

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)
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**President
Yan Zhuang**

Volunteering program interviews

Over the last couple of weeks, I sat on the interview panels of VCESS, Host Program, and Mentoring director. The Host Program and VCESS were looking for three new directors each, while Mentoring was looking to replace one director who dropped out. All three sets of interviews have now concluded and directors chosen. I look forward to seeing what the new teams have in store in the months ahead!

Meeting with Vice Chancellor

Myself and Yasmine met with the University Vice Chancellor, Provost and Deputy Provost. We discussed a number of topics: the Federal budget, the UA Sexual Assault Survey, and UMSU's upcoming plans for the next semester. We broadly agreed with each other's positions on the budget; we presented UMSU's budget submission (courtesy of Sinead) and gave an overview of our position. We were told that the university was in the process of meeting cross bench senators, and that that the most difficult part of the process was changing public opinion that universities were overfunded. Regarding the sexual assault survey, the idea of having a similar meeting post survey release, maybe around September, was also floated. I believe a meeting like this will be invaluable, so will follow this up at the appropriate time.

Student Precinct

The Student Precinct team are currently in the process of developing a business case for the project to get funding from University Council. At the last Student Precinct Steering Group meeting, we looked over the draft business case. The business case, as well as Beijing the document that University Council looks at when they decide whether or not to fund the project, will also be referred back to as the basis of the project, I approached it with the view that the business case should be centred around the benefits the project will bring to students, which was a view shared by other members of the committee.

During these discussions, myself and Sander (UMSU INTL) also brought up some outstanding concerns which we hadn't felt had been sufficiently addressed yet, and which we hoped to see some movement on before endorsing the business case. These were the issues of the commercial kitchen in Union House and the fact that it won't be duplicated, and the fact that there are still questions about a replacement for North Court. The response we received was tentatively positive. We were told, as we expected, that it was too early in the process to have concrete solutions to these issues, and that especially the issue of North Court would need to wait until an architect was contracted. However, the Precinct Team were happy to give us a written outline of their proposed next steps regarding North Court (I need to follow up on that, since they haven't sent that through yet). UMSU INTL are now communicating with the Precinct Team separately to find a solution to the commercial kitchens issue.

Sexual Assault Survey

Myself and Georgia, the president of the GSA, were been contacted by The University about having UMSU's branding, and my image, present on the University's posters regarding the survey. Our strategy thus far has been to cooperate with the University as much as possible, and I think this is one of the areas in which we should continue to do that. Because I was told the University is working on quite a short time frame, I wasn't sure whether I would have time to run it by Students' Council. I told the University that I was happy to tentative agree in principle, contingent on confirmation from Students' Council, and on us seeing the poster drafts.

**General Secretary
Yasmine Luu**

Key Activities

Book Co-Op Framework

I have engaged in conversations with notable UMSU people who can help in this process. One key person was Clint, the Rowden White Library Manager, who gave some thoughts on the e-commerce and librarian system that the co-op could potentially use.

I am in the middle of filling in a template framework that was provided by the volunteering coordinator Stephanie, and will most likely have a solid foundation by next Council.

UMSU Centre Stage

As previously stated, I have been working on an event that will bring the Parkville campus closer together. UMSU often forgets how big this campus is and focuses on areas close to home like North Court, Union House and South Lawn.

Having an event at University Square is a great way to get students involved from the faculties of Law, Medicine, Health Science, Education and Commerce.

The location has been a little difficult to manoeuvre and plan for though. Originally we planned for food trucks to come, but the area has been impossible to allow for trucks to get onto the area. I have instead resigned myself by asking major faculty clubs and the UMSU Welfare department if they can provide food for the event. Communications are also seeing if vendors from the farmers market would be interested in attending.

There are currently 25 clubs that will be doing exciting activities for the day, including two clubs performing for the event... at the Centre Stage.

I will be creating an entire plan that I will be able to show to Council at the next meeting.

Disabilities Reappointment

As council is aware, positions for Disabilities Officer was made available and the Disabilities Committee was asked to reappoint. I sent out notice via the website and in the UMSU E-Newsletter and got a lot of interest out of it. In the end, 4 nominations were made – 3 single running candidates and 1 pair. In the end, Alston and Cass were reappointed, congratulations to them. It should be of note to Council though, that a by-election will need to run at the same time as the annual election for this position.

Accessibility Action Working Group

The Disabilities Officers, Susan, Stephanie and I have been meeting quite frequently to discuss the Disability Action Plan for UMSU. We are engaging with the Australian Network on Disability to create a plan for us going into 2018. We hope to bring their proposed costing to you next Council. The DAP will provide a framework on how to educate staff and volunteers on disability awareness in UMSU as well as provide insight on what UMSU can be doing better in governance and policy for people with disabilities.

Stances List

Every night I do one set of minutes, it still takes a very long time to trawl through each one. This project is an entirely passive one, but will definitely be finished very soon. I am currently at 2012.

Students' Council

The new attendance reform will be in effect for this meeting. I have also been working closely with some Councillors to write a report looking into Students' Council reform. This was completely casual and anyone is able to send me an email and lay out their thoughts about Students' Council's current structure. The report mainly looks at comparisons to other Student Union's, how we can tackle to issue of inquorate meetings and how to recognise and reward councillors for their continued time and effort.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Discrimination in Class Reporting Mechanism

Awaiting meeting with comms.

Status: *Ongoing*

Committee Integration into Department Webpages

As previously reported, I am still awaiting some departments to add their 'Committee' tile on their department page. This allows students to really understand who is behind the department as well as provide transparency of what is talked about and minuted.

