

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)	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Media	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer (Blake Atmaja)	Submitted
Queer (Evelyn Lesh)	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Welfare	No report submitted (1 st warning)
Women's	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
Burnley	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
Victorian College of the Arts	Submitted WITH RECOMMENDATIONS

**President
Yan Zhuang**

AHRC survey recommendations

I've spent a substantial time over the last week or two, along with Hannah, developing recommendations to the University in response to the AHRC survey. As much as possible, we tried to consult with autonomous departments as well as UMSU International. I would appreciate any feedback from Students' Council.

I've also been working with John (UMSU International President) to lobby for additional student reps in the Respect Taskforce. You may remember from my last OB report that we were requesting for an additional UMSU rep + an UMSU International rep. Since then, the Uni has granted us an UMSU International rep, as well as promising to establish a student reference group to consult with student reps.

Enrol to vote stalls/marriage equality

I've been working with Blake to hold enrol to vote stalls this week between Monday and Thursday. I would say these have been pretty successful. The NUS and the ABC 7:30 report came along to film our stall on Wednesday. If you'd like to, you can see the clip here:

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2017/s4723829.htm>

The issue of marriage equality will be brought to the next meeting of Academic Board (week 7). This is an unusual occurrence, as Academic Board doesn't often have much to do with issues which are not directly related to academic matters. Roger and I met with the President of the Board to get a sense of how the debate might go, and were told that the debate is more likely to centre around whether it's within the Board's purview to make a resolution about the issue, rather than if the Board supports marriage equality.

Pro-diversity action

I've been working with the POC department to hold a pro-diversity action on Wednesday 30th August. This is to an extent in response to the anti-Chinese posters that were put up around campus at the beginning of the semester/the fact that we seem to have had a few incidents of neo-Nazi propaganda this year. We'll be handing out flowers to students to encourage them to talk to students they wouldn't usually.

SSAF Consultative Group

I had another meeting of the SSAF Consultative Group last Friday. Last year, each organisation which receives SSAF had developed mid-year/in progress KPI templates to ensure that we were all using our SSAF funding properly. At this meeting, we went over each organisation's KPIs.

**General Secretary
Yasmine Luu**

UMSU Centre Stage

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

Location: University Square

As I have previously stated, this event is for students south of Grattan Street to get involved and reap the benefits of UMSU closer to where most of their classes are. I will give a more in depth response after it is held, but currently, it's looking great!

The facebook event has launched and for an inaugural event it has gathered a bit of attention! I am hoping to expand the facebook posts early next week to get more people coming for it instead of just walk throughs.

Currently on offer we have 4 food vendors (Kimu Korean Japanese, Street Soup, Pig in a Box and Ink-redible Calamari), 17 clubs or student initiatives, and 6 UMSU departments with stalls for the day.

Students' Council graciously and wonderfully gave me \$12,500 for the event. You can see the budget for the event below. I am around \$2000.00 under budget currently, but if it were to be bad weather, I have added quotes for that extra safety net.

Item description	Amount (including GST)	Comment
Casual Workers	\$830.00	4 casuals for bump in and bump out
Parking around Uni Square	\$518.00	For food vendors and equipment drop off and pick up
Transporting equipment	\$770.00	Movement of marquees and other equipment from Union House to University Square Done by Egans Delivery
Audio Visual Hire	\$2,291.37	By AV Melbourne
Marquees, weights, tables and chairs	\$5,583.52	Ordered through Harts Party Hire
Water access	\$150.00	For vendors and hand washing station
TOTAL	\$10,142.89	
Wet weather contingency (Stage & grass compaction) <i>Hopefully not required</i>	\$1480.00	Stage will be undercover to make sure performers don't slip as well as the grass compaction
Engineering Surveyor <i>Now not required</i>	\$550.00	Paul Conole Engineering Inspection and documentation costs to produce a certificate that allows us to carry through event
TOTAL + CONTINGENCY	\$12,172.89	

Discrimination in Class Webpage

We've received feedback from Advocacy and will be dealing with it accordingly.

