

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

CONFIRMED Minutes

12 PM, 22.10.2015

Meeting 24

Private Dining Room, Union House

Meeting opened at 12:25 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

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

So acknowledged

Councillors: Danielle Bagnato, Pat Dollard, Steven Connolly, Sarah Xia, Lachlan Gell, Karly Banks, Itsi Weinstock, Lachlan McCall, Lia Vassiliadis

Office Bearers: Rachel Withers (President), Hana Dalton (General Secretary), Tyson Holloway-Clarke (Indigenous), Andrea Bozic (Queer), Lynley Eavis (Media), Maddy Cleeve Gerkens (Media), Simon Farley (Media), Hayden Michaelides (Activities), Bella Vadiveloo (Creative Arts), Nellie Montague (Education Academic), Conor Serong (Education Public), Shanley Price (Education Academic), Allison Ballantyne (Wom*n's), Susannah Gordon (Disabilities), Martin Dittmann (Media), Bonnie Leigh-Dodds (Creative Arts), James Bashford (Welfare)

Other: Patrick Clearwater, Eranthos Beretta, Corey McCabe, Paul Sakkal, Tom Crowley, Akira Boardman, Dominic Cernaz, Grace Middleton, Tamara Hunt, Harry Adam, Millicent Austin-Andrews

1.3 Apologies

Stephen Smith (C&S)

Claire Pollock (C&S)

1.4 Proxies

Destan Dikbas to Sarah Xia

Stephen Mitas to Tamara Hunt

Ashok Munoz to Harry Adam

Jakob von der Lippe to Danielle Bagnato

1.5 Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2: that the Agenda as presented be adopted

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

- 1.6 Membership
No changes

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion 3: That the minutes of Meeting 23 be accepted as a true and accurate record
Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)
CARRIED

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Correspondence

Sam Sautelle – Report from NSLF

National Student Leadership Forum 2015

By Sam Sautelle

Faith and Values are two words that are rarely the topic of every day conversation. They do, however, speak directly to one's character and the way in which we go about living our lives. With Faith & Values the topic of the 2015 National Student Leadership Forum in Canberra, I arrived at the luxurious Hyatt hotel for the start of the 4-day program unsure of exactly what to expect. Any details as to what myself and the 200 other delegates from across the country and overseas were getting ourselves into were kept tightly under wraps in the lead up to the event. I arrived expecting to be addressed by some accomplished and influential speakers both within the political sphere and in the broader business and social sectors, with a hope to learn, engage with a group of intelligent and like minded young people and leave the forum with a positive and engaging experience. What eventuated vastly exceeded even my highest expectations and provided a totally unexpected experience of personal growth and reflection.

The program was packed. I had a good understanding of the fantastic intensity that would follow from the get go. By dinner of day 1 – a formal affair in the Great Hall of Parliament with the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove as the keynote address – a mere 6 hours after the lunch time forum commencement, we had already experienced so much. In the short course of the afternoon, we sat in on parliamentary question time, were addressed by incumbent Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in his first official engagement as prime minister addressing a group of people as well as opposition leader Bill Shorten, the Federal Member for Blaxland Jason Clare and the Minister for Social Services Scott Morrison. We also had the pleasure of spending an hour with an MP in their office in our allocated small groups for the forum – it was the small group discussions that would provide some of the richest take away learning from the days that followed. Our group had the pleasure of being welcomed into Scott Buchholz's office, the Chief Government Whip. This time presented an incredibly insightful look behind the scenes at what it is really like to be a senior member of the ruthless and unforgiving arena that is Australian Politics – an experience that for me personally challenged some of my pre-conceived assumptions about the character of Australian politicians in general.

Each of the four days were packed with inspiring addresses that challenged my preconceived ways of thinking across a range of issues in an incredibly exciting way. Over the course of the forum I was constantly challenged by thought provoking discussions on issues that, despite being so fundamental to how we both live and lead, enjoy scarce topic of conversation in everyday life. The small group format crated a truly unique 'safe place' for a group of young people to come together, share experiences and engage in meaningful discussions aimed at building friendships and fostering a sense of capacity and hope towards the future. There was a strong emphasis placed on the privilege of leadership and importance of servant leadership in our communities.

I have taken a huge amount away from the forum and would like to sincerely thank the UMSU for their contribution, without which I would not have been able to attend. I look forward to applying some of the key learning from the forum to the communities in which I am apart - at home, in college and through the university and wider Melbourne community.

Discussion about the appropriateness of UMSU funding going towards this programme.
Recommendation from council that the grants system be reviewed. Council also noted that there was only one sentence in the report that indicated any benefit to students.

