

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 14.5.2015

Meeting 13

Location: Private Dining Room, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:13 PM by Hana Dalton.

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Hana Dalton be elected Chair.

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Stephen Smith

Carried

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

OBs: Hana Dalton (General Secretary), Van Rudd (VCA), Hayden Michaelides (Activities), Stephen Smith (Clubs & Societies), Allison Ballantyne (Wom*n's), Shanley Price (Education Academic), Maddy Cleeve Gerken (Media), Conor Serong (Education Public), Martin Ditmann (Media), Daniel Sullivan (Environment), Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Indigenous), Simon Farley (Media), Lynley Eavis (Media), Nellie Montague (Education Academic), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Claire Pollock (Clubs & Societies)

Councillors: Stephen Mitas, Lia Vassiliadis, Lachlan Gell, Destan Dikbas, Danielle Bagnato, Itsi Weinstock, Karly Banks, Steven Connolly, Patrick Dollard, Lachlan McCall, Sarah Xia

Others: Brendan Tam, Patrick Clearwater, Bren Carruthers

Staff: Fiona Sanders, Justin Baré

1.4 Apologies

Rachel Withers (President)

James Bashford (Welfare)

Amba-Rose Atkinson

Feifei Liao

Ezgi Bridger

1.5 Proxies

Ben Fourniotis to Stephen Mitas

Charles Gerrand to Brendan Tam

Jakob von der Lippe to Danielle Bagnato

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

Carried

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To confirm the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting on 28th April.

Mover: Chair

Carried

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

4. Correspondence

Nil.

5. Office Bearers' Reports

President

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Report of
Rachel Withers
President

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O-Week Directors

Start of week 8 we closed applications for O-Week Directors. I arranged interview times with the individual applicants and circulated candidate applications to the interview panel, as well as creating a selection criteria rubric. We held interviews on Thursday of Week 8 and I'm pleased to say we unanimously selected three candidates (please see ratifying motion). I emailed the selected candidates congratulating them and messaged the unsuccessful candidates encouraging them to apply to be hosts and look out for other roles. I have left the rest with HR. I for one can't wait to see what they do with O-Week.

Student Market

Since Council's approval of the idea last council, I have thrown the plan into action (with three office days left to do it). The market will be on Monday of Week 12 in North Court, and will give students the chance to save or make some dollars. I booked North Court, wrote copy and got Comms to create graphics for posters and Facebook covers. I created a google survey for applicants, which is linked to the website, and hopefully asks all the information we'll need - it also requests a \$50 deposit from successful applicants, to ensure their participation. I created a Facebook event (from Santiago) and we've had over 27 applicants (as of Tuesday morning). Applications close end of Week

10. I have also discussed other options with UMSU OBs, and at this stage the Market will also feature a Welfare Household Goods stall, promotion of the uni secondhand furniture, and popcorn and/or fairy floss. I have asked 130 degrees to use their tables in North Court, and they have agreed, meaning this market should run at next to zero cost. I asked the Rowden White if they had enough left over from their May 6 book sale to warrant a stall, but they declined saying there wasn't enough left (congrats to them on a very successful sale!) Next steps will involve selecting stallholders and creating a layout.

Student Precinct

There have been no further meetings of the student precinct steering group, but four more are now scheduled for the rest of the year. We have however been having discussions over email about how specifically the project will be governed. Nothing will be decided until our next steering group, but there is strong support for the creation of a Working Group that meets more frequently, and spans the stakeholder perspectives. I'll do my best to make sure there are as many types of student stakeholder present (such as theatre, the cooperatives, clubs, the list goes on), but email hasn't been the best forum for robust discussion around what form this group will take - but the more meetings, the more info, the better.

The idea for the next forum is more of a focus group (for want of a better word) style - I have asked Office Bearers to be there to lead groups, and facilitate and collate individual group feedback. This will be held on the 21st of May (the day I get back to the country). A Facebook event should be up by council.