Disability Action Plan

The initial briefing was conducted on Wednesday the 23rd of August and had a number of staff coordinators and managers in attendance. The main purpose of the briefing was to bring everyone to the same level and introduce the first task, which is a checklist.

Each division or area scoped out in the DAP document has been given a checklist that has a number of different criteria on it. The division will be able to comment on this criteria and hand it back to the Australian Network on Disability. For example, it may say "All videos in our organisation are closed captioned" the Communications department will be able to comment on this and say whether this is true or not. This document will be able to give vital information to the consultants.

Furthermore, Goldie and myself will be doing preliminary work on the Student Representative checklist for this project. Once completed we will circulate it to all office bearers for their advice and consultation, then we will send it back to AND. This will be due early September and is the first key step in the plan.

Stances Booklet

Like basically need to print it for y'all.

Regulation/Policy Creation

Conferences and travel policy is under way, as well as the animal protection policy.

Special General Meeting

Looking to week 10 or 11.

Student Initiative Grants

Access to these grants has not been transparent enough. I have asked comms to create a new webpage for me, that can be accessed via the secretariat page and the Students' Council page where students can find ways to get grants. This will make the process less about who knows who.

Activities

Jacinta Cooper & Lydia Paevere

Key Activities

Oktoberfest

Planning for this huge event has begun! We will be holding it in North court. We have addressed a lot of the concerns and critiques from guests last year. We have spoken with AV and have configured it slightly differently and have almost doubled our food budget! We have spoken to a caterer and are really excited about their menu and options. We will begin postering and flyering like crazy to hopefully sell out and finish on a really good event! Tickets will be for sale at UMSU Centrestage and we have managed to drop the price to only \$35 a ticket making this event probably the most reasonable event considering there will be unlimited food and drinks.

We spent many days pouring over our events budget for the year when working out ticket prices. We wanted to have them as cheap as possible without blowing our budget as this is going to be our final event for the year. This was an especially difficult task as finance isn't up to date, the only spending report we could get from them didn't include semester 2 spending, it was missing how much we have spent on bar staff for all of our events this year and the credit card spending is 3 months behind so we had to do a rough estimation on what we had spent on these things. The university security company has yet to figure out how to charge us for the work they have done so we haven't received a bill off them all year, we can only guess what each guard is an hour and how much they would be charging for each event. Info has changed to the new computer system along with the rest of us and in doing so is unable to print out all of our ticket sales figures that they have for our events over the year, only from Union House House Party so once again, these figures had to be estimated from the quantity of people we had attend our event. All in all we made very generous estimations to ensure we could run Oktoberfest within budget.

Trivia

We are pretty used to running trivia's now so our final one should be pretty smooth! Hopefully it is just as much fun as our last one but we expect a much smaller crowd. We have already had emails requesting table bookings. We have moved to a smaller area as grand buffet hall is being used by the university.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting	Meeting Date	Event	Description	Amount Passed (\$)	Amount spent (\$)	Budget Line
8(17) + Students Council 15(17)	25/7	Trivia 3	Pizza	1300	1300	Special Projects
8(17)	25/7	Union House House Party	Games	100	13	Special Projects
Students Council 14(17)	26/7	Union House House Party	Punch Supplies	200	60	Special Projects
6(17)	24/5	Union House	Food	1000	560	Special Projects

		House Party				
6(17)	24/5	Union House Party	Photographer	200	200	Special Projects
6(17)	24/5	Union House Party	Tickets	300	99	Special Projects
6(17)	24/5	Union House Party	Wrist Bands	200	175	Special Projects
6(17)	24/5	Union House Party	Kegging Gas	200	115.22	Special Projects
8(17)	25/7	Trivia 3	Cups	200		Special Projects
Students Council 14(17)	26/7	Union House Party	Snacks	300		Special Projects

Clubs & Societies Kayley Cuzzubbo

Wiki

Finished the room booking section

Written the bulletin piece for it – it will be ready to send out to club in the next bulletin

Next thing will be going over examples of specific events. I am thinking it might be less word on our end to actually just make a video of submitting a few types of grant as opposed to a million screen shots.