Motion 4: To accept the report of Sam Sautelle

Mover: Rachel Withers

Secunder: Hana Dalton

CARRIED

4 Abstentions

Oaktree Club - Invitation for The University of Melbourne Student Union to become a partner of the People's Climate March 2015

Re: Invitation for The University of Melbourne Student Union to become a partner of the People's Climate March 2015

Dear UMSU Student council

From November 27 to 29 all capital cities in Australia will be hosting a 'People's Climate March'. These rallies are seeking collective action on climate change and spur the opening to the UN's Climate Conference in Paris.

Already more than 80 organisations have publicly endorsed the People's Climate March. We are now looking to you to join the movement and make this the largest mobilisation the world has ever seen on climate change.

The organisations come from a diverse range of sectors and are representative of more than one million Australians. The march has been organised to show the breadth and depth of community commitment to cutting pollution and supporting a clean future. The slogan of the march sums it up nicely; "From here on in, we are all in".

Planning for these marches is now well underway. There is significant energy and a central committee made up of environmental groups, faith groups, unions, health organisations, indigenous groups, student groups, aid and development organisations, businesses and many more. They aim to demonstrate community support for action.

Now, we're asking you to join us! **Will you partner with the People's Climate March, demonstrate your support for strong action on climate change and unity with Australians everywhere calling for change?**

Partner endorsement involves:

1. **Your logo being proudly displayed** on the [People's Climate March website](#).
2. **Informing your members and supporters** [Promote the March](#) on your website and via social media, and to your stakeholders.
3. **Distributing material to inform people about the March.** Showing students flyers and putting up posters before the March. Request of flyers and posters can be done [here](#).

Thank you for your time and I hope to be able to work with you in what is sure to be a historic moment for action on climate change.

Yours sincerely,

Rafael Mello

Motion 5:

1. That UMSU endorse the Peoples' Climate March, calls on all countries to take strong action on climate change, and invite students to attend the Melbourne march at 5:30pm on Friday 27th November, from the State Library of Victoria to Flinders Street station
2. That UMSU joins as a Partner organisation to the Peoples' Climate March, and provides the UMSU logo to be displayed on the Peoples' Climate March website
3. That the Students Council directs the Communications department to promote the Peoples' Climate March event through social media including Facebook, through the weekly newsletter and distribute flyers and posters through union house promoting the march.

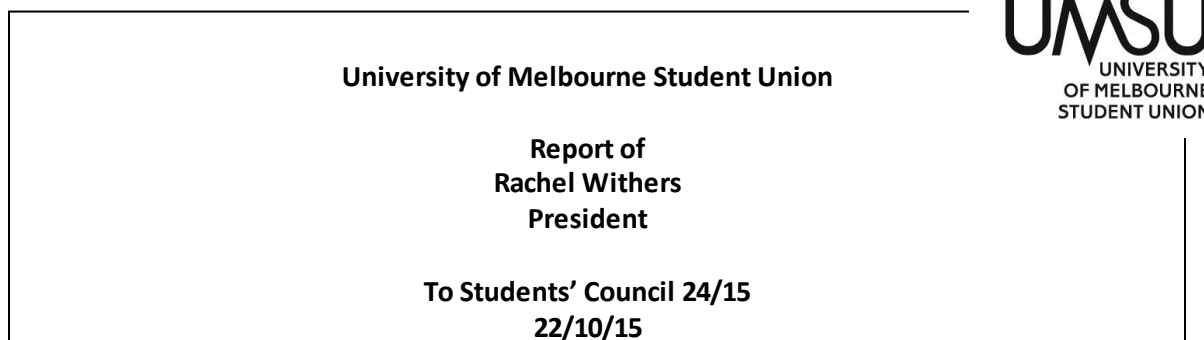
Mover: Rafael Athayde Mello

Seconder: Daniel Sullivan

CARRIED

5. Office Bearer Reports

President



Key activities:

Student Market

I spent the latter part of week 10 and the first few days of Week 11 finalizing details of the Student Market, involving creating a layout for Concrete Lawns, arranging to borrow all materials (tables, pinboards, racks) from the relevant parts of MUSUL, surveying stallholders as to their stall needs, last minute promotion and showcasing individual stalls in the event over this week leading up to the event. Thanks so much to the volunteers and OBs who stepped in and helped with set up and pack up.

Many students approached the UMSU marquee and asked how they could have a stall, and many students (both involved and not involved) suggested it should be run every week. The event is simple and cheap/free to run but takes up a lot of admin time, so running it more than twice a year is a lot for a President to take on. I am currently investigating models for how this might continue to be run into the future, including establishing a collective or a volunteer program, and tying it to a staff department for support. At the Arts and Entertainment SAG, it was also suggested that the Arts Lab be something that students are reminded about alongside promotion.

