

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
11:00am, Tuesday the 15th of August 2017
Meeting 15(17)
Location: Training Room 2, Level 3, Union House

Student Office Bearer Reports	
President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies (Kayley Cuzzubbo)	Submitted
Clubs & Societies (Gulsara Kaplun)	No report submitted (Missed 2 reports in a row)
Creative Arts	Submitted late
Disabilities	No report submitted (Missed 1 report)
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
Environment	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
Indigenous	Submitted late
Media	No report submitted (Missed 1 report)
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer (Blake Atmaja)	No report submitted (Missed 2 reports in a row)
Queer (Evelyn Lesh)	On Leave
Welfare	Submitted
Women's	No report submitted (Missed 1 report)
Burnley	Submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Submitted

**President
Yan Zhuang**

Dear councillors, I apologise for the lack of reports recently, and have provided some retrospective updates here.

AHRC survey

In response to the release of the survey results, UMSU did a number of actions:

Candlelight vigil: held on the day of the survey release. This was well attended; estimates have attendance at around 100 people.

Panel discussion: held on the Wednesday following the survey release, with panellists Nina Funnell, journalist and EROC Australia ambassador; Allison Henry, founder of the Hunting Ground Australia, and Phoebe, head of UMSU Legal and Advocacy; and me moderating. Attendance was good given the fact that we did it in North Court and it was absolutely freezing. A video recording of the panel is available on the UMSU Facebook page.

Resources for survivors: we compiled a resources page on the UMSU website to provide students with information about legal, emotional, medical, etc, support if they or someone they know experienced sexual violence. This list was also circulated to all clubs in the Clubs Bulletin, and it was heartening to see some clubs circulate it on their Facebook pages.

Media: I released a media statement, and provided comment to the ABC for the Victoria specific segment of the 7pm news on the Tuesday. The two quotes of mine which were used were (going by memory, since I can no longer find the clip) 'universities have a conflict of interest - on one hand they're responsible for the safety of their students, but on the other hand they are businesses with a reputation to maintain' and 'with the spotlight now on them, we've seen universities come up with great initiatives. I just hope these continue after the spotlight shifts away'. I also gave quotes to Junkee (although I haven't seen an article come out of it) and Farrago.

Next steps: We are in the process of developing our own recommendations to make to the University. This will be done in consultation with autonomous departments, and I have also extended the offer to collaborate to UMSU International and the GSA. The University has also set up a Respect Task Force to deal with the survey results, comprising of 13 or so members, and have invited us and the GSA to each send one nominee – more detail about this under 'Elected Reps'.

I would like to thank Comms for their support for myself and officer bearers throughout this - we would honestly not been able to pull everything together if not for them.

Other media things

Since my last report, I was contacted by reporters from the Age and Domain regarding student housing and speed friending events. I spoke to both, and have been quoted in an article by the Domain about lack of affordable student housing. My quotes were not included in the article about speed friending, although the journalist did come and take photos/interview students at one of our speed friending events...

Elected reps

We had an Elected Reps meeting on Wednesday 09/08. The following topics were discussed:

Budget: the University gave us an update on the federal budget - Universities Australia, the GO8 group and Unimelb are all still lobbying.

Respect Taskforce: I asked two questions about the taskforce – whether it would have an independent chair, as the similarly set up Steering Committee at ANU does, and whether it would be possible for there to be more student reps on the taskforce. I was told that there would not be an independent chair, and that it was not possible to have additional student reps – both for us and for UMSU International. We are continuing to follow this up.

Lockheed Martin: I followed up about the email I sent to Prof. MucClusky (from a council meeting ages ago) and never got a reply about, and was told the Uni would follow up.

We talked briefly about Prosh and clarified that it was not run through UMSU. We also talked about welfare training for clubs and briefly CADMUS, which I assume Kayley and EdAc will mention in their reports.

General manager contract discussions

Since I've been asked for an update, I am making a note here that I will be providing a verbal update at council.

**General Secretary
Yasmine Luu**

UMSU Centre Stage

Date: Thursday 31st of August, 12-2:30 (Week 6)

Location: University Square

We've locked down around 22 clubs, 2 performances and 4 food vendors for the event. I'm still waiting on a little bit more UMSU involvement from departments, but hopefully this will be finalised soon.

The designs for the event have been confirmed and will be going live soon, with a facebook event to go up in a matter of days.

The event is aimed towards students south of Grattan Street, to empower and inform them of UMSU and its benefits.

