

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 13.08.2015

Meeting 19

Private Dining Room, Union House

Meeting opened at 12.19pm 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

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged.

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Destan Dikbas, Oliver Sui, Itsi Weinstock, Karly Banks, Lachlan McCall, Lia Vassiliadis, Stephen Mitas, Steven Connolly, Annto Hassen, Pat Dollard

Office Bearers: Lloyd Rouse (Queer), Bella Vadiveloo (Creative Arts), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Daniel Sullivan (Environment), Hayden Michaelides (Activities), Simon Farley (Media), Martin Ditmann (Media), Stephen Smith (Clubs & Societies), James Baker (Activities), Conor Serong (Education Public), Claire Pollock (Clubs & Societies), Shanley Price (Education Academic), Hana Dalton (General Secretary), Rachel Withers (President), James Bashford (Welfare), Allison Ballantyne (Wom*n's), Van Rudd (VCA), Nellie Montague (Education Academic).

Staff: Justin Baré (General Manager)

Other: Joshua Rose, Baya Ou Yang, Caleb Triscari, Justin Chua, Ryan Davey, Sarina Murray, Ben Volchok.

1.4 Apologies

Ashok Munoz, Danielle Bagnato, Sarah Xia, Jakob von der Lippe

1.5 Proxies

Ashok Munoz to Joshua Rose

Danielle Bagnato to Caleb Triscari

Sarah Xia to Destan Dikbas

Jakob von der Lippe to Baya Ou Yang

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt the Agenda as presented.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

1.7 Membership

Feifei Liao has graduated and is thus no longer eligible to be a member of Students' Council.

Office Bearer leave – Nellie Montague (21st-27th September)

Motion 3: To approve leave for Nellie Montague from 21st September to 27th September.

Mover: Stephen Smith

Seconder: Rachel Withers

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 4: To confirm the minutes from 18/06/15 and 30/07/15 as true and accurate records of those meetings.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

UMSU Assessment Survey Preliminary Report to ACCC – Conor Serong

Education Department ran a survey about the most recent exam period, which will be tabled for discussion at the next ACCC meeting.

National Student Leadership Forum Sponsorship – Sam Sautelle

Discussion around Sam's application – it was generally agreed that we would not be able to fund the full amount.

Hana confirmed the highest we could possible grant to Sam was \$700.

Allison Ballantyne arrived at 12:26pm

Rachel said that it was not out of character for UMSU to give money to students as individuals to attend conferences, citing Education Conference.

Motion 5: To grant Sam Sautelle \$350 from budget line Student Initiatives to attend the National Student Leadership Forum, conditional upon him reporting to Students' Council after the Forum.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

Joshua Rose arrived at 12:30pm

Hayden Michaelides left at 12:31pm

5. Office Bearers' Reports

James Bashford presented a Welfare Officer report at the meeting to be tabled.

President



University of Melbourne Student Union

**Report of
Rachel Withers
President**

**To Students' Council 19/15
13/08/2015**

Key activities:

Student Precinct

Display of Architecture Studio student designs

The exhibition has now wrapped up in the Rowden White Library.

I attended the afternoon tea (as soon as I got away from U Week) and over the course of the hour that I was there, we had Chris White, Eoin Hannassey, Fiona Downie, Sue Elliot and Jenny Ellis who are all involved in the Student Precinct Project in some capacity (some more so than others). We were able to have good chats to them about the work.

Workshop

Last week I attended a workshop with the usual Student Precinct suspects from chancellery as well as a few students from the Architecture Studio who were invited along. The aim of this workshop was to again try to conceptualise what the precinct means/what it is for/what problem it aims to address, this time featuring a new consultant, Rosemary Kirkby who has worked on many large architectural projects that have simultaneously been aimed at organisational culture change. Rosemary very much seemed on the side of students, prompting staff members to remind themselves "who is the number one stakeholder here?" and insisting they always remember it is students.

HJC

On Thursday August 6 UMSU met with MUSUL to discuss the next steps for the bar space on Level 1. Significant progress was made in clarifying the potential scope of the future of the space and identifying the issues that will need to be addressed in order to enable the space to recommence operations as a food and beverage outlet.

UMSU presented an options paper that elaborated on the reasons behind the decision that Students' Council made at its most recent meeting. This paper included two options for the operation of an UMSU bar:

1. UMSU operates the bar and venue itself; or

2. UMSU engages a third party for this purpose

This proposition was subject to discussion at the MUSUL Board meeting on Monday; however, the CEO and two directors present at the meeting did not indicate any issues with this. Any UMSU bar would seek to commence operation in February 2016.

There was also significant discussion in relation to the use of the space until that time.

Given a range of work that needs to be undertaken in relation to cleaning and maintenance of the space, and the transfer of liquor licence arrangements, UMSU and MUSUL agreed the following:

- That the venue be open as a student lounge from [September 1](#);
- It was not feasible for the space to operate as a bar in the short term;
- UMSU is to investigate the possibility of food or beverage service in this space during the interim period;
- The space will be bookable for licenced events in the same way that other rooms in Union House can be booked
- MUSUL will assume responsibility for liquor licencing in the interim period

UMSU and MUSUL will meet weekly until the space reopens as a student lounge.

On Tuesday August 25 UMSU will be holding a student forum in the bar space to commence a process of discussion to inform the development of an UMSU bar.

U Week Campaign

Week 2 was U Week in Week 2, a weeklong campaign aimed at getting more students involved in student life (and specifically UMSU life) at university.

I narrowed down the volunteer applications (over 200) to around 140, factoring in that around 40 would probably not come to training, and allowing me to give all 100 volunteers a tshirt from the \$1000 passed at council last fortnight (Stephen Smith kindly picked up the tshirts on Sunday before the week, saving on delivery costs.).

I ran a one hour training session four times over two days, to bring the volunteer up to speed on UMSU and allow them to practice talking about UMSU. We had just over 100 volunteers attend.

