

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

10:00am, Tuesday the 9th of May 2017

Meeting 9(17)

Location: Training Room 1, Level 3, Union House

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President Yan Zhuang

Student Precinct

I had another meeting of the Student Precinct Steering Group on Wednesday 3 May. At this meeting, we endorsed two reports which would determine the general direction of the project. These were mostly high-level, conceptual documents, and the general position that was put forward was that the Precinct should be a place where students could both socialize and relax. Similar to the last meeting, I stressed the importance of the Precinct as a centralised hub for student activity, and that its aims of being a place for socializing and connections should be prioritized. This was taken on board. There was also some discussion around potential changes to the Swanston Street Tram Stop (renovating the tram stop, moving it further up or down Swanston St) but these were discussed within the context of several other projects, and it seems that the Student Precinct project has limited influence over this.

Associate Degree of Urban Horticulture

Myself and Caley met with Jessica to discuss next steps in regards to the discontinuation of the ADUH, and it was decided that the BSA would submit a formal petition to Academic Board. Jess has done this, and I will be speaking to this petition at the next Academic Board meeting with the aim of delaying the termination of the ADUH.

Respect Week

As part of Respect Week UMSU Women's will be holding a screening of the Hunting Ground on Thursday 1st May 5-7pm. I highly encourage everyone to attend this screening. It took an incredible amount of work to ensure that this screening would happen, and I would like to give kudos to Hannah for her hard work throughout this process. Hannah and myself will be giving speeches at the screening.

Academic Board Review

Academic Board is currently undergoing a regular review as set out in its constitution. This review covers Academic Board and the committees that sit under it. Roger and myself met with the independent reviewers. We discussed challenges that student reps face and positive aspects of our experience which we thought should continue (e.g. having an informal meeting with the president of the board/committee to familiarise us with procedures). We were also given an indication of some of the recommendations the reviewers might make – the one which I am personally excited about is about ensuring diversity amongst the board's officers.

Federal Budget

The UMSU response to the higher education announcements was released on Monday night (thanks to Sinead for providing the majority of research for that). I and some other OBs am in the process of drafting another statement around the budget more generally. I will be appearing as a panelist on Radio Fodder's live budget coverage on Tuesday night and am scheduled to speak at NUS' Budget speak out next Wednesday.

Work rights/penalty rates campaign

Myself and Teresa have been in contact with Meld Magazine, an international student magazine/organisation who are currently running an international students campaign in conjunction with the Victorian Government. They've published online articles in both English and Chinese, have a quiz available on their website and have done some workshops about workplace rights. We're hoping to invite them onto campus to do a work rights workshop and do some cross-promoting with them. In addition to this, I was approached by the Chinese Philosophy in Business Club about UMSU having a stall at their Career Expo in Week 11. I saw this as a good opportunity for us to promote the volunteering opportunities UMSU has, but also to provide information to students about work rights and the services UMSU provides in that regard. The audience of this Careers Expo will primarily be international students, who are especially at risk of workplace exploitation. I have passed this on to Welfare, who will be coordinating materials and volunteers for the expo. I also agreed on the condition that we would be able to see a list of companies who will be at the expo, to ensure that we are not implicitly supporting dodgy companies.

Centrelink Campaign

The first planning meeting for UMSU's Centrelink campaign was held on Wednesday 3 May, organized by Cass. At this meeting, we brainstormed demands and potential actions. We are looking to incorporate a number of these demands into our media statement in response to the budget, and Cass has started a google doc for this purpose.

General Secretary
Yasmine Luu
With Updates

Key Activities

Book Co-Op Framework

After Council's acceptance of the Book Co-Op proposal, I have been working steadily on the framework. Once a skeleton has been formed, I will consult the General Manager, Justin, as well as Stephanie, the Volunteering Coordinator, to flesh out the more complex parts of this framework. Ultimately, this is a slow process. I want to make sure it is right the first time and thus am researching incredibly hard to make sure this program will be sufficient for Students' Council and the University of Melbourne Student Body.

I believe it prudent to meet with the current Book Co-Op coordinator to understand where they are at and get their thoughts and ideas. I will organise this meeting and hopefully report back to Council afterwards.

Working Groups

My usual scheduled working groups have not been held since last Council. However, below are some summaries of what's been occurring.

Ethical Sponsorship Working Group

Currently waiting on feedback from the General Manager as well as Legal and Advocacy on the proposed Sponsorship Policy, the meeting did not run as we had nothing else to discuss until it is returned. We hope to present it to Council once it's been checked over.

Constitution, Regulation & Policy Working Group

The last working group had no one attend. On the agenda was to fix the issues related to affirmative action. We will be discussing this as the last working group for this semester instead. There have been many recommendations provided by this working group and I've been so far incredibly impressed by the discussions and thoughts of the attendees.

Orientation Working Group

Due to time pressure and a huge migraine, I had to cancel the last meeting.

Accessibility Action Working Group

Although not chaired by myself, I was happy to sit and discuss the Accessibility Action Plan, at the most recent working group. It was decided that we research a consultant to help us write the plan.

Harm Reduction Working Group

Has not met recently, but discussions have brought forth the Harm Reduction movement to the Farmers Market. A survey will be developed to ask students at the farmers market about Harm Reduction and to gather data to use.

Electoral Regulations Meeting

I will be sending out notice after this report is submitted, for a meeting to discuss changes to the Electoral Regulations. Spearheaded by Alston Chu, Disabilities Officer, he has asked me to organise a meeting and do some background research.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 23rd of May 2017 at 12:45pm just before the Tuesday Bands, Bevs and BBQs. We reached quorum and passed the financial report and OB reports. It was successful, but if I have the time, I would like to explore alternatives to this. The Annual General Meeting doesn't work, there needs to be change.

Stances List

Surprisingly therapeutic, I've been trawling through minutes from many years ago. As stated in my last report, I am creating a stance booklet that has all of the ideological motions passed by students' council since UMSU began (or at least as far as I have the minutes). This will take a while to complete, but it will end up being an incredibly useful document that future Councillors and General Secretaries to use.

I have yet to find any stances that were opposing, but I am only up to 2010. It will be interesting to continue going through them.

Weekly Secretarial Duties

As part of the weekly routine that is being General Secretary, I organise council, agendas, working groups, attendance, and collate information together to make it presentable. Unsurprisingly, this takes up a fair chunk of my time and I endeavour to find an easier way of doing this simple bureaucratic work to free up time to get down to actual business. But for now, I continue to slave away over papers and the website. I have fallen behind in uploading minutes on to the UMSU website, I have set aside a whole afternoon next week to get that up to date. I offer my apologies to Council, Officers and students for not being timely.

Attendance

After some issues with attendance, I am creating a new process that will come into effect next council.

1. A table will be placed in front of the doors, where the attendance book will stay
2. OB's, Councillors and observers will be required to write in their name as well as the time they've entered
3. At the half hour mark, a line will be drawn on the attendance book indicating the attendance time has ended
4. I will keep my own list of times and attendees to compare with the details listed in the attendance book

I would also like to point out to all Office Bearers and Councillors that it is not okay to sign in as someone else as having attended council, or indicate attendance for someone else.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Discrimination in Class Reporting Mechanism

This will be completed by the next report.

