

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 15.04.2015

Meeting 11

Location: Training Rooms 1 & 2, level 3, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:23pm by Rachel Withers

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Rachel Withers be elected Chair

Mover: Martin Ditmann

Seconder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Itsi Weinstock, Pat Dollard, Sarah Xia, Benjamin Fourniotis, Lachlan McCall, Feifei Liao, Steven Connolly, Lachlan Gell, Ada Chan, Danielle Bagnato, Jakob Von Der Lippe

Office Bearers: Hana Dalton (Secretary), Rachel Withers (President), Martin Ditmann (Media), Van Rudd (VCA), Stephen Smith (Clubs), Hayden Michaelides (Activities), Lauren Englefield (Environment), Simon Farley (Media), Bonnie Leigh-Dodds (Creative Arts), Bella Vadiveloo (Creative Arts), Lucy Curtis (Wom*ns), James Bashford (Welfare), Shanley Price (Ed Academic), James Baker (Activities), Conor Serong (Ed Public), Lloyd Rouse (Queer)

Others: Justin Baré, Goldie Pergl, Maddee Clark

1.4 Apologies

Nellie Montague (Education Academic)

Allison Ballantyne (Wom*n's)

1.5 Proxies

Destan Dikbas to Sarah Xia

Lia Vasiliadis to Jade Eckhaus

Stephen Mitas to Ben Fourniotis

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To amend the minutes to say that Simon Farley was in attendance, and approve the minutes as a true and accurate record

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

No correspondence

5. Office Bearers' Reports

President

University of Melbourne Student Union

**Report of
Rachel Withers
President**

**To Students' Council 11/15
15/04/2015**



Key activities:

Burnley library opening hours

As some of you might remember, at our last council we passed a motion calling upon the University to restore the library opening hours at Burnley after they were cut for 2015. I helped Burnley students coordinate their campaigns, including an undergraduate and postgraduate petition, and I sent off an email to our VC Glyn Davis informing him of Council's motion and summarising various concerns of the students at Burnley (many different types of students having been in contact with me). I am pleased to announce that the University took these concerns on board and within a few days restored the opening hours to their 2014 levels. Well done to every student who made their dissent known. I am pleased to see Burnley students recognising UMSU as a body that can support them, following on from my presentation at their O-Day and attendance at their Welcome Lunch.

Staff Awards for Excellence

I sat on a University Staff Awards for Excellence Selection Committee as the student representative. There were some amazing applicants for these awards- I was asked to do the close reading of applications for the Edward Brown Award for Teaching Excellence in the fields of: Architecture, Engineering, and Economics, Commerce and Business, and it was great to read in close detail about some of the well-loved, passionate teachers in this university (whether I understood the Architecture concepts or not). It was a shame only one award could be awarded per category,

because there were many outstanding candidates in some fields. Many of these applicants will also be put up for national award categories.

Student Accommodation

Hana and I met with Vanessa Campbell who is coordinating the University's Accommodation Portfolio- the Uni is aiming to increase its bed numbers so that it can offer an accommodation guarantee to international, interstate and regional students, as some other universities are. We spoke about the current project of turning the old Salvation Army Training College on Royal Parade into student accommodation- a more independent option to that of a college, with individual rooms but shared cooking spaces and lounge spaces. I have invited Vanessa to speak briefly at our Student Forum on the future of student spaces on this campus.

Ops Sub

We held the first Operations Sub-Committee for 2015, at which I took minutes. Please see minutes attached.

Student Forum: A New Union House?

I started properly putting out the details for the upcoming Student Forum on the future of Union House. I want to make sure that a) students understand what is happening, b) feel consulted and c) that I am doing my best to represent students in the Student Precinct Steering Group I sit upon. The first stage of this will be an evening session in Union Theatre on Wednesday April 22nd at 5pm, outlining where this process is at, and allowing plenty of time for questions- no matter what they might be. You should see some posters (which look great and were not made in Paint thanks to the UMSU Communications Department) going up around campus next week for it, as well as a Facebook event to come. I have invited a few members of the University Steering Group to this event, so that students may direct some of their "what does this mean/why is this happening??" questions at them. Vanessa Campbell who is in charge of securing more varied type of student accommodation for and around the University will also be joining us to give a run down on this project. I have also set up an online ideas inbox for students to contribute their feedback and feelings about a student precinct on campus: UMSUnewunionhouse@gmail.com (at the suggestion of Ops Sub Committee- thanks guys!)

