

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
2:00pm, Tuesday the 12th of July 2017
Meeting 12(17)
Location: Training Room 1, Level 3, Union House

Student Office Bearer Reports	
President	No report submitted (2 nd warning)
General Secretary	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Activities	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Clubs & Societies (Kayley Cuzzubbo)	Submitted
Clubs & Societies (Gulsara Kaplun)	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Creative Arts	No report submitted (2 nd warning)
Disabilities	Submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	No report submitted (2 nd warning)
Education (Public Affairs)	No report submitted (2 nd warning)
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted with Recommendations
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer (Blake Atmaja)	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Queer (Evelyn Lesh)	No report submitted (3 rd warning)
Welfare	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Women's	Submitted with Recommendations
Burnley	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Victorian College of the Arts	No report submitted (1 st warning)

**President
Yan Zhuang**

No report submitted

**General Secretary
Yasmine Luu**

No report submitted

**Activities
Jacinta Cooper & Lydia Paevere**

No report submitted

**Clubs & Societies
Kayley Cuzzubbo**

Agriculture and Food Sciences Grievance

As most of you would be aware, the grievance tribunal met last week to discuss the Council's decision to overturn the disaffiliation of Ag Sci. They concluded that a grievance had occurred and followed through with C&S's decision to disaffiliate the club. I was at the hearing and only three councillors were present, and only one of which had voted in favour of the club. Thus, the C&S department would appreciate in future if student's council feels the need to overturn a decision we have made, please feel enough conviction of your position to see it through or else please do not act based on what is easier to do at the time of voting.

Welfare Training

I sent a proposal to SCP over a month ago and still have not received feedback in regards to welfare training for all club committee members.

Winterfest

Carnival day and Clubs day were things that happened. The weather was terrible but handed out a lot of clubs guides. Gulsara and I also attended a Clubs thing in the FBE building, most students seemed to think we were a club.

General Admin

Based off the committee's timetables Fiona and I developed the meeting schedule. Also worked with Matthew on sponsorship policy and regulations. And many emails. I have a lot of regulations changes lined up which should be ready to be presented in the next few weeks.

Wiki

The grants and agm sections are 80% completed, once those are done the wiki can be launched. Then I will continue to update sections as needed.

Awards Night

The preliminary planning has started. It will most likely be on September 15th in grand buffet or student bar depending on numbers.

Clubs & Societies Gulsara Kaplun

No report submitted

Creative Arts Harriet Wallace-Mead & Sara Laurena

No report submitted

Disabilities Cassandra Prigg & Alston Chu

Auslan classes are now up and running on Wednesday afternoons followed by our Disability Collective. We are continuing to work with Comms to improve our departmental reach and get more people involved. Cass has been hard at work organising How To Ally, an intersectional workshop series educating people on how to support marginalised communities and individuals. It is slated to begin next week with Survivors of Sexual Assault. Organisation continues for the Disabilities Conference being held next month, we are waiting to hear back from Chancellery and some key academics.

We have passed money in Committee to purchase some more books and multimedia resources on disability which we will be doing in the next fortnight. We also plan to work more closely with the Rowden White Library to improve the scope of their collection.

We have met again with Lee Papworth manager of SEDS to discuss concerns about wait times for students to access appointments, as well as meeting with the General Manager and Health Promotion Officer of the University Clinic. Our aim is to present a more cohesive and united front for students seeking support, while still holding the university to account and making sure they are providing the right services for students.

Education (Academic Affairs) Caley Mcpherson & Roger Samuel

No report submitted

Education (Public Affairs)

Sinead Manning

No report submitted

**Environment
Lizzie Nicholson & Kate Denver-Stevenson**

WinterFest

Lizzie and Kate were accompanied by a few members of the Enviro Collective on Carnival Day to help serve delicious homemade pumpkin soup and talk to students about the events and campaigns the collective runs.

The Community Garden also came along to give out free plants and talk to students about how they can volunteer.

We have also included our regular events in week 1 in the Winterfest program. These being Bike Coop, Collective and Green Screen.