Student Connect Staff Training and 2016 plans

I attended the Student Connect staff training day with James to speak about UMSU and answer any questions. I created a custom PowerPoint about UMSU specifically for staff training, including which other orientation/transition programs to push students towards. The staff had a lot of questions about getting involved/time commitments/leadership roles, and seemed very interested in UMSU.

I spoke afterwards with Catherine Mann about how to further improve the relationship between UMSU and Student Connect with our complimentary goals of ensuring students get the most out of their time at uni. I am arranging a time to sit down during SWOTVAC with a few of the relevant parties to discuss further initiatives, especially the “dead time” on campus in February when a lot of students come in for their appointments.

Bar/Lounge

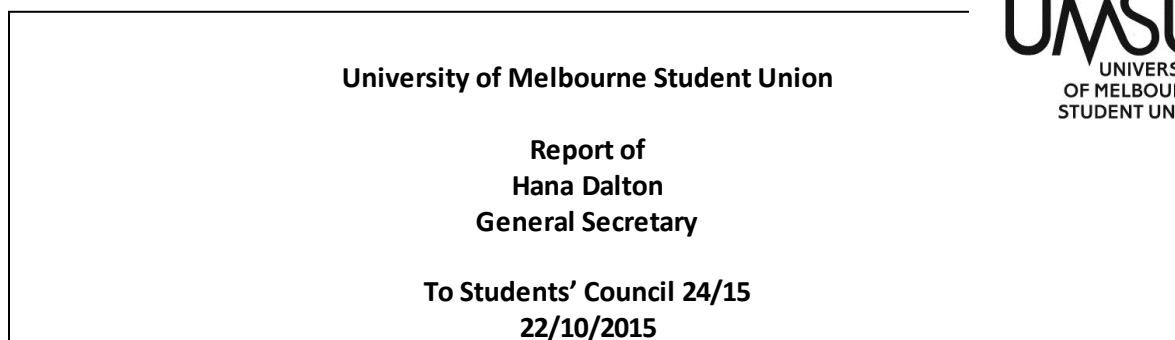
MUSUL Board

I met with the acting Chair of the Board and attended MUSUL Board to speak to our principles so far established and answer questions. There are a few concerns, especially around the outsourcing of food and UMSU holding the liquor licence, but we are making a lot of headway on these issues and I believe we will be able to put these concerns fully at ease.

Coffee in the bar

The \$1 coffee day promotion in the space was a huge success for the goal of getting more students through the door and enjoying the space. We are also running free coffee for those who fill out the Comms Survey. I also granted Student Appeal \$1 coffee vouchers for their bake sale, and helped them set up in our UMSU reserved space at the Farmers Market.

General Secretary



Elected Representatives Meeting

On the 15th October I, along with Rachel, Nellie and Conor, attended one of our regularly-scheduled student representatives meetings. These meetings are chaired by Wendy Holden and also attended by representatives from the GSA. During this meeting, we discussed issues including:

- Academic integrity
- The progress of the implementation of 'Gender X' on University forms
- Having student members on University committees which currently have restricted membership
- Various examination issues

Tour of study spaces

The same group who attended the Elected Representatives Meeting was also invited on a tour of the proposed new study spaces for students on campus, led by Jenny Ellis from Library Services. We were shown plans for redeveloping spaces in the Baillieu Library, the FBE Building/Eunson Giblin Library and the Law Building, which will provide hundreds more students with extra space to study,

both individually and in groups. I was personally very impressed with the plans and the level of detail and thought which has gone into them. The main suggestion I had was the introduction of kitchenette-type facilities in spaces close to study areas to allow students who are studying after-hours to bring in food. I will continue to push for this type of amenity to be included in future plans.

Operations Sub-Committee

Operations Sub-Committee has been meeting regularly. Among the motions that have been passed recently are VCA expenditure, expenditure at Burnley for a BBQ run by the student club Horticultured, UMSU Radio expenditure and Queer Department expenditure.

Constitutional Working Group

Unfortunately due to a lack of attendance in recent months and a lack of drive for major changes, an SGM will not be held this year to change the UMSU Constitution. However, the group has still been meeting to develop proposals and rationale statements for a number of changes, which will be presented to the 2016 Students' Council and if successful ratified at an SGM next year.