Electoral Regulations

The Electoral Regulations that Council endorsed were approved by the Electoral Tribunal. Unfortunately, due to the thin timeframe we created for ourselves from having that inquorate meeting, the regulations did not fit in to the constitutional time limit for it to apply to this election. This was brought to the attention of the Returning Officer by a keen-eyed student and was taken, again, to the tribunal who voted it to not fulfil the regulations. These electoral regulations are still approved however, and will come into effect for the election held in 2018.

I hope Council takes this as a reminder of how their actions affect the course of the organisation.

Discrimination in Class Webpage

This has been completed and will be going live in the coming weeks once checked over by Legal & Advocacy.

Sexual Assault Survey

During the lead up to the survey release, I was generally seen as part of the group that was working on this. It was an incredibly stressful time and obviously emotions were running high, however I do want to alert Council to my dissatisfaction with how the process went. Ultimately, I removed myself from the working group due to the following factors:

- a) I had 3 main principles that I wanted to see come out of UMSU's response, these were to have actual tangible initiatives on the day of the survey release as well as after, to alert students that the survey was actually going to come out as well as provide easy to digest information snippets in infographic form, and for UMSU to acknowledge its own issues and cultural problems in the survey. These principles were not adhered to in any meaningful way.
- b) I was not listened to and my feedback was not taken on board. Upon expressing my frustration, in a message where I clearly stated I felt this way, I was completely ignored.
- c) I was excluded from the final draft of an opinion piece that tried to get picked up by the media. There were statements in that draft that I believe UMSU should not say and parts that I believed should've been in there, but weren't.
- d) The content and discussions were traumatic and although I recognize this role requires resilience and strength, I could not handle some of the focus points.

Upon leaving the discussions I was told that I would be kept in the loop for anything I needed to be informed of. I believe that the Farrago article on Sexual Assault would've been one of these key items, but I wasn't aware it had even occurred until 1 hour before the article was to go live. I'm extremely disheartened with UMSU's response and how it unfolded but I understand that leaving the working group does open me up to some of the responsibility and I acknowledge this.

However, misfortune aside, UMSU can learn from this. I offer Council my thoughts, that are not really recommendations, but are fuelled by observations from the past few weeks.

- A response team framework should be created, with clear guidelines of how it functions.

- The makeup of this response team would be decided by Council but ultimately would include the President, General Secretary, relevant department Office Bearers and consultation of the General Manager, Legal service and Communications.
- This framework needs to be clear and flexible to allow UMSU to rapidly, coherently and effectively respond to issues of importance.
- Any future responses to a similar magnitude need to be better coordinated, started well in advance and require a clear avenue of communication.
- UMSU's paid staff need to be acknowledged from the beginning and their advice and expertise need to be listened to within reason.
- Most importantly, for any issue similar to this, it must be tackled transparently, sensitively and respectfully to everyone involved.

Disability Action Plan

The Disability Action Plan is now full speed ahead after the approved motion from Council. The table below shows the timeline of the data and information collection phase. I am happy to inform Council that part 3 will be brought forward in time to make sure the plan will be completed by the end of 2017. Allowing the new Disability Action Plan Working Group for 2018 to focus on the actual installation of the plan rather than creating it.

#	Task #	Item	Start date	Due date	Owner	Comments
1		DAP Working group meetings				
	1.1	Scoping meeting	7/08/2017	31/08/2017	AND, UMSU	UMSU to identify and coordinate stakeholders
	1.2	Status meeting	8/11/2017	9/11/2017	AND, UMSU	
	1.3	Final review meeting	5/02/2018	16/02/2018	AND, UMSU	
2		Stakeholder engagement				
	2.1	Group briefing meeting	13/09/2017	15/09/2017	AND, UMSU	Preferred date and time: 14 September at 1 pm. UMSU venue.
	2.2	Questionnaire on current practice for completion	18/09/2017	29/09/2017	AND	Questionnaire for each identified stakeholder
	2.3	Individual stakeholder meetings	16/10/2017	20/10/2017	AND, UMSU	All on same day (UMSU venue)
3		DAP draft				
	3.1	Produce draft DAP for UMSU review	10/11/2017	24/11/2017	AND	Note: 1.2 Status meeting is required to be held prior to 3.1 commencing.
	3.2	UMSU feedback version 1	27/11/2017	1/12/2017	UMSU	
	3.3	Produce revised draft DAP based on feedback	4/12/2017	15/12/2017	AND	
	3.4	UMSU feedback version 2	18/12/2017	29/01/2018	UMSU	
	3.5	Consolidate draft DAP based on feedback version 2	30/01/2018	2/03/2018	AND	Note - 1.3 Final review meeting forms part of the consolidation of the draft.