Email backlog

I used the mid semester break to catch up on a lot of the emails I receive everyday- I encourage any student to get in touch with me about any issues or ideas at r.withers@union.unimelb.edu.au.

Volunteering

I also had some discussions around Volunteering Programs, and Volunteering in general within UMSU. Students are always asking how they can do more volunteering, and we're trying to bring this side of the Union to life. Look out for directorship roles and opportunities over the coming weeks.

The University has also offered us funding to run Diversity Week again this year. Dates TBA, most likely to line up with Festival of Nations in Semester 2.

Academic Misconduct and Advocacy

It has come to my attention that it is not required that students are informed about the UMSU Advocacy service in their notification of their hearing (this is usually found in the template that is sent out to students about their hearings and so is not often an issue, but some faculties are not using this template). I have discussed this with Advocacy & Legal Manager Phoebe and she will incorporate this problem into the feedback she is currently compiling about the process.

Creative Innovation Conference

I attended the Ci2015 Conference along with a few members of University staff. It was hoped that this might help the university to think more innovatively in coming up with solutions to issues, and specifically in the planning of the new Student Precinct. Much of the conference revolved around future technologies and how large organisations must adapt to these changes or get left behind - the Swinburne Vice-Chancellor, Linda Kristjanson, was on one panel talking about the future of universities, and the fact that many more people are opting to learn online.


University Committees

I attended the University Selection Procedures Committee and the Building and Estates Committee (which unfortunately overlapped). The latter included a presentation by the City of Melbourne around their plans to improve University Square and make it a much more community-based space.

Colleges

This week and over the next two weeks I will be visiting colleges at meal times to chat about UMSU and remind them that there's more awesome stuff to get involved in beyond college.

General Secretary

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AGM

I have sent out notice of the AGM via the UMSU website, newsletter and social media, and have begun compiling the agenda and papers. These should be ready for publishing on the website in the next week.

UMSU International

James Bashford and I have been working with UMSU Intl to organise the 'Melbourne Mingle' event, which will be held on Thursday 23rd of April. The event will involve a rotation of different games and

activities, as well as food. The aim is to provide an opportunity for local and international students to meet, as feeling isolated from local students has been identified as an issue for many international students.

Reshaping the Student Experience Conference

On Thursday 26th March I attended the Reshaping the Student Experience Conference at the Ibis Hotel in the city, having been invited to participate on their student panel. The panel, which was made up of two students from Victoria University and a student from Monash University, fielded questions about aspects of the student experience, such as issues of most concern to students and student spaces on campus. I spoke on the issue of the feeling of anonymity among students, and the subsequent need for designated student spaces on campus, as well as the issue of teaching staff being unable to assist students at times due to heavy workloads and very limited paid hours, and the effect this has on students. I was also present for a number of presentations, which provided some useful background knowledge and case studies of particular issues in higher education at the moment, such as online student service systems and the importance of extra-curricular engagement.

Consumer Affairs Victoria

Goldie and I attended an information session at Consumer Affairs Victoria on the 27th of March about their new online system, which will likely make it easier for us to update our details as an incorporated association.

Operations Sub-Committee


The Operations Sub-Committee met for the first time on Thursday, March 2nd, and will continue to meet regularly for the remainder of the year.

Constitutional Working Group

The first meeting of the Constitutional Working Group will take place on Thursday 16th April at 12pm in the OB Space, level 1, Union House. All students are welcome to attend. Please email me at secretary@union.unimelb.edu.au to be added to the mailing list.

Activities

Clubs & Societies

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Non-Parkville Groups

Goldie and Stephen have been developing amendments to the C&S Regulations that will govern the process to fund non-Parkville groups. This will allow smaller groups on other campuses to apply for funding who are unable to meet the requirements to affiliate a club or society. This may be for a one off event, or for regular events on these campuses. The proposed changes will go to the C&S Committee before the end of semester and be ready to launch in Semester 2.

Clubs Carnival

The Clubs Carnival was a great success and we thank those of you who participated for helping to make it a great day. We had around 40 clubs participating on the day, and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from clubs and attendees, and as such are preparing to run this event again in semester 2 as part of Dis-orientation Week.