Regulations

Reeanna from Legal got back to me with alterations of my proposed regulations. All recommendations for regulation changes will go through our committee first then I'll submit them to students council for them to be changed.

Awards Night

Badges all confirmed.

I tried to book GBH, no go, it is filled with mid-semester tests so trying to hunt down another venue. Still no confirmation about when the student bar will be up and running. Waiting on comms to get the email banner done. Then I will notify clubs and open nominations for awards and ask for any suggested categories.

Update: It was now level 1 law building, September 15 5-7pm (original date and time). We can't charge for entrance now so we are going to take up \$1000 from the left over clubs carnival money.

Welfare Training

I sent an email to Elizabeth Capp about the Clubs Welfare Workshop, she responded and the plan is that in week 7 there will be a meeting between myself, Sally, Dan and herself and maybe Yan. Try sort out how to get this training done. Hannah is on the respect task force and I have sent her through all the background on the correspondence between myself and SCP/Sally, so hopefully she will try and push that in the task force as well.

Open Day

I got there at like 8:45 and left at 10. It was straight forward. Last two clubs to arrive were Habitat for Humanity and Electrical Engineers. Sophia who stayed the whole day and said that all the clubs did super well except for the electrical engineers, who just stayed on their laptops all day.

Things from Clubs meeting

The person who submitted an official complaint has been replied to about the PIS social media post. The sexual assault/harassment message to clubs has been written. Started going through the camps and their relative sizes in the past 12 months.

Clubs & Societies Gulsara Kaplun

Carnival

Budget

Due to the higher costs associated with the change of venue for Awards Night (we can no longer charge entry), about \$1000 of the contingency budget from Clubs Carnival will be transferred to the Awards Night budget. This shouldn't have any effect on the planning going forward, as most of the event essentials had already been allocated. Following adjustments after receiving concrete vendor quotes, the updated Clubs Carnival budget currently looks like this (green for approved expenditure, amber for expenditure with a motion for the next C&S committee meeting. Note that not all of the decoration and advertising expenditure is accounted for in the breakdown as I still need to meet with AV and Comms to get concrete amounts):

Item	Amount	Breakdown	
AV/Decoration	1500	Stage	400
		Tent	365
		How to use hashtags	60
Performances/entertainment	920	Magicians	400
		Balloon artists	520
Advertising/promotion	250	Boosting posts	50
		Directional signage	100
DIY showbags	430	Buffet hire	150
		Lollies	150
		Delivery cost	130

BBQ	400		
Total	3500		
Contingency	1000		

Designs and promotion

We will be using the same collateral from semester, with the date and location updated. The social media graphics and posters have now been updated and are ready to go. I've organised for the C&S department to borrow half a dozen easels to hold up the signage for the Carnival event, which I think will look a little nicer than the usual A-frames.

