

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 30.07.2015

Meeting 18

Private Dining Room, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:18 by Hana Dalton

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Hana Dalton be elected Chair

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Stephen Smith

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Sarah Xia, Destan Dikbas, Karly Banks, Itsi Weinstock, Lachlan Gell, Steven Connolly, Feifei Liao, Ash Munoz, Ada Chan, Jakob Von Der Lippe

Office Bearers: Lynley Eavis (Media), Hayden Michaelides (Activities), Stephen Smith (Clubs), Susannah Gordon (Disabilities), Simon Farley (Media), Maddy Cleeve-Gerrens (Media), Martin Dittmann (Media), Conor Serong (Ed Public), Nellie Montague (Ed Academic), Allison Ballantyne (Wom*ns), Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Indigenous), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Daniel Sullivan (Environment), Lauren Englefield (Environment), Hana Dalton (Secretary), Lloyd Rowse (Queer), Rachel Withers (President)

Other: Ben Volchok, Josh Rose, Patrick Clearwater

1.4 Apologies

Ezgi Bridger, Oliver Sui, Annto Hassan, Van Rudd (VCA)

1.5 Proxies

Stephen Mitas to Josh Rose

Danielle Bagnato to Jakob Von Der Lippe

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: That the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED

1.7 Membership

There is a new member of Students' Council – Annto Hassan

Motion 3: That Simon Farley and Susannah Gordon be granted leave from the 29th of August to the 20th September.

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Simon Farley

CARRIED

Motion 4: That Council grants leave to any OB that hands in a completed Leave of absence Form for the election period 31st August – 11th September 2015. This form has to be given to Goldie/Justin by the 26th of August.

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 4: To accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

None

5. Office Bearers' Reports

President

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of
Rachel Withers
President

To Students' Council 18/15
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UMSU
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STUDENT UNION

Key activities:

Student Precinct

Display of Architecture Studio student designs

I have booked in 130 degrees to provide tea, coffee cakes and sandwiches for the afternoon tea and viewing session, which has been moved to 3pm-5pm on the 7th of August to suit the students whose work is on display. This has come to exactly \$250, as passed by council.

I have been working with Susan and Comms to attempt to adequately promote the display of the student designs in the Rowdy. There has been some kinks which we have no ironed out.

I decided a Facebook event was appropriate for the exhibition period, and an e-invite was appropriate for the afternoon tea. Please feel free to come along to the afternoon tea, and drop subtle hints to the university staff members there about how important space is.

HJC

See motion

Under circumstances that are still not entirely clear to us, HJC has surrendered what is left of their lease back to MUSUL.

Justin and I met with Pala, the MUSUL student directors and Elizabeth Capp to discuss our intentions for the space. They seem open to a partnership arrangement.

I will be liaising with other student unions around the operating models for their bars to come up with a few suitable models for our next meeting with MUSUL about the space.

All conversations are keeping in mind that the space itself has a limited lifespan.

Prince Alfred Hotel

On a related note, I held a meeting with the University around the future of the Prince Alfred Hotel, which they bought at auction at the start of this year (I requested this meeting *before* the surrender of the HJC lease became known to us, in an interesting coincidence).

This pub is very near the proposed Student Precinct, and would make a lot of sense as a pub for the student union to run.

I was told that PAs will be closed until Semester 1 2016. There will be much needed structural work undertaken over the months of August-October, and a consultant will be hired to undertake a tender process for a new tenant, to take occupancy in November, all timelines running to plan.

I suggested that the University might consider forgoing the tender process (and associated costs!) if UMSU were to be given rights to run it. Jon Peacock and Chris White pointed out that convincing Finance Committee to purchase PAs involved a promise of commercial returns (having a student rep on Finance Committee is something we are pushing for already). I will be putting a proposal together for Finance Committee. I have overall emphasised the importance of maintaining PAs as what it is (we cannot lose another of our Carlton pubs to an organisation that does not understand what it means to be a University of Melbourne student), including student employment opportunities, and they are very interested in having our input into what PAs is and what it means ("its narrative" as Jon put it). If we are not given PAs to run, we can either opt to be part of the tenant selection process OR we could tender for tenancy ourselves. Either way, we have a strong foot in the door to this process now.

Chris suggested there might be other spaces in the Student Precinct appropriate for a bar/café. As these timelines will not line up perfectly (PAs will be sorted out before the Student Precinct arrangements at this rate), I suggested that if we do not get PAs we would like some kind of commitment to a bar/café space within the precinct.

In this meeting, it also became apparent that Chris, a member of MUSUL board, did not know the surrender of the HJC lease had been 100% finalised, 6 days after UMSU had been informed that it had. This adds further questions to the process by which this transfer occurred.

Mid-Year Orientation

I spent as much of MYO as I could out on the ground chatting to students, including setting up a table downstairs during the sports expo on Tuesday, having general fun with students at Wednesday's BBQ, running table with Hana and attending Speed Dating on Thursday.

I would like to take this opportunity to majorly congratulate the new O-Week Directors. I have never seen a MYO with so much life in it, and they did exactly what they were hired to do AND worked in a complicated Comms/director environment. Speed dating was a massive success and many students have asked when the next one is.

U Week Campaign

See motions

A lot of office and non-office hours have gone towards planning U Week in Week 2, a weeklong campaign aimed at getting more students involved in student life (and specifically UMSU life) at university.

The idea of an UMSU campaign is something I have been meaning to run all year, and Week 2, second semester- while students are maybe having those "I really should have gotten involved in something last semester!" feelings- seems like a great time.

We have had an insane number of volunteers (200 and counting), and I am currently sorting out how to deal with this situation. It shows a great desire amongst the student body for volunteering opportunities, which is certainly encouraging.

Martin and I are currently putting together a How To Get Involved Guide, it is going to be a very simply, black and white printed document, that will hopefully have a big impact!

I have also arranged a meeting with Joe in Comms on Wednesday to arrange our social media plan for the week.

I have arranged an order for 100 tshirts, which I will be picking up on Sunday to save on delivery costs.

Book Coop

See motion

James and I (among other OBs) have met with Book Co Op coordinator Cassandra a few times now to arrange the formal integration of the Book Co op, which is sometimes known as the UMSU book op and occupies UMSU space, into UMSU. Cassandra will be seeking the approval of the collective prior to our Thursday meeting.

University of Melbourne Student Union

**Report of
Hana Dalton
General Secretary**

**To Students' Council 18/15
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Mid-Year O-Week

It was fantastic to see students engaging with the Mid-Year O Week program. I helped run the games set up by the O-Week Directors at the Academic Advice Day BBQ, and chatted to students at the general UMSU stall on the Thursday about UMSU, and how to get involved.

Volunteer Program Review

I have been working with the President and General Manager to develop a response to the Volunteer Program Review, as directed by Students' Council. So far, we have examined the list of 47 recommendations provided in the report and discussed the viability of implementing each, and how this may be done. A number of policy, regulation and possibly constitutional changes are likely to result from this process in the long term.

UHT Artistic Director

I have been involved in the selection process for an Artistic Director for Union House Theatre, to fill a leave vacancy. The field has been extremely competitive, and we have shortlisted four applications from 32 for an interview. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 29th July.

