

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 28.4.2015

Meeting 12/15

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

Meeting opened at 12:13pm by Stephen Smith

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Rachel Withers be elected Chair.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Second: Itsi Weinstock

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Ezgi Bridger, Lia Vassiliadis, Pat Dollard, Stephen Mitas, Lachlan McCall, Benjamin Founiotis, Steven Connolly, Itsi Weinstock, Karly Banks, Destan Dikbas, Sarah Xia, Feifei Liao, Charles Gerrand

Officers: Stephen Smith (Clubs & Societies), Conor Serong (Education Public), Nellie Montague (Education Academic), Lynley Eavis (Media), Maddy Cleeve Gerkens (Media), Simon Farley (Media), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Sasha Chong (Disabilities), Lucy Curtis (Wom*n's), Lauren Englefield (Environment), James Bashford (Welfare), Daniel Sullivan (Environment), Shanley Price (Education Academic), Lloyd Rouse (Queer), Isabella Vadiveloo (Creative Arts), Bonnie Leigh-Dodds (Creative Arts), James Baker (Activities), Susannah Gordon (Disabilities), Rachel Withers (President), Hana Dalton (General Secretary), Martin Ditmann (Media), Allison Ballantyne (Wom*n's)

Staff: Justin Baré (General Manager)

Observers: Sarah Layton, Wong Guan Jie, Laura Killian, Patrick Clearwater

1.4 Apologies

Danielle Bagnato

1.5 Proxies

Danielle Bagnato to Sarah Layton

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To confirm the previous minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Pat Dollard wanted it noted his opposition to the ANZAC Day Bake Sale motion from the previous meeting.

4. Correspondence

Letter of appeal against disaffiliation from The University of Melbourne Activist Support and Information Network

Correspondence

Letter of appeal against disaffiliation from The University of Melbourne Activist Support and Information Network

To Students Council of UMSU,

The University of Melbourne's Activist Support and Information Network club were recently informed of the decision to be disaffiliated from the Student Union, as made by the Clubs and Societies Committee on April 15th. We as a club would like to appeal this decision on the grounds of (b) under the regulations: that we have a good track record despite being a relatively new club, and that collective administrator inexperience and personal issues contributed to a lack of email communication in the past fortnight.

The University of Melbourne Activist Support and Information Network (UMASIN) had a very successful first year, engaging with students old and new as well as the wider community. Some recent noteworthy events held were:

- Talk with the Warriors of Aboriginal Resistance (WAR) about their 'Recognise' campaign - Workshop on incoming digital surveillance/privacy laws
- Screenings of various films and documentaries with follow-up discussion (themes including Indigenous resistance, food security and environmental issues)
- Creative, hands-on art workshops, turning political beliefs into self-expression
- Co-ordination and representation at protests and rallies

Part of our politics as a club is sharing responsibilities collectively and fostering an environment where administrative skills can be learnt by anyone interested. Incoming executives for 2015 were new to the role, and the person in charge of submitting the membership list was unfamiliar with the process (and has since gone overseas for the rest of 2015, explaining the lack of follow-up).

The Executive offers their sincere apologies for the confusion and lack of communication surrounding the lead-up to our disaffiliation. Checking of emails was neglected for personal reasons, particularly housing issues. Work- and university-related commitments were additional contributing factors making them unable to attend the Clubs & Societies meeting in question. We understand that completely overturning the decision to disaffiliate may not be possible. In this case, we would

be open to discussing other options such as temporary (6- or 12-month) probation or suspension of grants.

Thank you for your time. We hope you will be sympathetic to our circumstances, and that we can discuss this issue further and come to a fair outcome for everyone.

Sincerely,
The University of Melbourne Activist Support and Information Network

Laura Killian attended and spoke to the issues that resulted in UMASIN being disaffiliated. There were personal circumstances and issues regarding moving.

Stephen Smith spoke to the C&S Committee's decision to disaffiliate UMASIN, citing that they did not prove they had sufficient members, and that they failed to acknowledge correspondence from the Department.

Daniel Sullivan clarified that the Club now had 90 members. There was discussion about the membership list and how it was collected and collated.

Stephen Smith noted that 40% of clubs presented non-compliant membership lists, and that 5 clubs were disaffiliated as a consequence of failing to provide an updated and accurate list.

