis
(Choice)
Hi I’m Mark! I’m standing as part of Choice because I believe that students’ dollars should be directed towards improving educational outcomes for the University community, rather than cashing up student politicians. Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a greater say in how our union is run. If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you. It’s your union, we’re your Choice.
Nikhil Sachdev (Liberal)
As the Education Officer responsible for Academic Affairs, if elected, my priorities will include ensuring that more money is spent on academic services and improving the Counter Course Handbook online. I’ll push for better lecture recording and more flexible study arrangements, including for students who work while completing their studies. I’ll also work to investigate potential academic bias and to ensure that tutorials and seminars are inclusive environments where students can engage in productive and thoughtful discussion without fear or intimidation.
I’m committed to making the Student Representative Network (SRN) inclusive to students with a diversity of views and opinions, not just those who share the beliefs of those who run the union at any given time. I firmly believe that the Education Department must work for all students, and I won’t stand for its politicisation or let it become beholden to ideological, politically-motivated agendas. With your support, let’s make UMSU work better for all students.

Alice Smith & Toby Silcock (Stand Up!)
We’re Alice, a second year Arts student, and Toby, a third year law student. We’re running to be your Education (Academic) Officers. We believe that the Education department should have representation that is strong, accessible and inclusive. Your voice should be heard by the university, and your student union should help facilitate this process. We’re both passionate and dedicated, and also frustrated that some lectures are unrecorded, and by the difficulties in accessing Stop 1. We’re angry about how easy it is for the university to push through changes without genuine student consultation. Stand Up! fought to get mandatory lecture recordings and we’ll make sure this policy is enforced across all faculties, including law. We’ll work to make languages available as breadth for Arts students, get recognized minors in Science degrees, and improve the special consideration process. We want everyone to be able to get a seat in lectures and better study spaces. We want to make tutorial spaces available for study. We will work with the libraries to ensure mandatory minimums of textbooks per student in high use sections.
Our university is currently considering restructures that will fundamentally change our time at university for the worse. This includes introducing Cadmus, which would make essay writing more difficult, and the FlexAP recommendations which could include having less control over your timetable, less face-to-face learning and only having pass and fail grades at first year. This would be introduced in the next year and we are the candidates best suited to seeing the office through this difficult time. Most importantly, we’d be your voice in the union. We would hold regular stalls to bring the union to you, and improve the diversity and strength of the Student Representative Network.
Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Education (Public Affairs) Officer
Nikhil Sachdev (Liberal)
UMSU’s continued engagement in radical, extreme and often violent protests has been an unproductive, irresponsible use of students’ money that has not helped to improve our higher education system or advance students’ interests. I don’t believe that UMSU should be a platform for would-be student politicians to build their political CVs by using the union as a soapbox for their ideological, politically-motivated agendas.
As the Education Officer responsible for Public Affairs, I’ll engage in a civil, collaborative discussion with students and the Federal Government to secure the best possible outcome for students from any changes to the higher education system and work with them to ensure the long-term sustainability of higher education and of the generous HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP systems.
I want to ensure that more money is spent on academic services, instead of on protests and National Days of Action that are of no interest.
or value to the vast majority of students. Finally, I’ll oppose the influence of the radical Socialist Alternative on the Education Committee, and won’t let them dictate the policy of the Education Department when they are completely unrepresentative of the broader student body at the University of Melbourne. With your support, let’s make UMSU work better for all students.

Guy Coward and Emily Roberts (More!)
Hello! Guy and Emily here, we’re excited to run with More! for Education (Public) Officers. We’re passionate about fighting against policy that does not represent the best interests of students. We are also committed to consistently engaging with the UniMelb community to ensure UMSU’s lobbying of the University for prioritisation of quality accessible education is backed by some serious people power. Between us, we’ve been engaged in student politics in various forms. Guy as UMSU Creative Arts Committee member and part of Fossil Free Melbourne Uni (FFMU); Emily through the Student Representative Network (SRN) and as UMSU Host Program and Destination Melbourne Director. Under More! the Education (Public) Department has introduced several new programs. The Policy Engagement Program (PEP) and Ed-Pub@Pub have allowed greater student involvement and awareness of proposed policy changes. Through PEP, students are empowered to research, write and submit policies. We hope to continue existing programs and facilitate further student input into developing current practice through more consistent in person engagement — mobilising a politically active, organised, student body that can influence the decisions made about our education by others. University education can be far more than consumers purchasing degrees from a corporatised institution. To make this possible, the Unimelb community must pull closer together. We will always be available for students from ALL backgrounds and campuses, as well as the wider University community when in the best interests of students. Together we will monitor the University’s actions, communicate the implications to affected students, and organise resistance when required. We want a student union focused on ensuring students’ voices are not just heard, but heeded. To successfully enact change, we need our University to stand with us. Our efforts will aim at making this happen more often.

Rachel Carey (Left Focus)
Hey! I’m Rachel, a Masters of Education Policy student from New Zealand. This year I’ve been active in the campaign against the government attacks on higher education. I’ve helped organise protests and actions on campus and worked with the National Tertiary Education Union, as well as student activists from other campuses. This year the Liberals released a budget which declared war on young people. They want to increase fees, cut funding - by nearly $50 million for the University of Melbourne, and force students to pay back their HECs debts when they’re only earning $22/hour full time. This is an outrageous attack, and starts us on the path to pricing young people out of education.

As a Kiwi, I’m also concerned about the policy that will see permanent residents pay international fees. My friends back home won’t be able to study in Australia any longer, as the cost will be far too high. The funding cuts also mean that on campus services are being cut. Stop 1 is an example of student need being deprioritised. Our class sizes are swelling and much of our content is being moved online. Trimesters are also being considered by the university administration.

I want to organise the student union to defend its members against the dual attacks from the government and the university administration. It’s only when we fight back that students are ever able to impact the decision making of those in power. If you’re against the attacks on education and young people and want to be involved in a campaign to defend students rights: Vote [1] Left Focus for Education Officer (Public Affairs) - we make a difference.
Madi Sarich-Prince & Conor Clements (Stand Up!)
Hi, we’re Madi and Conor, and we’d like to be your Education Public officers next year. University is hard enough - we study long hours, endure unrecorded lectures, and if that wasn’t enough, we face record youth unemployment. The new federal cuts to education are just the icing on the cake! The student-to-teacher ratio decreases annually, our tutors are overworked, our classes are crowded, and we’re supposed to be the best university in the country!
In partnership with the Education Academic Officers, we’re going to make a mighty loud ruckus next year – we want to stand in solidarity with our low-income earning classmates and empower the entire student body to be the change they want to see. Regardless of your personal political views – we can all agree that increasing the price of an already low-quality education SUCKS. So what will we be doing to combat these changes? The most important thing is that the Education Public department - and the student union more broadly - remains an activist space that stands both with staff and students. By strengthening connections that Stand Up! have with the National Tertiary Education Union, the National Union of Students, and the Young Worker’s Centre, we can make this happen. Together we will transform traditional activists tactics and grow this anti-education-cuts movement. We haven’t forgotten that, in addition to the impending fee increases, our overall educational experience can be greatly improved. We’re here to help with that, too. We’re talking more and better study spaces, getting all lectures recorded, improving Stop 1 - the list goes on. But we want to do it all in partnership with various bodies across campus, in order to make our campaigns inclusive and effective.
Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Tristan Layton (Choice)
Hi, I’m Tristan, a second year Bachelor of Arts student.

I’m standing for Education Public as I believe that our union is too often governed by fear and hyperbole in relation to education policy in this country. I believe in this time we need to take a strong stance against unrepresentative and hyper-politicised organisations such as the NUS. Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a great say in how our union is run. We won’t be beholden to factions and aren’t run by student politicians.
If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you. It’s your union, we’re your Choice.

Welfare Officer

Aoife Nicklason & Isa Pendragon (More!)
Hi, we’re Aoife and Isa and we hope you’ll have us as your welfare officers next year! We want to create a more inclusive, equitable, enjoyable and supportive experience for students through the Welfare Department. This means continuing and expanding the great work that the Welfare Department has been doing this year, especially continuing to build the food bank and household help services into well-utilized resources for students in need. We’ll also introduce inclusive and welcoming all-gender self defence classes, build a strong, social community in the Welfare Collective, and work to promote the services offered by the Welfare Department so that they will be accessed by as many students in need as possible.
Isa is a third year Arts student hailing from regional Victoria. As someone who spent their first year commuting over two hours each way between home and university, he feels particularly strongly about increasing support for regional and outer suburban students, whether that be in the form of helping them find accommodation in
the inner city, fighting for special consideration on timetabling, or lobbying the state government for assistance with the exorbitant price of regional travel fares. Aoife is a proud member of Fossil Free Melbourne University, a member of the Environment Collective, and a Food Cooperative volunteer. She has experience in community organising, cooperative development and community consultation, and is especially passionate about working to improve housing affordability and issues facing students of faith. Her vision for the Welfare Department is of one that will continue improving services to students, especially those most marginalized and underserved by our university, and that will work collaboratively and cooperatively with the other departments of the union. For a Welfare Department that will continue to engage and support students, vote [1] More!, more for you!

Tash Pasaras (Choice)
Hi I’m Tash! I’m standing as part of Choice because I believe that the Student Union should do more to improve the welfare of the University community. Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a greater say in how our union is run. We shouldn’t be expected to line the pockets of student politicians. If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you. It’s your union, we’re your Choice.

Elizabeth Biggs (Liberal)
As the Liberal candidate for Welfare Officer, if elected, my priorities will include increasing the amount of funding for the Welfare Department and ensuring that there is appropriate scrutiny of the Welfare Department’s expenditure to ensure that existing programs are adequately funded and continue to be sustainable. I want to expand the availability of services offered by the Welfare Department to reach more students, particularly those who experience language and cultural barriers or spend less time on campus due to work and other commitments. I’ll stand against bullying and harassment on campus, particularly sexual harassment and sexual assault, including by calling for a review of the impact of alcohol supplied by UMSU and at UMSU-affiliated events on rates of sexual harassment and sexual assault on campus. I’ll also work to ensure that the Welfare Department is run in an apolitical, service-oriented manner and is not used to promote individual political agendas. This is of fundamental importance to ensuring that the Welfare Department works for all students, irrespective of their personal beliefs or political opinions.

Cecilia Widjojo & Michael Aguilera (Stand Up!)
Hi! We are Cecilia Joicelyn and Michael Aguilera and we would love the opportunity to be your Welfare Officers. Michael and Cecilia are both in their final year of an Arts degree. Michael majors in Media and IR, while Cecilia majors in Economics and minors in Psychology. He has several years of volunteering experience and is passionate about issues for young people. Cecilia is also an enthusiastic volunteer and is the previous UMSU International Partnership and Sponsorship office bearer and is passionate about mental health. The lives of students are becoming more complex all the time; balancing jobs and academic pressures, deadlines, student poverty and uncertain futures, not to mention cuts to education funding. Under these conditions, it is not surprising that some students are struggling. Beyond Blue found this year that about 35% of tertiary students have dealt with thoughts of self harm and suicide. As your representatives we want to recognise this. We want to put the spotlight on mental health issues and the wellbeing of those that need extra support. There are services already offered at Melbourne University:
• Counselling and Psychological Services
• Food Banks for those struggling with student poverty,
• Information and support for those who have experienced discrimination and sexual harassment
But these services are in high demand and not enough to ensure well-being of students. As advocates for student welfare, we will fight for services to be expanded and improved. We will ensure that welfare is accessible to students of all backgrounds. Furthermore, we will improve on existing welfare programs such as Stress Less week and volunteering programs; so that you can not only survive the journey of being a student at Melbourne, but flourish and achieve your best! Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Farah Khairat**

No statement submitted

**Erica Flude**

No statement submitted

**Matthew Harper-Gomm**

No statement submitted

**Women’s Officer**

**Irini Levou (Choice)**

Hi! I’m Irini! I’m standing as part of Choice as Women’s Officer because I believe that the Student Union should do more to improve the welfare of our women. Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a greater say in how our union is run. We shouldn’t be expected to line the pockets of student politicians with our hard-won dollars.

Tessa Gould & Ilsa Harun

(More!)

Hello there, we’re Ilsa and Tessa and we’d love to be your 2017 Women’s Office Bearers. Ilsa is an International student from Malaysia studying the Masters of Marketing Communications and is currently editing the Women’s Department publication, Judy’s Punch and creating engaging social media platforms for the UMSU Media Office. Tessa is from rural Victoria and is studying her Master of Teaching. She directed VCESS in 2016 and 2017 and volunteered for the VTHC WRAWfest. While residing at Queen’s College, she was a member of the General Committee, an O-Week Leader and a founding member of the women’s group.

We hope to get more of you involved and engaged in the Women’s Collective. We’re committed to making the department inclusive, accessible and diverse as possible and provide a vast range of different ways for women (and non binary people) to be involved. We especially want to engage with existing university women’s groups and programs throughout various clubs, faculties, uni sport, and residential colleges. As Ilsa is the current editor of Judy’s Punch, she will also be committed to making the publication a constant in your News Feed.

Our biggest priority, if elected, is working with other departments to continue the response from the recent findings of the sexual assault survey. We will lobby to give students a larger voice to ensure that task force reviews are thorough and evidence-based. We hope to have a working relationship with the university, but our priority is to the students and if we are unsatisfied with their actions, we won’t stay silent. We would absolutely love to hear and support your ideas for improving the experience of women on campus. We look forward to a diverse and engaging women’s department in 2018!

**Elizabeth Biggs (Liberal)**

Having previously served on the Women’s Committee, I have the experience to deliver results on Women’s Committee again in 2017. I want to ensure that UMSU adequately responds to the issue of sexual harassment and sexual assault on campus by making meaningful changes to campus security and addressing the largest factors at the root of the problem. That’s why I’ll push for a serious investigation of the impact of alcohol supplied by UMSU and at UMSU-affiliated events on rates of sexual harassment and sexual assault on campus so that the union can make any changes necessary to cut rates of abuse.