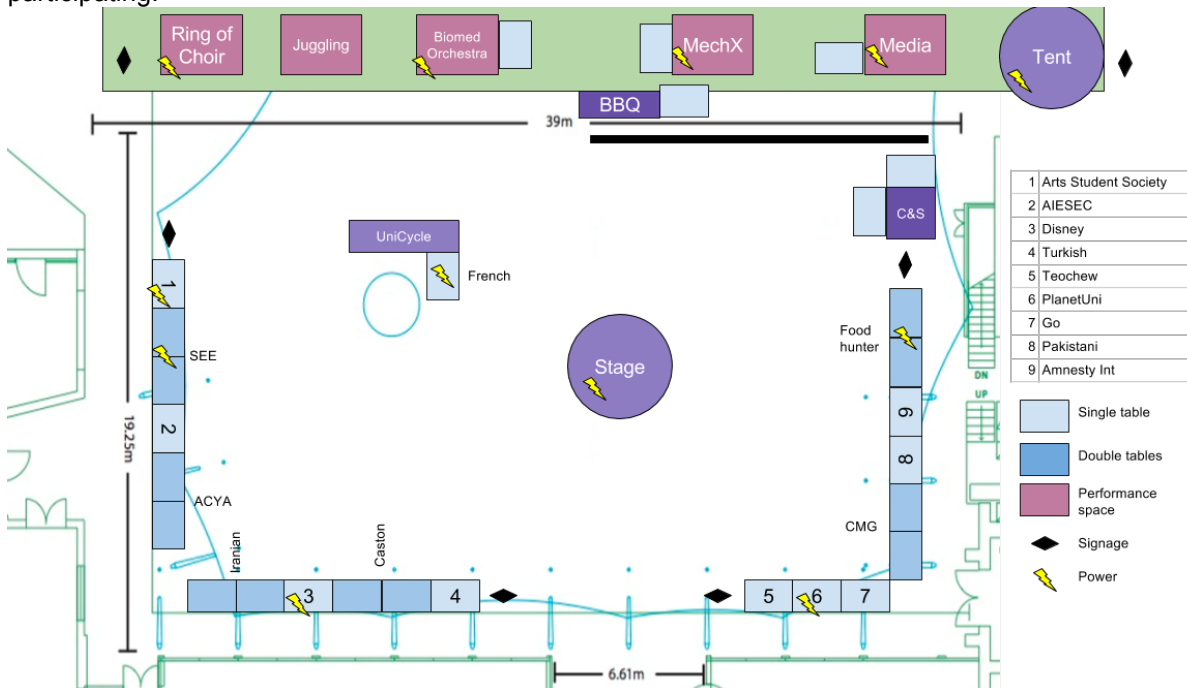
Performers

I've received a quote for 2 balloon artists to perform at the event, from the same company that we used in Semester 1

Layout

The first draft of the site map is complete:

Barring any last-minute applications or cancellations, we will have 22 clubs and 3 UMSU departments participating.



Science Students Society have offered to run a BBQ for all attendees at the carnival (not just their members) if C&S reimburses part of their costs.

Food preparation

A number of clubs indicated that they would like access to a food prep space on the morning of carnival. As access to the basement kitchens is uncertain, I have booked the FairFood UniCycle, a portable bike kitchen that has bench space, a sink, a gas stove, eskys and waste bins. This kitchen will be available to all clubs before the event (10am-12pm) and will be used by French Club during the event (12pm-2pm) to make crepes for Carnival attendees.

Instaprinter

The printer and paper have been ordered and should arrive in the next few days. I ended up spending a little under \$120 of the \$200 allocated. The code has been written in IFTTT and is theoretically ready to go, but needs to be tested on the printer once it arrives and possibly tweaked.

Open Day

Open Day went well, we received mostly positive feedback from Comms and the initial setup went off without any problems.

Creative Arts Harriet Wallace-Mead & Sara Laurena

Mudfest (21st-26th August)

As I write this we are on day 5 of Mudfest and it has been absolutely hectic. We have facilitated over 60 original student works involving 303 artists, as well as panels and standalone events. Council can expect a detailed report on Mudfest later in the year, as there is far too much to report on to simply gloss over here.

Of key note however is our venue move. Due to a leak under the floorboards in the Student Bar on level 1 (Stop 2), on the morning we were set to bump in we were informed we were no longer able to use that space. Thankfully many people in UMSU came out to support us, and we made the transition to Grand Buffet Hall fairly smoothly. However, as there was an exam booked in there for this morning, last night we had to move our hub to the back of Grand Buffet Hall, and bump it back in this afternoon. We cannot stress enough how impressed we are with the efforts of our production team in going above and beyond to help make this smooth, as well as many in UMSU, and particularly Goldie (who came to help on Thursday night) and Serge for being so patient and understanding.

We will report on our spending after the conclusion of the festival, but despite the change of venue, we expect we have managed to stay within budget.

Please excuse the short report; we have been at Union House for an average of 12-16 hours every day working on the festival, and even then there are not enough hours in the day.