Based on the responses I received through the How To Get Involved in Your Department template I sent around, Patrick and I compiled a How To Get Involved Guide. It was going to be too late to ask Comms for something fancy, but with the purpose of this guide it didn't particularly need to look flashy- hopefully the message on the front "THE HOW TO GET INVOLVED GUIDE" is enough to attract people to the simple, black and white brochure. I would like to thank Patrick for all his superhuman efforts and many many hours of his weekends in helping me pull this together.

The volunteers were out everyday of the week rostered in a different location around campus, and many of them reported having really fantastic conversations with students (many of who said that

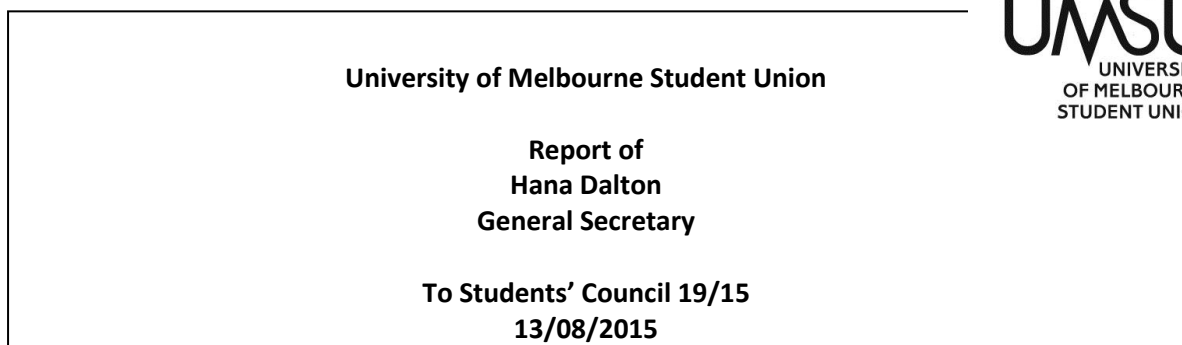
the How To Get Involved Guide was exactly what they were looking for/what they've been wanting to know).

I will be compiling a report over the coming days, however the effectiveness of "getting more people involved in departments and collectives" is going to be quite difficult to measure.

However undeniable benefits of the week include:

- Those 100 volunteers who now feel more involved in UMSU and have made dozens of new friends
- A huge amount of giveaways from the UMSU marquee
- The How To Get Involved guides can be updated as needed and can remain on stands all year

General Secretary



Operations Sub-Committee

The Operations Sub-Committee met on Thursday 6th August, to approve Environment Department expenditure, Education Department expenditure, and expenditure for Women in Higher Education Week and U Week.

Constitutional Working Group

The Constitutional Working Group has met once so far this semester, and will meet again this Friday 14th August at 1pm in the OB Space. Various issues and ideas have been brought to the group so far, and some potential changes are currently in the drafting process.

iTFE

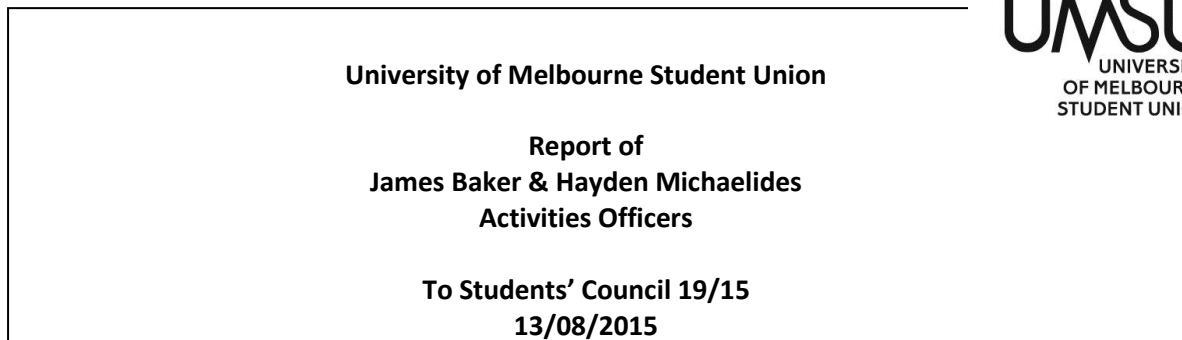
I organised a meeting with iTFE on Wednesday 29th July, at which Justin, Fiona, Rachel and myself met with representatives from the registered training organisation. We discussed the logistics of establishing a partnership whereby iTFE would run subsidised training courses on campus for the general student body, such as Certificate II in Hospitality. The other aspect of the partnership would involve iTFE running RSA and Safe Food Handling courses for Office Bearers and C&S executives. As part of this partnership, UMSU would arrange for the courses to be held according to demand from students and promote the courses to students, which would likely become an alternative revenue stream for the Union. Discussions are ongoing, but the meeting was certainly positive. I anticipate this program being extremely useful to the many students who are seeking part-time or casual

employment to support themselves during their studies, but who are struggling to break into the increasingly competitive job market.

The Bar

Along with Rachel and Justin, I attended a meeting with MUSUL on August 6th to discuss the next steps for the level 1 bar space. We discussed amongst other things the interim arrangements for the space, such as converting it into a student lounge until it can be operated as a bar, and who will operate the bar once it reopens.

Activities



Key activities:

Trivia:

We ran one of the most successful trivia nights that we have run this year on Tuesday the 4th of August. We had over 300 people in Grand Buffet hall, and we were fully booked out for the night.

Dis-Orientation Week:

Dis-Orientation week is coming up for week 4, and this is one of the big events for the Activities Calendar throughout the year. This is a week that is run in collaboration with the Welfare and Clubs & Societies departments. We have at least one activity on every day of the week. So many activities to be had.

Cocktail Party:

Cocktail party number 2 is currently selling tickets. To be held at the Savoy Tavern. Cheap cocktails and the finest attire is to be expected. We will have had the ticket sales at the Tuesday BBQ, however as of the writing of this report, that has not happened yet. Keen as a bean though.

