



University of Melbourne Student Union

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

**President
Tyson Holloway-Clarke**

Student Precinct

We are currently in an audit process for all our our student services, admin spaces, cultural and arts facilities and student spaces that we current have. Additionally we will be submitting some restructures of these services and or spaces for the student precinct. I'll be seeking advice from various users and collectives to get the best picture of what we would like to see done in the student precinct. This process is due for high level completion at the end of the week for submission to Amelia Scurry and the Student Precinct Chancellery Projects team for submission to Principle Buyers Committee for funding. After this process we should be given a dollar range for the Precinct.

An additional process called an Urban Design Framework is also underway. It looks to investigate into all the ways current buildings can be refurbished, sites be rebuilt and the risks and context involved. The UDF will tell us which buildings we can tear down if necessary and what spaces we can move into. Currently the UDF is looking at John Smyth, the 1888 Building, Frank Tate, parts of the Eastern Resource Centre and Doug McConnell. I raised with the Steering Group that these spaces would be insufficient to meet both current services and space demand and future scope for services. I suggested that the Sidney Myer Asia Center, Alice Hoy, Engineering Blocks A through E and John Medley be added to the UDF. This suggestion was rejected but I will be meeting with Deputy Provost and chair of the Steering Group Sue Elliot soon to discuss.

MUSUL & FSA

In line with the agreed process Justin and I met with Sue Elliot and Elizabeth Capp to discuss the future of corporate service provision to UMSU. This meeting went well in the end as it was made crystal clear that the current arrangement is no longer tenable and change needs to be made. Justin has provided further details in the General Manager's Report.

We also say farewell to MUSUL CEO Trevor White after a long tenure with MUSUL. Simon Napthine from the GSA will be replacing him.

GSA

Justin and I met with Simon Napthine, in his capacity as GSA General Manager, and GSA Secretary Thomas Whiteside to discuss the future of our organisations. There is significant merit to the idea of a merger of our two organisations with fantastic outcomes for all students involved. While sceptical, the GSA agreed that there was a strong enough case to be made to the GSA council and Justin and I will present to them in the nearby future.

SSAF Consultative Group

While no details are concrete at this stage, I am confident in our position as an organisation the upcoming SSAF allocations. Due to greater growth in student numbers and thus a higher rate of SSAF collection there is an increase of funds to be allocated and a significant surplus remaining. This surplus and an ongoing contingency amount will be made available for bidding on projects. The framework for bidding has not been determined yet.

Our position is strong and I will present the case for our allocation going up significantly. In anticipation of this and of the reserves available I have been in preliminary discussions with Justin as to what UMSU should prioritise with the new resources.

Safety on Campus

I met with both the student and staff head of the Intercollegiate Council with Elizabeth Capp to discuss sexual assault and harassment across campus. I have since collected various policies and procedures to review in the coming month.

General Secretary
James Bashford

- Policy and Regulations Working Group will be meeting each Thursday over the winter break. Last week we looked at UMSU Standing Orders and discussed mostly minor changes. More significant changes are required to other documents such as the Financial Regulations which are heavily out of date. We're meeting each Thursday 12-2 PM in the UMSU Offices, all welcome to contribute.
- Disability Action Plan Working Group met on Tuesday.
- Media Officers are working on proposals to update the Newspaper Policy (to become a Media Policy) which will be brought to the working group established by council.
- Vote for Students Campaign: I've produced a scorecard and policy summary and Comms has turned this into a fantastic postcard flyer which is being handed out by Ed Pub at

exams and distributed around campus. Online materials have also been created, further details are on the UMSU website at umsu.unimelb.edu.au/voteforstudents.

- I'll be heading to Sydney for the NUS Education Conference in the first week of July.
- The National Union of Students has accepted UMSU's tender to host their 2016 Ethnocultural Conference.

Activities
Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock

No report submitted

Clubs & Societies
Ryan Davey & Yasmine Luu

Clubs Council

Clubs Council is the body from which the C&S committee is elected and only club presidents (or nominated representatives) are required to attend. Clubs Council ran on Tuesday the 17th of May 2016 at 2pm, and we got a moderate turn out of club presidents and representatives. The Office Bearer's presented their report to council, involving everything that had been achieved in this past 6 months. An election also occurred and Sam Crock from the Student Exchange Society was elected to replace Julianna Rozek on the C&S committee.

