

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 06.10.2015

Meeting 23

Private Dining Room, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:14pm by Rachel Withers

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

Motion 1: That Rachel Withers be elected Chair

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Pat Dollard

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

1.3 Attendance

Councillors: Danielle Bagnato, Jakob Von der Lippe, Itsi Weinstock, Pat Dollard, Destan Dikbas, Ash Munoz, Lachlan McCall, Lia Vassliadis, Karly Banks, Stephen Mitas, Steven Connolly, Hong Xiang Sun,

OBs: Hana Dalton (Secretary), James Bashford (Welfare), Van Rudd (VCA), Shanley Price (Education Academic), Maddy Cleeve Gerken (Media), Lynley Eavis (Media), Bella Vadiveloo (Arts), Bonnie Leigh Dodds (Arts), Allison Ballantyne (Wom*ns), Hayden Michaelides (Activities), Stephen Smith (Clubs), Conor Serong (Education Public), Nellie Montague (Education Academic), Rachel Withers (President), Claire Pollock (Clubs), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Daniel Sullivan (Environment)

Others: Phoebe Churches (Acting UMSU GM, Manager; Advocacy and Legal), Goldie Pergl (UMSU Admin and Project Officer), Millicent Austin-Andrews, Jade Eckhaus, Angus Pritchard, Liz Peak, Yu Kong Law

1.4 Apologies

Tyson Holloway-Clarke

1.5 Proxies

Sarah Xia to Millicent Austin-Andrews

Lachlan Gell to Steven Connolly

1.6 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: To adopt agenda as presented

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

1.7 Membership

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: to confirm the Previous Minutes as a true and accurate record

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

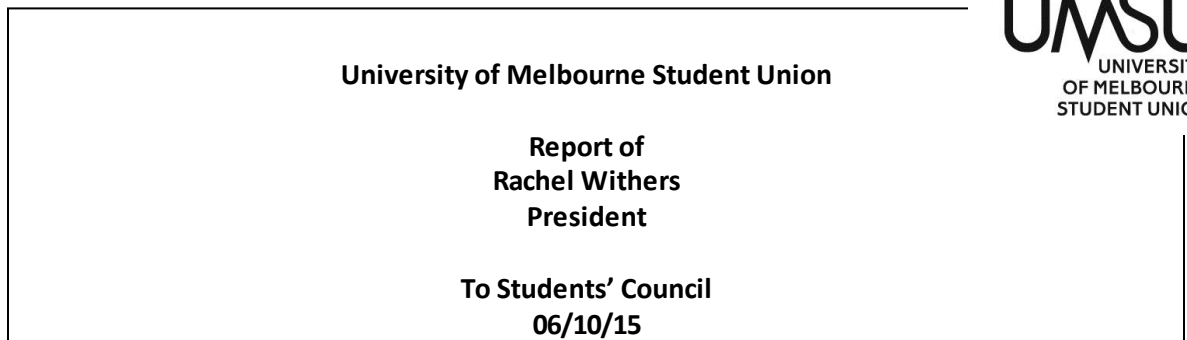
4. Correspondence

Nil

5. Office Bearers' Reports

5. Office Bearer Reports

President



Key activities:

Student Precinct

I have attended another meeting of the Student Precinct Steering Group (probably my final meeting). Nothing about UMSU's future home has been decided.

The Student Precinct has now been escalated to a Chancellery Project (which means it is recognised as incredibly important and will hopefully then receive the funding it will need).

\$2 million has been set aside for the **co-creation exercise** alone – which is yet to actually take shape. But this process has \$2 million set aside, plus Rosemary Kirkby to design it. I have great faith in Rosemary Kirkby who has a history of designing community driven spaces and who I have seen vehemently state that students are the main stakeholder here to staff members who have suggested otherwise. There was strong acknowledgement that there is no model of co-creation in these plans and vision statements, other than a commitment to it- this is intentional and in the brief of Rosemary to create one. At the *conclusion* of the co-creation process, a bid will be put in for the funding for the actual precinct (next year). I questioned this amount and the justification for it

considering the co-creation model is as of yet unknown. What I got back: this is the amount and it is what it is.

Metro station (plans) are inching closer toward precinct which is good (set to be on Grattan in front of the VC's house at this stage).

There IS scope for more spaces to be brought in, general conversation around the engineering block and its future space needs (and its general awfulness)

Most (if not all?) of the academic services are now located in 757 Swanston St. Levels 4 through 7 are allocated.

I expressed serious concerns around the fact this has happened AGAIN, despite my outrage last time it happened with levels 2 and 3, and assurances at that time that it wouldn't happen again. University quite sheepish and did apologise and assured us it would NOT happen again.

On a positive note this houses most of the University Services with which we were competing for space and frees up John Smyth, Frank Tate, ERC for the co-creation process.

I expressed that it is hard now to imagine something similar won't happen to any of those buildings and was again assured that it won't.

These spaces are much more aligned with what we want however, and it's nice to know a lot of the other stakeholders are now covered by the 757 umbrella.

I also asked that there still be scope to expand the vision principles that have been drafted through workshops so far *once co-creation is underway* to allow the broader student voice to shape them. Assured this is definitely still a DRAFT VISION.

Phoebe pointed out conflict in the rhetoric between the idea of the precinct as a "concept" and a very physical destination (much of the vision uses strong place words). The University confirms that it is both.

I indicated it is still our preference for everything of ours to be co-located, as this is one of Union House's main strengths (North Court cannot be "left where it is"), and I will be encouraging Jim (the returned GSA President) and James to push this into next year.

Student Market

I have been organizing this semester's Student Market, this time held out on Concrete Lawns in response to some of the feedback from last time around not getting enough through traffic in North Court. This has involved promoting the applications, creating an online application form, booking the Lawns, booking a backup venue in case of wet weather (no longer looking likely), selecting the stalls holders, and recruiting a team of volunteers to help set up. I will be attempting to showcase individual stalls over this week leading up to the event.

I chose to update the old market Facebook event (our highest attended Facebook event for the year) rather than create a new one however it looks like this tactic has not worked so well and I would not recommend updating previous events to other office bearers unless they are recent topical events.

We had over 40 applicants, the majority of whom have been accepted.

Bar/Lounge

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee has met 4 times now. See extended recommendations.

Coffee in the bar

This is going well, although a little slow. It has been great to offer students an employment opportunity on campus for this second half of the semester, and make them feel part of the UMSU family.

I have organized a \$1 coffee promotion on Tuesday to get people in and to give students something nice for their first Tuesday back- the main goal of this exercise is not to turn a profit but to get students interested in and using the space.

Statute and Reg Changes

Following on from an early meeting with the University Secretary regarding the overhaul of the University of Melbourne Statutes and Regulations, we have been frustrated to learn that this process has progressed quite far along without us, despite my follow up emails requesting draft copies when they became available.

The new Statute and Regulations draft went to the Academic Board in September, which was our first opportunity since a meeting in July to see them (despite requesting a draft copy in August). These new drafts stripped out a lot of the detail from their previous incarnation, including relegating the provision for student representation on academic misconduct hearings and the provision for a student support person to policy, which in our opinion does not provide enough protection and recognise strongly enough these important principles. They had already been through University Council, which has highlighted a need for better channels of communication between the Councillors and the student organisations.

Conor, Nellie and I drafted a letter outlining our disappointment and spoke to it in Academic Board, and voted against the endorsement of the drafts. This resulted in a follow up meeting with the University Secretary and Vice Principal (Policy). Conor, Nellie, the GSA research Officers Beornn and Emily and myself met and discussed our issues with the new regs and our proposed changes, which I then put into chronological document of proposed changes and rationales. The University has agreed to take our proposed changes away and look into them.

While frustrating, this has been a great and successful effort by student reps to ensure the student voice is recognised (eventually).

Meeting with Naomi Barun and Way Finding Workshop

Over the break, I attended a Way Finding Workshop and a meeting with the new Facilities Planning Coordinator, Naomi Barun to receive an update on a range of her projects, including the recently appeared (at least for us) “Tin Alley Precinct” which would seem to contradict a lot of the other things going on in the University. We were able to have quite a frank discussion with her around these issues. Thanks to Conor for arranging these.

Meeting with Director of Wellbeing about YEAH

I met with Dan Persaud and Danielle Clayman over the break to discuss our work with YEAH (Youth Empowerment Against HIV/AIDS) and where exactly this is supposed to be going. We have established that both UMSU and the University will do what they can to promote the Agents of YEAH program but that if it doesn't pick up this indicates that there isn't enough student interest to carry it forward (ie we can't keep pushing it). Between us, we will be sending it out to Faculty contacts, college contacts and including it in social media, but then leaving it at that and allowing the interested students to drive it forward.

Comms SAG

I attended the Communications & Marketing SAG in Week 9, at which we discussed a range of the work being done by this department. Most heartening is our increased social media presence and engagement, for which we have the amazing work and understanding of Joe to thank. Communications intends to again run with the Nice To Meet You guide, however I again emphasized the need to make this information *more manageable and digestible*, and limit the content to the most important things (like what UMUS actually does).

I am not aware of who exactly C&M sent invites to, but I would encourage Office Bearers, Councillors, Directors and in fact any student to attend SAGs to make sure they have a say over these staff-led departments, and things like the Nice To Meet You Guide. When I am the only student to show up to things like this it really limits our ability to exert our influence over its direction, especially with something as important for our image as Communications.

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**Report of
Hana Dalton
General Secretary**

**To Students' Council 22-23/15
06/10/2015**

I was on leave from Monday 7th September until Friday 11th September.

AV@Melbourne

I was on the recruitment panel for the Senior Technical and Production Officer position at AV@Melbourne. We shortlisted applicants last week and interviewed three candidates on Monday 14th September.

Constitutional Working Group

Constitutional Working Group is still being held weekly. A few of us are in the process of drafting some relatively minor changes to be considered by Students' Council at a later date.

University Services

Through the Student Reference Group, I have been working to ensure that students are made aware of the availability of University services such as counselling, academic skills and various health services. It is apparent that many students either do not know that these services exist or where to find them.

Regular Duties

I am in the process of going through the Secretary section of the UMSU website to ensure that everything is up to date, including Council and Committee minutes, membership lists and financial reports.