Stress Less Week

We are encouraging clubs to participate in the Welfare Department's Stress Less Week – this may include running regular events and promoting them to a wider range of students, or putting on special events for this week. The C&S Department will also be holding a lunch for Club Executive members to attend – as most of us know that running a club can have a whole new level of stress!

Executive Handbook


Over the mid-year break, we will be working to develop an Executive Handbook. This will outline everything from recruiting, how to run events, how to apply for grants, and much more. This will be an invaluable resource for clubs, as it will provide them with all of the information that they need to run a successful club.

Social Media

We have decided to refocus the UMSU Clubs & Societies Facebook towards promoting the department and our clubs and societies. We are running the #cluboftheweek promotion for clubs to submit photos of their events and receive extra promotion from us. However, to replace any communication between the page and executives, we have launched a Facebook account for 'Gunter' (the Penguin), which will allow us to share important information with our executives.

Creative Arts

Education (Academic Affairs)

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SRN

The Student Representative Network positions have all been filled and the reps will have their first meetings by the end of this month. There is ongoing research to find more boards within the university to create student positions on. Governance training was a successful and informative session thanks to the Advocacy department, with special thanks to Phoebe Churches' insight. The reps are now well informed and equipped to represent student voices on boards and committees within the university. The first SRN meeting will be held on April 29, Graeme Cornish ! at 12 pm, come along if you want to hear about what's happening in the university.

SPEC CON

Special Consideration application processes are changing in the University. While the forms themselves are unclear, the ed acdept are working with the relevant people in the university to ensure they are as student friendly as possible. An update will be provided on the specifics in due course.

CC

All 1500 Counter Course booklets have almost all been taken from stands. The Counter Course website (umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jump-in/countercourse) is now fully updated with the printed content.

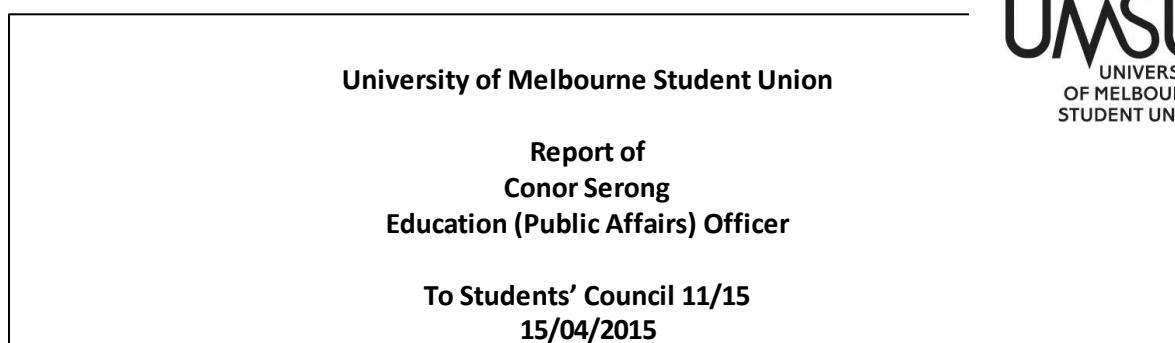
We are always taking submissions through the website, and will be doing a run of promotional bookmarks for submissions during the time the SES are open for subjects.

Another smaller run of booklets will be printed for later in the year.

Stress Balls

In collaboration with the Welfare department, the Education department will do a run of stress balls for Stress Less Week.

Education (Public Affairs)



Key activities:

National Day of Action:

On Wednesday 25 March, we held the National Day of Action to oppose fee deregulation and call for a better student income support system and more government funding for universities. Before the rally, we held a free BBQ with sausages and veggie burgers on South Lawn, with several speeches being made over a PA system before we marched down to the State Library and met up with students from other campuses.

Education Collective:

Our most recent Collective was held on Tuesday 24 March, the day before the National Day of Action. At this event, we created signs and banners for the rally. We also provided some free snacks for students in attendance.

NTEU Deregulation Event:

On Thursday 16 April, the National Tertiary Education Union will be hosting an event on the future of higher education funding, with Vice-Chancellor Glyn Davis and Federal MP Adam Bandt speaking. While UMSU Education is not directly involved with this event we will be promoting it and encourage student attendance. The event is free, and tickets can be reserved online. It will run 6:30-8pm, in the Public Lecture Theatre of Old Arts.