I’ll also work hard to promote a safe environment for women on campus, particularly by ensuring more is done to tackle gendered-violence on and around campus. I’ll lobby for improved safety measures on campus, including an increased
security presence and better night-time lighting, especially given the dramatic increase in sexual offending under the Andrews Labor Government. I’ll also promote the provision of better support for single mothers studying at the University of Melbourne to support them to complete their studies, stand against sexism and gender-based discrimination on campus and ensure that the Women’s Department serves the interests of all women by ensuring that it isn’t captured by radical feminist interests.

Kareena Dhaliwal & Molly Willmott (Stand Up!)
Hi, we’re Molly and Kareena. We currently sit on Women’s Committee, so PLEASE help us evolve into our final form of your 2018 Women’s Officers! Our main focus will be a thorough safety on campus campaign. The 2017 AHRC survey showed that sexual assault and harassment on campus is a national epidemic, and UMSU has never had this much leverage to change the situation. We will run a 3-part campaign of education, advocacy, and action that will start the day our term does. We want our student representatives and staff equipped to respond, and we want to pressure university management to improve and advertise response services. Students must also be educated about consent at enrolment. We need safer colleges, sport facilities, events, and camps. The culture of assault cannot continue and we want the entire department to be involved in this fight. We want to remobilise the Women’s Action Network to help us shape and deliver our campaign. This campaign isn’t going to be run and done in a single term, so we need to establish a solid structure in 2018 to give future officers the best shot at enacting change. We’ll rebuild the Women’s Mentoring Network, we’ll bring activism back to collectives, and hold them in bigger and more accessible spaces. We’ll also make intersectionality the priority for all our events. We’ll re-establish the ties between the Women’s and Queer departments, to fill a crucial advocacy and services gap. A passive stance on intersectionality and issues facing women is not good enough. Between us, we have 5 years of experience in the department. We’ve been on committees, we’ve been on council, we know how UMSU works, and we know what’s best for the department. For an active and experienced Womens Department, Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Farah Khairat
No statement submitted
Tara Jalali
No statement submitted
Erica Flude
No statement submitted
Miss Anmol Mehra
No statement submitted

Creative Arts Officer

Elizabeth Biggs (Liberal)
As a creative arts student, I have a strong commitment to the success of the Creative Arts student and want to ensure that it provides a positive environment for creative arts students to participate in the arts.
As the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities as Creative Arts Officer will include:
• To promote the study and enjoyment of all forms of art at Melbourne University, particularly classical art
• To promote the study and enjoyment of all forms of music at Melbourne University, particularly classical music
• To ensure that art promoted by the Creative Arts Department meets basic community expectations
• To ensure that there is appropriate scrutiny of the Creative Arts Department’s expenditure
Freya McGrath & Ashleigh Morris (More!)
We’re Ashleigh and Freya, and we are committed to making the arts at unimelb accessible to all students, and expanding the existing community of art enthusiasts!
We believe that participation in the arts is hugely beneficial to student wellbeing: giving young people the opportunity to express themselves, unwind and try something new!
If elected as the 2018 Creative Arts OBs, we plan to maintain several established creative arts events as well as introducing new initiatives. We are interested in organizing crafternoon sessions, casual dance classes and up-skilling workshops to help prepare students for the arts industry and life outside of university.
We would hope to create fun and enriching opportunities for students to join the wonderful world of the creative arts.
Ashleigh first flexed her creative muscles when she dressed up as the Magic Pudding for Book Week, 2004. Since then she has devised a Fringe show 2015, worked for the Perth International Arts Festival 2016 and produced twenty works as Creative Producer of Performing Arts for Mudfest 2017. Ashleigh is currently completing a Masters of Arts and Cultural Management and is passionate about sharing industry skills, knowledge and experience with students.
Freya is a theatre maker, Director and lover of dance! In 2015, she moved to Melbourne from her hometown of Brisbane, to study a bachelor of arts majoring in English and Theatre studies. In 2016, Freya was IH’s representative on the Intercollegiate Activities Council and a general committee member on the University of Melbourne Filmmakers collaborative. In 2017, Freya has acted as the Artistic Director of Four Letter Word Theatre company. Freya is keen to use the skills she has gained during her time at the Uni, participating actively in its rich arts scene, to facilitate a similarly positive experience for other students.

Hi! I’m Ilan! I’m standing for Creative Arts Officer as part of Choice because I believe that students should be free to choose what kind of Student Union they should have.
Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a greater say in how our union is run. We won’t be beholden to factions and aren’t run by student politicians.
As a fervent advocate for the arts, I believe the Student Union should empower students with creative minds rather than cash up student politicians.
If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you. It’s your union, we’re your Choice.

Madhumathi Ragunathan
No statement submitted

Activities Officer

Alex Fielden & Jordan Tochner (More!)
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

Environment Officer

Callum Simpson & Lucy Turton (More!)
Hi, we’re Lucy and Callum! We’re both very excited to stand as Environment Officers for 2018 to continue building a strong, active Environment
Nick Reich (Left Focus)

Hi, I’m Nick, I’m studying science, and am an environmentalist and activist. Catastrophic environmental degradation is a tragic reality in Australia. Our politicians bring coal to parliament to gush over its “environmental benefits”, coral bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef is likely to mean the loss of this important ecosystem and the Adani Mine could fast track us to environmental catastrophe.

I have been involved in campaigns about these issues in the past year, supporting protests and raising awareness about the consequences. The human cost of global warming is set to increase, with rising sea levels threatening communities in our region such as the Micronesian Islands. Politicians constantly fail to take action on climate change and treat the issue as a joke so it’s up to us to take a stand!

Climate change isn’t going to be defeated at Melbourne University alone, but we can provide a lead to the broader community. I want to run broad campaigns around local and global environmental damage as well as run forums to host discussion around how we can save the planet from avoidable disaster!

If this is the sort of activist Environment Department you want to see: Vote [1] Left Focus for Environment Officer - we make a difference.

Nikhil Sachdev (Liberal)

As the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities as Environment Officer will include:

• To promote the creation of more green spaces on campus for students to use for recreational and sporting purposes
• To promote sensible environmental policies that promote sustainability and reduce pollution
• To oppose the use of students’ money to fund ideological, politically-motivated and often violent protests such as those we’ve seen around campus, on Q&A and in Parliament House in Canberra
• To end the Environment Committee’s unproductive war on the University of Melbourne
• To ensure that there is appropriate scrutiny of the Environment Department’s expenditure.

Miss Anmol Mehra

Collective working on improving our environment, both here on campus and beyond, and lobbying the University to fulfil (and exceed!) its Sustainability Plan commitments. Between us, we have over 6 years’ experience working on campus environmental campaigns, including with Fossil Free Melbourne University and Lockout Lockheed. Callum studies Earth Sciences and has always had a love for the natural world, which led him to spend over a decade as a school student to volunteer with wildlife reserves and endangered species breeding programs. Over the last two years, Callum has gained experience being on club committees and organising political and issues campaigns, and is keen and prepared to assist the many great campaign and cooperative activities on campus. Lucy has been organising and campaigning on environmental and social justice issues for many years, as well as sitting on Enviro Committee and Students’ Council this year, and she is passionate about collective care and activist welfare, having worked hard to help organise a Welfare group to support the Enviro Collective this year.

We both value practising grassroots democracy, through collective and consensus decision-making. We know that the origin of environmental damage is runaway capitalism and corporatisation and, thus, in our protection of the environment it is essential we also actively oppose these underlying, corrupt systems. A key value for us is Climate Justice, because it is important to understand how environmental damage intersects with many other forms of structural oppression.

We’re the anti-capitalist, anti-colonialist environmentalist activists determined to fight for you and our environment. Vote 1: More! for a more progressive student union!

Ignatius Vlachos (Choice)

Hi! I’m Ignatius Vlachos. I’m standing as part of Choice because I believe that the Student Union should do more to preserve the environment, both on campus and in the wider community. Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a greater say in how our union is run. For the Union to waste students’ dollars on the salaries of student politicians is hardly fair.

If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you. It’s your union, we’re your Choice.
Queer Officer

Elinor Mills & Amelia Reeves

(More!)

Hey, we’re Elinor and Milly and we’re hoping to be your beautiful Queer Officers. Elinor is a science student who has been floating around the Queer Space since 2014, and Milly is a second year Psychology and Gender Studies student. You’ve probably seen us at VCESS, in student theatre, or inhaling sushi at Queer Lunch. We share a goal of building a delightful queer utopia wherein being a Unimelb queer student is a deeply fun experience: not isolating or stressful, but just a really good time.

We want to keep the Queer Space an inclusive, diverse, and friendly space; we particularly want to facilitate the making of friendships amongst queer students. No queer student should ever feel isolated from their community. We want to promote education around queer history, and connect with organisations for older LGBTQI Australians. We want to keep running the great events the Queer department is known for!

As queer and trans students experience higher rates of mental and physical health issues, we want to help with exam support, resources for getting help and navigating special considerations processes, and queer study sessions come SWOTVAC (absolutely featuring infinite coffee).

We want to continue to promote queer sexual health and to discuss different definitions of safe sex, focusing on trans sexual health, lesbian sexual health, and consent. We want to continue to push for all-gender bathrooms.

Ultimately, we want the Queer department to stay in service to the Unimelb queer community. Our goal is to further the strong sense of community we have, by bringing new students into the fold, celebrating the community with fun events like Queer Lunch and Queer Ball, and improving the lives of queer students overall through education and support.

Niamh Marah (Left Focus)

Hi, I’m Niamh! I want to create a dynamic activist queer department that takes a real stand against homophobia and transphobia. I’m fighting for marriage equality and against LGBTI oppression.

The most pressing attack on LGBTI people is the recent ‘debate’ around marriage equality. The conservative Liberals are forcing an unbinding and unwanted plebiscite onto us. We know that we could instantly have marriage equality if a free vote in parliament was allowed but the dinosaurs in the Liberals are stopping this from going ahead. We need to fight now, and be prepared to organise campaigns until we finally win marriage equality.

If win marriage equality before I am elected, there’s still a plethora of issues facing queer youth. We suffer from poverty and homelessness at far greater rates than the rest of the population. I will prioritise campaigning for adequate welfare and accessible healthcare and education. We want to see crisis housing for LGBTI teens. Trans students are also at risk, due to the rampant transphobia that exists in our society. I want to see campaigns run in support of trans students on campus, and against violence towards trans students. I take inspiration from the National Union of Students campaign ‘We All Need To Pee’ which encouraged acceptance and support for trans people.

If you think we need a union that takes queer issues seriously and actually represents queer students on campus, challenges government policy that harms queer students: Vote [1] Left Focus for Queer Officer - we make a difference.

Clubs and Societies Officer

Nellie Seale & Matthew Simkiss

(More!)

Hi, we’re Matt and Nellie, and we’re running for the Clubs and Societies office. We have served
Ashleigh Barraclough, Esther Le Couter, Jesse Paris-Jourdan, Monique O’Rafferty (Independent Media)  
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

People of Colour Officer

Terence Taylor (Left Focus)  
Hi, I’m Terence! I’m an Arts student and an activist on campus. This year I’ve been busy campaigning for refugee rights and against racism. Recently we’ve seen the government’s attacks on refugees and Muslims escalate, with conditions in offshore detention worsening by the day, the rise of a number of fascist organisations and the presence in parliament of Pauline Hanson and three other One Nation senators. Our campus community is not immune. This year, Nazi groups have started to organise on campus - putting up anti-Muslim, anti-Chinese and anti-Semitic posters. There’s never been more reason for our student union to contain fighters against racism. Along with the other candidates running with on Left Focus, I spend many hours campaigning against the government’s treatment of refugees. We want to see our university take a stand as well, so Left Focus will demand funding for a refugee scholarship to welcome more refugee students to study at the University of Melbourne. UMSU needs to be brave enough to take the fight to Government policy and the far right if we’re going to beat back racism in our society and on campus. This is why we need activists like Left Focus running the student union. Vote [1] Left Focus for People of Colour Officer - we make a difference.

Endi Xu  
No statement submitted

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)  
As a second-generation Australian, I am proud of my mixed Chinese and Italian ancestry. I’m proud to live in a country where multiculturalism is celebrated and diversity and inclusion are common practice. And I’m proud to attend a university that is so welcoming to students from a diverse range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds,
particularly students studying abroad. However, I also know what it’s like to experience racism first-hand. I was appalled to see anti-Chinese material plastered around campus earlier this year and am disappointed that there have so far been no consequences for those involved. If elected, I will stand up to racism on campus in all forms and combat the exploitation of international students, including by ensuring that student politicians are held accountable for misleading international students about UMSU elections as has occurred in recent years.

I want to see a People of Colour department that truly empowers students of colour, rather than see their ethnicities as a liability. I don’t believe that the best way for the People of Colour Department to promote the interests of students of colour is by publishing articles about “Sh*t White People Say” and want to see a more positive approach adopted.

I’ll ensure that the People of Colour department remains free from ideological or politically-motivated agendas and work hard so that UMSU provides greater support for students who are not native English speakers. Together, we can make the campus experience of students of colour, both local and international, more pleasant and welcoming for all. Together, we can stamp out racism and send a strong message that students of colour are valued members of our university community.

**Sid Gupta (Choice)**

Hey there! I’m Sid! I’m standing as part of Choice because I believe that the Student Union should do more to represent all shades of the University community.

Choice is a non-partisan, apolitical ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students have a right to have a greater say in how our union is run. Our SSAF shouldn’t be directed at cashing up student politicians.

If you share our commitment to empowering students, then Choice is for you. It’s your union, we’re your Choice.

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**Reem Faiq & Hiruni Walimunige (More!)**

Hello! We are Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige and we are running to become the People of Colour (POC) Officers with More!

We are both especially passionate about combatting racism on campus and increasing opportunities of equality and fairness for student of colour.

Reem: I have a Bachelor of Fine Arts, a Master of Art Curatorship and am currently completing a Graduate Diploma in Psychology. I have worked as a research assistant at Deakin University for over four years and have worked on research projects focusing on POC, specifically those of a refugee background. Some of the research I worked on focused on issues of Islamophobia as well as notions revolving around identity and belonging. I have been attending the POC collectives and strongly believe that the department is vital on campus to provide a voice for POC students.