Activities



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Report of
James Baker and Hayden Michalides
Activities Officers

To Students' Council 23/15
06/10/2015

Key activities:

Oktoberfest:

Since cocktail party, we have been focusing on Oktoberfest and sorting out all the planning for that. As you may know, we have moved Oktoberfest out of the Grand Buffet Hall, which has expanded the size of the event drastically this year, increasing capacity from ~350 to 600! This decision has been justified, with almost all the tickets having been sold as of now, compared to last year when tickets sold out in 5 minutes, with a lot of people missing out. As of next council we will be able to provide a better idea of all costs involved (as we wait for invoices and quotes), and we will know how it ran

Action points to be completed by next report:

Oktoberfest:

An obvious one, but basically the event will have run by then, thus we have to have done all planning and setup, and run the event by then

Budget Expenditure since last report:

Since last report, no money has been passed as we wait for quotes and invoices.



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To Students' Council 22/15
17/09/2015

Key activities:

Oktoberfest: Preparations for Oktoberfest are well underway for the 9th of October. This includes much liaising with the university, organisation of the drinks and food, getting together decorations

and mugs, ticket sales and organising all of the posters. Set to be an amazing night, being the first time this event has been held out on the Concrete Lawns.

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 August 2015.

To the 30th August we had spent \$96,067.56 on from budget line Special Projects and Events. The breakdown of this expenditure is listed below.

The total income from the Activities Department so far this year has been a total of \$49,492.08. Unfortunately we have not had time to break this down into ticket sales and takings on bar nights (eg trivia) yet.

Meeting No.	Date	Item	Amount	Line-item
1/15	15/01/15	Flyers – Luna Park and SoUP	\$500	Special Projects
1/15	15/01/15	Hire Costs – Luna Park	\$13,500	Special Projects
2/15	04/02/15	Flyers – Luna Park and SoUP	\$300	Special Projects
2/15	04/02/15	Tickets – Luna Park and SoUP	\$500	Special Projects
2/15	04/02/15	APRA – SoUP	\$596.32	Special Projects
3/15	16/02/15	Beer and Cider – SoUP	\$5,741	Special Projects
3/15	16/02/15	Spirits – SoUP	\$900	Special Projects
3/15	16/02/15	Slushy Machine Hire – SoUP	\$200	Special Projects
4/15	03/03/15	AV@Melbourne – SoUP	\$6,324	Special Projects
5/15	17/03/15	Cocktail Party #1	\$10,000	Special Projects
5/15	17/03/15	Additional AV@Melbourne – SoUP	\$36	Special Projects
5/15	17/03/15	Cleaning – SoUP	\$977.76	Special Projects
5/15	17/03/15	Security – SoUP	\$3,477.48	Special Projects
5/15	17/03/15	Additional Spirits – SoUP	\$700	Special Projects
5/15	17/03/15	Mixers – SoUP	\$200	Special Projects
5/15	17/03/15	Red Cups – SoUP	\$450	Special Projects

5/15	17/03/15	Tickets – Cocktail Party #1	\$90	Special Projects
6/15	31/03/15	Beer and Cider – SoUP	\$300	Special Projects
6/15	31/03/15	Water – SoUP	\$600	Special Projects
6/15	31/03/15	Pizza – Trivia #1	\$1,000	Special Projects
7/15	14/04/15	Trivia #1	\$5,000	Special Projects
9/15	13/05/15	Cleaning – Trivia #1	\$850	Special Projects
9/15	13/05/15	Security – Trivia #1	\$1,600	Special Projects
9/15	13/05/15	AV@Melbourne – Trivia #1	\$300	Special Projects
9/15	13/05/15	Cleaning – Trivia #2	\$850	Special Projects
9/15	13/05/15	Security – Trivia #2	\$1,600	Special Projects
9/15	13/05/15	AV@Melbourne – Trivia \$2	\$300	Special Projects
9/15	13/05/15	Pizza – Trivia #2	\$500	Special Projects
10/15	26/05/15	AV@Melbourne – Trivia #2	\$150	Special Projects
10/15	26/05/15	Beer and Cider	\$5,000	Special Projects
10/15	26/05/15	Ice	\$500	Special Projects
11/15	28/07/15	Beer and Cider	\$5,000	Special Projects
11/15	28/07/15	Barriers for Monday/Tuesday BBQs	\$1,500	Special Projects
11/15	28/07/15	Tables for Monday/Tuesday BBQs	\$500	Special Projects
11/15	28/07/15	Cocktail Party #2	\$10,000	Special Projects
12/15	11/08/15	Beer and Cider	\$5,000	Special Projects
12/15	11/08/15	Trivia (4/8)	\$5,000	Special Projects
12/15	11/08/15	Trivia (20/8)	\$5,000	Special Projects
12/15	11/08/15	Tickets – Cocktail Party #2	\$200	Special Projects
13/15	25/08/15	Red Cups	\$500	Special Projects
13/15	25/08/15	AV@Melbourne – Trivia (4/8)	\$325	Special Projects
Total			\$96,067.56	

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

**To Students' Council 22/15
17/09/2015**

Key activities:

New Club Affiliations:

We have granted initial approval to 21 applicants and are in the process of assisting them to draft their constitutions and prepare their affiliation. IGM training will be held in Week 8, with IGMs running from Weeks 9 to 12.

AGMs, Constitutions, and Activity Reporting

Things are getting busier as clubs start to have their AGMs and report their activities to us. Stephen has been busy approving amendments to club constitutions.

Mergers

The C&S Committee endorsed proposed amendments to the C&S Regulations to facilitate the process for clubs who are seeking to merge. We are finalising these and will present them to Students' Council later in Semester.

International Youth and Students for Social Equality (IYSSE)

Following C&S Committee's decision to reject IYSSE's application to affiliate under Regulation 4.1.2.n. there has been a persistent campaign from IYSSE and their supporters against the C&S Department. They believe we acted inappropriately, and have encouraged people to write emails to us protesting our decision. The C&S Department is standing firm behind the Committee – as it is Committee who has the ultimate power to enforce the rules within the Regulations.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Executive Handbook:

No progress since last meeting.

VERDICT: Ongoing

Safety in Clubs:

Following Students' Council's rejection of the proposal, we have met with the concerned Councillors to discuss the proposed "suspension clause" and have come to a verbal agreement as to what this should look like. We will present to Students' Council later in the year once C&S Committee has had a chance to discuss the proposed amendments.

VERDICT: Ongoing

Clubs Online:

Hidden Spark is close to presenting us with Clubs Online which will allow us to interact with it and prepare it for implementation in Semester 1.

VERDICT: Ongoing

Budget Reporting

Our last financial report covered until 30 July 2015. This report will detail expenditure from then until Week 7.

Grants Payments

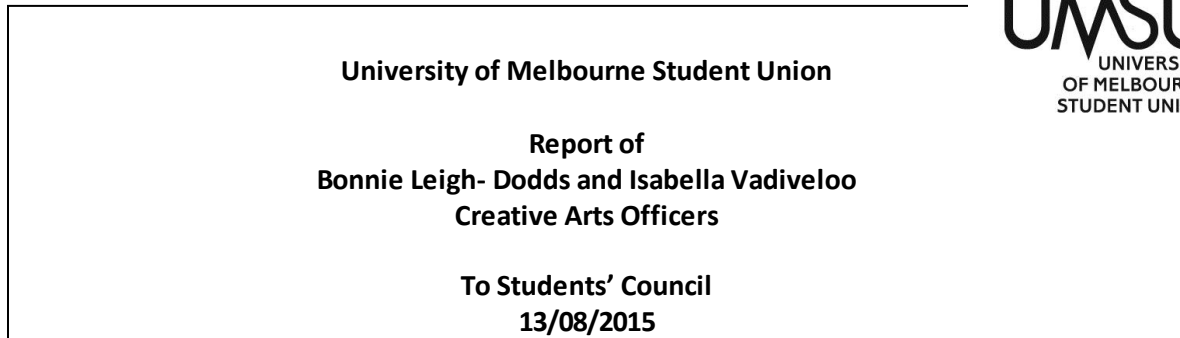
Date Processed	Amount	Line-Item
24/08/15	\$23,150.11	Grants
Total for 2015	\$114,947.43	

Other Payments

Meeting No.	Date	Item	Amount	Line-item
15/15	04/08/15	Water coolers	\$200	Special Projects
17/15	01/09/15	BBQ Subsidy (July)	\$440	Special Projects
17/15	01/09/15	Disorientation Week – Prizes for Trivia (Reimbursement to Claire Pollock)	\$100	Special Projects
17/15	01/09/15	New Clubs – Facebook promotion (Reimbursement to Claire Pollock)	\$20	Special Projects
Total			\$760.00	
Total for 2015			\$47,324.29	

To date we have spent a total of \$162,271,72 of our allocated \$275,000.00. We are on track to meet our budget with a significant amount of grants left to process, as well as all camp payments still to be paid.

Creative Arts



Key activities:

Mudfest Report

The Mudfest report for this year is aiming to be far more comprehensive than previous years. It will include reports from production managers and assistants, our access manager, bar manager, volunteer manager as well as from us. This will be a huge task to document everything effectively for both the accountability of the department, and also to assist the 2017 team in their running of the festival.

Arts Grants

We've just had another arts grant round close, we are in the process of deciding the recipients.

Progress on assigned actions from last report:

Mudfest

Mudfest was extremely successful, with over 300 students participating as artists, 100 as volunteers and an estimated 1000 audience members.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Mudfest report first draft done

This will mean we can report back to CCRAAG and Theatre Board in a timely fashion.

City of Melbourne event partnership acquittal completed

This must be done for us to access the remaining money that came with the partnership and make our budget balance, so it's a high priority.