Human Rights Arts & Film Festival:

I have been invited to sit on a discussion panel at the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival on Saturday 9 May, alongside HECS architect Bruce Chapman and a representative from the Group of Eight. This event will involve a screening of *The Ivory Tower*, a documentary on the US education system, followed by a panel-style discussion. Further information is yet to be confirmed, although if this

event is to be ticketed, UMSU Education will seek to provide subsidised tickets to students interested in attending.

Meeting with Glyn Davis:

I am in the process of organising a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, to discuss our positions on fee deregulation and the future of higher education. I will be seeking to gain his – and thus, the University’s – support for a campaign for greater higher education funding from the Government, with the hope that this can be made an election issue by keeping it prominently on the policy agenda.

Budget Expenditure since last report:

| Meeting No. | Date | Description | Amount (ex. GST) | Line | Comments |
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| 2. | 17/03/2015 | Pre-rally BBQ food and supplies | \$236.24 | Campaigns, Special Projects + Events | Sausages, veggie burgers, bread and other BBQ supplies |
| 2. | 17/03/2015 | Snacks for collectives and committee | \$55.60 | Campaigns, Special Projects + Events | Chips, lollies, chocolate etc. |
| 2. | 17/03/2015 | Craft materials for NDA | \$146.51 | Campaigns, Special Projects + Events | Paint, cloth, brushes, markers etc. |
| 3. | 31/03/2015 | Reimbursement for gas bottle usage for BBQ | \$50 | Campaigns, Special Projects + Events | Paid to the Arts Students Society |


Environment

Disabilities

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of
Sasha Chong and Susannah Gordon
Disabilities Officers

To Students’ Council 11/15
15/04/2015



Key activities:

Eating Disorders Workshop:

A 4 workshop on how to help someone struggling with disordered eating.

This workshop run by Eating Disorders Victoria ran smoothly in week 5. Called “Should I Say

Something?" this workshop explored how to support a loved one who may be experiencing disordered eating.

Mary and Max Film Screening:

A screening of the film Mary and Max at Union House Theatre.

This screening was held on Wednesday of week 5, and ran successfully with a popcorn machine, drinks, and food from HoHo's

Anxiety Support Group Training:

Training for facilitators of Anxiety Support Group.

We have confirmed training for our Anxiety Support group run by Anxiety Recovery Center Victoria that will run next week.

SMART Program:

A program that runs like a secular AA, dealing with substance abuse recovery

We have a trained facilitator and hope to run this program soon


List of action points to be completed by next report:

Campaigns

Our major campaigns on trigger warnings for classes and Auslan as a diploma.

We are still in the early planning stages for these campaigns, and are aiming to get things in motion quite soon.

Indigenous

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| <p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Tyson Holloway-Clarke Indigenous Officer</p> <p>To Students' Council 11/15 15/04/2015</p> |  |
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Key activities:

Indigenous University Games

Every year the Indigenous Games serve as a highlight and key event for the integration of students into campus life and retention. As per previous reports we will be taking close to 40 people along to the Games, the largest single team in the Games' history. Thanks to cooperation between UMSU, Murrup Barak and soon to be announced sponsors it appears as though players will be able to attend free of charge.

Training has started this week however this has been without the support of UniMelb Sport. Unfortunately due to the situation in their office close to 6 weeks of notice has not be sufficient for them to organise a time to meet or facilitate any of our training going forward. This is disappointing but fortunately TrinityCollege has been able to lend their grounds until a suitable replacement is found.

Indigenous Magazine

This year marks the first time the Indigenous student body will put forth a publication for the wider university body. This week submissions were due and the sub-editing process has begun. I am very excited to share the finished project with the whole of the union in a few short weeks. A huge thank you must go to the Media Office and their collective. Without their support, knowledge and networks this project would be wishful thinking.

Social Events


Early next week will be our second social event for the semester. Previously these have not run or have been run sans fun by the University leaving much to be desired. However feedback from the students suggests that larger, less frequent events are wanted so they can participate in the wide variety of the events on campus. This is the pattern that we are going to follow.