Procedural motion: To suspend Standing Orders to accept late proxy from Jakob von der Lippe to Christian Orkibi.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

Motion 4: That Students' Council overturn the Clubs & Societies Committee's decision to disaffiliate UMASIN.

Mover: Laura Killian

Seconded: Daniel Sullivan

CARRIED

FOR: 6


AGAINST: 5

ABSTENTIONS: 2

Laura Killian left at 12:21pm.

5. Office Bearers' Reports

President

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Key activities:

Student Precinct

Much of the last 2 week has been taken up with organising the Student Forum, which some of you may have attended last Tuesday. This involved working with Comms to develop the branding for the event (which I am going to recommend be used in an ongoing basis for UMSU consultation), the Facebook event, dealing with some of the conflicting ideas that began to emerge around the focus of the event (including clarifying this to the University), liaising with the Steering Group Chair around who would attend on behalf of the University, responding to comments on social media, compiling a list of FAQs, planning the presentation, creating the slideshow and fact checking every piece of "known" information. I would like to thank Patrick Clearwater for helping me stay sane throughout this process, and Conor Serong and Tom Walker for putting up the posters. I believe this event was a very positive first step in informing student about what is/isn't/is maybe happening, and in allowing the University to hear from a wide variety of students about what students want, directly from them, rather than just through Steve and myself.

Post- event, I have uploaded our list of needs (the ones submitted to the University) to our website for students to view and make suggestions if needed.

We now have dates for the next few Precinct Steering Group meetings (the next of which is not until late May).

Burnley Mid Semester Event

I have helped a student from Burnley named Rory arrange a mid semester drinks Friday 24th April to which all Burnley students were invited. This event is being held in conjunction with a Faculty BBQ, and will hopefully help students unwind after a stressful set of mid terms. I liaised between Rory and Communications to create a poster design (with the UMSU logo), which we printed and Rory put up around the Burnley campus. It is fantastic that UMSU is able to reach students down at Burnley, and that this student felt comfortable approaching UMSU, as I encouraged them to do at their Orientation.

Second Hand Market

I have been making inquiries around the idea of holding a Second hand market in North Court in Week 12. There is a lot of student interest in this idea.

AV@Melb Organisational Changes

We were unable to have a meeting with AV staff to discuss the AV Change Management plan yet due to staff absences, but hope to do so in the coming week.

Orientation Week Directors

I worked closely with Communications to iron out any ambiguities over responsibilities in the Orientation Week Director Position Description, and we were able to reach a final version of this PD by the end of Monday 20th and post the application on our website. Applications close this Sunday at 5pm.

Colleges

I have visited colleges during mealtimes over the past two weeks to speak to them about UMSU, and encourage them to come and get involved in some of the extra things that UMSU offers. I have so far been to St Mary's, St Hilda's, Whitley, Medley Hall and International House. Their presidents have been very welcoming in allowing me to promote UMSU to their students. There has been some encouraging interest and questions from college students. I will be publishing something in the next Intercollegiate Magazine about UMSU and my "college tour".

I also spoke specifically to Olivia from Whitley about the fact the Baptist Union that owns Whitley is considering closing it and a college and turning Whitley into a theological school. This would be a great tragedy in my eyes, and I expressed this directly to Glyn Davis in the hope that the University might consider buying Whitley (in light of the University's desire to acquire more accommodation options, to lose these beds seems counterproductive).

Academic Board

I attended Academic Board at which Glyn Davis mentioned an upcoming meeting with the Metro CEO regarding the Melbourne Metro Rail Tunnel (and specifically the Parkville Station). I have emailed Glyn asking if I might attend this meeting as a student representative, given how much of an impact this station will have on students. He has offered to ask the Metro CEO to include me in this meeting.

Interviewed for an fixed term Communications & Media Officer

I sat on the selection panel alongside Robin from HR and Dee from Communications. We had over 50 applicants, and we are in the process of offering the position to our preferred candidate.