Hiruni: Studying at the university for four years, I have been dedicated to enriching the student experience in campus. I have been an executive committee member and president of several clubs and societies. I have been able to see the POC department grow in its first year, as a frequent participant at the POC collective and as a member of the publication team for the Myriad Magazine, which is the POC department’s publication.

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**Farah Khairat**

No statement submitted
Indigenous Officer
Alexandra Hohoi & Jenna Kramme (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)
Provisionally elected unopposed
Alexandra Hohoi & Marley Holloway-Clarke (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)
Remainder 2017
Provisionally elected unopposed

Disabilities Officer
Hien Nguyen & Jacinta Dowe (More!)
Provisionally elected unopposed
Alston Chu (More!)
Remainder 2017
Provisionally elected unopposed
Cassandra Prigg (More!)
Remainder 2017
Provisionally elected unopposed

Burnley Campus Coordinator
Isabelle Gundermann
No statement received
James Barclay
No statement received
Xie Cunyi
No statement received

VCA Campus Coordinator

Shonty Fisher (Left Focus)
Hi, I’m Shonty! I’m a screenwriting student at the VCA, and I’m running for Campus Coordinator with Left Focus. In my time so far at the VCA, I’ve thrown myself into all the activities I could. Our campus is a community, and what makes it so special is the opportunity to come together - whether it be through performative and collaborative projects, or just hanging out with a beer at a campus event. I want to use the Campus Coordinator position to organise a wider variety of events. UMSU has an unfortunate history of neglecting the VCA in favour of Parkville.

Xavier Da Costa (Choice)
The VCA is underrepresented as an integral part of the University. Our equipment is either damaged or non-existent, with the Parkville campus being given higher priority. Our campus has been ruined by ad hoc maintenance. Our classrooms are “toxic post-modernist spaces” which the cash-obese UMSU refuses to maintain. It’s time for a change. This is not ‘modern’ teaching, but a lazy, vapid approach to what was once the finest art institution in Australia. If elected, I promise to restore the VCA to its former glory. We’re your Choice.

Nicholas Lam (More!)
I’ve been the VCA Co-Ordinator for almost a year now, and it’s been a trying but rewarding time. When I took office, the administration didn’t recognise us, the students barely knew about us, and the faculty had hardly any ties with us which severely limited our ability to affect change from within. Since then, I’ve been establishing ties with administration and funneling more funds back to giving a positive change to students’ lives. We’ve brought free BBQs every week, and therapy dogs to the VCA, not to mention O-week camp last year. Imagine what we can do next. Get hyped!

Clara Crus Jose (More!)
Hey guys, my name is Clara! I am studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts Animation. I am running for committee because I would love to see the VCA campus pumping with as much weird energy as it does in class, and to facilitate some amazing interdisciplinary mingling!
Xavier Da Costa (Choice)
No statement submitted

Graduate Representative on Students’ Council

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)
If elected, my priorities on Students’ Council will be:
• To ensure that UMSU provides for all students;
• To lobby for the reintroduction of voluntary student unionism so that students are free to choose whether or not to be a member of their campus union;
• To lobby for the SSAF to be halved and to ensure that SSAF money is only ever spent on student services, not perks for student politicians;
• To ensure that UMSU’s Budget is more fiscally responsible and that the budget process is subject to greater scrutiny; and
• To oppose any increase to honoraria paid to student politicians

Alex Vanstan (Choice)
Currently, Graduate and Mature Age students are not well-represented by UMSU. Choice is committed to ensuring that UMSU does more to engage with these groups. We believe UMSU should establish dedicated departments for Graduate and Mature Age students. It must be in tune with our interests because we’re an important part of the university community that’s too big to keep ignoring. In order to live up to its high reputation, Melbourne University must provide Graduate students with the support that will enable them to leave university best equipped to enter the workforce.
If you agree, Choice is for you.

Tara Jalali
No statement received

Erica Flude
No statement received

Joe Moore (More!)
I am a Masters of Education student who is passionate about strong representation of postgraduate interests in UMSU, as the amount of postgraduate students at Melbourne continues to climb. I believe in a proactive students council, which is consistent in its guidance of the Union. As grad representative on Students’ Council, I shall be active in ensuring the interests of all cohorts are heard, and shaping a rationale for Students’ Council to ensure that your SSAF is spent to further the interests of students and not just the union.

Alastair Gustav James (Left Focus)
I’m Alastair, and I want to represent graduate students. Being a student is already tough, but graduate students have it the worst. Our workload is enormous, we can’t get public transport concession fares, and our fees are soaring. I want to tackle issues from federal funding to specific campus improvements. Often our study is jeopardised by poor work conditions and I want to push for campaigns that can address all of this. I’m an activist and it’s important that our union fights for our rights and helps improve our learning conditions.
Vote [1] Left Focus - we make a difference.

Travis Hughes (Stand Up!)
I’m Travis Hughes, a second year Master of International Relations student. I’m running to represent grad students’ interests on Council. Each year without fail the Liberal Government proposes changes that push greater burdens on students. This time it’s Turnbull’s fee increases, earlier HECS repayments, and cuts to funding that will price more students out of education. The union now needs to take an active role in opposing these changes to ensure the services and facilities we need as grads become better instead of worse. I promise to fight to see this happen. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Indigenous Representative for Students’ Council

Serena Rae Thompson
(The Biggest Blackest Ticket)
On Students Council I am keen to represent the interests of Indigenous students here at the
University of Melbourne and to help guide UMSU into the future. As a growing organisation it is more important now than ever to have a Council that will prepare the organisation for the shifting landscape. I feel as though my experience within the Indigenous community and the college and residential communities positions me well to advise Council on important matters.

**International Students Representative for Students’ Council**

**Wing Kuang (More!)
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Hi! I’m Wing. As a Chinese international student, I understand the difficulties that international students are facing, and I want to make changes. I am a strong believer in international student advocacy, and I’m passionate about making international students’ voices heard at Student Council. Progressive and constructive, I will call for more attention to the currently limited student welfare and academic support. I will also continue to work for collaboration with UMSU and international student communities to achieve a more coherent and comprehensive agenda.

**Annie Liew (Stand Up!)
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No statement received

**Tara Jalali
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No statement received

**Gaofei (Alice) Xue
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No statement received

**Weishuo Ruan
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No statement received

**Farah Khairat
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No statement received

**Endi Xu
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No statement received

**Miss Anmol Mehra
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No statement received

**Queer Representative for Students’ Council**

**Katie Doherty (More!)
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Hi! I’m Katie, a third year Arts student, and I am running for Queer Representative on Student’s Council because I believe the Council should be as diverse as the students it represents. I will push for progressive decisions which focus on providing more services and benefits to all students, while ensuring that the decision-making process takes into account the views and needs of the queer community on campus. UMSU is a vitally important organisation, and I care deeply about helping it to continue to represent and advocate for all students.

**Nicholas Wright (Stand Up!)
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As someone who has made use of the university’s Student Equity and Disability Support service, my focus as councillor will be to make sure USMU assists queer students navigating the SEDS and other services, as mental health is a key determining factor of dropout rates in our community on campus. I’m excited to be part of an organisation with a long tradition of inclusion and support for LGBTQI students. I particularly hope to continue the work our Queer Department has made in the promotion of trans and gender-diverse students’ rights and safety. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Niamh Marah (Left Focus)
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I’m Niamh! I want a student union that fights for queer students’ rights. The government has been attacking LGBTI people, most prominently by maintaining the ban on marriage equality. It’s important we fight this. Left Focus will improve campus culture and challenge queerphobia in society. Campaigns like the marriage equality rallies where thousands of people come out to protest homophobia is the kind of thing I would like to see more of. If you want a union that represents queer students on campus, while challenging legislation that harms queer students: Vote [1] Left Focus - we make a difference.

**Students of Colour Representative on Students’ Council**

**Terence Taylor (Left Focus)
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Hi, I’m Terence! This year I’ve been busy campaigning for refugee rights and against racism. Recently we’ve seen government attacks on refugees and Muslims escalate. Conditions in offshore detention are deteriorating with the Manus Island camp claiming another life last month. The government is ramping up racism with changes to the citizenship test to cast aspersions on whether people coming here are ‘true Australians’. Coupled with Pauline Hanson and other One Nation Senators in Parliament, it’s not surprising that the far right and fascist groups have been emboldened in Australia. Vote [1] Left Focus - we make a difference.

Ethan Taylor (More!)
Representing people of colour not only lies within my passions and motives: it exists deep within my way of being. To this position, I bring experience and a strong work ethic that is cemented by a commitment to bettering the Melbourne University community. Being a proud Aboriginal man has always given me a powerful drive to represent my fellow people of colour; a drive that is underpinned by a strong sense of loyalty and leadership. I will represent all PoC at the University of Melbourne equally, fairly and forthrightly on the student council.

Hanady Kaik (Stand Up!)
My name is Hanady Kaik and I would like to begin with one of my favourite quotes, “People are of two types: They are either your brother in faith or your equals in humanity” Imam Ali (A.S.). As students coming from different backgrounds with culture and religion having great impact on our daily lives, we feel that we have a lot to offer. And I would like to be your representative on the council to show honesty and equality. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Abhineet Gupta (Choice)
Hi, I’m Abhi, an international student from Fiji studying a Master of IT. I’m standing for the Students of Colour rep (Students Council) and People of Colour committee position, as part of Choice - a nonpartisan ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. We believe that students should have greater choice in determining how their money is spent. I believe that there should be a representation of a wide variety of people - including students of colour, international and mature-age students - when determining how our student union is run. This is particularly important given the

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)
See end for statement

Sherine Abraham
No statement received

Farah Khairat
No statement received

Madhumathi Ragunathan
No statement received

Students with Disabilities Representative on Students’ Council

Alston Chu (More!)
A year as disabilities officer and almost 6 years at UMSU hasn’t done anything to my passion for serving and representing students. I’m excited to give back from the wealth of experience and knowledge the union has gifted to me, and extra excited to be there for next year’s office bearers. They’ve got a challenging job ahead of them, and there’s so much the union can achieve with supportive people around them.

Adriana Mells (Stand Up!)
My name is Adriana, and I’m a first year Master of Public Policy and Management student hoping to become your next Disabilities Representative on Students Council. Throughout my undergraduate degree I’ve experienced how inaccessible university can be for students with invisible disabilities, and how difficult it can be to access timely support services as well accessing special consideration. I hope to be a voice for students, and use my years of experience and involvement within the student union to advocate as best I can to represent students with disabilities at Melbourne Uni. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take your Power Back!

Alex Vanstan (Choice)
No statement received
Students’ Council
General Representatives

Rachel Carey (Left Focus)
I’m Rachel, and I’m running for Students’ Council with Left Focus. Left Focus are progressive activists who will represent students against attacks on our education. We will be a voice on Students’ Council that pushes for campaigns against the Liberal Party’s attacks on our education, on refugees, oppressed groups, and against the university’s cuts to courses and face-to-face teaching. We will fight for an extension of the free tram zone and for a refugee scholarship. We need an activist student union committed to social justice!
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Jeremy Gibson (Left Focus)
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Terence Taylor (Left Focus)
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Nick Reich (Left Focus)
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Shonty Fisher (Left Focus)
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Sureen Tiwana (Left Focus)
No statement received

Niamh Marah (Left Focus)
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need an activist student union committed to social justice!
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Amelia Saward (Change the Toilet Paper Back)
I’m Amelia and I’m angry! Angry at the university changing the toilet paper from rolls to single sheets! No longer shall we suffer under a cost cutting university administration that attacks your bathroom experience. Comrades, we have nothing to lose but our chains! I will fight for all your toilet needs. I want normal sized doors in Redmond Barry, soundproof stalls, and hand dryer things that actually dry your hands. We demand the decadence of the Arts West bathrooms at every bathroom, and we demand that our bathrooms are comfortable to cry in! Vote [1] Change the Toilet Paper Back!

Neera Kadkol (Extend the Free Tram Zone)
So first old mate Dandrews gives us this ‘Free Tram Zone’ where we can pop around without worrying about getting bodyslammed by ‘authorised officers’ - pretty sweet, yeah? But then we realise that the Free Tram Zone ends a few stops short of uni, giving tickies a new favourite hangout. Taking the tram to uni means running the gauntlet of middled-aged lunatics, decked out in sweet jeans/runners combos with matching bumbags, who apparently developed their conflict resolution skills by watching late night WWE reruns. Anyway, if you can’t afford to touch on then vote for me instead.

Stephanie Zhang (Independent Media)
Hi! I’m Steph and I’m a Farrago subeditor and contributor. I think student media is a vital platform for students to express themselves. I believe it is incredibly important that the Media Office stay independent and transparent to maintain the level of creativity and diversity we see today in Farrago and Radio Fodder. If elected to Council, I’ll be committed to ensuring student media’s independence and diversity—not just for Farrago and Fodder, but also for the whole student community.

Conor Day (Independent Media)
Hi, my name is Conor Day and I’m a host on Radio Fodder and a contributor to Farrago. I’m passionate about student representation and I believe that the role student media plays at university is invaluable. Having an accessible, creative outlet and space in which students can hone their skills, be it anything from journalistic writing to visual content creation, is an important service offered to all. If elected to Council, I will work to maintain the independence and accessibility that the Media Department has achieved, striving for an ever-growing base of students to contribute to university life.

Harry Baker (Independent Media)
Hi! My name’s Harry Baker and over the last year I’ve been a contributor and subeditor for Farrago and the editorial assistant for Above Water. In that time, I’ve come to appreciate the ways in which Independent Media fosters a welcoming community that encourages people to get involved and contribute. It is vitally important that Independent Media has a presence on Students’ Council, which allows us to keep the Media Office independent and inclusive. Independent Media gave me the opportunity to share my opinions with others, and I’ll be committed to doing that for many others in the year ahead.

