

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

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

**President
Yan Zhuang**

No report submitted

**General Secretary
Yasmine Luu**

Dear Councillors, I apologise for my smallish report. As you can imagine, with the stress of Winterfest and other priority grabbing programs, my mind has been elsewhere. Please see a summary of what I have been up to since last Council.

Book Co-Op Framework

No change since last meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to discuss the future of this program at Council.

UMSU Centre Stage

As previously stated, this will be in week 6 of semester. It will be taking the best bits of UMSU and taking it down to University Square. I've gotten a fair bit of involvement, and currently working on the design with comms. This is moving smoothly.

Stances List

It continues!

Grievance Tribunal

Councillors would have received notice of the UMSU Grievance Tribunal. The tribunal will be considering the case made by the C&S Committee against Students' Council concerning the Agriculture and Food Sciences Society.

This tribunal will happen before Council and I will give a verbal report when this occurs.

Harm Reduction

Trying to set up a meeting with Victoria Police to progress further. UMSU has been told that we will be able to distribute the kits via Harm Reduction Victoria which can be found on Peele street. Unfortunately, so many roadblocks keep occurring.

Winterfest

Winterfest looked like it went off! I helped office bearers where I could with menial tasks, but overall it was the wonderful effort of the OB's and comms that really made carnival day great. Congratulations to them!

I am happy to answer any questions that Council may have. I apologise again for the inadequate report.

Activities
Jacinta Cooper & Lydia Paevere

Key Activities

Union House House Party

Union House House Party is fast approaching, happening in week 2, this should be a great event for new students to the University as well as those who have been attending for some time now. It is a much more relaxed, much less structured event than usual. We are planning to have punch on arrival, drinks at a reasonable price, plenty of snack food on tables such as chips and lollies as well as pizza for dinner. Tay will be DJing the night and we have a roaming photographer from 8:30-11pm. The majority of the planning has been done, all there is left to do is sell the tickets which will be happening at the Tuesday Bands, Bevs and BBQ as well as the info desk, and buy decorations and glow accessories such as glow sticks for guests to use.

Trivia

This trivia will be the biggest one for the year, with 24 tables booked in already we are already exceeding usual numbers. We are very excited for this one and as this is our third trivia, planning has become easier over time. We will have free pizza for guests, free entry, alcohol available for purchase, soft drink available for purchase and free water. We are hoping to incorporate some more bonus rounds between rounds while the score sheets are being marked to keep things entertaining the whole night. This is one not to be missed.

Budget Expenditure

No money has been spent yet for these events

Clubs & Societies
Kayley Cuzzubbo

No report submitted

Clubs & Societies
Gulsara Kaplun

UMSU Carnival

The UMSU Winterfest Carnival was held on the 19th of July, the Wednesday of Week 0. The C&S department had our usual stall, handing out cardholders and clubs guides. We received a great deal of interest from incoming students.

Clubs Expo

The Clubs Expo took place on the 20th of July, with 82 clubs in attendance. There were three last-minute cancellations from clubs, but they were quickly filled from the waiting list and every stall was occupied in the end. Due to inclement weather, we allowed clubs to begin packing up at 2pm if they

wished, rather than making them stay until 3pm. Despite the wind and rain, attendance and engagement was as high as in previous years, with many clubs reporting good sign-up numbers.

Creative Arts
Harriet Wallace-Mead & Sara Laurena

No report submitted

Disabilities
Cassandra Prigg & Alston Chu

No report submitted

Education (Academic Affairs)
Caley Mcpherson & Roger Samuel

No report submitted

Education (Public Affairs)
Sinead Manning

No report submitted

Environment
Lizzie Nicholson & Kate Denver-Stevenson

No report submitted

Indigenous
Wunambi Connor & Marley Holloway-Clarke

No report submitted

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

The Media Department received 3500 copies of Edition Five on Monday July 16. Edition Five contains the written work of 34 contributors and the artwork of 45 graphics contributors. The cover was designed by Jialin Yang. Copies of Edition Five were distributed at Winterfest on Carnival Day. The Edition Five Launch Party is going to be held on Thursday July 27 at Tsubu Bar.

Farrago Edition Six

The Media Department are planning to print 3000 copies of Edition Six which will be arriving on campus by Wednesday August 23.

Edition Six will include the election booklet which will contain the statements and photographs of candidates running in the UMSU elections from September 4-8.

The Edition Six Launch Party is going to be held on Tuesday August 29 at Tsubu Bar.

Winterfest

The Media Department had a team of twelve volunteers helping out at our Winterfest stall on Carnival Day. We distributed copies of Edition Five to new students and gave out bookmarks, stickers and badges.