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

**To Students' Council 19/15
13/08/2015**

Key activities:

Disorientation Week:

Clubs Carnival, Dodgeball Tournament, and Clubs Trivia

As discussed in the Office Bearer meeting and alluded to in previous meetings of Students' Council, the C&S department is taking an active role in organising events in Disorientation Week. We will be running the Clubs Carnival, Dodgeball Tournament, and Clubs Trivia. We aim to engage students who may have missed out at O-Week and Mid-Year O-Week to find a club that suits them to get involved in, and provide opportunities for interclub activities and engagement. We have sent a Google Form to clubs inviting their participation – we will keep you posted.

New Club Affiliations:

Promoting and Building the Clubs & Societies Department

We have started a campaign in the C&S department encouraging groups on campus to affiliate new clubs and societies. There are some gaps of areas that could be filled and we want to ensure we have a broad, diverse, and vibrant range of clubs that reflect and are representative of the interests, passions, and pursuits of University of Melbourne students. We have received two applications from new clubs so far, and will be working over the next few weeks to review and process these applications. We have also prepared an Affiliations Protocol which sets out a process for managing affiliations for Semester 2, 2015. Last semester there were some issues regarding transparency on this, so the protocol sets out a fair, transparent, and efficient way for the Committee to review, consider, and make decisions on applications.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Executive Handbook:

We have made a gallant start to the Executive Handbook identifying what information we already have, and what information we need to compile. Once we have done this we will then be able to collate it into a comprehensive guide. There is still discussion about the exact digital formatting for the Handbook, based on how interactive we are able to make it on the UMSU website.

We have reviewed the timeline for this project and decided that it will be continuing over Semester 2 to be finished by the 2016 Clubs & Societies Officers and launched for Semester 1, 2016.

VERDICT: Ongoing

Safety in Clubs:

The Safety in Clubs Working Group endorsed the proposed changes to the C&S Regulations including a new grievance procedure. They also endorsed the Referring Grievances in Clubs and Societies Policy which has been distributed to Students' Councillors. These proposed changes were also endorsed unanimously by the C&S Committee. We would like to take the opportunity to thank those involved in the Safety in Clubs Working Group for their contribution: Alanna Smith (UMSU Advocacy), Allie Ballantyne, Lucy Curtis, Susannah Gordon, Sasha Chong, Andrea Bozic, Sally Coates (Campus Communities), and Fiona Sanders.

VERDICT: Achieved

Clubs Online:

Fiona met with Olivia (Clubs Online Developer, Hidden Spark) in Sydney in early July to discuss more of the specifics of the project and to provide further clarification and information requested. This will help to ensure that the project is completed in line with our adopted timeline. Stephen met with Pamela Wade (Clubs & Societies Program Manager, University of Sydney Union) while in Sydney for the NUS Education Conference. USU also uses Clubs Online from Hidden Spark to administer their clubs and societies. They have been very impressed with the program. We discussed elements of the roles of staff in the department under Clubs Online and other issues and themes that are consistent between the two organisations.

VERDICT: Ongoing

Budget expenditure since last report:

As we have yet to provide any budget expenditure, I have attached our expenditure from 1 January 2015 to 30 July 2015.

To the 30th July we had spent \$91,797.32 on grants for clubs and societies. It is worth noting that the C&S department is yet to process any camp forms for 2015. This will have a significant impact on the grants allocation within the C&S budget.

Grants Payments to 30 July 2015

Date Processed	Amount	Line-Item
23/03/15	\$18,086.98	Grants
08/04/15	\$17,876.38	Grants
04/05/15	\$10,283.11	Grants

18/05/15	\$14,367.78	Grants
21/05/15	\$13,751.08	Grants
15/06/15	\$17,431.99	Grants
Total	\$91,797.32	

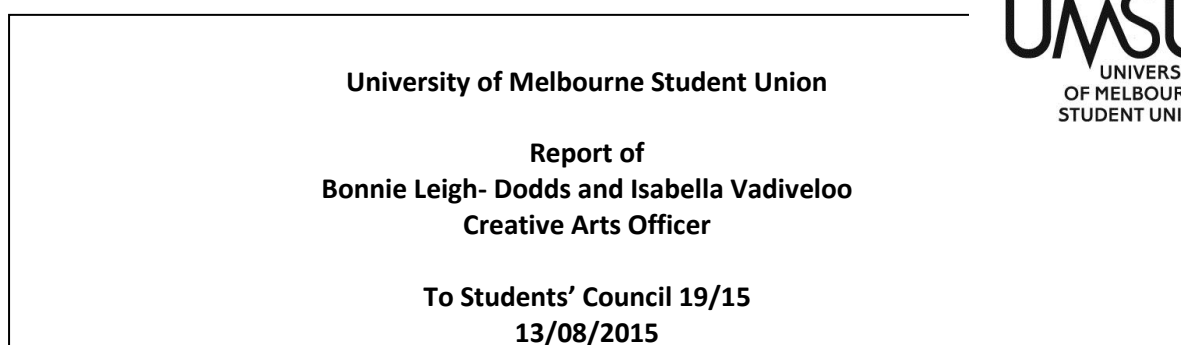
Other Payments to 30 July 2015

Our total non-grants expenditure approved to 30/07/15 is \$46,061.29. Our total approved expenditure to 30/07/15 is \$137,858.61.