All departments have added their committee pages to their main site except for the following; Clubs, Indigenous, VCA, Welfare and Women's.

I will be giving a third reminder after this report is made available.

Status: *Forever waiting*

Committee Minutes Update

I apologise for not being more on top of this, I am still in the process of uploading them all.

Status: *Continuing*

Activities

Jacinta Cooper & Lydia Paevere

Key Activities

Food Trucks

Good event, Mr Burger was more popular than the Lemon Pepper fish and chips truck. It was nice having the SSS BBQ close by and that attracted a lot of people to the area. We didn't reach minimum spend on the fish and chip truck so this is something to keep in mind if we do the event again in the future.

Union House Party

Started plans for Union House Party, it will be themed as a glow party as we are not able to use smoke machines due to photography in the building that week for graduation ceremonies. We will hope to have a similar design style as we had for the sleepover which looked really good and lit up the space well. Tickets for this will be on sale during Winterfest and we hope to attract any new students that are starting midyear to expose them to UMSU!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5(17)	12/05/17	Food Truck Festival	\$3000	Special Projects	Only spent \$371.25 to reach minimum spend

Clubs & Societies Kayley Cuzzubbo

Agriculture and Food Sciences Association Disaffiliation

Both myself and the Clubs and Societies committee were severely unimpressed with council's decision to overturn the disaffiliation of AFSA. Therefore, at the first committee meeting after meeting 10 of students' council the C&S committee voted to take this issue to the Grievance Tribunal. The past week and a half has involved collecting all relevant clauses from the UMSU constitution and the C&S regulations to show that Students' Council did not follow the regulations. Based off my findings that I composed the letter with input from the committee and Fiona which has been submitted the grievance tribunal along with other relevant documents; the club's appeal and the department's response to the appeal.

The reason the committee voted has made this decision is because they were concerned about what precedent overturning the disaffiliation sets. For several months, this club was run in a manner that is in breach of the C&S constitution and made little to no efforts to amend this. Simply appealing once disaffiliated is not enough of a justification to overturn a disaffiliation.

Activity Reporting

Each club is required to run two events with at least 10 students in attendance. I started to record the activity reporting going through semester one grants to see which clubs had had two successful function grants with ten students or more. For clubs which, based of grants or had not reported otherwise, had not had had any events I send out the email asking for them to send in proof of the two events.

Welfare training

Last week I facilitated the first of two camp welfare trainings planned so far, the next one being on Wednesday. It went well, there were 10 students at this session and expect 20 at the next. Very few students, relative the start of the year, responded to the google doc sent out, thus I am hesitant to open up more than one camp welfare session. Clubs need to learn that they need to work around when we schedule training as is it not fair on safer communities to hold last minute sessions for clubs which only considered getting their leaders trained a week before their camp. Fiona and I are going to do a mass data collection to find out when clubs have camps to hold session before peak periods to ensure high attendance.

On the 19th Fiona and I had a meeting with the people over at safer communities. There was discussion of methods to ensure high attendance for these trainings and having penalty for students who sign up then don't attend. I am for the idea of invoicing the club with a club members is absent without apology. But we will bring it up at the next committee meeting to see is they have any suggestions.

The other main thing discussed in the meeting was welfare for 'non-camp' events. I am keen to get 'general' welfare training off the ground. A two-hour training session to prepare new committee members for the Club exec life. As a result of is meeting I have started writing a proposal to SCP for these general welfare trainings to be a weekly thing during the semester giving the opportunity for at least one members of every club's exec (min 210 students) to have undertaken this training.

General Admin

Despite the deadline being the day before the mid-semester break there are still clubs coming in for asset checks. There are only a few clubs left with unchecked assets. I organised two committee meetings during the exam period, both quorate and I am up to date with meeting minutes. We now

have several new clubs affiliated, up to date on grant and the committee approved new asset reporting policy.

I was also working with a committee member, Matthew Simkiss, on developing sponsorship regulations and Policy for the club. I developed the bare bones on how I thought it should be done then based off advice we had received from Legal earlier this year Matthew has written the vast majority of sponsorship policy/regs. By the end of the break we will hopefully have it completely finished ready to present the regulations and policy to students council and the C&S committee respectively for approval.

Wiki

The wiki has been on hold for a while as we had no domain to host it. To get the wiki on a unimelb domain students could only access the wiki on the unimelb network. Which I thought was a big issue as club execs are typically doing club admin from home late at night. As there really is no other valid option we will just need to make sure all club committee members know how to access the unimelb VPN. I will soon start the transition from the old wiki to the new wiki by copying and pasting the content over. I had previously set out a plan to get committee members to assist with the wiki. It has been mildly successful with one of the committee members completing the allocated work. Once all the current content has been transferred to the new domain and all information fact check I will open up the wiki to club committees. I will continue to add to the wiki overtime and notify which pages have been recently added or edited.

Winterfest

I have been working with comms to design the art for the Clubs day over winterfest. We now have a finalised poster.

Expenditure

Item	Amount	Budget Line	Notes
Advertising Cards	\$250	Special Projects	Cards to hand out to people with the C&S url and details

Clubs & Societies
Gulsara Kaplun
With Updates

Winterfest

I am working to finalise the table layout and AV requirements for the Winterfest Clubs Expo. Though smaller than Summerfest, there will still be over 80 clubs attending, as well as the C&S information marquee which will hand out clubs guides and cardholders.