Status: *Ongoing*

V Hive opening

I was the Master of Ceremonies for the opening event of the V Hive. Thanks to the amazing work of Stephanie Di Battista, Volunteering Coordinator extraordinaire, the V Hive is looking like a friendly, resourceful, fun place to work.

Status: *Complete*

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*

Action Points to be completed by next report

Book Co-Op Framework

I put this under this heading, but I believe it will be finished after next Council. But I can be hopeful.

Collation of Constitution, Regulation and Policy Working Group decisions

I will be collating all of the discussions we have had in the Constitution, Regulation and Policy Working Group and show to Council to get their endorsement of these changes.

Committee minutes update

By next Council, my goal is to have all minutes updated. As previously stated, I have set aside ample time to do this task. All minutes of committee meetings can be found on the UMSU website.

Activities

Jacinta Cooper & Lydia Paevere

With Updates

Key Activities

Week 10 Trivia

Trivia was quite a success. There were only a few tables booked in at first but by the time the day came we had over 200 people booked in. The atmosphere in the room was great and by all feedback people enjoyed themselves. We decided to go with Pronto's for the pizza as they could invoice us for the food that could be paid after the event which was necessary as the previous student's council was inqorate as was our previous two committee meetings and we didn't have the money passed before the event to pay for it. We also wanted to support an on campus business instead of a large chain. This was more expensive but a lot more convenient and students seemed to enjoy the better quality pizza. We also took dietary requirements and were able to cater for vegans and those with gluten intolerances which hasn't been a priority in the past.

Food Truck Festival

On the last day of semester, we plan to have food trucks on concrete lawns – most likely Mr. Burger, a desert truck and/or a Mexican option (Dos Diablos which we used for St Paddy's Day Trivia are not available). We have been in contact with the Science Student Society who hold their end of semester "Kegs and Sun" BBQ then, and they are happy to move their event to the union lawns to bring people there and provide alcohol for those who wish to get food from the trucks and then have a drink.

Semester Two Planning

We are going to start collecting ideas for semester 2 bands at Tuesday BBQ. We have published a google doc for all students to recommend bands that they wish to see through our Facebook page and got a mix of really helpful answers as well as Itsi requesting EMS over 12 times. Last semester we contacted clubs and collectives to create a list of bands to contact so we hope that we can expand this to get opinions from all students.

After the low numbers in ticket sales of the past few events – we are planning to book both North Court and Grand Buffet Hall for Oktoberfest so that we can accommodate a smaller or larger crowd. Years ago, Oktoberfest was always very successful in Grand Buffet Hall and always sold out. If the demand is there, however, we will be able to move the event to North Court and accommodate a larger number of people. We will need to start planning early and have ticket sales early so that we can determine with enough time which space we are going to use.

There have been many issues with booking Grand Buffet Hall for next semester though since it has been handed over to the University. We are finding that so many bookings we are wishing to make we can't as the space has been offered to external events instead. For example, there are frequently regalia companies in there for graduation ceremonies and out booking request submitted to use the space on October 6th was denied as there will be an external company in there. There are also classes being held in the event space which is very frustrating as there are only a handful of buildings on campus that could accommodate a student function of more than 200 people and we can't use it for its intended purposes. We don't want to have to look for venues off campus to hold our events but we are being left with no choice at the moment.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Students' Council 8(17)	27/04/17	Ticket printing	\$300	Special Projects	Spent \$77
Students' Council 8(17)	27/04/17	Cocktail DJ	\$500	Special Projects	Spent \$250
Students' Council 8(17)	27/04/17	Cocktail Photographer	\$300	Special Projects	Spent \$180
Students'	27/04/17	Facebook advertising	\$30	Special Projects	

Council 8(17)					
5(17)	12/5/17	Cleaners for Trivia	\$1000	Special Projects	Spent \$321.02
5(17)	12/5/17	AV for Trivia	\$500	Special Projects	Spent \$370.45
5(17)	12/5/17	Gas for Trivia	\$200	Special Projects	Spent \$113.36
5(17)	12/5/17	Bar Staff for Trivia	\$500	Special Projects	Spent under \$350
5(17)	12/5/17	Security for Trivia	\$1500	Special Projects	Not yet billed
5(17)	12/5/17	Laminating for Summerfest events	\$10	Special Projects	Spent \$7.80
5(17)	12/5/17	Pizza for Trivia	\$800	Special Projects	Spent \$729
5(17)	12/5/17	Printing	\$100	Special Projects	

Clubs & Societies

Kayley Cuzzubbo

Executive wiki

For the time being I have stopped up-dating the Executive handbook online as soon it will be moved to a new system and I have not been told exactly how this will work. Goldie is waiting on information from IT about the new system and once she is able to pass it on to me I'll start the changeover. As it stands I have updated all of the information (previously some of the information was out of date) that is on the wiki and have presented an action plan to the committee members to go over specific pages and provide me with the edits so when the content is transferred over I can incorporate the edits simultaneously.

I have also started a new list of additional sections to add to the wiki that will be written and added over the break.

The wiki was presented to the clubs present at the Clubs council meeting last week. I went through some of the different pages with them and clubs provided suggestions for information they would like to be included.

Eurovision

After the low number of ticket sales on Tuesday may 2nd I called for a committee meeting to discuss the event as it stands. The committee voted to pull financial support for the event, however they continued to support the event itself. As the Queer department was still invested in running the event myself and Blake worked on a new course of action to run the event with minimized costs.

We still had the Cider clubs providing cider for the event, we were able to use a respect week grant to pay for food. The event was moved to the student bar to reduce AV costs and only three bar staff were hired for the night.

I organized with the clubs participating how to get access to the event and put together (along with Blake) a run sheet for the evening, and also asked to club doing the chill out space to run the cloakroom for the evening. The night itself ran well, there we about 100 attendees. The remaining pilsners have been put into storage and I have been in discussions with Comms about using them at other events so they do not go to waste.

General Admin

Over the mid-semester break Fiona was on leave and as the only one present in the office the priority was keeping up with the emails from the clubs, completing asset checks and being there for other general walk ins. The following week was also mainly consumed with replying to club emails.

Volunteer Recognition

As part of the launch for the V-hive Fiona and I handed out the 'gunter pins' to club executives and conducted a raffle for the clubs which turned up.

Clubs Council

A date was set for clubs council, Fiona and I did the room booking for the event and at a committee meeting we determined what the agenda should be for council. At the council meeting Gulsara and I alternated in presenting the report and I gave the wiki a bit of a soft launch. Two new committee members were elected.

The original plan was to also launch the food options to club's council but there is not enough time. The initiative will be revisited over the inter-semester break, contacting the food vendors and organize catering options for affiliated clubs. Most of the work done on it this semester was meetings with the Comms team to get approval to contact the food vendors in Union House.

Welfare Training

I have started working with safer communities again to set up welfare training for camps which will be running in semester two. Two session have been all confirmed and booked. I am also in the process of setting up a meeting for setting up general welfare training, once I know we can provide all clubs with sufficient access to welfare training I will write regulations to introduce a permanent welfare officer role on club committees.

