

University of Melbourne Student Union

**Office Bearer Reports
To Students' Council 6(16)
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**President
James Baker**

Key activities:

Student Precinct:

So far this year, there has been one meeting of the Student Precinct Steering Group. Other than this there has also been investigation into the appropriate means of co-creation for the process, and this plan is being conducted by Rachel Withers, last year's president.

In the Steering Group (SG), we talked about the governance for the project, and where this lies within the structure of Chancellery, which is where the SG had been moved as of this year. The structure and aim of the SG is to be accountable for the outcomes of the Student Precinct, and provide some institutional strategy alignment with all of the parties involved.

As it now stands (however this may change) there will be 3 work streams for the Student Precinct, comprising of People; Place; and Virtual. The People work stream will work on the identification of needs and priorities from the population. The Place work stream will focus on the design of the built environment. The Virtual work stream will focus on what IT designs and specifications are needed for the precinct.

It is believed that all of these work streams will be reporting to the Project Director, who will be managing and compiling these reports, however it was discussed at length whether there should be another group of people to take the place of the project director, who would work together with all of the work streams and ensure that the outcomes provided by all of the people involved are not contradictory. It was also noted by Paul Duldig that this was something that occurred in Adelaide, and the students on this group made wiser monetary decisions than the staff did.

I have been given a hand out about the timeline, which I will bring attach the timeline at the end of my report.

O-Week:

Even though we have had a council since O-Week, I was not able to update my report so soon due to the busy schedule that was O-Week.

O-Week was a great start to the academic year, and we had bountiful amounts of people that attended. The carnival day went ahead well, and congratulations to all of those involved. One of the main contact areas I had with the students was in the evenings at the "Meet Your Student Reps" event. There was a much larger turn out to both of these events than last year, and this is a great way for students to find out the different activities that the Office Bearers do. All of the people that I ended up talking to were extremely receptive.

Bar Steering Group:

We had another meeting with the Bar consultant, where he gave us the business plan that he proposed. We have also commissioned a job with the Communications and Media department to create some logos for the bar, which hopefully will go up before the bar is ready, so people can start associating that space with the chosen name (when we come to it).

Some of the sections in the bar business plan to do with furniture were specifically mentioned at the prices provided to all of you, however, there is scope to reduce those costs going into this venture. I will speak more to the business plan during council.

Elected Reps Meeting:

We had an elected representatives meeting with the university on the 8th of March. In this meeting we discussed the rollout of the Gender X signage for toilets, timetabling around the 12-2 break on Tuesday, FlexAp, Respect Week, concession cards for postgraduate students and the metro rail project.

Gender X rollout of signage on toilets: almost completed.

Timetabling: The University has already started working on the timetabling for when the metro rail project becomes live, due to the extended time it will take for students to cross Grattan Street. Also we talked about which classes can run during the 12-2 lunch break, and postgraduate classes may, as well as other classes that apply to the faculty to have that time be scheduled for class.

FlexAP: There was some confusion amongst students about what it is about, however we need to realise that there may be some things that change in terms of the staffing structures, and we need to keep in mind what is best for students as our number one priority.

Respect Week: There will be a student communications team on the ground, finding out what respect means to students. There will be a South Lawn BBQ. There will be a panel after the movie on the Tuesday night. Wristbands and posters to be distributed throughout the week, and the Universities' Australia Survey was still being worked on at the time of the meeting.

Concession cards for Postgrads: The university is happy to work alongside the project to convince the government for concession cards for postgraduate students, as they did with international students. However, due to this campaign, there is not likely to be support from the university if we were to create a campaign about extending the free tram zone.

The metro rail project: This will not affect the student precinct area, as the project will fall short of the precinct. In fact, it is likely to push more people through the area that will be the Student Precinct.

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| Milestones | Start | Finish |
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| Establish governance arrangements Output: Monthly Steering Group sign off on progress reports | Jan | Mar |
| Design Communications and Engagement Plan | Jan | Apr |
| Implement Communications and Engagement Plan | Apr | Project end |
| Establish Work Streams | | |
| People Work stream Output: Identification of needs priorities | Mar | June |
| Place Work stream Output: Design of built environment | April | Aug |
| Virtual Work stream Output: IT design and specifications | April | Aug |
| Undertake Urban Design Framework | July | Sep |
| Develop business case | Sep | Oct |
| Report to Planning and Support Committee | Feb | Feb |

**General Secretary
James Bashford**

Key activities:

SGM

The SGM has been called for Tuesday April 5th (Week 5, scheduled to also be U-Week) in the short interval between acts at the Tuesday BBQ. Tony from entertainment will arrange a small stage and PA system for the meeting. Notice has been issued on the UMSU website, noticeboards outside the UMSU offices and in an all student email arranged with the assistance of Chancellery sent out on March 8th. This means all constitutional requirements for calling the SGM have now been met so it's now just a matter of ensuring quorum is reached on the day, to this end I encourage all councillors and OBs to make sure they come along!