In the future, I hope to ask Council to direct Office Bearers to complete the questionnaire portion of the DAP creation by a particular date, to make sure all departments are represented properly when the DAP is released.

Stances Booklet

I actually am nearly finished, and it's been so fun... in a weird way. Council will get to see a nice booklet complete with all stances. I will also endeavour to put this on the website.

Regulation/Policy Creation

I will be working with the HR Manager, Rozz Reynolds, to create some UMSU wide policy and regulation that are currently not in play. We will need to audit each of our policies and update or create new ones. I believe our first focus will be to update the acceptable conduct policy.

Special General Meeting

I am hoping this will occur during the end of semester to get through the mammoth amount of changes that have been put forward from the constitutional working group in semester 1. I am just letting Council know that this is on my radar and they should be aware of the impending meeting.

Health Survey

Ryan, UMSU Welfare Officer, and I met with Rebecca Meldrum who is the new Health Promotions Coordinator at the University. The University will be releasing a Health Survey for the end of this year and we were invited to see the progress so far.

Ryan and I have gone through each of the questions and have provided our feedback on most of them to make sure the appropriate language was used and applied to the average University student. We look forward to working with the University on this, as this data will be exceptionally important with what the key focuses of health are for students.

Student Initiative Grants

Student Initiative Grants have been approved through Council, as you are aware, and have been received fairly favourably. We've received our first report back to Council which will be in this meeting's papers. We have given out 15 grants so far.

A note on my personal health

I thought it necessary to include a quick justification to Students' Council of my unavailability for week 4. My physical health is in potential decline and I require a few tests that will leave me unable to come in for most of the week. I will diligently be working from home however and hope to keep up with the standard Council would want of me. In light of this, I will be checking my emails regularly and will put up a sign on the relevant office doors showing ways in which to contact me. I will be giving my personal phone number as well if there are urgent requirements.

Academic Misconducts

A thing that has been taking up a bit of my time is sitting as a committee member for Academic Misconducts. I generally would not report this, however, it's come to my recent attention that there are huge inconsistencies between faculties on how the meetings progress. I would ask Councillors to attend the Legal and Advocacy SAG on Thursday the 17th of August from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Training Room 1 to find out more. I intend to submit a paper to this SAG to propose a quicker and more efficient way of giving feedback to Advocacy instead of waiting for the SAG. I will also be proposing that this program be opened up as a volunteering program, since during peak assessment and examination periods, student representatives (which are exclusively training Office Bearers) are incredibly swamped.

Activities

Jacinta Cooper & Lydia Paevere

Key Activities

Union House House Party

This event ran quite successfully, we sold the last bunch of tickets at the door. We only had just over \$1k over the bar which worked out to an average of less than 1 drink per person. We also reduced the space to have it only in the lounge area which worked well for the number of guests. We also had catering from A1 bakery which we received positive feedback for and this worked out to be cheaper than other events where we have pizzas.

Trivia

This was such a successful night! We had over \$3k over the bar and 32 teams competing. There was a lot of fun, with dancing and lip sync rounds in between the trivia question rounds.

Oktoberfest

The facebook event has received a lot of attention already so we are very excited for this. We will be holding the event in north court as we did last time. We are hoping to sell tickets in week 5 at UMSU Centrestage.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
14(17) Students Council	3/08	Decorations for UHHP	\$300	Special Projects	\$212.70 spent
14(17) Students Council	3/08	Punch supplies	\$200	Special Projects	\$60 spent
6(17)	24/05	Pizza for UHHP	\$1000	Special Projects	\$560 spent

**Clubs & Societies
Kayley Cuzzubbo**

Upcoming Events

The C&S has two big(ish) events approaching. I did the event plan and budgets for awards night and the clubs carnival that have been approved by committee.

To cut costs the awards night will be a dry event and it will be like a ‘mocktail evening’. At this point I am reaching out to catering companies and looking at having a club organise the drinks.

Welfare training

Safer Communities has turned down my proposal for the General Welfare training for clubs and have said no to any further discussion. I have sent through one more email asking if we can discuss the proposal further. With the release of the AHRC survey results it is not an initiative I am willing to let go.

I attended an elected reps meeting to ask the chancellery if they can give me any clarification as to why SCP will not train our club people. The reason SCP gave was they did not have the staff resources but my proposal asked for 8 hours of their time per year. So I wanted to see if I could get any further answers and if they had any recommendations for how I should proceed. I was told to ‘handle this offline’, so at this point I am looking into using a SSAF grant to pay for external training.