Wordplay #04

The Media Department held its fourth Wordplay last Tuesday July 18 in the Media Office space. Six members of the Media Collective got up to read or perform their work to an audience of approximately 20 people. Pizza and wine was provided to attendees.

Above Water

Above Water is currently being put together by the editors and a team of volunteers. The winners and runners up have been selected by a team of judges from the literary community including Lucy Adams from Voiceworks and Annabel Brady-Brown from the Lifted Brow.

The anthology will be sent to print early August and will be on stands in time for Mudfest. The Above Water Launch party will be held as part of Mudfest and copies of the anthology will be distributed alongside ticket purchases throughout the festival.

Radio Fodder

Radio Fodder is up and running with a new program consisting of thirty-eight radio shows for Semester Two! Two training sessions were held in early July for our new radio presenters where trainees were taught the technical and legal elements of running a radio show from a team of student radio trainers.

Farrago Video

A new video for the Farrago Video channel called 'Student Doggo' is currently in production. This team was a collaboration of three video team members and involved members of the Media Collective as actors and extras.

Recommendations

We recommend that up to \$11,000 be passed from the Printing Budget Line for Edition Six Printing.

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

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

Key Activities

Senate Submission re: citizenship changes

Senate submission completed as per last council's motion.

Winterfest

For Winterfest, we held a stall serving chai and with badge making. We spoke to new students about the department and the response was positive. Overall we would deem it a success. The second component of our Winterfest program is a Moana screening which will be taking place Thursday afternoon in the Rowdy and we're looking forward to it.

Arts Tutor Training

In the last month, we've been collaborating with the Arts Faculty on tutor training and induction for semester 2. The main goal was 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.

We were able to present an info sheet at their training workshop on Wed 19th July which summarised ideas and strategies from the How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials workshops. We also assembled a student panel, comprising of Wing Kwong, Ethan Taylor and Blake Atmaja, which spoke to the workshop of their experiences and ideas. The response was highly positive and we hope to work with the Arts faculty again in the future.

Publication

We've put together a team of 11 students to start up our department's publication. We held our first meeting where ideas were discussed and roles were delegated. Everyone was enthusiastic and this project sounds promising.

Anti-Chinese Posters on Campus

Unfortunately on the first day of semester, it was brought to our attention that malicious posters targeting Chinese international students had been put up on campus. The posters threatened students with deportation and contained the logos of the University of Melbourne, the NUS and the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA). Over 10 of them were found and they contained links to Antipodean Resistance – a neo-Nazi group which has targeted the University of Melbourne before. We were in touch with a number of students and the CSSA, and the posters were removed. Campus security and the University were informed, the matter was reported to the police and CCTV footage is being reviewed.

In response, we will be putting up the remainder of our anti-racism posters on Wednesday. We also wrote a statement outlining UMSU's stance towards diversity and inclusivity which has since been officially released.

Regular Events

People of Colour collective and Race and Diaspora Reading Group will be continuing as usual – collective one a week on alternating days, and reading group every third week.

**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. I want to also use the event to release our annual Queer Zine, so I'm exploring options in regards to that. 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)

[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.] Unfortunately we're still finalising events - the autonomous departments in particular have struggled with the holiday period / getting students engaged. The movement in regards to the week has been slow - I've ceded much of my involvement to Hannah and Cass as I've been unable to engage due to examinations and the Host Program leading into WinterFest. As previously stated, 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. This has been a priority, as I'd like to have much of the sexual intimacy information accessible to students and possibly the general public. We're still waiting on concepts back from Comms and with WinterFest winding down I'm looking to dive back into this week.

Winterfest: UPDATE

Queer Stall

The Queer stall worked really well this semester - Yasmine and Matt from the Clubs Council have been a massive help and were able to man the stall while I was attending orientation duties. We were able to throw a lot of information at the mid-year intake students, and again we had a massive spike in interest from the pencils Queer ordered for SummerFest. There was unfortunately a small amount of latent homophobia - we had some students and families turn away quite quickly after finding out what we were spruiking, but we addressed this by being as kind, informative and engaging as we could be.

Speed Friending

The first event we had for Queer's WinterFest calendar was Speed Friending; I was interested in running an event like this as it has gone well previously for other departments such as the Host Program and Mentoring. Holding it in the Student Bar was a bit of a struggle - I didn't have any helpers initially as my co-office bearer had been unresponsive during the weeks beforehand and of WinterFest - but the other departments helped me out and I'm really grateful for their assistance. For the students who came (we had about 30 to 40), they all seemed extremely happy to be able to meet new people at the university - due to the break, we didn't have as many returning from the current queer collective, but everyone who came mingled well and stuck around afterward as a large group chatting and having fun. It was also a good chance to spruik the collectives and I had a number of students enquire on Queer's and the regular events held by the university.