Expenditure

Item	Amount	Budget Line	Notes
Wristbands	\$77.00	Special Projects	Eurovision
Tickets	\$140.00	Special Projects	Eurovision
Printed beer glasses	\$3376.05	Special Projects	Eurovision
Chocolates (prizes)	\$39.29	Special Projects	Volunteer Recognition
BBQ Hire subsidy	\$762.36	Special projects	March & April

Clubs & Societies Gulsara Kaplun

Clubs council

Clubs Council was held on the 16th of May, where the C&S department invited a representative of each of our affiliated clubs and societies to a general meeting. This was a great opportunity to receive feedback from a large variety of clubs regarding the changes and new programs this semester, as well as gathering ideas for the future.

We were unable to fully launch the Exec Wiki at the meeting as the server is in the process of being transferred as part of the MUSUL wind-up, but we were able to show clubs the completed pages and the table of contents. Feedback was generally positive, with the suggestion that we include a link to the grievance procedures in the 'welfare' section of the wiki..

Clubs indicated that they preferred holding the clubs expo during orientation over Wednesday/Thursday, rather than Thursday/Friday as in previous years as it allowed them the option of running separate events on the Friday night of O-week. We brought up the possibility of Shimmerlands infrastructure being available to clubs in future years for orientation, but there didn't seem to be much interest,

Following the recent resignation of two C&S committee members, we ran an election to fill two casual vacancies. There were some difficulties in the application of UMSU's affirmative action regulations to a case where there were two staggered casual vacancies and one female candidate who was elected subsequent to a male candidate, but a result was eventually achieved after consultation on how to interpret the regulations. I will be making a submission to the electoral regulations working group to see if there needs to be a clarification or change in the UMSU regulations that makes the procedure explicit in similar cases.

South of Grattan event

The C&S department will begin collecting expressions of interest in the coming weeks. From clubs for the South of Grattan event on the 31st of August. This event will be held in University Square and will targeted at students enrolled in faculties such as Law, Education and Commerce. A number of UMSU departments will be involved, and we are hoping that a number of clubs will also participate with their own mini-events on the square.

New club affiliations

We are almost through the process of affiliating our new clubs for semester 1, 2017. All IGMs have been completed and we are just waiting to receive minutes and attendance lists from these clubs to finalise their affiliation. This round would see us affiliating up to 12 new clubs from the 22 that initially applied. This would bring us to a total of 223 clubs and societies.

Meeting number	Meeting date	Item description	Amount passed	Budget line	Comment
11	23/05/17	BBQ hire subsidies	\$762.36	Special projects	AV@Melbourne
10	12/05/17	Volunteer recognition week	\$39.29	Special projects	
9	28/04/17	Testing and tagging for Orientation	\$490.91	Orientation	AV@Melbourne
9	28/04/17	Power & pinboards for Orientation	\$1500	Orientation	Comms

9	28/04/17	BBQ hire subsidies	\$549.63	Special projects	AV@Melbourne
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Creative Arts
Harriet Wallace-Mead & Sara Laurena
With Updates

Key activities:

Mudfest (21st-26th August)

Everything is coming along! We have almost finalised the program in terms of which artists will be included, and what venues we will be using. Our team is working really well together, and despite everyone being slightly under it because of assessments etc, commitment levels have remained high and we are really enjoying working with such a strong team.

Sophia Sourris has spoken to the Farmers Market organisers about us having a little outdoor stage during the market to provide another space for live music, and we have begun sourcing quotes from AV.

We have finished a partnerships document to distribute to potential interested parties (it is really pretty!) and the festival is beginning to feel much more concrete.

We have had one major hiccup in the process. We discovered our booking for the Grand Buffet Hall that we believed we made in February had not been recorded. Now it is looking very difficult to secure because Open Day is on Sunday the 20th, and they have also scheduled an exam in there on Friday the 25th. We are following this up with the help of Susan Hewitt.

Pot Luck Open Mic Night

We held our final PLOM of the semester last Thursday and it was our most successful yet! We had at least 60 people in attendance, and performances went from 6:30-9pm without stopping. We then had a presentation of a new work by student Catherine Cote called Project Empathy, which she reported was a good experience for her, and definitely served the purpose of providing a space for works that can't really exist in the theatre. We are very happy with how this event has come along, and believe it has provided a really nice space for people to test out new work.

Life Drawing

We've held our first two life drawing sessions with some success. Class sizes have been on the smaller side but attendees seem to be getting something out of it. We've also had models of varying genders which has been valuable for attendees.

Grants – Finance

After some frustrating experiences with finance our first round of successful grant applicants have been paid.

Committee

Unfortunately, we have now lost two committee members due to a failure to attend. We had someone in mind to fill one of the spots, but then realised our gender balance will be off (both the members we lost were women). We are in the process of resolving this issues.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Action#1:

Publicise Life Drawing Event

VERDICT: Achieved

Action #2:

Program Mudfest artists!

VERDICT: ongoing, our creative producers are holding meeting with artists in order to discover finer details and then we will be able to program

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Action#1:

Hold final life drawing class

Action #2:

Program Mudfest artists

Action #3:

Begin securing partnerships/sponsorship for Mudfest

Action #4:

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

Action #5:

Set Mudfest artist induction date

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
10	25/5/17	Life Drawing Model payment	\$140	3850	\$70x2 - \$35 per hour for two 2hr sessions
10	25/5/17	PLOM #4 (18 th May 2017)	\$	3839	\$126.9 – pizza \$59.58 – AV (we ordered alcohol in bulk previously so didn't have to buy more)

Disabilities
Cassandra Prigg & Alston Chu

We have begun preliminary publicity efforts intending to ramp up for the start of the next semester. We will be in consultation with SEDS, CAPS, and the host program in order to lay foundational work towards ongoing streams with which students may become engaged with the department. There has already been an increase in the rate at which students contact the department.

While we were unable to organise a workshop on behalf of the department for Radical Education Week, we expect that those enquiries may precipitate into an event at a later date. Apart from this, the first meeting to discuss the centrelink campaign has been held, producing a broad overview of the ways in which students may be affected.

We have been pleased with the quality, content, and materials of the Auslan classes. This year's Vicdeaf course has brought more particular explanation of certain aspects of the language, evolution in vocabulary, and sturdier booklets. There has been significant interest in classes for the coming semester.

Finally, Network Disabled has started running again on Radio Fodder at 1pm on Fridays.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Caley Mcpherson & Roger Samuel
With Updates

Key Activities

Associate Degree in Urban Horticulture

The Burnley submission was presented to the Academic Programs Committee (APC) on the 28th April, and student representatives requested that, due to confusion around the roles of the APC and Academic Board and other things, discussion of the teach out plan be postponed until the following meeting. This was rejected, and the teach out plan was approved by the APC, and then by the Academic Board. The BSA are continuing to support students currently completing the degree, and advocating that undergraduate horticultural courses still be taught at Burnley.

Password protected lecture recordings

The Ed Ac office spoke to a Farrago reporter about this, and there will be an article coming soon. The working group bridging APC and TALQAC in which we were originally going to discuss this policy proposal has been cancelled, and instead Caley discussed it in ACCC on Thursday the 4th. It will be discussed further in a smaller group and the University will respond formally to the proposal in the next Elected Reps meeting. In the meantime, Caley is sending a fleshed out version of our proposal to Richard James to inform their discussions.