Welfare Policy

We have been coordinating with Safer Communities to restructure the C&S welfare training with the end goal being that every club has at least one person with some kind of welfare training or qualification. We are working to find a balance between larger sessions that reach more people and smaller sessions that encourage input from all participants.

I have written up a template for a general meeting welfare report, similar to a treasurer's report or president's report. While include a welfare report in general meetings remains voluntary, the hope is that including it explicitly in the AGM procedures will encourage club executives to reflect on the actions they have taken to make their events and spaces safer and more inclusive for their members.

Satellite Campus Policy

I have completed a draft of a satellite campus event policy. This will offer financial incentives to clubs for running events at VCA, Burnley and other non-Parkville campuses, as well as providing additional support to clubs that are based at VCA and Burnley.

As a supplement to this policy, I have also put together an information pack to be added to the C&S Exec Wiki. This includes a guide to the booking procedures for the non-Parkville campuses, the contact details of relevant staff at these campuses, annotated maps, tips for transport and a short guide to the various bookable spaces. Possible future additions, time allowing, would be a guide to catering options around these campuses and photos of the individual bookable rooms so club event planners have a better idea of the capacity and amenities of these spaces.

Expenditure

None

Creative Arts
Harriet Wallace-Mead & Sara Laurena
With Recommendations

Key activities:

Mudfest (21st-26th August)

General:

It is so close! We have almost locked in the schedule for the week, just working through the last little kinks with programming as we find out more about artist's works and their exact requirements. We held two artist induction sessions on the 20th and 23rd of June, where we gave them crucial information about the festival regarding OH&S, Marketing and Access.

Mudfest Mixtape:

As we had a very low rate of requests for grants or mentorship from our musicians in Mudfest, we decided to use the money that would have been allocated to them to produce a Mudfest Mixtape. This will include around 7 original tracks from our artists, two of which will be recordings produced by us. This will be great opportunity for professional development for our artists, as well as increase their exposure.

Production Team Hiring:

We are in the process of choosing more people to join our production team. Our Deputy Production Manager, Miguel Lontoc, is interviewing applicants this week for the roles of Volunteer Coordinator and Front of House Manager. We put the callout for Food and Beverage Manager applicants, however we received no applications. We are working through this at the moment and deciding on the best course of action moving forward.

Marketing:

Our marketing manager (Caleb Triscari) has been working hard on the Mudfest website, getting it ready for the program launch on the 25th of July during Winterfest. Our Film Creative Producer is also in the process of producing some short trailers for the festival, which we will be releasing in the leadup to the festival.

Photobooth:

As part of our marketing strategy we are commissioning an artist for \$300 to create an installation that can double as a background or frame for a photo. This will be a quasi photobooth that we can use during Winterfest and Mudfest. We have had four applications, and will be deciding on the successful applicant in the next 24 hours.

AV:

Our deadline for putting in our AV hire request is this Friday, and Evrim Sen and Miguel Lontoc, our Production Manager and Deputy Production Manager, have been collating all the information we need to request exactly the right equipment.

The entire Mudfest team has been working tirelessly to bring this festival to life, and we can't wait.

Above Water

In the week of the 19th-25th of June we read all 239 submission to Above Water, as did the Media Department. On the 24th of June we had a meeting where we selected the submissions to go into the anthology, and decided on an Artist to do the cover art. This was a pretty hectic week but we're all very happy with the outcome and excited for the anthology.

On Thursday 6th July we had a meeting with Media where we hashed out how we would spend the Above Water Budget across the publication costs and the event.

Winterfest

We have scaled back our commitment to Winterfest compared to Summerfest, simply because we are very busy with Mudfest. That being said we are planning the following events:

- Presence at Carnival Day with a photobooth (art installation commission by an artist – see above)
- Mobile Minutes – a 24 hour film project akin to the 24 hour play project run by UHT. Student will be invited to group up and create a film in 24 hours using only their smartphones. We are planning the briefing session, to be held on Thursday the 20th of July in the Rowden White

Library, and the film screening night in the Student Bar on Friday the 21st, with the popcorn machine and mulled wine.

- Mudfest Program Launch – Tuesday 25th July, this will also be held in the Student Bar. We will launch the full online program, have speeches, free food and drinks.

Committee

We are now back up to full committee numbers! We are very excited to have Marlies Iserloh (More!) and Georgina Pender (Whigs) on our committee. However, our attempt to hold a committee meeting during the holidays failed as we were inquorate. This means we were unable to pass money for us to use during Winterfest, so please see the recommendations below.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Action#1:

Hold final life drawing class

VERDICT: Achieved

Action #2:

Program Mudfest artists

VERDICT: Almost achieved – just finalising the last details

Action #3:

Begin securing partnerships/sponsorship for Mudfest

VERDICT: Ongoing

Action #4:

Secure unconventional venue spaces for Mudfest, inc. basement and GBH

VERDICT: Achieved – we have confirmed our use of the basement spaces with appropriate higher ups, and will no longer be using GBH

Action #5:

Set Mudfest artist induction date

VERDICT: Achieved – and held the inductions

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Action#1:

Begin securing guest speakers and panels for Mudfest

Action #2:

Make an events plan for Sem 2 and figure out how much we can do (excl. the Pot Luck Open Mic Night which is already planned)

Action #3:

Induct Volunteer Coordinator and Front of House Manager to Mudfest prod team

Action #4:

Create Volunteer callout and distribute (Mudfest)

Action #5:

Finalise planning for all Winterfest Events and hold them

Action #6:

