



**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Office Bearer Reports  
To Students' Council 8(16)  
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<b>Summary</b>	
President	N/A
General Secretary	Not submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Submitted after the Agenda was sent
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted after the Agenda was sent
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Not submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Wom*ns	Submitted
Burnley	Not submitted
VCA	Submitted <b>INCLUDES RECCOMENDATIONS</b>

\*Office bearers who fail to submit a report for 3 consecutive meetings will have their honoraria suspended.

**President**

*Position vacant*

**General Secretary  
James Bashford**

*No report submitted*

**Activities  
Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock**

**Key activities:**

**#1 Cocktail**

Cocktail ran Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Savoy Tavern. The event was a success with 435 tickets sold and a great turnout on the night. Event was a bit more expensive than anticipated but ticket sales covered more than half the cost.

**#2 Comedy Competition**

Activities hosted a comedy competition in the Members Lounge of Union House last Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of April. This report was written before the event actually took place so report on how it ran will be included in next report.

**#3 Trivia**

Our last activity for the semester will be our second trivia night, held again in the Grand Buffet Hall on the 11<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm. We're planning on making it another themed night again. Capacity will be around 30 tables of 10 so if you're interested grab some friends along for a fun night.

**Budget expenditure since last report:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>
23/3/16	Cocktail	Ticket Printing	\$70	3839
14/4/16	Cocktail	Venue hire & bar subsidies	\$12916.36	3839

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

**Clubs Carnival:**

The Semester 1 Clubs Carnival was a huge hit in week 5. While we were initially worried about the number of clubs registered, there was a last minute influx over the Easter break which brought the number of clubs participating on the day to 30. With everything from liquid nitrogen marshmallows to bike blended smoothies it was a great event for students to see some of the clubs they may have missed during O-Week. The Semester 2 Carnival will be on the Thursday in week 4, location TBD.

**Alcohol Licensing to Clubs:**

All club events with alcohol are now covered under the MUSUL Liquor License. Now, rather than having to go shopping from external stores, they order in-house through 130 degrees which can provide any alcoholic option to cater for the needs of clubs.

**New Club Affiliations:**

Following the final new clubs meeting in week 6, the department has granted initial approval to 20 new groups. They will all now move to hold their Inaugural General Meeting in order to finalise their affiliation. If all of these meetings go well, the total number of affiliated clubs could reach just under 230, something which the Department is incredibly excited about.

**Clubs Council:**

All clubs will be invited to attend a Clubs Council. At this stage, the exact time and date are TBA however it will be taking place in week 11 this semester. The meeting gives the department an opportunity to hear back from clubs on areas we can improve upon, as well as potential new ideas which we can implement. We are currently compiling a list of Regulation and Policy revisions which we will be looking at implementing over the remainder of the term. This will be one of the main topics for discussion.

**Welfare Resources and Executive Handbook.**

Now that the busiest part of the year is through for the Department is over, we will be moving to the creation of more welfare resources and an online Executive Handbook. Assuming responsibility for general committee welfare training sessions for clubs will be our first priority in this area. This will involve revising previous materials used as well as the addition of materials we feel will be relevant to the trainings.

**Expenditure:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting #</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>
06/04/2016	06/16	Bike and Blend	Up to \$350.00	Special Projects
07/04/2016	23/3/16 (No. 5)	Clubs Carnival table, chair and marquee weight hire + casual labour	\$2800.30	Special Projects

**Creative Arts**  
**Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong**

**Update on Events:**

**LIFE DRAWING** Continues to be very popular.

**CREATIVE ARTS COLLECTIVE** attendance has dropped a little bit, but mid-semester break was a contributing factor to this. In collaboration with the George Paton Gallery, the collective will spend the next month making artwork to be displayed in the three experimental arts spaces around union house.

**POP! Wait a minute** We have programmed 13 artworks that will take place around Parkville campus between now and the end of Semester 1. They include performance works, music, visual art and interactive live art. Artworks are responding to provocations around student to student engagement. Uni services and security have been really helpful in organising these events.

Our second **TALKING OUT OF YOUR ARTS** is in collaboration with VCA students currently exhibiting in the George Paton Gallery. The night will bring together students from multiple campuses to discuss art making on campus.

Our radio show, **WHAT I THINK WHEN I THINK ABOUT ART** is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> week of existence and has been made entirely of student made music, poetry, ideas.

**Melbourne University Film Festival (MUFF)** is still in its planning stages, and is involving the Filmmakers Collaborative, George Paton Gallery and Union House Theatre. We'll have most elements of the festival locked in by the end of the month.

