

**University of Melbourne Student Union**

**Meeting of the Students' Council**

**Agenda**

**11:00am, Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2017**

**Meeting 17(17)**

**Location: Private Dining Room, Mezzanine Level, Union House**

Office Bearers are on leave are away for the period of 4<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2017.

President	Yan Zhuang is on leave	No report submitted
<b>General Secretary</b>		<b>Submitted</b>
Activities		No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Clubs & Societies (Kayley Cuzzubbo)		No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Clubs & Societies (Gulsara Kaplun)		No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Creative Arts		No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Disabilities	Alston Chu is on leave	No report submitted (2 <sup>nd</sup> warning)
<b>Education (Academic Affairs)</b>	<b>Caley Mcpherson &amp; Roger Samuel are on leave</b>	<b>Submitted</b>
<b>Education (Public Affairs)</b>		<b>Submitted</b>
Environment	Lizzie Nicholson is on leave	No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Indigenous		No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
<b>Media</b>	<b>Mary Ntalianis &amp; James Macaronas are on leave</b>	<b>Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
People of Colour	Ella Shi is on leave	No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Queer (Blake Atmaja)		No report submitted (1 <sup>st</sup> warning)
Queer (Evelyn Lesh)		No report submitted (2 <sup>nd</sup> warning)
Welfare	Teresa Gornall is on leave	No report submitted (2 <sup>nd</sup> warning)
Women's	Hannah Billett is on leave	No report submitted
<b>Burnley</b>		<b>Submitted</b>
<b>Victorian College of the Arts</b>		<b>Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS</b>

**President**

**Yan Zhuang**

*Yan Zhuang is on leave.  
No report was submitted.*

**General Secretary**

**Yasmine Luu**

**Stances Booklet**

Well, that was fun. Not only have I completed a comprehensive list of stances that UMSU has passed in the last 10 years, but I also had a good laugh at some very UMSU arguments and motions. Think back to 2011, where there was 8 inquorate meetings in a row, or 2010 when people were being named for drinking alcohol in Council. It really was a different time. I believe my stances booklet will be discussed under operational business in the agenda and I hope you will allow me to publish it on the website. I am open to changes though.

A have a few notes on the booklet and its production first:

1. This is a trivial matter more than anything, but in the early days we didn't have many ideological motions. That's not to say that ideological motions weren't taken to Council on a semi-regular basis, it's just that these motions were voted down based on Council feeling like they couldn't speak on certain motions on behalf of the student body. The introduction of largely ideological motions have seemed to occur in large numbers over the last 3 years. Lots of failed motions like congratulating the royal family on a new baby or a wall between Melbourne and Monash were discussed and voted down.
2. I did not put any stance on the NDA. Even though a motion on the National Day of Action occurs every year (even multiple times a year!) it consistently will only talk about a specifically dated one.
3. Inquorate meetings outnumber quorate meetings on the UMSU website. This is a ridiculously upsetting but unsurprising statistic. Students' Council reform is now a matter of urgency. Students' Council is fundamental to the functioning of the organisation and if a fortnightly meeting cannot be achieved at the very least, how UMSU be considered a well functioning organisation? I have started documents and discussion pieces on Council reform, but I almost believe this job would require a full year to implement.
4. The subject of 'University Station' has been brought to Council before in 2016, where it was voted down as it was considered not in the Union's purview to assist the University's marketing ploy. Alternatively, the name Stop 3 was floated which, in my personal opinion, is an excellent rival to Stationy McStation Face. However, two meetings afterwards called for the motion to be revisited and University Station to be accepted as long as the Student Precinct included a derivative of the word union.
5. The motion done this year on sex workers and trans people was a little difficult to place in a specific category. I in no way infer that sex work goes under the queer category. But since the two distinctly different peoples were mixed into the same motion it was difficult to place. If any student, Councillor or Office Bearer takes issue with this categorisation, I will happily put it into its own unique category. Although, revisiting this motion, I actually feel like we have done a disservice to students who are sex workers or trans. It really should have been two separate motions.
6. There are no minutes on the UMSU website for January 2012 to June 2012. I will endeavour to fix this once I find the corresponding minutes.

7. There was a resolution not completed from December 2015 about Satellite Campus Policy. I will try and revisit this or flag it for the next General Secretary to focus on.
8. Fossil Free and Harm Reduction have motions done at separate meetings that were effectively the same motion. From an organisational standpoint, I believe this is poor practice.