Submit AV request for Mudfest

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
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no.					
12	13-June	Joshua Lynzaat Mentor Payment (Mudfest Access Managers)	\$500	03 60 615 3846	
12	8-June	Mudfest Production Team Second Round Payments	\$6500	03 60 615 3846	Creative Producers \$1kx4, Prod Manager \$1k, Dep Prod Manager \$500, Access Managers \$500x2
12	23-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Hui Quin Chan	\$152	03 60 615 3531	
12	23-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Melbourne University Shakespeare Co	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	23-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Nores Cerfida	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	23-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Simon Farley (treasurer Kate Weston)	\$130	03 60 615 3531	
	23-June	Mudfest Artist grant - UMMTA	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	30-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Amy Spurgeon	\$100	03 60 615 3531	
	30-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Kathleen Campone-Burn	\$150	03 60 615 3531	
	30-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Scout Boxall	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	30-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Tori Ball, c/o Four Letter Word Theatre	\$100	03 60 615 3531	
	30-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Jess Zanoni	\$100	03 60 615 3531	
	30-June	Mudfest Artist grant – Cheryl Ho	\$50	03 60 615 3531	
	03-July	Mudfest Artist grant – Nick Gerstel	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	04-July	Mudfest Artist grant – Anastazja Harding	\$24	03 60 615 3531	
	04-July	Mudfest Artist grant – Mudcrabs Comedy	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	05-July	Mudfest Artist grant – Lief Chan	\$100	03 60 615 3531	
	05-July	Mudfest Artist grant – Nithya Iyer	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	06-July	Mudfest Artist grant – Tanjil Eve	\$200	03 60 615 3531	
	07-July	Mudfest Artist grant – Freya McGrath	\$70	03 60 615 3531	

Other business

N/A

Recommendations

We recommend that Students' Council approves the reallocation of funds for spending within the Mudfest Budget (03 60 615) to be the following:

- 3846 – Artist Fees: Up to \$41 872
- 3832 – Production Costs: Up to \$14 128
- 3531 – Grants: Up to \$9000
- 3268 – Security: Up to \$3000
- 3862 – Cleaning: Up to \$2000
- 3862 – Access: Up to \$8500
- 3231 – Marketing: Up to \$2000
- 3622 – Food and Beverages: Up to \$7500
- 3561 – Administration: Up to \$3000
- Contingency - Up to \$5000

TOTAL: \$96 000

We recommend that Students' Council approves the reimbursement of \$31.74 to Sara Pascoe (Laurena) from the budget line 03 60 615 3832 (Production Costs – Decorations) for the purchasing of materials for the construction of Mudfest Eggs (Physical marketing).

We recommend that Students' Council approves the reimbursement of \$33.48 to Sara Pascoe (Laurena) from the budget line 03 60 615 3561 (Administration – consumables) for the purchasing of perishable items used at the Mudfest Artist Induction Day.

We recommend that Students' Council approves the spending of up to \$170 from Creative Arts budget line 3839 (Special Projects – Orientation) for the use of AV equipment for the Mobile Minutes Screening during Winterfest on the 21st of July.

We recommend that Students' Council approves the movement of \$250 from budget line 3850 (Special Project Weeks: Burnley Event) to budget line 3163 (Orientation), and that up to \$250 of this amount be spent for the purchasing of food and beverages for the Mudfest Program Launch event on the 25th of July.

We recommend that Students' Council approves the otherwise unallocated amount of \$300 from the Mudfest budget line 03 60 615 3847 (Artist Fees – Artist mentorships) to commission a student to create an installation/photobooth for Mudfest 2017. *(Please note – we allocated \$10 000 to mentorships, 20x\$500 per mentor, however only ended up allocating 19 mentorships so subsequently have \$500 to reallocate).*

Disabilities
Cassandra Prigg & Alston Chu
With Updates

We've had an eventful time, with wrapping up the semester and going through a reappointment. We've contacted SEDS seeking a meeting in order to touch base, as well as discuss cross-promotion. We've contacted CAPS seeking a meeting to discuss concerns regarding wait times and service provision.

We've trained a new round of anxiety support group facilitators through ADAVIC in order to improve our group's consistency. The ADAVIC course has also provided an additional perspective to previous ARCVIC training which we will be integrating into our aims for the group.

The disability action plan has progressed, and will be discussed later this meeting as part of a motion.

Moving forward, we will be moving to confirm next semester's ongoing events, including more Auslan classes from Vicdeaf, and scheduling to attempt to improve the accessibility of our events.

Work on the disabilities conference in September is also ongoing.

Expenditure:

\$170 from Projects & Events for two facilitators to be trained by ADAVIC

\$2400 from Projects & Events for Vicdeaf's Auslan class in semester 1

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

Key Activities

FlexAp

We've had more FlexAp Green Papers released in the last week. As expected it looks as though we'll be staying with the same semester structure, with additional summer and winter options. We think this is really great news for students and will ensure that people can manage their University commitments around, work and unexpected life events.

Academic Board

Academic Board was held on the 22nd of June, with the most controversial aspect being a proposal from the Research Higher Degrees Committee (Only GSA representatives sit on this committee). The proposal is aimed to ensure more people complete their PhD and Masters research programs within 4 and 3 years respectively. Other than that Academic Board was fairly fairly brief.

SRN

The next SRN meeting is planned for the 27th of June.

Stress Less Week

We had a really great screening of Inside Out in the Union House Theatre during stress less week, it was very well attended and people seemed to really enjoy the hot chocolate, care packages, and relaxation.