Growing Esteem

I met with Julie Wells to discuss the current draft of Growing Esteem, the University strategy for 2015-2020. This document is in a late draft stage, and we are invited to offer feedback, which I will be submitting on Friday 1st May. Understandably we are not allowed to circulate a soft copy of the draft, so please come to my office if you would like to read the hard copy version.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Student Precinct Steering Group

I will be requesting that we establish Terms of Reference for this group

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**Report of
Hana Dalton
General Secretary**

**To Students' Council 12/15
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AGM

I have published the agenda for the Annual General Meeting on the UMSU website under 'General Meetings', and will publish the 2014 financial reports as soon as I receive the finalised version. I am also in the process of liaising with the Communications Department to design posters promoting the AGM.

UMSU International

The 'Melbourne Mingle' event, jointly organised by UMSU and UMSU International, took place on Thursday, 23rd April. UMSU organised the catering and UMSU International organised registration and games, while both promoted the event through their separate social media channels. There was a large amount of interest in the event, meaning that the number of registrations had to be capped. The event was attended by around 100 students and ran smoothly, and participants seemed to be enjoying themselves. A diverse range of students were present, though international students significantly outnumbered local students. There is much we can learn from this about promoting the event to different student cohorts, and the need to perhaps market events in multiple ways accordingly. Overall, the event was a positive start to what I hope will become a more collaborative relationship between UMSU and UMSU International.

Operations Sub-Committee

The Operations Sub-Committee met on Thursday 23rd April. The minutes have been circulated to Students' Council members. In addition to the various expenditure passed, which included money for an event at the Burnley campus, Media Department expenditure and money for the 'Melbourne Mingle' event, we also discussed the Union House forum, and decided to establish a physical 'ideas box' in Union House for students to submit their ideas and questions. I plan to set this up in the coming week.

Constitutional Working Group

The first meeting of the Constitutional Working Group took place on Thursday 16th April. A number of issues were raised, such as the need to adapt the rules around voting for autonomous women's positions in light of the University's plans to add a third gender category to enrolment forms; ensuring inclusive language around gender identities; defining terms such as 'generally accessible', and ensuring that typos and inconsistencies in grammar and formatting are corrected. The discussions were very preliminary, but many good ideas were generated. Going forward, meetings will generally focus on a different issue each week, and will be promoted where possible to relevant groups, clubs and collectives which may have an interest in the particular issue being discussed. However, any student is still welcome to come to any meeting to raise other issues for discussion. Meeting details and minutes will be put up on the UMSU website.

Activities

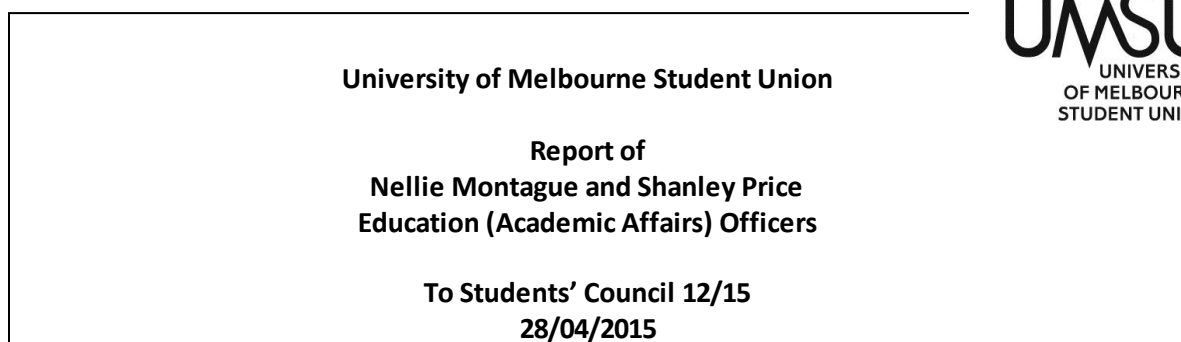
James Baker updated Students' Council on Activities Committee's plans for Dis-Orientation Week in Semester 2.

Creative Arts

Isabella Vadiveloo and Bonnie Leigh-Dodds spoke about upcoming MudFest and informed Students' Council that applications for volunteers and artists were now open and encouraged people to share it through their networks.

Steven Connolly asked Rachel Withers a question in regards to the President's report about Growing Esteem. Rachel explained the University's initiative, and invited Students' Councillors to arrange to read the report which is in her office.

Education (Academic Affairs)



SRN

The first SRN meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 29th April from 1-2pm in Graham Cornish B. This will be a chance to bring all the UMSU and GSA student reps together to share what is going on in their committees and bring any issues or policy changes that will affect students to the group. All students are welcome to attend.