**BLACKBOARD** has generated a large amount of engagement. This week we will ask people to contribute questions that they want answered, and we'll use these questions each week to generate different conversations.

**Outreach:**

This week we are going to talk to the Theatre and Music Theatre students at the VCA about the union. Thank you to all to shared their materials with us, for us to share with these students.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report:**

**Action#1:**

Put together the program for *Pop! Wait A Minute* based on applications we have received thus far, and ensure that we are able to support and fund them. **COMPLETED**

**Action #2:**

Continue to talk to students in Music Faculty and at VCA to ascertain needs re: support from the Union. **COMPLETED:** The Music Students Society promoted some of our events to their members and we informed lecture groups both at the Parkville and VCA campuses about the MSS about Ed Ac, Welfare, Queer and Disability offices.

**Action #3:**

Begin getting in touch with mentors for TASTINGS to ensure their availabilities. **ONGOING.**

**Budget expenditure since last report:**

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
2	22/2/2016	Life Drawing Session	\$87.50	3839	Model stayed for extra half hour, so paid accordingly

**Disabilities**  
**Jess Kapuscinski-Evan & Christian Tsoutsouvas**

Attendance at our regular events has been mixed. Auslan classes have been very popular and we will be running the next level class most likely in Semester 2. Anxiety Support Group has been regularly attended but small numbers and our first Arts and Disability Workshop that Christian and I intended to run had no one come, however have received some good feedback from our committee as to how to resolve this. We sent a student to the consultation about food outlets on campus the other day and Christian and I attended a similar consultation about transport and mobility both to and from, as well as around the university. We are yet to debrief with the student who attended the food outlets consultation, but can briefly report back that the transport and mobility one was underwhelming in terms of bringing student issues to the attention of representatives from the university. Our film screenings have started and we were intending to give a short presentation before the start of the film however felt that this was not possible because students were sleeping in the Rowdy. We are looking at other ways of generating discussion about the films we screen each time.

**Education (Academic Affairs)**  
**Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal**

**Flexible Academic Programming Project**

All four of the Flex Ap streams have met several times and are well underway in their task of identifying problems areas, and working towards solutions to address these areas. Last Thursday, a forum was held in the North Lecture Theatre of Old Arts to discuss the issues surrounding the Curriculum Structure and Approach work stream, the aim being to "initiate a broader dialogue with staff and students about current curriculum structures, alternative curriculum structures and the role of lectures in our teaching and learning activities". Issues discussed varied from different teaching and learning approaches we can use to achieve different educational goals, to a nuanced discussion about the role of the lecture in the University's pedagogical fabric. Both Office Bearers of this Department spoke at the forum, and were pleased with its success; it laid much of the groundwork for future discussion and policy change surrounding the way we deliver curricula. The forum was sold out, however there was a disappointing lack of students present. We urge those interested to attend future fora, that will again cover issues related to curriculum structure as well as the role of technology and its impact on the student experience. UMSU will also hold its own forum, likely to be held during semester two, to inform students about the progress and potential scope of the Flexible Academic Programming Project.

In conjunction with the series of fora, our Department is putting the finishing touches on a Flex Ap survey to be distributed within the next fortnight. The survey will inform the positions we take on issues that arise on Flex Ap work streams.

The second round of Flex Ap streams are set to get underway in April/May (Semester Structure, Academic Workforce, Optimising Physical Infrastructure, Curriculum Sharing) and we are pleased to announce that UMSU's reps have been confirmed: Emily James (Semester Structure) and Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Optimising physical Infrastructure).

**Cadmus**

Following on from our previous report to Council regarding the specifics of Cadmus' capabilities, we have been in constant dialogue with Gregor Kennedy (PVC, Educational Innovation) and Richard James (PVC, Academic) regarding the future of Cadmus. After several discussions with them, as well as a meeting with the creators of the tool, we have ensured that it is not the University's intention to provide keyboard biometrics data to tutors, thus safeguarding students from myriad concerns that were originally canvassed. It is this Department's view that the University's intentions for Cadmus are

not sinister, and are rather an attempt to weed out the perceived scourge of original essay-purchasing. However, the potential use of Cadmus is something that we are very wary of, and we are in the process of seeking assurances to limit the future use of Cadmus. A framework for communication in relation to Cadmus has been developed between this Department and Chancellery, and we will inform Council of any new information that arises in terms of the University's thinking on Cadmus. The live trials are due to wrap up soon, and evaluations will be undertaken by the various faculties to determine the success of the trials. These evaluations will be shared with us. For those interested, an in-depth write-up on Cadmus can be found in this week's edition of Parkville Station, as well as shorter pieces in the latest edition of Farrago and on The Australian's website.