Jack Langan (Independent Media)
Hi! My name is Jack Langan, and I’ve been a campus reporter for Farrago for two years, and a producer and host of two successful shows on Radio Fodder. I support Independent Media because they have kept the Media Office accessible, diverse and independent for the past 12 years. If elected to Students’ Council, I will work for transparency and accountability, not only for the media office but also for the university and the student union. I will also make sure Farrago has the resources it needs to inform students about important issues in more accessible ways.
Independent Media (Noni Cole)
Hi, I’m Noni Cole. I’m a subeditor and writer for Farrago and co-host of a show on Radio Fodder. I believe Farrago is a voice for the students, by the students. I’m passionate about women’s issues, have an eye for detail and enjoy all media and politics-related things. Independent Media is about being a voice for those who don’t find representation in the wider field of student politics and the university. If elected next year, I’ll work to protect the future of our publications and provide creative opportunities for the student body.

Independent Media (Ruby Perryman)
Hello, I’m Ruby Perryman! I’m a campus reporter for Farrago, covering essential stories this year such as the difficulties of non-binary students in accessing Centrelink services. I’ve also contributed to the other written sections of Farrago, co-hosted a show on Radio Fodder and been involved in Farrago Video. Independent Media isn’t what you’d expect from student politics—we’re open, transparent, democratic, and not affiliated with a political party. As a result, we tend to make some of the best councillors. If elected to Council, I’ll work to better reflect these ideals in the student union.

Legalise Fidget Spinners (Kay Wai Ki Poon)
Please tell all the contacts in your messenger list not to accept Jayden K. Smith friendship request. He is a hacker and has the system connected to your Facebook account. If one of your contacts accepts it, you will also be hacked, so make sure that all your friends know it. Thanks. Forwarded as received.
Hold your finger down on the message. At the bottom in the middle it will say forward. Hit that then click on the names of those in your list and it will send to them.

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)
If elected, my priorities on Students’ Council will be:
• To ensure that UMSU provides for all students;
• To lobby for the reintroduction of voluntary student unionism so that students are free to choose whether or not to be a member of their campus union;
• To lobby for the SSAF to be halved and to ensure that SSAF money is only ever spent on student services, not perks for student politicians;
• To ensure that UMSU’s Budget is more fiscally responsible and that the budget process is subject to greater scrutiny; and
• To oppose any increase to honoraria paid to student politicians

Jaimi Reed (Marriage Equality Now)
It’s time - you know it, I know it, the majority of Australians know it. Pretty much everyone but Turnbull and his mates knows it, it seems like. Unfortunately the government has been doing everything in its power to prevent granting the pretty basic right of marriage to same-sex couples.
This is an issue we need to fight around, to mobilise students and put pressure on the Liberals, until we force them to give in and grant us equal marriage rights.

Kim Doyle (Smoke Meth Hail Satan)
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Noni Bridger (Stand Up!)
Hey, my name is Noni. I’m a second year Arts/Diploma of Language student and I want to represent you on Student Council! As a representative on council, I would like to provide a passionate, issues-driven voice and have an enthusiastic attitude. As a representative, I would like to support UMSU and our autonomous departments in the various campaigns and programs they run.
I’d like to actively be involved in the higher levels of union administration to help ensure a fair union that equally represents the diversity of our student population.

Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Hannah Buchan (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Hannah, and I’d love to be a representative on Students’ Council in 2018! I’m an Arts student, and being involved in the union these past few months has really influenced my experience of my first year in a fantastic way. I believe in maintaining a progressive union at Melbourne University, especially at a time where we must collectively take a stand against attacks on students. I assure that I will speak up and provide an activist voice for all students if granted a position on council. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Rajan Dominic Ilagan (Stand Up!)
Hi! I’m Dominic and I’m running for Students’ Council. I believe that the Student Union works only when all are treated with respect and regard for everyone’s dignity. That’s only possible when differences and imbalances in power and privilege are mediated on campus. I run to uplift the students who are dragged down, underrepresented and excluded. I stand so that they can feel assured that they belong on campus. Beyond that, I run to give a progressive and reformist voice for all, so that all students can enjoy their uni experience. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Elizabeth Tembo (Stand Up!)
I love this University but there is still work to be done. My name is Elizabeth Tembo and I’m a first year science student who’d love to represent you on the Student Council. I want to work closely with the university to ensure that all students regardless of background or degree get a fair go. I am compassionate and very passionate about equity and so I assure you that I’ll listen to you and take action on issues that affect us all. Please grant me the privilege of advocating for you. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Jess Miller (Stand Up!)
Hey! I’m Jess and I am a first year science student. I’m running for Students’ Council because I want a more accessible and welcoming university for all. Our university isn’t perfect, and I believe we need to work together to continue improving our university so all students - no matter what background they come from - have a fulfilling and enjoyable university experience. I am willing to speak up for everyone to make sure that their concerns and issues are known to council, and to work on a solution to their problems. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Janina Chachuca Cely (Stand Up!)
¡Hola! I’m Janina from Ecuador, and am majoring in Environmental Geography. My goal is to represent YOU on the Student Council. Being the head of a club at uni, I have gained unforgettable moments and valuable experience in teamwork. I consider passion, hard work and empathy as the best qualities for this position. I want to propose new policies to enhance the union, wellbeing, equality and give a voice to the different clubs, departments and specially the multicultural and multiethnich uni students. YOU and I can build a harmonious campus for everybody. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Zhekun (Vincent) Ren (Stand Up!)
My name is Ren. I’m an electronic engineering student from China and this year I am running for Students’ Council. As an international student, I would like to speak for international students, find the problems they are facing and try my best to solve them. I am a persistent person, so I will never give up on something I have started. I like the academic, so I would devote myself into the work of the council if elected. I think we also need more international students to have more diverse voices.

Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Radit Arianto (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Radit from Indonesia and I’m very keen to be a representative on Student’s Council! I’m studying a Bachelor of Commerce and I have been engaged in student cohorts in Melbourne Uni.
These experiences have shaped my way of thinking about what it means to be an international student in Australia. I believe in establishing a professional work ethic and promoting diversity in the union would highly benefit you and all students in the university. I will work hard to represent your interests, advocate for transparency, and promote social justice within the union. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Step

Stephanie Kee (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Stephanie and I believe that student well-being is vital to an enriching and successful Uni experience. I want to ensure that all students have access to a wide range of services that will help ease social, financial and emotional pressures, so that we can focus on self-improvement and achieving our potential. As an international student and a woman of colour, I also recognise that students of different backgrounds may face unique difficulties at Uni, and I aim to ensure that all our needs are addressed through serving on Student’s Council. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Jasper Bell (Unite and Fight Racism)
Universities are under attack. Brutal government cuts force Melbourne university to act like a corporation. The Turnbull Government creates a climate of racism blaming refugees and migrants for lack of jobs and opportunities which spreads onto our campuses. But it’s the Liberals that are hiring our fees and worsening student poverty, when they could be taxing the rich. The Student Union should continue to mobilise students around no fee hikes, no lowering of the HECS repayment threshold, no cuts to classes or staff. By linking up campaigns against racism with defending student rights we can build a fighting student union.

Isobel Barnes (Unite and Fight Racism)
Turnbull’s recent push for the Australian citizenship test to measure “Australian values” not only implies that some migrants and communities are less ‘Australian’ than others, but promotes the delusion that migrants and diversity pose a threat to our society. A student union must act to both disprove this myth through amplifying the voices of ALL its students, as well as fight racist attacks on anyone who seeks to study, live or simply exist in Australia. It is crucial that in this current racist climate, we actively uplift people of colour and fight oppressive policies on and off campus.

Tom Fiebig (Unite and Fight Racism)
Offshore detention is in crisis. Despite months of illegality and essential services now being wound back, the torture of refugees in offshore camps continues. As refugee rights activists on campus, we see the student union’s role as building a fighting grassroots movement that can break the Labor and Liberal consensus on refugees. In 2015 the #LetThemStay movement stopped the deportation of 267 refugees. Refugees should be in our universities. Billions spent on torturing refugees should go towards winding back funding cuts to universities. An anti-racist student union should actively organise students against offshore detention to bring them here now.

CHONG Yoong Wai (Unite and Fight Racism)
Everyday, international students at Unimelb are confronted with racism on and off campus. We are blamed for stealing “Aussie jobs” and inflating housing prices. Instead of fighting government cuts to funding, universities are happy to use us as cash cows while they fire staff and slash vital services like health and disabilities support. This racism is a distraction; in fact it is the rich and powerful who are responsible for these attacks which affect all students. Help us build a fighting student union where local and international students work together to uproot racism on campus and challenge the cuts.

Sarah Moore (Unite and Fight Racism)
Islamophobia is on the rise; overseas with Trump and Le Pen’s blatant anti-Muslim platforms, and in Australia through Turnbull’s anti-refugee campaign, and Pauline Hanson’s scapegoating of Muslims. On campus, we need to challenge islamophobia wherever possible as racism seeps in, inciting hate crimes.
like the brutal attack on women wearing hijabs earlier this year at the University of Technology Sydney. The student union has the potential to be a key voice by promoting the student contingent at the refugee rally and sending a message that Muslims are and always will be welcome in our universities and communities.

Blake Atmaja (More!)
No statement received

Kayley Cuzzubbo (More!)
Hi, I’m Kayley Cuzzubbo, I’ve been involved with UMSU for years. I started on the Clubs and Societies Committee and this year I was one of the Clubs and Societies Office bearers. During my time as an Office Bearer I have had the opportunity to see how Students Council works and appreciate their significance to the student body. The reason I am running for Students Council is so I can use my UMSU experience to impact the direction of this Union and ensure the focus is always on student well being.

Jacob Sacher (More!)
No statement received

Katriona Smith (More!)
No statement received

Rory O’Kane (More!)
Hi, I’m an Arts student currently undertaking my honours year. I am running for students’ council because I believe it serves a critically important role in engaging the student body in the running of the university. We all know that the people hired by the university to run the place won’t look out for the needs of students, so I plan to bring a strong and active voice to the Students’ Council that does.

Sukhmani Randhawa (More!)
Hi I’m Sukhmani and I’m currently a first year arts student majoring in politics and philosophy! I’m running for a position on the student council because I believe it forms an essential link between the student body and the university – making it SUPER important when it comes to things that impact day to day student life. I really want to be involved in making changes that are representative of the needs and wants of the student body (YOU guys!!) and making the student council a more visible and approachable body for all students.

James Power (More!)
Hi! I’m James, and I’m a second year Arts student running for Students’ Council. I’ve been involved with a number of clubs and societies, and have volunteered with the UMSU Welfare Department throughout the year. I’m immensely passionate about UMSU, and believe Students’ Council serves as one of the most integral parts of UMSU’s governance. If elected I would always do my utmost to ensure strong, accountable, and transparent student representation.

Joshua Bruni (More!)
Hi my name is Josh, and I believe in a union that is informed and excited about the future! That’s why I am running for student’s council! I am an enthusiastic person and love to help those around me! If elected, I promise to keep the unions departments in check, ensuring your SSAF money is spent responsibly and with an aim to improve your student life! And importantly, I promise to use UMSU’s power to further progressive campaigns, including legalising same-sex marriage, and promoting gender equality and a clean environment!

Elizabeth Vu
No statement received

Jessica Chen
No statement received

Jennifer Jin
No statement received

Hong Yang Yong
No statement received

Chris Kounelis (Choice)
No statement received

Blake Reilly (Choice)
No statement received

Joshua Symes (Choice)
No statement received
Ambrose Berlin (Choice)
No statement received

Galen Maxwell-Leone (Choice)
No statement received

Angelica McLean (Choice)
No statement received

Lilian Day (International Students welcome)
No statement received

Dominic (Cheap Textbooks)
No statement received

Yuyang Liu
No statement received

Asher Patterson
No statement received

Fiona Yao
No statement received

Gaofei (Alice) Xue
No statement received

Miss Anmol Mehra
No statement received

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Activities Committee

Nikhil Sachdev (Liberal)
As the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities on Activities Committee will be:
To promote a more vibrant campus culture
To ensure that UMSU-affiliated events are inclusive and open to all students
To encourage and facilitate participation in UMSU activities and events by all students who pay SSAF, including international students, college students and mature-age students
To increase the amount of funding for the Activities Department
  • To ensure that there is appropriate scrutiny of the Activities Department’s expenditure
  • To promote responsible consumption of alcohol at UMSU-affiliated activities and events

Krishank Solanki (Stand Up!)
Hey fellow students, I am Krishank from India and I’d like to get involved in the Student Union by running for Activities Committee. I have always loved the social events run by UMSU, like Beer, Bands and BBQ’s on Tuesdays. I really want to get involved in the planning and facilitating of events within UMSU to help out and just get involved, to make sure events are inclusive, accessible and well planned. So please send a vote my way and Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Grace Kang (Stand Up!)
Hello all, I am Grace and I am an international indonesian student and I am very passionate about organizing social events that can bring students from all backgrounds and cultures and celebrate their identity. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take your Power Back!

Mia (Ngan) Vo (Stand Up!)
My name is Mia, running for Activities committee with all my passion and confidence. Studying hard might help boost your grade, but playing hard will expand your networking. For members to play hard and enjoy events, committee members are required to keep everything under control. My previous experience in being president of Vienamese student club has trained my creativity and improvisation, as well as corporation and negotiating skills. Therefore, I firmly believe that my team work and organising skills could be utilised to ensure that UMSU events are organised, professional and memorable. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Ririka Fujimoto (Stand Up!)
I’m Ririka and I am running for Activities committee and I am a Japanese student studying Arts. I love free food - anything from pizza, barbecue and drinks ( although my alcohol tolerance isn’t that strong!). I am very passionate about breaking cultural barriers between international and local students by organizing as many social events as possible. I am hoping to throw parties and community events that will pull the student body together as a whole. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take your Power Back!
Joshua Bruni (More!)
Hi my name is Josh, and for me, the activities department should have one goal – to make your life as fun as possible! Studying can be boring, and that is why the events activities run are so essential for student life! They provide an outlet to relax, and importantly make friends! From experience, I know some of my closest friends were made at activities events! Therefore, if elected I promise to keep the activities department banging, and make sure its funding is spent responsibly and with a focus on you!