FlexAp Forums

We held a General Education Forum on the 27th April, and one on the 4th of April. Each forum covered two of the FlexAp workstreams in detail, and students were able to discuss their experience and opinions to inform our understanding of the recommendations. All student councillors are encouraged to read the four FlexAp Green Papers that are currently released, and to submit any feedback to the Ed (Ac) office, to be forwarded on.

Academic Board External Review

Yan and Roger met with Academic Board external reviewers on the 28th April. We expressed areas of improvement for Governance on Academic Board and its committees, and also provided a list of best practice initiatives for facilitating student representation on University committees, and for clarifying the major organisational structures and their jurisdictions.

SRN

We held SRN meetings on Tuesday the 2nd of May and Tuesday the 23rd of May. The meetings were informative and well attended. We discussed FlexAp, the Federal Budget, the Associate Degree in Urban Horticulture, the Academic Board Review, Cadmus, and Assessment feedback and procedure.

Preference-based timetabling

Since reading the FlexAp Green Papers we have contacted the relevant Education Officers from all of the Victorian Universities that currently have a preference based timetabling systems. We have received a reply from two of the Education Officers, who believe that the preference based timetabling system is more equitable and results in less clashes and issues than the first come first served system.

Improving assessment feedback and student disengagement

This project is a part of a working group Caley is co-chairing with Wendy Haslem and another she is member of as parts of TALQAC. The Ed Ac office has released a survey asking for student feedback on what constitutes constructive assessment feedback both within the semester and at its end, and we encourage responses. We are planning a small number of focus groups early next semester on both of these topics.

Stress Less Week

We have planned a screening of 'Inside Out' with hot chocolate and a therapy dog, in Union Theatre on the night of the 25th (after council). We encourage all to come along!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

We presented the submission to APC regarding the Associate Degree in Urban Horticulture, and spoke to their concerns in the meeting.

Last Action Point 2

We held 2 General Education forums on FlexAp, each focusing on two of the four Green Papers. We also attended the University's FlexAp Discussion Forum and posed a number of questions to FlexAp workstream leaders.

Last Action Point 3

Contact has been made with previous Office Bearers, and a couple of them have agreed to be contacted by the Constitutional Working Group.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Continuing to gather student feedback regarding constructive assessment feedback and organising qualitative research on feedback and student disengagement.

Action Point 2

Submitting recommendations and queries regarding the FlexAp green papers currently released, using feedback from UMSU FlexAp Forums.

Action Point 3

Submitting a fully fleshed-out proposal to relevant academics to inform their discussions ahead of the next Elected Reps meeting.

Action Point 4

Continuing to contact other student union education officers and research the impact of preference-based timetabling, and other implications of the FlexAp papers.

Updates:

On Tuesday (22nd May) night the Vice Chancellor Glynn Davis indicated that he would be finishing as Vice Chancellor at the end of his term. We do not yet know who his successor will be.

Education (Public Affairs) Sinead Manning

PEP Collective

Our third PEP collective meeting was held on the 1st May. We brainstormed the goals of our campaigns.

Access: The access stream intend to run an outreach campaign for a new program supporting low SES secondary school students. This will be in the vein of the In2Science program. Whilst not targeted at the current student population, this campaign is working towards greater diversity in future university intakes. Further, it is important for current university students to continually lobby for a high quality of, and access to, tertiary education.

Equity: Equity volunteers are working on a proposal for a printing credit to be granted to students as part of their enrolment in a subject. They are campaigning for the university to begin a semester long trial, perhaps in a Bachelor of Design subject.

Quality: The quality stream are discussing the procedures and implementation of policies around the Student Experience Survey, as well as tutor training resources.

Senator Birmingham's budget proposal had not been released at the time of our last meeting, so I cannot provide further information about how PEP volunteers are working on it. However, there has been robust discussion in the Facebook group. Our next collective meeting will focus on responding to the budget.

Federal Budget: Higher Education Proposal

UMSU Education is disgusted by the proposed changes to higher education. In particular, the 2.5% funding cut, 7.5% fee increase, lowering of the HECS-HELP repayment threshold, disadvantage to students from New Zealand, and the Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching. I don't want to brief you on the budget here, but there are multiple posts on the UMSU Education Facebook page including links to a petition, debt calculator, and the UniMelb Contingent to the NUS Rally.

Our budget response will include:

- Fodder live budget panel (9th May)
- Post-budget speak out in South Court with NUS (10th May)
- Hosting an EdPub@Pub post-budget pub night (11th May)
- Postcard campaign to cross-bench senators
- A banner painting day in the Arts Lab (probably 15th May)
- Speak out in South Court with BBQ pre-rally (17th May)
- Taking students to the NUS rally (17th May)
- Multiple phone banks (Dates TBC)
- An event with the NTEU (Date TBC)
- Panel events (both formal and informal) (Dates TBC)

SRN

The SRN met on the 2nd May. I discussed the government's higher education budget proposal, including our response (see above). We also discussed the FlexAP Green Papers, discontinuation of the Associate Degree in Urban Horticulture, assessment feedback and procedures, Cadmus, and the external review of Academic Board and its committees.

I would like to highlight the release of the FlexAP Green Papers, and encourage all students to read them (find them at provost.unimelb.edu.au/FlexAP).

University FlexAP Forum

On the 3rd May, the University held a staff forum for the FlexAP. The chair of each workstream that has released a completed green paper (Physical Infrastructure, Virtual Infrastructure, Large Undergraduate Subjects, Timetabling) gave an overview of their process and recommendations. The Curriculum Structure and Approach, Curriculum Sharing, and Semester Structure workstreams intend to release their green papers in the next four weeks. The Academic Workforce green paper will not

release its own green paper until the recommendations of the other seven workstreams have been put forward.

The recommendations discussed at the forum were well-considered and I am cautiously optimistic about the first four green papers. However, there were some issues in the ensuing discussion where it seemed the physical infrastructure and timetabling workstreams had not considered disability access in their work. These issues will continue on an individual basis, which is a shame considering the potential for accessibility to be embedded in the workstream recommendations.

Radical Education Week (1st-5th May)

My radical education week events went well. At the Lost Subjects workshop, we brainstormed the ways in which student activists can preserve memory and pass on knowledge. Since the introduction of the Melbourne Model, the University has seen a fast turnover of undergraduate students. This has damaged the ability of student activists to pass on knowledge of campaigns. Things which were once abhorrent (the introduction of the Melbourne Model) are now accepted. We workshoped ways to ensure student activism has a long memory, and the ways we could act or change our own practices to facilitate this.

My other session, a second How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials workshop, was well-attended. We discussed some of the strategies for balancing privilege and disadvantage in tutorials, focusing on practical steps for both staff and students to take. Some highlights included: exploring rotating roles in tutorial settings; normalising acknowledgments of country and asking pronouns in ice-breakers; tutors asking questions and then giving students a minute of silence to write down possible answers before bringing it back to a group discussion; negotiating the space of the tutorial in the first meeting, emphasising learning together as a group and peer based interactions; increasing tutor training, particularly around cultural awareness and support services; reinforcing and crediting when someone who is less privileged than you puts forward an idea; being aware of how everyone has the chance to participate in group work; and generally considering your personal responsibility when it comes to issues of privilege.