Union House

As discussions continue around the relocation of services in Union House we will be ensuring that adequate space is dedicated to student representatives and that the student precinct is not purely about University run services such as the Book Co-Op and the student centre but also the very important services provided by UMSU.

Special Consideration

Education officers are meeting with the relevant parties to discuss the changes and make sure students' needs are being taken into consideration. More details to come.

International Students

On April 19, Four Corners reported Australian universities bribing recruitment agencies to promote their institutions to international clients, as well as relaxed ILTS requirements and easier marking of recruited students' academic performance. The export necessity of Australian education is noted, as is the importance of receiving quality degrees. Unimelb was only briefly mentioned in passing in the reporting on Tuesday night. We are currently working with Advocacy to ensure all students, both domestic and international, are receiving the academic support they need, and filling any gaps going forth from here.

National Youth Conference

Nellie attended the National Youth Conference at ANU last week and talked about higher education funding in Australia as well as meeting Bruce Chapman one of the designers of the HECs system and hearing his insights into the proposed changes. Contact was also made with ANUSA to find out what campaigns they are running, it was a great opportunity to share campaign ideas and issues.

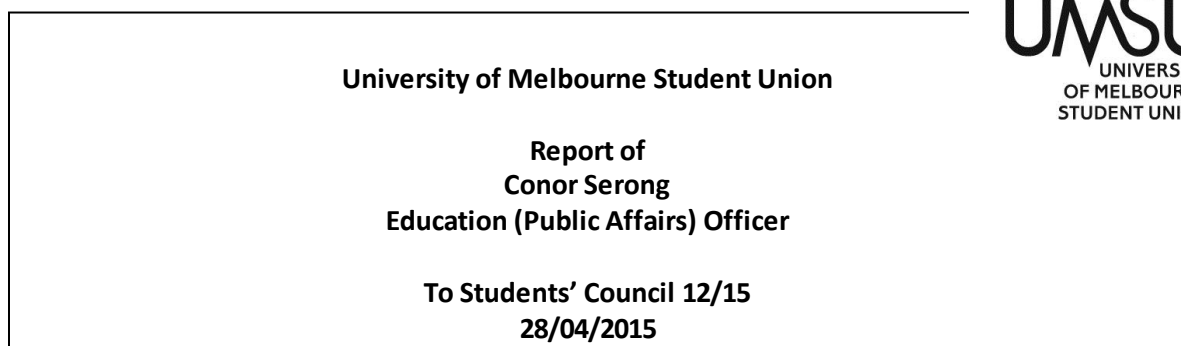
Countercourse

We will be doing a big push to get students to submit reviews of their subjects at the end of Semester 1. This will add to the current online copy.

EdCon

Education Conference which is run by NUS will be held from the 6-10th July at the University of New South Wales. All students are invited to attend. Workshops, guest speakers and discussion will be held around educational issues faced in Australia.

Education (Public Affairs)



Key activities:

NTEU Deregulation Event:

On Thursday 16 April, the National Tertiary Education Union hosted an event on fee deregulation, and the future of higher education funding. UMSU Education helped to promote this event, which featured Vice-Chancellor Glyn Davis, and Federal Member for Melbourne and Deputy Leader of the Australian Greens Adam Bandt. A trend of declining higher education public funding from both Labor and the Coalition was highlighted, and the requirement for a sustainable model of funding discussed by both speakers, as well as moderator and National President of the NTEU Jeannie Rea.

Meeting with Glyn Davis:

The above NTEU event highlighted a number of the key issues I intend to discuss with the Vice-Chancellor in our meeting, scheduled for late next month. I spoke to him briefly after this event and he seemed receptive to discussion and keen to hear what we had to say. I will keep the Council updated on how this meeting unfolds.

Human Rights Arts & Film Festival:

As reported in my previous Office Bearer Report, I have been invited to sit on a discussion panel at the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival. This will feature a screening of *Ivory Tower*, a documentary on the US education system, followed by a panel featuring myself, the architect of HECS Professor Bruce Chapman, and potentially a representative from the Group of Eight. I have received confirmation that this will be a ticketed event, and as such UMSU Education are seeking to purchase a number of tickets to allow interested students to attend for free.