Office Bearer Meeting to discuss honoraria

On the 15th October, I organised a meeting with Office Bearers to discuss OB honoraria, as a number of people had discussed with me previously ideas for changes they would like to see. Among the issues discussed were Creative Arts officer workload and honoraria during Mudfest years, Media Officer honoraria, and various potential accountability methods for ensuring that Office Bearers are fulfilling their obligations and meeting the expectations of Students' Council and the student body at large. The discussions were often robust with many differences of opinion, but it was a useful forum for people to air their concerns. I expect that at least one proposal for a Constitutional change will subsequently be drafted and presented to the 2016 Council with the other proposals to come from the Constitutional Working Group. Minutes of this meeting can be provided upon request.

Activities



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Report of James Baker and Hayden Michalides Activities Officers

To Students' Council 24/15
22/10/2015

Key activities:

Oktoberfest:

After all the time spent organising Oktoberfest in a new venue, the event went off without a hitch, with no major incidents, and everyone in attendance having a great time. With the movement of the event to the new venue, we increased capacity, with ~550 people coming, however there is an opportunity to increase this number, with up to ~750 people able to fit in there, allowing for an expansion each year until we start to hit that mark. As the issue with Oktoberfest before this year has been the lack of tickets, this is a great outcome.

Budget expenditure since last report: Last report (with expenditure) had all expenditure up until the end of August, and this one has all expenditure, correct to the 19th of October. Note that most of the money we pass is more than the actual cost of the items, however as we don't have a final quote at the time of the order, we must do so to ensure we can pay for it.

Meeting	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item
13/15	17/09/15	Money for Oktoberfest Steins	\$2,000.00	Special Projects/Events (3839)
		Money for Cider	\$1,500.00	Special Projects/Events (3839)
14/15	05/10/15	Money for Cider	\$1,100.00	Special Projects/Events (3839)
		Money for Beer and Cider	\$1,600.00	Special Projects/Events (3839)
		Wristbands for Oktoberfest	\$80.00	Special Projects/Events (3839)
		PA Hire	\$160.00	Special Project Weeks (3850)
		Staging Hire	\$150.00	Special Project Weeks (3850)
		Staging Hire	\$35.00	Special Project Weeks (3850)
		Security Hire	\$2,200.00	Special Project Weeks (3850)
		Pizza	\$1,000.00	Special Project Weeks (3850)
		A/V hire for Trivia	\$325.00	Special Projects/Events (3839)
		Cleaning for Oktoberfest	\$1,624.81	Special Projects/Events (3839)
		Security for Oktoberfest	\$5,473.50	Special Projects/Events (3839)
		15/15	12/10/15	Gas for Oktoberfest
Bar Equipment hire	\$500.00			Special Projects/Events (3839)
A/V costs (includes marquee hire, lighting, PA costs and ice machine)	\$30,000.00			Special Projects/Events (3839)
Oktoberfest food	\$3,300.00			Special Projects/Events (3839)
Beer and cider for Oktoberfest	\$13,000.00			Special Projects/Events (3839)
Tablecloths for Oktoberfest	\$400.00			Special Projects/Events (3839)
Total			\$64,718.31	

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

**To Students' Council 24/15
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Alcohol:

- Fiona and Stephen have been working with Angeline Courtenay (MUSUL Projects Officer) to establish new requirements for the service of alcohol for affiliated clubs in Union House, and on campus.
- Have established that in the new process *all* clubs must be covered by a liquor license.
- Clubs whose main focus is alcohol (More Beer!, Cider Appreciation Society, Student Wine Society, etc.) will need to obtain their own liquor license, other clubs can be covered by the MUSUL Liquor License.
- All alcohol will need to be purchased through MUSUL (i.e. 130 Degrees).

Clubs Online:

- Continuing to provide feedback to Hidden Spark about adjustments to the 'draft' program we were sent to finalise it.
- It will be ready to launch for O-Week 2016.

AGMs

- Spending a considerable amount of time processing AGM papers for clubs, which includes manually updating the Lotus Notes database.
- MUSUL has extended our allowance to hire a casual staff member to assist with this, given that this is a function that Clubs Online will cover into the future.

New Clubs:

- Reviewed process for calling and running IGMs has proven successful, with increased attendance this semester.

Budget

- It is anticipated that the C&S Committee will spend their allocated \$275,000 and may direct us to ask Council for additional allocations later in the year.
- Will provide a detailed expenditure report to the next meeting of the Council.

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Report of
Bonnie Leigh- Dodds and Isabella Vadiveloo
Creative Arts Officer

To Students' Council 24/15
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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 Report is in its final stages, drafts complete and just collating reports from festival management team.

City of Melbourne Event Partnership acquittal was completed.