Executive Thank You Lunch

The Executive Thank You Lunch was very successful running for a full two hours. We received excellent feedback from different clubs and there was much excitement about the upcoming awards night. Unfortunately we did not anticipate the amount of people coming, even with an RSVP sheet, and needed extra funds to buy more food and drinks. These prices can be found in the expenditure heading below. Overall, the office bearers were able to meet with club executives and talk in a casual manner about how everything was running, much like a big collective.

Awards Night

We are currently in talks with comms for the design of the Awards Night. The Awards Night will be fairly casual, with the theme being: Dress as your club. We are hoping to release an expression of interest form soon, to see whether or not we can book the Grand Buffet Hall, or we need a smaller or bigger venue.

Regulation & Policy Working Group

We have had two working groups since the last report, these were on the Camp Guidelines and the Pub 'not' Crawl Guidelines.

Camp Guidelines

The camp guidelines have been written up and will be presented to committee at our next meeting. The emphasis revolves around incident minimisation, and constructing a code of conduct around Camp Leaders.

Pub Tour Guidelines

Our guidelines will not involve the word crawl, but the C&S department will finally acknowledge that 'Historical Tours of Local Establishments' do occur. So this policy is all about making them safer, instead of placing a blanket ban on them all. Our guidelines involve sober first aiders, easy to identify marshals, under the legal limit marshals and the code of conduct in which the club should act.

Executive Handbook

We're currently in the process of finalising some of the chapters. There is still a lot to be done however. We will be adding our new welfare information to the executive handbook.

New Club Affiliations

The Clubs & Societies committee have officially affiliated 6 new clubs after their successful IGM's and documentation. These are, the Aerospace & Robotics Society, Bike Polo Society, Competitive Programming Club, Mandarin Language Club, Melbourne Biotechnology Club, and Universities Allied for Essential Medicines. There are still many more potential clubs that have yet to have their IGM documents approved.

Mid-Year O-Week

Clubs day for Mid-Year O-Week has been set for Thursday the 21st of July. The Clubs day will be running on Concrete Lawns, with over 80 clubs present. We will be running alongside MU Sport as well. At the moment, we are awaiting payments from some clubs requiring electricity. We will then start the table allocations. We look forward to meeting new and returning students and getting them excited for the club culture here!

Open Day

The University of Melbourne has once again asked C&S and interested Clubs to be a part of Open Day. This will be on the Sunday 21st of August 2016 at University Square. We have released a google doc to ask clubs if they would be interested in showing off the club experience to potential students. The clubs that are chosen, will be based on giveaways, and interesting displays they will have available for the crowd on open day.

Expenditure

Date	Meeting #	Item Description	Amount	Budget Line
18/05/2016	9/16	Additional clubs guide printing	\$2000.00	Special Projects
1/06/2016	10/16	Additional funding for Executive Lunch	\$229.00	Special Projects

Creative Arts
Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong

Key activities:

Life Drawing & Botanic Drawing

After the positive response to a botanic drawing session held during *Pop! Wait A Minute*, we have decided to halve the life drawing sessions planned for Semester 2 and replace them with botanic drawing. The total number of drawing sessions held will still be the same.

Above Water

Submissions have closed and we received a lot of them. We are currently in the process of judging the entries, and putting together a shortlist for three our judges. They are Candy Bowers, Sam Cooney, and Jessica Yu, whose experiences are diverse and range between emerging and established writers.

Tastings

Applications for Tastings close on Friday 8th July, so far the applications we've received have been really great, and we're looking forward to facilitating ongoing working relationships between our young artists and established industry artists.

Ensemble Assembly

We are co-hosting/organising 'Ensemble Assembly' with Union House Theatre on 28th July. The event is a new initiative which brings the student theatre community together to celebrate past and future work. The event seeks to provide a space and provocation for the community to more closely reflect on and interrogate the work they make within the unique theatre-making opportunities we have on campus.

Next round Arts Grants

Closes July 7th – we're continuing to necessitate applicants meet with us prior to submitting their grants, and overall the grant applications have been of a high standard. We expect this to also be a competitive round as the George Paton Gallery Semester 2 artists have been selected, and next semester's theatre program is incredibly packed.