University statutes and regulations changes

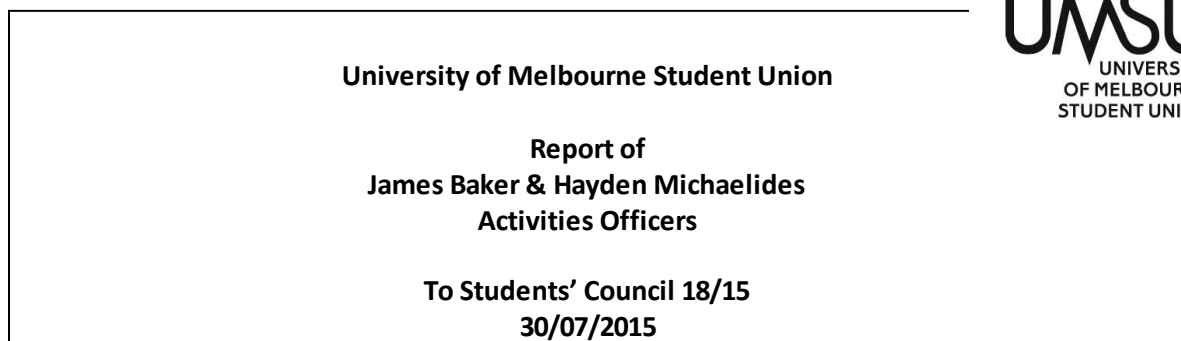
The University is conducting a review of its statutes, regulations and policies, with the aim of reducing the numbers of each for the purposes of simplification. Rachel, Nellie and I met with the University Secretary Giaconda di Lorenzo, and Peter Andrews who works in policy and projects, to discuss this matter. The meeting was constructive and informative for us. We made a case for including recognition of student organisations in the proposed singular statute, as well as a statement of values to inform the policies and regulations which pertain to student rights and responsibilities, especially in relation to disciplinary processes. Because statutes are more difficult than regulations and policies to modify, I believe that a statute should contain recognition of student rights and organisations in order to ensure the University retains its commitment to supporting upholding these.

National Day of Action

The National Union of Students has called an NDA for August 19th, to protest for more government funding to universities and shorter wait times for Newstart, and against university fee deregulation.

It is really important that students continue to engage with the campaign to keep higher education on the agenda as a potential election issue. There will be a free BBQ at 12pm on South Lawn prior to the rally at 2pm at the State Library.

Activities



Oweek

Oweek went well for Activities, there seemed to be a lot of interested people in what we bring to the table, and we handed out programs for people to read and see what's on

Trivias throughout semester

GBH has been booked for our trivias throughout semester. The dates are: 4th of August, 27th of August (Clubs Disorientation week trivia) and the 23rd of September (Prosh). It has been pleasing to see the interest in trivias this year be so high that we simply cannot go back to Members' Lounge as too many people would miss out

Cocktail Party

Cocktail Party this semester has been booked for Wednesday the 26th of August. We're going back to The Savoy Tavern, as they loved having us come there earlier on in the year. We're meeting with the functions person there to discuss pricing and how the night is going to run, but based off last time the event ran, it should be a great event. Ticket sales will start in week 3

Disorientation

Events for Disorientation have been planned for Monday day (Dodgeball competition), Tuesday - BBQ and Band (Megan Washington), Wednesday night (Movie night in conjunction with the Welfare Department), Thursday day and night (Clubs carnival and trivia) and Friday arvo (BBQ). We will also be advocating attendance to the NDA that week.

Carpark Party

The University did not approve our proposal for a party in the South Lawn carpark. We will be writing up an extremely detailed proposal and instructions on what to do for next year's Activities Officers to be able to use if they want

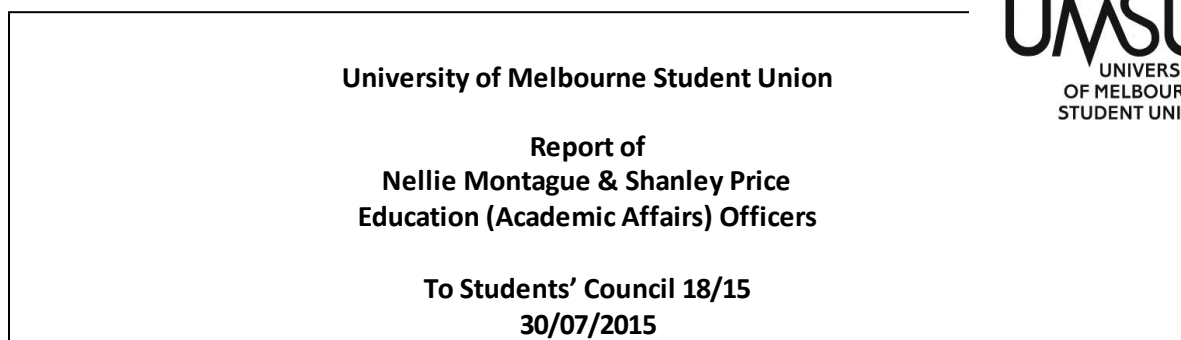
Misc

Activities and Entertainment guides are now being circulated throughout the uni. Check them out

Clubs & Societies

Creative Arts

Education (Academic Affairs)



Big Bazaar

We are working alongside UMSU International to run a Big Bazaar in North Court on the 5th and 6th of August, Wednesday and Thursday of week 2. Student can drop off items including textbooks, clothes and other items from Tuesday 28th-Tuesday 4th in Mary Cooke A, UMSU will then sell the items for students at the Big Bazaar and then all of the money will be returned to students via EFT.

Burnley

We are continuing to try to engage with Burnley students and are heading down there for some meetings in Week 2 and hoping to run some bigger events in Week 3. We always want to hear from Burnley students about issues or ideas for events or campaigns.

GSA Meeting

We caught up with the GSA policy coordinators and had some very productive chats about what GSA and UMSU can work together on such as Academic Misconduct Processes, as well as campaigns and expanding and solidifying the Student Representative Network.

University Secretary Meeting

Rachel Withers, Hana Dalton and Nellie Montague met up with Gioconda di Lorenzo the University Secretary and Peter Andrews who works in policy and projects in Academic Services and Registrar to discuss the changes that are in the process of being made to the Statutes - which the state government education Minister has to review every time changes are proposed to and Regulations - which Uni Council can change. It was a worthwhile chat during which we raised issues around where student organisations should sit and how student representation should be framed.

Education Officers Catch Up

The first ever meeting of faculty and subject related Club Education Officers will be held in Week 1. This will be a chance for the Education Department to hear what Clubs are working on in the academic sphere and to work out how we can best support clubs to run campaigns and work with their faculties; such as having student reps on Faculty governing bodies. Clubs provide valuable links with the student body and are often better placed to hear from students if there are issues affecting their studies.

Countercourse

Bookmarks advertising submissions are being promoted all over campus. There is a \$30 Standing Room voucher up for grabs, so get submitting!

Women in Higher Education Week

In collaboration with the Wom*n's Department and the NTEU we will be helping run a panel and a trivia night during Women in Higher Education Week (also known as Bluestocking Week) which will be held in week 3 of semester 2.

Ivory Tower Screening with NTEU

A screening of Ivory Tower will be held on the 11th August in collaboration with NTEU, a very topical movie which provides advice and warnings in relation to Universities - a must see!

Ed Con

We have been finalising all subsidy payments and receiving reports from every person that got a subsidy.

Academic Misconduct Hearings

We have been sitting on the hearing committees as student representatives and talking with faculties and UMSU Advocacy and GSA about how to best inform students and faculties of the processes and policies around this difficult task.