U21 Student Summit

I will write a full update at some stage about the U21 Conference, but I was in Santiago last week for what seems to be the side summit to the main U21 Conference. Glyn Davis and Sue Elliot are here too, as well as many from around the world - it's been fascinating discussing some of the world trends in higher education over dinner, with many people with a vested interest - from Chilean student presidents to Irish VCs (the three of us had a great chat over dinner). I was also assigned the same table as the VC of the University of Queensland at the main dinner, and we had a longer chat about dereg than I have ever had with Glyn.

Leave

I'm on leave for the next week and a half, however I am still responding to emails and any work related Facebook messages - just bear with me that it may take 24 hours for me to get back to you.

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Report of
Hana Dalton
General Secretary

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AGM

The UMSU Annual General Meeting was held on May 5th at 12:45pm in North Court. Quorum of 400 was reached, and the meeting ran smoothly. We were able to confirm the minutes of last year's AGM, as well as approve the 2014 financial reports. I am now in the process of fulfilling our reporting obligations to Consumer Affairs Victoria. Thanks to all those who came along.

National Student Leadership Project

I recently attended the Melbourne workshop for the National Student Leadership Project, which involved meeting students and staff from other universities and discussing the different approaches to student leadership in higher education, as well as its importance in guiding universities toward outcomes which benefit students. At the workshop, we discussed the results of the National Student Leadership Survey, run out of the Australian Government's Office for Learning and Teaching, and completed by student leaders and representatives from across the country.

Constitutional Working Group

The second meeting of the Constitutional Working Group took place on the 7th of May, to specifically focus on gender/sexuality issues and nomenclature in the UMSU Constitution. A number of minor amendments were suggested, intended to provide for greater inclusivity, while some broader issues involving the Electoral Regulations were also discussed. Some small changes will be drafted in the coming weeks, though any proposed changes will be taken to Students' Council for endorsement sometime next semester. The next meeting of the Constitutional Working Group will take place on Thursday 21st May at 1pm in the OB Space, and will focus on ethno-cultural issues within the Constitution.

Operations Sub-Committee

The Operations Sub-Committee had its third meeting last week (7/5). The meeting passed Education Department expenditure and expenditure for an event at the Burnley campus.

O-Week Directors

I sat on the panel charged with selecting the student O Week Directors on Thursday April 30th. The panel came to a unanimous decision to appoint three directors.

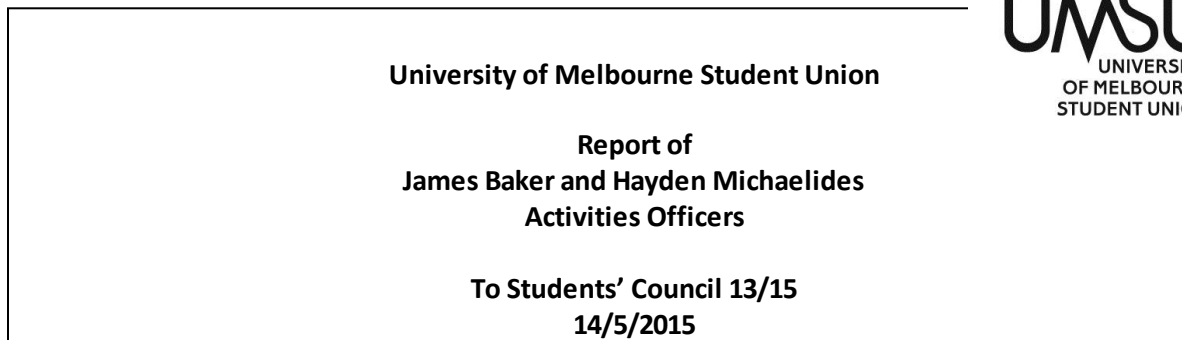
AV@Melbourne

I have been involved in the process of considering expressions of interest for the restructured AV@Melbourne positions which were endorsed by Council in the Change Management Plan on April 15th.