Stress Less Week:

UMSU Welfare will be running Stress Less Week from 11-15 May. UMSU Education will be purchasing a number of stress balls branded with the Stress Less logo for 2015, as well as our department co-branded logo. In addition to this, our departments will be running a workshop – more information will be available on this in our next Reports.

Budget Expenditure since last Report:


Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount (ex. GST)	Line	Comments
2.	17/03/2015	Canvas for banners	\$46.32	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	A number of drop sheets for banners at the NDA.

Disabilities

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Report of
Sasha Chong and Susannah Gordon
Disabilities Officers

To Students' Council 12/15
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Key activities:**Rad Sex and Consent Week:**

Week 7, exploring the sexual education that you didn't receive in high school.

This week included three workshops relevant to our department: A workshop exploring mental illness and relationships, Fuckability (the politics of sex with a non-normative body), and Sexy Sign Language. All of these workshops were run very successfully and the week as a whole ran smoothly.

Anxiety Support Group Training:

Training for facilitators of Anxiety Support Group.

Training was completed by Susannah Gordon and Cameron Burke, who are now able to run our weekly Anxiety Support Group, along with Sasha Chong (the current facilitator)

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 after the launch in week 10

Video Campaign:

The first in our series of videos about having a disability in university.

The first video in our campaign has been finished and we are going to release it online after we have finished the audio descriptor track.

Access Grants:

In conjunction with the Creative Arts department

We are contributing funds for a few access grants to be awarded to theatre groups who demonstrate a good understanding and plan to make their art more accessible to people with various disabilities. This money can be used to aid accessibility by paying for Auslan Interpreters, consultants, or any other appropriate resource.

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.

Planning our SMART launch party:

Running on the Monday of Stress Less week, we want to make this a dry event.

To celebrate the launch of our SMART program for recovery from substance abuse we want to throw a party that reminds people that alcohol or other drugs are not necessary in order to have a good time. The aim of setting it in stress less week is to reinforce the idea that alcohol or drugs are not the only way to “wind down” or “relax”.

Media

Martin Ditmann promoted the Media Department’s Farrago Edition 3 Launch Party which will be held tonight at Markov.

Queer

Lloyd Rouse spoke about Rad Sex & Consent week being successful, and encouraged people to attend Pride Ball next week.

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**Report of
James Bashford
Welfare Officer**

**To Students' Council 12/15
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Regular Activities

The Welfare Department's various weekly events are continuing to run smoothly. Breakfast attendance has varied but the amount of food needed has been consistent. Attendance and demand for free fitness classes has gradually dropped during the semester, particularly for Zumba. This will be a key consideration before deciding how these classes will run next semester.

English Language Program

I've been preparing a proposal for council of establishing a student directorship to coordinate an English Language Program similar to ones which have sporadically been run by Welfare Officers in the past. Having met with Justin to discuss the idea I plan on presenting a proposal soon, if anyone has any ideas at this time I'd appreciate your input. A key issue if the directorship is established (in addition to other new directorships) will be finding office space available for directors.

Union House Relocation

At my last collective meeting we discussed the mooted demolition of Union House and planned student precinct. Collective members raised many concerns and had many ideas for what improvements could be made. The collective's feedback included:

- Increasing the amount of indoor space, particularly where students can eat lunch, increasing the number of multi-purpose rooms which could be used by clubs and creating small kitchenettes with more microwaves as well as sinks and hot water for student use. Student spaces should also open 24hrs.
- The collective approved of co-locating services but was concerned that if services are merged it will lead to large crowds and long lines, particularly during peak periods. There were also concerns about reductions in the amount and quality of services offered.
- The price of food at Union House is relatively affordable and there were concerns that moving to a spread out model of café type food options would reduce the level of affordable food for students. A need for more variety was identified as well as maintaining at least one, or several, food courts on campus. The UMSU Food Co-op was raised as an essential service to continue as well as potentially having more student run food outlets. Having outlets open later into the evening was also raised as important as many students remain on campus late and either have to skip food or choose unhealthy fast food options just off campus.
- On accommodation, we welcome the University's desire to increase the amount available to students. Any accommodation needs to be a balance however between unaffordable options such