Tea Party / Movie Night

For Tuesday of Winterfest, Queer is also holding a tea party and movie night combo. We've got specialty tea as well as general snacks being served - I'm hoping to have the night be more of a friending event so people can chat and discuss things without feeling stressed about exams etc. The movie we are showing is '**Carol**', which is a queer-friendly and award-winning film that I'm happy to show.

Action Points to be completed by next report

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.

Queer Zine Template

I'm looking towards expanding Queer's 'Colour Your Own Rainbow' movement at the start of semester into a fully formed zine to be distributed at Queer Ball - I'm enquiring with Farrago and other departments on how to move ahead on this and the timeframe I'll need to run this.

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
Meeting 5	16.05.17	Approval of expenditure towards Winterfest	\$121.26 from \$500 used	Special Events / Projects	\$50 spent on Costco run for stall \$54.64 spent on snacks for speed friending, with leftover snacks being utilised for tea party \$16.62 spent on hot chocolate and snacks for tea party

**Queer
Evelyn Lesh**

No report submitted

**Welfare
Ryan Davey & Teresa Gornall**

Winterfest

During Week 0 of Winterfest we ran several events on the Wednesday. This included a BBQ, mulled cider, s'mores and a faux snow area for snow fights. We had a large presence on the day and our volunteers were amazing. Unfortunately we didn't get enough people for the Welfare Angels to run. Because Winterfest is a lot smaller than Summerfest, we will recommend to next year OB's that it only run during the latter event.

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. From this, we will attempt to continue expanding these events in order to reach the budgeted amount.

Regular Events

Meditation, Zumba and yoga ran well throughout semester 1. Feedback from the instructors was positive, and numbers were around the same as last year. Meditation, Zumba and yoga times have been confirmed with instructors for semester 2 and will be commencing from week 2, however, times had to be altered slightly due to changing availabilities with instructors.

Think.Eat.Save 2017 Melbourne

On Monday week 1, Ryan helped OzHarvest run the Think.Eat.Save event in North Court, which was organised by the Comms department. The event had a huge turnout over the course of the afternoon and had several great messages and strategies around minimising food wastage at both a local and global level.

**Women's
Hannah Billett**

No report submitted

**Burnley
Jessica Peeler**

Key Activities

UMSU stall during Winterfest

This has been cancelled by Comms.

Welcome back party

Trying to figure out how to order alcohol for this with the new liquor licensing rules. No date confirmed yet but possibly Monday July 31st.

Postgrad writing club

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

Networking event

We're trying to organise a networking event at Burnley with guests from the horticulture industry. It has been difficult to find a time suitable for everyone, so we may hold a couple at different times.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Pruning workshop

This was planned for the first week of semester but the person teaching it fell through. I'm trying to organise it for another time soon.

Student volunteering day at Burnley

I am waiting to hear back from the gardens manager about suitable days.

Action points to be completed by next report

Organise welcome back party.

Organise pruning workshop.

Budget Expenditure

None since last report

Victorian College of the Arts
Nicholas Lam
With Recommendations

Key Activities

Meeting with Dean of VCA & MCM

Met again with Dean of VCA & MCM, Professor Conyngham. He expressed his plans for the Southbank Campus over the next five years, and his vision. This outlines what the VCASA will be most effective in doing during that time. He also expressed his support for our work so far, and we expect communications with the various academic and infrastructure departments to be smoother moving forward.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

-NIL-

Action Points to be completed by next report

-NIL-

Recommendations

McCarthyism Talk and Screening

That up to \$500 be spent on providing food and beverages for a student-led screening and invited guest lecturer from RMIT. Some beverages will contain alcohol. The screening, and accompanying lecture, will touch on McCarthyism and how communism shaped the film industry during that era.

Film title will be sent to autonomous departments for approval prior to screening.

VCA Revue

That up to \$2,500 be spent on expenses for a “VCA Revue”. The revue will be a platform for VCA students to express themselves in the form of sketches, short plays, songs and other theatrical means. The money will; be primarily used for UHT hire, costumes and down payments for various services like tailoring.

This is not part of MUDFest.

Tickets for the Revue will go on sale, and proceeds will possibly be returned to the VCA.

Reallocating Food Budget

That current expenses for “Monday Breakfasts” seen in previous reports be reallocated to provide more food for “Wednesday BBQ Lunches”. Seeing a low attendance of people making use of the former service, we would like to reallocate the funds for a more popular service and maximize the use of the funds.

Effective Week 2 of Sem 2 2017.