Union House/Student Precinct

As per a motion of the Operations Sub-Committee directing me to do so, I have created a physical ideas box for students to submit questions about the plans for Union House/the 'student precinct', which can be found at the Info Desk. I also attended the exhibition of the subject in which Architecture students are asked to design the new student precinct. Some of the ideas were fantastic, and I was impressed by the standard of work. It seems that some of these designs would work really well in providing for the spaces UMSU needs, but only if fully implemented. I am currently organising the second forum on the issue, which will be held at 4-5:30pm on Thursday 21st May. This session will be more of a workshop than a forum however, as the Student Precinct Steering Group has not met since the last forum on April 22nd.

Activities



Key activities:

Trivia 2:

At the time of writing trivia number 2 for the year hasn't happened yet. This is scheduled for Wednesday 13th May, starting at 6:30pm. So far we have 23 tables booked. It is set to be a great night for all attending.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Dis-Orientation Week:

We are still in contact with people about organising the South Lawn carpark party for dis-orientation week, which is going to be in the 4th week of next semester.

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Report of

**Claire Pollock & Stephen Smith
Clubs & Societies Officers**

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Clubs Collective:

The Clubs Collective has met three times in Semester 1. The Collective has been a success seeing a range of new faces at each meeting. We have been able to discuss the projects and priorities with club executives and other active club individuals to help us set our goals for the rest of the year. Thank-you to those who have attended thus far and helped make it a success. We hope to see even more new faces during Collective in Semester 2.

Executive Handbook

We will be compiling an Executive Handbook over the mid-year break. The Handbook will be a useful guide for club executives detailing how to do all things club – from planning, organising, and running events, to recruiting new members, applying for grants, and everything else they will encounter when running a club.

Safety in Clubs

The Safety in Clubs Working Group has drafted a grievance procedure for the C&S Regulations, which was presented to our Week 9 Collective. This looks at dealing with minor disputes in clubs. We will be developing a guide for clubs on how to respond and refer to incidents within existing frameworks. Club executives should not be expected to know how to deal with every situation that may arise, so we want to ensure that they can have appropriate support from C&S and access to available services.

New Clubs

The C&S Committee granted initial approval to 12 new clubs – 11 of which have made it through the Inaugural General Meeting (IGM) stage of the process. We have been attending IGMs to assist new clubs in getting started. Keep an eye on the UMSU Clubs & Societies Facebook page to see when these meetings will be!

Creative Arts

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Report of

**Nellie Montague & Shanley Price
Education (Academic Affairs) Officers**

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Key activities:

Bookmarks:

We made book marks to promote the online Counter-Course handbook and online submissions. After distributing the final 30 physical copies, there are perhaps three left on the stands of a total run of 1500. The bookmarks should do well to encourage submissions from underrepresented faculties.

Misconduct hearings:

With the first round of assessment for the semester largely over, we've had several misconduct hearings. There doesn't seem to be an increase in severity or frequency, but there are worthwhile discussions to be had on flexible (whilst remaining applicable) penalties for students. This times well with reports tabled in TALQAC about student discipline statute reform.

Know your rights:

It has become increasingly aware that students are not literate or empowered with the knowledge of what university policy provides them. From if and how marks can be contested, to appropriate assessment tasks- the ed ac office will be running a know your rights awareness campaign.

MSD opening hours:

The uni governance has aided the fight to extend hours of access to the MSD. Shanley is working with Sue Elliot to negotiate with the faculty of architecture building and planning in an upcoming board meeting. Shanley will be attending a faculty meeting on May 13 whose agenda is reassessing the MSD opening hours.

