

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 15.07.2015

Meeting 17

Training Rooms, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:10 by Rachel Withers

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: that Rachel Withers be elected Chair

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: James Baker

CARRIED

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Jakob Von Der Lippe, Danielle Bagnato, Pat Dollard, Lachlan McCall, Ash Munoz, Lia Vassiliadis, Feifei Liao, Destan Dikbas, Sarah Xia, Lachlan Gell, Steven Connolly

Office Bearers: Rachel Withers (President), James Bashford (Welfare), Lucy Curtis (Wom*ns), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Sasha Chong (Disabilities), Stephen Smith (Clubs), Claire Pollock (Clubs), Conor Serong (Education Public), Allie Ballantyne (Wom*s), Nellie Montague (Education Academic), Bella Vadiveloo (Arts), Maddy Cleeve Gerken (Media), Lynley Eavis (media), James Baker (Activities), Van Rudd (VCA), Hana Dalton (Secretary)

Other: Ben Fourniotis (proxy), Sarina Murray

1.4 Apologies

Ezgi Bridger

Lauren Englefield (Environment Officer)

Hayden Michaelides (Activities Officer)

1.5 Proxies

Karly Banks to Ben Fourniotis

Stephen Mitas to Ashok Munoz

Steven Connolly to Sarah Xia

Itsi Weinstock to Patrick Dollard

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the agenda as presented

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

1.7 Membership

Council now has 18 members – there is a new International Student Representative, Oliver Sui and a new Graduate Rep – Ash Munoz

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: To confirm that the previous minutes are a true and accurate record

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Rachel raised that the time for an Isegoria agreement had passed, and welcomes future discussion about apps or the website

4. Correspondence

Reporting requirements – Conor Serong

13 July, 2015

Dear Students' Council,

Commitments to transparency and accountability are critical to the running of any organisation, particularly one which relies upon external funding, like UMSU.

One of the measures taken to ensure that these commitments are maintained is the requirement for UMSU Office Bearers to regularly report to the Students' Council and their respective Committees on key activities undertaken and expenditure made by their office or department. More specifically, the UMSU Procedures for Student Representatives (accessible publicly on the UMSU website, and distributed to Office Bearers during induction) states:

"...

4. Office Bearer Accountability

4.1 Office Bearers shall include in their report to each regular meeting of Students' Council and the Committee to which they are accountable:

4.1.1 the projects and tasks undertaken or completed and how they were divided amongst the duties of the Office Bearer as described in the Regulations and Constitution; and

4.1.2 a record of any monies spent from the Department's budget.

4.2 An Officer that does not submit a report to three consecutive regular meetings of the Students' Council or the Committee to which they are accountable shall not receive remuneration for the period of time that no reports were submitted."

Please note the requirement for Office Bearers to report to *each* regular meeting of Council and their Committee, with repercussions being implemented after three consecutive failures to do so.

At the time of writing this letter, the only departments or offices to have reported to each regularly scheduled Council are the President, General Secretary, Education (Academic Affairs) and Education (Public Affairs). Furthermore, the only Department to regularly include expenditure reports as part of Office Bearer reports is Education (Public Affairs) – although please note that the President and General Secretary do not have departmental budgets for which reports could be submitted, and Education (Academic Affairs) shares a departmental budget with Education (Public Affairs), meaning expenditure reports would be identical.

Beyond this, a number of departments have failed to provide reports to three consecutive meetings of the Council. While Committee minutes have not been exhaustively examined, a cursory examination reveals that some Office Bearers have not made up for this by reporting to their respective Committee during this period.

While the aforementioned policy dictates that honoraria should be withheld from these non-compliant Office Bearers, I present the following recommendations for Councillors' consideration:

1. That the Students' Council reaffirms its commitments to accountability and transparency, and recognises that submitting regular reports is a core duty of Office Bearers.
2. That Students' Council acknowledges that Office Bearer reports which do not include expenditure reports, where applicable, are not in compliance with reporting requirements.
3. That Students' Council issues a warning to Office Bearers regarding non-compliance with reporting requirements.
4. That Students' Council resolves to only accept written reports in future, with verbal reports being allowed informally if an Office Bearer wishes to update the Council on anything, but not counting towards that Office Bearers' reporting requirements.
5. That Students' Council requests all Office Bearer reports submitted to respective Committees also be submitted to Council in a timely fashion.
6. That Students' Council considers reviewing existing policy to ensure that maximum clarity is obtained - particularly around the frequency and method of required reporting - and to ensure that processes which foster transparency and accountability are optimised.

I ask that the Council considers these recommendations and reaches a decision as soon as practicable to ensure that existing policy breaches surrounding reporting are remedied promptly, and future breaches are prevented. It is not my intention that Office Bearers be criticised for their work throughout the year so far, simply that current practices surrounding reporting are improved to ensure that core duties are being met.

Kind regards,

Conor Serong
UMSU Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Discussion around suggestions and issues raised above. Clarification sought regarding point 5 – OBs expressed a preference to submit different reports. Point 5 was struck from the recommendations. Clubs and Societies raised that they have approx. 70 motions each meeting relating to financial matters due to club grants, so requested that they could summarise the motions (and just present a grant amount). This was generally agreed upon.

Motion 4: That the Students' Council endorses the content of this correspondence, and adopts the above recommendations 1,2,3,4 and 6.

Mover: Conor Serong

Seconder: Stephen Smith

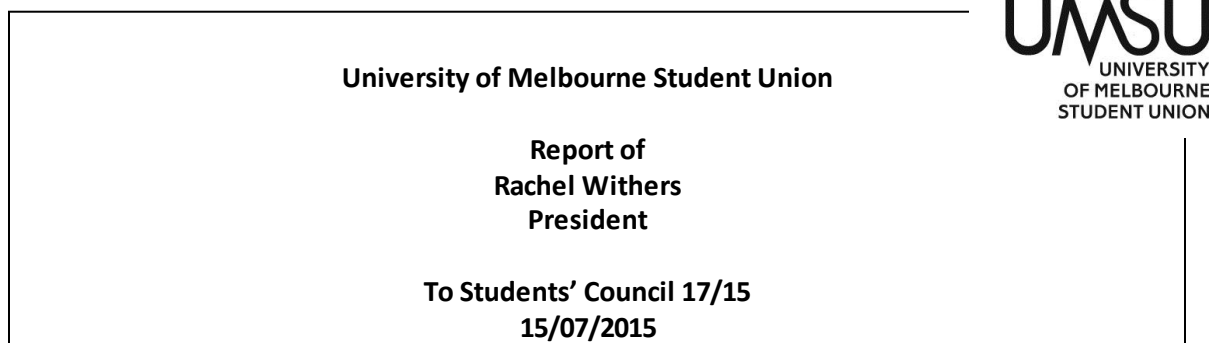
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

5. Office Bearers' Reports

Taken as read, no questions from Councillors

5. Office Bearer Reports

President



Key activities:

Student Precinct

a) Steering Group (copied from my Student Precinct Update page on the UMSU website)

The Student Precinct Steering Group finally met again, for the *second time* (the first time being what triggered the first forum). There were a few things to look at, and I added my own long list of agenda items that I felt needed discussing (the forums, the food co op, food and beverage, a student centre update, the architecture studio whose students designed their own student precincts); unfortunately, in the one hour we had available to us, we didn't get to discuss many of them... we did have time enough to acknowledge that one hour once every two months is just not enough.

From the outset of this meeting, it looked as if we were close to amending and adopting proposed terms of reference for the Steering Group and stages for the project. I asked for clarification around the meaning of some of the stages to come, including Precinct Planning (which is to be the master-planning of the precinct, and allocation of space), Staging Plan (who moves when based on need and location), Design Development (consultation on specific projects in specific spaces).

I also clarified that we the Steering Group will have **approval authority over every planning stage**. I asked that each of these separate approval authorities be explicitly added to the Terms of Reference before we vote to adopt them.

The Head of University Services Paul Duldig then presented about the concept of "co-creation", a model that was employed at the University of Adelaide in his time there to create a new student study space called the Hub.

The University and students as a whole *co-created* the new space- with most of the exploratory, consultative work being done by a committee of students with *some* University staff. This committee then made recommendations to the Project Steering Group which, like ours, was made up of University chancellery members with not enough spare time to invest into looking at the nitty gritty of the project, but trusted the recommendations put to it by the committee. As Paul pointed out to staff, 'you're not the demographic'.