National Day of Action

Building is underway for the National Day of Action on the 19th August, a free BBQ will be provided on South Lawn at 12 before we march down to the State Library to join others from around the State.

Education (Public Affairs)

University of Melbourne Student Union
Report of
Conor Serong
Education (Public Affairs) Officer
To Students' Council 18/15
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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 not long ago, 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. I have also been working on processing payments and relevant paperwork for students who were successful in applying for a subsidy.

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.

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. I convened a meeting of the Education Collective, where considerable planning and delegation of tasks in order to prepare for the NDA was undertaken.

Education Collective

The Education Collective met on 16 July. I gave attendees a rundown of some of the activities of the Education Department, and we planned for the 19 August National Day of Action.

Victorian Education Action Network

The VEAN met on 22 July, where Education Officers and activists from a range of campuses shared ideas and reported back on plans for the Semester, including work on the National Day of Action, Women in Higher Education Week (known by other organisations as Blue Stockings Week), and other events.

National Union of Students liaising

I met with Rose and Hannah, the National President and National Education Officer, respectively, of the National Union of Students, to discuss UMSU's plans for the Semester, including raising the profile and positive messaging around the Student Services and Amenities Fee. We will continue to work closely for the remainder of the year.

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

Mid-Year Orientation was a success, with the Education Department exhausting our supply of stress balls and almost exhausting our supply of pens. We spoke to many students about the activities of the Department, including engaging them in the campaign against fee deregulation. Particularly pleasing was the success with which we engaged international students, who in the past have been more difficult to engage on these issues.

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.

Women in Higher Education Week

I have been working closely with my fellow Education Officers and the Women’s Officers in planning Women in Higher Education Week. This is occurring in Week Three, and will feature a discussion

panel, and a trivia night – both themed around celebrating women’s achievements and exploring how much more work is required to achieve gender equality in higher education and beyond.

Assessment Survey

UMSU put out an assessment survey, open to all students of the University, to gauge opinions and experiences on a number of issues, particularly surrounding the most recent exam period. Although the survey is still open, I will be preparing a preliminary report in coming days to submit to the Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee. Once the survey is closed, a full report will be prepared and submitted to the Students’ Council.

Wayfinding Strategy Student Working Group

As reported earlier in the year, I am sitting on the University’s Wayfinding Strategy Steering Committee, tasked with guiding the overhaul of the University’s signage and other wayfinding. While very little progress has been made in these meetings, I am convening a Student Working Group to report back to this Committee. All students of the University are welcome and encouraged to contact me for further information about attending.

Expenditure since last report:

Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount (ex. GST)	Line	Comments
Approved by the Operations Sub-Committee.	15 June, 2015	Snacks for Collective and Committee	\$89.24	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	Chocolates, chips, liquorice etc.


Please note that there has also been expenditure in the form of subsidies for Education Conference. Once this process has been completed, a full report of relevant expenditure will be provided for enhanced clarity.

Environment

University of Melbourne Student Union

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

**To Students’ Council 18/15
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We have spent much of the past fortnight finalising subsidies for the Students of Sustainability conference, making plans for Enviro Week (31st August- 4th September) and making initial plans for another trip to East Gippsland in the September break.

Regular Events: Our regular events (Play With Your Food, the Bike Co-op and weekly collective meetings) will all have recommenced by the sitting of this meeting. While Play With Your Food will continue to run as it did in semester one, we have removed the breakfast element of the bike co-op. While we are saddened to remove such a valuable support for students, we recognise that the breakfast was initially introduced to incentivise attendance at the event. Attendance that now exceeds our capacity to service bikes and pass on bike mechanic skills. We believe there are more relevant things to be spending the department's budget allocations on, such as the employment of extra bike mechanics and the diversion of funds to other parts of the department, such as the renewed interest in reducing food waste on campus. Adjustments to our collective meeting style will see us enabling students to take on the facilitation role each week with our close help. This is following on from a collective recognition that these skills are a vital aspect of participation in the environment movement and related jobs.

Enviro Week: We have created a working group and are working towards a week with a couple of workshops daily and activities most nights, including a special Play With Your Food, a trip to the Environmental Film Festival's opening night, a panel discussion on Animal Agriculture and a closing party.

Community garden: In response to reduced volunteer capacity at the Melbourne Uni Community Garden (MUC Garden), we will be directing some of the coming weeks' energy to promotions and events in an attempt revitalise this part of the campus community. We will report on specificities of what this has and will include at the next meeting of Students' Council.

Expenditure since last report:

Meeting no. & date	Description	Amount	Budget line
1 (19/02/15)	Plants & other gardening products for MUC Garden and snacks for group meetings	\$152.90 (inc. GST)	Special projects & events
1 (19/02/15)	Food for Fossil Free Melbourne Uni Campaign retreat and strategy weekend	\$89.80 (inc. GST)	Special projects & events
5 (12/05/15)	Transport subsidies to aid attendance at the Students of Sustainability conference in Adelaide	\$40/ student*	Special projects & events


4 (21/04/15)	SoS registration subsidy (for early bird ticket purchaser)	\$65 (GST free)	Special projects & events
		\$1187.60	

*The total amount of this expenditure will be available in our next report. These payments are still being processed as we continue to receive transport receipts from students.

We will ensure to exclude GST in all expenditure in our next report so Students Council may have a more accurate understanding of actual expenditure.

Disabilities

Indigenous

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Tyson Holloway-Clarke Indigenous Officer</p> <p>To Students' Council 18/15 30/07/2015</p>	
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Completed Projects and Events

Welcome Back Dinner and Drinks

We hosted an event at the Shaw Davey Slum for all the interested returning Indigenous students and we had a great reception. More than 40 students attended and had a great time and the we started the semester with a bang. Our next social event will be held during Mudfest!

Indigenous Games

The Games are done and dusted. The largest Games in history with the largest University of Melbourne contingent saw hard fought competition across volleyball, netball, basketball and touch football. The Team was hugely successful taking the trophy for Volleyball and first year Chris Navarette taking the MVP. Coming second overall for the second year running the Team represented the Union, Murrup Barak, the University and themselves with dignity and integrity both on and off the court despite the heated competition and questionable sportsmanship from other universities.

The Games serve as a fantastic project that assists in both building our Indigenous community on campus and serving as a motivational tool for students. We are the only Student Union in across the country that has full student leadership and responsibility for the team but we also have the greatest amount of support from our Union and University. This demonstrates the supreme trust that the team is afforded in attending the Games.

In 2016 the Games will be hosted by ACU in Brisbane and in Victoria in 2017. It is possible that the University may host the Games again in 2017.

A full report of the Games is available on request.

Upcoming Projects

Mudfest

This is going to be a huge week of arts and culture campus wide I cannot applaud the organisers, especially Officers Bella and Bonnie enough for the hard work they have done in making the festival as inclusive and possible. Quite often the story with activities on campus, be it sport or the arts or anything else a well established culture can unintentionally be an exclusive one. Bella and Bonnie have led the way and done their very best to encourage and support as many Indigenous artists as possible, establishing a fantastic precedent for the way in which Mudfest runs. In collaboration with the Creative Arts Department we are supporting a small but quality number of Indigenous artists on campus.

Also look out for us during a yet to be determined night in the tent! Most of it will be a surprise but you will not want to miss out!