Film Festival

We are currently organising publicity for the short film competition to be launched during o-week. The date of the festival itself has been finalised, and we have been having regular meetings mainly between the Filmmakers Collaborative and our Department. Susan Hewitt (Arts & Entertainment Manager) has been assisting us with organising and finalising details.

Advocacy

TheatreBoard has just launched the New Work Grants, which seeks to fill a gap in student theatre funding by essentially providing a safety net and encourage creative risk taking and the development of original Australian work in any performing arts discipline. Applications are accepted at the beginning of each Semester, and the next round closes Friday 22nd July, with a maximum funding of \$2000 available per project.

Disabilities

Jess Kapuscinski-Evan & Christian Tsoutsouvas

We are starting to organise our events for semester 2. We have decided to run a general Disabilities Collective and also a Neurodiversity Collective in response to some students' concerns that we were not adequately representing students with a mental health condition on campus. Anxiety Support Group will be back and ideally we will run a second beginners Auslan class and a level 2 class. Our aim is to collaborate much more with the other departments so to this end we will be running a Disability and Journalism workshop with the media department, a workshop about accessible housing and communities as part of environment week, and a disability feminism panel discussion with Women's. We are looking into having some board games nights and/or listening parties which will hopefully be something fun and relaxing that students might like to attend. Finally, we will be continuing with our film screenings in the Rowden White Library.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal

No report submitted

Education (Public Affairs)
Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz

SWATVAC Support Stall

During SWATVC we ran a support stall up on South Lawn in conjunction with the Welfare department. We gave out 250 free cups of coffee and other drinks, along with some snacks. There were also pens and the students were very receptive and appreciative.

Vote for students' campaign

Along with James Bashford, we've been working on a 'Vote for Students' campaign. This has involved the creation of a card which explains where political parties stand on higher education and other issues of concern for students.

Since then, we've been giving them out, particularly at the exam hall when students come out of exams.

Education Conference

Since the closing of grant applications for NUS Education Conference, we've been busy distributing the grants to those who were successful in the application process.

Environment
Zac Power & Anisa Rogers

There has been significant discussion over different aspects of the sustainability plan, involving a range of staff and students. This process aims to provide meaningful feedback to significantly influence the development of the sustainability plan. There are plans for big co-design events for early

in the semester. Anisa continues to go to Sustainability Executive meetings and is very involved in the development of the plan, especially the Teaching and Learning area.

Anisa is going to Investment Working Group meeting, a working group that is developing a report for the Vice Chancellor and Council on how to conduct it's relationship with the fossil fuel industry, focusing on investments.

We have been planning for Environment Week, working with different groups and sections of the university to organise a range of events and sessions. The week will see collaboration with the university's science festival which coincides with the final three days of the week.

The permanent space for the bike co-op is confirmed, and Anisa along with a dedicated group of students are working hard to see the space organised and running in time for O-week next semester.

Students of Sustainability conference is coming up soon, and many Unimelb students are organised and reading to get up to Brisbane.

The World Environment Day event was a success, with Kate Auty and others addressing a room full of engaged members of the university community. We will continue to work with other parts of the university that work on sustainability to trial the sustainability challenges that will begin at the start of semester two. The first challenge is around waste and consumption.

**Indigenous
Wunambi Connor & Emily Kayte James**

Indigenous OB Report

New OB

On Tuesday 31 May, the Indigenous department welcomed a new OB following the election of Wunambi Connor. Wunambi was previously the Indigenous Student Representative on Students Council and also worked with the Indigenous collective as the Team Manager for the NITESG which he will continue in this role. Wunambi and Emily will continue as Co-Indigenous Officers for the remainder of the 2016 term.

End of Semester Party

The Indigenous department hosted an end of semester party for Indigenous Students during week 12. With over 50 students attending this has proven to be one of the more popular events for the collective.

Under Bunjil

The Indigenous departments bi-annual publication has continued to be a success with volume 3 flying off stands. This edition of Under Bunjil saw an increase in creative submissions, which is something the Indigenous department wishes to pursue in future editions.

NITESG (Indigenous University Games)

The Indig Uni Games are less than a week away with the team due to fly out to Brisbane on Sunday 26 June. All elements of games have now been organised including travel, accommodation, uniforms, and registration. With two full teams of 16, this year will provide the greatest opportunity for Indigenous students to participate and hopefully the success of previous years, particularly in Volleyball (Unimelb was the 2014 & 2015 champions), will continue.