Planning for Week 12 Activities

Week 12 is the planned Indigenous Week at UMSU and at this stage we have events planned for the evenings and during the farmers market on Wednesday with a few other plans still in the works. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

Media

Queer

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Rad Sex + Consent Week

The Queer Officers have been working hard with a variety of other UMSU departments to deliver a week of sex and relationship education. With a strong line-up of speakers and educators covering both the basics and intricacies of sex, as well as an after party, RSCW 2015 is shaping up to be a very successful week.

Pride Ball

Preparations are being finalised for Pride Ball on the 7th of May. The event will be hosted at the Bobby McGee's venue in the city and will be open to queer students and allies from all campuses around the state. Ticket sales will be opened and pushed heavily soon as the last few details are finalised.

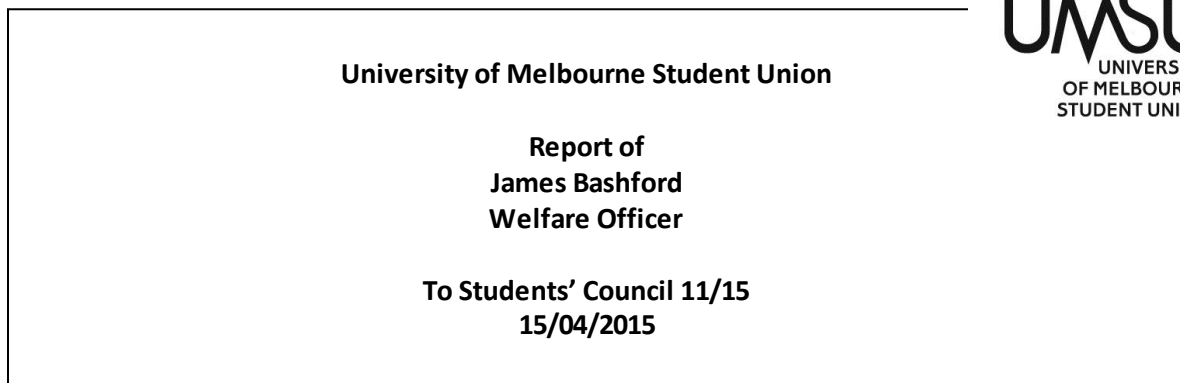
Queer Collaborations

Queer Collaborations is coming up in the semester break. We are currently preparing logistics with the organising committee at ANU and the expressions of interest form will be distributed to students soon. QC is being hosted in Canberra this year.

Regular Events

Our regular Wednesday free lunches at 1pm and our Queer Thursday's social event at 4pm are becoming increasingly successful. Regular collectives and the Coming Out Support Group are also beginning shortly.

Welfare



Regular Events

Where possible I have continued to hold the weekly breakfast in South Court. This has led to a greater awareness of this service amongst students and attendance has remained steady so far through the semester. I've continued to experiment with different supermarkets for buying food for the breakfasts. At the last breakfast food was purchased from Aldi, much of it in bulk, and this has been the cheapest location so far. As Aldi doesn't deliver however, this may not be an option for every week.

Demand for fitness classes, particularly yoga, has remained high. I've also now been contacted by MD students (amongst whom these classes have been particularly popular) for advice on organising classes specifically for this cohort.

Collective

The Welfare Volunteer Collective has continued to be invaluable for running the department. The collective has helped not only run events but has also come up with endless ideas on how to improve our work. To thank the volunteers for their work I held a small party with dinner before the Easter break.

Emergency Packs

Emergency Packs have now been made available from the info desk on the ground floor of Union House. These packs are intended to provide short term support for students in emergency situations. They contain tinned staple food items, snacks, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, condoms, pads and other items including information on where to get further assistance. The University's financial aid service has been made aware of the service and has referred students over to pick up packs. I'll be working on promoting this new service as well as the food bank over the next couple of weeks.

The food bank is currently well stocked thanks to a generous donation from Andrea, our Queer Officer. We're also planning a can drive to support the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre as their food bank is currently quite low and in high demand.

Stress Less Week

Planning is well underway for Stress Less Week. Two major “tent pole” events have been planned for the week – a bean bag cinema showing the Lion King on Tuesday May 12th and a Carnival featuring petting zoo and inflatable soccer on Thursday 14th. University departments are being approached to run activities and workshops during the week as well as other UMSU departments. The week will also promote existing and regular events.