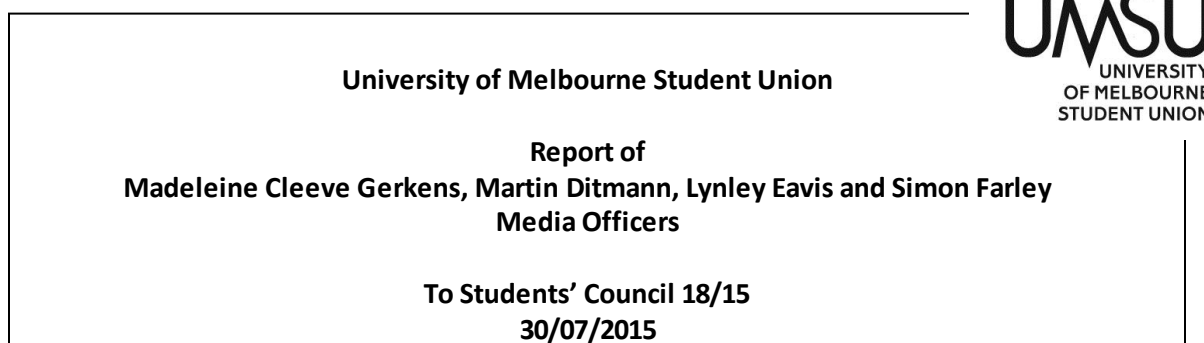
Under Bunjil

After the success of last semester's inaugural publication our second volume is in the works. Launching somewhere alongside the last edition of Farrago our contributors are out there chipping away to bring you a much bigger and brighter second volume. Keep your eyes peeled!

Indigenous Graduates Dinner

Starting this year the University will be hosting an Indigenous Graduates Dinner in joint organisation with Murrup Barak, the Wilin Centre, UMSU, the GSA and other faculties.

Media



Farrago Edition 5 and 6, and handout

Farrago Edition 5 is on the stands and is already proving to be a hit.

We held our well attended fifth launch party, and had a range of people from across the Melbourne Uni student community come, including many *Farrago* regulars.

We're looking to try and do regular collective distro and promo periods this semester, so that we have a set aside time in which we focus together on getting Farragoes out there. At the moment, we're looking at Tuesdays 12-2pm. We did our first one on this Tuesday.

We're now getting ready for Edition 6. We've already received around thirty submissions!

Our campus reporting expansion is also going well, with new submission tackling everything from dubious behaviour behind Growing Esteem to those famous Dookie wine subjects.

Above Water

The final copy is going to the printers within the next week. We're super excited!

Media Collective

Our first Media Collective of the semester is happening right after this Students' Council meeting. . This instalment of Media Collective will be a casual forum-cum-roundtable-discussion about the various skills a professional/semi-professional/vaguely-kinda-a-bit-professional writer needs to have to make it in the dog-eat-dog world that is freelancing. Topics covered will include:

- Idea-generation
- Workshopping
- Pitching
- Writing to deadline
- Coping with rejection

+ anything else people might want to discuss!

Snacks will be provided as always. Come along!

New Farrago website

We've now ironed out some last technical things and have transferred all the content from the old website to the new one. We now have to process, check and re-tag that content, and then we'll be ready to go!

In the next few months, we'll also continue working on bringing even more archive content from even older years to it!

If you'd like a preview of the new website, let us know; we'd be very glad to show it you.

The Fodder

Our new season of The Fodder is bringing many returning and new shows. The Weekly Brews, Joseph Moore and Will Ziebell's new beer show, is set to go up within the next week!

We've just implemented our new people management database, which has drawn together all the training and content details of everyone who's expressed interest or been on The Fodder in one place. This is helping us target our communications and make sure more people can get involved!

On the technical front, we had a technical meeting this morning to improve The Fodder's stream switching, in-studio prerecord capacity, final panel arrangement and podcasting.

We're developing some big brand new shows. We're looking to start a flagship drive show on The Fodder, which will tentatively run Wednesdays to Fridays from 4pm to 6pm. We also want to put

together a weekly flagship politics discussion show on The Fodder. And we're introducing music genre shows which people can DJ – whether it be electro-swing to glitch-hop to shoegaze.

We're looking to write a specials policy and offer a lot more opportunities for these to happen (which could be really great for UMSU departments).

A big focus for us is always new Australian music, and supporting our up and coming artists. We've put a call out to them to send us their music, and are always adding more to our playlists and music library.

The next round of radio training is happening! The upcoming round will be from 3pm to 6pm, Friday 7 and 14 August. You can sign up to training too! Shoot development@thefodder.org an email now! Training is free, and places are limited.

The Fodder Video

Applications for it close, and we received over twenty! Our video manager is now getting in touch with all those people. We're really excited to be bringing video in, slowly but surely, as a staple of the Media Office family.

Spending report

We've spent or are about to spend money on Edition 5 itself, the Edition 5 launch party and Media Collective, as well as on some very small technical expenditure on The Fodder.

Queer



University of Melbourne Student Union

**Report of
Andrea Bozic and Lloyd Rouse
Queer Officers
To Students' Council 18/15**

30/07/2015

I have been working on organising all of the social events that take place during Queer Thursdays, such as movie nights, karaoke and the queerspace party in week one.

Currently the budget is being revised and assessed to see where improvements could be made as in first semester there was a lack of communication regarding the allocation of funds between the officers. We hope to have some money left over in order to stock the queerspace with more up to date support and theory materials as well as assets like a rainbow flag which we do not currently have and blankets for the colder months.

Following the Queer Collaborations conference it was found that a contact for the department was ethically compromised. The person in question has been removed after an investigation revealed that the person had a very high probability of being guilty.

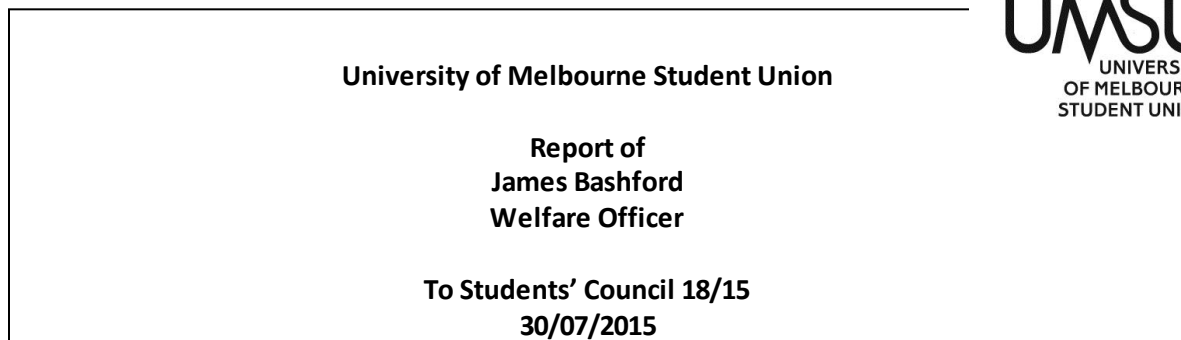
The queer department is finalising it's proposed changes to the constitution in the hopes of having trans women be able to vote for the Wom*n's Officers this coming election. The constitution has been read from cover to cover in order to unearth any potentially problematic regulations contained therein.

The various queer collectives have been finalised and final preparations are under way. There has been an attempt to ensure there are secondary people outside of the queer officers to run the collectives if the officers happen to not be able to make it.