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**Report of
Conor Serong
Education (Public Affairs) Officer**

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Key activities:

Human Rights Arts & Film Festival

I have been invited to speak on a discussion panel at the HRAFF, where we will watch *Ivory Tower*, a documentary on the US higher education system, and particularly student debt levels. I will then speak alongside Professor Bruce Chapman, architect of HECS, and Associate Professor Christopher Ziguras, about the need for sustainably funded higher education that does not cripple students and graduates with a lifetime of debt. We have provided free tickets for students interested in attending.

NUS National Day of Action

The National Union of Students have called the next NDA for Wednesday 20 May. This rally will focus on the Federal Budget, due today 12 May.

The Fodder budget show

I have been invited by the Media Officers to speak on the Fodder's budget show, on the evening of 12 May. I will be providing commentary on budgetary issues, specifically those which relate to higher education funding and income support.

Meeting with Glyn Davis

As reported to Students' Council, I have called for a meeting with the Vice Chancellor to discuss the future of higher education funding, and the potential for a cooperative campaign to make higher education funding an election issue in the lead-up to the 2016 Federal Election. Fellow Education Officers Nellie Montague and Shanley Price, President Rachel Withers, and General Secretary Hana Dalton will be accompanying me to this meeting.

NUS Quality Survey

The National Union of Students have begun circulating their Quality Survey, designed to gauge the quality of teaching and facilities at universities around the country. We will be promoting this online and in person at the UMSU marquee at the farmers' market every Wednesday.

SSAF Survey

The University has sent out a survey to all students regarding SSAF allocation. We will be encouraging students to fill out this survey, with the goal of exposing a desire for greater funding to UMSU and other vital services.

NUS Education Conference

The National Union of Students have announced that EdCon will be held from 6-10 July, at the University of New South Wales. We are encouraging students to attend, and intend to

provide subsidies to cover a combination of conference registration, accommodation and flights, to students who demonstrate financial need.

Budget Expenditure since last report:

Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount (ex. GST)	Line	Comments
<i>Approved by Students' Council.</i>	28/04/2015	Stress balls	\$909.60	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	UMSU Education branded stress balls for Stress Less Week
<i>Approved by Operations Sub Committee of Students' Council</i>	07/05/2015	CounterCourse bookmarks	\$228.00	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	CounterCourse bookmarks to advertise the Handbook and encourage submissions to our online database.
<i>Approved by Operations Sub Committee of Students' Council</i>	07/05/2015	HRAFF screening and discussion panel tickets	\$155.00	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	Tickets to provide free access to students to discussion panel where Conor Serong spoke on higher education.

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**Report of
Daniel Sullivan and Lauren Englefield
Environment Officers**

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Key activities:

We have continued to run well attended Play With Your Food and Bike Co-op events and collective meetings. The extremely high demand for the bike co-op services necessitated getting another bike mechanic in for weeks 6 & 7.

East Gippsland Trip

During the study break, the Melbourne Uni Environment Collective visited environmental activists from the Goongerah Environment Centre (GECO) in far East Gippsland. During our stay, we helped uncover illegal rainforest logging on the Errinundra Plateau. We are now calling on Victorian Environment Minister Lisa Neville to halt logging in the Hensleigh Creek coupe, and take legal action against VicForests, the state -owned forestry company responsible.

Fossil Free Universities National Day of Action - Wed 22 April, 12pm to 1:30pm, South Lawn

Amongst weeks of volunteer recruitment and campaigning, the Fossil Free Melb Uni team worked super hard to make a huge action for the National Day of Fossil Fuel Divestment Action on 22nd April. Thousands of signatures were handed over to the university secretary and we have now received confirmation, from Vice - Chancellor Glyn Davis, that the University's stance on fossil fuel divestment will be reassessed at the next University Council meeting. Post - NDA strategy days have resulted in the group moving their focus to further publicising the campaign and rationale as broadly as possibly until this meeting in June.

Students of Sustainability Conference

This annual conference will be hosted by Flinders University in Adelaide and held there from the 8th- 12th July. We have been collecting expressions of interest from students and liaising with the conference organisers to support and subsidise Melb Uni students' attendance.