Welfare Guide


I’m also working on an online welfare guide as a long term project. This will be a page on the website with links and short descriptions of a variety of services. I’ve effectively been crowd-sourcing this project with some of my volunteers researching and filling out sections as well as getting UMSU and uni departments to fill out their own entries. If anyone else would like to assist I’m more than happy to send them the google doc link to contribute to.

AV Hire

AV hire has continued to be a significant financial strain on the Welfare Department. As previously reported to council, hire for the weekly welfare breakfast comes to \$185 per week. MUSUL’s catering company, 130 Degrees, however, has said that they would be able to hire out BBQs through a third party for a much cheaper rate than this. When pursuing a quote for the Stress Less Week bean bag cinema, meanwhile, I was initially quoted a figure of \$1800-\$2000 for an indoor event and \$1000 for an outdoor event with the inflatable movie screen (which is owned by UMSU, not rented). These rates had doubled compared to previous quotes from last year. AV@Melbourne has since adjusted their quote by about half after I sought quotes from external private companies which offered far more reasonable rates.

Obviously it is preferable that UMSU departments utilise AV@Melbourne where possible as it is a part of UMSU. However, given the costs this is becoming an increasingly untenable situation.

Wom*n’s

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| <p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Allison Ballantyne & Lucy Curtis Wom*n’s Officers</p> <p>To Students’ Council 11/15 15/4/2015</p> |  |
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Key activities:

What the Feminism!?! Panel

We hosted a great panel during week 5, featuring speakers Karen Pickering, Eugenia Flynn and Sara Brocklesby. The aim of the event was to provide a space for the discussion of introductory feminist ideas and to get more people involved in our department and talking about feminist issues.

Women’s Networking Nights

Our first networking night in week 3 was very well-attended and we received positive feedback on this event. We have been working towards our second Women’s Networking night, which is on Wednesday 15 April and will feature Maryann Ballantyne (publishing industry), Truc Nguyen

(engineering), Elizabeth Capp (Director Student Services and Equity). We are now also sourcing speakers for our third networking night, which will take place during week 10.

Rad Sex and Consent Week

We have been sourcing people to run workshops and promoting Rad Sex and Consent Week (happening next week) through our networks. Our closing event will take place at Perseverance on the Thursday night of Rad Sex and Consent and our opening film night will be on Monday 20th of April. The workshops will cover a range of topics including basic sex education and consent, kink, asexuality and contraception, among many other things.

Judy's Punch

We have opened up submissions for Judy's Punch, the annual Wom*n's Department publication. We are also seeking editors and graphic designers to put together the magazine this year. We are aiming to create a polished, progressive feminist publication. We have started advertising for submissions and editors through our networks and will focus more on this after Rad Sex and Consent Week

NOWSA

The NOWSA (Network of Women Students Australia) Conference is coming up during the mid-year break, so we have put together a form for University of Melbourne students who are interested in attending to fill out. We are hoping to be able to cover the cost of registration for University of Melbourne students, and possibly part/all of the cost of flights for students in financial need.

Talk About It Survey

We have contacted the NUS Wom*n's Officer concerning the Talk About It Survey, as we would like to run it or something equivalent to it this year. The survey will gather data on safety on campus.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Film screening in the Wom*n's Room

Following our film screening for International Women's Day, we are planning to hold another film screening in week 8 or 9, this time in the Wom*n's Room.

Skills workshop

We would like to hold a special workshop towards the end of the semester – potentially one focused on sex education (for anyone who misses out during Rad Sex and Consent Week) or one which is commerce-related, as we have decided to replace Commerce for Women Week with special workshops throughout the semester.

VCA

Motion 4: That the Office Bearers' reports be accepted en bloc

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6. General Manager's Report

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Students' Council move in camera with the exception of Justin Baré and Goldie Pergl

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council moves in camera at 12: 34pm to discuss the AV@Melbourne Change Management Process.

During this time, the Council discussed the Change Management Plan and feedback given.

Motion 5: That Council adopts the AV@Melbourne Change Management Plan

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Council moves out of camera at 12:46.

Justin also discusses the MUSUL Services survey, and the preliminary results. The more thorough report will be given to the next Students' Council. Justin also flagged that EBA negotiations should be starting soon with the NTEU for UMSU (and MUSUL staff).

The next council will also get the March financial reports.