Respect Week (8th-12th May)

During Respect Week, UMSU Education will be holding another How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials event for both staff and students. This allows those involved in the collective and previous workshops to take the actions and concerns already outlined to the University's staff. This will take place on the 11th May from 4pm-5pm in the Training Rooms (level 3, Union House).

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

We will be holding a small event during volunteering week open to all education volunteers (Badge Making and Baked Goods, with Fairy Floss) in the volunteering hub on the 8th May 1pm-2pm.

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.

Education Forum

On the 4th May at 4.15pm-5.15pm, there was an education forum to discuss the FlexAP green papers on Timetabling and Harnessing Virtual Infrastructure. This was a broad discussion in a small group, but teased out some of the main student-facing recommendations in the papers.

Discrimination Reporting

We have finalised the Discrimination Reporting format, and Yasmine is changing the UMSU website accordingly.

My.unimelb Sanctions

Yasmine and I are continuing to work with Sebastian Cortes to change the appearance of sanctions on the my.unimelb homepage. We are currently finalising our survey, to be released to students ASAP.

From previous report: "We are currently working on the appearance of academic sanctions on the my.unimelb homepage and the integration of targeted support services for at risk students. Our goal

is to have a my.unimelb page that encourages and supports students throughout their studies. We are going to circulate a survey regarding the appearance of sanctions on the my.unimelb page.”

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

Environment

Lizzie Nicholson & Kate Denver-Stevenson

Students of Sustainability

We're getting ready for the best skill sharing, enviro conference in town, Students of Sustainability, held in Newcastle from June 30. We're promoting the event amongst our networks and making sure students know they can get reimbursed for their ticket costs. We'll be planning transport to the conference in the coming weeks.

We've been collaborating with other environment collectives in Victoria, raising funds for the event, and have been promoting info sessions about the conference held in various locations around Melbourne. We held a forum on Monday of week 12 about Unionism and the modern environment movement.

Bike Co-op

This the bike co-op is currently the busiest it has ever been. Since being given a permanent space in the John Smyth basement in August last year, we've built quite a name on campus, with many students (especially international and exchange) coming along for free bike repair/skill sharing. At any one time there are four bikes being worked on, with other people also coming to watch along and learn. We are still helping roughly 10-15 people every week at our Tuesday breakfast.

Fossil Free

Fossil Free are busy planning their "Orange you glad it's a party" which is coming up on Friday! Should be a hoot :)

Collective

Enviro collective is planning an upcoming action against an undisclosed target ;) with the assistance of Friends of the Earth Collectives.

In week 10 the enviro collective had two special guests, a member of Friends of the Earth, and a volunteer from the Great Forests National Park campaign. We are planning to collaborate with both these groups in the future.

Recommendations

To move \$150 for the costs of the fossil free website from the Environment's budget Special projects line.

To move \$80 for food for meetings from the Environment's budget Special projects line.

Indigenous Wunambi Connor & Marley Holloway-Clarke

Key Activities

Key Activity 1 - Social Calendar

This semester we have continued to run our social calendar for Indigenous students. After a small hiccup with organising a movie night we were able to continue with our Trivia and Bar Night and Black Out Party (Please see details below). We will be running movie nights in Semester 2 as part of a more casual social program - Details TBC.

- **Trivia and Bar Night**

Our Trivia and bar night was a hit in Week 8, with approximately 20% of our overall collective attending (Yay). This event saw an increase in first year attendance, which was great considering the overall decrease in first year engagement (as we have witnessed with other departments key to the types of programs we run). This was also a really good opportunity for our committee to be more involved in volunteering and helping with our events. We hope to build our volunteer base in order to increase activities in semester 2.

- **Black Out Party**

This week we will be hosting our final event for the semester, the Blackout Party. This will be a final chance for mob to come together socially before exam prep and the overall assessment period. We have organised music, a photo booth, and twister for what is sure to be a great night.

Key Activity 2 - Outdoor Gallery Project

Monday 22nd May was the official launch for the Outdoor Gallery project with the Student Precinct team. We had five Indigenous students from both VCA and Parkville campuses contribute work. We had three A0 lightboxes permanently installed on the side of the building along with two large wooden boards attached on different walls. With great numbers in attendance it was a great start to an ongoing project and collaboration. The works will be on display for the next couple of weeks.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Key Activity 1 - Under Bunjil

The editorial team for volume five is working hard to get the next edition of Under Bunjil out on stands over the next week. This volume has seen an increase in written and creative content, reflecting a greater range of Indigenous student opinion and voice.

Key Activity 2 - Biggest Blackest Show

The biggest blackest show wrapped up for its final for the semester this week. Host Melinda Phillips has brought a new energy and reinvigorated the show with new regular segments including, WTF brought to by the media, Gammon not Gammon, and Deadly Indigenous achievement of the week. It's so important for us to have these platforms for indigenous voices and we look forward to next semester's shows.

Key Activity 3 - On Campus Sport

This week both of our Netball teams have played in the first round of finals for the MU On-Campus Sport Netball competition. Given a decrease in attendance we are reviewing our participation in this competition and looking at after hours options

Key Activity 4 - Indigenous UniGames

- We have had our first round of official trainings and a team social event.
- The uniforms are currently being digitised.
- The accommodation and transport have been finalised over the last week.
- Going into exams we are continuing on trainings until we depart.

Key Activity 5 - Funding Applications

Earlier this semester we received confirmation from Murrup Barak that we had been awarded \$33,500

in funding. Of this \$20,000 came from SSAF Grants. We were not expecting this and had not been consulted by Murrup Barak when they applied for funding on programs that our department runs. We are gathering more information at this time and will present it to students council as it comes to light. Ultimately, this affects our overall budget as we were not able to apply for SSAF Grants for those programs as well.

Action Points to be completed by next report

N/A

Budget Expenditure

Please see the attached report that was presented to our Indigenous Committee.

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

FARRAGO

Edition Three

Farrago Edition Three has been sent to the printers and 3000 copies of Edition Three are expected to arrive on or before Thursday May 11. Edition Three includes news, commentary and creative works written by students, and a range of student artwork. Edition Three printing has cost the department \$11,430. The money for this printing was passed at council on 27/4/17.

The Edition Three Launch Party will be taking place at Tsubu on Thursday May 11. The Launch Party is costing the Media Department \$500 which was passed at council on 27/4/17.

We launched Edition Three on Thursday April 11 at Tsubu.

Edition Four

Farrago Edition Four submissions closed on Sunday April 30. The written works being published in Edition Four are currently with our subediting team. Edition Four will most likely be sent to print in late-May and should be in the stands by SWOTVAC.

Edition Four is currently being laid out. It will be sent to print next Monday May 29.

The Edition Four Launch Party will be held at Tsubu on Thursday June 8.

Edition Five

Edition Five submissions opened on Monday May 8 and will be closed later on this month.