Palm Sunday and Refugees

Following Council's endorsement of the refugee motion last meeting, I've ensured details of the motion and Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees have been included in the UMSU newsletter and will be promoted on UMSU's social media channels. The Campus Refugee Rights Club has created a banner which we've hung in North Court to promote the event and I've also passed on our endorsement to the Palm Sunday organisers. The student contingent to the Palm Sunday rally will meet at Trades Hall on Lygon St at 1:30 PM this Sunday before the rally itself begins at 2 PM at the State Library.

Lincoln Square Robberies

A spate of robberies in the Lincoln Square area has caused concern particularly among Chinese international students. Two students have contacted me directly about the issue and these concerns have been passed on to the Safer Community Program. The University has increased security patrols around Lincoln Square and is working with Victoria Police's investigation. UMSU communications department and UMSU international will be providing extra promotion for the Safer Communities Program and the Uni's security escort service, but we need to continue to monitor the situation and ensure students feel safe and reassured.

Meeting with GSA

Justin, James Baker and I met with the General Manager and President of the GSA last week, as directed by council, to begin discussing the future of our organisations. Very preliminary discussions were had at the meeting around the framework and scope of our discussions going forward.

VCASA

On March 3rd I visited the VCA Campus for their committee meeting. Unfortunately the meeting was inquorate but it gave me a chance to check out the new VCASA offices, the campus in general and to catch up with Van. I hope to be able to visit a quorate meeting in future.

Given the concerns raised at the last council meeting about the VCA's printing budget I've also researched some figures on this issue:

- The VCA campus has 1490 enrolled students
- In 2016, \$8000 of the total budget of \$20000 has been allocated to printing/photocopying
- In 2015, the VCA department spent a total of \$10317.28 on printing
- In December 2015 alone, \$4005.31 was spent on printing (this presumably included printing for the 2016 O-week approved by the 2015 Students' Council)
- The average printing expenses of other departments (excluding Media) in 2015 was \$728.81, the next highest expenditure after VCA was the education department which spent \$2238

- The cost of printing (excluding paper and toner) is \$0.055 per A4 colour side and \$0.0055 per black and white A4 side.

Constitutional Working Group

After I was directed to convene a Constitutional Working Group by the last meeting I've developed the following timeline for meetings aiming for an SGM late this semester.

| Week | Date | Time | Event | Aim |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|--------------------------|--|
| 3 | Friday March 18 th | 12-2PM | CWG #1 | General discussion of desired changes, selection of priorities for semester, setting timelines |
| 4 | Thursday March 24 th | 10AM-12PM | CWG #2 | More detailed discussion of desired changes, allocation of drafting changes/proposals |
| Mid-Semester Break | | | | |
| 5 | Thursday April 7 th | 10AM-12PM | CWG #3 | Discussion and feedback on draft changes, redrafting |
| 6 | Thursday April 14 th | 10AM-12PM | CWG #4 | Discussion of redrafts, endorsement of changes to be presented to Students' Council |
| 7 | Tuesday April 19 th | | Students' Council Agenda | Proposed changes distributed to Council with meeting agenda |
| | Thursday April 21 st | 12PM | Students' Council | Proposed changes to be discussed and endorsed/rejected by council for an SGM. |
| 8 | By Tuesday April 26 th | | SGM Notice | Notice of SGM issued and proposed changes distributed to students |
| 9 | | | | |
| 10 | | | | |
| 11 | Tuesday May 11 th | 12:45PM | SGM | Proposed changes to be voted on at Special General Meeting |

Written submissions will also be welcome from students unable to attend meetings at these times. This is obviously a tight timeline and not all changes will be able to be prepared and fully fleshed out in time to be passed this semester, so I anticipate further CWG meetings next semester.

Other Working Groups

The first meeting looking at an ethical sponsorship policy will be next Monday from 1PM-2PM in the OB Space. I also anticipate additional working group meetings this semester to discuss other various policies and regulations.

Progress on assigned actions since last report:

Website Updates:

I've been quite behind in updating committee pages so far this year.

Status: Ongoing

Ethical sponsorship policy:

The first meeting will be on Monday next week, 1-2 PM.

Status: Ongoing

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Happy to take suggestions ☺

Budget expenditure:

Nothing to report.