Meeting No.	Date	Item	Amount	Line-item
1/15	30/01/15	Printing for the Clubs Guide	\$6,000	Advertising
1/15	30/01/15	Incidental costs (O-Week)	\$500	Orientation
1/15	30/01/15	2x EpiPens and First Aid Kit (Materials)	\$400	Special Projects
2/15	16/02/15	2x Eskys and 2x Lrg Glove Boxes	\$205.96	Special Projects
2/15	16/02/15	Reimbursement to Fiona Sanders (for the purchase of keys)	\$45	Special Projects
3/15	23/02/15	Fodder/Farrago launch party (to be repayed by Media Department)	\$500	Special Projects
4/15	11/03/15	AV@Melbourne – Stage for O-Week	\$800	Orientation
4/15	11/03/15	AV@Melbourne – Testing and Tagging	\$371	Orientation
4/15	11/03/15	AV@Melbourne – O-Week Production	\$1,300	Orientation
4/15	11/03/15	AV@Melbourne – BBQ Subsidy (Feb.)	\$770	Special Projects
4/15	11/03/15	C&S Collective – Food and Drinks	\$150	Special Projects
5/15	25/03/15	Clubs Carnival Expenditure	\$7,000	Special Projects
5/15	25/03/15	UMSU Activities – Kegs	\$600	Special Projects
8/15	15/04/15	Executives' Luncheon	\$1000	Special Projects
8/15	15/04/15	Club Mergers – 1701 Star Trek Club and FAS^2 Fantasy and Science Fiction Appreciation Society	\$200	Special Projects

9/15	29/04/15	Mid-Year Orientation – Marquee Hire	\$4500	Orientation
9/15	29/04/15	Stephen Smith – NUS Education Conference	\$400	Special Projects
9/15	29/05/15	AV@Melbourne – BBQ Subsidy (March)	\$1980	Special Projects
10/15	13/05/15	AV@Melbourne – BBQ Subsidy (April)	\$715	Special Projects
10/15	13/05/15	MUSUL – Locker Repairs	\$266.73	Special Projects
11/15	27/05/15	AV@Melbourne – Testing and Tagging	\$187	Special Projects
11/15	27/05/15	MUSUL – Stationary	\$32	Special Projects
12/15	17/06/15	New Keys for Lockers	\$723	Special Projects
12/15	17/06/15	AV@Melbourne – BBQ Subsidies (May)	\$1,210	Special Projects
13/15	20/07/15	Alcohol Consultant	\$400	Special Projects
13/15	20/07/15	Disorientation Week Expenditure	\$15,000	Special Projects
14/15	28/07/15	ITFE – RSA and SFH Training	\$1305.60	Special Projects
Total				\$46,561.29

Creative Arts



Key activities:

Mudfest

It's taken over our lives and our dreams at night, we can't escape it. Ever.

Arts Grants

We have successfully paid out the last round, and chosen the second round of artists to be awarded Arts Grants.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Publicity for Mudfest

Our publicity is underway! We have a hashtag.

Also we have done interviews and are anticipating listings on most of Melbourne's event websites.

Mudfest Volunteers trained

All our volunteers have received disability access training, and general training is continuing.

Grants

The latest round of grants has been paid.

List of action points to be completed by next report:


Mudfest

This will be pretty much done.

Expenditure

Mountain Goat beer for Mudfest bar	\$2887
LX productions festoon lighting and 2x quad pack	\$454

Education (Academic Affairs)

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Big Bazaar

Big Bazaar went very successfully on the 5th and 6th of August - big thanks to UMSU International and all the volunteers. We sold 783 items and are returning \$3,246.50 back to 69 different students. Week 3 we will be returning all unsold items that students wanted back and then donating all left-over items to charity including for the Queer Department's Trans clothing drive and textbooks for the book co-op on level 1 pending negotiations. I am also working with the Sustainability team at the University for any ideas they have of where to get rid of items in an environmentally friendly way.

We are also running a thank you event for all the volunteers who helped make this event happen. A detailed report with financial break-downs and recommendations will be provided at the next committee meeting.

Burnley

Nellie met with Stefan Arndt - the director of Burnley campus and had a very productive chat about the circumstances at this unique campus and how UMSU can best support students. In the run up to the elections it is hoped that a Burnley student will run for campus coordinator but the fact that the position is unpaid is proving problematic - this is being followed up, more info to come.

Student Representative Network

We held the first Student Representative Network meeting for Semester 2 in Week 2. It went really well with 16 in attendance and written reports from some of those that couldn't attend. Feedback from all committees was valuable and will inform some important work we are doing around the assessment period following on from the Assessment Survey as well as student representatives bringing issues such as recognition of non-academic merit to their committees. Study spaces, allocation of SSAF and the new Growing Esteem strategic plan were also discussed. Support for our student representatives is being discussed with GSA with a reporting form being drafted to engage and support student reps to attend and partake in their committees.

Academic Board

A new committee has been created called the Pathways Working Group which we are currently negotiating to have a student rep on, reports on the statute and regulations changes as well as processes for Research Misconduct were presented.

Statute and Regulation Changes

We are keeping an eye on this process as it unfolds, we are keeping in contact with the University Secretary as changes are drafted and assessed.

Education Council Follow Up

Follow ups with Education Officers is underway and we are hoping to engage more faculty and subject related clubs over the following weeks.

Countercourse

Bookmarks advertising submissions are being promoted all over campus. We have had 30 new submissions for semester 2, updated on the website. 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. Lots of wonderful women have been invited to come along and it should be an informative inspiring week.

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! Free pizza and soft drink will be provided.

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.

Academic Misconduct Hearings FAQs

A detailed FAQ is being sent around to all faculties to ensure that student members are on every academic misconduct hearing. We have been working with GSA and Penelope Pepperell (Academic Board Secretary) to distribute these to the relevant staff members. Hard copies will also be sent to faculties.

EdCon

Reports for students that received subsidies were due last Friday and are pending Committee approval.

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.

Cost of Readers

Readers are still too expensive, (most hitting the \$30 dollar mark). As the University holds an ideological opposition to printed readers, movement is slow in regards to expanding how many subjects offer a reader. However, sourcing a more affordable printer is possible for coming semesters.