Fair Trade Market- Wed 13 April, 12-2pm, North Court

This was a collaboration with the Fair Trade Steering Committee and the product of much organising over the past fortnight. We hosted a market full of fair trade giveaways and informational stalls. The goal was to promote the concept of Fair Trade, clarify and rebut concerns with it and raise awareness of the university's fair trade status (what this means and where we're falling short).

Disabilities

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**Report of
Tyson Holloway-Clarke
Indigenous Officer**

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UNDER BUNJIL is out! Please pick up a copy around the University and Union House and tell your friends! We already have heard great things but we are looking for feedback towards the second volume next semester. A huge thank you to all the contributors and the Media Officers for their work. In particular friend of the collective Martin Ditman for his work and lending his technical expertise across the last month. This project will hopefully have a second volume next semester and run forever! The plan is to establish a working group from members of both the Indigenous and Media collectives to both train students in how to run a magazine and provide them with an opportunity to work on a publication.

The final steps in organising the UoM Indigenous Games team are underway with a whopping \$25 000 secured in support from Murrup Barak. This has come from a concerted effort on both the Indigenous Office and Associate Director Charles O'Leary's behalf in repairing the relationship between the student body and Murrup Barak. This demonstrates on their side a willingness to back student led activities and projects and now it is up to the students to show that we are competent and capable of amazing things.

Reconciliation Week was planned for Week 12 and while events will still be going ahead both at Murrup Barak and within UMSU, the UMSU presence will be tuned down. The trial regarding the death of student Josh Hardy starts during that week and the timing of events does not lead toward a particularly enthusiastic week of participation. As a result there will be some events but not the number of events initially planned. Stay tuned for details.

Media

Queer

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**Report of
James Bashford
Welfare Officer**

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Stress Less Week

This week is Stress Less Week and so far it has been massive! The Facebook event has over 1 300 attendees and has been seen by over 125 000 people. More importantly, there's been a buzz around campus and a strong awareness of the week. I'm constantly overhearing people talk about it walking around Uni and "Stress Less" events that aren't even part of the week have been popping up like a Student Appeal breakdance workshop. It's fantastic to see students talking about stress and really being aware of this important issue, it's also been a fantastic opportunity to promote UMSU. A massive thankyou to all the Welfare volunteers, clubs, the GSA, Danielle Clayman from Wellness@Melbourne and the other UMSU OBs and departments for helping out and enabling this week to be such a success.

Regular Activities

Zumba and yoga are going well, next semester I'll look to finding larger venues to remove the need for sign ups and reduce the administrative burden of organising them. Breakfast attendance continues to defy the usual slide in attendance and is in fact attracting more students.

Students in Need

At this point of semester there's been a very noticeable rise in demand for help and assistance. Several students have approached me facing a range of issues from rental disputes to students struggling to pay rent as they're too sick or busy to work. There has been higher demand for the food bank as a result and I've been referring students to other services. This is something for everyone to keep an eye out for in the next few weeks.

Media

I was approached by ABC Radio National to be part of a panel to discuss first year drop out rates. The panel was on Tuesday and I was subsequently approached to do an interview on ABC 24 that afternoon. Given this was also budget day this was a good opportunity to discuss the broader issues faced by uni students at the moment, including deregulation.

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Report of
Allison Ballantyne & Lucy Curtis
Wom*n's Officers

To Students' Council 13/15
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Key activities:

Women's Mentoring Network

Our third networking night will be held on Tuesday May 12. We have engaged in greater promotion of this event with the hope of increasing attendance.

Judy's Punch

We have been contacted by a few students who are interested in editing/illustrating Judy's Punch, however we are yet to receive any actual submissions for the publication. We will continue to publicise the magazine through various avenues throughout the rest of the semester. We will focus more attention on promoting the publication over the break when people have more time to make submissions.