ABOVE WATER

Above Water is the annual creative writing anthology co-produced by the Media Department and the Creative Arts Department

FEDERAL BUDGET COVERAGE

Canberra Lock-up

Farrago Magazine and Radio Fodder applied for eight places between them in the Federal Budget coverage. Unfortunately, student media organizations including Farrago, Honi Soit, Woroni and Syn Radio were denied access to the federal budget lock-up in Canberra. The Media Officers contributed to and signed an open letter to the government published on Honi Soit which was published last Monday night <http://honisoit.com/2017/05/an-open-letter-students-locked-out-of-budget-lock-up/>.

Radio Fodder Budget Special

Despite this, the Media Department has engaged a team of thirteen people to help us run our budget coverage. Radio Fodder is holding it's annual Budget Special on the evening of Tuesday May 9. The radio panel will include reporters, students and office bearers and will seek to summarize the 2017 Budget for its listeners and capture student's reactions to the Budget in the moments after it is released.

Farrago will also be publishing a range of news stories and feature pieces responding the the 2017 Budget, focusing on its impact on students and higher education. These articles will be published online from Monday May 8.

Update on Radio Fodder Budget Special

Radio Fodder Budget Coverage

On Federal Budget night, Radio Fodder held a 2 hour long Budget Special with Yan Zhuang and guests from the Disabilities Department and ESA.

A team of 10 students volunteered on the evening, including Farrago Campus Reporters and Subeditors, interviewed students, spoke on radio and wrote articles.

Expenditure

At the last council we passed \$300 from Radio Fodder Budget Line. Due to our application being rejected for the Canberra lock-up we will no longer be needing these funds for this purpose.

ABOVE WATER

Summary

Above Water is the annual creative writing anthology co-produced by the Media Department and the Creative Arts Department. Above Water is a competition and the winners (written and graphic) and the runners up (written) receive a cash prize. The Media Department and the Creative Arts Department judge the submissions and choose the ones that are published in the anthology. Following this three judges from the literary community decide which of these submissions should receive prizes. This process is blinded so none of the judges are made aware of who created the work they are judging.

Timeline

The Media Department, Creative Arts Department and Above Water's Editorial Assistant, Harry Baker, opened Above Water submissions on Monday May 1 at 9am. Submissions will be closed on June 16 at 5pm. The Departments are planning to launch Above Water during Mudfest 2017. The winners of the competition will be announced at this Launch Party.

The Media Department have begun postering around campus for Above Water Submissions. We have also begun contacting industry professionals to judge the shortlist.

Radio Fodder Semester Two

Applications for Semester Two radio Fodder shows will be opening on June 1.

Recommendations

It is requested that council passes:

- Up to \$100 from the Farrago Online Budget Line for Above Water facebook promotions.
- \$55 for pizza for our volunteers working on the Radio Fodder Budget Coverage from Special Projects/Events Budget Line
- \$29 for lighting hire from AV from Special Projects/Events Budget Line
- Up to \$12,000 for Edition Four Printing from the Printing Budget Line for Farrago Edition 4
- Up to \$500 for the Edition Four Launch Party from the Special Projects/Events Budget Line.

People of Colour
Ella Shi
(Hanann Al Daqqa currently on leave)

Key Activities

REGULAR EVENTS

We've had a strong end to the semester with People of Colour collective. Attendance has been consistently strong and we're excited to continue next semester. Our final reading group for semester will be taking place Thursday Week 12.

RESPECT WEEK

International Student Discussion Panel

As part of Respect Week, we held an International Student Discussion Panel, where three panellists discussed their experiences as international students of colour in Melbourne and at university. This event was very well attended, with approximately fifteen audience members including representatives from UMSU International and university staff. The discussion was very insightful and the panellists expressed interest in participating in similar events in the future. We've written up an outline of the discussion and hopefully this can be used as a basis to create tangible changes. Afterwards, we were also contacted by Esther Manning, an engagement officer from university academic services who wanted to get in touch with the panellists and work with us to organise a couple of mid-year orientation events.

South Lawn Stall

We held a stall on South Lawn where students could make badges and talk to us about the People of Colour department. This was really successful and the response we got from students was very positive. Badge making has been a really popular activity and we definitely want to hold future events like this.

STRESS LESS WEEK

Dear White People screening

We held a screening of Netflix's Dear White People during Stress Less Week (week 12) at the Rowden White. It was a relaxing and fun way to end the semester.

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.

Eurovision Party

We've had a number of issues arise from this event, which I've been able to navigate. The Clubs and Societies committee has decided to cast no further funding to the event, due in part to the early low tickets sales - they are however keen to assist in volunteering time in advertising to their connected clubs and have been nothing but wonderful. I don't blame them in any way for the decision they've made - I would want no department to lose money on an event, and I believe they made the right choice. Souvenir glasses + DJ + extraneous costs have already passed, and they're honouring those costs in their budget. To combat this hit to funding, I've been following up with the university staff involved in Respect Week. Their budget is also quite small and seem to be willing in funding some non-operational costs - we've got a yes in funding the catering for the event, which is wonderful. The event is now being primarily handled by me, with Tony (Entertainment) + Comms + Fiona + Clubs + Goldie as the best support network. I really want to thank everyone and all the office bearers who've been helping me out in advertising and making this event strongly inter-departmental.

Tony has advised me on bar staff and working closely with the Activities Department for this. We're looking at having two managers + two to three bar staff for the event, with a separate bar for the Rekordelig sponsor as per their request - this bar will be staffed by the Cider Appreciation Society, who have helped get us in touch with Rekordelig and can promote their club at our event.

Ticket sales have been slow, but steady. Advertising only fully released Tuesday, so we're in the initial stages, but we've putting out poster runs + flyers at the UMSU BBQ + online ticket sales are now up, to boost public knowledge of the event. We're now at 50 tickets bought, with expressions of interest from clubs to buy tickets on bloc for members. In response to the slow sales, Tony and I have made the decision to down-scale the event. The University (Head of Infrastructure Services - **Byron Collins**) finally gave us a definite answer to the use of space, being a no. His response came with the note that the time of notice was too soon to the event, which I found staggering due to this event being on the university's radar since the end of Summerfest. Another thing that I have noted from the organising of this event - the University of Melbourne **never** filed a POPE application for their 'Cultural Collisions' event, despite it being budgeted for 1200 people in the South Lawn Carpark, a number 500 more than we budgeted for Eurovision. We were told hosting it without putting in an application would be illegal, due to the large space needing to be changed to an 'entertainment venue' rather than 'carpark', and the large size of participants. The Melbourne City Council needs to approve any change in this capacity and have building surveyors determine if a space is viable - from what we can see, the Melbourne City Council didn't receive any POPE application. The University responded to us by stating it was an 'invite only' event - a consideration yes, but the Occupancy Permit regulations state:

“4.3 Major events and attractions that require an occupancy permit

In some instances community-based organisations conduct events that require a POPE occupancy permit. These are **larger scale events** (i.e. the number of persons in the place at any one time during the event or activity exceeds 5,000 in a place larger than 500m²), **where the event is conducted in an enclosed or semi enclosed place and entry to (and exit from) the event is controlled**, or to which admission can be gained by payment of an admission fee or other consideration.”

From what I can gather, the University in using the South Lawn Carpark - an enclosed space that has only 4 exit points and a car exit, and having an 'invite only' event, meaning that entry would have had to be controlled in some sense - has breached council protocol.