This idea was received favourably by the Steering Group who want to consider this model further. Eoin, the Chancellery Communications Advisor, said this would be a great first project for the University's upcoming participation website (which will follow along the lines of City of Melbourne's [Participate](#) platform).

After my many voiced frustrations throughout this process and insistence that students need to play a larger role (which Paul has supported), I'm relieved to see this is finally being made a priority (although disappointingly it was something that staff apparently needed to hear from within their own numbers).

In light of all of this new information, it was decided that we couldn't confirm the proposed terms of reference and stages just yet, and more work would be done exploring co-creation prior to the next Steering Group.

b) Display of Architecture Studio student designs

I have arranged with the Rowden White Library and the studio coordinator to have the Student Precinct designs that were created last semester on display in the Rowdy over the first few weeks of semester.

We will also be organising another "viewing afternoon/evening" in the Rowdy (a la the one in Gryphon Gallery mid-semester 1) to invite both students and University staff to. This also has the add on bonus of exposing these staff members to the great space that is the Rowdy.

Ed Con

I attended the National Union of Students Education Conference in Sydney last week.

Amidst the factional infighting, I attended some very helpful sessions around how to work with the University to achieve good outcomes, as well as what kind of space agreements to be wary of.

As with Presidents Summits at the start of the year, it was evident that we have one of the better relationships with our University, who trust us and support us much more than many other universities do their student unions/guilds.

Mid-Year Orientation

I have been liaising with Comms, the new O-Week Directors and UMSU International to finalise the schedule of events for O-Week. While the O-Week Directors stepped into the role while planning was already underway, we managed to carve out multiple times in the schedule for them to have creative freedom over: the Wednesday/Academic Advice Day BBQ and a Thursday afternoon Speed Dating Event.

I have also been going along and speaking at the start of Host Training sessions, to try and give hosts the greatest understanding of UMSU possible, and reinforce how important it is that they tell their groups about the many facets of UMSU.

I'm also trying to go along and speak at Faculty Welcome Sessions again, for those faculties that have a mid-year welcome session.


New Director Students and Equity

In slightly sad news, one of the University's most UMSU-supportive staff members Elizabeth Capp (Director Students and Equity) will be temporarily taking up a role in the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences (for 3-6 months). Following this announcement, I arranged a coffee with her temporary replacement Wendy Holden (on secondment from Onshore Recruitment) as well as Steve Brown from the GSA. Wendy is lovely, and has a strong understanding of a few of our activities through her recruitment role (VCESS, Destination Melbourne) as well as her husband who worked in Advocacy during the MUSU days and went on to be General Manager of CAPA.

2016 Midsumma Pride March

The Chancellery Executive has decided the University will take part in the Jan 2016 Midsumma Pride March, to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity of students and staff. They have invited the Student Union to be part of the discussions around what form this participation should take. It's encouraging to see the university taking a stance as a progressive, inclusive organisation on this issue.

General Secretary

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Operations Sub-Committee

Operations Sub-Committee held a petitioned meeting on Thursday 2nd July to discuss a range of matters, such as The Fodder expenditure and an off-campus grant for a Rural Health Ball. While Operations Sub-Committee made a recommendation to the Electoral Tribunal that the Electoral Regulations be amended, the Tribunal is still seeking the endorsement of the changes by Students' Council.

AV@Melbourne

I was on the panel to select a candidate for the newly-created role of Production and Technical Officer at AV@Melbourne, which conducted interviews on Friday June 19th. We were delighted to be able to select a highly-qualified candidate from an impressive field of applicants.

NUS EdCon

I attended the National Union of Students' annual Education Conference, which was held at UNSW from the 6th to the 10th of July. The Conference was a great opportunity to meet student representatives from across the country, and to discuss common issues and concerns. There were a number of interesting and highly-engaging speakers and panels, including a media panel and a unions panel. I learnt a lot about the effective use of social media to promote on-campus events, actions and campaigns and to engage students in these. There was also much discussion about the current campaign against university fee deregulation, and the steps forward from here. Topics discussed included how the student movement can better work with allies such as unions, engage with demographics it has previously had little engagement with such as parents and high school students, attract the attention of mainstream and alternative media to its campaigns, and use both rallies and lobbying effectively to achieve change. There was much discussion around and planning for the next National Day of Action, which will take place on August 19th.

I ran a plenary session about union structure in a post-VSU environment with Jason Giancono, the President of the Curtin Guild. Intended as a discussion session on best practice models, we discussed the pros and cons of different types of union structures and financial arrangements, including issues such as ensuring transparency and accountability, methods of electing office bearers and Council members, ensuring Council/Board members receive adequate training, honoraria, creating an inclusive union through mechanisms such as affirmative action, SSAF agreements and alternative revenue streams. The presentation was subject to some "robust" discussion and thus could not be completed, but it was invaluable to chat to interested students afterwards about similar issues and discussions occurring at their respective student organisations, especially around constitutional change.

Regular responsibilities

I am in the process of ensuring the UMSU website is up-to-date in terms of committee minutes being uploaded. A few Office Bearers are currently sending me their up-to-date committee minutes, so I will upload these as soon as practically possible.

Activities



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Report of

**James Baker & Hayden Michaelides
Activities Officers**

**To Students' Council 17/15
15/07/15**

Key activities:

Semester 2 Bands:

We've been working with Tony and organising the schedule of bands for the Tuesday BBQs in semester 2. Most of the bands are locked in and we're just waiting on a few more to agree to terms.

Trivia:

There was an issue with booking Grand Buffet Hall for our Trivia for week 2 due to the graduations. Due to specific nights not being available, we've had to move it to Tuesday the 4th of August.

Events During Semester:

We've started organising our other events during semester. For Oktoberfest, we're going to have it on the 9th of October, and for the potential South Lawn Carpark party, we're looking at the 21st.

Clubs & Societies



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Report of

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

**To Students' Council 17/15
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Safety in Clubs

The Safety in Clubs Project will include a new grievance procedure for clubs and societies, this is extended to an UMSU-wide policy giving a procedure for responding to incidents that are reported

to us. We are currently in the final stages of this project, with the material to be taken to our Clubs Committee next week.

Clubs Online

Yay. Clubs online is happening, we currently have a contract with Hidden Spark and we are hoping to get it up and running (at least partially) by the end of semester. Clubs Online will help minimise the copious amounts of paperwork that is currently required for grant applications and applications for payment; we are also looking at moving training online.

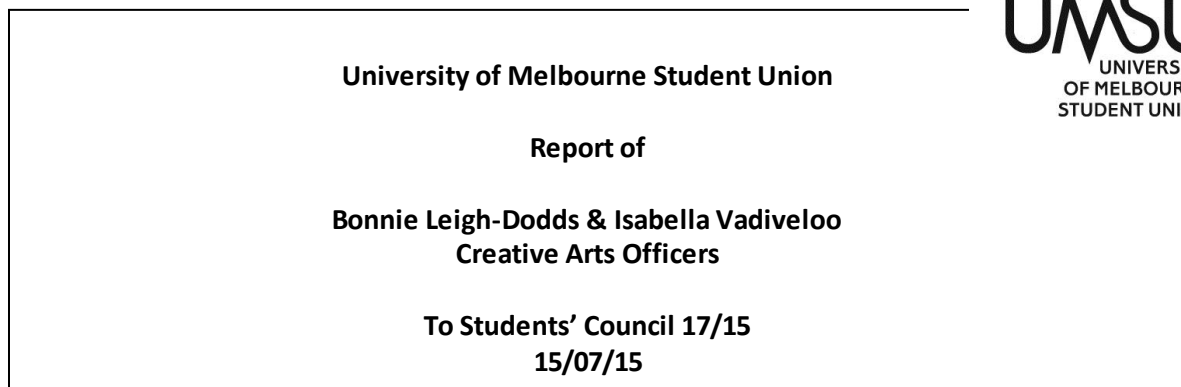
Executive Handbook

We've been busy preparing the Executive Handbook over the break. This is your go-to-guide for all information about clubs - with 'how to have a committee meeting' through to 'applying for grants' and 'running a boat cruise' and much more. We are planning to have this as a digital source of reference for club executives. We shall be working on this project throughout semester 2.

Clubs Carnival & Clubs Expo

OWeek Clubs Expo has been taking up a bit of our holiday time, we're all good to go next week. We are running Clubs Carnival again this semester. We have not moved any further in organisation other than it shall be in Week 4 (disorientation Week).