Motion 6: That the General Managers' Report be accepted

Mover: Stephen Smith

Secunder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Other Reports

None

8. Operational Business

Operations Sub-Committee report-back and minutes from Meeting 1 attached separately

These are noted by Council

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 C&S Regulations

These are unable to be voted on, as they need a 2/3 of all councillors to pass. 2/3 of all councillors are not present so the discussion will be postponed.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: to discuss items 9.2 – 9.5 en bloc

Mover: Rachel Withers

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.2 Stress Less Week Expenditure

Preamble: Stress Less Week is a major annual event of the Welfare Department promoting wellbeing in the lead up to the stressful exam period. This Year's stress less week will be the biggest yet and will be held in Week 10 from May 11-15. This year a new event is being added, a bean bag cinema in the Grand Buffet Hall on May 12. This will involve a screening of the Lion King and will be free to students, as well as offering free popcorn and a candy bar.

Motion:

To approve the following expenditure from the Special Activity Weeks budget line for Stress Less Week:

-Up to \$1100 for AV hire for the Bean Bag Cinema event.

-\$350 for movie screening rights for the Bean Bag Cinema event.

-Up to \$200 for food and drinks for the Bean Bag Cinema event.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Hana Dalton

9.3 Environment Department Expenditure for Earth Hour event

Motion: To pass \$450.30 from the Environment Department's budget line 'Special Projects and Events' (budget line 3839) to pay security guard and alcohol service staff wages for the Earth Hour event that was held on Thursday 26th March.

Mover: Lauren Englefield

Seconder:

9.4 Queer Department Expenditure – Pride Ball venue deposit

Motion: To use \$2940.00 from the Queer Department Special Projects and Events line, to pay for the deposit on Venue Hire and Costs at Bobby McGee's.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Lucy Curtis

9.5 Rad Sex & Consent Week Expenditure

Motion: To use up to \$1300 from the UMSU Special Activity Weeks line to pay for workshop presentations, refreshments, and resources during Rad Sex and Consent Week 2015. The following is the cost breakdown:

Workshop presenters and speakers - \$940

Printing - \$30

Refreshments - \$100

Theatre Hire - \$150

After-party accessibility - \$30

Extra Costs - \$50

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Lucy Curtis

Motion 7: To move items 9.2 – 9.2 en bloc

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

12:55pm Charles Gerrand leaves

10. Motions Without Notice

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To discuss Item 10.3 before 10.1 and 10.2

Mover: Martin Ditmann

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.3 Office Bearer Leave – President

Rachel is going on a University conference in Argentina, but is travelling to the US on the way back, and is therefore asking for leave.

Motion 8: That Students Council grant Rachel Withers (President) leave from 11th May 2015 to 21st May 2015.

Moved: Rachel Withers

Seconded: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.1 Comedy Festival Directorship

Preamble: At present, Melbourne University has a number of disparate comedic events, which often occur at similar times in Semester 2 but have no overarching coordination, promotion or sense of cohesion. Festivals are a massive support to student life, creating a

sense of campus culture and supporting other Union activity and events. The semester 2 Comedy Festival would bring a standout event to the Union by bringing existing acts together and supporting students in creating new ones. The festival has the support of key stakeholders.

Key activities of the Directors would be in coordinating the festival, fostering and supporting new acts (including in clubs and faculties to bring people together), working to develop marketing and sponsorship, and liaising with stakeholders (including UMSU, performance groups, supporters and the University) to ensure that the O-Week programme is consistent overall. Individual programs within the festival would continue to be responsible for their own involvement (including securing their own funding).

Motion: *That the Students' Council:*

- Directs the President to develop a role description, advertise for and appoint by panel two Comedy Festival Directors, to be ratified by council, who will be responsible for:*
 - coordinating an annual festival of comedy in semester to entertain students, boost student life and offer satirical commentary;*
 - supporting students and performers in building comedy and comedy performances across the campus;*
 - running coordinated marketing, sponsorship, guides and publications around the festival and support its acts;*
- Directs the President to report regularly to the Council on the progress of this activity; and*
- Directs the President in consultation with stakeholders to determine appropriate honoraria, expenditure for which will be authorised by Students' Council.*

Mover: Martin Dittmann

Secunder: Rachel Withers

Motion: To postpone discussion of the Comedy Festival Directors until the next meeting of Council

Mover: Steven Connolly

Secunder: James Bashford

Steven Connolly spoke to his motion, outlining that Council had not been given time to give the idea due consideration. James spoke to his seconding rights, outlining that this is a big project, and a motion without notice is not really the way to go about initiating such an undertaking.