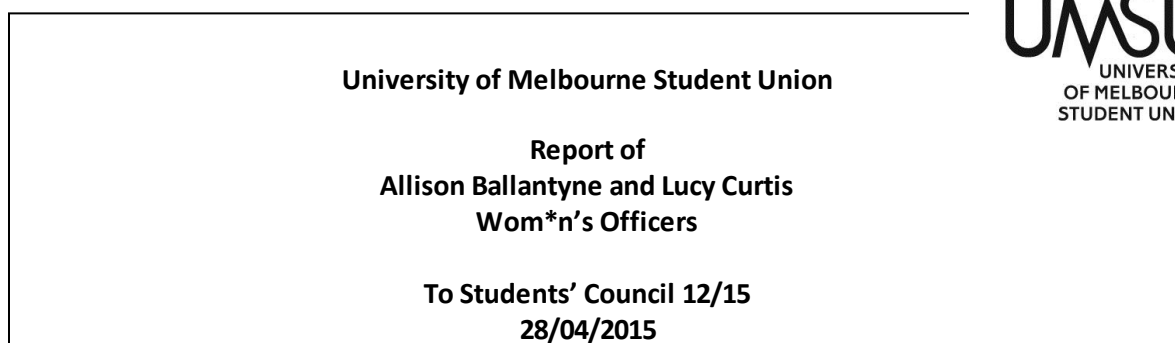
as the colleges and cheap low quality options that are seen to lack a sense of community such as Uni Lodge and other private accommodation. The site currently occupied by Union House is seen as possibly too close to campus to be a comfortable option, particularly if this site is the only one that could accommodate a live music venue like North Court. The collective was strongly supportive of any accommodation being allocated on a needs based system rather than based on who could afford it. Poorer students, students from rural areas and students in need of emergency accommodation are some of the students who should receive priority access to any housing the University decides to build.

This feedback will be passed on to Rachel to ensure these concerns and ideas are addressed by the University. It was a very productive opportunity to get feedback from students and I'd encourage other Office Bearers to raise and discuss this issue at their collectives too.

Stress Less Week

Planning for Stress Less Week is almost finalised and advertising posters are already up around Union House. Events will cover a range of demographics and issues from a Headspace workshop on mental health and to a panel on getting through your PhD being run by the GSA. I also intend on creating a webpage on the UMSU website dedicated to a fail proof way to reduce stress – cat memes.

Wom*n's



Key activities:

Rad Sex and Consent Week

Week 7 was dominated by the running of Rad Sex and Consent Week. The level of attendance of workshops was overall quite good, though some workshops later in the week were not as well-attended. People who attended workshops gave positive feedback. On Monday night we screened the documentary *The Purity Myth*.

Women's Mentoring Network

Our second networking night during week 6 was successful and we received good feedback, though attendance was not as strong as we would have liked. Consequently, we will be putting more effort into advertising our third networking night (week 10) with the intention of boosting attendance. This event will feature the speakers Lilly Brown (works with the Australian Indigenous Studies Program at the University of Melbourne), Liz Smith (President of Women in Finance) and Alison Morgan (Senior Technical Advisor in Maternal Health at the Nossal Institute for Global Health).

Judy's Punch

We are currently receiving applications for editorial positions for Judy's Punch but we are yet to receive any actual submissions for the magazine. We will putting more effort into advertising the magazine over the next few weeks.

NOWSA

A number of University of Melbourne Students have registered for NOWSA 2015. Registration for NOWSA closes this Friday so we have been advertising the conference through our newsletter and Facebook page. Following the close of registration we will begin to organise subsidisation of students attending the conference.

Regular Events

Some of our regular events continue to have fantastic attendance. We will engage in a review of all of our regular events this week and may make some changes in an effort to improve attendance at specific events.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Film screening in the Wom*n's Room

We have decided to hold our second film screening in week 9 of the semester. We will choose a film and begin advertising this event soon.

Workshop

We are planning to run a skills/educational workshop at some point this semester but are yet to decide what form this will take. This week we will engage in planning for this event and the rest of our events for this semester.

Campaigns

This week we will be consulting with Wom*n's Collective about issues that concern them and any campaigns that they would like us to run on campus this year.

Motion 5: To accept the OB Reports *en bloc*.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

6. General Manager's Report

Justin Baré spoke about the March Financial Report which had been circulated to Students' Councillors and asked for questions. He would take any questions and provide a written response at the next meeting.