Double Majors for BSci

Shanley has met with the Dean of the Faculty of science to push for double major combinations within the Bachelor of Science. Recently the BEnvs expanded to allow some double major combinations. In conjunction with the new major BSci are hoping to introduce, it is possible this will provide more traction that previously experienced in the push for double majors

MSD Opening Hours

After a successful trial period of opening hours over swotvac, Shanley is convening another meeting of student and staff reps from relevant faculties to push for extended opening hours. The introduction of 24hr PT in 2016 should alleviate many safety concerns that the faculty use as reasoning for closing buildings when they do.

University of Melbourne Student Union

**Report of
Conor Serong
Education (Public Affairs) Officer
To Students' Council 19/15
13/08/2015**

Key activities:

National Day of Action

The National Union of Students has called the next National Day of Action against fee deregulation and funding cuts to universities for Wednesday 19 August. UMSU Education will be holding a free BBQ on South Lawn as a pre-rally campus event, before we march down to the State Library. We have been actively promoting this event via social media, posters and flyers, and talking to students at UMSU events.

UMSU Assessment Survey

We are winding down the UMSU Assessment Survey that has been running for several weeks. I have prepared a Preliminary Report on the findings thus far, which has been sent to the Students' Council for consideration.

Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee

The most recent meeting of ACCC was held last week. We discussed a range of issues, and I presented the UMSU Assessment Survey Interim Report for discussion, which was well-received. As a result of this meeting, UMSU will have a place on a working group on examinations and plagiarism that the University has convened.

Academic Services Buyers Committee

As a result of discussions at ACCC, I am now in the process of attempting to secure UMSU a place on the University's Academic Services Buyers Committee, as well as other Buyers Committees. This is congruent with the principle of student representation at every level of the University, and a student member on these committees will prove invaluable.

Ivory Tower

On Tuesday 11 August we will be hosting a free screening of Ivory Tower alongside the GSA and NTEU, featuring free pizza and soft drinks. This will engage students and staff alike on issues affecting the US higher education system, many of which are relevant here in Australia. We will also use this event to promote the upcoming National Day of Action.

Wayfinding Strategy Student Working Group

The first meeting of this working group was held recently. As the Wayfinding Strategy Steering Committee meeting which had been scheduled to occur several days prior had been cancelled, there was less to discuss than I had hoped, and instead it served as an introductory meeting. Attendance was low, with two other Office Bearers and one member of the Students' Council attending, however valuable discussions were had, which I can take back to the Steering Committee at its next meeting.

Education Council

Following on from Education Conference, we have been trying to increase engagement between Faculty Clubs and the Education Department. To this end, we held a meeting of what we are loosely describing as an Education Council, modelled after structures in place at the University of Western Australia and La Trobe University. A pleasing number of faculty and course-related clubs were represented at this meeting, and demonstrated a real interest in maintaining a relationship with the Department.

Expenditure since last report:

Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount (ex. GST)	Line	Comments
9.	28/07/15	Education Council pizza	\$68.18	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	Pizzas purchased for a meeting of faculty club representatives
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting 6.	02/07/15	Stationery and related for Big Bazaar	\$90.27	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	Markers, tape, stickers etc.
5; 6.	12/05/15 27/05/15	EdCon subsidies	\$2,954.53	Conferences	A total of 15 subsidies given to students for travel, accommodation and/or conference registration costs.

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of
Lauren Englefield & Daniel Sullivan
Environment Officers

To Students' Council 19/15
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Regular events have been running successfully and the Enviro Week working group has been hard at work planning and liaising with workshop facilitators and groups across campus and externally. We hope to have the week finalised by the next meeting of Students' Council.

Community garden: Collaborations with the Burnley students' new community garden have begun and promotional materials are currently being made to ensure the garden's regular working bees and workshops are advertised widely.

Fossil Free Melb Uni: We have still been focussing on generating support as they place pressure on University Council to consider divestment in the new Sustainability charter. This has been done by through actions at recent graduation ceremonies, regular info stalls and plans for a public panel discussion with representatives from the Graduate Students Association, Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, and the Fossil Free Melbourne Uni team. A new film series will also start running this evening in the Rowden White with the aim of further raising awareness of current and future climate injustice.

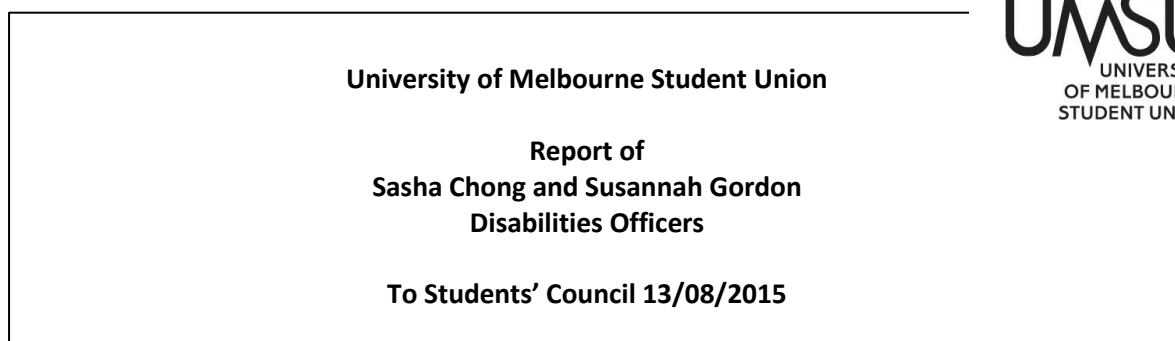
Expenditure since last report:

Meeting no. & date	Description	Amount (GST Free)	Budget line
1 (19/02/15)	Promotional banner for the Melb Uni Community Garden	\$59.98	Special projects & events
5 (12/05/15)	Tea, coffee & milk for bike co-op	\$38.80	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 another early bird	\$65	Special projects & events

	purchaser)		
5 (12/05/15)	Play With Your Food food (week 2)	\$24.35	Special projects & events

*These payments are still being processed as we continue to receive transport receipts from students. Twenty-five students attended in total.