We've moved down our plan from the aforementioned car park to Grand Buffet Hall; this has subsequently been moved down again due to restricted funding to the Student Bar. No costs are incurred for either the Hall or the Bar, but if the event does keep to a smaller 300 - 400 size, the Bar space is ideal rather than a large open space. I've approached other departments to have costs related to this event underwritten in the case that ticket sales aren't recouped (a number of 200 will keep up afloat) and have written a motion to Student's Council that effectively does this too. I'd like to keep all bases open. With Respect Week funding this needed ticket number goes down a little, but Queer as a department only has a \$25,000 budget, so underwriting is the sensible option.

Perseverance is now locked in as the after party venue - they're happy to service 100 people from the event, which should be okay for the reduced size we now have.

UPDATE: Eurovision Party

In all however, I was happy with the event. I was looking to have more collaboration and introduce the University of Melbourne student population to the Queer Department and those that use it, and hopefully facilitate new friendships and promote the services we provide. In that, I would say it was a great success. We had about 100-120 people attend – it was intended to be a larger scale event, but from those that attended I received only positive feedback. Many of them were delighted that such an event could exist in the UMSU calendar, and I hope that I've started a new tradition. Unfortunately due to the budget issues with the event, Queer has had to run this at a loss to us, hence why we're asking for Council to provide us with some help monetarily.

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.

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 \$228.30 of \$900
Meeting 2	31.01.2017	Queer Lunch Expenditure	\$3600 p/year	Food and Beverages	Spent \$1418 of \$3600 // at 78.8% of semester spend
Meeting 4	02.05.17	Purchase of a new rug for the Queer Space	\$250	Special Events / Projects	Spending ~ \$220
Meeting 4	02.05.17	Purchase of Snapchat filters for the Eurovision Event	\$100	Special Events / Projects	Two filters at \$50 each, spent

Meeting 4	02.05.17	Purchase of food and alcohol for the End of Semester Party event	Two motions at \$500 each	Food and Beverages	
Meeting 4	02.05.17	Purchase of cups in large supply	\$200	Special Events / Projects	
Meeting 4	02.05.17	Cake order for the Eurovision event - three large tiered cakes and 300 cupcakes	\$750	Food and Beverages	Likely to be downscaled to one large tiered cake at \$250
Meeting 4	02.05.2017	Merge of 'Travel on Union Business' and 'Conference' budget lines into ' CONFERENCE '	Now combined at \$2500	Conference	
Students Council, Meeting 8	27.04.17	Addition of Whole of Union funds to 'Conference' budget	\$3000, for a total of \$5500	Conference	
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Food expenditure for the Eurovision event	\$1000	Food and Beverages	
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Alcohol expenditure for the Eurovision event	\$1300	Food and Beverages	
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	AV expenditure for the Eurovision event	\$3200	Special Events / Projects	
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for security for the Eurovision event	\$1300	Special Events / Projects	
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for cleaning staff for the Eurovision event	\$400	Special Events / Projects	
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for bar staffing for the Eurovision event to be paid to the Activities Department	\$750	Special Events / Projects	
Petitioned Meeting	10.05.17	Expenditure for music rights for the Eurovision event	\$200	Special Events / Projects	

Meeting 5	16.05.17	Increase of funds for food and alcohol for the End of Semester Party event	Two motions at \$200 each, raising it to \$700 for both	Food and Beverages	
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	

Queer Evelyn Lesh

Key Activities (recent/current/upcoming)

Queer Collaborations conference

Queer Collaborations planning is progressing as per the previous report. Following the approval of additional funding by Council, we accepted formal applications from students, which were then approved by the Queer Committee. As the number of applications roughly matched our expectations, we were able to offer financial assistance for all of those who needed it. Including office bearers, there are now 13 students going, most of whom have had their conference registration and accommodation fully paid for, with some also receiving partial reimbursement for travel costs to Wollongong. All students who are receiving financial assistance will be required to report back to council after the conference.

Transgender 101 workshop

I facilitated a "Transgender 101" workshop as part of Radical Education Week. This was targeted at people unfamiliar with the trans community, to encourage more inclusive ways of thinking and talking about gender. Although only about 10 people attended (including some trans participants), feedback was extremely positive. There may be value in running more of these workshops in other contexts – they should ideally reach a wider audience, particularly people who have no exposure to or education about trans issues, as these are the people who make many spaces unsafe for trans people. For instance, running workshops for university faculties could indirectly benefit students.

Queer Space and regular events

Steady progress has continued to maintain and improve the Queer Space, with more key purchases underway, and some long-overdue cleaning tasks also done. Although we continue to hold regular events each day of the week in either the Queer Space or Training Rooms, most have seen fairly low attendance (except Queer Lunch), so we are still pursuing ways to get the word out about our weekly events.

End of Semester Queer Space Party

The end of semester party is taking place on May 25 (the day of this council), with up to \$700 each allocated to food and to beverages. We are aiming to host about 60 attendees in the Student Lounge. Generally these parties are fairly hands-off social occasions where the department just provides food and drinks, but we are hoping to ease social interaction for newer people by also having some games for people to play together.

Winterfest planning

Our plans for Winterfest include a speed friending event, and a tea party which will run into a movie night. We hope to target students both new and existing who are just yet to engage with the queer department, possibly because they don't know anyone else in our community.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Council 8	27/05/17	Financial assistance for Queer Collaborations	3000	Whole of Union	
Meeting 5	02/05/17	Financial assistance + OB costs for Queer Collaborations	2500	Conference	Total: 5500, covers 10-15 attendees
		New rug for queer space	250	Special Projects / Events	

		Cups for queer space	150	Food and Beverages	
		End of semester party food + drinks	1000	Food and Beverages	
		Eurovision Spectacular - cakes	750	Food and Beverages	
		Eurovision Spectacular – Snapchat filters	100	Special Projects / Events	
Meeting 6	16/05/17	End of semester party additional food & drinks	400	Food and Beverages	
		Winterfest events		Special Projects / Events	

Welfare
Ryan Davey & Teresa Gornall

University Mental Health Day

Following meetings with the University Mental Health Day working group, we ran a breakfast on the Tuesday morning of week 9 (May 2nd). This event launched the day's events and was done jointly with Counselling and Psychological services.

Stress Less Week

Planning has started for Stress Less Week 2017. Events will be running every day of week 12, from Monday the 22nd through to Friday the 26th. The schedule of events will be similar to last years. Most of the spaces have been booked for events, including South Lawn for the Thursday carnival and the Members Lounge for the Finding Dory movie night. We are now in the process of getting quotes and working out the total cost.

Food donations

Unfortunately, we most likely won't be continuing with weekly food donation collections from Coles in Melbourne Central. Most of the things donated were vegetables, and other things that students would have to take home with them to cook. These items weren't being taken from the breakfasts, as students most likely didn't want to carry them around for class, before heading home. We've told the organisation to contact us regarding breads and fruits, which would be more suitable, so future trips with volunteers will be based on what's available.