Wiki

The wiki is at a point where it is ready to launch. I have also added a FAQ section and a glossary. The comment sections are working (as the committee was using them to point out corrects). The wiki will be released to club execs most likely in the next bulletin.

General Admin

Continuing work on the regulations. Mainly the camp sections and adding in sponsorship. The latter I sent off to legal to get some professional advice on some of the wording. Getting clubs their banner designs through comms, getting clubs their lockers and just generally being present.

**Clubs & Societies
Gulsara Kaplun**

No report submitted

Creative Arts
Harriet Wallace-Mead & Sara Laurena

It's full steam ahead with Mudfest so that has been taking up all of our time.

Media

The website is fully up and running at <http://mudfest.art> and we've started making all of our Facebook events live.

We've had a strong presence on Instagram, but will be really ramping everything up this week.

Our Marketing Manager, Caleb Triscari, has secured us a radio interview on SYN Radio which we'll be doing on Wednesday afternoon!

We also received a free listing on Arts Hub as a partnership deal.

Caleb has brought on Monique O'Rafferty as a helper with the social media side of things so that he is not spread so thin.

Volunteers

We held our volunteer induction on Saturday and it was a huge success. We ended up with over 130 sign-ups online, and roughly 60-70 people came in for the actual induction. We had two people from Auslan Stage Left teach our volunteers basic Auslan which everybody loved. It's so real!

Bar

We ran into a lot of issues with the bar and figuring out how to legally serve food in there. Goldie and Susan have been very helpful, along with Tony, so we're hoping we're on the other side. However, we came in on Saturday and something was leaking which was concerning.

Production

We will begin installing the major elements of the festival on Thursday the 17th. This will include the Cabaret Lounge we're installing in the Student Bar on level 1, as well as 3 artworks and synthetic turf. We are trying to get it all done by 5pm Saturday, so that we don't have to be here on Sunday which is Open Day.

The visual artworks going into the GPG will be in by the end of the day this Tuesday (15th) which is exciting!

Opening night

On opening night (Monday 21st) we are having a celebration. This will include a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony performed by a Wurundjeri Elder, as well as live music from two Melbourne bands. We'd love it if Councillors popped in! <https://www.facebook.com/events/568040559986850/>

Tickets

Tickets have started selling! We have tried to keep the festival financially accessible so the most anything costs is \$15, with most being \$5 or free!

Disabilities
Cassandra Prigg & Alston Chu

Ongoing activities

Our weekly activities are in full swing, with anxiety support and Network Disabled on Tuesdays, Auslan classes and collective on Wednesdays. There has been a high level of interest for Auslan classes with over 80 enquiries. We will be working with the School of Languages and Linguistics to look at introducing Auslan as a University subject. Our inaugural Disabilities and Wellbeing Conference is coming up next month and we are hard at work organising the proceedings. We have secured Jax Jacki Brown as a keynote speaker and have received a good amount of interest through

our Expressions of Interest form. Ticketing through Try Booking will be available in the next week. We have had a meeting with Communications and AV Melbourne to discuss technical requirements for the conference and to facilitate use of University spaces. Alston is preparing financial information so we can come up with a detailed budget for the conference. We have also begun work on our handover document for when new OBs come into the role in December. We are continuing a dialogue with UMSU International to facilitate a join campaign on international students being able to access emergency medical care. This issue was brought to our attention by Anne McGlashan, manager of the University Health Service. Many international students have found themselves being turned away from emergency departments because they do not have a Medicare card, despite being covered by health insurance.

We are also continuing to work with Stop 1 staff to make sure students are getting the best support possible with their studies.

Education (Academic Affairs) **Caley Mcpherson & Roger Samuel**

Key Activities

Counter Course

The response to the online Counter Course guide has been overwhelming. We've already had over 150 reviews, which is many times the amount of reviews that would go into the paper Counter Course guide each year. The best part is that now this project is up and running the body of reviews will keep growing each year, and the costs will be very minimal. So please search up UMSU Counter Course and get reviewing, every review has the potential to change someone's semester for the better!

FlexAp

We'll be meeting with Gregor Kennedy (head of the FlexAp project) once he returns from overseas to discuss the student response to the Green Papers. The strong involvement of student representatives throughout the FlexAp process has resulted in recommendations that we think are broadly in the interests of students. So at this stage we are primarily looking for guarantees on aspects of the Green Papers that are unclear, or where small concerns have arisen. We have released a google form for student consultation and will be holding a forum.