Jackson Young (More!)
Heya, I’m Jackson, a Jaffy who somehow managed to crawl their way onto this year’s ticket. I want to be a part of your Activities Committee for the coming year because I’ve seen firsthand how my high school friends, who, sadly, don’t share my wit and charisma, have struggled to make new friends in the transition from high school. As such, I want to make our poor Jaffys a priority for Activities in the coming year so that everyone has an opportunity to make new pals and feel like they belong at university.

Raveena Grace (More!)
My name is Raveena Grace and I would love to be on activities committee because I enjoy being involved with the planning process of UMSU events and ensuring that they are inclusive and fun for everyone. I am someone that is very organised and have always helped out with the setup of UMSU events throughout the past three years. I have some great ideas for new events and would love the opportunity to put them into action. It’s great being a part of creating something that has enriched students’ university experience.

David Mastrantuono (More!)
Hi! You might recognise me as a member of the Mudcrabs - the biggest student comedy presence on campus - with whom I’ve been regularly writing and performing at our weekly sketch and stand-up show for three years now. I’m a fellow fan of the finest free lunches to be found on campus, and with my comedy background, I’m running to guarantee that your weeks stay filled with opportunities to unwind, have a laugh and a good feed with new friends.

Misa Murphy (More!)
Hi! My name is Misa and I’m a Third Year Music Student doing a major in Musicology. I want to run for the Activities Committee because I’m committed to making sure you take advantage of your time at university. I’ll help organise the huge university parties throughout the year that will make your year as fun as possible! I’ll help to continue the free food and good music of the Tuesday BBQs and bring new themes to the parties throughout the year.

Jennifer Jin (More!)
Hi there! I’m Jen, and I’m currently in my first year of a Bachelor of Science. Outside of Uni, I love playing piano and doing calisthenics (it’s a type of dance-look it up). I would be honoured to be elected into the activities committee so that I can make sure your experience at uni is as enjoyable as possible! I’m enthusiastic and passionate about creating change and above all, I believe that the uni experience should be a fun-filled one!

Catriona Smith (More!)
No statement received

Ambrose Berlin (Choice)
No statement received

Angelica McLean (Choice)
No statement received

Miss Anmol Mehra
No statement received

Jiahui Ji
No statement received

Creative Arts Committee

Daisy Feller (Stand Up!)
As David Foster Wallace once said, “I am a pretentious fuckwad.” However, I believe the creative arts should be accessible to everyone. I’m Daisy Feller, studying in the Masters of Creative Writing, Publishing, and Editing program, and here to turn the UMSU creative arts community upside-down. Come with me and explore the deepest recesses of your soul through art. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!
Grace Kang (Stand Up!)
No statement received

Rirka Fujimoto (Stand Up!)
My name is Rirka Fujimoto, and I am majoring in Sociology and minoring in Politics and International Relations. I am a singer and I am running for Creative Arts Committee with the aim to diversifying the genera of arts on campus. Currently, there are enjoyable events such as the Tuesday Bands. While enjoyable, the bands are concentrated in pop. To increase its diversity, I am planning to develop a connection with the Victorian College of Arts and offer more opportunity for students on campus to access various kinds of creative arts. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Charlene Ong (Stand Up!)
Hello, beautiful people! My name is Charlene and I’m a second year Arts student. A lot of people think that creating art needs talent, but I believe that the only talent you need is being true to yourself. Art captures you in the moment, your style, background and emotion. I love the freedom, growth and expression art allows. As a student, and someone who’s always aspiring to be called ‘that creative friend’ by my peers, I will strive hard to ensure that creativity will always be seen, heard and read on campus! Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Stephanie Kee (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Stephanie and over the course of my two years here at Uni I’ve dabbled in a range of creative pursuits, many of which would not have been possible without the Creative Arts department. I would love to help recreate that experience for anyone looking to dip their toes into the arts, while continuing to support our talented artists in enriching the Uni experience, and making sure that every student has plenty of opportunities to develop and showcase their skills. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Misa Murphy (More!)
Hi! My name is Misa and I’m a Third Year Music Student doing a major in Musicology. I want to run for the Creative Arts Committee to create more inclusive events that cater to what you want to do! I’ll be all ears to new suggestions for events and organising the upkeep of popular events already on the roster. I’ll bring together all the different facets of creative arts and want to put on fun and engaging events to make sure you leave university with great memories and great friends.

Alexandre Guerin (More!)
I’m a 1st year PhD student with a passion for the Creative Arts. Since moving to Melbourne in 2012, I’ve been involved in countless plays and musicals both in and out of uni. I’ve been the company manager of the student theatre group Four Letter Word Theatre for the past two years. On the Creative Arts Committee, I would love to facilitate more events for beginners, and use the Committee as a platform for students to express themselves creatively.

Alex McFadden (More!)
I’m running as a candidate for the Creative Arts Committee as the department has given me the opportunity to make wonderful friends, create some really cool things and discover aspects of myself and I want to share this opportunity with other students. As a member of the committee I would focus on diverse and accessible projects and growing the community of students involved with the department.

Adelaide Greig (Stand Up!)
Over my time at Melbourne Uni, I’ve been involved in over ten theatre shows in a variety of positions, and the creative arts community at the Uni is a massive and wonderful part of my life. As a Committee member I could bring my experience, passion and dedication to the creative arts to all the important decision making the Committee is required to make. It would be an absolute honour and joy to be able to serve the community here at Uni as a member of the Creative Arts Committee.

Ellie Hamill (More!)
I would be absolutely stoked to be on the Creative Arts Committee for 2018, to have the privilege of being able to advocate and facilitate student art in 2018. My involvement in art at university has predominately been through student theatre
with Four Letter Word Theatre, ICAC, UMMTA and Queen's College Music and Drama Society. The power of Art is in it’s ability to tell important often untold stories, to create unforgettable experiences and to move an audience to understand an experience outside themselves.

Elizabeth Biggs (Liberal)
As a creative arts student and the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities on Creative Arts Committee will be:
To promote the study and enjoyment of all forms of art at Melbourne University, particularly classical art,
To promote the study and enjoyment of all forms of music at Melbourne University, particularly classical music,
To ensure that art promoted by the Creative Arts Department meets basic community expectations,
To ensure that there is appropriate scrutiny of the Creative Arts Department’s expenditure

Sylvia (Yu Fan) Eng
No statement received

Xavier Da Costa (Choice)
No statement received

Grace Kang (Stand Up!)
No statement received

Jordan Peters (More!)
No statement received

Jiahui Ji (Doris) (More!)
No statement received

Disabilities Committee

Ankita Panjratan (More!)
Provisionally elected unopposed

Bridie Cochrane-Holley (More!)
Provisionally elected unopposed

Danielle Thorman (More!)
Provisionally elected unopposed

Jessica Miller (Stand Up!)
Provisionally elected unopposed

Lucy Birch (More)
Provisionally elected unopposed

Molly Willmott (Stand Up!)
Provisionally elected unopposed

Russell Wong (More!)
Provisionally elected unopposed

Education Committee

Kay Wai Ki Poon (Legalise Fidget Spiners)
According to all known laws of aviation, there is no way a bee should be able to fly. Its wings are too small to get its fat little body off the ground. The bee, of course, flies anyway because bees don’t care what humans think is impossible. Yellow, black. Yellow, black. Yellow, black. Yellow, black. Yellow, black. Yellow, black. Yellow, black. Yellow, black. Ooh, black and yellow! Let’s shake it up a little. Barry! Breakfast is ready! Coming! Hang on a second. Hello?
- Barry?
- Adam?
- Can you believe this is happening?
- I can’t. I’ll pick you up. Looking sharp. Use the stairs. Your father/ Over word limit

Kim Doyle (SMOKE METH HAIL SATAN)
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Amelia Saward (Change the Toilet Paper Back)
I'm Amelia, and I'm running for Education Committee to make sure we, the pro-roll-tariat, have our voices heard! The quality of your education is impacted by your comfort at university, and I believe that the new toilet paper things are the biggest threat to our comfort since the Melbourne Model. I will sit on committee and make sure that my own agenda of a roll-only Melbourne is realised. Help me help me to help you. Anyway, I'm just a kid with a vision for the future of toilet paper, so Vote [1] Change the Toilet Paper Back!

Neera Kadkol (Extend the Free Tram Zone)
So first old mate Dandrews gives us this ‘Free Tram Zone’ where we can pop around without worrying about getting bodyslammed by ‘authorised officers’ - pretty sweet, yeah? But then we realise that the Free Tram Zone ends a few stops short of uni, giving tickies a new favourite hangout. Taking the tram to uni means running the gauntlet of middled-aged lunatics, decked out in sweet jeans/runners combos with matching bumbags, who apparently developed their conflict resolution skills by watching late night WWE reruns.
Anyway, if you can’t afford to touch on then vote for me instead.

Rachel Carey (Left Focus)
Hi, I’m Rachel!
The government is attacking young people. They’re raising the cost of education, cutting funding to universities and forcing us to pay back our debt earlier. The cost of being a student is rising. We’re paying more for our degrees but getting less in return. We’ve seen our classes grow larger and course content move online. I want to be part of campaigns that organise to improve the quality and accessibility of education. If we all stand together we can defeat any future cuts!

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Alastair Gustav James (Left Focus)
No statement received

Niamh Marah (Left Focus)
No statement received

Nikhil Sachdev (Liberal)
As the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities on Education Committee will be:
• To ensure that more money is spent on academic services
• To end the ideological and politically-motivated use of students’ money to fund the National Day of Action and other protest movements
• To lobby the Federal Government to secure the best possible outcome for students from any changes to the higher education system
• To work with the Federal Government to ensure the long-term sustainability of higher education and of the generous HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP systems
• To oppose the influence of the radical Socialist Alternative on Education Committee

Jaimi Reed (Marriage Equality Now)
It’s time - you know it, I know it, the majority of Australians know it. Pretty much everyone but Turnbull and his mates knows it, it seems like. Unfortunately the government has been doing everything in its power to prevent granting the pretty basic right of marriage to same-sex couples. This is an issue we need to fight around, to mobilise students and put pressure on the Liberals, until we force them to give in and grant us equal marriage rights.

Emma Fazzino (More!)
I passionately believe all students have the right to a high-quality education, and I am committed to creating an environment within this university where this is possible. I seek to empower students to take responsibility for their own education, ensuring that their voices are heard. My experience volunteering for clubs including ‘Women in Science & Engineering’, tutoring disadvantaged students through ‘VCESS’ and mentoring incoming students during ‘Destination Melbourne’ have given me the chance to work collaboratively, with respect and resilience, whilst having a meaningful impact towards the future of education.

Annette Jacobsen (More!)
My name is Annette, and I am a second year PhD student who is passionate about tertiary education being accessible and equitable for all students. I am running for education committee as I want to make sure any changes that affect our education are done fairly and with proper student consultation - and, of course, to help fight bad policy when required! I have volunteered as a policy researcher on UMSU Education’s Policy Engagement Program this year, and would bring the skills learned here to advocate for all students if elected.

Elizabeth Vu (More!)
Jonas Larsen Hey, I’m Jonas! Ever since fleeing the freezing winters of Norway I’ve been heavily involved with our incredible student community. Particularly my passion for education has led me to become an Education & Welfare Officer in UMSU International, Events Director of Embrace Education and member of the Student Representative Network. Education is the very reason I have the opportunity of a lifetime, living and studying in Melbourne. As your representative I will advocate for improved tutor training, exam feedback and expanded counter course handbook to ensure it’s More! about you.

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Andrew Tan (More!)
Students deserve an educational structure which accounts for all students. All types of learning. Considerate of all types of barriers that may be faced. Providing maximum support. Providing minimum bureaucratic faff. I want to represent Melbourne University students on the education committee because I want to make sure they receive just that. To know that they are able to extract from their university experiences the best academic outcomes they can. To study with the knowledge that there are those advocating against unfair sanctions placed upon their learning. To know that we remain an institution committed to fostering its students abilities.

Mark Yin (More!)
I once bought a smashed avo brunch which turned out to be a whirlwind of soggy toast, and avocados which oddly resembled pureed banana. It was devastating - not only was I locked out of the housing market forever, but honestly, we all want to get what we pay for, right? It’s one thing to have paid $25 for this mess, but it’s another thing entirely to pay $25,000 for a Arts degree. Or any degree in general. Fight for your education like you’ll fight for a good brunch - vote More!

Jamie McDonald (More!)
Hi, I’m Jamie and I am currently a first-year Bachelor of Arts student majoring in economics and politics. I’m running for a position on the education committee because I believe students voices need to be heard and represented when the University is making decisions on issues relating to our education. It is essential for students values to be reflected because ultimately, we are the ones who will have to face any changes made. I also hope to make the work of the education committee more visible to students so they are aware of the exact changes being made to their education.