Discussion around timeframes for running such an event, and the need to get in early for any external sponsorship.

Discussion about legalities of such a position being taken by student directors when there is possible staff overlap.

Justin Baré clarified that there could be issues regarding crossover with employees and making these positions. The NTEU and HR would have to be consulted.

Suggestion that Activities could run the event for the first year with assistance, and then look to the need for Directors next year.

Discussion around whether the revues need assistance and if there's actually a need for such a festival on campus.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the speaking list be cut after the last speaker currently on the list
Mover: Pat Dollard
CARRIED

Amendment requested to original motion by Lachlan McCall. This amendment is acceptable to the mover. The original motion (moved by Martin Dittmann) reads

Motion: *That the Students' Council:*

- Directs the President to develop a role description for two Comedy Festival Directors, to be ratified by council, who will be responsible for:
 - coordinating an annual festival of comedy in semester to entertain students, boost student life and offer satirical commentary;
 - supporting students and performers in building comedy and comedy performances across the campus;
 - running coordinated marketing, sponsorship, guides and publications around the festival and support its acts;
- Directs the President to report regularly to the Council on the progress of this activity; and
- Directs the President in consultation with stakeholders to determine appropriate honoraria, expenditure for which will be authorised by Students' Council.

Mover: Martin Dittmann

Seconder: Rachel Withers

Steven Connolly withdraws his motion to postpone

Motion 9: *That the Students' Council:*

- Directs the President to develop a role description for two Comedy Festival Directors, to be ratified by council, who will be responsible for:
 - coordinating an annual festival of comedy in semester to entertain students, boost student life and offer satirical commentary;
 - supporting students and performers in building comedy and comedy performances across the campus;
 - running coordinated marketing, sponsorship, guides and publications around the festival and support its acts;
- Directs the President to report regularly to the Council on the progress of this activity; and
- Directs the President in consultation with stakeholders to determine appropriate honoraria, expenditure for which will be authorised by Students' Council.

Mover: Martin Dittmann

Seconder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.2 O Week Directorship

Discussion over whether 2 directors is enough, given the large task. Motion edited to change 2 directors to "up to 4"

Preamble: At present, the O-Week Host Programme is run by the Communications & Marketing Division. During the Officebearers' meeting on the 11th of March 2015, we discussed possibilities for improving the Student Union's contribution to O-Week, including reorganising it under volunteer student Directors (following a similar model to the VCE Summer School and Destination Melbourne). This provides the opportunity for greater student input into the O-Week programme, and is consistent with the principle of student control of student affairs.

Key activities of the O-Week Directors would be overall coordination of the week and its outreach, the O-Week Host Programme, working with Communications to develop O-Week publications, and liaising with stakeholders (including UMSU, GSA and the University) to ensure that the O-Week programme is consistent overall. Individual departments within UMSU would continue to be responsible for their own involvement with O-Week (e.g., organising their own Orientation events and stalls at the Student Services Carnival).

Motion 10: That the Students' Council:

-Directs the President to develop a role description, advertise for and appoint by panel up to four O-Week Directors, to be ratified by council, who will be responsible for:

Overall coordination of the week and its outreach,

the O-Week Host Programme,

planning and working with planners of major events during the week,

developing O-Week publications,

liaising with internal and external stakeholders and performing related activities;

directs the President to report regularly to the Council on the progress of this activity; and

directs the President in consultation with stakeholders to determine appropriate honoraria, expenditure for which will be authorised by Students Council.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Martin Ditmann

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

11. Other Business

ANZAC Day

Motion 11: That the Students' Council recognises the importance of the centenary of ANZAC this year and the contributions that have been made by those whom have served the in defence forces. Further, that the Students' Council encourages the president to promote the 'Anzac Day Bake and Badge sale' on campus on the 22nd of April through the UMSU Facebook page. With the aim of maximising awareness for the event as all proceeds are being donated to the RSL.

Mover: Brendan Tam

Seconder: Mike Horner

CARRIED

2 abstentions

1:48PM Sarah Xia left – QUORUM LOST

Meeting closed at 1:48pm