Disabilities Cassandra Prigg & Alston Chu

No report submitted

Education (Academic Affairs) Caley Mcpherson & Roger Samuel

Key Activities

Marriage Equality at Academic Board

Yan and Roger met with President of Academic Board, Nilss Olekalns, to discuss the upcoming vote on whether Academic Board would make a statement in support of the 'Yes' campaign in the Marriage Equality plebiscite. While a number of other Universities have made statements in support from their Vice Chancellors, Nilss thought that the message would be much stronger if it comes from the entire body of Professors. We will be speaking at Academic Board to support the motion.

Focus groups

In conjunction with a TALQAC (Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee) working group that Caley is on, we have run three focus groups on student disengagement. We've had some very interesting results, which will be compiled into a report, and submitted to the University.

Arts Faculty Concerns

Members of SRN committees in the faculty of Arts have been working on a report (using survey data) that has been 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 submitted, and the flyer will be circulated around TALQAC for discussion at the next meeting. After approval from the committee, they 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 and has another planned in the next few weeks.

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.

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Education (Public Affairs) Sinead Manning</p>
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No report submitted

<p style="text-align: center;">Environment Lizzie Nicholson & Kate Denver-Stevenson</p>

Fossil Free

Three members of FFMU (including one signatory to the FOI) attended a meeting with Allan Tait on the 17th. These meetings are to update members of the Fossil Free group on the progress of the Sustainable Investments Framework, including all contact with Mercer, the VFMC and its clients. The meetings come as an agreement between Allan and the FOI signatories, that we will not pursue a claim with VCAT as long as we are regularly updated.

Key take-aways from the latest meeting include, Mercer have been engaged as specialist advisors to provide a range of SIF options, the final selection will be made by the Investments Management

Committee. Due to new management VFMC is canvassing major clients to revise their approach to ESG and climate change. The University will be meeting with major clients of the VFMC to present the University's own views on sustainable investment as a means to place pressure on VFMC to create a portfolio inline with the SIF created by Mercer.

Lizzie and Kate ran a few workshops a statewide training over the 19th/20th in conjunction with other fossil free groups and 350.org. Members of Fossil Free MU got the chance to share campaign stories and skills with members from the RMIT, Monash and ACU campaigns.

Regular Events

PWYF ✓ Enviro Collective went along to AYCC's Commonwealth Bank action on campus instead of collective. Green Screen showed Nation Bird in conjunction with the Lockout Lockheed group.

Lockout Lockheed

Stickers have arrived. A cheeky action happened in the lead up to open day on Saturday night, as well as on Open Day, where members shared their concerns about the lab with prospective students. Preparation for the week 10 forum continues.

Bike Co-op

The Bike co-op will be moving into the old hairdresser space of Union House in the coming weeks. A volunteer coordinator description has been written up, and a call out for next years coordinators has begun. A new workbench which was purchased last year is in the works for getting made.

Cups

Kate has contacted several relevant people about getting cups added to the plate system in Union House, and it looks like we're going to be ready to announce this during Enviro Week. We're getting a bunch of cups from the reuse centre for it, so even if people steal all the cups, it's actually still recycling so ha! Tricked you.

Enviro Week

We had our first meeting with comms to talk about all the things we need to do for Enviro Week to be a success, and have started on some of those tasks.

Community Garden

They're just great you guys. The new coordinators are doing a great job.

Indigenous
Marley Holloway-Clarke & Alexandra Hohoi

No report submitted

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

Above Water

The Media and Creative Arts Departments launched Above Water last Tuesday night in an event that was attended by approximately fifty people. The night included a speech by poet and writer, Omar Sukur, and readings of the shortlisted works.

Prizes including certificates, chocolates and copies of The Lifted Brow were given out to all those who were shortlisted.

Winners and runners up were also given prize packs including certificates and their cash prizes.

There are 1,600 copies of the anthology that have been distributed on stands around campus.

We request that up to \$40 be passed for flowers and \$206 be passed for certificate printing, framing, chocolate and a Voiceworks subscription from our Above Water budget line.