Education (Public Affairs) Sinead Manning

Senate Inquiry into Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017

UMSU submitted a report to the Senate Inquiry into the Higher Education Bill. UMSU opposes the proposed changes and calls on the Senate to do the same. Our report was substantiated by our Higher Education survey which was filled out by over 230 students. Please find the report attached.

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.

PEP Collective

We took a slight break over the exam period, but PEP volunteers have been busy working on their projects and we will be meeting again in the next few weeks. I have meetings with the University to discuss how PEP volunteers can be supported by the CSHE and work in tandem with Chancellery and existing programs.

Access: We are working on a draft to present to the University regarding the creation of a new outreach program.

Education Conference Grants

Our grant scheme for the NUS Education Conference has been largely completed, but at time of writing the education committee have yet to ratify the decision.

Discrimination Reporting

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

My.unimelb Sanctions

We have released a survey for the appearance of my.unimelb sanctions. If you have experienced a sanction on your my.unimelb page, please fill out our survey (available via the UMSU Education Facebook page). Once we have accrued enough responses, we will write a report and meet with Sebastian Cortes in due time.

Faculty of Arts Review

SRN members and myself are currently gathering student responses to the Faculty of Arts review to substantiate UMSU's submission to the review.

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

We are in the early planning stages of Women in Higher Education Week (to coincide with the NTEU & NUS Bluestocking Week). If you have any ideas, or would like to get involved, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Respect Week (8th-12th May)

During Respect Week, UMSU Education held another How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials event for both staff and students. This event went well, and we will be following up on attendees and creating accessible notes for members of all education collectives and groups. Thank you to Ella Shi for hosting.

National Volunteer Week (8th May-12th May)

Our volunteer week event went well, it's exciting to have the V Hive open. Thank you to Yasmine Luu for hosting this event.

Stress Less Week (22nd-26th May)

We are hosting a movie screening on the 25th May of *Inside Out*, complete with decadent hot chocolate and care packages for Stress Less Week. This went incredibly well!

Finances (See previous reports for meetings 1/17 to 5/17)

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Budget Line	Amount Passed	Comment
6/17	12/04/2017	Catering for PEP Training	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$50	Spent \$50
6/17	12/04/2017	Artwork for Tarot Card Promotion	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$100	Spent \$100
7/17	17/05/17	Stress Less Week Event	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$800	Spent \$771.38
7/17	17/05/17	Winterfest Event	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$250	Not yet spent
7/17	17/05/17	Promotional Artwork	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$7	\$6.50
7/17	17/05/17	Facebook Advertising	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$400	Spent \$30.19; Spent \$60.23
7/17	17/05/17	EdPub@Pub Bar Tab	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$500	Spent \$130; Spent \$36
7/17	17/05/17	Volunteer Week Catering	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$130	Spent \$112.50
7/17	17/05/17	Federal Budget Actions and Events	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$1000	Spent \$397.10; Spent \$167.40
7/17	17/05/17	PEP Workshop	Campaigns, Special Projects, and Events	\$500	Not yet spent

Environment
Lizzie Nicholson & Kate Denver-Stevenson
With Updates & Recommendations

Student's of Sustainability

Lizzie and Kate are back from the #1 major event organised by the Australian Student Environment Network, Students of Sustainability. We worked hard this year promoting the event, and we sent 32 students to the event, with a full ticket reimbursement!

Kate helped organise a kick ass fundraiser for ASEN and SOS at her house before we left, not really anything to do with UMSU, we were able to raise \$1350 thanks to gorgeous musicians from Melbourne, and the money raised helped with transport costs for Indigenous elders to attend the conference.

The most exciting news to come out of SOS is that Victorian Student Environment Network (VicSEN) has taken on the task of organising SOS2018! No doubt the enviro collective will be heavily involved in making the conference a reality for the next 12 months.

At SOS Lizzie ran two workshops, sharing campaign strategy skills and allowing space for reflection on the state of education organising around the country. Collective members had a very enjoyable time, contributing to the success of the conference by participating in workshops, volunteering in the kitchen and community gardens around Newcastle where food was sourced, performing at the open mic night, organising the annual *Fashion Free Show*, setting up guerilla gardens all over Newy and attending an excursion to an ecovillage.

Collective members also participated in a bunch of rad direct action throughout the course of SOS. The most notable action occurred on the last day, where 14 Commonwealth Bank branches were shut down around the Newcastle area for a full day. The protest was organised autonomously as a means to put pressure on the bank to refuse lending to the Adani coal mine project, as well as fossil fuel projects more broadly. With a focus on anti-colonial, anti-capitalist action for climate justice, students of ASEN should be commended for their persistent action against oppressive forces in our society.

It should be noted that in the days following this action student representatives from around the country met at the National Union of Students Education Conference, where the National Environment officer refused to join the Stop Adani campaign and was asked to resign. Given this is the last year the NUS will have a formal position for someone to represent environmental issues, this outright rejection of the largest environmental campaign in the country is especially hurtful. We pay thousands of dollars in affiliation fees for this support, only to be left with petty chants of “frack, frack frack” and “dig it up, ship it out.” As mostly 20-something students, we are going to face the impacts of climate change our whole lives. As organisers within our communities, we should have the full support of our union in protesting the unjust actions of our governments that value the profits of the few over the livelihoods of the many.

Recommendation: That Students Council publicly endorses the campaign to Stop Adani, and asks NUS Campus Rep Caleb Triscari to enquire with NUS Enviro Officer, President and General Secretary as to why they do not feel the need to contribute to the historic campaign to stop the QLD Labor Government approved Adani Mine.