Elizabeth Tembo (Stand Up!)
Regardless of whether you’re an undergraduate or a postgraduate, studying Art, or Commerce, your education matters. Unimelb provides quality education but frankly more has to be done. My name is Elizabeth Tembo and I’m a first year science student who want to continue bettering our education experience. We have different lifestyles and study different courses but nonetheless should be given the same opportunities to make the most of our education experience. I’d love the opportunity to get involved do what I can to rectify issues in our quality and accessibility of education. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Dominic Ilagan (More!)
Hey! I’m Dominic and I’m running for Education Committee! We will all be paying (or are already paying) a significant amount of money just to go to this university. For all the alluring prestige and glossy marketing material that hooked us in, I’m passionate about making sure we hold the bureaucratic mass that is this University accountable for getting our money’s worth when it comes to our learning! We can start with a compulsory and reliable Lecture Capture, pushing for more 24- hour study spaces and investigating disproportionately weighted exams or hurdles! Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Ru Bee Chung (Stand Up!)
Hello! I’m Ru Bee! I’m a first year Bachelor of Commerce student, and I’m running for UMSU Education Committee. I think education is vital for the preservation and maintenance of our future. In a time where budget cuts and reduced support for students and staff are prevalent, it’s important to have a strong committee to constantly combat these changes. I believe that education should be made more accessible, especially to students coming from marginalised groups. Education is a basic right and we should not settle for anything less than a quality education. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Ayushi Mahajan (Stand Up!)
Hey! I’m Ayushi, a second year Arts student. As young people, we have the potential to make meaningful change within society, and this will not be possible if everyone does not have equal access to tertiary education. I am running for this position because I believe that it will allow me to get more involved in the campaigns and
initiatives run by the education committee. I hope to advocate for more stability in our education as well as strive for higher quality education because we are the future and deserve the best. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Leo Reuther (Stand Up!)
Hi! My name is Leo and I’m a third year student. I am amazed by the quality of education that is provided here and the countless opportunities students have access to. There are few places that offer such a high standard of education and it is my goal to play a part in achieving its ongoing success. I have been here for several years now, so I know what needs improving. I believe that my experience will allow me to create change to enhance this amazing experience for all future generations. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Josh Mills (Stand Up!)
Hello. I’m Josh. I am a second-year science student, and I am running for Education because I believe that the UMSU Education Department should be working for the needs of students. I will do my best to ensure that UMSU benefits as many students as possible, and that every student receives the best possible education from the University of Melbourne, because after all that’s what we are here for. I believe that we need affordable learning materials, better resources, and more opportunities for all students. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Krishank Solanki (Stand Up!)
Hey guys I am Krishank Solanki, an international student from India studying Masters of International Business. I am standing up for the Education committee as I believe there should be vast opportunities for students in the university. For the student’s education we need to stand together to work on ways to reduce the education cost and help students easily to gain knowledge, as I believe education is not burden, it is everyone’s right. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Farah Kharit
No statement received

Lilian Day (International Students Welcome)
No statement received

Joshua Symes (Choice)
No statement received

Stefan Vutov (Choice)
No statement received

Xin Na (Choice)
No statement received

Environment Committee

Kim Doyle (SMOKE METH HAIL SATAN)

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Kay Wai Ki Poon (Legalise Fidget Spinners)
Time is running out in 2017 to help Wikipedia. Do you want Wikipedia to be there when you need it? Today, tomorrow, and for years to come? If you do, our community needs your support. To protect our independence, we’ll never run ads. We’re sustained by donations averaging about $15. Now is the time we ask. If everyone reading this right now gave $3, our fundraiser would be done within an hour. That’s right, the price of a cup of coffee is all we need. Please help us keep Wikipedia online and growing. Thank you — Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia Founder

Neera Kadkol (Extend the Free Tram Zone)
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Anyway, if you can’t afford to touch on then vote for me instead.

**Jeremy Gibson (Left Focus)**
I’m Jeremy, and I’m running for Environment Committee with Left Focus. Environmental degradation is an unfortunate reality in Australia. I have been involved in campaigns about various issues in the past year particularly in defense of the Great Barrier Reef and against the Adani Coal Mine. I have been supporting protests and raising awareness about the consequences. I want to help run broad campaigns around local and global environmental damage as well as run forums to host discussion around how we can save the planet from avoidable disaster!
Vote [1] Left Focus for Environment Committee - we make a difference.

**Terence Taylor (Left Focus)**
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Nikhil Sachdev (Liberal)
As the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities on Environment Committee will be:
To promote the creation of more green spaces on campus for students to use for recreational and sporting purposes
To promote sensible environmental policies that promote sustainability and reduce pollution
To oppose the use of students’ money to fund ideological, politically-motivated and often violent protests such as those we’ve seen around campus, on Q&A and in Parliament House in Canberra
To end the Environment Committee’s unproductive war on the University of Melbourne
To ensure that there is appropriate scrutiny of the Environment Department’s expenditure

Jaimi Reed (Marriage Equality Now)
It’s time - you know it, I know it, the majority of Australians know it. Pretty much everyone but Turnbull and his mates knows it, it seems like. Unfortunately the government has been doing everything in its power to prevent granting the pretty basic right of marriage to same-sex couples.
This is an issue we need to fight around, to mobilise students and put pressure on the Liberals, until we force them to give in and grant us equal marriage rights.

Beiwei Lin (More!)
Got involved in enviro, spent a disproportionate amount of time there, and keen to do more. Want to be on committee so I can continue hanging out at enviro under the pretence of productivity, bask in the satisfaction of getting shit done, and persuade everyone to do as many things as possible. I also have plenty of other selfless motives.

Tessa Campisi (More!)
Species: Tessa Campisi
Diet: 70% hummus, 30% deconstructed sangría i.e. goon
Habitat: Can be found foraging for chickweed at Royal Park, talking to Flagstaff Garden’s possums or in dingy Carlton pubs.
Observable behaviour: Keen as a green bean to foster systemic change in the University’s environmental policies rather than more goddamn Keepcups (said whilst sipping from a Keepcup). Believer in real action over warring factions, and collaborating with the entire student body in pursuit of a sustainable non-apocalyptical future. Unfortunately, subscribes to “more pun = more fun” ideology.

Tess Newport (More!)
In a time when big corporations are striving to continue the pillage of our earth and their disregard for the sovereignty of First Nations peoples I want to play my part in the fight for land and climate justice. I want to hold our university accountable and see our student union continue leading on environmental action.

Will Ross (More!)
My name is Will. I’m a third year Arts student whose greatest political passions include climate justice, alliance building, hot chips, and grassroots activism. I want to be on the Committee so that I can do more to support the dedicated people in and around the Enviro Department, and lend my efforts to bringing more into the fold. If elected, I would support more opportunities for casual members to engage with the collective, and help to build broad-based alliances on campus, as the urgency of environmental justice heightens.

Sophie Rhule (More!)
I’m doing a B-Arts majoring in Politics and Development Studies, and I’m really passionate about environmental issues and animal rights. I’d love to be part of the committee as I believe that sustainability needs to be achieved on all levels from the personal to the political, and I’d love to see the university commit fully to being a global leader in campus sustainability and research ethics. If elected, I’d bring not only passion to the position but also sound background knowledge...
and experience from my previous work on environmental campaigns!

**Janina Chuchuca (Stand Up!)**
I am Janina, a Bachelor of Environments student from Ecuador and proudly running for the Environment Committee. As the first generation facing the struggles of climate change, I believe in the unification and empowerment of students towards sustainable practices. Respect of non-humans, more green areas, campaigns that promote environmental standards and social equality in the campus, integration of eco-friendly practices in our daily life to reduce our impact on the planet are my main goals. I believe that small changes can make us the leaders for a better present and bright tomorrow. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Ayushi Mahajan (Stand Up!)**
Hey! I’m Ayushi, and I’m a second year Arts student. I’m running for the Environments committee as I am interested in how the university can strive for the implementation of more sustainable solutions. As a member of this committee I will advocate for more ethical and positive initiatives that will promote environmental sustainability. After all, the Earth is our home and we’ve got to take care of it! Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Julia Harrison (Stand Up!)**
I’m Julia, and I’m running for Environments committee. I think that there’s a lot to be said about the job that young people are responsible for in protecting our environment – after all, we’re the ones who will have to deal with the mistakes that have been made in the past, and that are continuing to be made today. I believe that we’re up to the challenge, however, and that’s why I’d like to represent you in our union. Stand Up! have a proven record of fighting for these changes. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Charlene Ong (Stand Up!)**
Hi, I’m Charlene. Whenever ‘environment’ is mentioned, our minds automatically jump to fossil fuels, sustainable energy, and carbon emissions. As important as they are, it is my belief that as a student body, we have the privilege to think of it on a micro-level. Not only can our voices represented by the uni affect change, but so can our actions as students. If elected, I will do my best in spreading awareness not only of the grave effects of climate change, but also the positive impact that we, as students, can make. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Gillian Carter (Stand Up!)**
Hi I’m Gill, a first year physics student. I believe that as a student body, we have the power to make large changes that will positively affect the environment. Small changes multiplied over a large number of people have a big impact. I believe we should be promoting causes such as meat-free Mondays and cafes giving a discount if you bring your own recyclable coffee mug. We should also work on phasing out non-biodegradable materials used around campus. As a vegetarian for over 1.5 years, I’m committed to protecting our environment. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Matt Whitney (More!)**
No statement received

**Tom Carlyle-James (Choice)**
No statement received

**Blake Reilly (Choice)**
No statement received

**Tara Jalali**
No statement received

**Lilian Day (Chinese ticket can’t type)**
No statement received

**Miss Anmol Mehra**
No statement received
Indigenous Committee

Ethan Taylor (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)  
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

Olivia (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)  
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

Paris Mordecai (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)  
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

Serena Rae Thompson (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)  
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

Wunambi Connor (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)  
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

Yarramun Grace Conole (The Biggest Blackest Ticket)  
Provisionally Elected Unopposed

People of Colour Committee

Abhineet Gupta (Choice)  
Hi! I’m Abhi, an international student from Fiji studying a Master of IT. I’m standing as a Choice candidate for People of Colour Committee because I believe students of colour should have a greater say in how UMSU is run. This is particularly important given the compulsory SSAF of roughly $300 which all full-time students have to pay yearly. Choice will fight to ensure that students get value for money. It’s only fair that students of colour should have a say as to how much their student politicians should be paid. It’s your Union. We’re your Choice.

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)  
As the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities on People of Colour Committee will be:  
• To stand up to racism on campus in all forms  
• To combat the exploitation of international students on campus  
• To ensure that the People of Colour Department truly empowers students of colour  
• To ensure that the People of Colour Department remains free from ideological or politically-motivated activities  
• To ensure that UMSU provides greater support for students who are not native English speakers  
• To ensure that there is appropriate scrutiny of the People of Colour Department’s expenditure

Julie Ja (More!)  
Hello everyone! I am the daughter of two proud Chinese-Khmer parents who have fought hard to give me as many chances for upward mobility in Australia. I am someone who understands not only the difficulties of juggling cultures and not belonging, as well as how race issues are so much more interwoven with other issues. As a result, being able to represent and/or help you better understand PoC issues would be an honour. Hopefully, I will get to meet all of you soon and we can do some low-key liaising and learning together. Yours, with warmth x

Farah Khairat (More!)  
Hi I’m Farah (no- not like Farrah Fawcett). Growing up between Egypt and Australia, I’ve always felt uncertain and lacking a sense of belonging. I had, and still have a case of the diaspora blues. The POC department is perhaps one of the places I feel most safe and at ease with myself. I want to make sure that more people like myself, torn between cultures, can find their way and not feel the sense of displacement I’ve felt throughout my life. To the committee, I would bring a voice fundamentally rooted in intersectional feminism, packed with personal experience.

Yaameen Al-Muttaqi (More!)  
I’ve been bouncing around countries, navigating vastly differing cultures since birth. I picked up
cultural nuances, and how they change when people move from home. As a brown Australian kid who’s spent half his life outside Australia, I understand the feelings of alienation when far from home, wherever your home may be. I believe, when it comes to the PoC department, I can put everything I’ve learnt along the way to good use, and help the department make this campus a friendlier, more multicultural and inclusive place for all.

Jiahui Ji (Doris) (More!)
I am Jiahui Ji, from China, studying master of marketing communications. As an international student, I realize the important of cultural diversity. Melbourne University provides us a multi-cultural and inclusive environment, involving students from different backgrounds. However, in the cultural communication process, there are either positive or negative outcomes. People of Color department as an outlet for students ‘voices, plays an important role for overseas students to advocate their equal rights and fight against racism, which are all meaningful for me. I want to contribute my power and passion to support more international students to improve their campus life.

Jackie Hu (More!)
My name is Jackie Hu and I’m studying a Bachelor of Music. As a PoC who is also Queer, I understand the importance of University campus being a safe environment for everyone. As someone who has felt the cultural isolation of being a Chinese person growing up in Australian society, I want to build a community for PoC to feel safe and connected on/around campus. My vision is to combat racism at University and to create more awareness and visibility of the issues PoC face.

Mark Yin (More!)
To quote Netflix’s sci-fi web drama Sense8 (critically acclaimed for its diverse, multi-national ensemble cast!), representing people of colour is important to me because “I am also a we.” In other words, I am who I am because I belong to a people, a tribe, a community. Yes, we all come from different backgrounds and have different stories to tell, but there’s also so much that we share, and no negativity or poorly-phrased posters can come between that. Please vote to celebrate unity, solidarity and diversity!

Qieqie Bie (Veronica) (More!)
No statement received

Taha Noman (Stand Up!)
I am Taha Noman. I’m a first year Bachelor of Design student. Our campus is a diverse one with students with different backgrounds and ethnicities. To ensure that their interests are correctly represented I would be honoured to serve on the People of Colour committee. I believe a well connected diverse body of students will help us function effectively in the global society and help us create a better tomorrow for the future generations to come. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Jenny (Ei Pyae Pyae) Phyo (Stand Up!)
Hi, I am Ei Pyae Pyae Phyo (Jenny) and I am a Management and Marketing major and am running for PoC Committee. As an international student from Myanmar, I’ve encountered some discrimination and challenges. It is a sad truth; racism and discrimination still exist in 21st century. However, I am eager to make a difference for the people of colour and fellow students who have been through bad experiences. Thus, as an activist, I decided to be in this committee to combat racism and promote equal representation for the students. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Abhijit Taleppadi (Stand Up!)
I’m Abhijit Taleppadi, and I’m a third year running for PoC Committee. Being at a university that welcomes students from around the world, I believe it is necessary that People of Colour be well represented in the Student Union. In an era with rising intolerance pervading throughout society, it’s becoming more important than ever to put our voices out there. I want to be that voice. I believe in working with other members of the Committee to make sure that the important issues we face as PoC are adequately represented in UMSU. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Hannah Li (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Hannah and I’m a local student in second year studying geography, politics and German!
I wanted to be a part of the People of Colour committee in order to act as a representative for those who are in need of a voice within the student union. As someone whose parents are of migrant background, and who has lived overseas for a period of time, I believe that diversity within our community is a strength, not something to be ridiculed. We deserve to be heard in this community. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Juan Carlo (Stand Up!)
Hi I’m Juan Carlo, and I’m running for People of Colour committee. As an international student having lived in 3 countries, I understand how having people of different cultures creates a more interesting and innovative environment. I’ve always felt Melbourne to be a great example of this, with a diverse mix of people. University is a melting pot for different ideas, and with the University of Melbourne being advertised as the place where great minds collide, maintaining and continued development a safe environment for people of colour at university is super important. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Xin Ma (Choice)
No statement received

Matt Madhumathi Ragunathan
No statement received

Jiahui Ji
No statement received

Ru Bee Chung (Stand Up!)
Hello! I’m Ru Bee! I’m a first year Bachelor of Commerce student, and I’m running for Queer Committee. The university should be inclusive for all, regardless of gender or sexuality, and I believe that we should work to improve that. In a world where we struggle to be recognised we should strive to build a supportive and safe environment for queer people. As someone from a residential college, I think that the Queer Committee should increase the effort to get more involved in the colleges. This, along with all other efforts, is something I’ll wholeheartedly back. Vote [1] Stand Up!