#### Student Representative Network (SRN)

The SRN met last Thursday, with a lively discussion ensuing as per usual. Cadmus, being the de rigueur talking point, was spoken about at length. Also discussed was the confusion surrounding the University's calculator and exams policy, which was a point of contention at a recent Exam Reference working group. SRN working groups are to begin soon, with more than healthy interest from many students to be involved. These working groups will look at areas ranging from assessment feedback to academic misconduct.

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

#### **NDA**

Last week we had the National Day of Action which was really great. On the Tuesday we had a stunt where we covered the Raymond Pricey in 'Caution' and 'Danger' tape to highlight the threat of attacks on students in the upcoming budget. The stunt was a lot of fun and had a good social media presence.

On the Wednesday we had the NDA, this was preceded by a BBQ on South Lawn which was awesome as we spoke to heaps of students about what was going on. We then marched around campus before heading down to the State Library where we met up with other campuses. We were really happy with the number of people that came along from our campus.

#### **MAY 11 RALLY & EAG**

We are already preparing for the next rally which will be post budget, responding to whatever the attacks on students are. In doing so we have held an Education Action Group and will continue to do so, organising and planning how we will run the event.

So far, this will including a budget response speak out on May 4 as well as running regular stalls.

#### **ELECTION AND ENROLE TO VOTE**

With the election all but called we want to make sure as many young people as possible are enrolled to vote so they can have their say on education issues and whatever issues are important to them in the upcoming election. We have a meeting scheduled with the NTEU to discuss this.

Once clear, we will make an effort to outline education policy of all parties and raise awareness, making it clear to all students how they will be affected.

**Environment**  
**Zac Power & Anisa Rogers**

*No report submitted*

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

**Indigenous Games**

Organisation for NITESG is well underway with councillor and committee member Wunambi Connor undertaking management duties for the 2016 team. With \$22 000 secured via University sponsorship we are keen to take the largest team in the Game's history. Training is underway and we are excited to see what we can do.

**Under Bunjil**

At the time of writing this report official submissions are closed and the editorial team is meeting to discuss the artistic direction of the magazine this semester, organisation structures and the future of the magazine into 2017. As always we are excited to keep the possibilities wide open, though it is important that the quality is maintained.

**ITAS**

The ITAS program this semester was slow in its organisation this year and a number of students provided negative feedback as to the organisation and timeliness of the delivery of the program. This has been discussed with Murrup Barak and while things have been caught up and the service provided, as a department we will be meeting with staff responsible on May 2nd to develop better strategies and service provision for next semester and in 2017.

**Arts Grants**

Artists grants have been released with a number of visual artists and writers seeking grants. Up to \$2 000 worth of grants have been made available by the Department and we anticipate at this stage at least \$1 500 to be issued in the next month.

**Social Calendar**

This semester's social events are being very well attended and have been a fantastic way to socialise the collective. We will be collecting feedback as the semester rolls on to anticipate the favourable events to book next semester.

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

**FARRAGO:**

Edition Three is back and has been distributed throughout the campuses! Our launch party is on the 21st April at Tsubu.

**RADIO FODDER:**

We have been experiencing regular network outages due to the faultiness of our server. However, we have commenced plans to replace the server which will hopefully resolve all outages and cancellations of programs. This is expected to happen over the next two weeks.

**VIDEO:**

We have released a few pieces of video content since our last report. A popular video was our 'That 5pm deadline' clip which was very well received by the student community.

**ABOVE WATER:**

Preparations for Above Water have begun! We've had a meeting with Jean and Josh from Creative Arts and will be sorting out financial matters soon.