Overall, this document should remind Council that if a motion has already come up previously, that it should be thrown out. Since UMSU already approved it. There is no point in reaffirming or endorsing motions, it is ultimately a waste of Council time and means we'd have to rescind twice if we ever wanted to overturn the motion. It's a bureaucratic nightmare and does nothing if the motion has already been put forward previously.

Hopefully now with the implementation of this booklet and subsequent publishing on the website, that Councillors can just point to the relevant stance and say we already endorse it!

### **Resolutions from Meeting 16**

A few motions passed that required my intervention or attention. I have decided to handle them in my report as I will be on leave and won't be able to speak at the relevant times at Council.

1. Young Workers Centre Survey  
The Communications department were contacted and the survey was presented in the UMSU E-newsletter. I believe this will continue for the next one too.
2. Budget  
The budget has been tabled several times with no resolution. I have attached relevant copies of the current budget standings. This is the balance sheet and budget for Year to Date August 2017. In the case of Students' Council expenditure I would like to highlight the following:
  - a. Student Initiative Grant expenditure is \$8260.00 out of \$15,000.
  - b. The 'Whole of Union' and 'Campaigns' budget lines were not separated by finance and can be seen under 'Special Projects' which is a total of \$23,682.87 out of \$80,000. I imagine there is still a lot to pay from different places, but this seems odd.
3. Spokesperson of UMSU  
The Spokesperson of UMSU clause appear in the UMSU Constitution (64) and the UMSU Regulations for Student Office Bearers (10.1). I believe however, the main focus is around the regulations for Student Office Bearers under clause 10 - Press Releases.  
Below shows what is currently in the clause and under it shows my new development.

*10.1 The spokesperson of UMSU shall be the President.*  
*10.2 Only the President may engage in discussions with the media (including press releases) subject to the Students' Council directing another Officer to do so.*  
*10.2.1 Other officers may issue press releases or communicate with the media on behalf of their department and this must be made clear in all communication.*  
*10.3 In the event of the President not being available for comment, the Secretary will do so if there is the reasonable belief that the President and/or the Students' Council will be in agreement with the substance of their discussions and/or press release.*  
*10.4 UMSU Staff should not make press releases or speak to the media on behalf of UMSU except for the purposes of promoting or publicising UMSU events/services.*

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*10.2.1 The President or Students' Council may delegate in writing the authority to issue press releases or communicate with the media on behalf of a department, an UMSU campaign or event.*  
*10.2.2 Office Bearers may engage with the UMSU student magazine about their own department. It must be made clear in all communication they are speaking for the UMSU department and not UMSU the organisation.*  
*10.3 In the event of the President not being available for comment, the General Secretary will do so if there is the reasonable belief that the President and/or the Students' Council will be in agreement with the substance of their discussions and/or press release.*  
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*10.5 Students' Council has the right to withdraw statements made on behalf of UMSU by the President or delegated Office Bearer if it does not align with our aims.*

If Students' Council overall likes these changes, or finds a better alternative I will be able to work out the issues and present the proposed changes of regulations to Council within the specified notice period. Accepting this report will not lead to the acceptance of these changes.

### **Centre Stage**

WOO! SUCCESS!

I am ridiculously pleased with how this event turned out. It was a brilliantly sunny day and there was such an incredible atmosphere around. Feedback I have received from Office Bearers in attendance was very promising. I would like to share some dialogue I had with a student that warmed my heart.

*"What is this event about?"*

*"Well, UMSU's headquarters are all the way at Union House, we thought we'd bring the support, services and fun to you!"*

*"Wow, really? UMSU is actually doing something for law students? Amazing!"*

This actually happened and I can't express how important it is for UMSU to have representation everywhere on campus and on other campuses.

Overall, the event went excellently and I am pleased to report to Council that I was under budget! There are a few improvements I would make though and they go as followed:

1. I would not get food vendors; they were pretty annoyed that clubs were giving out free food and hurting their business. I believe I would try and get clubs to churn out more free food for future events. Especially how the arts society were having a BBQ on South Lawn at the time!
2. Have entertainment running throughout the day. Ring of Choir and Flare dance were excellent draw cards for the event. I think having more entertainment from clubs or sports would really make the event more festive.

But the bad news is that with the new Melbourne Metro tunnel works, potentially UMSU can't run an event like this in the future. I suggest instead that we do the UMSU Travelling Circus, where we take departments, publications and a few choice clubs to VCA, Burneley and other rural campuses!