Election Booklet

The election booklet was sent to print earlier this week and will be inserted into copies of Edition Six mid-next week. This booklet contains all the nomination statements and photos of people running for positions in the UMSU elections.

We request that up to \$3,000 be passed to pay for the printing of an election booklet from our Printing budget line.

Edition Six

Edition Six was sent to print last week and will be on stands at the time of this council meeting. The Edition Six Launch Party will be held as Tsubu on Tuesday August 29.

We request that up to \$10,000 be passed to pay for Edition Six printing from our Printing budget line.

We request that up to \$500 be passed from our Special Projects/Events budget line for food and drinks at the Launch Party.

Edition Seven

Edition Seven will be sent to print in the coming weeks.

We request that up to \$10,000 be passed to pay for Edition Seven printing from our Printing budget line.

We request that up to \$50 be passed from our Special Projects/Events budget line for snacks at Edition Seven proofreading.

Edition Eight

Submissions for Edition Eight, the final edition of the year, are open and will be closed in the next few weeks.

Wordplay #6

Wordplay #6 will be held on Wednesday September 13 in the Media Space on Level Four of Union House.

We request that up to \$250 be passed for wine, soft drinks and pizza at Wordplay from our Special Projects/Events budget line.

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

Key Activities

Arts faculty collaboration - PASS leaders and student mentor training

We've been in contact with Nadia Aly, Sarah Dealy Castle and Jocelyn Richardson from the Arts Faculty regarding holding training sessions, similar to our 'Wellbeing and Inclusivity in the Classroom' workshop for Arts tutors at the beginning of the semester, for PASS leaders and student mentors. At our last meeting, we agreed to run a pilot session for Monday 11 September, with the potential for formally incorporate this into the regular semester training program in future years. We'll be getting the other autonomous departments and the education department involved again.

Sarah also raised the possibility of us attending the upcoming Student Enrichment Network meeting, which would allow us to meet her counterparts in the other faculties.

Publication

Myriad is going very well. Our submissions close on Aug 25th and the response so far has been strong. Our social media platforms have been especially successful and we're seeing a lot of increased engagement with our department via Myriad.

Anti-racism campaign

We will be organising a campaign for next week, partially in response to the racist anti-Chinese posters which were distributed on campus earlier in the semester, but also as part of a general anti-racism on campus initiative. This will involve us handing out flowers with tags saying 'love conquers hate / give me to a stranger'. This initiative is aimed at generating goodwill and facilitating positive interaction between students. UMSU International will be collaborating.

Regular Events

People of Colour collective is continuing as usual, however we have had to change our reading group schedule to weeks 4, 8, and 12 to accommodate the other events we have running.

Anti-racism workshops

We'll be meeting with Kareena, who is organising WoC collective, next week to make plans.

Sexplorations week

As part of sexplorations week, we'll be running a discussion in week 6 PoC collective on interracial relationships and dating. This topic was chosen via a poll and suggestions in the collective group.

**Queer
Blake Atmaja**

Key Activities

Queer Ball

Bobby McGees is now mostly finalised as the event space for Queer Ball. I've had meetings with the Comms department to finalise artwork around the event - the theme being 'Space and Flowers' to cater to a large array of radical costume choices - and I've been really happy with the help from them and the staff at Bobby McGee's as well. I'm currently looking to organise after-party locations and other publicity material - the badge-making skills from the plebiscite have been very engaging and I'm looking to work with craft workshops or costume workshops in the lead up the event at large.

Sexplorations 2017

Unfortunately the Queer Department has had to take a bit of a step back this year in regards to Sexplorations - a number of issues have made organising events harder, but we are still having a few events that cater primarily to the queer student group. We've got a few information sessions happening in regards to queer identity and sex, and also safe sex. I've decided to focus more on the collectives that we have and working with those to encourage discussion on sex - we've had issues in the past with demonstrations and I believe the entire event and departments involved would like to avoid any controversial engagements. We have got a much larger online presence, with materials after the events going online for students to access during and after the week, and the Comms department is organising an anonymous question forum for any students seeking extra information to ask and receive feedback.