Creative Arts



Key activities:

Mudfest:

This is taking up all our time. We have programed the festival, found artist mentors, locked in a circus tent, alcohol sponsors and venues. We are currently training over 60 volunteers in access and communications. We have also successfully secured a coveted event partnership sponsorship with the City of Melbourne.

Other activities:

We have created in consultation with the student theatre community a document outlining expected behaviours. This was designed as a guide for students, as there has been some bullying behaviour that members of certain productions, resulting in students asking us to advocate for them, and facilitate resolution.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

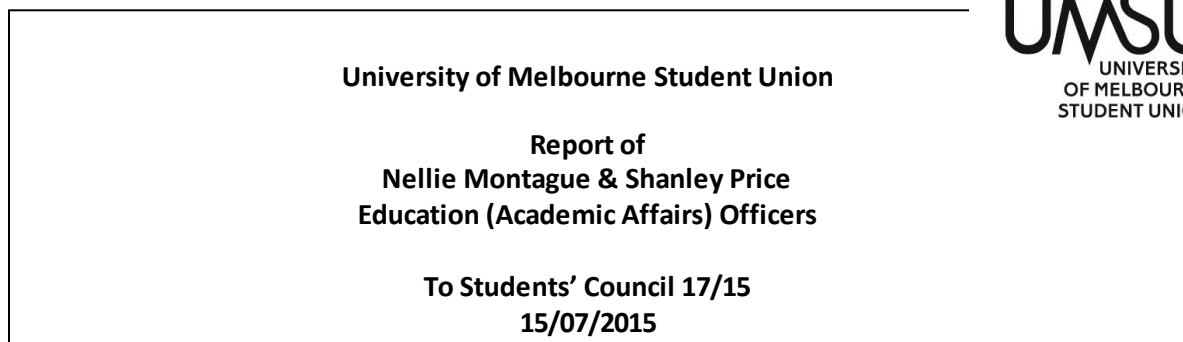
Mudfest

By next report our Mudfest website will be live, we will be engaging in active publicity, and we will have secured lots of decorations and have completed risk assessments for the shows.

Grants

We will have given out another round of arts grants.

Education (Academic Affairs)



Exam Support Stall

Exam support stall was very successful, over 2000 Chupa Chups, 2304 bottles of water, over 500 pens and pencils and a total of 2585 students were serviced! Big thanks to UMSU Advocacy for coordinating this important service and to OBs who gave up their time to volunteer on the stall.

Academic Misconduct Hearings

There are unfortunately lots of hearings being undertaken post exams, we are working with faculties to make sure a student representative is present on all hearing committees and that correct procedures are being followed.

Student Reps on Academic Misconduct Hearings

We are producing an FAQ document for faculties to ensure they are following the correct procedure and know who to contact to get student reps for all hearings.

Misconduct Process

With changes being made to the misconduct processes at the University we are talking to Penelope Pepperell who is overseeing these changes to ensure student representation occurs at every level of governance around these important issues.

EdCon

We attended EdCon in Sydney last week, and ran a successful presentation on the SRN about how we recruit, train and support student representatives here at UniMelb as well as how to increase student representation at every level of University Governance. This was run with Education Officers from University of Western Australia and LaTrobe and has given us lots of new ideas for the department. A detailed report will be available soon.

CnS Education Officers

Meetings are being arranged with the new Faculty Club Education Officers elected at recent AGMs to discuss the possibilities for clubs to run educational and academic events as well as to inform them of any support we can provide for these positions.

Book Bazaar and Book Co-Op

The Book Bazaar will be held in Week 2 of Semester 2, we will be selling second hand books for students that donate them and returning the money back to them. Advertising will start in O-Week and the event will be run in North Court. More info to come. Improvements to the Book Co-op are also running alongside this.

Women in Higher Ed Week

Planning is under way for this week 3 event. Panels, educative online campaigns and trivia all being explored. Stay tuned!

Burnley Issues

It has been brought to our attention that lecture capture infrastructure is lacking at Burnley, we are working with the relevant parties at the University to rectify this situation.

Countercourse

Ongoing advertising for submissions and the addition of a Standing Room voucher to add incentive to submit reviews of subjects.

Universal Representation

One of the overall goals of this department this year is to increase student representation at all levels of the University, this is being achieved through working with academics and staff and lobbying for student reps on all new and existing boards and committees.

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**Report of
Conor Serong
Education (Public Affairs) Officer
To Students' Council 17/15
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Key activities:

Conferences policy

I have been working on a policy to be put to Students' Council governing the processes by which subsidies are awarded to students for attendance at conferences or similar events requiring travel. It also governs reporting requirements around similar events. The motivation behind this policy is that, as many hours were spent on these processes in regards to Education Conference, the current lack of policy (the Financial Regulations' *Grants* section does not cover expenditure of this nature) should be rectified. Once this policy has been finalised it will be put to Council for a vote.

NUS Education Conference

The National Union of Students' Education Conference was held last week, from 6-10 July at the University of New South Wales. A full report will be submitted to the Education Committee in coming weeks, detailing activities undertaken, skills learnt and how these can be applied to improving the student experience at the University of Melbourne. I am happy to provide this report to Council upon completion.

NUS Quality Survey

The National Union of Students' Quality Survey closed on 15 June. While we have not received word on how many submissions were received from the University of Melbourne and UMSU, the time spent on data entry of completed hardcopy surveys suggest we had a considerable number of submissions. Once the NUS make public the survey's results, they will be reported on here.

Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee

As reported in the most recent report to Committee, I have been appointed to the Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee (ACCC) as UMSU's representative. This committee held a function on the evening of 24 June, in the form of a dinner hosting Dr Charlie Nutt, the Executive Director of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA), a US-based non-profit organisation dedicated to improving student advising.

Attending this function were Neil Robinson, Executive Director of Academic Services and Registrar; Catherine Mann, Manager of Student Advice Program; Professor Janet Hergt, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Science; Associate Professor Alison Duxbury, (outgoing) Associate Dean of Law; Associate Professor Wayne Kimpton, Associate Dean Learning and Teaching of the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences; Professor Pip Nicholson, Deputy Vice-President of the Academic Board; Marija Maher, Director of Academic Strategy; Professor Marilyns Guillemain, Associate Dean Learning and

Teaching of the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences; Sue Elliot, Deputy-Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International); Liz Capp, Director of Students and Equity; Professor Richard James, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic); Professor Dick Strugnell, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate and International Research); and Associate Professor Felicity Baker, Associate Dean Academic of the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

The University is currently hosting NACADA's international conference, within which I have attended a number of workshops pertaining to student advising. I have been pleasantly surprised by how centrally involved many key figures at this conference believe students should be in University decision-making, and I brought this up at the ACCC function. I will be pursuing this topic with various University staff to try and enhance the role that UMSU plays in student advising and other decision-making processes. In particular I would like to see an expanded and more interdependent and cooperative network between the UMSU Mentoring Network, the UMSU Host Program, the University's Student Connect, and a number of other programs. As such, I will be meeting with relevant directors and staff to further these conversations in coming weeks.

National Day of Action

The National Union of Students has called the next National Day of Action for Wednesday 19 August. Many strategies and plans were discussed at Education Conference, and in coming weeks the Education Department will be working alongside other departments to ensure that as many students as possible are aware of this NDA, and that this awareness translates to attendance. More detail on this will be provided as plans begin to unfold in coming weeks.

24 hour study space

As previously reported, I have begun consultations around opening parts of Union House for 24-hr access during SWOTVAC and exam periods. There is nothing further to report yet, but these discussions are ongoing and I will report any progress to Committee and Council.

Academic Misconduct Hearings

I have been sitting on a number of misconduct hearings following the exam period. Working closely with my fellow Education Officers, UMSU Advocacy and Legal, and the GSA, I hope to rectify several issues that exist with this process – including how faculties contact us to organise a student member of the discipline committee, and various procedural concerns that we have noticed.

Mid-Year Orientation

MYO is coming up – we will have an Education Department stall where we will be handing out pens and stress balls, as well as advertising the National Day of Action and a number of other departmental activities.

Ivory Tower screening

I have been in regular contact with the National Tertiary Education Union, who wish to work closely with UMSU for the remainder of the year (and into the future). As part of this, we will be co-hosting a screening of *Ivory Tower*, the documentary that was screened at the Human Rights Arts & Film Festival earlier in the year, where I spoke on a discussion panel. This screening will take place on Tuesday 11 August at 5pm in the Union Theatre, and will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. I

will be using this event as a means of promoting the National Day of Action (and fostering support for this from the NTEU, who have been strong supporters of student unions on the issue of fee deregulation).