Ecocity Summit

On the 12th to the 14th of July, Kate and Lizzie were able to attend the Ecocity Summit, thanks to the University's Sustainability Executive who supplied the very expensive tickets. 2 notable workshops we attended included the University of Melbourne's workshop on the sustainability measures of the Student Precinct, and a panel discussion between Clare Walker and .. from Monash University on achieving carbon neutrality.

Fossil Free

On the 11th of July Lizzie, Kate and Matt of Fossil Free fame, met CFO Allan Tait, Clare Walker and Richard James to discuss the FOI request submitted two months prior. The meeting was to negotiate terms that the Fossil Free group would be happy with, so that they would not pursue the request. We were able to successfully negotiate monthly report backs from Allan Tait on the progress of the Sustainable Investments Framework until it's completion. This includes updating Fossil Free members on discussions had with Mercer, the external advisory firm formulating the SIF, and communication with the VFMC (the University's fund manager).

This outcome achieves the goals of the group in securing more information on the development of the SIF, and as such we're happy to pause the FOI request for now.

Regular Events

We held our first Green Screen in week one, screening "Reuse! Because You Can't Recycle the Planet." and the first PWYF is tonight. Collective and Bike Co-op are also back on as normal.

Lockout Lockheed

Members of Lockout Lockheed attended the Medical Association for the Prevention of War's panel discussion about the University of Melbourne's affiliation with Lockheed Martin on Wed the 26th. While we were approached to talk on the panel, we were unable to organise a speaker in time.

Tidbits

Finance are being incredibly slow to reimburse receipts which were submitted over 6 weeks ago now. Because we're reimbursing students who attended the Students of Sustainability conference, we have had to deal with several people following up on their reimbursements, and it makes UMSU look really unprofessional.

We have scheduled all our events for the semester to be advertised online, on both facebook and the UMSU calendar.

We have organised for the Enviro Collective and members of the Great Forests National Park group on campus to hold two community spots at the Farmer's Market on a Wednesday, to discuss the work we are both doing.

The enviro collective are planning on going to Benalla for some tree planting on the 12th/13th of August to support the Regent Honeyeater Project, so far around 15 people have registered through the google form on fb.

Indigenous Wunambi Connor & Marley Holloway-Clarke

Key Activities

Key Activity 1 - Student Survey

We've had the survey out for a couple of weeks now but unfortunately we haven't had enough data. We are extending the survey to gather more data to use. So far the data has shown some results where we can see that there needs to be change not only in our own department but in other sections of this university for Indigenous peoples.

Key Activity 2 - Sports Calendar

We are planning on putting in a team for netball and possibly a team for basketball if there is the interest. We are also trying to get games played between RMIT Indig games team and our Indig Games team in the next couple of weeks.

Key Activity 3 - Mural Space

We are collaborating with Arts Projects and three emerging Indigenous artists to create a mural. The mural will be located on the ground floor of Union House opposite the sushi place and Union House Theatre. Our plan is to have the artists do an outline of Australia, with all islands included, then have the artists and other students fill in the inside. It will be a collaboration with Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and staff throughout the university.

Key Activity 4 - Winterfest

Last week was the university mid year o-week, Winterfest. We were given a space to promote and we did a video display with heaps of posters. We had good engagement from non-indigenous people, mostly international people. We provided information verbally and also with our map of Australia that is broken up by the language groups with the nation.

Key Activity 5 - Social Events Calendar

We are continuing on our social calendar into this semester with other events taking place. We are hosting numerous low key movie nights, rock climbing, ten pin bowling, karaoke to just name a few. We plan to continue to provide a space for Indigenous people to socialise inside and outside of the university.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Under Bunjil - ONGOING

We are in the last stages of finishing the publication. We understand that we are extremely overdue for this to be sent to the printer but things just got out from under us.

Biggest Blackest Show - ONGOING

The biggest blackest show is starting up again every Friday 12pm. The day has been changed and Mel our host is now fully taking over with the aim to have a guest host every week.