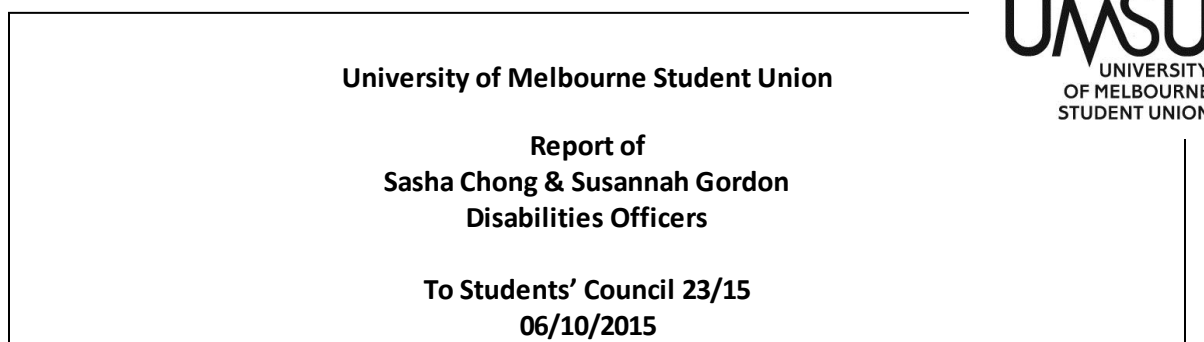
Artists and contractors paid

This is a difficult one to make happen effectively, as we are still without a functioning committee, so passing these amounts is difficult

Expenditure

Contractor Production manager and access manager fees	\$2500
Van hire reimbursement B. Leigh- Dodds	\$90
Prop purchase/ hire reimbursement C. Johnathan	\$110
Prop and set purchase reimbursement B. Leigh- Dodds	\$100
Purchase of Wine, Spirits and soft drink	\$2000

Disabilities



Key activities:

ICan Event:

We have locked in a speaker and event day for this event we are holding in week 12. We are specifically looking at highlighting women with disabilities.

Anxiety Support Group:

With the help of posters we now have a steady group of people attending and it's turning into a really great event.

Addiction Recovery Group:

This group has upgraded from being run fortnightly to weekly and may also run during the holidays (pending demand). This group runs at 4:30 on Monday in the Training Rooms, and we are still struggling getting people to attend. We are looking at doing some advertising in the form of posters to help that.

Advocacy:

We have been supporting students in a personal way as assessments have been getting more intense these last few weeks. We have been working alongside the Equity and Disability Support departments to advocate for special consideration requirements.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

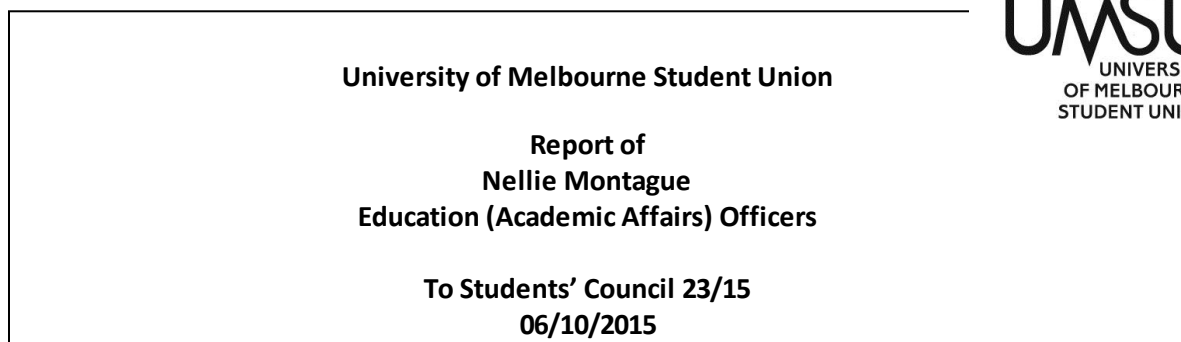
Campaigns

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

Meet with other incoming OBs:

We have already met with Christian RE next year's positions

Education (Academic Affairs)



University Statute and Regulation Changes

A draft of the proposed changes has been through University Council and was presented to Academic Board on the 17th September. We hold a number of concerns with the process of consultation with students as well as Student Organisations being taken out of statute and being placed under Academic Board, University Council and Vice Chancellor Regulations instead of having our own Regulation section. GSA and UMSU met with Gioconda Di Lorenzo and Julie Wells to discuss our concerns and propose some amendments, these were taken on board and we have been assured we will be consulted at every step of the way from now on. We will be closely following this and also following up internally to discover why thorough consultation was not undertaken during the whole process.

Student Representative Network (SRN) Education officers are working with GSA Policy Officers and UMSU Advocacy to expand the SRN across the University. The next recruiting round has opened and will close on the last day of SWOTVAC on Friday the 30th October. Shortlisting and Interviewing will then take place with training on the 23rd November to prepare reps to start 2016 attending the first meetings.

Academic Programs Committee (APC)

A meeting with the chair of APC David Shallcross has been arranged to discuss proposed changes to the reassessment procedure University wide. TALQAC student representatives have been integral to

the proposed changes that will make it fairer for students to resit exams to avoid costly re-doing of subjects. More information to come.

Wayfinding Strategy Workshop


A group of students met with the consultants working on the Wayfinding Strategy to undertake mapping and directional tasks to guide them in their planning for the Strategy. Timing of the Workshop was not great, as we reminded them, mid-semester break there are not many students around, so it is hoped more workshopping will take place during semester.

Project Updates from Naomi Barun

We heard updates on a number of long term projects the University is working on including the Tin Alley Precinct - which we had never heard of until just prior to the meeting with Naomi, the Retail Project and other long term projects. We raised concerns about the impact these projects would have on the proposed move of Union House and highlighted that a student precinct must include all aspects we already have including an equivalent of North Court and food and drink areas. Further information to come.

Swinburne Education Council Presentation

Conor Serong and Nellie presented at the Swinburne Education Council on the 28th September. It was a great chance to learn about how other Universities organise and support their student representatives. We were able to give them information about our faculty clubs which they are currently trying to set up as well as how we support student members on Academic Misconduct Hearings etc. A very worthwhile exchange which was mutually beneficial we look forward to working with Swinburne on further projects.

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Nellie Montague & Shanley Price Education (Academic Affairs) Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council 22/15 17/09/2015</p>	 <p>UMSU UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE STUDENT UNION</p>
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Student Representative Network (SRN)

Edu officers are working with GSA Policy Officers and UMSU Advocacy to expand the SRN across the University. The next recruiting round will open in Week 10 on Monday the 5th October and close on the last day of SWOTVAC on Friday the 30th October. Shortlisting and Interviewing will then take place with training on the 23rd November to prepare reps to start 2016 attending the first meetings.

Equality targets

The Australian published an article on Andrew Norton from the Grattan Institute's' recommendations of changing equality targets to get identified disadvantaged groups more represented in Universities. Specifically, removing targeting students from English as a second language background and women in underrepresented fields. Richard James from the Chancel lery was quoted in the article and we arranged for several OBs to have a meeting with him on the 1st September to hear the University's position on it.

This conversation has been precipitated by the Federal Government putting out to tender a 75K project to look at disadvantaged groups in Universities. He spoke extensively about the research The Centre for the Study of Higher Education (CSHE) at the University of Melbourne undertook 12/13 years ago and the need for empirical data to determine whether the current identified disadvantaged groups are getting the support and services they need to access and succeed in higher education. Data of this nature is obviously difficult to collect as real life situations are much more complex than can be captured in numbers and stats but to create policy these numbers are needed. We will be keeping an eye on the future of this project once the federal Government has made a decision about which group will be conducting the research.

NTEU joint event

The Edu department will be holding a Picnic against Pyne on the 14th with the NTEU. It will be a great opportunity to explain to students what fee dereg will really mean for them, as well as get them to engage with the NTEU campaign of contacting politicians about the real impacts of fee deregulation. The event will have siq eats, smooth beats and comfy seats. 12pm south lawn, sept 14.

Content warnings

Continuing discussions are being had about this difficult topic, we are interested to hear from affected students to hear what would help them feel empowered and supported when confronted with difficult content in lectures and tutorials.

Selection Procedures Committee (SPC)

Nellie met with the UMSU SPC student reps and Professor Doreen Thomas the chair of the board and Professor Bill Harley. We discussed how student reps can best play a useful role on a technical board such as SPC. It was a good chance to raise issues and ideas which were noted by the academics. Ongoing work around recognising non-academic merit and International student access and support is being looked at

International Student Survey

We have been working with the Education and Welfare officers from UMSU International to include some education questions in their survey which will be open from Week 8 -Week 10. This is a great chance to get some data that will be useful on a number of relevant boards and committees.

Faculty and Subject Clubs

Follow ups from our successful Education Officer/President catch up at the start of the semester is underway to see how we can best assist educational events to be run by faculty and subject based clubs. There is hope to extend this support and connection into the future.


Website Update

We are adding a new Report an Issue tile to our website to help students know where to take academic issues such as non-recording of lectures, assessment during SWOTVAC, issues with reader availability etc. This will hopefully improve our visibility as an advocating Department and help support students.

Fieldwork in Complex and Hostile Places

Concerns around faculty desire to cut this important subject because of concerns around 'profitability' have been allayed after working with the GSA and speaking with the course coordinator. We got reassurance that the subject will continue in 2016. We will be keeping an eye out to make sure it continues into the future.

Education (Public Affairs)

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of</p> <p>Conor Serong Education (Public Affairs) Officer</p> <p>To the Education Committee</p> <p>06/10/2015</p>	
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Key activities:

Pathways Taskforce

This committee is now meeting on a regular basis – approximately fortnightly – and while my ability to have input has been limited by my relative lack of access to student data, it has been valuable to have the student voice represented. In particular, there is potential for some surveys to be run to gather data on perceived obstacles between undergraduate and graduate programs, although these may need to be run during the summer non-teaching period.

Wayfinding Strategy

Naomi Barun, the new Project Manager for the Wayfinding Strategy project, held a student workshop with two representatives from Buro North to gauge students' usage patterns and knowledge of campus wayfinding.

Naomi Barun

In addition to the above workshop, I organised a meeting between several UMSU and GSA representatives and Naomi Barun to discuss a number of projects she is now managing – including Wayfinding, Retail Operating, Transport and the Tin Alley Precinct. In particular I raised concerns around changing tones from the University about their intentions for the north of campus – and while I think it can be attributed to a change in personnel and information not necessarily filtering through at all levels, it was concerning to hear that Tin Alley is to be “rejuvenated” and that North Court is considered a suitable venue for the University to utilise. This is incongruent with the

arguments being made for the Student Precinct being located further south on campus, and Naomi guaranteed that she would follow up to ensure we were all on the same page and receiving all relevant information.