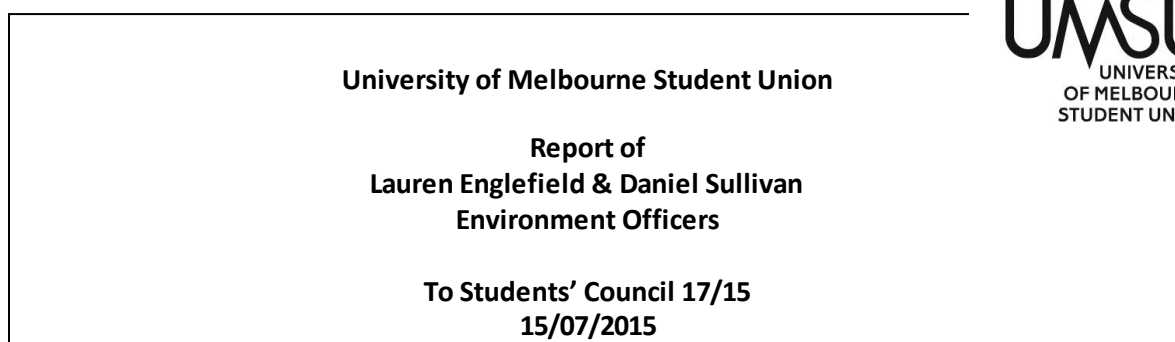
Expanding and improving student advising

Following on from the NACADA conference on student advising that the University recently hosted, I wish to explore ways in which UMSU can play a greater role in the student advising process. To this effect, I met with Catherine Mann, the Manager of Student Advising at the University, alongside our three UMSU Mentoring Directors, Michael, Vicky and Calvin; President Rachel Withers; Media Officer Martin Ditmann; and General Manager Justin Baré. While no concrete plans are on the table yet, we discussed a mutual desire to expand and integrate existing programs from both UMSU and the University which fall under the broad “advising” category – including but not limited to VCE Summer School, Destination Melbourne, O-Week Host Program, Mentoring Network, Student Connect, 13MELB and many others. I will continue to report on any progress made in this area.

Expenditure since last report:

The only expenditure since the last report has been in the form of distributing subsidies for Education Conference, as per the motion passed by Committee earlier this year. Once all expenditure of this nature has been finalised, one cohesive report will be produced for clarity. In the meantime, information of expenditure to date is available upon request.

Environment



Key activities:

Students of Sustainability conference

A contingent of twenty-five Melbourne Uni students, including ourselves, attended the annual Students of Sustainability (SoS) conference in Adelaide (Flinders University), from the 8th-12th July. The conference was composed of a number of workshops, skill shares and plenaries and, as per its theme ‘Nourishing Our Roots’, was primarily focused on building stronger relationships between the environment movement and the indigenous owners of land on which we see our environmental

struggles situated. We partially subsidised registration and transport costs and had positive feedback from all who attended.

Gippsland trip

Some SoS attendees, and other collective members, will also be joining the Gippsland Trip for Forests & Climate Justice this coming weekend (15th-20th July). This trip will involve visits to brown coal sites in the Latrobe Valley and helping with threatened species surveys in East Gippsland. These surveys will provide support for the legal battle against logging of the Kuark crossover rainforest. The trip has been organised in collaboration with other Victorian university environment groups and also provides a great opportunity for cross-campus networking.

Fossil Free Melbourne Uni campaign


Charter Choseday: The FFMU campaign group held a study-in with many new supporters on June 9th. This coincided with a meeting of University Council in which a motion to create a University Sustainability Charter was passed. The charter had been a focal point for campaign pressure in the lead up and this decision was a source of great celebration. The coming months will now see the group calling for fossil fuel divestment to be included in the charter.

From 24th- 26th July, a number of campaigners will also be joining the South East Fossil Free Convergence. This will be attended by campus divestment campaigners across Australia's South-East and will provide an opportunity to improve campaigns via skill-sharing and group strategising.

Enviro Week & Regular events

Our focus for the next fortnight will be making some initial plans for Enviro Week (31st August- 4th September) and preparing for semester two's weekly events.

Disabilities

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Sasha Chong and Susannah Gordon Disabilities Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council 17/15 15/07/2015</p>	
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Key activities:

Auslan Classes:

We have been organizing with VicDeaf to run three 6 week courses starting from week 2 of semester. So far we want to have two level 1 classes (basic Auslan) and one level 2 class, for those

who completed level 1 last year of previously. We have had many people register their interest with us and we will set up a formal registration soon.

Mudfest Access Committee:

We have met with the Mudfest Access officer to discuss funding for Mudfest and found we have had a lot of grants and donations we can spend on access. UHT is also chipping in for interpreters at specific events, and some works have been working closely to make their shows more accessible.

Mudfest Sexy Access statement competition:

We are having a competition for people to come up with a “Sexy Access Statement” for Mudfest to use in all their promotional material, including the website. The prize will be \$100 and is still open for entries.

Student Services survey:

Along with Indigenous, Education Academic and the President, we have worked out a survey to send to students to properly understand their relationship with the exam period and student services. We will then collate these responses and address areas that students have flagged as issues.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Campaigns

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

Sasha has emailed various people in the Education and Linguistics and Applied Linguistics faculties and is awaiting responses on the Auslan front.

Auslan Classes:

Get back in touch with VicDeaf and organize the three classes we already have.

Start Planning our Joint event with the Wom*ns department:

In conjunction with Women with Disabilities Australia

Susannah has called Women with Disabilities Victoria and we are awaiting a response.

Indigenous

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of
Madeleine Cleeve Gerken, Martin Ditmann, Lynley Eavis and Simon Farley
Media Officers

To Students' Council 17/15
15/07/2015

It's been another key month in the Media Office, and we're excited to announce some of the big things we've been working on for the last few months.

Our focus this year, and in recent months has been a Media Office that reaches out to every single student at this university. One that's there for all, and helps give all a voice, especially those from groups underrepresented by the mainstream media. One that's the place for the best new writing, art and broadcasting, and supports people in making this happen.

You should get involved too. Write, illustrate or host a show for us! Give us your thoughts and what you think could be improved and what's going well. And contribute to us!

(And also come to our launch parties pls).

Edition 5

As you read this, Edition 5 is rolling off the printing presses in Glen Waverly. We're really proud of it, and are excited to see it flying off the shelves in mid-year O-Week.

So, what's in this edition? Ella Shi tackles the silent cultural hierarchies in our Arts degrees, Sean Mantesso explores nonhuman rights (compellingly illustrated by Camilla Eustance) and Belinda Lack reveals some of the heartbreaking realities of substance abuse.

There's also, as reflected by Alyona's delightful cover, a particular bent towards music in this edition – we've got an interview with the one and only Josh Pyke by UMSU Disabilities Office Bearer Susannah Gordon, a profile of music teacher Daphne Proietto by Christian Orkibi, a For and Against on ~~organ drug orgies~~ musical festivals, and as always, Jack Kilbride's gig previews.

Inversely, the theme of our title pages this time around is 'silence', which has generated some stunning art from the likes of Remeina Yee and Tori Lill, among talented others.

Edition 5 also saw another edition this year in which we had every OB report sent in. We've been working really hard on this front this year, and we're happy with the role *Farrago* plays here for transparency, unionism and representative access.

Above Water

The Media and Creative Arts offices created Above Water (Melbourne Uni's annual student creative writing anthology) in 2005, and we're putting the finishing touches on this year's fantastic volume.

The anthology has consistently included some of Australia's best new writing. We recently were notified that Above Water's 2014 prize winner, Will Whiten (a current *Farrago* sub-editor and columnist), had his piece selected for Award Winning Australian Writing 2015.

And it looks like it's going to be another great anthology! We received 57 written submissions, which we narrowed down to 13. Our judges are now picking our prize winners, and we'll be confirming them very soon. We've landed some of the biggest names in Australia's creative publishing scene as this year's judges, with Zoe Dattner, Patrick Lenton and Liz Flux making up our panel.

Above Water's writing and art is fully student driven. We've been blown away by the sketches from our front cover artist, Dominic Shi Jie On.

So, it looks like we'll be kicking off a great second decade of Above Water! Our launch will be at Mudfest, which we're also super excited for. As an aside, that means both on a personal level (one of us is directing a play at it and another is directing Mudfest's marketing) and an office level (under section 66c.vi, the Media Officers are constitutionally obliged to love arts festivals).