Most artists and contractors have been paid, but this is an extremely comprehensive process with over 100 individuals to receive invoices from.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Finalised Report

Complete full payments to all artists and contractors

Expenditure

Grants for student artists in Mudfest	\$5000
Bar Manager fee	\$1000
Production Manager payment	\$1500
Mentor Fee, The Village Festival	\$6000
Purchase of Wine, Spirits and soft drink	\$2000

Disabilities



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Report of
Sasha Chong and Susannah Gordon
Disabilities Officers

To Students' Council 24/15
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Key activities:

ICan Event:

We have locked in a speaker and event day for this event we are holding on the day of council. We are specifically looking at highlighting women with disabilities.

The event page has gone up and we will be buying food and alcohol on Wednesday

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.

We are looking at training new facilitators to run this group next year and still have 3 facilitators willing to continue next year. There is a possibility that we may be able to run 2 groups if the interest is high enough.

Meetings with incoming OBs:

We have so far had a couple of meetings with Jess and Christian and are planning on doing a gradual handover so they can get the hang of the job. We have been updating them both on what we have been doing this year, and have spoken about the direction we all would like to see this department take. Because it is still a new department, this involves figuring out what kind of role we would like to take in the union as a whole

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.

Reducing stigma campaign:

One of the biggest things we have wanted to focus on this year is reducing the stigma around disability and what it means to identify as having a disability. Talking with Christian and Jess we have

decided it would be great to do some kind of poster campaign similar to what Queer have put up and challenge the ideas people still carry about our department.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Campaigns

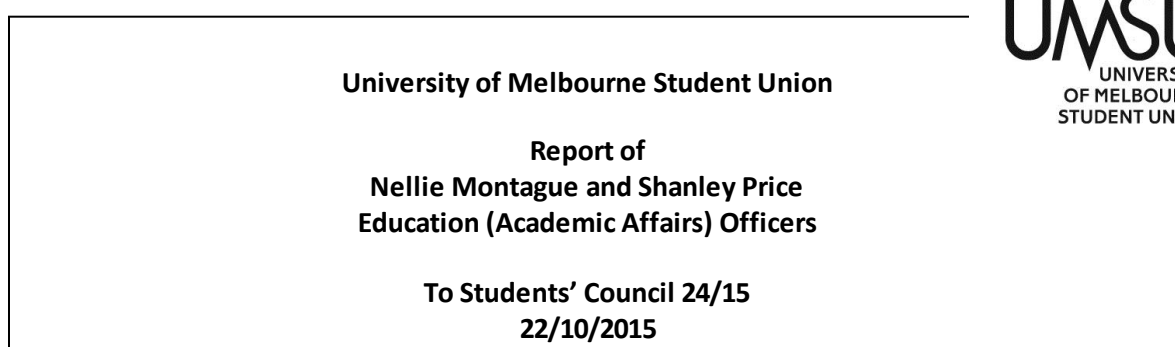
Our major campaigns on trigger warnings for classes and Auslan as a diploma.

We have been talking with Jess and Christian as to the direction this needs to take next year. By starting small and gauging interest in these topics, we are able to prove to the University that these are changes that need to happen.

Working through the constitution:

It has been on our to-do list to go through the constitution and identify any areas (e.g. under discrimination etc.) that need to be addressed regarding disabilities. Because Sasha has been busy with university work, this has yet to be done.

Education (Academic Affairs)



University Statute and Regulation Changes

- Waiting to hear back from the University Secretary RE: our proposed amendments

Student Representative Network (SRN)

- Applications have opened as of the 16th Oct 26 applications have been received
- 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 reassessment paper is being written to be presented to APC in November

Constitutional Changes

- Ongoing discussions with office bearers about what should be changed in the constitution to ensure a fairer, more supportive, transparent, useful and strong Union

Automatic Lecture Capture

- Met with Gregor Kennedy and Kristine Elliott regarding the long-awaited Automatic Lecture Capture Policy - this will mean that lecturers must opt out of lecture recordings if the technology is available.
- Very happy to see clear guidelines as to what are not acceptable reasons for non-recording including copyright issues, intellectual property issues and pedagogical experience
- Are being kept in the loop about the communication plan which will include processes for students that wish to clarify why their lectures are/are not recorded

Burnley

- Number of issues around staffing cuts and ongoing support for degrees and courses at Burnley
- Working with GSA, NTEU, City of Melbourne, student clubs, course advice committees and the incoming campus coordinator to ensure students will be able to continue their studies at a high standard