Picnic Against Pyne

Our event was successful, with a number of people from the NTEU and GSA turning up to help us run it. Lots of students engaged in the NTEU's photo campaign that we have been cross-promoting, as well as writing messages to Christopher Pyne. Ironically, later that day the leadership spill occurred and Pyne was effectively no longer the Education Minister – naturally we claim sole credit for this!

Swinburne Student Union Education Board

Nellie and I attended the most recent meeting of the Swinburne Student Union Education Board – broadly analogous to our Student Representative Network – and gave a presentation on our role as UMSU's Education Officers. This was very well-received, and we engaged in useful dialogue about how to further students' interests at both campuses. A number of representatives from Swinburne expressed interest in attending one of our SRN meetings, so we will try to facilitate this before the end of semester.

State and Regulations Review

The University has been conducting a review of its statutes and regulations. This has been a frustrating experience for us, as despite guarantees of broad consultation we did not receive a draft copy of the new documents until they had been endorsed by University Council and distributed to members of the Academic Board for adoption. After co-signing a letter to the Academic Board expressing our dissatisfaction with the process and asking academics to support our requests for more comprehensive consultation, we then met with Gioconda Di Lorenzo, the University Secretary, and Julie Wells, Vice-Principal of Policy and Projects, to discuss a number of proposals of our own. These were well received, and will be taken to the appropriate channels for consideration. In particular, we are trying to shore up the position of student organisations in University regulations. This includes expanding our membership on committees – notably general misconduct hearings – as well as endorsing a broad value-statement on the importance of student representation in University governance, and ensuring that the University Council could only cease formal recognition of student organisations if they were neglecting their duties or violating agreements with or rules of the University.

Social Media promotion

I have been continuing to utilise Facebook's paid promotion features at the direction of the Education Committee, with great success. Our UMSU Education Facebook page now has approximately 1,400 "likes" – up from 627 when we commenced our terms at the start of this year.

Prince Alfred Hotel

Along with Rachel, I attended a meeting with Chris White and Jon Peacock from the University to discuss the future of the Prince Alfred Hotel. While they told us in no uncertain terms that the University would not be prepared to offer UMSU any sort of special deal in terms of securing the tenancy of the establishment, they offered us a central role in the tenant selection process, provided that we agreed not to submit a tender. Beyond this, I asked Chris White for a guarantee that the new Student Precinct would include space for a student-run bar as a priority, and he gave this guarantee both verbally and subsequently in writing. While this is obviously subject to the Student Precinct


Steering Committee, this is an important acknowledgement. There was also one proviso – that the student-run bar in Union House is successful once up and running. This necessitates UMSU continuing to do everything possible to ensure that the bar is run as well as possible.

Expenditure since last report:

Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount (ex. GST)	Line	Comments
10	11/08	NDA BBQ Hire	\$110.00*	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	*Seeking clarification on GST.
10,13	11/08; 15/09	Facebook promotion	\$257.06	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	Paid promotion for page and posts
13	15/09	Collective snacks	\$69.56	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	Chips, biscuits, lollies etc. for Education Collective and similar events

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**Report of
Conor Serong
Education (Public Affairs) Officer
To Students' Council 22/15
17/09/2015**



Key activities:

Academic Consultation and Coordination Committee

A range of issues are being discussed at ACCC, including changes to exam procedures to prohibit watches being worn in the exam room. This is a result of the advent of smartwatches, and will be mitigated by an increased presence of clocks provided in the exam room. The University is also shifting away from students bringing in their own calculators for approval at exams, instead wanting to provide one particular type of calculator which students would be expected to familiarise themselves with throughout the semester leading up to the exam. The idea of a loan system was floated, with the potential for UMSU to explore options to play a role in this process.

Pathways Taskforce

This new committee will be meeting regularly to discuss issues and obstacles which prevent students from continuing their studies at the University of Melbourne after completing an undergraduate degree. It will also examine the rate at which students are successfully transitioning into the workforce after only completing an undergraduate program. This is still in relatively early stages so there is nothing major to report yet.

Wayfinding Strategy

A User Experience Workshop was held by Buro North to brief stakeholders on the wayfinding project which I have periodically been reporting on throughout the year. Again, nothing major to report yet other than the company and University are hoping to have a finalised strategy by early 2016, to move into a prototyping and implementation phase shortly afterwards. I will continue to involve the Student Working Group that I have convened as matters progress.

Picnic Against Pyne

On Monday 14 September we will be hosting a Picnic Against Pyne with the NTEU, after the success of our joint Ivory Tower screening event. This will feature free food on South Lawn, and will provide a good opportunity for both unions to talk to students about our campaigns.

Expenditure since last report:

Meeting No.	Date	Description	Amount (ex. GST)	Line	Comments
9; 10.	28/07/15; 11/08/15	Facebook promotion	\$502.05	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	Using Facebook paid promotion to advertise the UMSU Education page, as well as pertinent posts and events.
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting 7	06/08/15	Ivory Tower soft drink and other supplies	\$135.17	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	Cans of soft drink, bottles of water, serviettes for pizza which was provided by the NTEU etc.
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting 6	02/07/15	Standing Room Coffee Voucher	\$30.00	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	To be given away as a prize for CounterCourse Handbook submissions.
Education				Campaigns,	Sausages, vegie patties


Committee Meeting 10	28/07/15	NDA BBQ supplies	\$276.24	Special Projects and Events	and other BBQ supplies for the pre-rally on-campus event.
Operations Sub-Committee Meeting 6	02/07/15	Big Bazaar AV Costs	\$80.00	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	Power leads, boards, bollards, etc.
10	11/08/15	Big Bazaar Thankyou event food	\$200.00*	Campaigns, Special Projects + Events	*Nellie is seeking confirmation on whether this sum is inclusive or exclusive of GST.

Environment

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**Report of
Daniel Sullivan
Environment Officer**

**To Students' Council 22/2015
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Enviro Week: In a 'week' that ran for 12 days (28 August to 8 September) Enviro Week hosted over twenty events covering many topics, you can check out a full list here :

<https://www.facebook.com/events/146374289036209/> Special events included a workshop and excursion on Dumpster Diving & Freeganism, a forum on Questioning Economic Growth, and a well-attended End of Enviro Week Party that brought together students from several Environmental and Social Justice groups across the uni to play some fun games and get to know each other.

Community garden: Collaborations between the Melbourne Uni Community Garden and the Burnley students' new community garden (managed by the club 'Horticultured') have been a success! There have been a number of great workshops happening. You can 'Subscribe' on Facebook for more events here: <https://www.facebook.com/MU.CommunityGarden/events>

Fossil Free Melbourne Uni:

While the Sustainability Executive has announced that consultation on the University's Sustainability charter will begin in November (during student exams) ahead of announcement in December, the

FFMU team has been pro-active and helped run a “What is the Sustainability Charter?” forum during Enviro Week, and have sent the results of our consultation onto the Sustainability Executive.

We are working together with 4 other Fossil Free University groups across Victoria to run the Fossil Free Summit from 30 September to 1 October to raise awareness of divestment during the THE World Academic Summit which will be held at Melbourne Uni at the same time. Find out more here: <http://www.fossilfreesummit2015.com/>

We are also planning a “Speakout for Divestment” in Week 11. Event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/529232087226673/>

Sustainability Engagement Group: I am part of the process of setting up a group that brings together all of the different parts of the University that are working closely on sustainability issues to work out how best to engage with each other, staff and students on sustainability, which will likely be in full swing once I leave the office.

Expenditure since last report:

Meeting no. & date	Description	Amount	Budget line
5 (12/05/15)	Radioactive Exposure Tour Subsidy	\$300.00	Special Projects & Events (3839)
1 (19/02/15)	MUC Garden Supplies	\$122.60	3839
9 (20/08/15)	Enviro Week Catering	\$872.00	3839

Disabilities

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Sasha Chong and Susannah Gordon Disabilities Officers</p> <p>To Students' Council 1/9/2015</p>	
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Key activities:

Susannah on Leave:

Susannah is on leave for 4 weeks, and the department has operated at a reduced capacity as Sasha is busy running all weekly events by herself.

Auslan Classes:

This week is the last week and we have celebrated by having class at Brunetti.

Addiction Recovery Group:

This group has upgraded from being run fortnightly to weekly and may also run during the holidays (pending demand). This group runs at 4:30 on Monday in the Training Rooms, and we are still struggling getting people to attend.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

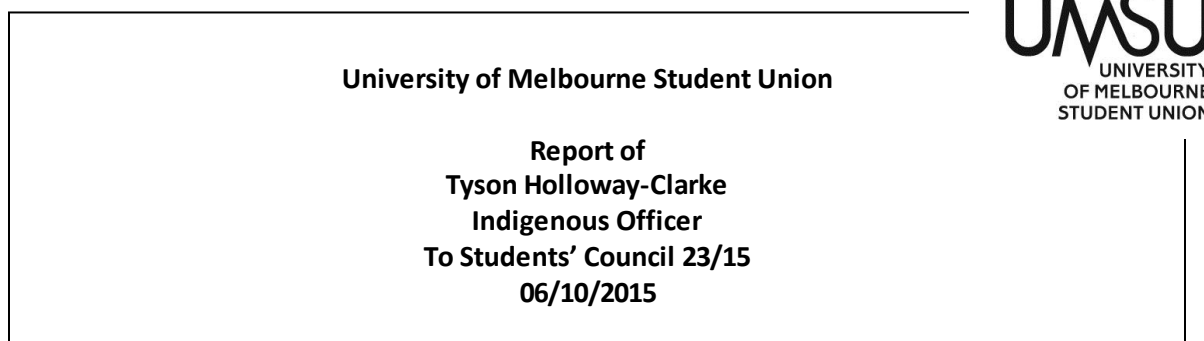
Campaigns

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

Meet with other autonomous OBs:

RE: contributing money to the Whole of Union fund.

Indigenous



Under Bunjil

Submissions are closed and after much ado the second volume of Under Bunjil will be out by the end of semester. We anticipate a run of 2000 to tide us over until the end of next semester. Keep an eye out for the next volume- it will likely look quite different from the last.

University Games

Our representing athletes made their way to the Gold Coast for 2015's University Games on Sunday the 27th and we anticipate some great results. The sponsorship money provided for these athletes went a huge way in making sure they could make it. We can expect reports back from the athletes in October.