Queer Involvement in the Marriage Equality Plebiscite

The Queer Department has thrown itself into the rally around the plebiscite; we, alongside the President, various office bearers and the contingent from Trades Hall and NUS have had electoral roll stalls and information booths to engage the student population and get them geared for the plebiscite. The media has also gotten involved; we've had presence from them around the

rallies that NUS has hosted with us on North Court and South Court, and it has generated a lot of interest.

We've had extremely positive engagement for the most part - many students knew about the plebiscite, and only needed more information on how to enrol and encouragement. We've had a few students say some discouraging things, but we understand that the end goal is much bigger than any bigotry we encounter on the way. The stickers and badge-making have been a surprise smash hit with both the students and staff - we've gotten emails from staff asking for them which has boosted morale. I really want to commend the MDQueer students as well - they've been a constant presence at the stalls and have been a font of energy for the cause.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Queer Ball

We'll be in the throes of selling our Queer Ball tickets, so we'll be almost done in terms of getting publicity together, having students buying costumes and celebrating the queer identity at Melbourne.

Continued Queer Space Maintenance

To ensure the Queer Space is well stocked for incoming students in the new year; we're continuing to look for more blankets and reading / video material that we can loan to students throughout the year as needed.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Operational Sub Committee	23.03.2017	Coming Out Support Group	\$900 p/year	Grants	Spent \$447 of \$900
Meeting 2	31.01.2017	Queer Lunch Expenditure	\$3600 p/year	Food and Beverages	Spent \$2400 of \$3600

Queer
Evelyn Lesh

No report submitted

Welfare
Ryan Davey & Teresa Gornall

No report submitted

Women's
Hannah Billett
With Recommendations

Sexplorations

Sexplorations Week is next week (or this week, by the time of council). It will be a good week and I will update council next time as to exactly how it went. However, the process of putting this week together has possibly been one of the most stressful weeks of my time in office. To provide council with some context, Sexplorations week (or Rad Sex, as it used to be known) was traditionally been led by Women's and Queer. However, in the past few years, more departments have become involved. This year, in an early OB meeting, we decided that it would be a whole of union week with all departments involved if possible. This did not turn out to be the case. Due to people not replying to emails or coming to meetings, it took more than a month to decide on the name of the event. Not only was this ridiculous, it seemed to sap everyone's energy for the actual planning and running of the event. Even many of those most opinionated on the name did not end up contributing to the week. This was disappointing.

The week as a whole was struggling from a lack of leadership. I eventually asked the OBs permission to take over, but I had very little authority in the role due to being on the same level in the organisation as the people I was supposed to be leading. I am not without fault here. I struggled in knowing how to communicate with people about the deadlines we needed and I felt very out of my depth making unilateral comms and marketing decisions, especially about issues as sensitive as those discussed in the week. I simply do not think it is feasible for one OB to run this entire event. Therefore, I will be recommending to whoever takes over my role, and to others in the organisation, that serious consideration be given to how future events like this are organised. I would also suggest that volunteers specifically charged with running this week be recruited so that it gets the attention it deserves and is not seen as one department's job.

AHRC/UA Survey and Recommendations

I have been continuing to support Yan in crafting UMSU's response to the survey results. The main update at this point is that we have completed the recommendations we propose council considers. I contributed my suggestions and UMSU OBs were also asked to share their opinions at an OB meeting and by contributing via the Google doc. It is my hope that everyone feels that their views were adequately represented in this document. I hope council considers the recommendations closely because they will likely inform UMSU's response for years to come.

Respect Taskforce

I attended the first meeting of the new respect taskforce. I will admit I was not particularly optimistic going into this process, especially when I found out there would only be two student reps (one from UMSU and one from GSA). We were worried that student voices would be lost in the process. However, we negotiated for an extra student rep from UMSU International and for there to be a student advisory group who will regularly meet with the taskforce's chair, Richard James. The details of this are still being worked out, but council will be kept updated.