**List of action points to be completed by next report:**

**Action #1:** Prepare for our second Wordplay event.

**Action #2:** Carry out plans to resolve Radio technical issues.

**Action #3:** Work with Creative Arts to sort out the logistics of Above Water

**Budget expenditure since last report:**

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item
Council #3	10/02/2016	Farrago Edition Two Printing	\$10,813	Printing
2015	2015	2015 Farrago Binding	\$385	Accrued
Op-Sub	22/03/2016	Farrago Ed 2 launch party	\$254.76	Special Projects/Events
Op-Sub	07/04/2016	Radio Text-In Line	\$90.00	Radio/Video
Council #3	10/02/2016	PPCA Licensing Apr-Jun 2016	\$250.00	Radio/Video
Op-Sub	07/04/2016	Reimbursement to J. Villar for Video Props	\$23.64	Radio/Video

**Queer  
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye**

**Key Activities since Last Meeting:**

- **Trans and Gender Diverse Clothes Exchange**  
The clothes exchange was successfully held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, which will hopefully set a precedent for future clothes exchanges, as we still have clothes left over
- **Rad Sex and Consent Week**  
We are currently meeting regularly with the Wom\*n's, Disabilities and Welfare to plan for



Rad Sex and Consent. This includes planning for workshops, budgeting, and emailing potential speakers

- **University of Melbourne's stance on Marriage Equality**

The Queer Officers recently met with the Deputy Provost of the university to discuss the university's stance on marriage equality in an upcoming debate. The discussion also included issues that LGBT+ students faced at the university, such as mental health issues, poverty and harassment in bathrooms.

**List of Planned Actions:**

- **Meeting with RISN**

We have a meeting with RISN, the Rainbow International Students Network, a fledgling organisation dedicated to helping LGBT+ students. As the Queer Department has traditionally been more insular, this is a great way for the department to support a demographic of LGBT+ students that might otherwise not be comfortable engaging with the Queer Department

- **Change of 'Transgender/Nonbinary' Option to 'Nonbinary/Other'**

While the University of Melbourne has been praised for its recent change to include 'transgender/nonbinary' as gender options for the enrollments of students, it has also come under fire for listing transgender as a 'third' gender, thus implying that trans people's genders are not as legitimate as those of cis men and women. Thus, we are working to change this so the third option will only read as 'nonbinary/other' and trans students can simply pick male and female as their gender without feeling singled out.

<p><b>Welfare</b> <b>Sarah Xia &amp; Yan Zhuang</b></p>
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**Stress Less Week**

Stress Less Week was fantastic, with great attendance at some of key events such as the Zumba class, dance classes and visit to the Dax centre! We were particularly happy with the feedback from our Rihanna and Beyoncé classes, which were well-received and well-attended after a big social media push for people to come along. The whole week had a wide variety of events, from stalls and Pets Haven on Thursday to a movie screening on Monday night.

We were also able to engage new students in our volunteer program, and they were a key help in our Thursday carnival and regular weekly breakfast.

**Rad Sex and Consent Week**

Rad Sex and Consent Week will be held in Week 9, and we are working with Wom\*n's, Disabilities and Queer to set up the week. We have been in contact with UMSU International about the week, and we are very excited to engage students in workshops on sexual health!

**Werribee and VCA Campuses**

Sarah has been in contact with Louise from Werribee, and we hope to hold a screening of Wall-E at the campus sometime this semester with help from their Student Welfare Appreciation Group

(SWAG). They've provided an update on their counselling service which now has added another counsellor with more hours available to students.

We are working with students and administration at the VCA to potentially establish a food bank there, so that students are better able to seek emergency help from UMSU in times of need. We are piloting the program there, and Yan placed some food packs at the VCA on Tuesday 19 April.

### **People of Colour**

The People of Colour Collective has been running weekly at 2pm-3pm on Wednesday in Training Room 2. We've been running a variety of events, from general chats to a screening of If You Are The One. We are consulting the collective on proposed changes to the UMSU constitution to add a People of Colour Department, which has been received very well by the group.

### **Regular Events**

Our regular events are continuing along fantastically. In particular, our free breakfast last Thursday engaged a high number of students due to extra Stress Less Week advertising. The Welfare Collective has been a great way for us to connect with our volunteers.

### **Budget Expenditure**

<b>Welfare Committee Meeting no.</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Line-Item</b>
02/16	01/02/2016	Welfare Collective Pizza	66.50	Regular Events
02/16	01/02/2016	Welfare Collective Sushi	50.00	Regular Events
03/16	01/03/2016	Monday Mingle #4	50.00	Regular Events
03/16	01/03/2016	Conversation Partners Pizza	42.95	Regular Events
03/16	01/03/2016	Stress Less Week Carnival Fencing Hire	290.00	Special Project and Events
03/16	01/03/2016	Stress Less Week Zumba Class	70.00	Special Project and Events
03/16	01/03/2016	Stress Less Week Food, Dog Water Bowls and other amenities	30.50	Special Project and Events
02/16	01/02/2016	Welfare Collective snacks	10.90	Special Project and Events
04/16	18/03/2016	Ziplock bags	4.44	Special Project and Events
02/16	01/02/2016	Free Breakfast sauce	10.67	Regular Events
02/16	01/02/2016	Free Breakfast #6	179.32	Regular Events