Disabilities



Key activities:

Auslan Classes:

We have just run the first week of Auslan classes, which will take place over the next 6 weeks. There are 4 classes running on Monday and Wednesday and they are all very well attended.

Mudfest Access Grants:

We have decided to give Mudfest a grant of \$200 to help with the cost of hiring Auslan interpreters for some shows to make this festival as accessible as possible.

Mudfest Sexy Access statement competition:

A winner has been announced for our access statement competition, decided by our committee. Their work has been sent to the Access Officer of Mudfest and will be used in all promotional material concerning the festival.

Posters for Addiction Recovery Group:

We have received promotional material from communications to use in raising awareness of our Addiction Recovery group, which will run every second Monday (even weeks) in the Training Rooms from 4:30.

ICan Event:

Next week we are running an event with a guest speaker from ICan, an organization that caters to neurodiversity along the Autism spectrum. There will be food and drinks and all round good times.

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:

Supervise the running of these classes by VicDeaf.

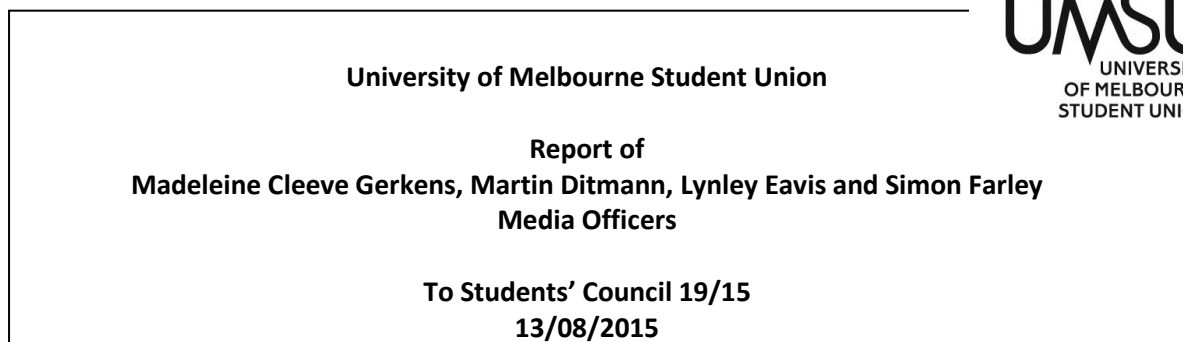
Start Planning our Joint event with the Wom*ns department:

In conjunction with Women with Disabilities Australia

Susannah has called Women with Disabilities Victoria and as we have not yet received a response, we have decided to run a solo event with ICan.

Indigenous

Media



Fodder Video Team

Ash, our video manager, has now interviewed all shortlisted applicants for our video team, in both the production and content fields. The teams will be announced soon.

We're super excited about this! We've been working steadily to make sure we get this part of the Media Department absolutely right, to set it up for stable foundations for years to come, and to ensure it fits well with everything else we do.

This team will allow us to do everything from reporting of everything from student action to panel discussions, and create everything from comedic to dramatic content.

Approved: NYWF Panel

We're excited to announce that our youth and student media panel at the National Young Writers' Festival has been approved! The NYWF is one of Australia's most important writing and arts festivals, held at Newcastle every year. We've been really proud to take contingents every year, and are super excited to have our own panel, which we're set to start planning.

Readings at Wordplay

Our spoken word night, Wordplay, is one of our key events. At time of writing, our event on Wednesday evening was set to once again have some great writers giving their readings, many for the first time. We aim to make the event a warm and welcoming environment for our readers and writers alike, and there's set to be snack and beverages as well.

Research on investigations

We've committed to doing more investigations for Farrago this year, building on previous years' work, from exposing dodgy university approaches to cleaning workers to the secret underground animal farm on campus. We're continuing to work with the tens of new reporters we have. We're also continuing our investigations into MU Sport, are ready to send our pieces on Growing Esteem to development and sub-editing work, and have received a reply from the Faculty of Arts around a potentially controversial hiring.

Advertising The Fodder

We want The Fodder to be a voice for all students – and to offer opportunities, information and music that many parts of the mainstream media don't. We've recently begun to roll out our new comms plan, to make sure The Fodder connects with everybody! Our Faces Behind The Fodder strategy, to humanise it and showcase our diversity of presenters, is beginning on social media. We're also working on increasing our instagram posts, introducing day-by-day programme posts on Facebook and broadening the reach of our newsletter and using targeting on it.

Goings on at The Fodder

We've had a lot going on at The Fodder, with new shows and even more training. We're currently in the middle of training a group of roughly ten people – and there's another roughly similarly sized group ready to be trained after that. Thanks to our devoted-Development Manager, Ken Lim.

Our music genre mornings and nights are also going really well! And we're getting applications through for our new drive and breakfast flagships.

We'd also like to thank Bren Carruthers, who was instrumental in setting up The Fodder as station manager. He's decided to move on to new pursuits, and we'll be taking on hands-on responsibility for The Fodder, with the help of our dedicated core team.

On its way: Edition 6

Edition 6 is coming together! We had over seventy submissions, and have already started getting submissions for Edition 8 as well. We've now done our board meeting, sent them off to sub-editing and are beginning final processing and layout.

This edition will include coverage of everything from changes in education, to student housing issues, to a wide range of science and culture coverage, to some fantastic creative writing. And there'll be a wide balance of explainers, features, interviews and some opinion pieces on big topics of debate.

Queer

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of
Andrea Bozic and Lloyd Rouse
Queer Officers

To Students' Council 19/15
13/08/2015

TW HIV, ABUSE MENTIONS

There has been progress made on the awareness campaign that aims to help break queer stereotypes by showing pictures of queer students holding a board that tells one of their stories. No student's faces will be included in the campaign as many queer people need to have their identity protected. Pictures have been obtained and the last changes to the marketing campaign are being made. Queer students found the process quite difficult emotionally and so I have been providing support as much as possible.

The regular collectives are running well. They have matured and a protocol for running these events in the future is in the works. Community involvement in designing the protocols will start soon.