Indigenous O-Week

In a collaboration with Murrup Barak the Indigenous Department and collective will be organising and running an Indigenous O-Week for all of the new incoming students to the University of Melbourne. While a similar program ran this year it was largely coordinated by Murrup Barak and was light on social events and integration and had minimal student presence throughout the week. While it is early stages applications have gone out to the collective for hosts for the week. Student intake may fluctuate though we can expect anywhere from 25 to 45 undergraduate students.

Graduate Gala Dinner

Hosted by the University the dinner will take place on the 22nd of October and looks to be a stellar night. Final preparations are being made with a combination of alum and student performances and speeches as we celebrate the classes of 2014 and 2015.

Expenditure
No new expenditure to report.



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**Report of
Tyson Holloway-Clarke
Indigenous Officer
To Students' Council 22/15
17/09/2015**

Arts and Engagement

Moving past Mudfest the collective thoroughly enjoyed a Night Under Bunjil with presentations by Kyle Webb, Todd Fernando and Marley Holloway-Clarke in between performances by Amy Dowd. A minor re-run of 500 copies of Volume One of Under Bunjil have also been distributed during the week with a large portion of them going to prospective students.

The collective also attended a screening of Straight Outta Compton partially subsidised by the department to much applause. A well received event, this screening and a Night Under Bunjil is a slight variation on the standard social events and provides some direction for new events in the future.

Sports

A total of 6 members of the Indigenous Collective have received sponsorships of \$600 each to assist with the costs of attending the University Games. With an approximate cost of \$1300, our sponsorship shared with Murrup Barak has done a great deal to ease the financial burden of attending the Games.

Graduates Gala Dinner

Invitations and RSVP's a flying fast between the student body and Murrup Barak as we prepare for the University of Melbourne's first Indigenous Graduates Gala Dinner. Hosted by the University the evening celebrates the achievements of the class of 2014 and 2015 and pays tribute to Joshua Hardy on the anniversary of his passing. The organisation of the evening has been facilitated by a committee representing the IGSA, UMSU, the School of Population and Global Health, Murrup Barak, the Wilin Center and the Chancellery.

Overseas Exchange

It has been raised with the University the underrepresentation of Indigenous students applying for and attaining overseas exchange places and scholarships and a consultative process has started with the first meeting being hosted by Murrup Barak and the collective Wednesday of last week. While changes are likely to be slow given the activity of the collective and the results of the meeting with the Chancellery there are grounds to be optimistic.

Improvements to Student Spaces

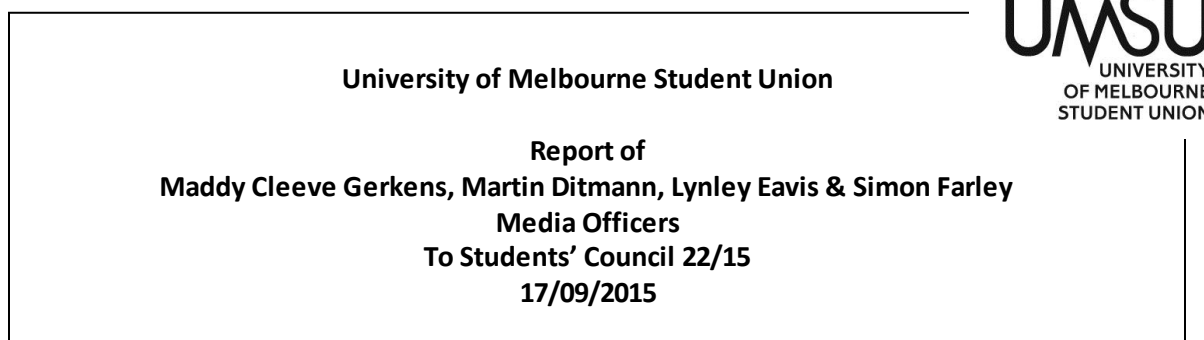
We are in constant discussion with Murrup Barak as to the state of the Murrup Barak facilities and the future of this space pending the move toward the student precinct. The preference of the collective and department would be to retain the Murrup Barak Old Physics building and renovate the interior. In the meantime the spaces are being improved as per the collective's advice.

Under Bunjil

We are working away at the next volume due by the end of October! We look forward to sharing it with you all!

Meeting	Date	Description	Amount	Line	Comments
Meeting 6	04/09/15	August Social Event	729.50	Social Events	Free dinner and a movie at Melb Central
Meeting 6	02/09/15	Under Bunjil re-print	3000	Arts and Engagement	A minor re-run of Under Bunjil
Meeting 6	04/09/15	Athlete Sponsorship	3600	Arts and Engagement	We have sponsored 6 athletes to attend the University Games to the tune of \$600 each. Murrup Barak has made \$1800 available to us.
Meeting 5	01/09/15	Artists Sponsorship	420	Arts and Engagement	We have sponsored 3 artists for Mudfest for varying amounts.

Media



Edition 7

Is going to the printers on Tuesday! Hooray! We're really proud of this edition – particularly some of the amazing art, and some big investigations we're unveiling in it. Pick one up!

Handover

Next year's Media Officers have been provisionally elected! Danielle, Sebastian, Baya and Caleb have all been highly involved members of the Media Collective community, and we know the Collective, Farrago, The Fodder and Above Water will be in really safe hands.

We'll begin giving them all the help and handover they need – and ensuring that we support their desire to build on new programs started this year, like The Fodder and the campus reporting team.

Helping all

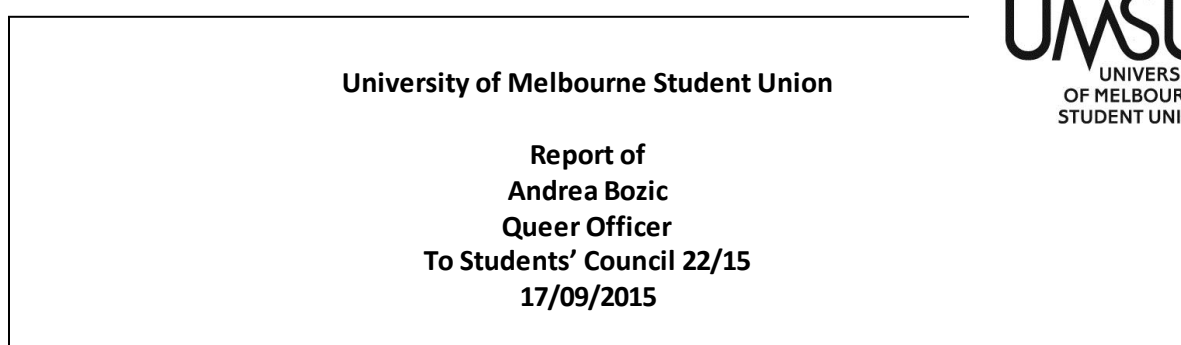
A key part of the Media Officers' role, beyond running Farrago, is to "promote greater Student

participation in all forms of media” (section 66c of the Constitution). Over the last few weeks, we’ve been helping a range of people with everything from design to editing knowledge –including some groups and College yearbook editors last month.

Financial

Again, routine spending on magazine printing. We've also asked MUSUL for the amount left on the Radio budget line, ahead of some possible equipment purchases.

Queer



Andrea’s OB Report

I have been reading through the comments and discussions had by the Queer students in regards to the Gender Studies subject which the students refer to as “G E N D E R H E L L” and compiling an official list of complaints that will be taken to the university. I hope to have this summary of complaints submitted to council and to have council’s support in this matter soon.

Queer Volunteer

There has been an effort to get the queer students to be more involved in some of the department’s workings. This interaction began in first semester with informal discussions regarding the constitution, activism that the students would like to see and the introduction of a suggestion box. Now it has expanded to include a secret facebook group which aims to get students involved in running the collectives and helping with advertising and poster for the Queer Realities campaign. I hope to expand the repertoire of activism in the future.

GSA Queer officer

The GSA queer officer has changed recently and I have tried my best to disclose all of the projects that I am working on and offer an invitation to join forces on these existing or new events.

Support groups

Unfortunately training for the facilitators of these groups is infrequent and we will have to wait until the next round of training to move any further in this process

Condoms

Condoms were ordered previously and had arrived. A lack of clear distinction between the sizes and purposes has inspired a condom and lube chart that identifies each of the packets.

Community involvement

I have been organising meetings with various parts of the community and have had a diverse array of skills and knowledge offered to the department. Examples include; a social work masters student with experience in CASA and case work who wants to volunteer, writers for Farrago checking various content with me and a spokesperson from the Tilde film festival which concentrates on trans and non-binary films.

VCA

It is near impossible to book a space on or near the VCA campus. I am currently working on alternatives.

MOOC for tutors

LMS has proven an incompatible medium on which to deliver the training simply due to the fact that I am not a professor. I am trying to get in contact with a person further up the management chain in order to obtain the correct written permissions.