Smart Cities

One of our SRN members is participating in a working group for a 'smart cities' project, which is looking at how data can be used to better manage our spaces and interactions at the University.

SRN

We've now released the schedule for SRN meetings this semester. 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.

Cadmus

We will also be meeting with Gregor Kennedy and Richard James soon to discuss the findings of the student survey run at the end of the first semester's trial, and the future of Cadmus technology at the University of Melbourne.

Focus groups

In conjunction with a TALQAC (Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee) working group that Caley is on, we are running focus groups on student disengagement commencing on Tuesday the 15th. The findings from this research will be compiled into a report, which will later be shared amongst academics and the student body.

Arts Faculty Concerns

Members of SRN committees in the faculty of Arts have been working on a report (using survey data) that will be taken to Parshia Stecum (Chair of the Bachelor of Arts Teaching and Learning

Committee). This report will inform the faculty about how students are experiencing their degree as a whole (not just at the subject level as in SES).

Working groups

The final report for the Assessment Feedback working group Caley co-chairs has been circulated around TALQAC for discussion at the next meeting. After approval from the committee, it will be circulated amongst academics and students. The Assessment working group for APC is at a similar stage. The student disengagement TALQAC group has already been referenced in this report, and the new exams sub-committee, an off-shoot of both TALQAC and APC, has just had its inaugural meeting.

Education (Public Affairs)

Sinead Manning

With Recommendations

Faculty Education Network

I have been working with Kayley to establish a meeting for faculty club education officers to meet each other and the education officers. This is a chance for the education officers to find out more about what we do, and how the Education Department can support them and their club. It's also a chance for them to meet their counterparts from other faculties/clubs.

The first meeting of the Faculty Education Network was held on the 4th August. Although attendance was low, we were able to discuss the issues surrounding student spaces and resources for the Clinical Audiology Student Association and Speech Pathology Student Society. There are 200 students across this cohort, and approx. 50 in each specific area. These students have lost their kitchenette space and are unable to 'congregate' in the building prior to classes, or have their own kettles/urns and computers featuring specific software pertinent to their degree. This uncomfortably echoes issues SHAPS RHD students have been having in Arts West. **See Recommendation below** The Biological Science at University of Melbourne (BSUM) have requested assistance in contacting similar societies, particularly postgraduate societies, to help with panels and lectures for the undergraduate cohort. BSUM were also pleased with the online counter course guide. I've since been in contact with Alex (BSUM) regarding the Biomedical Research Labs program mentioned in the recent staff news. His president is on top of that and it will be a great opportunity for clubs and UMSU to unite!!

PEP Collective

Access: The Access stream recently completed a report containing two draft proposals for new access programs. This was presented to Richard James and Elizabeth Capp, who are cautiously supportive of the initiatives. A more detailed proposal is to follow.

Due to my own ill health, there has been significant difficulty scheduling a meeting for the **Equity** and **Quality** streams, I'm hoping to delegate this task to a member of the general education collective in order to keep things rolling.

Education Conference Grants

The previous meeting of the education committee (9/17) decided to distribute the remaining funds from unclaimed education conference grants to the highest percentage across the board of additional spending for each grant recipient who did attend the conference, provide receipts, as well as their report. We've had trouble getting in contact with some grant recipients who did attend the conference, which has delayed this process, but have finally sent all grants to finance to be paid ASAP.

Out of 11 applicants, 5 were unsuccessful in receiving any funding. In two cases, this was due to the individual refusing the grant. In another two, students failed to respond to any contact from the UMSU General Secretary. In the final case, a report was not submitted by the 4/8/2017, as stipulated in the contract signed by recipients, and this is grounds to deny the grant.

Student Fees and Charges

We have submitted a second report to Paul Rekaris detailing UMSU's dismay at the University's "review" into fees and charges. He is in the process of writing a formal response to the Union. We recently linked him to the article in *Lot's Wife* pertaining to this issue (with a language warning).

My.unimelb Sanctions

We have compiled a report based on the results of the sanctions survey. We've emailed Sebastian Cortes and Fiona Downie to set up another meeting to try and change this aspect of the my.unimelb page. We will be meeting with Sebastian again in week 4 or 5.

Discrimination Reporting

We are coming along with the discrimination reporting and are finalising the website design (still).

How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials Workshops Update

This is to congratulate Ella & Hanann, who--due to the Privilege workshops--were approached to help out with the Faculty of Arts tutor training. I feel really ~privileged~ to have been a part of this process and look forward to it expanding in future.