Justin spoke about the Facilities and Services Agreement. User surveys are being compiled, and to be tabled at Students' Councillor.

MUSUL is undertaking two review processes, and there is a shift in attitude towards service provision to UMSU.

AGM is being held next week – the financial report for 2014 will be presented then.

Motion 6: To accept the General Manager's report.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

7. Other Reports

No other reports.

8. Operational Business

Report back on Operations Sub-Committee.

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 C&S Regulations

Motion 7: To adopt the proposed changes to the C&S Regulations as recommended unanimously to the Students' Council by the C&S Committee on Wednesday 11 March.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED

ABSTENTION: 1 (Steven Connolly)

9.2 Queer Department Expenditure – Pride Ball

Motion 8: To approve the use of \$6860 from the Queer Department Special Projects and Events Line for the remainder of the event management costs for Pride Ball, and to approve the use of \$200 also from the Queer Department Special Projects and Events Line for the hiring of a photographer for the night.

Mover: Lloyd Rouse

Seconder: Andrea Bozic

CARRIED

9.3 Second Hand Market

Preamble: There seems to be growing interest among students in the idea of buying, selling and recycling their used goods. The local Fitzroy Market, garage sales, Etsi and popular social media groups are widely utilised by students of the University of Melbourne to make money off their non-longer needed clothes, books and furniture, and save money.

Interest in a Student run market is quite high- I have spoken to students who are quite interested in not only occupying stalls but being involved in the organising of such an event. This event could be run as a small pilot to a larger Market in Semester 2 (on concrete lawns), however due to time and weather constraints (and in the interest of saving money on infrastructure) it seems prudent to hold a smaller event in North Court this semester.

Motion 9: To direct the President to arrange a Second Hand Market in North Court in Week 12, in consultation with interested students.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Comedy Festival Directorship

Motion: Students' Council directs the President to advertise for and appoint by panel two Comedy Festival Directors, as per the terms of the proposed PD and Motion 10.1 of Students' Council 2015 Meeting 12.

Mover: Martin Ditmann

Seconder: Rachel Withers

Martin spoke to his motion. There was general support to increase comedy events on campus. People involved in comedy told us that they would like opportunities to build upon existing platforms and provide additional support.

Clubs and societies have indicated the need for additional comedy opportunities on campus. Martin said that it was about increasing opportunities on campus and won't impact on existing opportunities.

The Directorship will see this turned over to students – will need to review and look at our volunteering program. Martin said we needed to codify our volunteering programs.

Hana Dalton arrived at 12:53pm.

Martin said that he had spoken to Tony Ennis and said that this proposal works alongside his Position Description, and that this is not an issue. Justin has also signed off on this being okay.

Rachel spoke to the motion, by reading part of a letter from Jacob Sacher. Jacob said that there were not enough opportunities for students to be involved in comedy on campus, and that this would enhance this. Further the comedy seen has a culture of misogyny which we would be able to prevent here at UMSU.

James Bashford asked about whether an office space and budget had been considered –

Susannah Gordon and Sasha Chong left at 12:57pm.

James continued by asking questions about the selection panel. He said the idea was good to trial.

James Baker left at 12:59pm.

Martin responded by saying that there were sufficient spaces used by Destination Melbourne, Mentoring Network, the Fodder, all of which could be shared with Comedy Festival.

He further explained that costs for shows were usually covered by the groups, and that other costs can be rectified through sponsorship and the volunteering budget.

Rachel said that we could ratify a panel alongside the O-Week Directors panel – likely to include the General Manager, President, General Secretary, and Creative Arts Officer (or their respective nominees).

Lynley Eavis and Maddy Cleve Gerken left at 1:00pm.

Lachlan McCall asked whether concerns over industrial disputes had been rectified, they had.

Bella said that it was hard to get practical experience in the arts, and that participating in this festival would complement study in arts management and curatorship. Directing the comedy festival would not only provide administrative skills, but creative and curatorial skills. She said that Students' Council should celebrate its comedy history and embrace its success with alum including Barry Humphries, Magda Szubanski, etc.

Pat Dollard asked again about Office Space, citing concern about where the Returning Officers would be located.

Martin replied that we were working on this with MUSUL.

Bonnie said that space should not be a limiting factor for this.