Budget expenditure since last report:

As we have yet to provide any budget expenditure, I have attached our expenditure from 1 January 2015 to 15/09/15

Meeting the money is passed	Amount passed	Line-Item	Description	Actual expenditure so far
23-02-15 council	500	Travel on union business through ed budget	Acon training travel	390
12-03-15 council	450	Special E & P	Queer lunch for 1 st 4 weeks	450
	150	Special E & P	Movie night	?
#1 18/03/15 q-committee			Oweek expeditue	11/02.15 \$470 +17.49 +?
"	1255.19 From a total of \$1404 as mentioned in ed minutes	Special Projects and Events	Reimbursing ed	cost of bags, stickers, food, and drinks of O-Week,
"			ACON training	
"	\$200	Special Projects and Events	condoms and dams	128.45 + 20 =148.45
	350	Food and bev	Queer space party	~130
	1500	Food and bev	Queer lunch	~800
	500	Special events and projects	Queer Thursdays social	~200
	400	Food and bev	Supporting the coming out support group	400
" "	500	Food and bev	Collectives	~200
15-04-15council	2940	Special E & P	Pride ball	???? ask lloyd

28-04-15 council	6860	Special E & P	Pride ball	???ask Lloyd
	200	Special E & P	Pride ball photographer	???ask Lloyd
02/06-15 op-sub	120	Special E & P	ED CONFERENCE for Lloyd	? ask Lloyd
	66	Special E & P	Queer collaboration rego	? ask Lloyd
30-07-15 Council	100	Special E & P	Brochures	30
	400	Food and Bev	Supporting the coming out support group	400
	400	Food and Bev	Collectives	None yet
	400	Food and Bev	Queer Lunch	
	50	Special E & P	Blankets	none
	200	Special E & P	MD queer conference Health in diversity	200
	1000	Special E & P	Queer social Thursdays	18+ ?
10/08/15 q-committee	500	Spec Events and projects	Start up of abuse and HIV support groups	None so far
“ “	100	Sundry	Mugs movies board games, a mirror and a white board.	20
“ “	120 (additional)	Special E & P	MDQueer to go to a queer health conference” Health in Diversity”	120
“ “	100	Special E & P	Blankets cushions and stuffed toys for q-space	52
01/09/15 q-committee	150	Special E & P	Print resources on trans and coming out	120
“ “	200	Food and Bev	VCA events	None yet
“ “	50	Sundry	Housing pinboard	None yet
“ “	300	Special E & P	Remaining rad sex and consent invoices	250
“ “	100	Food and Bev	Speed dating	None yet
“ “	250	Special E & P	Queer clothes swap space hire and transport if necessary	None yet

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**Report of
James Bashford
Welfare Officer**

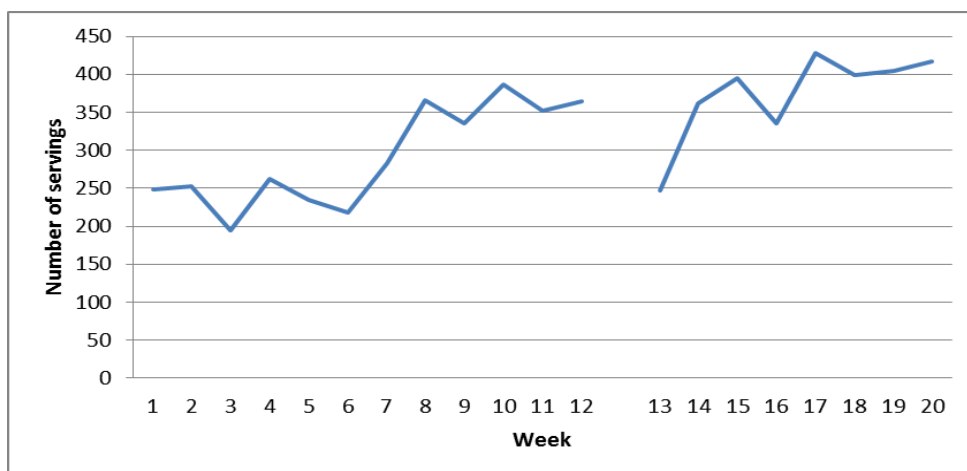
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As semester goes on there's not too much to report in the welfare department. Things are going along steadily and I'm starting to look to some final events to finish of the semester and what's left of the budget.

Breakfasts

The weekly breakfast is going great, hopefully we'll be able to set up in South Court more often as the weather warms up, as this is great for the exposure of the event, Each week we're still getting new students who haven't realised the breakfast is on every Thursday so the more exposure the better.

Here's a cool graph that shows how successful the breakfast has been at growing each week and each semester. The numbers are a bit rough, particularly at the start of the year when we weren't as thorough at making sure everyone was counted, but there's a clear trend of increasing numbers across the year!



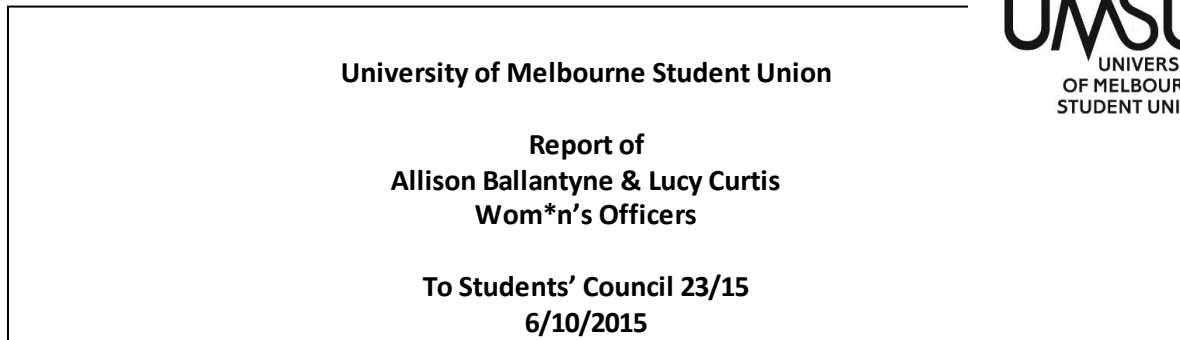
Yoga Classes

Yoga classes continue to be in high demand with over 30 students each class. Our regular instructor, Emily, is now back after 6 weeks overseas while another instructor, Amelia, filled in. Emily is also offering a lower price per class than last semester which has allowed us to stay on budget while still offering two classes a week and classes into the exam period.

Upcoming Plans

For the remainder of semester I'm looking at two major events. For anti-poverty week (which falls in Week 11) I'm hoping to collaborate with some relevant clubs to hold events for this week as well as hosting a forum on the issue of poverty with MPs and academics – this could provide a good example for forums the Union could host next year around the upcoming federal election. In week 12 I'm hoping to have a second, albeit smaller, Stress Less Week with some of the classic favourite events like Pet's Haven Puppies.

Wom*n's



Key activities:

Judy's Punch

Most of our energies have been focused on Judy's Punch for the last couple of weeks: commissioning illustrations, liaising with the writers and editors and doing the final editing of the pieces that will be published. We are also considering venues for a possible launch party/end of year Wom*n's Department party. Our release date has been pushed back to week 12 in order to make sure the publication is ready.

Women's Networking Event

Our final women's networking event was quite successful – the speakers were great and there was a good turnout. We got some really positive feedback from the people who attended. We will be collecting feedback on the 2015 Women's Mentoring Network soon.

Reviewing the University's sexual harassment and assault procedures

We are currently looking into the university's procedures for dealing with sexual harassment and assault. We are hoping to discuss these with some representatives from the university. We are also going to talk to Hannah Smith, NUS Education officer, about the University of Sydney's recent launch of a survey about sexual harassment and assault on campus.

Anti-racism workshops

Wom*n of Colour Collective's anti-racism workshops have been very successful. The final two anti-racism workshops are running this week and next week. These are both autonomous events.

Regular events

Our weekly events have continued to run successfully throughout the semester, and have had a good turnout.

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
14/15	31/8/2015	Reimbursing Allie for confectionery purchased for Wom*n's Dept. stall at the Clubs Carnival in Disorientation week	\$33.54	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n's Collective weeks 7 + 8	\$80	Special projects/events	
		Food for Queer and Questioning QTs weeks 7 + 8	\$80	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n of Colour Collective weeks 7 + 8	\$168	Special projects/events	
		Expenditure on a week's worth of Facebook promotion of the Talk About It survey	\$50	Special projects/events	
15/15	15/9/2015	Tea for the Wom*n's Room	\$15	Wom*n's Room Maintenance	
		Food for Wom*n's Collective weeks 9 + 10	\$130	Special projects/events	
		Food for Queer and Questioning QTs weeks 9 + 10	\$130	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n of Colour Collective weeks 9 + 10	\$164	Special projects/events	
		Milk for the Wom*n's Room	\$15	Wom*n's Room Maintenance	

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**Report of
Van Rudd
VCA Campus Coordinator**

**To Students' Council 23/15
06/10/2015**

VCASA has been involved in many things in the second semester so far at the VCA. I thought I'd recap on a few things that may have been mentioned in my previous vocal reports, plus mention the newer things we have planned for the rest of the semester.

August 19th National Day of Action.

The NUS called for a National Day of Action on August 19th, and considering the government's plans to deregulate uni fees wasn't big in the media, the rally was of a decent size and carried loud and angry students from various campuses. Even though Turnbull is the new PM, we shouldn't be fooled by his smooth talking, and the rich universities are still pushing for a two-tiered system so they can profit even more. There should be more education rallies in the near future.

VCA Student Association Grants

Some of you may have seen the grants posters on VCA Campus during first semester. We're very happy to announce that several student projects have been successful in obtaining funds. It is great to have seen projects in semester two come to fruition.

Pride Screening August 6th, 6 to 8pm (free food and drink)

VCASA presented a free screening of the award winning film: PRIDE. It included a panel discussion with Equal Love Convener Ali Hogg and LGBTI historian and long time unionist Liz Ross. The movie looks at how important it is to unite in struggles against authority and oppression - in this case, the Gay Liberation movement in the UK in the 80s finds common ground with the striking mine workers against the conservative Thatcher government. The night was filled with a great session of questions and answers after the film.

VCASA Spoken Word Event

On August 26th about 50 people (mostly VCA Students) packed out the VCA Student lounge for what may have been the first VCA Spoken Word event. It featured various artists from Melbourne Spoken Word and several audience members contributed some of their amazing and challenging poetry. There were many VCA students with hidden talents for live poetry. Winners were announced at the end of the night. I can see more of these events coming in the following years at the VCA.

PROUD

On September 3rd, the VCASA was proud to sponsor the Social Justice and Gender and Sexual Equality Prizes at the annual VCA Proud Exhibition. The quality of the students' work was high, and was great to see the winners convey the dilemmas and anxieties felt by migrants and refugees fleeing war and hardship to find Australia's borders policed to the hilt.

Yoga

Yoga is going very well on tuesdays and wednesday's from 6pm in 2nd semester. Its popularity could see it return for 2016.

Frisk Production for Melbourne Fringe

VCASA has provided much needed assistance for VCA Production students and their Melbourne Fringe production called Frisk. The production has about 80 VCA students involved. We have also identified a worrying trend on campus where faculty departments are relying more frequently upon students finding funds for their special final presentations. Many students are attempting fund raising in very difficult economic times. It is our view that the VCA Faculty (and Melbourne University) should be funding these extra-curricula projects - so students can focus more upon the quality of their work.

Film Screening – About Woomera (2003) for late October.