### **UMSU Policy Framework**

I believe this will be my last major project and I doubt I will finish it. It's been difficult to maneuver the UMSU policy and regulations space because it's so...bare. I have spoken at great length to Rozz, the UMSU HR Manager and Danielle Yamamoto-Kerr, the new Events and Compliance Officer about creating an entire organisational framework. Council endorsed the Human Resources Policy framework and I would like to get started on a policy framework for UMSU as a whole.

The framework will follow this idea:

The policies will be broken into categories; the current ones I have floating in my head are: Purposes of UMSU, Human Resources, Governance, Events & Campaigns, Communication & Media, and Volunteering. Then in each category, there will be policies for a range of different things. The policies will then spawn procedures. I intend to draw about the skeleton of this and write out what policies I think are required and what procedures are required. I will present this to Students' Council and hopefully future General Secretary's will be able to fill in the policies I have left for them. This will be a huge job and I imagine it may take years to complete, but at least the Secretary's of the future will have a checklist of which policies need to be created.

### **Other Minor Jobs**

1. Book Co-Op Agreement  
I apologise to Council that I haven't been able to do this yet. I will hopefully get it to you by next Council.
2. Discrimination in Class  
I am awaiting members of Comms to get back to discuss further after feedback from Legal and Advocacy.

3. Committee Minutes  
Forever the bane of my existence
4. Student Initiative Grant Website  
This will go live soon to allow students to access the SIG easier and more transparently!
5. Secretarial Handover  
I suppose it's time to start my handover! I will write a comprehensive document to supply to the next incumbent.

**Activities**

**Jacinta Cooper & Lydia Paevere**

*No report submitted.*

**Clubs & Societies**

**Kayley Cuzzubbo**

*No report submitted.*

**Clubs & Societies**

**Gulsara Kaplun**

*No report submitted.*

**Creative Arts**

**Harriet Wallace-Mead & Sara Laurena**

*No report submitted.*

**Disabilities**

**Cassandra Prigg & Alston Chu**

*Alston Chu is on leave.*

*No report submitted.*

**Education (Academic Affairs)**

**Caley Mcpherson & Roger Samuel**

**Key Activities**

**Focus groups/student disengagement**

Caley will most likely be leaving this Council meeting halfway through, as the next meeting to discuss student disengagement and compile findings is next Tuesday 12/9 at 12pm. The Ed (Ac) office have now wrapped up three focus groups looking at the experiences of Arts students, International students and students in STEM, qualitative data to be paired with the quantitative collected from surveys and the research of fellow working group members which includes interviews with staff members. This will inform a report to be written and submitted to TALQAC providing informative feedback and examples of best practice helping the university better engage students with the academic side of university life. One notable finding so far is the importance of the social aspect of uni, an area the student union contributes a lot to.

**Arts Faculty Concerns**

The report created by SRN members sitting on Arts committees will inform the faculty about how students are experiencing their degree as a whole (not just at the subject level as in SES). It has been submitted to Parshia Stecum (Chair of the Bachelor of Arts Teaching and Learning Committee), and we hope to hear back shortly to discuss better ways forward.

**Working groups**

The final report and flyer for the Assessment Feedback working group Caley co-chairs have now both been submitted, and next steps will be discussed at the next TALQAC meeting. The next meeting of the examinations sub-committee will be on Monday 11th (the day before this Council) and the new Commerce exam hurdle requirement will be discussed, as will special consideration options for students observing religious holidays in examination periods.

**FlexAP**

The final summary of the FlexAP project is still being finished, and will be released by Chancellery in late September/early October.

**SRN**

We strongly encourage anyone interested in being a part of the SRN next year to get in contact with Roger or Caley, and start coming to meetings this semester to build your skills and knowledge of University Governance. We'll be discussing the different SRN roles and committees at our next meeting, which will take place at 11am, September 21st in the Training Rooms, Union House. If you might be interested in getting involved, we strongly encourage that you come along! Applications will open in the next month.

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## Education (Public Affairs)

Sinead Manning

### PEP

**Access:** We are adding a budget breakdown to the access proposal, and then discussing the best way to present it moving forward. This may be through University channels or UMSU's own volunteering hub.

**Equity:** We will be meeting to discuss the printing credit proposal. The draft is completed, now it is a decision about where to present the draft for endorsement and how to secure funding.

**Quality:** Due to my own poor health, in combination with lower numbers in this stream and the usual student workload, we have been unable to meet but will hopefully be meeting soon to discuss some mini-projects for the latter half of semester two.

**Whole group meeting/presentation:** Date TBC, this will give volunteers a chance to present their work to the rest of the cohort.