I was pleasantly surprised by the first meeting. The task force includes academics who have long careers in gendered and sexual violence, which was something clearly missing from the Respect Working Group, this taskforce's predecessor. The academics provides a nice balance to the chancellery professionals. Also reassuring was the taskforce's commitment to transparency. We were told that minutes and the taskforce's work would be made available on a website. The details have not yet been provided but I expect to find out soon.

Recommendations

That Students' Council passes up to \$1000 for presenter fees for Sexplorations from the Special Events budget line of the Women's department budget.

That Students' Council passes up to \$200 for prizes for Sexplorations from the Special Events budget line of the Women's department budget.

That Students' Council passes up to \$150 for cupcakes for Sexplorations from the Special Events budget line of the Women's department budget.

Burnley
Jessica Peeler
With Recommendations

Key Activities

Student volunteering day at Burnley

Day has been confirmed with gardens manager as September 26th (during the holidays). Details TBC.

Postgrad writing club

We are funding catering for a writing club primarily organised by the Burnley Campus Postgraduate Group. First event is next Tuesday (29th August).

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

In preliminary planning stages. We've decided to hire a cabin at Wilson's Prom and are currently looking at date options.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Finalise details for student volunteering day.

Have selected a date and now need to figure out details with gardens manager.

Action points to be completed by next report

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
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None since last report

Recommendations

Motion 1: To pass \$123.98 from the Activities and Events budget line to reimburse student Nuonan Lu for food and drinks bought for student volunteers during the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.

(Note: This was discussed and informally approved amongst the committee, but we forgot to make an official motion for it [several times] and now I want to get the student reimbursed earlier than our next meeting if possible, as she has been waiting for a while.)

Victorian College of the Arts
Nicholas Lam
With Recommendations

Key Activities

Remining Budget / Financial Situation

I have received the third financial report since coming to office which has dispelled the notion I was under for most of the year: that I was in danger of running over budget.

Knowing that I have an excess of over \$15,000, I will funnel that excess to improve the rest of the events I will hold next year.

I expect to be within \$5,000 of my budget by the end of the year.

Motion: Considering a surplus of funds, The VCASA would like to funnel an additional \$5,000 to be used for food and beverage during the Wednesday BBQs.

Wednesday BBQs

In the light of the knowledge that I have an excess in budget, I would like to spend an additional \$5,000 to improve both quality and quantity of the BBQs remining in the year, and supply additional drinks for the students on Southbank.

VCA Revue

I would like to start this portion of the report by congratulating Eleanor Kirk, producer of the VCA Revue, and committee member of the VCASA, for a successful two-night production.

The production has made enough revenue through their ticket sales to cover all expenses. As such, the VCA will not need to contribute anything from their budget to cover UHT hire.

Podcast Room

The list of equipment will be finalised soon, and purchase will be made shortly. During renovations, the equipment will be placed into storage, under the ownership of the VCASA, for future incarnations of the department to utilize at their discretion once another suitable venue is available for use as a podcast facility.

Sports Equipment in Southbank Campus

The table tennis table in the student lounge is fully equipped with paddles and balls. Additional equipment will be placed behind the counter at the Café in case the equipment (mostly balls) goes missing.

If the equipment attrition rate is higher than expected, the Café staff has been provided with a sign in sheet, and will implement a sign-in/-out system for the equipment.

R U OK Day

The University has contacted the VCASA to enquire if we would like to participate in activities for R U OK Day.

Seeing the success of the therapy dogs from Stress Less week last semester, I would like to expand on that idea and bring in more animals for R U OK Day. I will also contact the councillors to facilitate an awareness campaign on Southbank campus.

Motion: The VCASA would like to spend up to \$3,500 to bring in baby animals for students to interact with. All animals will be trained to not bite or be distressed while in the presence of a crowd of people. Money will also be spent on R U OK Merchandise, advertising, and other expenses for R U OK Day like food and beverage.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

-NIL-

Action Points to be completed by next report

-NIL-