Activities
Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock

Start of Uni Party

SoUP went really well, we sold out 800 tickets close to the event. Alcohol was all drunk so we had to quickly order more for our trivia this Thursday. Lights looked siq and DJ was on point. Great success.

St Patrick's Day

Everything has been almost organised for supplying Guinness to trivia, just working on sourcing gas. Money for fun green decorations has been passed and will be bought this week. 28 tables have currently been booked with a capacity of maximum 40.

Zedtown

We're honestly struggling to sell tickets to this event so we are concentrating on trying to raise some hype. Planning on having a manual ticket event at the Arts BBQ this Thursday. Posters are printed to be dispersed and we're working on getting some people together for a mass chalking session. Hopefully we can raise more ticket sales.

Tuesday BBQs

BBQs have all been placed on wheels making it easier to run and safer for setting up and cleaning as we don't have to lift heavy BBQs. Kate Miller-Heike was a big hit last week, especially on international women's day.

Cocktail Party

We've planned to go ahead with the same venue as last year- the Savoy Tavern and a deposit has paid. It's booked for the 13th of April.

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| \$120 | Tickets | special projects/events | Needed to sell SoUP and Luna Park |
| \$600 | Flyers | special projects/events | Flyers for SoUP and Luna Park advertising O-week |
| \$1,363.63 | Cocktail Deposit | special projects/events | Reserve booking. |

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

O-Week

O-Week 2016 was a huge success for clubs and ran with little incident. The Expo run over the Thursday and Friday were more popular than ever, proving to be the central point of activity on both days. We personally had dozens of clubs approaching us with positive feedback, particularly that they had broken O-Week membership intake records for their clubs.

Camp Welfare Seminars and General Committee workshops

Last week saw the final scheduled Camp Welfare trainings of the Semester. We are currently collating the results into a summarised report, but so far all of the feedback has been positive. There are still camps taking place later in semester and we will be working with the Safer Communities team to create at least one more session before the Winter break as well as draw up a rough outline for Semester 2. We will also be looking to re-introduce the general committee welfare workshops. The goals of these sessions are to help clubs better understand how to report and respond to incidents within clubs and how they can access appropriate services on and off campus, particularly the C&S dispute resolution process. A decision from the Clubs Committee in February will require compulsory attendance at both of these workshops for clubs from 2017. The ratios are 1 leader per 20 campers for the camp sessions and at least 1 committee member per club for the general trainings, however exceeding these numbers will be heavily encouraged.

Clubs Carnival

The department's second big event of the semester is the Clubs Carnival which will be held on Thursday the 7th of April on South Lawn from 11am-3pm. Expressions of interest were sent out in week 1 however not a lot of clubs have responded yet so promotion will be our main goal over the next fortnight.

Satellite Campus visits

Our first trip to a non-Parkville campus was to Burnley on the 18th of February for one of the orientation days for new students. We set up a stall of UMSU materials and handed out clubs guides and "How to Affiliate a Club" forms to the new students during their lunch break. With the upcoming deadline for new club applications set for this Friday (18th March) we will be heading to the Victorian College of the Arts at the Southbank campus on Tuesday the 15th of March. We coordinated with the current clubs at the VCA as well as members of Faculty to have a C&S stall at their campus-wide events day at Federation Hall from 11am-4pm, which included Yasmine and I delivering a speech during the afternoon lecture, where we emphasised how they can form their own clubs as well as how to get involved with those already operating on campus.

Respect Week

Over the past fortnight, Ryan has attended the Respect Week meetings with the event organisers as an UMSU representative. Clubs will have a representative on the Wednesday afternoon student representative panel to discuss the important role that clubs have in fostering a respectful culture on campus.

New Club Applications

With the end of week 3, comes the deadline for new club applications. We are thrilled to see club applications coming in for a variety of different focus areas. The clubs department looks forward to increasing the club culture we have on campus with some new affiliations. The process should take upwards of two weeks, to accept or reject applications.

Gunter's Choice

We have released two Gunter's Choice's so far, More Beer! and Engineering Music Society (EMS). Both have been featured on the Clubs Facebook page, and EMS's post has been integrated into the end of week 2/star of week 3 UMSU E-newsletter.

We will continue promoting Gunter's Choice, as it is a great way to expose clubs to the general student population. We will continue to hold a place in the UMSU E-newsletter and will explore other options to

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promote our clubs, if that be on our pin boards, through posters around union house or possibly using the LCD screens on campus.