Women in Higher Education Week 2017 (14th-18th August)

Women in Higher Education Week is **HAPPENING RIGHT NOW** (to coincide with the NTEU & NUS Bluestocking Week). We've worked with the NTEU and Women's Department to organise this week, which hopefully you'll have seen popping up over social media. There is also a panel event run by the NTEU on the Thursday night, preceded by a Crafternoon.

There will be a Radio Special on Radio Fodder to be mediated by Alex Alvaro, with speakers including Sara Brocklesby (NTEU) and others yet TBC (hopefully TBC'd by now). We also encourage you to come to our own film and women in conversation event.

And feel free to send photos or video of why women in higher education are 'Worth 100%' to education@union.unimelb.edu.au

National Day of Action (8th August)

Unfortunately, I was incredibly unwell from the 29th July ongoing, and was unable to participate in the NDA to the full extent of my role as office bearer. I am happy to provide committee and council with medical certificates.

That said, I helped UMSU enviro organise a Green Screen event on the evening of the 8th of the *Ivory Tower* to coincide with the NDA. But again, my involvement was limited due to ill-health.

Budget Postcard Campaign

We are sending off our first batch of hundreds of postcards featuring student feedback to the senators, and will be posting some of the messages on social media and so forth to show what students really think about the proposed changes.

Finances

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Budget Line	Amount Passed	Comment
8/17	26/06/2017	Education Conference Grants	Grants & Schemes	\$3500	Spent \$2759

RECOMMENDATION: An UMSU and GSA review into the availability of RHD spaces, desks and resources.

UMSU has been approached by multiple graduate schools with issues around the amount of desks and the regulation of desks and student spaces. There needs to be a review done into the availability of desks for Research Higher Degree (RHD) students. I am currently recommending the establishment of a working group featuring graduate and postgraduate club/society/association

president or members, office bearers (clubs, education, president, general secretary) from both GSA and UMSU. The working group will decide the terms of reference for the review, which will be returned to council for approval and endorsement in 2018.

Environment
Lizzie Nicholson & Kate Denver-Stevenson
With Recommendations

Sustainability Executive

We had our first sustainability executive meeting in a while last Friday, where we received an update on how all the different parts of the sustainability plan are tracking. It looks like there are going to be even more opportunities for student input into the teaching and learning strategy which is quite exciting, and operations are doing great as always. We did, however, have to step out of the meeting for the update on renewable energy targets because neither of us felt comfortable signing a confidentiality agreement without more advice from Legal. We are hoping to keep talking to legal and chancellery about this in order to resolve the issue before the next meeting in October.

Fossil Free

Fossil Free are busy preparing for our meeting next week with Allan Tait where hopefully we will receive our first lot of information regarding the development of the SIF. We've also restarted our regular meetings, something which had fallen to the wayside last semester. We meet every Monday night at the Clyde to discuss campaign updates and plan for future action.

Lizzie and Kate are also helping plan a statewide training weekend in conjunction with other fossil free groups and 350.org. We are hoping to get a bunch of fossil free mu along to learn skills and frameworks that make campaigning seem a lot less daunting.

Regular Events

The first PWYF was well attended, although both Lizzie and Kate couldn't attend as it was on the same time as the vigil.

Green Screen showed Ivory Tower (until the file corrupted around 30 min in) to tie in with the Melbourne Student Protest. The event was co-hosted by UMSU Education, and was attended by some exchange students who had a good conversation about higher education in their respective countries.

A few members of the enviro collective attended the Melbourne Student Protest on the 8th in solidarity with the NUS.

Lockout Lockheed

Kate attended the elected reps meeting on the 9th to ask for Richard James and Elizabeth Cap to speak to Jim McCluskey about securing a meeting with Lockout Lockheed. This was following no response from Jim to either an email by a Lockout Lockheed member, and Yan's email as previously directed by students council. It appears a meeting will now be in the works.

Lockout Lockheed has organised a weekly stall in Union House to explain the partnership to students, and has booked a stall at the Melbourne Farmer's Market. There are plans to hold a forum later in the semester.

Bike Co-op

The bike co-op continues to have around 25 people come through on a Tuesday morning, including a couple more regular volunteers.

On the 9th of August Kate and a volunteer took over some tools to the 'Ride to Uni Breakfast' held by sustainable campus. They promoted the service for students, fixed a few problems and ate a few savoury muffins.

Benalla

14 members of the enviro collective spent the weekend planting trees in Benalla over the 12th/13th. At the time of writing we hadn't left yet, but I'll assume the whole thing went off without a hitch, with lots of trees facing bright healthy futures, and few car loads of enviro babes tuckered out after a weekend of wholesome bush-dancing fun.