Creating Australia's largest student campus reporting team

We just created Australia's largest student campus reporting team, with our recruitment project seeing a record-breaking 55 students joining us as campus reporters. This will allow us to deliver unprecedented coverage of campus issues, student affairs and news – unprecedented not just on a student media level, but a national media level.

It's part of our commitment to deliver more campus news, with more depth and more speed. And we're getting to work on breaking some big stories, from questionable management in MU Sport, to allegations over the Faculty of Arts, to question marks over the Believe campaign. And we'll be carefully combing over *Growing Esteem*. We're committed to being part of a force that increases transparency, and to journalism that sheds lights into every corner and combats corruption.

But this also part of our commitment to giving all students a voice and an opportunity. From our research, it appears that the Media Department forms the University of Melbourne's largest volunteering programme by number of volunteers, and roughly equal largest by number of people reached. This recruitment drive is the first mid-year recruitment drive conducted in recent memory, and we're very proud of its results. The team brings 55 people closely into the *Farrago* family, including an unprecedented number of first year writers. It includes a number of international and EAL students. This is part of the fact that this year's *Farrago* has had possibly the highest level of international and EAL writers in history, ever. It's part of our on-track commitment to making this year *Farrago*'s most inclusive and diverse year ever.

Creating Australia's best student campus reporting infrastructure

As part of this, we're committed to creating the quality infrastructure around campus reporting. Our new press release email (campusreportingpr@gmail.com) has been set up to receive the key press releases and newsletters from organisations all around the country. Our new Facebook tracker has

been set up to track the Facebook pages of every single Melbourne Uni related page around 500 in total – from *University of Melbourne Student Union* to *Women In Science & Engineering* to *Graduate House* to *Things Ryan hates*. And our new campus stories list is helping track these stories and distribute them easily. Our new website will have built in sub-sections for campus stories, making it easier than ever to read them.

Edition 4: fully sold out

We're proud to say that Edition 4 fully sold out, from stand to stand – from the entrances of Union House to the stands of the FBE building. We're really pleased with this, and it follows other wins such as Edition 1 selling out in record time in recent history.

We're committed to more fieldwork and distribution than ever, and will be introducing regular handout days to make sure every other edition is sold out. We're also excited to carry out heavy promo and distro in mid-year O-Week, and a key presence.

So, on that adage, "nobody reads *Farrago*"? Nup, looks like thousands do.

The Fodder Radio

As you will know from The Fodder mid-year report submitted to the last council, our AGM report and from us talking to you excitedly about it if you've bumped into us in the corridor, The Fodder's had a very successful first semester. We're really proud of The Fodder, the new presenters it has helped engaged and the new audiences it has helped attract. We believe that a Media Office needs to thoroughly cover all forms of media, for the sake of both contributors and audience, and to ensure it has something for every single student in the university. We believe every uni should have a student magazine. We believe every uni should have a student radio station.

We're really happy with the work we and our team have been putting into it, and with the mass support it's been getting from our collective. So, what's next? The last semester has been all about setting up the station, trying new things and getting the foundations right. We're now about to embark on a massive marketing drive for The Fodder, to get more listeners and more presenters. We're about to launch our new music playlist nights. We're looking to build national support and links, including CBAA registration. And we're working to enshrine The Fodder in key policy, for stability and good governance.

Website and digitisation

We're putting the final touches on *Farrago's* brand new website, which we hope will be Australia's best amongst student media. We're hoping it'll be ready around mid-year O-Week, and we'd like to thank the extremely hard work of our committed web developer, Patrick Clearwater.

The new website should deliver a modern, quality, backend and frontend – and include functionality around everything from topic pages to breaking news to art folio sections to full archives to all kinds of cool data tools.

And we're kicking off the long project of making every *Farrago*, from the 3 April 1925 to the present day, available online. Our Adventures in Website Reload event and web uploading volunteers have kicked off the process of restoring the *Farrago* archives from the last few years. We'd like to thank

the participation of Kimberley Chong, Danrong Xie, Kate Lawrence, Danielle Bagnato, Caleb Triscari, Jesse Paris-Jourdan and Patrick Clearwater in this.

We've contacted our printer about getting PDFs from the last few years to us. And we've been looking at how to do more comprehensive digitisation, talking to the ever-friendly Jo Arthur from the uni's Digitisation Centre, and studying other unis which have successfully done that (like Monash).

The Fodder Video (and the VCA)

We've just launched our video recruitment drive for The Fodder Video: head to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1654031364809470/>. We're looking for both a production and a content team to help deliver short and biting videos.

We're reaching out to key groups on this key new part of the Media Office. We're also working on a big push to include VCA students in this, especially from their Film and Television department. We're proud of the strong number of VCA students we've had involved in the Media Office this year, doing everything from writing columns to producing graphics to presenting on The Fodder. We're keen to take this further – aiming to reach every corner of every campus is really important to us.

TINA and cross-campus collaboration

Along with many other student magazine, the Media Office over many years has been sent a contingent of people to the National Young Writers' Festival in Newcastle. The NYWF is a component of TINA (the This Is Not Art festivals). Our contingents are part of the Media Office's role in supporting arts festivals (section 66c.vi of the constitution), learning new things and sharing our knowledge. We're already gearing up and getting excited this year, and are even hoping to host a session with some of our fellow student media people.

We've also been keeping in constant touch with our other student magazines, engaging in magazine sharing programs with them and working off the big Facebook group of all student magazine editors we started at the end of last year. We're due for another big mail out of *Farragoes* to them soon.

Events

As part of our commitment to holding more events and building a stronger community around the Media Office, we bought back Media Collective, moved most of our launch parties to on campus or close to it, and focussed on really encouraging people to come to events. We've been really happy with events, including everything from Wordplay to our comedy writing workshop. We've supported new events from Speed Friending to our life drawing class to our recently held Reporter's Tour of Campus. And we've seen record turnout at our events, including our launch parties.

We've excited to plan another semester of events, and are currently working out the details of our next launch party. You're all invited! Pls come?

Sub-editors

We believe in publishing the best new writing, and supporting all writers to help make that happen. Our sub-editors are key in making this happen, and we've been doing things like creating a Sub -

Editor Bible and giving them individual support to help make this happen. We've also increased the amount of workshopping, and support to EAL pieces.

We're now in the middle of putting all our journalistic sub-editors through a friendly sub-editing review process. We've already seen strong results in this in terms of sub-editing reliability and quality, and also in how supported our sub-eds feel.

To deal with the amount of new pieces we've been getting, we've also given an opportunity for some new individuals to join our sub-editing team – the first time this has been done in recent memory. We're excited to welcome to the team long-time *Farrago* mainstays Nathan Fioritti (as a journalistic sub-editor) and Kate Lawrence (who replaces one of our general sub-editors who's left uni).


Graphics contributors

Our graphics contributor spots are open all year round, and we're being joined by fantastic new graphics contributors all the time! The new test process we've introduced is helping ensure our graphics are high quality and fit the needs of articles. We're always working to give our graphics contributors the attention they deserve – in terms of support, giving feedback, running more graphics events (like our life drawing event) and ensuring we're assigning the right pieces for the right artists.

Spending report

We believe in delivering everything on time and on budget. We're happy to report that the recently released financial report shows that we've very on track on this front, with spending at exactly the levels we were been expecting at this point. We can declare that money from our Media and Radio budget lines has been spent on printing the first few editions of *Farrago*, on events expenses (such as Media Collective, launch parties, life drawing and Wordplay) and on crucial radio infrastructure (such as licensing and equipment). In the near term, we expect expenditure on the next few editions of *Farrago*, and on further events.