Expenditure

| Meeting no. | Date | Description | Amount | Line Item | Comments |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---|
| 4 | 9/03/2016 | Funding extra food for M-ASS BBQ | TBC | Special Projects | C&S will be funding extra food purchased on top of the usual order in exchange with the club providing free food for Clubs Carnival |

Creative Arts
Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong

Update on Events:

Our first *Life Drawing* session was a huge success. Arts Lab was packed, most people hadn't done life drawing before/hadn't done anything through the Creative Arts office before. People applauded at the end. Next session is on March 22nd, 12pm-2pm, Arts Lab.

Our first *Creative Arts Collective* meeting (the first in a couple of years) had about 13 people. The event was very relaxed and functioned as an opportunity for students to socialise in a number of ways- through talking, writing, craft, etc. Good stuff. These meetings will happen every Friday at the Food Co-op, 1pm-3pm.

Applications are now open for *POP! Wait a minute-* our Semester 1 program of outdoor live art. They close at the end of March. The program is open, but not limited, to performance art, music, dance, physical theatre, spoken word, installations, games and visual art.

Talking Out of Your Arts will happen for the first time on Friday the 18th of March, 6pm-8pm, Training Room 1. This is a discussion group, kinda like a book club. It will take place once a month. Our first discussion will be focussing on curatorship and reviewing as a way of debating the role of student arts on campus.

Our radio show will be starting after Easter. We are excited. It's gonna be every Tuesday morning.

We are planning a couple of excursions to the Dax centre to see exhibitions and listen to talks about art and disability, and art and mental wellbeing.

The first deadline for our grants program is coming up on the 24th of March. We've had lots of applicants and it is proving to be a very competitive round.

We are speaking with student groups about a film festival for semester two. The Filmmakers Collaborative and the Film Society are both keen to take ownership over this festival with assistance from our office.

Outreach:

We have been emailing lecturers and speaking in lectures to promote our programs and the Union as a whole. On Tuesday the 22nd we are planning to move our office outdoors and work from South Lawn for the day with a big sign that says who we are and what we're doing. We are collaborating with UMSU International to cross promote our events and talking to Clubs and Societies about approaching clubs and societies with invitations to be part of *POP!*

Concerns for Students:

We have heard some serious concerns from students at VCA and also the Faculty of Music here at Parkville Campus. No class timetables until week 2, no consultation with students about continuous and drastic changes to course structures. A lot of students are feeling taken advantage of and are asking questions like 'is there a Union that can help us?'. We're talking to the Music Students Society and hope to build a relationship that will be helpful to them. We are a bit stuck with how we can help the VCA- most lecturers won't respond to our emails. It seems like a 'whole of Union' approach might be needed, as office bearers working in isolation are proving to be ineffective.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Action #1:

- Continue to plan for the live arts festival, and finalise funding sources and the application process as soon as possible. Live arts festival planned. Application process finalised. Still waiting on extra funding to be confirmed.

VERDICT: Ongoing.

Action #2:

- Schedule our committee meetings for the rest of semester – currently collating the availabilities of our members. Yep.

VERDICT: Achieved.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Action#1:

Publicise our events and the Union by talking at lectures, using social media and printed material, and emailing relevant student clubs and societies.

Action #2:

Continue to talk to students in Music Faculty and at VCA to ascertain needs re: support from the Union.

Budget expenditure since last report:

| Meeting no. | Date | Description | Amount | Line-Item | Comments |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | 22/2/2016 | Life Drawing Society Membership | \$50.00 | 3839 | |
| | | Life Drawing Session | \$70.00 | 3839 | |

Disabilities
Jess Kapuscinski-Evan & Christian Tsoutsouvas

Disabilities Collective starts this week and Anxiety Support Group (ASG) will begin next week or the week after. Christian and I will be attending facilitator training so that the two of us can facilitate ASG, however we also have two other students who may be able to do it some of the time as they are already trained. When there are further training sessions we hope to be able to send some other students along as well. Our radio program "Network Disabled" on Radio Fodder is going well.

We have started on our campaign to reduce the stigma around having a mental health condition on campus. We put a call out on Facebook to people who identified as having a mental health condition to share any stories that they wished to, and whilst we stressed intersectionality and the fact that people's entries could remain anonymous, we have not received any contributions so far. We set a deadline for stories for 18 March, however we may extend this deadline or Christian and I may begin approaching our own networks for other suggestions on how to run this project. Our idea was to have posters with these stories and/or statistics or small facts about mental health, where the posters would be tied to a strong social media presence and further text and video online.

Events to look out for in the future: we have confirmed that we can hold our disability related film/TV screenings in the Rowden White Library and I will be one of a small number of people who will be speaking at an event about feminism for the Wom*n's Department this coming Wednesday. Auslan classes will also be starting again shortly. We will be running our first arts and disability workshop at VCA, which will be looking at the portrayals of disability in film, TV and theatre and will be run by Christian and myself. It is hoped that we will run other arts and disability workshops both at Parkville and at Southbank and subsequent ones will be presented by guest artists.