The Queer Department has been working in collaboration with MD-Queer for the up coming health conference regarding queer people. The aim of involvement in this conference is to widen the expertise of our current Med students and to give a more generalised health viewpoint at the conference which is currently a majority of mental health professionals.

A problematic event has recently been identified during prosh week and the Queer Department is working on ensuring the well being of queer students by conversing with the relevant parties.

Welfare



O-Week Stall

The O-Week Stall was a great success for the department with over 50 students signing up to express interest in being volunteers for the department. Hopefully this translates to more active volunteers over the semester. I was helped at the stall by several of the existing volunteers which was a massive help, especially compared to the start of year O-Week stall. At the stall we also began promoting the Vacuum Hire service alongside the other household help services: the food bank and household goods bank and the free yoga classes.

Weekly Events

This semester weekly breakfasts will continue each Thursday morning from 8:30 to 10:30, as was the case last semester. The breakfast will run much the same as last semester however savings have been made by using tables from the info desk rather than hiring, purchasing more items in bulk and cheaper BBQ hire rates resulting from the AV @Melbourne review accepted by council earlier in the year.

Thursdays will also be the day of the weekly welfare volunteer collective meeting, to be held at 12:00 PM each week in Union House. This is the time best suited to the most volunteers which will hopefully maximise turn out.

Yoga classes have been reduced to one per week at this stage due to limits on the yoga budget. While the regular instructor from last semester is currently away, a replacement instructor has been sourced who has also offered a cheaper rate in order to continue offering 2 classes per week. Given the reduction in costs for the weekly breakfast, this will hopefully mean there is enough in the welfare budget to reinstate a second weekly class if there's enough demand.

Special Events

Special events currently being planned include several events in Wellness Week including a fruit stall, puppy therapy stall and collaborations with the University of Melbourne Medical Students Society and Graduate Students Association. The UMMSS event will be an additional yoga class targeted at MD Students, which is particularly important in light of the recent SSAF survey results which identified particularly low satisfaction with the perceived lack of benefit from SSAF for this cohort. As part of disorientation week I am also taking on organising a movie night similar to that run last semester for Stress Less Week, if councillors have any movie recommendations, I'd love to know.

Later in the semester there will be an additional puppy therapy or petting zoo during Stress Less Week in Week 12. As part of this week I'll also aim to work with clubs with MASS, for example, already planning their Wonderland Carnival for this week. Week 11, meanwhile, is National Anti Poverty Week which I plan to promote with a panel event or fundraiser.

Vacuum Cleaner

Following councils approval at the last meeting, I proceeded to purchase the Welfare Department's loan vacuum for student's to hire for free. The dry vacuum model purchased was the Pullman AS5 Professional. Made in Italy, this model has a weight of just 6 KG and dimensions of 350 x 350 x 430H mm for maximum portability, but packs a punch of over 1000 watts. Made from shock resistant materials and with an * metre cord length, this model is sturdy and manoeuvrable suiting it to the heavy use that can be expected for its intended use. With a sound level of just 61 dB(A) this model is additionally reasonably quiet. The model features an impressive paper bag capacity of 5 litres but more importantly can be used baglessly with minimal cleaning and maintenance required! The Pullman AS5 additionally includes a one year warranty. A spare head attachment for both hard and soft surfaces was purchased for maximum flexibility in the functionality of the vacuum, which already comes with 3 various head attachments in addition to the standard head.

Michelle3844 of Bundaberg says of the Pullman AS5 on productreview.com.au "This is a fantastic vacuum cleaner, very hard working, good suction, very quiet and reliable for our large household. It has bags but they are a good size and they are easy to empty and replace. Works well on tiles, wood and carpet. I would recommend this to anyone who wants a very reliable vacuum cleaner."

Expenditure

Following the correspondence received by Council from the Education (Public Affairs) officer, here is the expenditure of the welfare department for the year so far, broken down by budget line. Please note this is according to my department records and therefore does not necessarily line up with the latest records from MUSUL's finance department.

BUDGET LINE: REGULAR EVENTS (3622)

Date	Expense	Notes
2-Mar	\$ 185.58	breakfast Coles online wk 1
3-Mar	\$ 116.00	Yoga mats (reimbursal)
5-Mar	\$ 185.00	breakfast AV@melb wk1
10-Mar	\$ 637.44	Costco (brekafst)
11-Mar	\$ 47.50	bbq equipment (reimbursal)
11-Mar	\$ 6.00	bbq equipment (reimbursal)
12-Mar	\$ 13.97	breakfast (reimbursal)
12-Mar	\$ 8.95	zumba aux cord (reimbursal)
12-Mar	\$ 185.00	breakfast AV @ melb wk2
16-Mar	\$ 125.11	breakfast woolies wk3
19-Mar	\$ 185.00	breakfast AV@melb wk3
26-Mar	\$ 185.00	breakfast AV@melb wk4
2-Apr	\$ 185.00	breakfast av@melb wk5
9-Apr	\$ 900.00	Yoga (first 5 weeks)
5-Mar	\$ 3.19	breakfast (reimbursal)
5-Mar	\$ 5.60	breakfast (reimbursal)
26-Mar	\$ 5.32	breakfast (reimbursal)
2-Apr	\$ 3.69	breakfast (reimbursal)
2-Apr	\$ 38.40	breakfast (reimbursal)
2-Apr	\$ 10.50	breakfast (reimbursal)
31-Mar	\$ 242.15	Aldi (breakfast)
	\$ 1,295.00	breakfast av@melb wk6-12
14-May	\$ 10.26	breakfast (reimbursal)
5-May	\$ 117.73	Aldi breakfast (reimb.)

6-May	\$ 84.12	w/worths bfreast (reimb.)
23-Apr	\$ 8.33	breakfast (reimbursal)
16-Apr	\$ 7.38	breakfast (reimbursal)
6-May	\$ 990.00	Zumba Semester 1 (11wks)
23-Mar	\$ 145.60	woolies brekafast (wk4)
14-Apr	\$ 139.91	woolies brekafast (wk6)
21-Apr	\$ 129.90	woolies brekafast (wk7)
28-Apr	\$ 137.01	woolies brekafast (wk 8)
12-May	\$ 176.59	woolies brekafast (wk 10)
19-May	\$ 152.77	woolies brekafast (wk 11)
26-May	\$ 209.31	woolies breakfast (wk 12)
29-May	\$ 1,300.00	yoga (last 7 weeks)
17-Jun	\$ 400.00	yoga (exams)
17-Jul	\$ 506.15	Breakkie (costco)

BUDGET LINE: SPECIALEVENTS (3839)

Date	Expense	Notes
14-May	\$ 35.00	Table and chair hire for SLW carnival
14-May	\$ 660.00	SLW Petting Zoo
14-May	\$ 80.00	SLW henna

BUDGET LINE: SUPPORT SERVICES (3861)

Date	Expense	Notes
17-Jan	\$ 44.00	Crates/containers (reimbursal)
22-Jun	\$ 126.39	Food bank (reimb.)
20-Jul	\$ 379.00	Vacuum (reimb.)
20-Jul	\$ 39.95	Vacuum head (reimb.)
17-Jul	\$ 149.68	Food Bank (costco)

	\$ 200.00	Red Cross Nepal Appeal
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BUDGET LINE: COLLECTIVE (3851)

Date	Expense	Notes
2-Apr	\$ 66.50	Pizza for collective party (reimbursal)
2-Apr	\$ 55.33	Snacks and drinks for collective party (reimbursal)
5-May	\$ 12.80	Snacks for volunteers (reimb.)
14-May	\$ 43.09	Food for collective (reimb.)
14-Jul	\$ 23.85	Food for collective (reimb.)