Arts and Entertainment Student Advisory Group Meeting

- Discussion around Big Bazaar for next year including involving Rowden White Library
- Feedback from Comedy Fest and Mudfest
- Discussions around bands and events that would be good to see in 2016

Study Space Tour

- Met with Jenny Ellis (Library Services, Academic Services and Registrar), Wendy Holden and Fleur Hickman to have a look at some exciting proposed changes to library space around campus
- Approx 500 extra seats added to ares in Baillieu, Law, ERC, Giblin Eunson
- Work to take place over 2016/2017

Elected Representatives Meeting

- Met with Richard James and Wendy Holden regarding the following
- Burnley issues
- Paul Duldig Student Advisory Group? Advertising on the portal. 'provide ongoing feedback on current services and new initiatives.'
- SES rewards/incentives? Why not happening this year?
- Collision advertising issues
- Sustainability Charter
- Gender X
- MSD statistics re students using the building late at night
- Calculator loan system
- Hostile Environments Subject review
- Academic Integrity
- Faculty Reps Governance Structures
- Next Meeting - incoming OBs to come to

Followed up on the following

- Acknowledgement of country in university committee meetings
- Mid semester break why after week 9?
- Tin alley precinct? other projects mentioned by Naomi Barun (re tail; transport...) - been in touch? link student precinct with other projects?

- Finance Committee
- Statute and Reg changes

University Council


- Met with Kara to talk about issues raised at Uni Council
- Preparing a Housing Paper in light of student housing developments being proposed by the University

Shanley

Bachelor of Science Double Majors

- strong response from the bachelor of science survey and a report will be written for the next sci/biomed course standing committee meeting

Education (Public Affairs)

<p>University of Melbourne Student Union</p> <p>Report of Conor Serong Education (Public Affairs) Officer</p> <p>To Students' Council 24/15 22/10/2015</p>	
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Key activities:

Pathways Taskforce

- Still meeting regularly, so far only data-collection and discussion around scope of the project. This should lead to more “hands-on” meetings in coming weeks.

Wayfinding Strategy

- Steering Committee was once again postponed, this time until mid-November.

Student Services and Amenities Fee

- Social media promotion of the SSAF has been occurring, however, engagement at this time of semester is quite low.

Lecture Recordings

- Nellie and I met with the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Educational Innovation Gregor Kennedy, and Associate Professor Kristine Elliott, from the Centre for the Study of Higher Education, to discuss progress on lecture recording policy.
- Pleasingly, this is still on-track for December 2015 rollout, ready for Semester 1, 2016.

- We were given a (confidential) draft of the policy, and gave some feedback. Broadly, we were very happy that this addressed a number of concerns. We will go into more detail as this progresses, but as things currently stand we are confident that after many years of campaigning for better lecture recording, we may have finally slain this proverbial Goliath.

Student Representative Network

- The final regular meeting of the SRN for 2015 is this week. I have been working with Nellie to tighten up the administrative side of things, and hope to leave the SRN in a good position for the incoming Office Bearers to take over.

Examination Resits

- Nellie and I have been working with Thibaut and Ravini, two of our SRN members, as well as Emily from the Graduate Student Association's Education and Policy Group, on a project to expand examination resits to all students who fail a final exam, rather than those who meet disparate and seemingly arbitrary "borderline fail" requirements.
- David Shallcross, Chair of the Academic Programs Committee, was quite receptive to such an idea, and encouraged the submission of a discussion paper which will hopefully be presented later this year.

Policy Officer

- Nellie and I have been in discussions with various other Office Bearers and staff members about the potential for a new staff position to be created, to assist Office Bearers with research, reports and advice to enable more informed student representation. Pending decisions of the Council, we hope to set up a working group to explore the options for such a position to be implemented as soon as possible.

Expenditure since last report:

We are in the process of purchasing a second round of pens, t-shirts and craft materials, however as yet there is no new expenditure to report.

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**Report of
Daniel Sullivan
Environment Officer**

**To Students' Council 24/15
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Fossil Free Melbourne Uni and the Sustainability Charter:

The University's Sustainability Charter draft was released and the consultation on it started last week. While the development of strong Charter principles is very important, it is becoming clear that consultation on the and involvement in the University's Sustainability Plan 2016-2020 (which will be finalised in July 2016) will be the most crucial document as to whether a range of sustainability issues, such as fossil fuel divestment, waste reduction, carbon emissions reductions, sustainability in the curriculum, and energy usage and sourcing are addressed in a way commensurate to the huge environmental crises we face today (and that developed countries are mostly responsible for)

Bike Co-op:

We had our last Bike Co-op on Tuesday morning. I'm working with our bike mechanic Cat to source some bicycle parts and accessories that can be given out/sold to students next year.