Tidbits

We have contacted all those who attended SOS and asked if they felt they needed reimbursing for travel costs to attend the conference. We have split the remaining portion of our budget dedicated to conference grants between those who requested reimbursement.

Recommendations:

To approve the following amounts from the environment special projects budget line:

\$400	Climates events
\$150	Fossil Free Strategy Session
\$300	Pizza for Green Screen events
\$700	Bike coop materials
\$500	Bike coop breakfast
\$400	Transport costs for collective trip to Benalla
\$2000	ASEN collective affiliation fee

**Indigenous
Marley Holloway-Clarke & Alexandra Hohoi**

Key Activities

Key Activity 1 - Alternative Study Space

This study space is for Indigenous students only and is a continuation of the project from last semester SWOTVAC. We are hosting it every Thursday in the training rooms on level 3 for all hours until the building closes. We will also be providing hot lunch for people that are studying.

Key Activity 2 - Indigenous Queer Collective

With help from Wunambi Connor we have been asked to provide funds towards an evening for the the Indigenous Queer Collective that is starting up. They are wanting to have a meeting to get the collective up and running to help support the Indigenous Queer community within the University of Melbourne.

Key Activity 3 - Ten Pin Bowling

Our second event for the semester is being held next week at the QV Strike Bowling alley. It is open to all Indigenous students free of charge. We are looking at numbers and seeing what funds we have left to provide some food on the night.

Key Activity 4 - Appointment of New OB

As of the 2nd August, Alexandra Hohoi has stepped into the role of co office bearer to replace Wunambi Connor. We are still in our transition period but it looks like a promising time ahead of us. She will be joining Marley in the office for the remanding of the term of 2017.

Progress on Key activities and/or assigned actions from last report

Mural Space - ONGOING

The mural space has begun to transform into the art as of Tuesday this week. The three artists are very excited to get it finished and to have everyone contribute. We will be sending out a whole of uni email to all students to explain what the project is and to get as many people involved as we can.

On Campus Sport - ONGOING

The first game of netball was played yesterday by our netball team Blak n Deadly. With a great outcome of them winning their first game.

Action Points to be completed by next report

N/A

Budget Expenditure

N/A

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

No report submitted

People of Colour
Ella Shi & Hanann Al Daqqa

Key Activities

Myriad Magazine

We are very proud and excited to announce the creation of our very first autonomous publication run by the PoC department, called Myriad Magazine. We are going to launch the first issue of this magazine by the end of this semester. In order to work towards these objectives we have gained a team of 11 extremely talented editors, marketers and designers and have already begun call outs for submissions. The responses to starting up this publication have been very positive, we have gained 200 likes on our facebook page in under a week.

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. Over the past two weeks we have had extremely engaging discussions with fellow students. One of said collectives involved a brainstorm session on how we can approach a scholarship fund for asylum seekers at the University - which is an objective we are going to work on this semester.

Monash People of Colour Week Workshop

Both of us were invited to hold a workshop at Monash University on Wednesday the 2nd August as part of their People of Colour Week. Just like us, the Monash department is in its inaugural year so it was important for us to begin what we hope will be a strong partnership and exchange between both universities. We spoke about increasing representation in the arts in Australia and had an audience of about 30 people attend. We hope to invite their PoC officers to organise one of our anti-racism workshops later on in the semester.

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 and committee regarding the suitability of the space, and we are organising site visits to check its suitability.

**Queer
Blake Atmaja**

No report submitted

**Queer
Evelyn Lesh**

Currently on Leave

**Welfare
Ryan Davey & Teresa Gornall**

Food bank

We have stacked up on Costco, as always, and have a heap of food to distribute in Parkville and the VCA Campus' Stop 1.

Breakfast Bar and Thursday Cooked Breakfasts

These are as popular as ever! And we are continuing to work with our collective to figure how best to expand throughout semester two

Regular Events

Meditation, Zumba and Yoga have all started up again, but the times are slightly different than last semester due to instructor availability

R U OK? Day

Ryan attended an R U OK? Day meeting, we'll be working with student clubs and societies to promote the day – watch this space!

Where's Wally's Rights? Campaign

The Where's Wally's Rights? Campaign has just launched! Please head to <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/support/welfare/wheres-wallys-rights/> and fill out the survey about working rights, penalty rates, and an adorable dog just looking for fair work

**Women's
Hannah Billett**

No report submitted

**Burnley
Jessica Peeler**

Key Activities

Student volunteering day at Burnley

Looking at a day during the holidays - need to confirm time with garden manager.