NOWSA

Registration for NOWSA 2015 has now closed, so we have begun allocating subsidies to University of Melbourne students in financial need who have registered for the conference.

Regular Events Some of our regular events have had solid attendance for the past few weeks, while others have been mixed. Consequently we have changed the time of Crafternoons to earlier in the day on Thursday – it is now at 3pm during even weeks. We are also in the process of reviewing the event Femme Afternoons due to mixed attendance. This week Wom*n's Collective and Queer and Questioning QTs will feature free pizza in honour of Stress Less week. During Wom*n's Collective we are also planning to discuss self-care.

Film screening

During week 9, we held a screening of 'Looking for Alibrandi' in the Wom*n's Room, which was very well-attended.

Sweet Treats in the Wom*n's Room

As the end of the semester is a stressful time for most students, instead of organising activist/educational special events, we have scheduled an event called 'Sweet Treats' for week 11, which will take place in the Wom*n's Room. It will basically be an afternoon tea with cake, biscuits and tea, and is intended to be a relaxing social event for women students at this stressful time of year.

Engagement with colleges

We have recently contacted the Presidents of all the colleges concerning the development of a relationship with the Wom*n's Department. We proposed engaging with the colleges to run consent workshops (or possibly general safe sex workshops, if this is deemed useful). So far we have received

two responses, both very positive, and are hoping to have meetings with the student representatives concerned over the next few weeks.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Establishment of Judy's Punch committee

As we have received some more solid expressions of interest in Judy's Punch, we are hoping to start putting together a group to work on the editing/design/illustration of the publication over the next couple of weeks.

NOWSA

By our next report, we plan to have well and truly completed the financial organisation related to the conference. We also will be contacting University of Melbourne students attending the conference regarding booking their flights, and organising a get together for people to get to know each other prior to the conference.

Planning for semester two

We have started to look ahead to semester two, and over the coming weeks will make some more concrete plans for our women's networking nights, Women in Higher Education week, campaigns and special panel events/workshops.

VCA

Van delivered a verbal report, as he had not met deadlines for submitting Farrago and Students' Council reports. He outlined the projects that he has been working on:

- May 20 NDA
- Mural artwork project with an Indigenous artist
- Concerns re. Indigenous students at the VCA
- Pride movie screening in second semester
- Spoken Word event
- PROUD Exhibition at VCA – social justice award.

Motion 4: To accept the Office Bearer reports en bloc.

Mover: Chair

Carried.

6. General Manager's Report

Justin spoke about:

- The results of the FSA MUSUL User Assessment Survey, and issues in MUSUL to UMSU service provision. Issues with the Communications department were outlined. Justin is working with Dee to make recommendations.
- The strategic reviews being undertaken by MUSUL, which are broad and lack terms of reference, though aim to provide for continuous innovation in service provision.
- AV@Melbourne – staff have been notified of the changes and endorsed by Students' Council. There was one redundancy stemming from the restructure. There were two

expressions of interest from internal applicants. Successful applicants will be notified in the next week, after which external applications will be opened.

Martin Ditmann asked about the Volunteering Review.

- Justin said that the consultant has committed to completing the process next week, after which recommendations will be provided to Council.

Patrick Clearwater suggested extending the service provision survey to include office bearer feedback about Comms.

Justin states that this has been discussed, and that there is a need to capture some feedback from across the organisation.

Motion 5: To accept the General Manager's Report.

Mover: Chair

Carried

7. Other Reports

Nil.

8. Operational Business

Operations Sub-Committee report-back and minutes from Meeting 3 circulated. No discussion around this item.

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Ratification of O Week Directors

Hana Dalton described the application/selection process.

Discussion around the short timeframe in which applications were opened, and the need for a clearer volunteer application process.

Concern was expressed about potential oversight of VCA

It was clarified that the term includes mid-year and February O-Week and engagement with the VCA, as the directors' focus is not solely on Parkville.