Play With Your Food.

We had our last PWYF on Tuesday. Anisa and Zac (next year's Environment Officers) attended and are keen to continue the tradition next year.

Riff Raff Radical Marching Band

We are having weekly band rehearsals every Thursday night 6-8pm in the Training Rooms in the lead up to the **Peoples Climate March** on 27 November. All are welcome!

Melbourne Uni Alliance

The Alliance is organising several info sessions and promotional activities to encourage members of the university community to attend the **Peoples Climate March**. We may hold a screening of the documentary "This Changes Everything", based on the book by Naomi Klein. One of the Alliance members, the Oaktree student club, is today calling on Students Council to support the march.

In response to the Federal Environment Minister **Greg Hunt's** reapproval of the huge potential disaster for the climate and the Great Barrier Reef that is the **Carmichael coal mine project**, last Friday I supported a snap action where members of the activist theatre troupe **ClimActs** occupied the roof of his electoral office dressed as **Climate Guardian angels**. While on the roof, they lit a flare as an SOS to the world, condemning the Turnbull government's decision to give the green light to such a destructive project.

Expenditure since last report:


Meeting no. & date	Description	Amount	Budget line
1 (19/02/15)	Fossil Free Melbourne Uni activities	\$98.70	3839
9 (20/08/15)	What is the Sustainability Charter? forum catering (Enviro Week)	\$396.00	3839
9 (20/08/15)	Grant for FLW Theatre's "The Dark Room"	\$400.00	3839
5 (12/05/15)	Bike mechanic wages for UMSU Bike Co-op (6.5 hours)	\$390	3839

Indigenous

Media

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Report of
Maddy Cleeve Gerkens, Martin Ditmann, Lynley Eavis & Simon Farley
Media Officers
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Edition 8

Is done! It's packed with:

- More great art and graphics!
- Some fantastic investigative and news pieces.
- Some more extraordinary creative writing.
Some of our great columnists' final columns.
- And lots more.

Radio expansion

We've been examining some exciting and big options to expand radio, from narrowcasting to VCA inclusion. We're going to keep researching and developing them.

Media Office recruitment

Next year's Media Officers have just opened our biggest recruitment drive of the year, the end of year applications. This is our biggest outreach thing of the year, and there are tens of positions up

for grabs. It'll help determine a large chunk of our collective next year, so we really really want to make sure it's diverse and inclusive.

We've been supporting them, doing social media promotion, handouts and putting up posters.

So, the thing you could most do to help is to invite your collective and friends! Also, you should apply yourself! Do a radio show or draw or be a reporter. You'd be really awesome.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1056892751011914/>

Supporting this, along with all the detailed technical and general handover needed in the Media Office, will be one of our main focus for the next month.

Last Wordplay

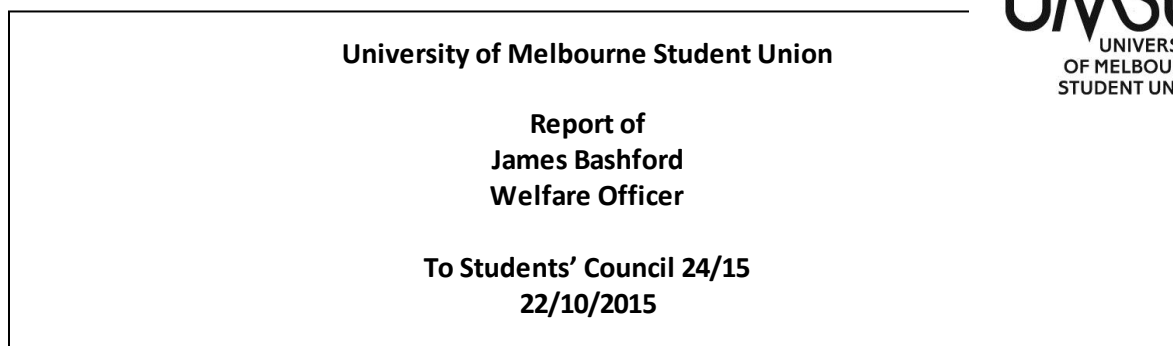
We held our last Wordplay! It was, once again, successful and featured many great readings.

Finance

Our spending included money on our final and previous editions, a big amount of long-term radio equipment and our launch parties and Wordplay.