Postgrad writing club

We are funding catering for a writing club primarily organised by the Burnley Campus Postgraduate Group.

Networking event

We're cancelling this as unfortunately we don't have the time to organise it. The BSA member who was primarily interested in running it has quit.

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.

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

In preliminary planning stages. Looking at hiring a cabin at Wilson's Prom with capacity for 30 people. Communicating with other student groups to see if they'd like to organise something alongside us.

ADUH teach-out plan and pathways

Teach-out plan will not be released until September.

I am going to ask the Executive about concessional pathways into Bachelor degrees for existing students.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Pruning workshop

This was a great success, with 23 attendees and good feedback.

Welcome back party

This ran after the pruning workshop and was also well received. Catering from A1 Bakery worked well.

Action points to be completed by next report

Finalise details for student volunteering day.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	9/3/17	Plants for community garden	\$500	General Operations	Spent another \$41.97. Total now spent = \$357.59
4	21/4/17	Pruning workshop	\$500	Incursions &	Spent

		materials & speaker		Workshops	\$497.94 on speaker and materials
4	21/4/17	Party	\$1000	Activities & Events	Spent \$1003.84

**Victorian College of the Arts
Nicholas Lam**

Key Activities

Meeting with Dean of VCA & MCM

Met again with Dean of VCA & MCM, Professor Conyngham. It has been highlighted to him that upon demolishing the only café on campus, there will no longer be any venue for students to purchase food and drink for Academic Year 2018.

The VCASA is still pushing for a common period of time for students to interact, once a week. It does not seem to be viable over the next year or so due to the construction and paperwork involved with the migration of MCM facilities.

Wednesday BBQs

As per last report, funds have been funnelled from the Monday Morning Breakfasts to Wednesday BBQs where I had believed that it would be put to more effective use. A total of 195 servings were gone within 2 hours of starting up the BBQ. Unless more funds are being funnelled in, this seems to be most efficient state of BBQ sessions for the rest of the year.

On a further note, Prof Conyngham, Dean of the VCA & MCM has expressed interest to use his office's discretionary funds to partially fund any such or similar activity by the VCASA next year.

Poster Campaign

It has been painfully obvious that the general student population is unaware of the VCASA's existence and the services that come with our existence. I had hoped that we could engage in outreach to students via the FB page, but not many current students are active members.

As such, I will be using some of my printing budget to launch a sort of "We are your Union! We are here for you!" campaign to make our presence and services known.

Posters have been lodged with comms.

VCA Revue

Over the past few months, a student-led theatre project has been running alongside the VCASA, under the direction of one of our committee members, Eleanor Kirk.

The VCA Revue will showcase a collection of sketches, some political, all hilarious, at the Union House Theatre next week.

The VCASA will be using its printing budget to print posters for them.

Podcast Room

A room has recently opened due to the impending renovations at the Southbank Hub building. Previously the physiotherapy room, the new room has fit all the requirements for a podcast room. Appropriate furniture will be brought in over the coming week from Parkville, and payment is being arranged for the equipment, passed many months ago.

The facility will be available for use over the current semester, then be put into storage until another location can be found for it after renovations finish.

Sports Equipment in Southbank Campus

Larissa Payne from the UniMelb Sports Hub has contacted me a few weeks ago to arrange for free Yoga Classes to be provided to students. In addition, they will provide the equipment for table tennis at the student lounge. Equipment will be available for borrowing at a nearby facility, TBC.

The Table Tennis table is currently in the student lounge. I am waiting for the delivery of paddles and balls before advertising the use of the table.

Likewise with the Podcast Equipment, these facilities will also be put into storage at the end of the year until an appropriate place can be found for them once renovation commences.

Difference in number of personal lessons (Bachelors of Jazz and Improv)

It has been brought to my attention that due to time and budget constraints, the number of personal lessons available to current first year Jazz and Improv students will be reduced from 9 to 5. Current year 2 and 3 students will have 9 each until the completion of their degree.

I have asked a contact in the degree to gather more information on the pricing of the degree. If found that student pay the same amount for a lesser number of personal lesson, I will consult the Academic Education department for further action, and the matter will also be brought up to the Dean on the next meeting.

Apologies for scarcity of previous reports.

Finally I would like to apologise to all members of Students' Council for the bare bones nature of my previous reports. I was unaware until recently of the vast spectrum of my activities that could be reported to Students' Council, including meetings and actionable information gathering, and activities not done by my department personally.

I will aim to improve in the quality of my reports in the future, so long as I am required to do so by my position.

Budget Expenditure

Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
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