### Grattan Institute Policy Event

I am in the planning stages of an event aimed at the tenets of the PEP volunteering collective, but open to all students. This will likely be in week 10. The event is shaping up to be an informal lecture with moderated questions. There will be an attached workshop, effectively linking policy knowhow with campaign action!

### Faculty Education Network

Off to a small start, but the Faculty Education Network had its first small 'win' for faculty club education officers! We were able to put the undergraduate and postgraduate biological science societies in contact with one another, and look forward to seeing what this will produce in terms of representation and events for that faculty/school at both post- and under-graduate levels.

### MGSE Staff Cuts

Background (from Campus Morning Mail): "At the University of Melbourne Graduate School of Education the union wants consultations on staff changes to continue (CMM yesterday). But Laureate Professor John Hattie says nothing doing, that the consultation period is complete and it is time to get moving. Management's plan means the end of numbers of fixed term contract positions and the creation of continuing appointments. The plan also makes it mandatory for staff in teaching and research and teaching specialist roles to hold a doctorate. Professor Hattie says this is mandatory under the Australian Qualifications Framework which requires academics to hold a qualification one level above that of courses they are teaching."

We continue to support the NTEU on this issue.

(We also stand in solidarity with the NTEU on the absurd FWC decisions re: Murdoch Uni—if you are in a reading mood, follow this informative link and feel free to email through any thoughts/rants: <http://campusmorningmail.com.au/news/murdoch-us-big-win-means-it-negotiates-on-its-preferred-terms/>)

## **Student Fees and Charges**

Paul Rekaris has replied to our concerns regarding the Fees and Charges Review. His reply hinted at a potential new way for UMSU to work with the University to amend the unsatisfactory elements of the review.

## **Study Spaces for RHD Students: GSA Meeting**

I met with Emily and Brad from the GSA on the 29th August to discuss how we can work together on this project. Our discussion was fruitful and resulted in us resolving to try and work together on the transition from Undergraduate to Graduate at the University of Melbourne, focusing on connecting undergraduate and graduate associations, clubs, and societies. We also talked about aligning the GSA and UMSU student representative training at the end of 2017/start of 2018.

## **EdPub@Pub: Party Against Paying More and Getting Less**

This is in the planning stages & I need volunteers to help with the organisation and make some informative posters! Activities on the night will include a 'drunk dial your representative' phone booth, postcard campaign station, calculate your debt space, and much more. Stay tuned! & please get in contact if you'd like to be involved.

## **Women in Higher Education Week 2017**

As stated previously, this was a largely online event. We had some great engagement through filming for Vox Pops, but unfortunately Comms deemed the footage unusable (I think to do with the sound quality). This is a disappointment, but a good learning curve.

## **Sexplorations 2017: Sex, Intimacy, and Consent**

The 'My First Sex Toy' event gained some online traction, but we have been unable to finish editing the video. We filmed over a half hour of footage that's being cut down into a six minute clip by Yasmine Luu, who has a Certificate IV in Screen & Media. I am super excited to share the video ASAP, as it is surprising and comforting in unexpected ways.

## **Finances**

No spending since last report

### **Environment**

**Lizzie Nicholson & Kate Denver-Stevenson**

*Lizzie Nicholson is on leave.*

*No report submitted.*

### **Indigenous**

**Marley Holloway-Clarke & Alendra Hohoi**



*No report submitted.*

**Media**

**Mary Ntalianis, James Macaronas, Amie Green & Alexandra Alvaro**

***With Recommendations***

**Farragoes to the VCA**

The Media Department will be holding an event at the 20th September at the VCA. This event will involve the Media Collective handing out copies of *Farrago* magazine and broadcasting Radio Fodder.

*We request that \$615 be passed from the Radio Fodder budget line for the AV setup at this event.*

**FOI Workshop**

The Media Department will be holding an FOI Workshop on the 19th September. At this workshop we will not only will we teach you the basics of Freedom of Information Requests (FOIs) but we'll assist you in writing your own. And best of all, if there are any super fantastic FOIs that come out of the session, the Media Office will be able to fund them!

This workshop will be run by the Media Office's Fitzpatrick Award winning Jeremy Nadel. Jeremy has conducted investigative research for *Farrago* and has had bylines in *Crikey*, *Voiceworks* and other publications.

*We request that \$50 be passed from the Special Projects/Events budget line to pay for students to lodge FOI's.*

*We request that \$20 be passed from the Special Projects/Events budget line for snacks at this event.*

**Edition Seven**

Edition Seven will be sent to print in the coming couple of weeks and is due to arrive before the mid-semester break.