In the absence of support from the National Union of Students, we also ask Students Council to consider contributing funds from the national campaigns budget line to costs associated with the running of the Stop Adani campaign. We would suggest donating to an organisation like Seed, Australia's first Indigenous youth climate network, who are doing great work in opposing changes to weaken the Native Title Act with their campaign Land Rights not Mining Rights.

Fossil Free

Lizzie attended the National Fossil Free Strategy Summit held in Newcastle between 27th-28th June. She spend 3 days strategising with other fossil free groups from across the country to come up with a plan to expose the University's dirty ties with the fossil fuel industry. We've also recently submitted an FOI to try get some goss out of the uni, but now have to go have a meeting with them about what our objectives were in submitting it - like the fossil free page or join our mailing list if you wanna see how that pans out.

Recommendation: To move that \$250 from the Campaign A budget line be used for the upcoming Fossil Free strategy weekend.

Climates

Climates held another successful networking event on the 29th of June with the help of the collective, they also held a successful trivia night on the 20th.

Bike Co-op

We have decided to extend opening hours to 4 hours on Tuesdays next semester, to keep up with demand. Members of the Co-op are organising to meet with members of the CERES Bike Shed to discuss the best way to foster a Cooperative. Kate is in the process of developing a role positions for volunteer coordinators who will be an essential part of the Co-op becoming a volunteer program.

Lockout Lockheed

Are working hard throughout the holidays. They sent a contingent to the "Women's March to Ban the Bomb," have held a strategy planning day and a research working bee. The wonderful paper-mache bomb has been devoured by the resident Union House mice in the enviro office which is both disgusting and a shame.

At SOS, several people from Lockout Lockheed joined forces with WACA, students from the conference and local Newcastle residents to protest the Aerospace weapons HQ of Lockheed Martin and Raytheon by blocking the entrance and demanding an end to weapons sales to Israel.

Enviro Collective

Have been writing essays and preparing for exams. We hope to go out to Benalla for the Regent Honeyeater Tree Planting Project in second semester.

Winterfest

The Environment department will be offering hot vegan pumpkin soup at Carnival Day. We will also be promoting our regular GreenScreen and Bike Co-op Breakfast with Winterfest.

Enviro Week

The first tiny bit of planning for enviro week has begun, we plan on doing it during week 8. That's basically all we can say at this stage.

Wash on Waste

Thanks to the help of Sam Williams from Sustainable Campus, we're adding mugs to the plates that get washed in Union House. There's still a bit of work to do, including talking to cafe owners, investigating the purchase of mugs, and communicating with the cleaning staff. If all goes according to plan we'll be able to announce the addition during Enviro Week!

**Indigenous
Wunambi Connor & Marley Holloway-Clarke**

No report submitted

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

Edition Five

The Media Department has sent Edition Five to print and will be receiving 3500 copies by July 14. The Edition Five Launch will be held on July 27 at Tsubu and copies of the magazine will be distributed during Winterfest.

Sexplorations Week

During Sexplorations Week (week two, semester two) the Media Office will be sharing a series of sex, consent and relationship themed articles both new and from previous years on the *Farrago* Facebook page.

The Edition Five editorial – which will be in distribution during Sexplorations Week – is sex education themed.

Edition Six

The Media Department has closed submissions for Edition Six. Over fifty students submitted written and graphic works to this edition of *Farrago*. The written pieces are with our team of subeditors. Edition Six is expected to be on the stands by the end of August and will include the pull-out election booklet.

Wordplay

The first Wordplay of semester two will be held on Tuesday July 18 in the new media office. *We recommend that up to up to \$250 be passed from our Special Projects/Events Budget Line for wine and pizza.*

Winterfest

The Media Department will have a stall on Carnival Day and volunteers from the collective will be distributing copies of Edition Five and giving out bookmarks and stickers to the new students. *We recommend that up to up to \$50 be passed from our Special Projects/Events Budget Line for snacks for our volunteers*

Above Water

The shortlisted works and cover artist for Above Water have been determined and inside art is currently being commissioned. *We recommend that up to up to \$6950 be passed from our Above Water Budget Line for Above Water printing.*

Radio Fodder

Applications for semester two Radio Fodder shows have been closed and we are currently running two radio training sessions for the new presenters this week. Online contributor positions for the Radio Fodder Blog are closing next week and we will be interviewing applicants in the coming weeks. The Radio Fodder studio has moved to the old Returning Officer's Office on Level Four of Union House. The new studio will require additional soundproofing and an external hard drive is required to move our music to the new computer *We recommend that up to up to \$800 be passed from our Radio Fodder Budget Line to purchase a soundproofing kit.*

We recommend that up to \$100 be passed for the purchasing of an external hard drive from the Radio Fodder Budget Line.

We recommend that up to \$60 be passed for post Radio Training drinks from the Radio Fodder Budget Line.

People of Colour
Ella Shi & Hanann Al Daqqa
With Updates

Key Activities

Preparation for Winterfest

Planning for Winterfest is underway. We'll be holding a stall serving hot tea and running badge-making again as it has been a consistently successful activity. This will be a good chance for new students to chat to us about the department in a fun and relaxed setting. We've also finally organised a screening of Moana, to be held at the Rowdy during Week 1. This will be a good chance for the collective to get together again, and it will also be open to all students as a Welcome Back / Start of Semester Two event.

Special Consideration – exams and Ramadan

This year the exam period coincided with Ramadan. Following steps taken at some other universities, we liaised with Muslim students via the Islamic Society, and in conjunction with the Education (Academic) department to ensure students who were fasting were not negatively impacted. The main issue flagged with us was that students with evening exams would be unable to break fast at sun down.