02/16	01/02/2016	Welfare Breakfast Food and Chalk for Diversity Breakfast	331.70	Regular Events
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**Wom\*n's  
Adriana Mells & Hien Nguyen**

Women's Department – OB Report

Regular Events:

Our regular events are running well and we are happy with attendance at most of our events. Particularly after the break in some of our events with Feminism 101, Respect Week and then the mid sem break. Queer and Questioning QTs is struggling with attendance at the moment, so we are looking at ways to get more people there.

Constitutional Changes:

This has been one of our main focuses for the past few weeks. We wanted the proposed changes in place by the next election period, which meant we had a limited timeframe.

We talked to our different collectives as well to get their input as well as their ideas for constitutional changes for the Women's department. We also asked other OB's to share the changes within their departments and collectives and set up a working group separate from the constitutional working group, so that the ideas and feelings put forward were by people involved in the department. We held two working groups where we explained the changes and tried to get input from others about what exactly they should entail.

Women's Mentoring Network:

We held our second Networking Night as part of the Women's Mentoring Network. The night went really well, we had two speakers and a good level of engagement from students. We will still work on promoting this event – to make sure we are reaching a wide range of people from different faculties.

Rad Sex and Consent Week:

We have had two meetings about Rad Sex and Consent Week. We are in the midst of contacting speakers/finding people who are interested in holding workshops relevant to our themes this year. We are also in the process of speaking to Comms about designs for posters, booking rooms/working out the logistics for the week.

Expenditure:

Regular Events: (weeks 5 and 6)

Women of Colour Collective	\$22.73
Women's Collective	\$81.27
Queer and Questioning QTs	\$36.00
Women's Mentoring Network	
Food	\$100
Gifts	\$42

**Burnley Campus  
Eranthos Beretta**

**Victorian College of the Arts  
Van Rudd**

## **VCASA OB Report**

**By Van T Rudd**

**April 19th, 2016**

### **National Day of Action, April 13th**

The NUS National Day of Action against the Turnbull Government's attacks on higher education was held at the VCA a couple of hours prior to the main protest at the State Library. We had a small stage for a musician and free BBQ food for students. Despite the student lunch hours not being uniform, VCA students still made a decent turn out for the event. The hundred or so students outside the VCA cafe seemed quite angry at the attacks which was positive news coming into the next protest scheduled for May 11th.

### **May11th NDA**

The VCA now has a chance to build upon the last action to show how unpopular Simon Birmingham's education policies are. Some students are keen to create protest art and or banners outside the cafe on the grass on the days leading up to the protest, so we will endeavour to provide basic materials for this such as banner canvas and paint. We will also provide free music and food again outside the cafe. UMSU people are also invited to help build for the rally at the VCA.

### **Yoga Classes**

The yoga classes on Tuesday evenings have been going strong. The only problem has been the teacher needing access to the room a little earlier. This has been rectified.

### **Disabilities Workshops**

Rooms have been booked for the UMSU Disabilities workshops in the coming weeks. I will endeavour to find out how the first session went. I would also like to remind UMSU Disabilities officers that if they need posters designed, UMSU Comms do a great job designing them in short amounts of time. Once that's done, I can put posters up around VCA and UMSU people are also welcome to put some up at VCA also.

### **Spoken Word Event**

VCA students last year were really excited by a spoken word event held in the student lounge, and it revealed how many poets there are lurking at the VCA will to express. And as the event was fully catered (food and drinks), students felt welcomed and could focus on performing their poetry. We at VCASA are excited to hold another spoken word event at the VCA this time in early June, semester one and hopefully again in semester two.

### **Recommendations**

#### **May 11th NDA Food and Entertainment**

That \$1,850 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for food entertainment for the May 11th NDA. (Breakdown: \$600 food and BBQ staff, \$1000 music stage and equipment hire, \$250 for solo musician)

#### **May 11th NDA art materials**

That \$200 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for art materials for fellow VCA students to create art for the rally. (Breakdown: \$120 for acrylic paint, \$80 for canvas).

#### **Spoken Word Event**

That \$500 be moved from VCA Dept Special Events budget line to pay for food and beverages and associated costs for holding a Spoken Word event, on a date in the month of June, semester one.