The beginning of semester Queer Space party was a success. There was a lack of alcohol but queer student still enjoyed themselves.

A readjusted budget has been drawn up and is being presented to the queer committee. Changes include putting more money towards special events and projects as well as sundry expenses.

There are two promising new support groups in the making currently. One is a HIV +ve support group which is aimed at queer students but not exclusive to them because while HIV is rampant in the community it also has a tendency to disproportionately impact other marginalised group as well as intersections of these groups. The other group is a support group for survivors of abuse, again aimed at but not exclusive to queer students since studies have shown that queer people are more likely to have experienced abuse. This group will cover many types of abuse but is geared towards long term abuse and very intense abuse. Both of these groups focus on very sensitive topics so flexibility is of utmost importance to help in achieving the support goals.

Welfare

Wom*n's

VCA

Motion 6: To accept the Office Bearers' reports *en bloc*.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

6. General Manager's Report

Justin Baré spoke to his report.

The volunteering papers circulated are for future discussion and were tabled for noting only.

There will be a report on Advocacy and Legal Service compiled and circulated to Councillors soon. UMSU is currently working on the bar. Earlier in the year a motion was passed regarding collective bargaining – the first negotiation is tomorrow with updates to Students' Council in due course.

Motion 7: To accept the General Manager's report.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

7. Other Reports

8. Operational Business

It was noted that Ezgi Bridger and Charles Gerrand's memberships lapsed at 12.30pm as a result of not being present at the meeting.

8.1 C&S Regulation Changes

8.2 Safety in Clubs

As there was not a two-thirds majority of Councillors present we were unable to vote on 8.1, and as 8.2 assumes 8.1's adoption, these were both deferred until a later date.

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Media Department Expenditure

Motion 8: That Students' Council approves the following expenditure from the Media Department budget:

- To reimburse Simon Farley \$399.60 from the 'Special Projects' budget line for the Launch Party of Edition 5 of Farrago.
- To reimburse Maddy Cleeve Gerkens \$60 from the 'Special Projects' budget line for the Launch Party of Edition Five of Farrago.
- -Up to \$600 from the 'Special Projects' Media Department budget line for the launch party of Edition Six of Farrago.
- -Up to \$150 from the 'Special Projects' Media Department budget line for Wordplay
- -Up to \$14,000 from the 'Printing' Media Department budget line for Edition Six of Farrago.
- -Up to \$13,000 from the 'Printing' Media Department budget line for Edition Seven of Farrago.
- -Up to \$13,000 from the 'Printing' Media Department budget line for Edition Eight of Farrago.

Mover: Simon Farley

Second: Martin Dittmann

CARRIED

9.2 Fairy Floss Machine

Motion 9: To approve up to \$500 from Whole of Union for the purchase of an UMSU Fairy Floss Machine, to complement our Popcorn Machine and save further costs (and hassle) associated with hire into the future.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Second: Itsi Weinstock

CARRIED

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1 Comedy Festival – deferred from Meeting 16

Preamble: Ben Volchok and myself (S Murray) have been appointed Comedy Festival Directors for the inaugural UMSU Comedy Festival. We have blocked out October 5-10 in the second floor and Member's lounge to showcase performances.

We need a starter fund and we are actively approaching sponsors to give us the money necessary to create something magical. But in the meantime, we don't want to be focusing on the specifics of how much security, cleaning, AV, in union house will cost per hour.

We are in the process of creating both broad and targeted call-outs for performers. One of my personal artistic precursors is creating creative space for people who are usually forced to be on the defensive. Letting people look at their daily aggressions – racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism, etc (UMSU constitution) – and be allowed to explore that with humour BUT also creating performances that get beyond the self-consciousness inherent in having to justify your existence.

We need to spend active time on the ground working with people who are usually about the defensive rather than the offensive.

We need our energy to go there rather than worrying about scheduling security guards, cleaning, AV equipment, etc.

With this contingency fund, we have some security that our approaches to sponsors aren't life or death. The first 4k are pretty much the minimum amount we need to fund AV and security. The extra 5k is the bare threads of what you need to start something amazing. And it is a contingency, which is the point of that budget line. We are very confident that we can attract tens of thousands in sponsorship, but in order to start planning we need something in the bank.

Motion 10: To pass \$2,000 from Whole of Union, \$2,000 from Special Weeks, \$5,000 from contingency fund to support the inaugural UMSU Comedy Festival

Mover: Sarina Murray
MOTION WITHDRAWN

Secunder: Pat Dollard

There is a new motion without notice that was tabled at the meeting, to be discussed at 10.7
10.2 Creative Arts Department Expenditure – Grants

Motion 11: To pass a total of \$2400 towards grants for those successful from grants round 3. These applicants are; Paula Hunt, Elle Marsh, Caroline Phillips, Jai Leeworthy, Camden Tilly. From budget line 3531.

Mover: Isabella Valdiveloo
CARRIED

Secunder: Stephen Smith

10.3 MUDFest Expenditure

Motion 12: To pass money for the following payments associated with Mudfest:

- Second instalment of Production Manager's payment of \$1500
- Second instalment of Access Officer's payment of \$1000
- Reimburse payment of van hire for Bonnie Leigh-Dodds of \$90 for the collection of props and set pieces
- Reimburse payment of set collection and moving for Christa Jonathan for \$110
- Reimburse payment of \$100 for reverse art truck purchases by Bonnie Leigh-Dodds (these include timber/set/hub supplies)
- Up to \$3000 for wine/spirits/non-alcoholic drinks

Mover: Isabella Valdiveloo
CARRIED

Secunder: Stephen Smith

10.4 Level 1 Bar Space

Preamble: On August 6 UMSU communicated to MUSUL its position that it be responsible for the operation of a bar in the recently vacated space on Level 1 of Union House. The MUSUL Board met on August 10 and agreed, in principle, to this proposal.