Subsequently, we received info from the University that students who were fasting would be able to bring food in to their exam provided they notified the examiners at the beginning. We're hoping to follow up on this so information is more accessible to students as there does not seem to be clear guidelines on the university website.

Another issue which students raised with us was the conflict between daily prayers and exam scheduling. While we are not aware of any precedent for special consideration in this area at other universities, we're aiming to look further into this issue.

Tutor Training Workshop – Arts Faculty

We're currently working with the Arts Faculty on tutor induction and training for semester two. At the moment, we're preparing an info/ fact sheet and organising a student panel to address issues around cultural sensitivity, privilege and strategies which could be implemented. We're pleased to be working with the University on this issue and we hope this will be the beginning of an ongoing relationship.

Department Publication

We've begun putting together a team to start up our department's publication. We received over a dozen applications and we're excited to see this project develop.

Queer Blake Atmaja

Key Activities

Queer Ball

Bobby McGees is now mostly finalised as the event space for Queer Ball. The space is quite large and as this is an established event with an established location, I'm expecting that we'll do quite well. I'm arranging marketing material with Comms in terms of posters, and looking towards after party venues + other materials for the night. The date has been set for Thursday the 21st of September, being in Week 9 of Semester 2.

Rad Sex and Education Week (now changed to Sexplorations 2017)

We've had a number of issues arise from the original name of the week (held for Week 2, Semester 2) - people have found it hard to acclimate to due to the 'rad' word use. Initially, this word was coined in the 1990's to denote something as cool, which helped earlier years to raise awareness of the week as being both radical (as heterosexuality is unfortunately the mainstream form of sexual education currently taught) as well as being inviting to new students. With the word being shifted to more uncomfortable terminology usage, the name change was suggested. After much deliberation we've settled on Sexplorations, with the tagline of '**Sex, Consent and Intimacy**' to cater to a wider variety of a/sexual and a/romantic students, while keeping it playful.

We're still in the development stages of the project at the moment; as most of the office bearers have had examinations, we've struggled to cohesively map out the week - Yasmine has been taking action while we stress, thankfully, but in the weeks leading into the Winterfest period we'll be settling event ideas and speakers for the event. We're hoping for a larger turnout than in previous years, and looking to move a large amount of the information material online, to cater for students who cannot or feel uncomfortable attending sessions.

Winterfest

Following on from the start of year orientation, Comms has pitched 'Winterfest' - this will serve as the mid-year orientation for transferring and mid-year entry students coming to Melbourne. Queer is looking to have a speed friending session, tabled for the Thursday afternoon of the first week of semester, and a movie + tea party night, tabled for the Tuesday of Week 0. We'll be distributing our pencils from the start of year at our stall in the week, as well as running these events + pushing our multitude of collectives for the students.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Sexplorations 2017

We should have a comprehensive plan for all departments by next meeting, with funds pending approval by our committees.

Queer Ball

By next meeting I'll have Bobby McGees finalising a quote in regards to catering, and looking towards using ideas that we had for Eurovision for the event; eg. Snapchat, Polaroid cameras + potential sponsorship from queer related brands.

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 \$1922 of \$3600 // at 53.41% of yearly spend
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Food expenditure for the Eurovision event	\$1000	Food and Beverages	Used \$60 on vegan bakes from food co-op, majority funded from University
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Alcohol expenditure for the Eurovision event	\$1300	Food and Beverages	Pending invoice approval
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	AV expenditure for the Eurovision event	\$3200	Special Events / Projects	SPENT
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for security for the Eurovision event	\$1300	Special Events / Projects	Waiting on invoice from security
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for cleaning staff for the Eurovision event	\$400	Special Events / Projects	Waiting on invoice from cleaning
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for bar staffing for the Eurovision event to be paid to the Activities Department	\$750	Special Events / Projects	Spent \$475
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for music rights for the Eurovision event	\$200	Special Events / Projects	Spent \$74.26
Meeting 5	16.05.17	Approval of grant applications for QC conference, with the understanding that any money left over will be placed into increasing travel reimbursements.	\$5500	Special Events / Projects	To be used / divided amongst participants - reimbursed after event
Meeting 5	16.05.17	Approval of expenditure towards Winterfest	\$500	Special Events / Projects	~ \$50 spent on Costco run for stall

**Queer
Evelyn Lesh**

No report submitted

**Welfare
Ryan Davey & Teresa Gornall**

Stress Less Week

Overall Stress Less Week in week 12 was a big success! Stress Mess on the Tuesday was a hit, attracting around 30 people after Bevs, Bands and BBQ's. The turnout for the Hula Hoop Workshop was a bit disappointing, and we don't recommend that the classes be done again next year. The highlight of the week was the Thursday carnival, which had South Lawn packed from 12pm-2pm. The Finding Dory film night, run with the Disney Appreciation Society was a surprise hit with 40 people attending. We will be writing up a detailed outline for future Welfare OBs giving out tips for running the event in years to come.

Food Bank

Following the end of the exam period, we went on another Costco run and have stocked up the food bank for semester 2. Both the Info desk here at Parkville, and Stop 1 at the VCA campus have seen an increase in the number of packs distributed. We'll continue to top up the supply at each distribution point, and look into options for potential sponsorship in semester 2. As we get closer to the end of the year, we will begin to write up recommendations for how the Food Bank can be improved in 2018.

Breakfast Bar and Thursday Cooked Breakfasts

In semester 2 we are looking to continue the expansion of both the breakfast bar and cooked breakfasts. From the most recent financial report, we have not spent as much as we would have thought on food and beverages so far. This leaves us with some room to expand what's available.