We have been involved in the development of a Disability Action Plan (DAP) both for Union House Theatre, but have also been in consultations about developing one for the union as a whole. The DAP will function as both an added protection for students with disabilities from discrimination in union activities, but also it may act as a guide for other departments about how to innovate when it comes to access and inclusion. Finally, we have been collaborating with advocacy on a rough plan of how to deal with any access issues that may arise from the move of Student Equity and Disability Services to Stop 1.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal

The Education Academic Department has been getting into the swing of the university committee season. Almost all academic board-related and faculty-based committees have now met, and our student representatives on these committees are keeping us informed on developments through our Student Representative Network. SRN meetings are open to all members of Students' Council, and minutes can be made available upon request.

Amongst the key issues facing us at the moment are:

- 1) The changes to the Bachelor of Design and the end of the Bachelor of Environments.

This was mentioned in our last report, but the situation is still unfolding. We are working with the university to ensure students are adequately informed of developments and will be starting our own information campaign next week. We are also involved in the process of formulating the new Bachelor of Design's specific details; we have a student representative on the formation committee and have a good relationship with the academics involved in the project.

The University has confirmed the creation of the Bachelor of Design, which will commence in Semester One of 2017. The Bachelor of Design "will provide an undergraduate education that responds to the needs and challenges facing the built environment in contemporary society." Accordingly, the Bachelor of Environments will cease to accept enrolments as of Semester One 2017; the University noting that "During 2016 we will consider how best to reposition our environmental curriculum in light of these developments". It is important to note that current students enrolled into the Bachelor of Environments will not be affected by the change. The Education (Academic Affairs) Office is in constant dialogue with the University regarding student consultation and involvement in matters surrounding the new Bachelor of Design course, and any potential ramifications for students caused by the restructure.

- 2) The beginning of the Flexible Academic Program. Four FlexAP streams have started meeting, and the beginning of the process has been constructive. The groups have so far only outlined the research and information gathering they intend to do. Some of the streams will develop research papers at the conclusion of the year, others will use a series of public forums to garner perceptions from the university community, which Students' Council will be informed of in advance. At the end of the year, when the FlexAP streams report, there will be a subsequent period of wide consultation. At this stage we are pleased with the progress of the working groups, but note that we have had to be proactive to ensure that students' perspectives are listened to. In pursuit of this, we will be holding a public UMSU-led forum some time after the mid-semester break at which the leaders of the FlexAP will be able to answer student questions. More details about this will follow, we are waiting on the availabilities of the participants. We will also shortly be launching a survey to gauge student perspectives on the issues we expect the FlexAP process will be addressed.
- 3) Concerns about Stop 1. Several students have complained about experiences at Stop 1, and in general we get the sense that the university's move to condense the student centres has adversely impacted student wellbeing and created several headaches particularly during the busy peak period at the beginning of semester. We have some contacts working in university services and at Stop 1 itself, with whom we are trying to formulate the best student response. Any complaints or issues about Stop 1 that could help us in building a case for change are welcome.
- 4) Lecture recordings. Unfortunately, although last year's education officers were under the impression that lecture recordings were set to become compulsory in 2016 with only two chances to opt out (seminar format and guest speaker), this has not materialised. The 'opt-out' form for lecture recordings that academics are required to use contains an 'other' section under 'reason for opting out', which appears to have taken the teeth out of the policy and

allows several lecturers who don't like lecture recordings to get the Provost's approval not to record lectures. This is extremely unsatisfactory and we are seeking transparency and a tougher approach.

- 5) Student feedback. The Academic Board's Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee (TALQAC) has, in consultation with us, listed improving student feedback as a key priority area for 2016. A TALQAC working group has been formed, which Tom Crowley (Ed Ac) has been asked to chair. The working group will comprise several academics and university staff members as well as a second student representative, and the recommendations it makes at the end of the year will be put to Academic Board for approval. In particular, we hope that all subjects that have final exams will provide students the opportunity to view and receive feedback on their exams, and all subjects with final take-home essays will provide a comment to students upon essay return. This is currently the case in a small number of schools, so we are optimistic that there is a case to make for having this applied on a larger scale.

We've had our first in-semester meeting of the Student Representative Network (SRN), and we've been hearing reports back from all those members of the SRN who have attended meetings with their respective University committees. Various issues surrounding Stop 1 were canvassed at the meeting, and robust conversation ensued regarding ways to remedy these issues. In light of these concerns, and with a growing body of students conveying their dissatisfaction with the operation of Stop 1, we have begun to organise a meeting with Fiona Downie, the Director, Student Services Delivery in Academic Services. We will report back to Students' Council matters arising from this meeting, hopefully gaining clarity around the direction of Stop 1.