While MUSUL will prepare the space for operation as a lounge and bookable licensed venue from September 1, UMSU now needs to plan to commence operations in February 2016.

This motion proposes a framework for the management of this process.

Motion 13:

That Students' Council directs the President, General Secretary and General Manager to:

1. Coordinate a project management plan to facilitate the opening of an UMSU Bar in February 2016;
2. Undertake this project in a manner that includes:
 - a. A project steering group comprising internal stakeholders; and
 - b. Extensive consultation and engagement with students, beginning with a student forum on the 25th August to inform and include the wider student body in the process.
3. Ensure that the management of the project addresses the following key issues:
 - a. An overarching mission and vision
 - b. Liquor licensing
 - c. Venue management
 - d. Layout and fit out
 - e. Staffing
 - f. Arrangements for the provision of food and alcohol service
 - g. Naming
 - h. Branding and marketing
 - i. Other matters as required
4. Report to Students' Council regularly on progress in relation to this project, identifying issues that require Council's authorization;

Students' Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$15 000 from the Contingency line to undertake activities consistent with this motion.

Moved: Rachel Withers

Seconded: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

10.5 Woolworths Strike

Preamble: As of Monday the 10th of August several hundred workers at the Melbourne Liquor Distribution Warehouse in Laverton have been on strike. The action has come in response to the introduction of labour hire in the workplace, with casualisation set to massively undermine conditions and rights within the workplace. Workers voted unanimously in favour of calling a wildcat strike, bi-passing the union officials to stand up for their rights and their own jobs. This attack comes in the midst of broader job losses in Woolworths stores across Melbourne, and as part of a 'de-unionising' campaign by the supermarket giant hoping to casualise warehouses.

Motion 14:

1. That the student union support the strike action of these workers in their fight for job security and better working conditions.
2. That UMSU will send a message of solidarity to the striking workers.
3. That UMSU and Office Bearer's are encouraged to spread word of the action via the networks available to them to encourage students to show their support/attend the picket.
4. That a message about the picket will be posted on the UMSU website.

Mover: Lia Vassilidis

Seconded: Patrick Dollard

CARRIED

Itsi Weinstock asked if it was amenable to change action point 3 to say “will spread the word” to “are encouraged to.” This was amenable to the mover and seconded.

10.6 Portable PA System

Motion 15: To approve an additional \$500 from budget line Whole of Union to purchase the Portable PA system.

Mover: Conor Serong

Seconded: Claire Pollock

CARRIED

10.7 Comedy Festival

Preamble: The first UMSU Comedy Festival will take place from October 5 til October 10. After consulting with AV and securing \$3,000 in infrastructural support from UMSU Entertainment, we have received costs for our venue and equipment hire. While we the Directors are constantly sourcing sponsorship funding, we need to confirm and secure our bookings to ensure our festival can take place. We apologise for the lack of notice – AV have been very busy and were only able to deliver our quotes yesterday.

Motion 15: To pass \$5,000 from budget line Special Activity Weeks for the UMSU Comedy Festival, to fund venue and Audio Visual hire, and pay the necessary skilled workers to do their jobs.

Mover: Ben Volchok

Seconded: Sarina Murray

CARRIED

Ben and Sarina spoke to the motion and said why they needed the money. Stephen Smith said that it was important for Students’ Council to get behind this and that Clubs & Societies were promoting this event to clubs.

10.8 Union Stalls

Procedural motion: To discuss item 10.9 before 10.8.

Mover: Chair

CARRIED

10.9 DUSA Queer Department

DUSA currently has no autonomous representatives – including Queer, Women’s, and Disabilities.

Preamble:

The University of Melbourne Student Union has a proud history of actively supporting the representation of students from disadvantaged and marginalised groups. Queer Officers, Wom*n’s Officers, affirmative action on committees and councils and a queer representative on Students’ Council have been a part of UMSU’s structure since it was first incorporated 10 years ago. These representatives are vital to ensuring that the voices of all students are heard and represented in their union. Student Unions should acknowledge the unique needs of these students and the particular issues they face in life and study.

The Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) is one of the last student organisations in Australia without positions or funded departments representing queer or women identifying students. The representation of these students has instead been left to student clubs. On the current elected Board of Management, just two members are women, neither of whom are a part of the four member executive.

The “Catch Up DUSA, Create a queer officer” campaign has been organised by Deakin University students in response to the current lack of representation at their Union. Over the few weeks of the campaign so far they have received hundreds of signatures in support of the campaign and endorsements from leading political and entertainment figures. This is yet to yield satisfactory results from DUSA, with one suggestion emerging of creating representative positions but not granting these officers a vote on the committee of management. This would effectively make the second class representatives.

Motion 16:

1. UMSU Students’ Council reaffirms its support for the democratic and autonomous representation of marginalised student groups in their student union.
2. UMSU Students’ Council calls upon the Deakin University Student Association to establish autonomously and democratically elected representatives with full voting rights on the DUSA Committee of Management, bringing DUSA into line with the majority of other student organisations in Australia.
3. UMSU further encourages the implementation of affirmative action in multi-member committees and councils.
4. Students’ Council direct the President, in consultation with the Wom*ns’ and Queer officers, to write to the President of DUSA to communicate council’s position.
5. UMSU also encourages DUSA to look toward establishing a disabilities department in the spirit of democratic and autonomous representation.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Allison Ballantyne

CARRIED

Procedural motion: To suspend Standing Orders to allow Tom from DUSA to speak.

Mover: Stephen Smith

CARRIED

Tom spoke to the motion, and thanked UMSU for discussing this. DUSA is looking at the model for Queer Officer.

There is the potential for the lack of democracy and transparency for the department.

Andrea suggested an amendment to include an action item to encourage a disabilities department equal to the queer department. This was amenable to the mover.

10.8 Union Stall

Motion 17: To approve \$1000 from Whole of Union for U-Week style stalls to extend the program for the rest of the semester.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Secunder: Karly Banks

CARRIED

Meeting closed at 1:06pm.