Breakfast Bar and Thursday Cooked Breakfasts

Scheduling for the breakfast bar and cooked breakfast now runs smoothly, and there are a core group of committed volunteers who we are able to rely upon for the events to run smoothly. We're now looking to spend a bit more money to expand what's available at the breakfast bar and to make the Thursday breakfasts run a bit longer.

Meeting with Safer Community

In week 8 we met with the Safer Community team. They've asked us to put together a pamphlet detailing a list of UMSU services relevant to students who seek assistance from financial aid. We'll aim to have these put together and send to the Safer Community reps by mid-June.

Women's Hannah Billett *With Recommendations & Updates*

Respect Week

The organisation of the Women's Department's contribution to Respect Week has been consuming the majority of time. There has been a lot of pushback from the university about our holding a screening of the Hunting Ground and we have had to make a lot of concessions for it to be able to go ahead. While we could have held it independently, securing a strong working relationship with the university is important to ensuring we have a voice in policy talks. The agreement we have come to allows the screening to go ahead while giving the university the opportunity to explain what they have been doing to combat the issue of sexual assault on campus. We think this will still be a valuable event for students.

Survey

Not much of an update on the survey front, but we have an official release date: August 1. Senior UMSU people will be able to say it when the uni gets the information, which is likely 2-3 weeks earlier.

Budget

I personally am appalled by the budget leaks that have been released so far and suspect the actual budget will only magnify this feeling. Women's Collective shares my feelings and there is a sense in this department that the cuts to university spending will squeeze services that women students rely on, while the earlier repayment of HECS will hit women disproportionately. Thus we are currently planning to run a phone bank for women students to call women MPs and Senators on the cross bench, who are the people who will decide the fate of the proposals. We hope for this to take place during Week 11 but are still sorting out the logistics.

Stress Less Week

The Women's Department is fully getting behind the Welfare Department's Stress Less Week. The two departments are collaborating on fun dance/hula-hooping lessons for women students to help them release positive vibes during what is an objectively awful time. We will also have a Craft and Cakes event after our Wednesday collective where women can enjoy yummy deserts while making art.

Money passed since last council

Date	Item/s	Budget Line	Amount
5/5/17	Tech support and security for screening	Special projects and events	\$800
5/5/17	Food for Crafts and Cakes	Special projects and events	\$200
5/5/17	Art supplies for Crafts and Cakes	Special projects and events	\$100
5/5/17	Dance/hula-hoop lessons	Special projects and events	\$200
5/5/17	Reimbursing committee member for food	Regular events	\$40

Recommendations

1: That Students Council passes \$3200 from the Special Projects and Events of the Women's budget to pay NOWSA for the attendance of the following students:

Student	Amount Requested
Laura Hillard	\$120
Maya Ellazam	\$370
Ankita Panjraton	\$370
Rosalind Anketell	\$370
Edwina Green	\$370
Farah Khairat	\$120

Carissa Godwin	\$370
Lucy Desmond	\$370
Sarah Xia	\$370
Amy Fitzgerald	\$370
Total	\$3200

2: That Students' Council passes \$1200 from the Judy's Punch budget line of the Women's budget to pay two editors a weekly honorarium of \$50 for 12 weeks, commencing the week following their appointment by the Women's Officer.

Burnley
Jessica Peeler
With Updates

Key Activities

Removal of Associate Degree in Urban Horticulture

We have put submissions into the APC and Academic Board, contacted everyone we can think of to ask them to email the uni, and met with the Head of School and Director of Urban Horticulture. There's not much more we can do until the Academic Board sits on 11th May.

End of semester party

We are holding 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.

Mushroom tour

We're trying to organise a mushroom foraging/cooking tour for April, but cost might be an issue as transport (a coach) will be expensive. BSA will pay half the ticket price for students to attend. We may need to postpone this to a similar event later in the year.

Frog adoption!

A PhD student at Burnley has a bunch of frogs that were used in an experiment. They can't be released back into the wild due to the risk of diseasing wild frog populations, so we're encouraging students to adopt them to avoid them being euthanised. We're organising a workshop (3pm on 1st June) where people can build enclosures for them, and creating a brochure to give to people explaining how to look after them. BSA member Dan is coordinating this.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Improvements to student amenities building

We've installed a new microwave, bought a sandwich press and toaster, and set up a BSA 'quiet zone' upstairs that is being used by a few students.

Beehives on campus

Dan (BSA member) has been maintaining this. We'll look into running another workshop when the weather warms up.

Burnley hoodies

We've distributed most of our hoodies, partly through students coming up to the office and asking for them, and partly through an event on 5th May.

Funding application

No more progress as we got side tracked with the ADUH cancellation.

Removal of receptionist

No progress as we got side tracked with the ADUH cancellation.

Coffee machine

We now have a regular delivery of milk and coffee beans. Machine is generally left relatively clean by students.

Organise end of semester party

Mostly done. We need to advertise and organise details of catering and drink tokens to give to students.

Continue SAB improvements

We now have an extra microwave in the kitchen.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Organise end of semester party

Organise mushroom tour

Continue SAB improvements

Finalise frog adoption/vivarium building workshop

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
4	21/4/17	SAB party	Up to \$1,500	Activities & events	Spent \$202.50 on alcohol, \$1,225 on food from the ASRC, and \$43.93 on soft drinks and ice
4	21/4/17	Coffee supplies	Up to \$2000	Campus equipment, printing and photocopying	Spent \$425.20 so far

Recommendations

To pass up to \$1000 from the Burnley Student Association's Incursions and Workshops budget line for supplies for a terrarium/vivarium workshop.

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With Recommendations

Key Activities**Stress-less Week @ VCA**

Due to the fact that the VCA and most of MCM does not conduct exams for the vast majority of the modules they teach, the SWOTVAC period, traditionally a very highly-stressful time for many Parkville students, is not as stressful for VCA/MCM students. In light of this, the VCASA has decided to push up Stress-Less week from the traditional 12th-week period to last week, right before production period starts to suck our souls from our already lifeless bodies.

The VCASA has brought in 6 border colies, from the company Animals2U, to spend 2 hours with students. They interacted with close to 120 students by estimated counts. Many student reported being very relaxed in the presence of their fluffy companions.

This event is in conjunction with the university's Mental Health Awareness Day and is in addition to the usual free breakfast / free BBQ lunch we conduct every week since early Sem 1.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

-NIL-

Action Points to be completed by next report**Meeting with Prof. Conyngham, Dean of VCA & MCM**

During the break, I will aim to meet again with Professor Conyngham, the Dean of the VCA and MCM to discuss time-tabling and other minor adjustments the academic side of Southbank can assist the VCASA with in order to provide more common spaces for students to interact with next year, if not this year.

Budget Expenditure

Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	7/03/2017	Monday Breakfasts	\$7200.00	VCA Activities	Passed – Spending over year
2	7/03/2017	Podcast Equipment	\$3000.00	VCA Activities	Not Spent
3	8/12/2016	Wednesday Lunch	\$9600.00	VCA Activities	Passed – Spending over year
4	27/4/2017	Stress-Less Week Activities	\$1000.00	VCA Activities	Passed - Spent \$660.00

Recommendations

That Students' Council pass up to \$500 to be used for a student-run event celebrating the 40th anniversary of Star Wars. Funds will be used to provide food, beverage, and other supplies for the event.