Action Points to be completed by next report

N/A

Budget Expenditure

TBA

Media
Mary Ntalianis, James Macaronas, Amie Green & Alexandra Alvaro
With Recommendations

Farrago Edition Five Launch Party

The Edition Five Launch Party was held at Tsubu last Thursday July 27. It was attended by approximately forty people.

Farrago Edition Six

Edition Six proofreading will be held in the Media Space at 2pm on Thursday. It will be sent to print by Wednesday August 9 and will on the stands by the following Wednesday.

Farrago Election Edition

The election edition of Farrago will be printed in a separate booklet this year. This booklet will be put together after nominations close on August 11 and will be available on stands from August 28. This special election edition of Farrago will be slipped into copies of both Edition Six and Edition Seven depending on what is on stands at the time.

Farrago Edition Seven

Edition Seven submissions will be closed on Friday August 11.

Above Water

Above Water will be sent to print by Wednesday August 9 and will be on the stands immediately after the Launch Party on the Tuesday of Mudfest. Winners and runners up will be announced at the Launch Party.

Wordplay #05

We'd like to recommend that up to \$250 be passed from the Special Projects/Events Budget Line for Wordplay #05.

People of Colour
Ella Shi & Hanann Al Daqqa

Key Activities

Winterfest

Our Moana screening was successful with a large turnout. The Rowdy was a good location and all the staff were incredibly supportive. We would like to thank them for hosting us.

People of Colour Collective

Collective has begun again for the year. It was great to see familiar faces as well as new students join us.

MSA Workshop

On Wednesday 2nd August, Hanann and Ella held a workshop at Monash Clayton Campus, in conjunction with the MSA's People of Colour department. We were invited to do the event as part of the People of Colour week. We ran an interactive discussion panel on enacting change through the arts. We look forward to further opportunities to work with our counterparts at other campuses.

Prayer Room

A location has been suggested for establishing a prayer space for Muslim students in Union House. We are currently consulting with members of our collective regarding the suitability of the space. Hopefully this will be ready soon.

**Queer
Blake Atmaja**

No report submitted

**Queer
Evelyn Lesh**

No report submitted

**Welfare
Ryan Davey & Teresa Gornall**

No report submitted

**Women's
Hannah Billett**

Sexual Assault Survey

As you can imagine, it has been a very busy week for us as we prepare for the Tuesday release of the national report on sexual assault and sexual harassment at Australian universities. I have been supporting Yan in her chosen direction for our media strategy and have been working with the Comms team to plan some supportive and engaging events around the survey release. The key findings are thus:

- 51% of all university students were sexually harassed on at least one occasion in 2016.

- 10% of female students were sexually assaulted in 2015 or 2016. This was three times the rate of male students (2.9%). Women were also twice as likely as men to be sexually harassed.
- Already marginalised groups, such as people with disabilities, LGBTIQ people and Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people, are more likely to have experienced sexual harassment or assault.
- A quarter (26%) of students were harassed in a university setting – which includes on campus, while travelling to or from university, or at an off-campus event organised by a university.
- The “vast majority” of students who were sexually assaulted or harassed did not make a formal complaint to their university. Students said they did not know where to make a report, or were unsure of how serious their experience was.

We will continue to fight hard for students and their right to a safe campus. We will also be issuing recommendations and examining our own processes. This is an ongoing project and council will be kept informed.

Thank you to all students and staff involved, but especially to Dee and Rozz for their unwavering support.

Winterfest

Winterfest was a great success. We have away hundreds of cups of herbal tea to keep people warm. The Judy's Punch editors were there to promote the submissions process and had a very encouraging response. We also had amazing turn out for the first collectives of the semester, a promising sign for the rest of the year.

Sexplorations

Sexplorations has had to be delayed because many of the participating departments would not be ready in time. Week Six is now looking promising.

Recommendations

That council approve up to \$1100 (\$50 each for two collectives, for 11 weeks) from the Regular Events budget line for food and beverages for the Women's and Women of Colour Collectives.

**Burnley
Jessica Peeler**

No report submitted

**Victorian College of the Arts
Nicholas Lam**

No report submitted