Ally Ballantyne asked about adding some extra requirements to the Position Description to provide a respectful and safe space for autonomous students, and to have affirmative action and requirements for diversity amongst directors.

This was amenable to the Martin and Rachel.

Steven Connolly asked about how this would be advertised. Martin said through the UMSU Website, social media, comedy revues etc.

James Bashford added that it needed to be advertised widely so that it was not just the usual suspects applying.

Shanley Price said that we should advertise it at the VCA, in the GSA, and in faculty clubs. And asked whether an affirmative action clause and diversity clause were amenable to the movers. They were – as per previous amendment.

Steven Connolly suggested that we encourage groups to hold events on campus.

Motion 10: That Students' Council directs the President to advertise and appoint by panel – comprised of the UMSU President, General Secretary, Creative Arts Officer, General Manager (or their respective nominees) – two Comedy Festival Directors, as per the terms of the proposed Position Description with an additional affirmative action clause and diversity clause added to the selection criteria and Motion 10.1 of Students' Council 2015 Meeting 12.

Mover: Martin Dittmann

Secunder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED

Simon Farley left at 1:15pm.

10.2 Education Department – Stress Ball Expenditure

Motion 11: That Students' Council approves up to \$1,000 from the Education Department budget line Campaigns, Special Projects and Events to purchase stress balls for Stress Less Week.

Mover: Conor Serong

Secunder: Nellie Montague

CARRIED

10.3 Student Forum for Union House

Preamble:

Last week UMSU, in conjunction with the GSA and University administration, held a Student Forum to discuss plans for the new student precinct, as well as what we as a student union would like to see in a student precinct if this is to happen. While the forum was an avenue for students to ask questions about the proposed student precinct, and a further forum was announced to occur following the next meeting of the Steering Group, it is important that given the many varying attitudes and opinions about relocation Union House that as much student engagement be done as possible in these early months to ensure that as many students voices are heard, in order to provide further direction to the University, UMSU and to inform more students about the proposed relocation of Union House.

Action

1. That Students' Council calls for a student only forum to be held prior to the next Steering Group meeting in order to allow students to convey they're [sic] opinions, thoughts, and queries they may have about the new Student Precinct. Further, that this event be

promoted through Facebook, posters, and other forms of relevant media to ensure maximum student participation.

2. That Students' Council endorses the upcoming Save Union House speak-out to occur in a fortnight.

Mover: Pat Dollard

Seconder: James Bashford

Pat spoke to the motion saying that it was important to hear from student voices. James said that it was important to be proactive.

Stephen Smith said that it was too early to endorse something called 'Save Union House'. Itsi reiterated this point.

Steven Connolly said that it wasn't obvious that there was overwhelming support for a "Save Union House" campaign – but rather that we should take advantage of the opportunity for a better student space.

James Bashford amended the motion so not to call the speak-out "Save Union House".

Lauren Englefield left at 1:22pm

Steven Connolly asked if we could consider the two action items as two points.

Conor Serong asked he organised the speak-out. James said that it was run by various socialist and UMSU groups.

Charlie Gerrand and Lia Vassiliades left at 1:29pm.

Patrick Clearwater said that there were other opportunities for feedback before the next forum, and said that we could advertise the speak-out rather than endorse it.

Jason Wong said that considering the framing of the forum, there was no conversation about whether the move should happen.

Steven Connolly said he was concerned about misinformation.

Rachel Withers said that there was appropriate time to collect information, and that we should necessarily be organising campaigns yet. A forum is possible.

Ben Founiotis said that we should endorse the forum, but not the campaign.

Lachlan McCall said we were labouring under the assumption that the relocation has already been decided, and we should be discussing whether to relocate. It is important that the Student Union facilitates debate.

Daniel Sullivan said that this is a long-term issue, and there is an opportunity to fight for a student run and controlled building. It was pointed out that we don't have this now.

James Bashford amended his motion to read "to support efforts from students to discussed the proposed relocation of Union House".

Procedural motion: To vote on the amended motion

Mover: Lloyd Rouse

CARRIED

Motion 12:

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promoted through Facebook, posters, and other forms of relevant media to ensure maximum student participation.

2. That Students' Council supports efforts from students to discuss the proposed relocation of Union House

Mover: Pat Dollard

Secunder: James Bashford

CARRIED

Sarah Xia left at 1:44pm.

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