In light of the movement of refugees from war zones in the middle east to many parts of the world, Australia still remains starkly opposed to the humane treatment of refugees. VCASA has decided to screen the film 'About Woomera' to highlight realities of Australia's detention centres.


Australia's detention centre at Woomera was hailed as the new way of dealing with illegal immigration. This is the definitive story of the controversial camp. The compound gained notoriety for its riots, protests and breakouts and became a damning indictment of Australian immigration policy. And whilst detainees lived in atrocious conditions, the American backed company running the centre siphoned off millions in profits. It's a story of lies, cover-ups and relentless trauma.

Motion 4: To approve all OB reports en bloc

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

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Collective Bargaining

UMSU is scheduled to meet with MUSUL to discuss the progress of bargaining on September 15. A report on this meeting will be made verbally at Council.

Legal Service

The legal service discussion paper has been distributed internally. The discussion paper has been included in Council papers. Responses to the discussion paper are due on September 16.

Volunteering

The draft proposal outlining a framework to support UMSU volunteering programs has been distributed internally for feedback.

MUSULSciIP & Strategic Review

Rachel and I met with Kerry Ferguson and Janet Beard in relation to these related review processes.

Significant feedback was provided in relation to:

- UMSU's experience of MUSUL's service provision
- Potential efficiencies related to staff and management structures
- Potential efficiencies related to systems
- Potential changes to scope that would support UMSU's operations

Kerry indicated that as part of the finalisation of these two process that it was likely that reporting on the Strategic Review may be brought forward. This report will also include a recommendation that key stakeholders are included in consultation regarding MUSUL's response to the Strategic Review.

Facilities and Services Agreement (FSA) Reporting Obligations

MUSUL has not provided UMSU with any new information or documentation.

Internet & Telephone Outages

As reported to Council previously there was a major phone and internet outage in late July. This outage had a significant impact on operations and productivity. At the time UMSU requested that MUSUL:

1. Implement an effective communication strategy to advise student representatives and staff of relevant information relating to disruptions of this nature; and,
2. A contingency plan to minimise the impact on UMSU.

Since this time there have been subsequent outages and while these have been for shorter periods the initial requests have been reiterated.

No further information has been provided.

Level 1 Bar Space

Discussions with MUSUL in relation to the short and longer-term future of the Level 1 Bar space have continued. Reporting to Council will address 2015 operations and the workings of the Steering Committee looking at models for operation in 2016.

2015

UMSU has made significant progress towards the commencement of coffee sales in the student lounge. Unfortunately, there have been two critical areas of delay which mean that we are unable to confirm a commencement date for coffee service.

These delays relate to:

1. Obtaining relevant food safety registration – MUSUL had undertaken to submit relevant paperwork to the City of Melbourne for this purpose. While no reasons for the delay in this process have been communicated to UMSU it appears that there was some concern within MUSUL about the implications of transferring food safety registration to UMSU. MUSUL has been advised that for the remainder of 2015 UMSU is not concerned about which organisation holds relevant permits, but that whatever arrangements are in place UMSU is able to commence coffee service. Relevant paperwork has been submitted to the City of Melbourne.
2. Cleaning and Hygiene – MUSUL had previously advised that the space had been cleaned and was fit for purpose. It has since become apparent that the cleaning undertaken did not meet relevant food safety and hygiene standards. Appropriate specialist cleaning is being organised. At this stage it is not clear when this cleaning will take place.

Additional updates on these matters will be reported to Council.

Particular thanks and recognition must be given to Goldie for the effort and time she has committed to this project.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee has met once and discussed a range of issues including mechanisms of consultation with students.

The second meeting of the Steering Committee will consider an options paper that details a range of issues relevant to models of management and operation of bar/venue in the space in 2016. These issues include:

- Liquor licencing
- Food safety and service
- Insurance
- Staffing
- Occupancy
- Outsourcing

Returning Officer – Rulings

The Returning Officer made rulings in relation to the use of UMSU resources at the Southbank Campus. The Electoral Tribunal has yet to consider this matter. Any determinations that the Electoral Tribunal makes in relation to these rulings may have implications that Students' Council will need to consider.

Once the Electoral Tribunal has made any determinations in relation to these rulings Council will be provided with further information and advice.

Staffing

The recruitment processes has commenced for the vacant Senior Production and Technical Officer role in AV@Melbourne.

Olivia Allen has commenced as Coordinator and Artistic Director, Union House Theatre, while Petra Kalive takes maternity leave.

Occupational Health & Safety

There are no items to report.

Bar Steering Committee Report:

The Steering Committee has met twice since its membership was confirmed by Students' Council.

The Steering Committee has considered two major issues and will provide an update to Council in relation to these items. This includes a recommendation in relation to a proposed model of operation.

Consultation with Students

Student feedback will be critical to determining several important aspects of the look and feel of the Bar, as well as determining the types of activities that should take place in the Bar.

This process of consultation has already commenced by allowing students to provide direct feedback in the student lounge or electronically. The Steering Group is finalising a survey which will be open for students to complete from next week.

Consultation will also be undertaken with UMSU staff in relation to the way in which the Bar space can be integrated into the program and service delivery.

Operation Model - Issues Overview

The primary issue for the Steering Committee relates to the responsibility for the operation of the bar, or components of the bar's operations. Most critically the components are:

1. Alcohol and beverage sales; and,
2. Food preparation and sales.

For these activities UMSU could elect to:

1. Operate one or both; or
2. Outsource one or both.

Decisions in relation to these activities would need to be weighed on a number of factors. Any decisions of this nature should also include provision for UMSU to determine programming and events in the bar.

Comments on Outsourcing

Should UMSU determine that the best options for the operation of the bar includes outsourcing – in isolation or combination – some or all of the commercial activity to be undertaken in association with the bar then there are a number of issues for the Steering Committee to consider:

1. The development of processes to govern the advertisement and selection of providers;
2. The development and negotiation of commercial agreements with providers;

3. An appropriate mechanism and allocation of responsibility for managing commercial agreements.

The benefits of outsourcing for UMSU are that it removes the need for UMSU to meet legal obligations and costs associated with meeting legal obligations related to the sale of alcohol and the preparation and sale of food. Conversely, commercial agreements of this nature are likely to limit the income UMSU is able to generate from sale of alcohol, and reduce the level of control UMSU has over the operation of the space.

In considering the appropriate role for UMSU in the operation of the Bar and activities that take place within that space the Steering Committee has identified the following key characteristics and principles:

- Be a student-focused space and venue
- Be affordable and accessible
- Be responsive to student needs and feedback
- Operate sustainably
- Enhance and support the operations of UMSU departments
- Provide benefit to affiliated clubs and societies

In order to meet these objectives the Steering Committee recommends to Students' Council that:

1. UMSU be responsible for the operation of the venue and bar;
2. UMSU outsource the operation of food service in the bar.

Once Council has endorsed a model of operation the Steering Committee will be able to:

1. Develop a proposal in relation to relevant staffing arrangements
2. Identify Liquor Licencing requirements;
3. Develop scope and selection criteria for identifying a commercial partner for food service provision

Motion 5: To endorse the Steering Committee report

Mover: Rachel Withers

Secunder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

Steven Connolly abstained

The Steering Committee also presented the results of the survey which was put out by the Steering committee. The below direction was tabled

Direction

Based on the data in this survey, the Steering Committee will be working towards a bar that is 100% student-centric: it will have student-friendly prices (potentially with particular happy hours/nights) and provide a place for student activities.

It will be a place that students can eat/drink, hang out with friends, organize events, relax and entertain themselves.

The bar will be open all day and until a reasonably late hour at night.

Priorities include:

1. An exciting new décor
2. Advertising well in O-Week
3. Recruiting friendly staff
4. Ensuring the venue is open to student activities

With council's endorsement for the outsourcing of food and insourcing of alcohol, the Steering Committee will strive towards alcoholic and non-alcoholic options that are varied and cheap.

UMSU will be seeking a commercial partner for food service provision that seeks to offer good-quality but highly affordable pub food and snack food.

For the décor, the Steering Committee intends to run a competition, in which students respond to a very specific brief (formulated through the survey data) for their design and how they would go about implementing it within a budget. The Steering Committee will then select a submission and help that student turn it into a reality.

The Steering Committee asks for Council's endorsement of this as a direction.

Motion 6: That Students' Council endorses the direction presented.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Itsi Weinstock

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

8. Operational Business

UMSU International regulations

These have been tabled for 3 councils now, and can only be passed when 2/3 of Councillors vote in favour. As the last few Students' Councils have not had 2/3 of councillors attending, this is postponed until today.

Motion 7: That Students' Council accepts and approves UMSU INTL's regulations changes and new infringement procedures

Mover: Yu Kong Law

Seconder: Lachlan Gell

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Volunteering/Whole of Union Budget Lines

Preamble: Whole of Union and Special Activities Week, which are used for UMSU initiatives and events that are not specific to one particular departmental budget line but which Students Council

deems worthy of funding, are now maxed out (the \$10k and \$15k respectively have been allocated, although not yet all spent). This is something to be celebrated, as it shows an incredibly active year of special weeks and new initiatives. The Volunteering staffing budget, on the other hand, has not been utilised much this year due to the belated Volunteering Review and drawn out process of establishing a staffing structure.

Motion: To move \$20,000 out of Volunteering into Whole of Union, for the sake of UMSU programs and departments being able to access these otherwise unused funds for the benefit of students.

Moved: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.2 VCE Summer School

Preamble: The VCE Summer School is a UMSU volunteering program that aims at reducing educational inequality in Victoria. The program provides university students an opportunity to gain practical teaching experience in a nurturing environment as well as a platform from which to build confidence and social networks. For many years now the VCE Summer School has had ongoing support from Students' Council, which it has used to enrich the experience for our volunteer university students by supporting a training camp for the development and benefit of tutors. This year we had overwhelming enthusiasm for the program with an unprecedented number of volunteers wanting to participate.

The support we have received from Students' Council previously has meant that the cost placed on students attending this immensely beneficial training camp has been achievable irrespective of their economic status. With this in mind the VCE Summer School is again asking for funding to ensure quality and accessibility for all university students involved in the program, that also reflects increasing demand. We're asking for money for our Tutor camp, which trains our tutors to the level we require, and ensure our volunteers know when they're doing during the 2 weeks of the program. We're also asking for money to train our leaders in Youth Mental Health First Aid and First Aid, as we need lots of people who have those skills to deal with our 500 VCE students!