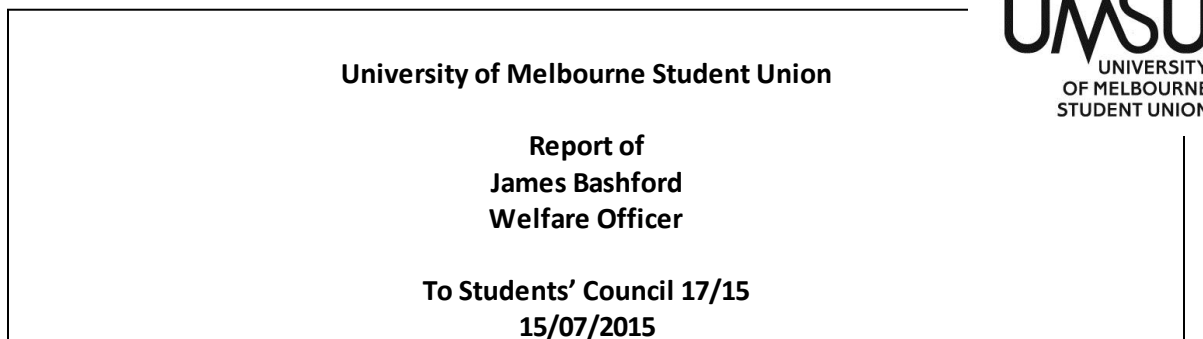
Queer

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Andrea Bozic & Lloyd Rouse Queer Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council 17/15 15/07/2015</p>	
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Queer has been working on putting together groups for queers at the uni with weekly social events. There are groups for trans students, asexual and aromantic people, queer students with disabilities and queers of colour. The department has been investigating the situation at queer collaborations in order to decide if the students are safe to go and has been contacting them to make sure. We are

also helping fundraise for Federation University's queer department who were not as lucky as us in their funding allocation.

Welfare



Semester 2 Planning

This week I'm holding a meeting with volunteers from the Welfare Collective to discuss and plan the department's activities for Semester 2. Weekly breakfasts will continue each Thursday morning and free yoga classes will continue to be held each Tuesday afternoon. Potential new programs include language help and volunteering with external organisations. The volunteer collective has enjoyed strong interest over the holidays and now boasts over 150 members on our mailing list so new programmes are important to keep these students engaged in the department.

Wellness Week will be held in Week 5 by Wellness@Melbourne. The Welfare Department is planning on contributing with a puppy therapy event as part of a Stress Less Carnival like day on the Thursday. In regards to the puppy event I've been consulting with the University of Melbourne Animal Protection Society to ensure animal welfare concerns are addressed. I'm also looking into holding a free fruit stall and helping Danielle from Wellness@Melbourne work with clubs and societies to encourage their involvement as well.

Stress Less Week will be held in Week 12. While this is the last week in semester, it's the most important time to promote wellbeing and is the most workable week in the semester given the already packed schedule of activity weeks. Having discussed the experiences of other welfare officers with their Stress Less or equivalent events, week 12 has been successful at other campuses and I'm confident it will be a success for UMSU too.

I've been promoting some of these upcoming plans on Facebook which has been very successful in maintaining interest over the semester break, generating significant reach.

Household Help

As part of developing a "Household Help" program for the department, I'll be purchasing a vacuum cleaner to be available for free for students to borrow. This will be an industrial model to ensure durability, as light as possible to ensure portability and bagless to ensure practicality. I have also gotten very valuable advice from the Monash Student Association on this as they established a similar service last

year. The vacuum will be available from the info desk. The other components of the Household Help program are the food bank and household goods service, currently stored in my office.

Book Co-op

I've taken on creating a working group looking into the issues with the "UMSU" Book Co-op and the space it currently occupies. The purpose of the working group will be to have a general discussion about what to do with the Co-op and then escalate that if necessary. There are clear concerns with the way money from students has been handled by the book co-op, the inability to contact its coordinators, it's sporadic and unreliable opening hours, dated stock and the fact all this has been branded with "UMSU" even though it is not a part of our organisation. The working group will explore if we wish to take over the co-op and improve it to offer a much needed service for students. It will also consider if the current use of space is the best use of that space. In my previous report I pointed out the room would be ideal for the household help program, for example. The initial meeting of this working group will be held after this council so please come along if you're interested.

Education Conference

Last week I attended the National Union of Students' annual Education Conference at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. The conference featured guest speakers, seminars and workshops as well as offering the opportunity to meet and discuss with welfare officers from Unions across the country. Having attended before in previous years, I particularly enjoyed everything I got out of this year's conference as an office bearer. Some of the stand outs of the week included:

Interns Australia Workshop. Interns Australia gave a great workshop on their work in combatting the growing problem of unpaid internships in Australia. Australia lacks any clear definition of internships, which is allowing employers the opportunity to exploit workers, especially students, for unpaid labour. This is an issue the government needs to be pressured to address. UMSU can also do more to inform students about their rights and to ensure we aren't exploiting workers, interns or directors ourselves.

Health Promoting Universities. This workshop on promoting wellness was given by Elly Howse from Sydney University's health and wellbeing division (roughly their equivalent of Wellness@Melbourne). It was very useful to be able to compare the approach of USyd with UniMelb as well as some of the best practice examples given by Elly. This was one of the most rewarding workshops of the week and I'll be in touch with Elly to learn more about USyd's approach as well as helping her get in touch with Wellness@Melbourne

Welfare Officer Meetup. The National Welfare Officer, Dean D'Angelo, hosted a meeting of welfare officers at the conference and updated us on the National department's activities this year. This included the upcoming Student Welfare Survey which will be run over semester 2 to get invaluable data on the current state of student wellbeing across Australia. The meeting was also useful for hearing what other welfare departments across the country are implementing. Many other welfare officers are also working on food banks or similar initiatives, so this was an important opportunity to share ideas and experiences.

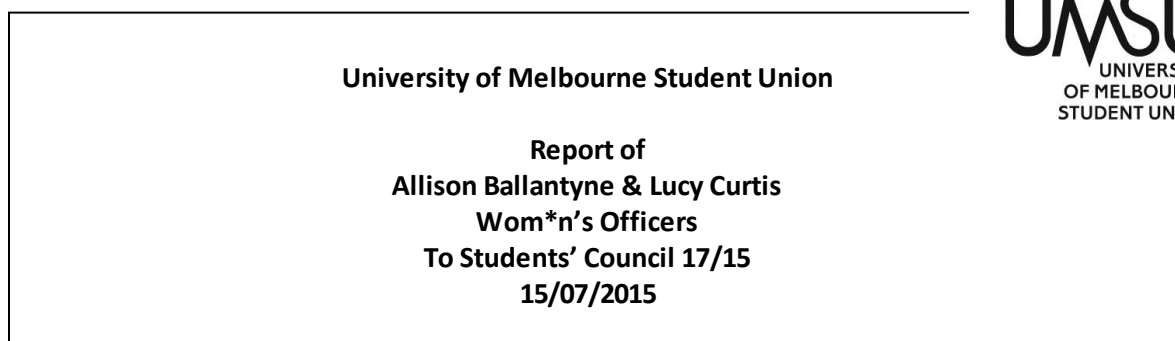
Alternative Revenue Workshop. Though less relevant to welfare, another interesting workshop focussed on revenue options for student organisations and was run by reps from UQ and UTS. This is an important issue for UMSU as we approach SSAF renegotiations as well as the prospect of a new student precinct and

the potential repeal of SSAF. Addressing the excessive allocation of funding to sports organisations was a common issues among reps in the room. Control of tenancies or even vending machine revenue were great examples of opportunities UMSU could try to pursue to generate new revenue.

Education Campaign. Being the Education Conference, a great deal of time was spent discussing the campaign against deregulation and University cuts. The dominant message from speakers and workshops throughout the conference was that education activists need to work collaboratively in defending education funding. It is important all office bearers and unions work hard and contribute to building for the National Day of Action on August 19. Factionalism will only distract from the campaign and despite plenty of vocal disagreement at the conference, solid efforts were put in by all factions present to work together. It is vital this continues over the next few weeks and beyond.

I'd like to thank NUS, Arc UNSW and the UNSW SRC for all their work organising a great conference.

Wom*n's



Key activities:

NOWSA

From June 29 to July 4 we attended the Network of Women Students Australia conference in Hobart at the University of Tasmania with a number of students from the University of Melbourne. Many of these students were subsidised by the department to attend and gave great feedback concerning what they got out of the conference.

Regular Events

We recently conducted a review of our regular events and have altered the schedule for next semester, with the hope of improving attendance at some events.

Judy's Punch

We have appointed a volunteer from our collective to act as an editor of Judy's Punch, the annual Wom*n's Department publication, with us. We have been screening applications for sub-editor positions, have obtained a quote for printing the magazine, and are currently receiving submissions from students. We have also planned out a timeline for the publication of the magazine. The closing date for submissions has been set for August 2.

Women in Higher Education Week

Planning for Women in Higher Education Week (August 10-14) is underway. In collaboration with the Education Department, we are planning to run two main events during this week. These will be a panel on Monday evening featuring women from the university, and a trivia night on the Wednesday evening. Other initiatives during the week will include profiling a different academic each day and potentially a special show on The Fodder.