Jeremy O’Keefe (Stand Up!)
Hi I’m Jeremy and I’m a first year Arts Student. The Stand Up! team, I believe, are the only genuine progressive vote. Representing the most inclusive and diverse people. Identifying myself as queer and from rougher suburbs of QLD, I was impacted on personally from the bullies in high school and my neighbourhood. Here I stand strong and ready to fight back on anti-social behaviour to elevate the whole community. We can be more outgoing queer department, spreading our warm love and colours; whilst never forgetting those who need our loving support. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Gillian Carter (Stand Up!)
Hi I’m Gill and I’m a first year physics student. I believe I would be a great member of the queer committee. I have previous experience as a member of my high school’s gender & sexually diverse collective, as well as attending many same sex marriage rallies. I would love to see greater support for transgender students, for example placing sanitary bins in the men’s bathrooms. I would also love to see a greater visibility for and acceptance of non-binary genders and those embracing non-traditional gender roles. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Ankita Panjratan (More!)
I want to be on the Queer committee because it took me 19 years to be completely open about my sexuality. I want to be on the Queer committee because the plebiscite will give a voice to those telling me I have a disorder for being in love. I want to be on the Queer committee because I’m

**Kath Lloyd (More!)**
Hey I’m Kath, a bisexual woman hoping to give back to the department that has done so much for me by providing a safe space and events where I can be openly and unapologetically myself, eat pizza, get hair inspiration, and make friends with a fabulous range of new people. We owe it to the next generation of baby queers to make the department welcoming, inclusive, and accessible for all members of the uni LGBTQIA+ community.

**Raph Canty (More!)**
Hi, I’m Raph! The UMSU Queer department has been the catalyst for me growing from a shy first-year into a proud, confident member of the Queer community. I want every student at this University to have the same opportunity to find themselves as I have had. As a member of the queer committee, I will strive to ensure there continues to be support and a safe environment for every student under the LGBTIAQ+ umbrella and beyond.

**Jackson Young (More!)**
Hey there boys, girls and everyone in between, I’m Jackson and I’m here to tell you why I wouldn’t be completely shit on the Queer Committee. University is a time of newfound freedom that gives us the opportunity to explore our gender identity and sexuality. It’s easy to feel isolated during this time, so I intend to make sure supporting those who are just beginning their coming out journey is a priority for the Queer Department; and if you ever need someone to talk to, I’m always willing to lend a helping hand.

**Natasha Charmaine Manawadu (More!)**
Hey everyone, my name is Natasha, and I’m your local politics nerd. I’m passionate about well-planned cities, economic redistribution, good coffee and great conversation. I’m currently on the queer committee, but I’m running again for next year, because I identify very strongly with the queer community, and would like to give back to the community that gave me an accepting, safe place to call home. You’ll see me around campus a lot, especially in the queer space, so if you’re up for a chat, or have any questions, come say hey!

**Alex McFadden (More!)**
Hi I’m Alex, I’m non-binary. I’m running as a candidate for queer committee as I want to contribute to the department. The queer space has helped me make friends and be confident in my identity, it has empowered me to advocate for myself and others. I want to celebrate queer people and contribute to making a safe and inclusive environment for LGBTIAQ+ people.

**Jennifer Ciliberto (More!)**
I hope to join the queer committee as one of your representatives in order to make sure Melbourne Uni students from outside the Parkville campus are represented and involved within queer events and the wider queer community. I hope to be someone who any queer student can reach out to, to make sure that we can share a supportive and welcoming environment across campuses.

**Welfare Committee**

**Jess Miller (Stand Up!)**
Hey! I’m Jess and I’m running for the Welfare Committee. I believe that everyone has a right to equal opportunity at University, and I believe that on the Welfare Committee I can help make this possible. Currently there isn’t much support for students, especially those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. Student poverty is an ever-growing crisis and I believe on the Welfare Committee I can help to support these students and make a more accessible university for all. For example, I think we should improve the foodbank to help struggling students on campus. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Nicholas Wright (Stand Up!)**
Welfare is my passion, and for the last five years I have worked in the not-for-profit sector, helping to promote training for welfare professionals. I also worked in Performance Improvement for NSW Health and found that a lot of suffering could be alleviated by reducing information...
asymmetry, so better information for students will be my focus as committee member. I can help the Welfare Department not just in its long-standing role in delivering services to students, but also in linking students to the wider health, mental health, and welfare systems. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Josh Mills (Stand Up!)
Hello, I’m Josh and I am a second-year science student. I am running for Welfare Committee because I believe that UMSU Welfare should be working to meet the needs of students. I will do my best to ensure that UMSU Welfare benefits as many struggling students as possible, and that every student feels comfortable during their time at university. Whether it be through free food, de-stressing activities or killer memeing, UMSU Welfare has the potential to make university life easier for many, and I want to be involved in this change. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Stephanie Kee (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Stephanie and I’m currently in my third year of an Arts degree. I’ve been involved with a number of clubs and departments under UMSU since my first day at University, and I would love to be further engaged with the issues, especially welfare issues, that concern us all as students. I stand for inclusivity and accountability, and will work to make sure that our student union truly represents the needs of our diverse student body. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Elsa Zhang (Kecheng Zhang) (Stand Up!)
Hi! I’m Elsa, a first-year Arts student. I believe that the Welfare Department is an important service for every student. I understand university life can be stressful when trying to balance life in general, and I want us to be able to give students the support they require. This is a significant aspect of promoting inclusiveness and providing opportunities where students feel they can make the most of their time at university. I’m keen to be a part of the Welfare Committee and want to help make improvements to benefit us all. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Beiwei Lin (More!)
If you’re a regular at Welfare cooked breakfasts, you may know me as that person always hovering behind mounds of bacon. But Welfare is more than bacon. Welfare is the guardian angel looking after you through a week of adsjghskdjs, and that is something I very much want to be a part of. Visions include: growth and promotion of Welfare services to sustain its vital role in maintaining student wellbeing, portion of events budget set aside strictly for jumping castle hire.

Andrew Tan (More!)
We all arrive at Melbourne University with different histories and experiences, pains and pleasures. In our pursuit of university degrees, these factors that compose each of us inevitably colour our experiences. Some of us seem to pass through uni unfettered. Some of us indeed arrive at university burdened by external troubles which pose an impediment our ambitions. On the welfare committee, I wish to represent those whose circumstances pose hurdles to a healthy and holistic university experience, creating support systems to minimise those challenges to experiencing Melbourne University for all of its potential.

Nistha Kumar (More!)
Being at uni can be tough, I for one am well acquainted with the struggles of student life. With deadlines, readings and dreaded group assignments we sometimes even forget to take care of ourselves. Being in third year, i was shocked when I realised that there were a surprising number of services that I didn’t know existed! Because of this, I want other students to be well acquainted with the welfare community and the numerous services and support on offer that allow ‘you’ to perform to the best of your abilities.

Jonas Larsen (More!)
Hey, I’m Jonas and I want a welcoming and healthy student community. As an UMSU International Education & Welfare Officer and regular volunteer in the breakfast bar and other invaluable Welfare department initiatives, I thoroughly appreciate the vital role of such programs. Adequate support outside of the classroom is absolutely essential to success
within the classroom. I’d be honoured to represent you on the Welfare committee where I’d advocate for extensive follow-up of the sexual assault and harassment survey, strengthened cross-departmental liaison and expanded services, so it’s More! about you.

**Lena Fang (More!)**

Hi everyone! My name is Lena (Yidi Fang) and I am running for Welfare committee. I have been a welfare volunteer for two semesters and I want to play an active role in both Welfare department and UMSU event in the future. I believe my internship and project experience in different industries (including food, entertainment, government, and bank), along with my marketing background will help me bring a well-rounded perspective to event organising and preparation. Thank you for taking the time to read! :)

**David Mastrantuono (More!)**

The behind-the-scenes of university life is rough. During my study I’ve had to deal with the pressures that come along with moving out out of home and needing to make ten bucks last a week until the next Centrelink payment. As tough as times have been, I’ve been comforted by the knowledge that if an emergency ever arose, I’d be able to find help at the Welfare Office. I’d like to be part of maintaining this presence, with an awareness of the struggle so many students fight with poverty.

**Galen Maxwell (Choice)**

Hi! I’m Galen, a first-year student studying a Bachelor of Arts. While university can be a lot of fun, it can also be a struggle. UMSU receives roughly $6 million from students each year, and should use this to help us endure that struggle. Sadly, much of it is wasted on cushy salaries for student politicians and on the political posturing and factional antics of the NUS. We need to spend less on them and more on the problems which affect everyday students. We need to create a more flexible, more accountable Student Union. Choice will be your voice.

**Sean Cartwright (Choice)**

Hi! I’m Sean, a first-year student studying a Bachelor of Commerce. I’m standing for the Welfare Committee as a part of Choice because I believe that UMSU should prioritise the wellbeing of all students, not just a select few. Choice is an apolitical, non-partisan ticket committed to fighting for greater accountability and transparency in UMSU. A partisan, faction-dominated Union will always put the welfare of its student politicians ahead of the rest. Our university should be a safe, diverse, and inclusive environment where every student gets more bang for their buck. It’s your Union. We’re your Choice.

**Muhammad Afif Al-Islami (Stand Up!)**

No statement received

**Lucy Birch (More!)**

No statement received

**Elizabeth Biggs (Liberal)**

See end for statement

**Farah Khairit**

No statement received

**Erica Flude**

No statement received

**Jiahui Ji**

No statement received

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**Women’s Committee**

**Angelica McLean (Choice)**

Hello! I’m Angie, a first year Bachelor of Arts student. I’m standing for three positions: Student Council, Women’s Committee and Activities Committee. For new university students, the inner workings of UMSU are a mystery. Few realise that the SSIF raises $6 million for our student union, $37 000 of which is sent to the partisan National Union of Students rather than into benefits at our University. UMSU should place a higher priority on transparency. As a non-partisan, apolitical ticket, Choice is committed to delivering this for students. If you support student empowerment, make your Choice and support us this election!
Irini Levou (Choice)
Hey I’m Irini, a second year studying science and an active member of campus life. I believe that women have a great contribution to make to campus life and that with a little encouragement we can do great things! I believe that we can do more to encourage women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). If elected, I’ll work to make the women’s collective more open and encouraging for new women to get involved – particularly for mature aged women and mothers. If you want to see a more inclusive and diverse union, then Choice is for you.

Elizabeth Biggs (Liberal)
Having previously served on the Committee and as the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities on Women’s Committee will include:
- To ensure that UMSU adequately responds to the issue of sexual harassment and assault on campus
- To promote a safe environment for women on campus, particularly by ensuring more is done to tackle gendered-violence on and around campus
- To lobby for improved safety measures on campus, including an increased security presence and better night-time lighting, given the dramatic increase in sexual offending under the Andrews Labor Government
- To ensure that the Women’s Department is not captured by radical feminist interests

Bridie Cochrane-Holley (More!)
Hi there! My name is Bridie and I am running for Women’s Committee with More! My full name is Bridget, so you can call me that, Bridie, or almost anything in-between, just as long as you put a little [i] for More! come polling time! I’m a second-year Ancient World Studies major, and I am passionate about making tangible and meaningful actions for the benefit of the female student community and excited to work with and learn from the other committee members.

Sukhmani Randhawa (More!)
Hi I’m Sukhmani and I’m currently a first year arts student majoring in politics and philosophy! With the release of the recent report regarding sexual assault in universities it’s evident that woman’s issues on campus are as significant as ever. I want to make addressing issues of gender equality something that is more relevant and accessible to all university students. I also want to play a part in tackling issues gender inequality that affect us university students the most, such as the lack of representation of female graduates in fields of STEM or in high raking positions in the workforce.

Farah Khairat (More!)
I’m a first year arts student with a heap of anger and compassion which I like to channel into my intersectional feminism. As both an English and Politics major, I believe that activism can lay in an array of forms- whether it be political, or artistic. I find activism to be a core part of the university experience and no matter what I study, I’ve always felt that my passion belongs in women’s issues (particularly for women of colour). As a committee member, I would provide a bold, inclusive, and genuine voice for all students.

Annette Jacobsen (More!)
My name is Annette, and I am a science PhD student and an Athena SWAN advocate, who is involved in promoting equality of women in science. I am running for women’s committee this year as I believe all people who identify as women should be able to complete their education in a safe and supportive environment. The Women’s Department have some great initiatives in place and, if elected, I would like to support them in promoting women’s issues and helping all women reach their potential while at university.

Katie Doherty (More!)
Hi! I’m Katie, a third year Arts student. Throughout my time at Melbourne Uni I have appreciated the services provided by the Women’s Department, from the Women’s Room, to Collective Meetings and beyond. In 2018 I want to give back to the Department by working with the Women’s Committee to create an even more welcoming space, as well as to push for further activism by the department – while this year saw great successes, the release of the Change the Course report clearly showed how far we still have to go.