Motion: To grant the Summer School \$5500 from the Volunteering Budget line to assist funding the VCE Summer School Tutor training camp. This will assist us to pay for the 230 tutors to be trained in how to tutor effectively, and provide some pastoral care.

AND

To grant the Summer School \$4000 from the Volunteering budget line for Youth Mental Health First Aid training for Welfare and Resi leaders and Directors, and First Aid Level 2 certificates for Directors and leaders

Mover: Angus Pritchard

Seconder: Liz Peak

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.3 UMSU 10th Birthday Party

Preamble: UMSU is turning 10 in November! We ought to celebrate this momentous occasion of surviving a whole decade without being liquidated, and invite students, members of the University

chancellery, previous UMSU student reps and former UMSU staff. Rachel will put out the call for an organising committee for those who are interested.

Discussion around how much was needed for the party.

Conor Serong suggested that the amount be increased from \$2500 to \$4000. This was accepted by the mover

James Bashford requested that the amount be then decreased to \$3000. This was not accepted by the mover.

Foreshadowed Motion 8: To move up to \$3000 from Whole of Union for the organisation of an UMSU 10th Birthday Party in the Level 1 Bar.

Mover: James Bashford

Seconder: Destan Dikbas

MOTION LOST

Motion 9: To move up to \$4000 from Whole of Union for the organisation of an UMSU 10th Birthday Party in the Level 1 Bar.

Moved: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Conor Serong

CARRIED

9.4 Liberal Leadership

Preamble: As Councillors will be aware, there was a leadership spill in the Liberal Party this week, which ultimately resulted in Malcolm Turnbull succeeding Tony Abbott as Prime Minister of Australia. Turnbull has been an outspoken supporter of the Abbott Government's measures, and has given no indication that controversial policy platforms will change along with the leadership.

He has reaffirmed in particular his commitment to current policies on climate change and marriage equality, and has given us no reason to expect that education policies will be any less disastrous for students.

UMSU, along with student organisations around the country, will continue to have a vital role to play in opposing any government policies which are detrimental to students - and society more broadly, and in campaigning to ensure these measures are unsuccessful. In some instances, this will include campaigning to oppose the re-election of these governments.

Motion: That the Council acknowledges that there is nothing to suggest that the Turnbull Government will be any less hostile to students and the higher education sector than the Abbott Government was.

Subsequently, that the Council reaffirms its opposition to the Coalition Government on the basis of ideological hostility, demonstrated through detrimental policies.

This affirmation extends to the endorsement of campaigns to this effect, including those which oppose specific policy measures, as well as those which focus on the electoral success of this government for as long as these measures remain in place.

Mover: Conor Serong

Seconded:

Conor Serong spoke to the motion, outlining that the motion was written a while ago but was still relevant, and that UMSU should pass it.

Discussion around the actions UMSU would take in response to the motion, and the campaign moving forward. Discussion about UMSU's aims

Rachel Wither requested amendments so the last paragraph reads This affirmation extends to the endorsement of campaigns to this effect, including those which oppose specific policy measures *which are detrimental to students*, as well as those which focus on the electoral success of this government for as long as *anti-student policies* remain in place.
This was amenable to the mover

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the motion be put

Mover: James Bashford

CARRIED

Motion 10: That the Council acknowledges that there is nothing to suggest that the Turnbull Government will be any less hostile to students and the higher education sector than the Abbott Government was.

Subsequently, that the Council reaffirms its opposition to the Coalition Government on the basis of ideological hostility, demonstrated through detrimental policies.

This affirmation extends to the endorsement of campaigns to this effect, including those which oppose specific policy measures which are detrimental to students, as well as those which focus on the electoral success of this government for as long as anti-student policies remain in place.

Mover: Conor Serong

Seconded: Steven Connolly

CARRIED

2 Abstentions

9.5 Education portfolio and Student Services and Amenities Fee

Preamble: Pursuant to the previous motion, there has been speculation that Christopher Pyne may be shifted from the Education portfolio to that of Defence.

Further speculation has included the possibility that Senator Birmingham may be promoted from Assistant Minister for Education to succeed Pyne.

Birmingham has been a longstanding, vocal proponent of Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU), and it is plausible that despite supporting fee deregulation, the policy may be dumped in favour of pursuing the abolition of the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF).

The SSAF is crucial to the running of virtually all student organisations, particularly one such as UMSU which has very little non-SSAF revenue upon which to draw. It is therefore of critical

importance that UMSU campaigns strongly in favour of the SSAF, and recognises any Minister who seeks its abolition as an ideological enemy of student organisations.

Motion 11: That the Council reaffirms in the strongest possible terms its wholehearted support for the SSAF, and endorses any campaigns seeking to raise the profile of, and support for, both the SSAF and student unionism more broadly. This includes the endorsement of campaigns from the National Union of Students and other student organisations to this effect.

Furthermore, that the Council condemns any move to return to a system of VSU, which saw student organisations, and by extension student life, welfare, advocacy and campus culture, suffer throughout the Howard era.

Students Council also passes \$1000 from the Education Campaigns budget line and \$1000 from the Whole of Union Budget Line for SSAF awareness materials such as, but not limited to Banners, flyers and materials to be designed by Communications

Mover: Conor Serong
CARRIED

Seconder: Rachel Withers

9.6 Mudfest Funding Approvals

Motion 12: To move:

- Up to \$5000 towards grants for student artists in Mudfest, from Budget line 3846
- \$1000 to Bar Manager for work during Mudfest from budget line 3071
- Up to \$1500 Final Prod Manager payment from budget line 3071
- \$1000 final Access Manager payment from budget line 3071
- \$6000 Mentor Fees from budget line 3071
- Up to \$1000 for Photographers payment
- Up to \$500 for Welcome to Country
- Up to \$2500 for associated party night costs (Musicians, equipment hire)
- Up to \$500 for Sustainability costs, to reimburse Samuel Dariol, Sustainability Officer
- Up to \$2600 for Above Water costs
- Up to \$2000 in awards costs
- Up to \$14,000 hire fee for Union House Theatre and Guild Theatre
- Up to \$500 in vehicle hire for MTC delivery, to be taken from contingency line
- Up to \$2000 Production Team payment to Jean Tong and Holly Campbell

Mover: Bella Vadiveloo
CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

Seconder: Bonnie Leigh Dodds

Karly Banks leaves at 1:21pm

9.7 VCA Department Budget

Preamble: Rulings 1 and 1(a) of the UMSU Annual General Elections reveal an inappropriate usage of printing budget at the VCA Department.

It is vital that student money is spent on students, by students and for the benefit of students, not to mention in accordance with the UMSU Constitution, Regulations, and the relevant SSAF legislation, and this has clearly not been the case.

This motion in no way intends to limit the ability of VCA students to access SSAF funds, any expenditure required to run ongoing events and activities for the benefit of VCA students can still be passed through Students' Council.

All departments are encouraged to look into running an event at the VCA campus in the remaining three weeks of semester or during SWOTVAC.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That this matter be postponed until the next Council as Van Rudd (VCA Coordinator) isn't present

Mover: Jade Eckhaus

MOTION FAILS

Motion: That Students' Council move all remaining funds out of the VCA Department Budget line into Whole of Union, with the exception of a \$50 printing allowance to be used for the printing of necessary administrative documents (agendas, minutes etc) and posters promoting VCA Department events.

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Hana Dalton

Rachel spoke to the motion, mentioning that Council in no way wants to curtail the ability of the VCA Students to access SSAF. Council and Operations Subcommittee would be meeting regularly, and the motion is intended to provide more oversight on the spending of the department. \$50 for photocopying is what a lot of departments spend in a year on photocopying so should be more than enough.

Discussion surrounding the Constitution and the ability of Students' Council to remove the VCA Department budget.

Councillors expressed concern and stated that the issue of the photocopying was a serious breach of trust, and that it isn't good for the credibility of the Student Union to the students of the University.

Rachel proposed an amendment to the motion to add "Council also delegates the amount of the remainder of the VCA Budget line from Whole of Union to be spent via the Operations Sub Committee on VCA events".

Councillors were reminded that there's a legal responsibility to ensure that money UMSU is allocated is spent in the best interests of the organisation

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That Council moves in to Formal Debate, with a 2 minutes speaking limit

Mover: James Bashford

CARRIED

For:

Stephen Connolly: Stephen outlined that the VCA Committee has a responsibility to ensure the aims of the department as outlined in the constitution are implemented. He stated that he had lost faith in the committee that this could happen

Against:

Lia Vassliadis: Lia commented that these measures are punitive and would detrimentally affect VCA Students, and that the issue was dealt with via the Electoral Tribunal. She did not believe that this discussion should be taking place without a VCA Department representative.

For:

Itsi Weinstock: Itsi outlined that he did not believe events at the VCA will be curtailed – that events will still be able to run and funded. He stated that it had been several weeks since the incident occurred, and that the VCA Committee had not met to discuss or act on it.

Against:

Jade Eckhaus: Jade pointed out that the VCA is currently undergoing a period of assessment – hence VCA Committee hasn't met. She reminded the council that it has to act within the constitution, and she did not believe that Council had the right to remove a Departments funding. She alleged that the Council would not be quorate if those present did not want to "fuck VCA over".

For:

Ash Munoz: Ash reminded those present that Council sets the budget, as the Board of Directors of the organisation, and therefore, as the peak body, can remove it.

As there were no other speakers against the motion, the motion was put.

Motion 13: That Students' Council move all remaining funds out of the VCA Department Budget line into Whole of Union, with the exception of a \$50 printing allowance to be used for the printing of necessary administrative documents (agendas, minutes etc.) and posters promoting VCA Department events. Council also delegates the amount of the remainder of the VCA Budget line from Whole of Union to be spent via the Operations Sub Committee on VCA events

Mover: Rachel Withers

Seconder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

Lia Vassliadis left at 1:56pm

10. Motions Without Notice

Motion 14: To move up to \$500 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events budget line from the Education Budget line for a promotional stall to advertise the Student Representative Network 2016, which applications have now opened for.

Mover: Nellie Montague

Secunder: Conor Serong

CARRIED

Meeting closed at 1:57 pm