BUDGET LINE: PHOTOCOPYING/PRINTING(3712)

Date	Expense	Notes
21-Jul	\$ 16.30	As per June financial report

BUDGET LINE: STATIONARY (3356)

Date	Expense	Notes
14-Jan	\$ 16.75	Office stationary
18-Jan	\$ 3.80	receipt pockets
23-Jan	\$ 2.95	Permanent marker

Wom*n's

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Allison Ballantyne & Lucy Curtis Wom*n's Officers To Students' Council 18/15 <u>Key activities:</u></p>	
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Judy's Punch

We have chosen our sub-editors for the publication and are intending to meet with them all this week. We have also had several people express interest in being commissioned for illustrations. We have received a good number of submissions so far, though we will need more. We are considering

extending the deadline for submission. We have started having editorial meetings to discuss the direction of the magazine.

Women in Higher Education Week

Event times and details have largely been locked in for Women in Higher Education Week. We have secured 3 of 4 panellists for the Storylines panel discussion event. We are promoting these events online, as well as through poster around campus and flyering over the next couple of weeks. We also met with NTEU last week to discuss this event with them. They said they would help us obtain trivia prizes and assist us with promoting and running this event.

Women’s Mentoring Network

We have secured four out of six speakers for our networking nights and are currently looking for two more.

Mid-year Orientation Week

Last week we attended a stall at mid-year Orientation Week. We took the opportunity to advertise our upcoming events for this semester and got a number of people to sign up to our mailing list.

Feminist art collaboration

Our collaboration with feminist art project ‘f generation’ has been organised to begin this week, with a special craft session happening this Wednesday at 3pm in the Wom*n’s Room. We have advertised this project through multiple avenues in order to encourage women in the department to be involved. These sessions will also run in weeks 2 and 3.

Sexual health workshop

We’re currently organising a sexual health workshop for Wellness Week (week 5), which will be run by a sexual health nurse who expressed interest in Rad Sex and Consent Week last semester.

Film screening in with Amnesty International Club

We’re helping organise a joint event with the Amnesty International Club for week 5. It will be a screening of the film ‘I Am a Girl’ with a panel discussion afterwards.

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
10/15	14/7/2015	Donation of proceeds from Wom*n’s Department market stall to Safe Steps	\$242	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n’s Collective weeks 1 + 2	\$130	Special projects/events	
		Food for Queer and Questioning QTs weeks 1 + 2	\$130	Special projects/events	

		Food for Wom*n of Colour Collective weeks 1 + 2	\$84	Special projects/events	
		Gifts for speakers and food for Women's Networking Nights	\$400	Special projects/events	
11/15	27/7/2015	Payment of facilitators and catering for anti-racism workshops	\$600	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n's Collective weeks 3 + 4	\$80	Special projects/events	
		Food for Queer and Questioning QTs weeks 3 + 4	\$80	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n of Colour Collective weeks 3 + 4	\$84	Special projects/events	
		Craft supplies for feminist art/craft sessions	\$50	Special projects/events	

VCA

Motion 5: That the submitted OBs reports be accepted en bloc

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

6. Other Reports

Kerry Ferguson – Director and Principal Consultant, EduResolutions

Kerry is assisting the University in reviewing the SSAF. She noted that

- The current agreement finishes in 2017 – the current agreement is a 5 year agreement.
- The Uni wants to ensure sustainability and certainty for Student Organisations
- The scope she has been given to investigate includes the current arrangements, distribution of money, who gets the SSAF, other campuses, value for money, access to funds for Capital Expenditure and evaluation protocols.
- Kerry would love input from Student Representatives and groups – and is happy to be contacted by Councillors or concerned groups. Her contact details are available from Rachel and Hana
- That every student should know what SSAF is, what it is used for and who gets it

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To postpone discussion about UMSU Financial reports and Justin GM report until after Motions Without Notice

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

7. Motions on Notice

9.1 Regular meeting schedule

Motion 6: That Students' Council adopt the regular meeting schedule as set out below.

Week 1	Meeting 18	Thursday 30th July	12pm
Week 3	Meeting 19	Thursday 13th August	12pm
Week 5	Meeting 20	Wednesday 26th August	12pm
Week 6	Meeting 21	Tuesday 1st September	12pm
Week 8	Meeting 22	Thursday 17th September	12pm
Week 10	Meeting 23	Tuesday 6th October	12pm
Week 12	Meeting 24	Thursday 22nd October	12pm
Exam period	Meeting 25	Thursday 12th November	12pm

Mover: Hana Dalton

Seconder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED

9.2 Level 1 bar space

Preamble:

After 18 years of the lease to the space on level 1 overlooking North Court being on-sold from poor tenant to poor tenant, the lease has finally been surrendered to MUSUL, the landlord, for an undisclosed amount of money. The completion of this surrender process was communicated to UMSU on Tuesday July 21.

This presents an exciting, once-in-a-generation opportunity for UMSU to finally have a fantastic student-controlled bar and café on campus. The space was previously used as a café/bar by the Melbourne University Student Union Inc.

A student-controlled bar/café is something that UMSU has requested in its Student Precinct Needs, so this is also a great opportunity to set up the staff infrastructure to take on with us to a new precinct. As the space has a limited lifespan, we cannot afford to waste 6 months of it. UMSU needs to allow time for consideration around appropriate modelling, but also needs to be making this a priority in order to have a bar running as soon as possible.

UMSU is a professional, competent and well-staffed organisation that is highly capable of running a bar, alongside its other staff-managed services such as Theatre and the Rowden White Library, which are run to a very professional standard.

Motion 7:

1. That Students' Council reaffirms its commitment to **student control of student affairs/services**.

2. That Students' Council recognises UMSU's reliance on its allocation of SSAF from the University, and the vulnerability this creates for a post-SSAF environment; Students Council recognises that we ought to be **working towards alternative revenue streams**/commercial outlets, as many other unions have.

3. That Students' Council recognises that the most effective way to run a popular bar for students is to **allow students to make key decisions** around its operation.

4. That the Students' Council approves, in principle, an UMSU-run café and bar in level 1 space overlooking North Court.

5. That the Students' Council directs the President, General Secretary and General Manager to develop a model/models (including staff structure) under which UMSU would manage such an outlet, which will be presented to the Council for approval. In developing such a model, consideration shall be given to:

- (a) maximising employment opportunities for students;
- (b) developing a space that will support the other activities of the organisation;
- (c) providing a secure revenue stream independent of the SSAF; and
- (d) maximising student control of the activities of the café/bar.

6. That the Students' Council directs the President, General Secretary and General Manager to negotiate with MUSUL to secure control of the level 1 bar space.

Mover: Rachel Withers
CARRIED

Seconded: Hana Dalton
Steven Connolly Abstained

9.3 U Week Expenditure – T-shirts

Discussion about volunteers keeping shirts, and UMSU Hoodie availability. Hoodies are available from Goldie at \$10 a hoodie. More will be made later in the year

Motion 8: to move up to \$1000 from Whole of Union for I ♡ UMSU campaign t-shirts, the design and concept for which was created at an Office Bearer team meeting on Tuesday 21st July.