Justin Baré stated that policies need to be developed to set guidelines for future application processes and directorships generally.

The methods of promoting the opportunity were discussed, particularly the need to promote through channels other than social media. It was clarified that the O Week directorship was promoted through the UMSU Newsletter, to former O Week hosts and on the UMSU website.

Preamble: The O-Week Director Position Description and application was posted on the UMSU Website on Monday 20th April, with a closing date of Sunday 26th April. This role was promoted over the UMSU Facebook page, and shared within many volunteering-focused Facebook groups, such as the UMSU Mentors group, the UMSU VCE Summer School Tutors group and the 2015 O-Week Host group, by leaders within those groups. While this time frame was not as long as it might otherwise been due to time constraints, this active sharing ensure it was seen by as many qualified and actively involved members of the UMSU community as possible within that time.

In the weekly Management Meeting, it was decided that the General Manager (or nominee), President (or nominee), Secretary (or nominee) and a former UMSU student director would be the appropriate panel (Tom Walker was originally suggested to be this director, but declined the position

due to a conflict of interest. Patrick Clearwater was appointed in his place). Two applications were received by the 5pm deadline, but four more were received by the following day, and so it was decided to accept these applications in the interest of a broader selection pool. One applicant withdrew before the interview stage. As President, Rachel flagged that three candidates were known to her, which the rest of the panel accepted as not presenting any issues. Interviews were held for 20 minutes each on the morning of Thursday 30th of April. The panel reached a collaborative and unanimous decision, based on the mix of applicants and their various styles, to appoint three of the candidates to the role.

Motion 6: to approve the appointment of Alex McMillan, Claire Fitzpatrick and Corey Morton as the 2015/2016 O-Week Directors and set the annual honoraria at \$3000 each taken from the Volunteering budget line.

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Patrick Clearwater

Carried

Motion 7: Procedural motion to consider items 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4 en bloc.

Mover: Chair

Carried

Bren spoke to the capacity for an SMS texting line to enhance listener engagement.

A question was asked as to the reach of The Fodder. It was stated that only numbers are known, not demographics of listeners, but a survey will be conducted in semester 2.

It was emphasised that The Fodder is actively employing diverse programming.

9.2 UMSU Radio Expenditure – SMS texting line

Motion: To pass \$135 from the UMSU Radio budget line to pay for an SMS texting line for The Fodder's studio, and related costs.

Mover: Bren Curruthers

Seconder: Martin Dittmann

9.3 UMSU Radio Expenditure – Music royalty licencing fees

Motion: To pass up to \$1375 from the UMSU Radio budget line to pay for music royalty licencing fees for 2015.

Mover: Bren Curruthers

Seconder: Martin Dittmann

9.4 UMSU Radio Expenditure – Portable audio mixer

Motion: To pass \$350 from the UMSU Radio budget line to pay for the purchase of a portable audio mixer, for use in production and outside broadcasts.

Mover: Bren Curruthers

Seconder: Martin Dittmann

Motion 8: To approve motions 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4.

Mover: Chair

Carried

9.5 Food outlet report

Shanley spoke to the disadvantages of having food outlets spread out around campus, including decreasing student engagement in the student precinct, and the need to critique the findings of the report commissioned by the University which highlighted congestion in the food court as a major issue. The need to seek a professional second opinion on the report's findings was highlighted, especially if the University won't listen to student concerns over the plans.

It was suggested that attempts be made to access the University's report first.

A question was asked about the student consultation processes around this issue. Hana stated that the University intends to conduct a survey about the Student Precinct and related issues, and that UMSU will put out its own survey.

It was suggested that terms of reference be developed and presented when we have a quote.