*We request that \$20 be passed from the Special Projects/Events budget line for snacks at Edition Seven proofreading.*

**Edition Eight**

Edition Eight is currently being commissioned and laid out by the Media Officers. It's due to arrive in Week 12. Edition Seven proofreading will be held on the 22nd of September.

*We request that \$20 be passed from the Special Projects/Events budget line for snacks at Edition Eight proofreading.*

**Wordplay #06**

Wordplay #06 will be happening next week. Wordplays are the Media Department's spoken word and performance evenings.

*We request that \$250 be passed from the Special Projects/Events budget line for pizza and wine at Wordplay #06.*

**National Young Writer's Festival**

During the mid-semester break, thirteen people from the Media collective (including next year's editors) will be going to Newcastle to attend the national Young Writer's Festival. We think it's important to minimise the expenses for the students attending the festival as the cost of flights to Newcastle is already a big ask for students who are generally only working casually or part-time. We intend to use any money passed to pay for taxis from the airport to our accommodation in Newcastle and for groceries for breakfast or dinner.

*We request that \$1,000 be passed from the Special Projects/Events budget line for taxis and groceries at the National Young Writer's Festival*

**People of Colour**  
**Ella Shi & Hanann Al Daqqa**

*Ella Shi is on leave.*

*No report submitted.*

**Queer**  
**Blake Atmaja**

*No report submitted.*

**Queer**  
**Evelyn Lesh**

*No report submitted.*

**Welfare**  
**Ryan Davey & Teresa Gornall**

*Teresa Gornall is on leave.*

*No report submitted.*

**Women's**

**Hannah Billett**

*Hannah Billett is on leave.*

*No report submitted.*

**Burnley**

**Jessica Peeler**

### **Key Activities**

#### **Student volunteering day at Burnley**

Date has been confirmed with gardens manager as September 26<sup>th</sup> (during the holidays). Waiting to hear back about suitable time, after which I'll organise promotional material and food.

#### **Postgrad writing club**

First event was a success.

#### **Community garden workshop**

After the success of the pruning workshop, we'd like to organise another one. I'm going to ask around (and perhaps create an online poll) to figure out what people would like to learn. (Update: still need to ask around for suggestions).

#### **Beekeeping workshop**

Dan is going to organise another beekeeping workshop for students.

#### **SEFS conference**

We're not organising this but will provide funding for one meal as a way to support the initiative and advertise the BSA/UMSU.

#### **End of semester getaway**

Date selected as 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November. In process of booking.

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

#### **Finalise details for student volunteering day.**

Waiting to hear back about a time.

### **Action points to be completed by next report**

#### **Finalise booking for end of year getaway.**

### **Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5	3/8/17	Coffee, milk, de-scaler	1000	Campus equipment, printing and photocopying	Spent \$266.50 on coffee/milk and \$69.89 on de-scaler

**Victorian College of the Arts**  
**Nicholas Lam**  
*With Recommendations*

### **Key Activities**

#### **Improved BBQs**

I have funnelled more money into the Wednesday BBQs. Now, students will be supplied drinks and a larger options of vegetarian/vegan options. The number of servings provided has also gone up.

I am in discussion with the Dean on how to keep students fed next year, with the Café being renovated into the new MCM library.

#### **R U OK Day**

I have booked 2 border collies and 4 puppies to come down to the VCA next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September for R U OK Day. University staff will concurrently give out merchandise and advertise activities happening in Parkville the next day, on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### **Visual Arts Exhibition**

The Bachelors of Visual Art and Print Making has approached the VCASA for funding regarding their student exhibitions. They would like to provide food and beverage in their student exhibition space on the opening night of their exhibition.

The student-curated event will be open to the public as well as the rest of the student body. It is expected that up to 60 students are participating in the exhibition, which is themed to “time”. They are also expecting a crowd of 50 people on their opening night.

**Motion:** The VCASA would like to sponsor expenditure of up to \$500 to be used by the students running the Bachelors of Visual Art and Print Making to supply food and beverage, including alcoholic beverages, on the opening night of their exhibition.

Expenses will be taken out of the Grants budget line.

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

**-NIL-**

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

-NIL-

**Budget Expenditure**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Amount Passed</b>	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1	7/03/2017	Monday Breakfasts	\$7200.00	VCA Activities	Passed – Spending over year
2	7/03/2017	Podcast Equipment	\$3000.00	VCA Activities	Not Spent
3	8/12/2016	Wednesday Lunch	\$9600.00	VCA Activities	Passed – Spending over year
4	27/4/2017	Stress-Less Week Activities	\$1000.00	VCA Activities	Passed - Spent \$660.00