**Education (Public Affairs)
Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz**

Key activities:

We have been continuing with our weekly stalls, having a different demand from the National Day of Action as a theme for each week. Last week's theme was Fee Deregulation, which is always a good issue to engage students on. The threat of fee deregulation could still be on the table, especially in the case of a double dissolution election that could potentially see a coalition majority in both houses.

We have also created a "Stop 1" experience survey to start collecting data. This is a preliminary action that we have decided to take, as it seems there is a lot dissatisfaction with the new service. In the SRN there were issues about Stop 1 raised which we are all watching closely.

NDA building has been going very well. Through our stalls we have promoted the NDA alongside poster and social media. We hope to have a large contingent on April 13, following a free BBQ on South Lawn.

We will also be having a stunt on April 6, which is to be planned out in more detail in our EAG on the 16/3. We have decided to do it around the theme of a 'debt sentence' with props promoting this. We will also run a photo campaign with the stunt to further spread the message.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Poster Runs with the EAG

Weekly Stalls

Fortnightly EAG

Running 'Stop 1' survey

Prepare Stunt for April 6

Expenditure:

| Date: | Amount | Description | Budget Line |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Feb 15 2016 | \$55.90 | Calico, Paint, Brushes | Campaigns, Special Projects & Events |
| March 9 2016 | \$11 | Table | Campaigns, Special Projects & Events |
| March 1 2016 | \$11 | Table | Campaigns, Special Projects & Events |
| March 16 2016 | \$11 | Table | Campaigns, Special Projects & Events |
| Feb 20 2016 | \$97 & \$25 | Foodstuff for O-Week | Campaigns, Special Projects & Events |

Environment

Zac Power & Anisa Rogers

O-week was a successful week, that saw engagement with a number of students where we able to communicate the purpose of the Environment Office and assist in the promotion of groups supported by the office such as Fossil Free Melbourne University:

- An Environment Department stall as part of the UMSU Carnival Day on the South Lawn (23 February 2016)
- An Environment Department stall on South Lawn, collaborating with Campus Sustainability to include a *Bike n' Blend* activity which proved particularly successful (24 February 2016)
- An Environment Department picnic, 'Lets get EnvironmenTEA' at the Melbourne University Community Garden, collaborating with the Community Garden staff (24 February 2016)

Regular events (the Bike Co-op, Play with your Food and the Documentary screenings) have been held three times now (in weeks 1, 2 and 3), and all proved successful events.

The Environment Collective is operating well, and we plan to increase participation in the collective as a broad forum for students to raised ideas, concerns and get involved in the environment space at the university.

We recently met with staff and student representatives of the Graduate Student Association (GSA), and are working to collaborate with the GSA in particular environmental and sustainability initiatives.

We recently participated in a meeting convened by Infrastructure Services to collection, storage and distribution and information on Energy and Utilities data. A new website is to be created to prove access to energy and utilities consumption data for a number of different buildings. We will be consulted in the development of the website.

Anisa has been attending the Sustainability Executive meetings and putting forward student opinions on the Sustainability Charter and the upcoming Implementation Plan. She is also having discussions with academics about sustainability being part of the curriculum of every subject in the university. Please talk to her if you have any questions or ideas!

Anisa has attended the Sustainability Advocates Forum and the Sustainability Engagement group and is building relationships and an understanding of everything happening (or not happening) in regards to sustainability in the university.

We recently met with a staff member of the Melbourne University Sustainable Society Institute, to seek their advice and support in utilising networks and engaging in existing university issues and projects relevant to environment and sustainability.

We are working to improve our online engagement – updating the website, increasing the breadth and regularity of publishing on the UMSU Environment Department Facebook and planning to better utilise the recently created @UMSUEnviro twitter account.

Fossil Free MU, which works out of the Environment Office, has launched its new campaign called 'Flood the Campus' as part of a launch by other campuses around the country. The campaign states that after almost 3 years of campaigning the FFMU community are committing to take bold action if the University does not divest within 30 days.

**Indigenous
Tyson Holloway-Clarke & Emily Kayte James**

Social Calendar

Our social calendar for the year has been finalised and we're off to a great start. Our first event for the year being a dinner & drinks at the Shaw Davey Slum. It was probably one of the largest events we've held and we've found that students this year as well as there being a lot more Indigenous students they're also very keen to get involved in all things UMSU related. On Wednesday the 16th of March we'll hold our next social event which is a Trivia Night being held at Medley Hall which we predict will draw in a lot of students and hope will bring out their competitive sides as it's a great way to bond.