Preamble: In a paper of recommendations, the University was advised that it would be beneficial to distribute throughout campus the food outlets that currently reside in Union House when the relocation to the Student Precinct occurs. Many students have concerns that this will reduce overall use of the student area, as well as be an overall inconvenience to students (the antithesis of the point if a student precinct). It would be useful to have a counter recommendation to provide the University that not only promotes the students' considerations but also assuages the Universities concerns that have been cited- notably congestion of the site. A cursory investigation of academic papers of best practice prove to state the contrary to the report the University has received. Professional reports will strengthen our case and give us leverage beyond what already have in our ongoing negotiations with the Student Precinct Steering Committee.

Motion 9: That Students' Council directs The General Secretary or nominee to commission a report or recommendation from an architecture firm, social geography consultant or similar for a second opinion on the benefits of spreading food outlets throughout campus as part of the relocation to the Student Precinct.

Mover: Shanley Price

Secunder: Conor Serong

Carried

9.6 Student Working Group for Wayfinding Strategy

It was emphasised that broadening student engagement and consultation is an important thing for UMSU to be encouraging.

It was pointed out that broad advertising would be needed to promote the working group.

Preamble: Education (Public Affairs) Officer Conor Serong has been sitting on the University's Wayfinding Strategy Steering Committee, a group dedicated to improving signage and other wayfinding around Parkville and other campuses. In the absence of a policy governing signage and other wayfinding issues, this group will make a number of decisions designed to reduce the total

number of sign styles from over 20, down to 5-10. Crucial to this process will be issues of equity and accessibility, and the creation of a cohesive set of easy-to-follow signs and other wayfinding strategies. As students will be amongst the most affected by any radical overhaul of signage and wayfinding around campus, it is advisable that a Student Working Group be established to discuss items raised in the Steering Group, and provide recommendations and feedback to Conor to pass along to the Steering Group.

Motion 10: That the Students' Council direct Conor Serong to establish a Wayfinding Strategy Student Working Group, to meet approximately once a month or as needed, to discuss issues raised in the University's Wayfinding Strategy Steering Group, and to give Conor items to report back to the Steering Group. All students of the University, Office Bearers and UMSU employees will be welcome to attend this Working Group, and it will be promoted through various channels, including social media and mailing lists.

Mover: Conor Serong

Secunder: Hana Dalton

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 May 20 NDA

The need to use all channels to encourage students to attend was highlighted, especially as small numbers suggest that students don't care, which the media will point out.

Sully proposes an amendment, to insert "reaffirms UMSU's support of free and accessible government-funded education" as the first dot point. This is amenable to both the mover and seconder.

Preamble: On Tuesday May 12th, the Federal Coalition Government delivered its second budget. This budget continues the Government's attack on equitable, accessible and affordable higher education, continuing to push for university fee deregulation, reducing the amount of Commonwealth funding per student for Commonwealth Supported Places, and cutting Research Training Scheme funding by around 10%. The Budget also proposes to introduce a four week waiting period for all Newstart claimants, and raises the age of eligibility for Newstart from 22 to 25, forcing young people to stay on the lower-paying Youth Allowance for longer. In addition, the Office of Teaching and Learning and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Committee will both be closed. These measures, amongst others, demonstrate the Coalition Government's disregard for the welfare of students and the quality of higher education in Australia.

Motion 11: That Students' Council:

- reaffirms UMSU's support of free and accessible government-funded education
- denounces the Government's plans to continue to push for the deregulation of undergraduate university fees, to cut postgraduate research programs and to reduce Commonwealth funding to students in Commonwealth Supported Places, amongst other higher education and welfare measures
- endorses the National Union of Students' National Day of Action on May 20
- encourages UMSU departments to promote the NDA
- encourages all students to join the UMSU contingent to the NDA rally, leaving from South Lawn at 1:30pm on Wednesday 20th May.

Mover: Hana Dalton

Secunder: Stephen Smith

Carried

11. Other Business

Nil.

12. Next Meeting

26th May at 12pm.

13. Close

Meeting closed at 1:06pm.