Winterfest

During Week 0 of Winterfest we will be running our main event on the Wednesday. It will include a BBQ, mulled cider, s'mores and other Winter-related. Depending on how many volunteers are available, we might also run the Welfare Angels helper program again.

Regular Events

While self-defence was popular throughout semester 1, we do not feel that the costs of continuing the sessions are justified in semester 2. Meditation, Zumba and yoga will be continuing, however, on different times than last semester due to changing availabilities with instructors.

Expenses

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line
6	2/5/2017	Hula Hoop Dance Class	\$400	Special Projects
6	2/5/2017	Film Rights – Finding Dory	\$150	Special Projects
6	2/5/2017	Petting Zoo	\$660	Special Projects

6	2/5/2017	Bubble Soccer	\$660	Special Projects
6	2/5/2017	Paint canvasses	\$80	Special Projects
6	2/5/2017	AV equipment hire for movie night	\$304	Special Projects
6	2/5/2017	AV equipment for Hula Hoop Dance Class	\$40	Special Projects
4	7/3/2017	Yoga Classes for weeks 6-12	\$600	Regular events
4	7/3/2017	Zumba Classes for weeks 6-12	\$330	Regular events
4	7/3/2017	Self-defence remaining costs	\$1650	Regular events

**Women's
Hannah Billett**
With Recommendations & Updates

Judy's Punch Editors

I had the delight of choosing the new Judy's Punch editors for 2017. On advice of last year's editor, Aime Green, we expanded the position to include two roles – one for writing/content and the other for graphics/layout. We have an overwhelming expression of interest in the position and it was incredibly hard to choose the two editors. All applicants should be proud of the effort they put in. Ultimately, I chose Esther Le Couteur for the writing/copy role and Ilsa Harun for the graphics/layout role. The editors will be paid an honoraria of \$50 per week. However, due to changeovers in finance, I am as yet unable to secure the paperwork for making this happen. This is something I will address in the coming few days and hope to have them paid asap.

AHRC Sexual Assault on Campus Survey

We have confirmation from the university that select UMSU representatives will be able to view the survey results one week before they are published. The university has also expressed an interest in working with us closely on branding and messaging. I am concerned about the motives behind this because I feel this may be used to their advantage by representing UMSU as supportive of the university's policies in this space, when this is not the case. I have already been in discussion with people from inside UMSU and the GSA to formulate our position, and want to thank Yan, Yas, the Legal and Advocacy Team and the Comms team for their advice and support.

Winterfest

Planning is underway. We are hoping to do a herbal tea stall to keep people warm as they peruse the carnival. Due to the overlap with the survey release period, we will be running a low-key Winterfest.

Sexplorations 2017

With the name decision behind us, it is also time to plan this week. We are beginning to put together the week and I will keep council updated.

Spending

No spending since last council

Recommendations

That council approve up to \$100 for tea supplies from the Orientation budget line in the Women's Department budget.

That council approve up to \$200 for food and drinks for the first week collectives from the Orientation budget line in the Women's Department budget.

Burnley
Jessica Peeler
With Recommendations

Key Activities**Frog adoption**

We have rehomed approx. 40 Spotted Marsh Frogs from a PhD project. We ran a successful workshop where students could build their own enclosure and learn how to care for their frogs.

End of semester party

We held an end of semester party at Prudence Bar on 1st June, in conjunction with the Melbourne University Geographical Society and the Forest Ecosystems Students Society. This was a great opportunity to work with other student groups, and attendees enjoyed the night.

Pruning workshop

We are planning a workshop at the community garden in the first week of semester.

UMSU stall during Winterfest

UMSU will be holding a stall at Burnley during Winterfest to tell students about their services.

Progress on assigned actions from last report**Continue SAB improvements**

We now have a toaster and sandwich press.

Action points to be completed by next report

Finish organising community garden pruning workshop.

Organise student volunteering day at Burnley gardens.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
4	21/4/17	End of semester party	Up to \$2,000	Activities & events	Spent \$1207
4	21/4/17	Laminator & laminating sheets	Equipment line (no specific amount passed)	Campus equipment, printing & photocopying	\$176.19
3	9/3/17	Toaster & sandwich press	Up to \$500	Campus equipment, printing & photocopying	\$110

Recommendations

To pass up to \$1,000 from the Activities and Events Budget Line for a social event at Burnley at the beginning of semester, for food, alcohol, and other items as required.

To pass up to \$350 from the Incursions and Workshops Budget Line for catering for a postgrad writing club in semester two.

To pass up to \$300 from the General Operations Budget Line for catering for a semester 2 event where students can volunteer in the Burnley gardens and learn gardening skills from the horticultural team.

To pass up to \$650 from the Incursions and Workshops Budget Line for catering and other materials for industry networking events at Burnley with guests from the horticulture industry.

**Victorian College of the Arts
Nicholas Lam**

Key Activities

-NIL Activities planned for the holiday period-

As the VCASA does not have any significant intake during the middle of the year, we will not be organising any activities until the start of Semester 2

Meeting with Dean of VCA & MCM

I will be meeting with Professor Conyngham, the Dean of VCA and MCM to discuss administrative changes in the next academic year in order to facilitate bonding and shared spaces between the different disciplines in the Southbank campus.

This will largely aid future VCA OB-holders in organising events and bringing about a sense of community as many changes will only take place after my term of office is up.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

-NIL-

Action Points to be completed by next report

-NIL-