Mover: Rachel Withers
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconded: Marin Dittmann

9.4 U Week Expenditure - Miscellaneous

Motion 9: to move up to \$500 from budget line Special Activities Weeks for popcorn, fairy floss (purple hopefully) and other giveaways throughout U Week, including costs of casuals to serve where necessary.

Mover: Rachel Withers
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconded: Martin Dittmann

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That items 9.5, 9.6, 9.7 and 10.1 be discussed and voted on en bloc

Mover: Martin Dittmann

CARRIED

9.5 – 10.1

Motion 10: To pass \$490 from Non Parkville budget line for food and drinks a BBQ at Burnley on the 7th of August.

Motion 11: That up to \$4000 be spent from the Special Projects and Events line of the Media budget line for the printing of "Above Water".

Motion 12: That Students' Council approves the following expenditure from the Queer Department budget:

Up to \$100 from the Special events and Projects line to pay for brochures to increase awareness of marginalised groups within the queer community and to ensure that those groups are aware of support groups and what options are available to them.

Up to \$400 from the Food and Beverages line to run the Coming Out Support Group. This money will be used to provide drinks on a weekly basis to the support group members and ensure the group's survival.

Up to \$400 from the Food and Beverages line to pay for snacks for the four queer collectives; Queer with disabilities, Asexuals and aromantics, Queers of Colour and The Trans Collective.

Up to \$400 for the provision of the first few weeks of Lunch with the Queer Bunch. This weekly free lunch is instrumental in providing a sense of community and an opportunity to build support networks with other queer people.

Up to \$50 from the Special events and projects line to pay for some blankets for the Queer Space in these cold months.

Preamble: UMSU Education has been coordinating the Big Bazaar and only received quotes for these items from AV this week as we were waiting on them to purchase new trestle tables. Education Committee met on Tuesday the 28th so will not meet again until the 11th August and we need to pay this invoice soon.

Motion 13: To pass \$218.18 from Education Budget line Campaigns, Special Projects and Events to pay for 12 trestle tables and 12 bollards for the Big Bazaar on the 5th and 6th of August.

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

10.2 U Week Expenditure – snacks for volunteers

Discussion about bottled water. Resolution to use cups and water coolers.

Motion 14: To pass up to \$300 from the budget line volunteering to provide snacks and water for the U Week volunteers.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

11. General Managers' Report

Justin addressed the council, mentioning in particular

- MUSUL EBA negotiations are ongoing – no news/updates as yet. A September resolution is unlikely
- The Volunteering Report is going well, and will be presented to Council on the 13th of August. At this point there is likely to be a staged implementation.
- Internet issues – UMSU and MUSUL were without internet all day Tuesday and half of Wednesday. The cause was unknown – issues have arisen with the level of communication about the issue, and contingency plans.

Motion 15: To accept the General Managers Report

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

12. UMSU Finance Reports

2015 UMSU Half-Yearly Financial Report

Under Section 65(c) of the UMSU Constitution, the General Secretary is required to present half-yearly reports to Students' Council on UMSU's finances. This report highlights key issues in UMSU's expenditure, and identifies trends which may have implications for expenditure for the remainder of the year. It also provides an update on the status of budget lines frequently used by Students' Council. The report is current to June 30 so authorised expenditure and income received after this date are not reflected in this report. There are a number of errors in the report and these are being clarified with MUSUL Finance.

Overview

UMSU's income for the first half of 2015 was \$2,956,226.92, which is approximately half of the total amount UMSU will receive in 2015. The vast majority of UMSU's expenditure is derived from the SSAF, which UMSU receives in instalments throughout the year. UMSU's total expenditure to the end of June 2015 was \$2,663,775.43, resulting in an operating surplus of \$292,451.49.

Based on current trends, across the organisation as a whole UMSU is on track to break even or return a small surplus. However, this surplus is expected to be smaller than the current half-year figure as a number of large, once-off budgeted payments are yet to be expended, such as election costs and NUS affiliation fees.

It should be noted that due to the nature of the organisation, expenditure is not even throughout the year. For example, certain periods and events, such as O-Weeks, require much higher rates of expenditure than other times of the year, and large once-off payments such as election expenses are paid at various times throughout the year as required. This means there should not be any assumption that the quantum of the operating surplus at June 30 will have a direct relationship to the end of year outcome. Another financial report will be presented to Students' Council in November 2015.

Office Bearer Department Expenditure

Mid-way through the year, most Student Office Bearer-run departments have spent just under half of their total budget, and are therefore on track to breaking even or returning a small surplus.

The Queer Department, which has spent just over half of its annual budget (\$11,325.37 of \$20,000) is one exception to this. However this expenditure is largely due to the Department's major event, the Pride Ball, occurring in Semester 1. The Indigenous Department is another exception, having spent \$31,862.05; well beyond its initial allocation of \$20,000. This is due to the Department receiving an external grant of \$25,727.27 to assist the Department in supporting students to attend the Indigenous University Games.

Two departments have spent considerably less than expected so far. The Disabilities Department has spent \$2,210.64 of \$20,000, and the VCA has spent \$7,414.66 of \$35,000.

Deficits

A number of other departments and volunteering programs recorded minor deficits, which are explained below. None of these appear to be of particular concern at this time.

Union House Theatre (UHT) recorded a small operating deficit of \$5,820.03. A significant proportion of UHT's income comes from theatre hire, and as theatre hire and associated revenue tends to increase in the second half of the year, UHT is not expected to return a deficit at the end of 2015.

There is an operating deficit of \$32,047.56 in AV@Melbourne, due to the payment of -redundancy entitlements.

The VCE Summer School recorded a deficit of \$1,098.18. This is not expected to remain the case by the end of 2015, as the incoming Directors will be seeking to secure sponsorship and payments for participation in the program.

The Student Union Advocacy Service invoices the University quarterly. The invoice for the second quarter of 2015 was raised in early July so this is not reflected in June financial reports.

Budget lines of interest

Only a small amount of the half-yearly Volunteering budget has been used so far (14,111.71 of \$90,453.00). The large amount initially budgeted for includes salary expenses of one full-time and one part-time staff member, however currently only a part-time staff member is employed. The Volunteering budget is also now used for student Directors' honoraria.

The Whole of Union budget line, with an initial allocation of \$10,000, has \$8,372.66 remaining (expenditure of \$1627.34).

The Special Activities Weeks budget line, with an initial allocation of \$15,000, has \$13,840 remaining (expenditure of \$1160.00).

Motion 16: That the 2015 UMSU half year financial reports be accepted

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

13. Other Business

Further Motions Without Notice

Motion 17: That up to \$200 be moved from the Queer Budget line Special Projects and Events to assist in sending students from MD Queer to a Health and Diversity Conference.

Mover: Andrea Bozic

Seconder: Ash Munoz

CARRIED

Motion 18: That up to \$1000 be moved from the Queer Budget Line Special Projects and Events to pay for a semesters worth of 'Queer Social Thursdays'. Expenditure will include food and drinks for the queer space parties, some Board Games for the events, Video Games and snacks for the weekly events.

