

University of Melbourne Student Union

**Letter of Consideration of Honoraria
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To Student's Council

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Due to being unable to attend this Student's Council meeting please take the time to consider this letter and my position regarding the Burnley Campus Coordinator honoraria.

As there has been no representation at the Burnley campus for the year prior to my election this left much work as a backlog and extensive room for improvement. For a summary of just some of the activities and actions I have undertaken since being elected both before and after my term officially began, please refer to my report to AGM and Council (attached).

The amount of hours put in and active involvement pushed through has been extensive and rewarding though this has certainly been hard work. In late last year much work had already been done to make the position paid, and a motion passed by council to bring the Burnley Campus Coordinator position to 0.6 honoraria. Unfortunately the only reason this was not able to be acted on before my official term began is that an SGM was not called in time, even though all of the required work prior had been completed.

Since then council approved a position of 0.5 honoraria to go through to an SGM however due to council being inquorate this was also not able to be called at the earliest possible time. This then meant that the SGM was not able to be held at the earliest possible time for 2016 once again, further delaying when honoraria will begin.

Again, given the Burnley coordinator position was vacant in 2015 and we dealt with an enormous industrial crisis on the Burnley campus which started in November last year I was already working extensively in the role before my term officially started. In that time I had already done more work than all previous campus Coordinators combined According to what can be gathered from UMSU's records.

Further, the position of Burnley Campus Coordinator was the only OB position that was not paid and the groundwork laid since my election will make the role more attractive to prospective representatives as the foundation of good student representation has been built.

Now that this has been approved I will be able to discontinue my other paid occupation and purely focus on my role as Campus Coordinator here at Burnley. Please take all of the above into consideration as not paying me for the work done prior to the SGM only due to lack organisational bureaucracy beyond my control seems an unfair punishment and a discouraging way to recognise hard work. My experiences in this role have been invaluable and I look forward to continuing to build student representation on this campus and integrating Burnley with the rest of the university.