Sport

We've spent a lot of time over the last few weeks organising social sports and landed on competing in Netball and Volleyball our collective will play their first games this week and we feel it's going to be a lot of fun.

Under Bunjil

We announced this week that Under Bunjil is now underway and taking submissions with an aim to have all submission in by week six of this semester to have a hopeful release of the publication during week 10.

Radio

The Biggest Blackest Show has been on air for a couple of weeks now and has thus far had a really positive result and it will continue to happen weekly.

| Expenses | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Item | Budget Line | Amount | Date |
| Social Event | Special Projects and Events | \$1998.80 | 02/03/2016 |
| Sports Registration | Sports Grants and Projects | \$1050 | 09/03/2016 |

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

FARRAGO:

Edition Two was sent to print last week and is expected to return in all its papery goodness this week. Edition One has been snatched up by students and we are down to our final boxes.

RADIO FODDER:

Much to our surprise, we have nearly filled up all available time slots on the radio schedule! We're happy with the range of diversity within the schedule, including shows which cater to indigenous students, women students, and students with disabilities.

Complication with MUSUL: We've learnt recently that, despite our previous report to Students' Council, one of our radio licenses has yet to be paid. The invoice was submitted for payment over a month ago to MUSUL Services. This payment was quite time sensitive because it ensures that Radio Fodder is abiding by all legal intellectual property regulations. We are disappointed with MUSUL's failure to process this payment quickly and express concern with how long the payment would take to be processed if this wasn't pointed out.

VIDEO:

Video content continues to be uploaded to our Youtube and Facebook platforms. We've begun publishing video series and our team is currently working on a new round of content.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Action #1: Distribute *Farrago* Edition Two to the Parkville, Southbank, and Burnley campuses.

Action #2: Prepare for the *Farrago* Edition Two launch party.

Action #3: Prepare for our first Wordplay event.

Budget expenditure since last report:

| Meeting no. | Date | Description | Amount | Line-Item |
|-------------|------------|---|----------|-------------------------|
| OpSub #2 | 01/3/2016 | Media Collective #1 Pizza | \$102.27 | Special Projects/Events |
| OpSub #2 | 01/03/2016 | Reimbursement of C. Triscari for Launch Party | \$206.27 | Special Projects/Events |
| Council #3 | 10/02/2016 | Reimbursement of S. Dodds for Advertising | \$21.00 | Special Projects/Events |
| Council #3 | 10/02/2016 | Facebook advertising expenditure. | \$50.00 | Special Projects/Events |

Queer
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye

Activities:

- Held regular events such as Queer Lunch, Thursday Socials and our various collectives
- Held Speed friending event with positive response and requests to run the event again
- Been in contact with Welfare, Disabilities and Women's about how to organise Rad Sex and Consent Week
- Been in contact with venues for the organisation of Pride Ball
- Discussions with LGBTI GSA department re- running of a networking panel
- Preparation of gender diverse clothes swap. We will be running this April 12th in Graham Cornish.
- Discussions with university over their policy regarding marriage equality
- Running competition in conjunction with Melbourne Queer Festival to win two free tickets to festival.
- The organisation and setting up of the Survivor support collective
- Continuation of coming out support group

Costs

Queer Lunch

- 02/03/16- \$148, Dominoes pizza
- 09/03/16- \$133.55, Dominoes pizza

Speed Friending

- 09/03/16- \$126

Total

- \$407.55

Welfare
Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

We are currently focusing on planning for Stress Less Week, and have locked down a number of events. We have booked South Lawn on Thursday 14 April for Stress Less Carnival, and have organized crowd favorites such as a petting zoo and bouncy castle, as well as marquees for other events. We have organized dance classes and Zumba classes on a number of nights, and are in the process of organizing sexual health workshops and information stalls for other days. We have met with Wellness@Melbourne, as well as a number of UMSU departments, to discuss running joint workshops, and are still in the process of contacting sponsors and outside parties interested in running workshops.

There has been a great interest in volunteering at our events, particularly free breakfast, and we have created fortnightly rosters for our regular volunteers. The free breakfast continues to be a great way of engaging with volunteers, although people have also been keen to help out at events such as the Stationary Party. We hope to continue engaging with students through these events.

The Stationary Party on 11 April was a great success, with stationary being donated by university staff. We raised over \$500, and a portion of that will go towards stocking the food bank, which continues to be used significantly.