Mover: Andrea Bozic

Seconder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

Comedy Festival Directors Report

REPORT FROM THE COMEDY FESTIVAL DIRECTORS 30/07/2015

Key Activities

Engagement with Preexisting Comedy

- We have contacted the Law and Medley revues as well as the Melbourne University Comedy Revue Board to perform reprisals of their revues during our festival.
- We are working with Tony Ennis (Entertainment) on the Semester 2 Comedy Union Night, which we have scheduled to take place on the Wednesday of our festival (7/10/2015).

New Student Engagement

- Clubs we are in the process of approaching UMSU affiliated clubs, both in abroad call out, and through liaising with the Clubs and Creative Arts Officers regarding specific groups worth targeting as performers and for potential collaboration in that week (e.g., contacting the Film Society to screen a comedy film during Week 10 and cross promote with us)Colleges
- We have commenced talks with Queens College, who are producing Spamalot! in Semester 2, and will follow suit with engagement with other colleges and theatre groups already producing comedic work
- Known performers we have contacted certain individual comedians who are students of the university but who have not otherwise had any serious part with comedy things at the university.
- Autonomous groups and collectives we are engaging with groups such as the Disabilities Department, Indigenous Department and Women of Colour Collective to both contribute to the festival, and ensure UMSU creates work that makes spaces safe, fun, and funny, for all members of the student community, rather than reproducing the status quo. We have also been consulting with people external to

the organisation for further advice and assistance on these fronts, to ensure UMSU meets its constitutional requirements of not being sexist, racist, homophobic, ableist, militaristic, et cetera.

- Our general Expressions of Interest form is up and being promoted on our Facebook page we would appreciate cross promotion.
- We are meeting individually with all interested parties to encourage and guide their involvement.
- We held a stall at OWeek, and have been attempting to provide word of mouth contact with students attending events that may be relevant to our interests.

Backstage infrastructure

- We have appointed a Web Designer, a Stage Designer, and a Publicity Manager, and are in the process of sourcing more backstage talent to whom we will be able to delegate relevant tasks to create a smooth, cohesive, engaging festival.
- We will have our specific quotes from AV for the necessary equipment by the end of next week. As it is a large project connecting so many divergent groups in the university and spanning the week, Xain from AV has had a larger than usual task of working out how to best outfit us. We are also collaborating with Entertainment to cover part of the costs for the venture.
- We are consulting with UHT and Creative Arts about specific elements of staging and student involvement on the backstage side of things.
- Ben is drafting a programming schedule for the week of the festival as well as for the individual days when student shows will be running. As it stands, we are planning an opening gala night on Monday the 5th, a large discussion panel on
- Tuesday the 6th, both in the Grand Buffet Hall, the Comedy Union Night on the 7th in the Members' Lounge, and finally individual student shows running from Thursday the 8th through to Saturday the 10th. For those last three days, we will have performances in the Members' Lounge as well as in the Level 2 rooms. We will also approach The Clyde Hotel about staging late night performances there on the Thursday and Friday. Shows will run for 20 minutes, with a 10minute interval. With this proposed setup, we will be running 21 shows a night on Thursday and Friday, and 18 shows on Saturday which with a matinee will make 36 shows.

Miscellanea

- We are also approaching successful alumni (both personally and through the Alumni centre at the university) in order to celebrate our university's strong comedy history and tradition of graduates going on to do great comedy things.
- This spans from Barry Humphries' generation through to more recent graduate successes such as Ronny Chieng and Sammy J. This process is ongoing, and if you have personal contacts we would be very grateful for your assistance.
- Sponsorship – we are actively approaching sponsors, as per our position's description, but have a significant cash flow problem. Sponsorships take time to come through and we need to secure bookings of both people and infrastructure.
- We would appreciate your assistance in granting us funds, that we hope to be able to return to the union once our sponsorships are established. It is in this manner that

the Law Revue conducts its business with the Law Students' Society with regard to costs incurred and recouped through ticketing and sponsorship.

List of action points to be completed by next report

- Contact more alumni to get them involved with the festival
- Establish ties with more autonomous departments, clubs and colleges and to secure maximum student engagement and participation.
- Further finesse timelines for marketing, scheduling and production
- Engage with students to help them network with other interested parties and construct and rehearse their performances
- Establish sophisticated look for our festival on UMSU Website and promote promote promote

Other

If council would like to move to grant us funds now, we would be very appreciative.

Otherwise, we propose to continue the conversation deferred from Meeting 15 at the next Students' Council.

Motion 19: To accept the Comedy Festival Directors Report

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED

O-Week Directors' Report

Corey Morton, Claire Fitzpatrick, Alex McMillan

Host Program

The Director's involvement in the Host Program was largely guided by Ben White, the Volunteering Officer within Communications and Marketing. MYO was largely used as a 'training' exercise for the Directors as it is the largest logistical part of the position. Directors worked alongside Ben in training the Hosts, and were involved in the management of Host Day.

The Host program had a number of issues during MYO, mainly the ratio of too many hosts to students. These issues will not occur during Orientation at the beginning of the year due to a different system of Host to student matching. It has been noted, however, for the planning of next year's MYO and will be an issue we will look into fixing in the coming months.

A survey has been created and shared with Hosts, with the aim to gain as much feedback from Hosts with which to move forward. A feedback session has also been planned to gain more qualitative results, which will be used to plan for next year's Host Program.

BBQ

The BBQ was run on a budget of \$1000, which was not exceeded. In order to come under budget, a number of low-cost options were pursued, such as using BBQ's provided by M-ASS instead of going through AV, sharing the cost of AV hire with the Fodder, and buying food from Coles online instead of purchasing through Entertainment. These aspects of the event planning were manageable, however, the running of an event like this would be made considerably easier with a larger budget.

The Directors used the assistance of Francesca, from the Communications Department and Goldie to book the venue and help with various logistical aspects of the event, but for the most part it was run by the Directors. A special recognition must be made for the help that the Office Bearers offered in running the BBQ and their support on staffing the UMSU table. It has been noted that a pool of Orientation Volunteers will be needed to run similar events at the beginning of the year, as the number of people available to help was limited.

Food and drink did run out before the end of the BBQ, which was a misjudgement on the part of the Directors. It has been noted for future Orientation events to over plan, rather than go off previous years' numbers.

A number of small 'trial' events were run to enhance the students' engagement. A survey has been created to gauge student's response to the BBQ as a whole. The results of this survey will be provided in the coming weeks, however, the general feeling is that the event was a success.

Speed Dating

Speed Dating was run off the budget of the BBQ, but there ended up being no extra cost for the event to run. The event ran relatively smoothly, with its greatest downfall being that more students attended than was anticipated. This made the event difficult to run, and the issues with this have been noted for future reference. The hope is that a similar event will run at the beginning of the year, due to its perceived success.

A survey has been created to gauge student's response to Speed Dating. The results of this survey will be provided in the coming weeks, however, the feedback we received at the event was that the event was a resounding success.

Motion 20: to approve the Orientation Directors Report to Council

Mover: Hana Dalton (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

14. Motion Without Notice

Discussion about extra kegs from INU bar that need to be used. Suggestion that UMSU purchase pizza and have kegs as an event in the next week.

All Councillors present volunteer to second the below motion.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: that the motion be put

Mover: Steven Connolly

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Motion 21: That Students' Council pass up to \$750 from the Whole of Union budget line for food and soft drink to assist with using the kegs from INU before their use-by date

Mover: Rachel Withers

Secunder: Ash Munoz

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

15. Next Meeting

Next meeting is on the 13th of August 2015

16. Close

Meeting closed at 1:13 PM