Women’s Mentoring Network

We have set our networking nights for semester 2: Monday August 17 (week 4) and Tuesday September 15. We are currently seeking speakers for these events and will begin promoting them soon.

Engagement with colleges

We are starting to get in contact with the residential colleges again in the lead-up to semester 2. We met with Sally Coates from the Safer Community Program on Monday to consult with her concerning the development of our consent workshop.

‘Talk About It’ Survey

We have been doing some work with the NUS Women’s Officer on this year’s ‘Talk About It’ Survey and contemplating how we will promote it on campus during semester 2.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Finalising schedule for Women in Higher Education Week

Over this week we are aiming to finalise our events for the week in order to have a timetable put together and ready to promote during mid-year O-week.

Development of consent workshop

We intend to have finished putting together a consent workshop that we will run at some colleges at the start of semester 2.

Promotional strategy for ‘Talk About It’ survey and semester 2 initiatives

We will meet with the Communications team to discuss the promotion of the survey and the promotion of all our upcoming initiatives in order to maximise the reach of our department next semester.

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
08/15	26/5/2015	Craft supplies for badges sold at student market	\$8	Special projects/events	

	NOWSA subsidy public transport	\$75	Special projects/events	
	NOWSA subsidy flights	\$100	Special projects/events	This money was passed but not spent in the end.
	NOWSA subsidy flights	\$180	Special projects/events	

VCA

No report submitted

Motion 5: To accept the submitted written OB reports en bloc

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6. General Manager's Report

Justin Baré is not present due to an appointment.

He requested that the closure of the Creative Arts office last week be mentioned as an OHS issue for Council to note. The office was closed from Thursday night to late Monday due to a risk of Asbestos exposure. The office has been given the all clear and the OBs and Sandie from Arts Programmes are back in.

7. Other Reports

No other reports

8. Operational Business

8.1 Electoral Regulations changes

Changes have already passed Operations Sub Committee – the Electoral Tribunal

Rationale for proposed changes to the Electoral Regulations

29. DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS OF POLLING

29.1. ~~The annual elections are to be held in the week commencing two weeks before the mid-semester non-instruction period in Second Semester.~~

The election must be held in the first full academic week in September, where it falls no earlier than the fifth week of Semester. Should there be no academic weeks in September, it will be held in the first academic week following that period.

Currently, the Electoral Regulations do not agree with the Constitution as to the timeframe in which annual elections must take place. This proposed change replaces the existing specifications with those that appear in section 124.2 of the UMSU Constitution.

29.3. Polling during an annual election is to be open as follows:

29.3.1. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday ~~and Friday~~, 10:00 am until 5:00 pm,

29.3.2. Tuesday 10:00 am until 6:30 pm,

~~29.3.3. Friday 10:00 am until 5:00 pm.~~

29.3.4. ~~3.~~ Polling for a by-election held in First Semester shall be open on Monday and Tuesday from

9:00 am until 4:00 pm and on Wednesday from 9:00 am until 12 midday.

Clause 29.3.3, which specifies separate polling times for Friday, was unnecessary as the times are now the same as on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday has been added to the list of days when polling occurs between 10:00am until 5:00pm, while it is suggested that clause 29.3.3 be removed.

29.4. Polling is to be conducted in or near the ground level of:

29.4.1. Union House at the Parkville campus of the University;

29.4.2. An area in or near the Burnley Student Association Campus Centre;

29.4.3. An area at or near ~~the South Lawn and~~ the Baillieu Library of the Parkville campus; and

~~29.4.4. An area at or near 757 Swanston Street building on the Parkville campus.~~

29.4.5. ~~4.~~ An area at or near the cafeteria on the Southbank (formerly the VCA) Campus of the University.

29.4.6. ~~5.~~ An area at or near the ~~ICT FBE~~ Building of the Parkville Campus

29.4.7. ~~6.~~ An area at or near Murrup Barak on the Parkville Campus, to be defined by the Returning Officer with the assistance of Murrup Barak Staff

29.4.4 – Specifying South Lawn here is redundant, as polling normally takes place in the Baillieu Library, which is adjacent to South Lawn anyway.

29.4.4 – Due to the redevelopment of the former architecture building, which resulted in the temporary relocation of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning (ABP) to 757 Swanston Street, a polling booth was located in this building to provide for the increased number of students in the vicinity. However, the Faculty has now been moved to the new MSD Building, meaning less students now frequent 757 Swanston Street. It should also be noted that a relatively small number of votes were cast here when it became a polling location. Thus, as the circumstances for which this stipulation was created have changed, it is recommended that 757 Swanston Street no longer be listed as a polling location in the Electoral Regulations, which will also save costs on administering this booth.

29.2.6 – The former ICT building was renamed the FBE building. It is suggested that the Electoral Regulations be changed to reflect this to avoid confusion.

Motion 6: That Students' Council recommends that the Electoral Tribunal amend the Electoral Regulations as per the document attached.

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Creative Arts Department Expenditure – Round 2 Arts Grants

9.2 Mudfest Expenditure

9.3 Affiliated theatre groups for Mudfest

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To discuss Motions on Notice 9.1 – 9.3 en bloc

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

Motion 7: To pass a total of \$1582 towards grants for those successful from Creative Arts Department budget line 3531. These applicants are; Nick Modrewski, Nicola Nemic, Emily Walsh and Nichola Kleindienst.

Motion: To pass money for the following payments associated with Mudfest, from the Mudfest Budget:

- Up to \$1000 for comms/publicity costs
- Up to \$600 for web development and design
- Up to \$6000 for Tent hire and set up
- Up to \$4000 worth of Alcohol from Mountain Goat
- Up to \$1500 worth of food
- Up to \$2000 worth of decorations
- Up to \$825 worth of fencing for liquor license
- Up to \$750 for container hire
- Up to \$500 for heating costs (inc gas)
- Up to \$10,000 for security payments
- -Up to \$8000 for AV equipment hire
- Up to \$1000 for associated additional venue hire costs from The Village festival
- Up to \$1000 for Mudfest Program Launch party

Motion: To pass a total of \$3500 to affiliated theatre groups for Mudfest as per the Creative Arts Officer arrangements with Theatre Board, from the Mudfest budget line. See proposal.

Mover: Isabella Vadiveloo

Seconder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.4 South-East Fossil Free Convergence

Preamble:

What is Divestment?

Divestment is the opposite of investment; it is the process of selling investments for financial or moral reasons. The global fossil fuel divestment campaign works to get universities, religious institutions, local governments and individuals to take their money out of the top 200 coal, oil and gas companies. In doing so, individuals and institutions are saying no to the burning of dirty fossil fuels that is destroying our climate and no to the political influence of big fossil fuel companies over our democratic political processes. Divestment aims to stigmatise the industry, creating space for political solutions that are in line with the climate science.

Fossil Free Universities in Australia is a national movement operating at over 15 campuses across the country, headed up by not-for-profit 350.org Australia. We work to get universities, as progressive public institutions which are at the forefront of climate science research, to divest their endowments from fossil fuel companies. To do so we mobilise thousands of students to work on our grassroots, decentralised campaigns. Our website has more information: <http://gofossilfree.org/australianunis/>

Training for Student Activists

A big part of our work is to train student activists to develop the skills and tools they need to run effective campaigns at their universities. We do this through regular training programs in key capital cities and through longer training programs like the South-East Fossil Free Convergence.

The South-East Fossil Free Convergence

When: Friday 24th July – Sunday 26th July

Where: Camp Eureka, Yarra Junction, Victoria

Who: Campus fossil free campaigners from Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT

The South-East Fossil Free (SEFF) Convergence is a 2 day training weekend organised by Fossil Free Universities, a campaign of 350.org Australia.

At the inaugural SEFF Convergence, students working on divestment at universities all over Victoria, Tasmania and the ACT will come together to strengthen their campaigning efforts through networking and training in key skill areas. The Convergence offers a chance for participants to be inspired by fellow campaigners and speakers, connect on the challenges and triumphs of their campaigns and build core organising skills. The Convergence will feature training for a variety of skills levels and interests. You can find all the information about the Convergence, including program details, [at our website](#).

Objectives:

- Strengthen skills in organising
- Introduce new concepts, skills and programs (eg. 350.org online data management tool)
- Build connections between campus divestment groups
- Inspire and re-energise organisers

What are we asking?