Our regular events have been running well. Our first Welfare Collective ran in week 2, and had great attendance. It has been a great way to interact with our volunteers in a more social environment, and we brainstormed ideas for Stress Less Week and general events. The Conversation Partners program has also been going well, with a good number of people turning up to our first session week 2. People of Colour Collective has also been going successfully and has been a great way to engage with a range of students of colour in the university.

| Committee Meeting no. | Date of meeting | Description | Amount (does not include GST unless otherwise specified) | Line-Item |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Welfare 02/16 | 01/02/2015 | Free Breakfast | \$10.15 | Regular events |
| | | Free Breakfast | \$7.40 | Special projects and events |
| | | Free Breakfast | \$4.40 | Regular events |
| | | Free Breakfast | \$196.95 | Regular events |
| | | Free Breakfast | \$232.80 | Regular events |
| Council 03/16 | 01/03/16 | People of Colour Collective Pizza | \$100 (with GST) | Whole of Union |
| | | People of Colour Collective Food | \$34.89 | Whole of union |
| | | People of colour collective drinks | \$40.00 | Whole of union |
| Welfare 03/16 | 01/03/16 | Monday Mingle | \$52.95 | Regular events |
| | | Welfare Collective | \$57.95 | Regular events |
| | | Welfare Collective | \$16.87 | Regular events |

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

Regular Events:

Our Regular events are underway for semester one, we have received positive feedback and had a great turnout for most of our events so far. We had our first Crafternoons event in Week 2 and that was very successful and brought some new faces into the Women's room.

Feminism 101:

We have been doing a lot of preparation for feminism 101 in terms of organising topics, contacting potential speakers and promotion. Feminism 101 is taking place this week with our major events being on Tuesday with our first Wom*n's Mentoring Network and Wednesday with our panel 'Does Feminism Speak for all Women?'

Women's Mentoring Network:

Mentors and Mentees have now been paired up and most have already had their first meetings. We have encouraged mentors to keep in contact with each other and with us, so that we are being updated on how they are finding the program.

As mentioned previously, the first Women's Mentoring Network Night is happening on Tuesday. Three speakers have been confirmed and will be talking about their experiences as women in their particular fields. We have encouraged mentors and mentee's to come along to the event as well.

Respect Week:

We have been attending meetings with Wendy and Fleur from students and equity to discuss our event for Respect Week – which is the Hunting Ground screening and panel. Most panellists have now been decided and we hoping to promote the services that the University provides and making sure that people feel safe and supported.

We have also been discussing the sexual assault policy, which as mentioned in previous reports has been updated so that the Safer Community Program now deals with this. The policy should hopefully be updated on the website in the very near future.

We have been in discussion with the Hunting Ground Project Australia, who have been a great help in running the actual event. They have provided suggestions/direction over the best ways to host the screening. One thing that we are hoping to focus on is promotion of the event, as people have clicked attending on Facebook but not registered through the Eventbrite. We think it's really important that people attend the screening (if they are able to) and we encourage other departments to invite their collectives to the event as well.

We have also been attending a Respect Week working group along with our friends in C&S, this has helped us to understand what the university is hoping to do with the week/events taking place. This has been very encouraging and we are looking forward to Week 4.

**Burnley Campus
Eranthos Beretta**

No report submitted

**Victorian College of the Arts
Van Rudd**

The VCA kicked off a great start to the year with a #LetThemStay group photo at the VCA Film School a week before VCA-MCM O-Week. However, during O-Week the VCA Student Association was not allowed to speak (we have spoken at the last 3 O-Day sessions) at the undergraduate session at Parkville, nor at the following sessions down at the VCA. This was very unfortunate for all new and current students as it is in students' interests that they be informed about the government's attacks on students through modified plans for fee deregulation, Melbourne University's Flexible Academic Programing and the ongoing effects of the Business Improvement Plan (BIP) at Melbourne University. We handed out most of the 500 shoulder bags to students at the doorways to the seminar room. On the upside we're excited to promote the up-coming NUS endorsed rally on April 13th against the government's ongoing attacks on higher education. As with previous years, we plan to organise entertainment and a BBQ for VCA students at lunch time before the all-in university rally at the State Library. In other areas of importance for students, we aim to run a Reconciliation Week seminar with the support of the Wilin Centre that focuses on Indigenous rights and struggle. This will continue our ongoing positive relations with the Indigenous arts advocacy group at the VCA. We have also begun to liaise with and assist the UMSU Disabilities Dept in holding a number of art workshops at the VCA for students with disabilities throughout semester 1 and into semester 2. We are continuing the VCA Yoga classes free for VCA students which has already started well in this first semester. Finally, we are excited to initiate the VCASA student fortnightly film screenings in first semester, but are waiting on the VCA faculty to finish the renovations that will allow films to be screened in the Student Lounge. We believe this shouldn't be more than 3 weeks away.