Jamie McDonald (More!)
Hi, I’m Jamie and I am currently a first-year
Bachelor of Arts student majoring in economics and politics. I’m running for a position on the women’s committee because I want to help address the issue of gender inequality on campus. I want to be involved in making changes to help make the uni a safer environment so all students can feel safe on campus. I also think it is important to make the women’s department more visible and accessible so all women can contribute their ideas and express their concerns to help other women.

Jessica Chen (More!)
Feminism. This single word induces mixed emotions, definitions and strong opinions. I believe that feminism is the empowerment of women and the movement to stop the oppression of women because come on; we’re in the 21st century. I would like to be a voice for women to ensure that everyone, regardless of their gender has equal opportunities and safe spaces on campus to thrive and succeed. To the men reading, don’t worry I’m not a ‘feminazi.’ I’m just hoping to advocate for equality in a society where women are still considered a minority.

Hannah Buchan (Stand Up!)
Hey, I’m Hannah, and as someone who identifies as a woman I have experienced many issues that directly affect women on campus. I am running for Women’s Committee because this department provides a support network for all women, particularly those from marginalised and disadvantaged groups. It’s time to advocate for further safety on campus, further equality, and further empowerment for every student who identifies as a woman on this campus. The women’s department has shown that it can be a wonderful place, and I would love the opportunity to help continue that. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Hanady Kaik (Stand Up!)
My name is Hanady Kaik and I am a Commerce student majoring in Accounting and Finance. As a commerce student, I’ve learned that diversity is the key for an effective team. I want to make the Women’s Department more accessible to everyone and ensure that all women feel safe on campus. I believe that the Women’s Committee need more women from all different majors and different backgrounds to be able to deliver everyone’s voice. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Noni Bridger (Stand Up!)
Hi there! My name is Noni and I am a second year Arts/Dip. Language student and I’m running for Women’s Committee. I am a passionate advocate for women’s issues and want to become more active within the student union to advocate for solutions to these issues. I want to assist UMSU in holding the university to account about the appalling statistics from the Sexual Assault on Campus survey. I want to support our Women’s Department and UMSU in campaigns they run surrounding the issue and assist our Women’s Officers. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Jenny (Ei Pyae Pyae) Phyo (Stand Up!)
Hi, I am Ei Pyae Pyae Phyo (Jenny) and I am majoring in Management and Marketing. This year, I’m running for Women’s Committee. As a South East Asian woman, I’ve encountered a lot of gender discrimination, double standards, and pressure put upon us, as is inevitable in patriarchal society. As Desmond Tutu said “If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor.” As a fierce fighter, I choose to take part in Women’s Department to empower women and make a safe campus for everyone. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Ru Bee Chung (Stand Up!)
Hello! I’m Ru Bee! I’m a first year Bachelor of Commerce student, and I’m running for the UMSU Women’s Committee. It is without a doubt that women-identifying students at university face many challenges and hurdles, especially in light of the recently released report pertaining to sexual assault on campus. The Women’s Committee has had significant influence in fighting for equality, accessibility, and safety, as well as nurturing supportive and accepting communities. I want to continue this effort in order to bring increased movement in the university environment. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Daisy Feller (Stand Up!)
My name is Daisy Feller and I believe that Women’s Committee needs more non-binary
representation. As it stands, non-binary people, myself included, are often left without a space in which to exist without judgement. Some of us don’t feel queer enough to join queer spaces, not cis/het enough to be accepted outside these safe spaces, and not woman enough to exist in women’s spaces. I also believe that inclusion and protection of trans women should be the highest priority of the Women’s Committee. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

**Burnley General Committee**

Charlotte Bartlett-Wynne  
No statement received  
*Provisionally Elected Unopposed*

Christopher James Carberry  
No statement received  
*Provisionally Elected Unopposed*

Isabelle Gundermann  
No statement received  
*Provisionally Elected Unopposed*

James Barclay  
No statement received  
*Provisionally Elected Unopposed*

Tess Giesen  
No statement received  
*Provisionally Elected Unopposed*

Xie Cunyi  
No statement received  
*Provisionally Elected Unopposed*

**Victorian College of the Arts General Committee**

Xavier Da Costa (Choice)  
The VCA is underrepresented as an integral part of the University. Our equipment is either damaged or non-existent, with the Parkeville campus being given higher priority. Our campus has been ruined by ad hoc maintenance. Our classrooms are “toxic post-modernist spaces” which the cash-obese UMSU refuses to maintain. It’s time for a change. This is not ‘modern’ teaching, but a lazy, vapid approach to what was once the finest art institution in Australia. If elected, I promise to restore the VCA to its former glory.

**Chris King (More!)**  
Chris King I, Chris King, am running for a spot on the More ticket because I believe in what they stand for. I was the founding and current president of the VCA’s first student society. Through this role I organised and successfully ran the VCA O Camp. I look forward to organising and running MORE events through the VCASA in 2018.

**Eleanor Kirk (More!)**  
I’m running for reelection because I want to be able to make a difference to the lives of VCA students through a leadership position at the university. Over recent years, the involvement of VCA students in university life, including participation in clubs and societies as well as the creation of new student-run initiatives, has increased, and I want to be able to continue pursuing that trend. With a position on UMSU, I would hope to continue these kinds of initiatives in a move to unite VCA students and ensure that their university experience is about more than just study!

**Sebastian Klarica (More!)**  
No statement submitted

**Annabelle Ots (More!)**  
I’ve seen a few changes on campus the last year. Things have been good, yeah. It should continue to be that way.

**Jennifer Ciliberto (More!)**  
I hope to become one of your representatives within the student association to help make sure that marginalised groups have the chance to make their voices heard both within the universities administration, as well as in the wider artistic community.

**Michael Norris (More!)**  
Things have been good, ay. We’re finally talking
Nicholas Mulheron (More!)
It’s really interesting what More! has planned for the VCASA next year. Not to spoil the surprise for anyone just yet, but it’s really exciting, especially with what’s going to happen with all the construction next year. I look forward to being a part of it for the students.

Neera Kadkol (Extend the Free Tram Zone)
So first old mate Dandrews gives us this ‘Free Tram Zone’ where we can pop around without worrying about getting bodyslammed by ‘authorised officers’ - pretty sweet, yeah? But then we realise that the Free Tram Zone ends a few stops short of uni, giving tickies a new favourite hangout. Taking the tram to uni means running the gauntlet of middled-aged lunatics, decked out in sweet jeans/runners combos with matching bumbags, who apparently developed their conflict resolution skills by watching late night WWE reruns. Anyway, if you can’t afford to touch on then vote for me instead.

Marcus Peters (More!)
No statement received

Xavier Da Costa (Choice)
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National Union of Students Delegate

to each other a bit more, but there’s still a lot more to go. I want to be part of that change, no matter how slow it’ll be in the start. Nothing ventured, nothing gained, right?

Nick Reich (Left Focus)
I’m Nick, and I’m running to be a National Union of Students Delegate. The National Union of Students this year has been organising campaigns against the government and for minority and oppressed students’ rights. These campaigns have involved thousands of students. This is because activists from Left Focus were elected as representatives. Next year we want to ensure that NUS rallies around students’ rights. We want to see our national union stand committed to the rights of students and for social justice. Vote [1] Left Focus for NUS Delegate - we make a difference.

Jeremy Gibson (Left Focus)
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Rachel Carey (Left Focus)
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Terence Taylor (Left Focus)
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Sureen Tiwana (Left Focus)
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Alastair Gustav James (Left Focus)
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Kay Wai Ki Poon (Legalise Fidget Spinners)
good shit go sHit thats some good shit righthere right there if i do say so my self i say so thats what im talking about right there right there

(chorus: mMMMMOoOOOOOOoo Good)

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)
In its current state, NUS is a fundamentally undemocratic and unrepresentative body dominated by factionalism and lacking even the most basic transparency and accountability mechanisms. It’s no surprise that NUS represents less than half of Australian universities. It is, however, unbelievable that UMSU still spends almost $40,000 in NUS affiliation and conference fees when its record is so poor. If elected as an NUS delegate I’ll advocate for reform to NUS to make it more democratic, accountable and transparent and push for UMSU to disaffiliate from NUS until such reforms are adopted. Together, let’s make NUS work for all students.

Jaimi Reed (Marriage Equality Now!)
It’s time - you know it, I know it, the majority of Australians know it. Pretty much everyone but Turnbull and his mates knows it, it seems like. Unfortunately the government has been doing everything in its power to prevent granting the pretty basic right of marriage to same-sex couples. This is an issue we need to fight around, to mobilise students and put pressure on the Liberals, until we force them to give in and grant us equal marriage rights.

Tara Jalali
No statement received

Miss Anmol Mehra
No statement received

Erica Flude
No statement received

Kim Doyle (SMOKE METH HAIL SATAN)
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Melinda (Mindi) Suter (Stand Up!)
Hey I’m Mindi. Students have never had it worse off. Our degrees have never been more expensive, Centrelink hasn’t risen in real terms since many of us were born and our penalty rates have recently been slashed. As an NUS delegate I want to argue for broad and inclusive campaigns against the war on young people as a whole from the Liberal Government to our own university administration. NUS has been its most effective when it has focused on activism so if you want a national union that fights for students, Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Shania Khan (Stand Up!)
Hi I’m Shania! In the face of persistent attacks on students from the Liberal Government we need a strong, resilient and fighting national union. I’m a committed activist for student rights and as an NUS delegate I want to push for a sustained campaign against the neoliberalisation of education in Australia. I believe NUS should embody the progressive and socially conscious values of students; I am steadfastly on the side of taking a stand against sexism, racism and homophobia in society. As an NUS delegate I will argue to take action on the issues that affect students. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Alice Smith (Stand Up!)
Hi, my name is Alice and I’m a second year student. I went to NatCon last year for a whole half day and it was great. I’d like to go for ten times that long this year as a UMSU NUS delegate. I believe that NUS is in a great position to represent our interests as students at a national level. I will be advancing the interests of our student population above all else, and my involvement in UMSU these last two years puts me in a good position to achieve this. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Molly Willmott (Stand Up!)
Hey, I’m Molly and I like NUS. The National Union of Students is Australia’s peak representative voice for students, and at their national conference, I want to make sure UMSU is heard. I was a delegate last year, and had the honour of voting up a campaign against sexual violence, as well as one against the cuts that are being proposed at our university. NUS has had a really great year, fighting higher education cuts and promoting student welfare, so let me help continue this fight on a national stage. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Desiree Cai (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Desiree, and I’m running for NUS delegate to represent you, the students of Melbourne University. I believe the National Union of Students, as the only peak representative body for tertiary students, is important. It is vital to ensure an ongoing relationship between our Student Union, and the broader student movement. NUS runs campaigns on a large scale and is a fantastic facilitator for collaboration between student unions around the country. I’d like to continue to help UMSU build on its relationship with NUS and represent you at NUS National Conference. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Conor Clements (Stand Up!)
Hi, I’m Conor. I’m a second-year Arts student, majoring in Linguistics, and I’d like to be one of your National Union of Students delegates for 2018. The National Union of Students plays a huge role in the lives of students behind the scenes; some of their most important work has included their campaign against the 2014 Abbott Government’s deregulation of the university sector, which contributed to its eventual downfall in Parliament. I believe that NUS remains relevant to the issues we face today and I’d like to represent you. Vote [1] Stand Up! Take Your Power Back!

Ella Shi (More!)
Hi I’m Ella. I’ve previously served as a representative on Students’ Council and as an Office Bearer for the People of Colour department. I’m now keen to be your NUS delegate and contribute to student unionism on a national level. I have experience working on campaigns, writing policy and liaising with
students. The NUS is an important organisation with the potential to have a wide and influential reach. I want to facilitate increased student engagement and I'm particularly interested in developing ethnocultural policy on a national level.

Daniel Beratis (More!)
No statement submitted

James Power (More!)
Hi! I’m James, and I’m a second year Arts student running for NUS delegate. I’ve been involved with a number of clubs and societies, have volunteered with UMSU throughout the year, and have been to NUS NatCon as an observer in 2016. I’m passionate about student unionism, and, if elected, would seek to bring More!’s values of progressivism, independence, transparency, and accountability to the position.

James Power (More!)
No statement received

Blake Atmaja (More!)
No statement received

Teresa Gornall (More!)
No statement received

Kasey Lancaster (More!)
Kasey Lancaster I’m running for a National Union of Students delegate spot because it’s so important, now more than ever, that we have an effective union to represent and fight for us in the face of government attacks on our education, but I also think that the NUS has been failing to fulfil this critical role. I would love to be able to approach NUS from a fresh perspective and move away from the petty factional bickering that plagues the organisation. I would love to see the NUS become a more cooperative and accessible organisation for all the students it represents.

Harry Adam (More!)
No statement received

Benedict Kusay (Choice)
No statement received

Chris Kounelis (Choice)
No statement received

Tristan Layton (Choice)
No statement received

Lillian Day (International Students Welcome)
No statement received

Xavier Boffa (Liberal)
Candidate for Students of Colour Representative on Students’ Council
If elected, my priorities on Students’ Council will be:
• To ensure that UMSU provides for all students;
• To lobby for the reintroduction of voluntary student unionism so that students are free to choose whether or not to be a member of their campus union;
• To lobby for the SSAF to be halved and to ensure that SSAF money is only ever spent on student services, not perks for student politicians;
• To ensure that UMSU’s Budget is more fiscally responsible and that the budget process is subject to greater scrutiny; and
• To oppose any increase to honoraria paid to student politicians

Elizabeth Biggs (Liberal)
Candidate for Welfare Committee
As the Liberal candidate, if elected, my priorities on Welfare Committee will be
• To increase the amount of funding for the Welfare Department
• To ensure that there is appropriate scrutiny of the Welfare Department’s expenditure
- To ensure that existing programs are adequately funded and continue to be sustainable
- To expand the availability of services offered by the Welfare Department to reach more students
- To stand against bullying and harassment on campus, particularly sexual harassment and sexual assault
- To ensure that the Welfare Department is run in an apolitical, service-oriented manner and is not used to promote individual political agendas
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