The SEFF Convergence is a predominantly volunteer run, grassroots event with limited resources. We are currently in the process of seeking support for the Convergence to assist us in running a better, more effective event.

As the Fossil Free Melbourne University campaign is one of the biggest in the country, we expect **20-30 students** from the university to attend. As such we are seeking support from the UMSU Student Council to support the Convergence through providing us **up to \$400** to cover some of our running costs. Below are several proposals as to what that money can be spent on:

1. Welcome to Country - our campaign recognises that the land we are training on has and always will be Aboriginal land and we acknowledge the importance of having an official Welcome to Country ceremony. The full cost is \$470, meaning this grant money would help us cover the majority of this.

2. Feeding our hungry campaigners - we will provide 10 nutritious, hearty meals for attendees during the convergence. Whilst some of the ticket price will cover this cost, this money will help us cater to the various dietary requirements and ensure we are providing enough, good quality food. Our total food costs will be around \$1400.

3. Workshop costs - to make sure our campaigners get the most out of each workshop we have hired venue spaces that are well-lit, comfortable and equipped with internet. Additionally, we have designed our workshops to be interactive and with a number of experienced campaigners and facilitators. The total cost of venue hire, providing resources and supporting facilitators to run workshops will be close to \$1000.

Motion: That the Student Council direct up to \$400 to the South-East Fossil Free Convergence from the Whole of Union budget to support the training of divestment campaigners from the University of Melbourne and other universities.

Mover: Samuel Dariol

Secunder: Hana Dalton

Discussion surrounding the appropriateness of this money coming out of Whole of Union and not the Environment budget line.

Discussion about appropriateness of Council passing money from a Department Budget without that Departments' officer present. It is noted that neither Environment OB is on leave. It is also noted that Council is the peak body of UMSU and can pass money out of departmental budget lines.

Request to remove the last 3 words "and other universities"

This is amenable to the mover

Foreshadowed Motion: That the funds be moved out of the Environment Department, not the Whole of Union Budget line

Mover: Ben Fourniotis

Secunder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED

Hana Dalton requests that the sentence "That this money be passed from the Whole of Union should there be insufficient funds in the Fossil Free MU line of the Environment Budget" be added

Motion 8: That the Student Council direct up to \$400 to the South-East Fossil Free Convergence from the Environment budget to support the training of divestment campaigners from the University of Melbourne. That this money be passed from the Whole of Union should there be insufficient funds in the Fossil Free MU line of the Environment Budget

Mover: Samuel Dariol

Secunder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

9.5 Comedy Festival Expenditure – web domain and web building costs

Preamble: The UMSU Comedy Festival needs to build a website to provide a dedicated online resource for information and ticket bookings. Our web designer has chosen SiteBuilder as a flexible, user-friendly and cost-effective host and software for both mobile and desktop uses. It is versatile, cheap and can be used on different devices.

Motion: We move that Council provides \$100 for domain/web building operating costs, from line Whole of Union.

Sarina Murray spoke to the motion, outlining that the proposed website requires more intensive work than was possible by the UMSU Communications Department. The developer needs the money to pay for hosting and website building costs.

Questions from Councillors about the amount of money requested – it's noted that SiteBuilder is free to use and that hosting has a very minimal cost.

Discussion about why the UMSU website is not being utilised, as the Comedy Festival is an UMSU programme. Sarina outlined that the designer is confident that with the above costs the website can be professional, beautiful and easy to use, and that this could not be achieved with the current UMSU website setup.

Discussion about at least hosting the Comedy Festival Website on the UMSU website, and the difficulty of viewing multiple events at the same time on a mobile platform with the current UMSU website setup.

Further discussion on the importance of OBs and Departments using the UMSU website,

Rachel Withers suggests that the motion be amended to add "that the President, Secretary, and Comedy Festival Directors and web designer to liaise with Communications regarding UMSUs hosting of the website". This was not acceptable.

Sarina outlined the workload that she and Ben (co-Director) were undertaking, and that Students' Council should trust them with monetary decisions as Council had trusted them with the Directorship. Further discussion about transparency.

Motion 9: We move that Council provides \$100 for domain/web building operating costs, from line Whole of Union.

Mover: Andrea Bozic

Seconder: Sarina Murray

MOTION FAILS

9.6 Food and drinks for Student Precinct Studio Design Presentation

Preamble: Throughout last semester, students from the School of Design participated in a studio to design the new student precinct. It was hoped that in putting together this subject, great ideas and new ways of thinking might be uncovered to be put into place in the real project.

These designs will be on display in the Rowdy over the first few weeks of semester, and UMSU will be hosting a “viewing afternoon” (a la the one in Gryphon Gallery mid-semester 1) to invite both students and University staff to, encouraging them to come along and see the designs at a particular time and engage in dialogue. This also has the add on bonus of exposing some staff members to the great space that is the Rowdy.

Motion 10: To spend up to \$250 from Whole of Union on food and/or drinks for a Student Precinct Studio Design presentation afternoon in the first few weeks of Semester 2.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Secunder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.7 Welfare Department Expenditure

Motion 11: To approve expenditure of up to \$500 from Welfare Department budget line ‘support services’ for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner.

Mover: James Bashford

Secunder: Steven Connolly

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.8 Discussion item – use of unallocated SSAF funds

Discussion about the legal issues surrounding the expenditure of SSAF, and the consequences should the University be found spending SSAF in a manner not consistent with the legislation.

Preamble: Following the University’s disclosure of a large amount of unallocated SSAF funds totalling approximately \$3 million, UMSU was asked to form a position on the University’s intended use of these funds, which includes expenditure on the creation of study spaces on campus. While Students’ Council notes that under the current SSAF legislation (Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities) Act 2011) the use of SSAF funds for study spaces, as it pertains to spaces provided for “academic purposes”, is potentially problematic, the Council recognises that it is the responsibility of the University to ensure compliance with the relevant legislation. It also recognises the urgent need for more study spaces for students on campus.

Motion 12: That UMSU Students’ Council:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to the SSAF as a means of supporting student representation, student-centred services and student activities on campus
2. Expresses its qualified support for the University’s plans to use a portion of its unallocated SSAF funds to create and upgrade study spaces, with the following conditions:
 - a) That the University provides for adequate student representation on any decision-making body relevant to the planning of study spaces funded by SSAF. Such student representation shall involve UMSU representatives including, but not limited to, the President, General Secretary, Education (Academic Affairs) Officer/s and Welfare Officer/s.

b). That the University commits to establishing guidelines for the distribution and use of unallocated SSAF funds in future, ensuring that UMSU is represented in this process.

Mover: Hana Dalton

Second: Rachel Withers

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Women in Higher Education Week Expenditure

Preamble: Women in Higher Education Week is an important annual event for the Women's Department and the NTEU (Bluestocking Week), and is intended to both celebrate women at universities and highlight the many issues women still face in tertiary education. This year's Women in Higher Education Week will be held during week 3 of semester 2, August 10-14. Main events will include a panel event and a trivia night (women-centred).

Motion: To approve expenditure of up to \$1920 from the Special Activity Weeks budget line for Women in Higher Education Week, according to the breakdown below:

- Up to \$300 for food and drinks for a panel event
- Up to \$200 for thank you gifts or payment for speakers at a panel event
- Up to \$390 for security at the trivia night
- Up to \$180 for cleaning at the trivia night
- Up to \$250 for AV hire at the trivia night
- Up to \$600 for food at the trivia night

Mover: Allison Ballantyne

Second: Conor Serong

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.2 Anti-Racism Workshops

Preamble: Last year Caz and the Women of Colour Collective organised a series of six anti-racism workshops for students featuring external facilitators. This semester, WoCC will again run a series of workshops from weeks 5 to 10 (Wednesday evenings). In recognition of the importance of these workshops for the student population at large, it is proposed to divide the cost (\$1200 in total) between the Women's Department budget and the Whole of Union budget line.

Motion: To approve expenditure of up to \$600 on payment of facilitators and catering for anti-racism workshops in semester 2 from the Whole of Union budget line.

Mover: Sasha Chong

Second: Allison Ballantyne

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

11. Other Business

Rachel highlighted that she is working on a project regarding the profile of the Union – tentatively titled 'U Week' – and that she would be coming to the next Council with a concrete plan.

James Bashford invited everyone to a meeting about the Book Co-op's operation at 3:30pm in the OB space,

12. Next Meeting

TBC – First week of Semester

13. Close

Meeting closed at 1:31pm