Winter High School Programs

During the winter break Murrup Barak will host a number of camps for Indigenous High School Students. The Indigenous department will continue to assist Murrup Barak with these programs by ensuring opportunities are provided for current Indigenous students of the University to step up as leaders and mentors.

Finances (Income and Expenditure)

Income		
Item	Amount	Date

Murrup Barak Sponsorship	\$13000	31/05/2016
Murrup Barak Sponsorship	\$25000	31/05/2016

Expenses – TBA in next report

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

Farrago:

Edition Five is currently in production, and will be ready for Mid Year O-Week. The next few months are going to be a highly stressful period in terms of Farrago and other projects.

Radio:

Applications are now open for Semester Two programmes and close on the 3rd of July. All UMSU Departments are encouraged to apply for a programme. We are currently carrying out major technical maintenance to prepare for a smoother season.

Above Water:

Submissions for Above Water have closed, and we are looking through the writing and artwork with Creative Arts. We've received an incredible 108 written submissions!

Wordplay at VCA:

In the last weeks of Semester One, we also held a Wordplay event at the Southbank campus, fulfilling our requirement of hosting one event at a non-Parkville campus each semester.

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item
Op-Sub	07/04/2016	Farrago Ed4 Printing	\$9,740	Printing
Council 11	19/05/2016	Farrago Ed4 Launch Party	\$455	Special Projects/Events
Council 11	19/05/2016	Wordplay #3	\$30.61	Special Projects/Events

Queer
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye

Key Activities:

- **Meeting with RISN**
 We have recently met with RISN (the Rainbow International Student Network) to discuss future possibilities for collaboration. We have also put RISN in contact with UMSU International for further networking opportunities.
- **Planning for Pride Ball**
 With Pride Ball happening in semester 2, we have already started planning for it by constructing a table of expected costs and scoping out possible venues.

- Maintenance of weekly activities
With the semester at an end, an effort was put into continuing weekly activities into Week 12, including collectives and Queer Lunches.
- **Queer Collaborations**
Money has been passed to sponsor several University of Melbourne students to attend the Queer Collaborations conference (held in Perth this year). We are currently making reservations, travel arrangements and undertaking other necessary actions.

Planned Future Actions:

- **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.
- **Pride Ball planning**
A focal point for semester 2 for the Queer Department will be Pride Ball, and as such a large amount of effort will be given to passing money, picking a venue, setting a date, advertising etc.
- **Stall for Mid-Year Intake Clubs Carnivals**
The Queer Department will also decide if they wish to open a stall during the mid-year Clubs Carnivals and the necessary arrangements for doing so.

Welfare
Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

The exam period has been a busy but fruitful time for the Welfare Department! We are currently working on our projects for Semester 2, including readjusting our regular events calendar and adding Zumba to our list of free events. We can confirm that the free breakfasts will continue on a Thursday morning, and the breakfasts will be back in action in Semester 2, Week 1 on 28 July 2016.

The Welfare Committee has also met to discuss activities for semester 2 and pass expenditure for midyear O-Week and regular activities such as the free breakfasts.

People of Colour Department

As Students' Council is aware, the amendments introducing a People of Colour Department and relevant Student Councillor were passed overwhelmingly at the Special General Meeting in Week 12, which was very exciting for both of us!

The People of Colour Collective will continue into Semester 2 under our department but we anticipate that the collective will be absorbed and run by the new autonomous department going into 2017.

We'd like to thank all the students involved in helping us draft, discuss and pass the motion. We are very grateful for your continued support and assistance!

Exam Support Stall

The UMSU Welfare and Education (Public) Departments ran a Swotvac Support Stall on Thursday, 2 June. The stall had free coffee, food/snacks and pens available, and was a great way to support students during this stressful period of the academic semester. The Education (Public) Department's pens were pretty fancy, and they will certainly be appreciated in the exam period. Overall, it was a great event, and we'd love to run something similar in Semester 2 Swotvac.

Food Bank

The food bank has been going well, and we've seen an increase in students using the food bank through our office in Union House during the busy end of semester and exam period. Students who are vulnerable due to issues with study and work in this period have been able to access the food bank through the UMSU Information Desk, Stop 1 in Southbank and through the Welfare Office in Union House. During the semester break we will be working on our expansion of the food bank, and organising further donations from interested individuals and organisations. We've added the Stop 1 food bank to our website to improve visibility, and we'll be getting some additional poster advertising down to VCA through Stop 1 once designs are done.

General Enquiries

As we've headed into the semester break, we've seen an uptick in the number of students contacting us about welfare-related issues. We have a lot of resources available in our office, and we are always happy to chat to students about the best place to seek help at the university and locally.

We recommend that students email us to make an appointment so that we can make sure we're in the office for any urgent issues. Our best contact is our email at welfare@union.unimelb.edu.au. Walk-ins are still very welcome!

Budget Expenditure

Welfare Committee Meeting no.	Date of meeting	Description	Amount	Line-Item
02/16	01/02/2016	Free Yoga (Temporary Instructor)	200.00	Regular Events
02/16	01/02/2016	Free Yoga	300.00	Regular Events
09/16	30/05/2016	Rad Sex and Consent Week	46.00	Special Project and Events

**Wom*n's
Adriana Mells**

Constitutional Changes:

The proposed Women's department constitutional changes were passed at the SGM in week 12. I would like to thank all the OB's, counsellors, committee members and students who got involved in the process. We are now in the process of fixing up the branding of the department, and going through the website changing every Wom*n's to Women's.

NOWSA:

Applications for financial assistance have now closed. Women's committee has passed money for all University of Melbourne students attending the conference based on what they indicated they needed on the form. We have offered students money for registration, accommodation and flights. It has been quite difficult to get students to respond due to the fact that registration closed during the exam period.

Judy's Punch:

Subeditor applications have closed for Judy's Punch 2016, Amie (JP Co-editor) and I have been thrilled with the level of interest. All subeditors have been sent tests so that we can select the J.P subeditor team for 2016. We are still looking for people who would like to be graphics designers, or who are interested in writing or illustrating for the magazine.

Women's Mentoring Network:

I am currently contacting speakers for our Networking Nights in semester two. I am aiming to get speakers from fields that we didn't get into contact with in semester one. I am also hoping to extend the networking nights onto campuses other than Parkville.

Women in Higher Education:

We are starting to plan Women in Higher Education week. The storylines and trivia night events last year were really well attended, so we are hoping to run these again. We are also looking at potential student's services event or showcasing the work of Women on campus. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for this, please let me know.

Safety on Campus:

I have been doing research for the Women's department guide to sexual assault on and off campus, compiling a number of different resources. I had a meeting with Sally Coates, who is in charge of Campus Community to talk about reporting procedure as well ask some questions about what happens after reporting to the university. I was hoping that alongside the release of the guide, that the department would run a campaign on campus. I have brought this idea to Comms, who were very helpful in describing the different forms this campaign could take. They also suggested running a focus group, to get an idea of the type of campaign that we could hold without students being made to feel unsafe or potentially triggered.

Burnley Campus
Eranthos Beretta

No report submitted

Victorian College of the Arts
Van Rudd

It's unfortunate yet not surprising that the ALP is proposing to cut \$3.7 billion from higher education, reduce the HELP DEBT payment threshold and abolish the HECS-HELP benefit. It is committed to a pro-business agenda, therefore not offering much of an alternative for students and the poor, to that of the Liberal Party. VCASA will be prepared to help organise more protests against education cuts whether we have a Liberal or a Labor government, as we enter semester 2, so keep a lookout on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/VCASStudentAssociation/

VCASA will also be moving the VCA Spoken Word event to early semester 2 because the Student Lounge renovations unfortunately have been slow. Free yoga classes on Tuesday nights for VCA students will also continue into semester 2. Also keep a look out for the VCA Proud exhibition in August open to undergraduate VCA fine art students. VCASA is once again proudly supporting this exhibition in the form of two prizes - The Social Justice Prize (\$500) and the Gender and Sexual Equality Prize (\$500), and \$500 for food and beverages. Proud is a very important event for students at the VCA, shown by the previous year's enthusiasm for it. I have already met with a member of the Proud committee, and they are keen to work again with VCASA on this inspiring show.

Recommendations

That \$1500 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events Budget Line to assist the VCA Proud art exhibition.

That's \$500 for the Social Justice Prize, \$500 for the Gender and Sexual Equality Prize, and \$500 for Food and Beverages.

That \$1200 be moved from the VCA Dept Special Events Budget Line to pay for a yoga instructor for the weekly Yoga sessions in all of semester 2.