Queer

Welfare



Summary

- The last weekly breakfast and welfare collective finish today
- Yoga classes will continue over the exam period
- As the end of my term approaches I've been looking to asset purchases to make use of what's left of the welfare budget while I can. This includes assets that next year's Obs can use decided in consultation with them as well as purchasing consumables that can be given to students for free like food and contraceptives.
- I've begun the handover process to next year's officers to ensure they are ready to take on their roles.
- I've also spent some time beginning my own transition to the role of General Secretary with Hana

Final weekly activities

Today is the last weekly breakfast and welfare collective for the year (hence my absence from the meeting). As I've reported throughout the year the breakfasts have been a fantastic event to run and it's been very rewarding to see them grow each week and to see the gratitude from students for this service. In the past few weeks I've been able to increase the amount of food bought, particularly fruit, with the overall costs coming in under budget. I've also tried to take in as much feedback as possible to pass onto next year's team.

Collective has run more sporadically this semester which has resulted in it being somewhat less successful than last semester when it was run weekly. There are a lot of ways in which the collective can be improved, particularly offering increased opportunities for volunteering, which I'll be able to pass on to next year's team as well. Having regular meetings but also keeping these meetings fresh, interesting and social are particular factors that have emerged as important to the success of the collective.

Yoga will continue over the exam period with one class each Tuesday. Our instructor is very well liked by students and as I've reported before, these classes are a fantastic way to facilitate both mental and physical wellbeing amongst students.

Between now and the end of my term the key tasks in this area will be ensuring all invoices and costs have been paid and that I'm passing on as much information and guidance on this as possible to next year's Welfare Officers.

Asset Purchases

With many of my responsibilities winding down for this term I've been working with next year's Obs to put what's left in our budget to good use while we can. This includes the purchase of Welfare branded T-Shirts for volunteers to improve our visual presence and promote the department and UMSU. The shirts will include a "This service brought to you by SSAF" logo. I'll also be refreshing some of our BBQ equipment ready to be used for breakfasts next year and may also purchase new yoga mats. These purchases will all be made in consultation with Yan and Sarah, next year's OBs to ensure that the leftover money is being put to the best use and to free up money for them to do even more with the department next year.

I've also discussed sharing some of my funds with other departments looking to make purchases which overlap with the purposes of welfare, such as self-help books for the queer space. I plan to use other leftover funds to stock up on supplies to be given to students for free like condoms and other contraceptives and a whole lot of stock for the food bank.

Handover

I've already begun to work with next year's Welfare Officer to ensure they have a strong foundation of knowledge to start off with next year. This is personally important for me given my own experience with a lack of handover and how that affected me at the start of my term. As Yan is currently on exchange I met with her prior to leaving and have also been working with her and Sarah online. In the past few weeks Sarah has helped run the breakfast and collective and over the next month I intend to organise meetings with the University staff I've worked with as a chance to introduce Sarah to them and handover those relationships.

I've simultaneously been starting to work on my own handover to General Secretary next year with Hana. This has primarily involved working together on some of the many issues which will not be resolved this year, particularly pertaining to constitutional reform. Last week I attended my first management meeting as well as

my first meeting on the Bar Steering Group as General Secretary -Elect. This transition period should allow things to continue more smoothly instead of resetting to square one as often happens with OB turnover.

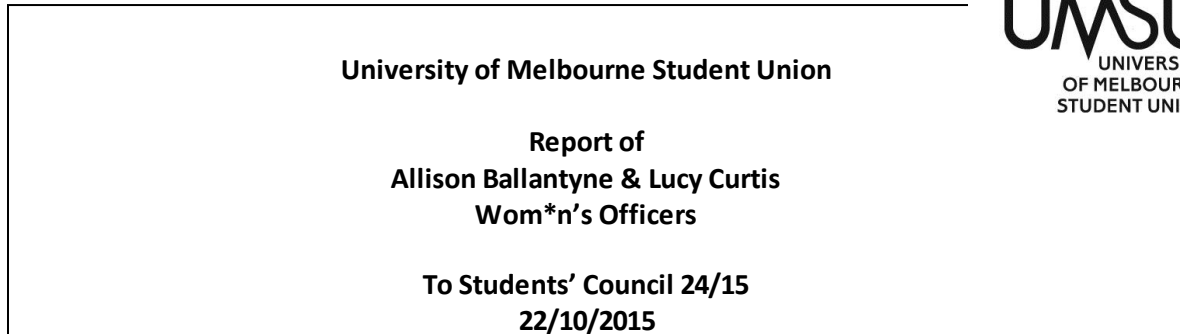
Expenditure

Below is a summary of my records of expenditure over Semester 2

17-Jul	\$ 506.15	Breakkie (costco)
30-Jul	\$ 90.00	breakfast bbq
30-Jul	\$ 152.66	Breakkie (w1)
4-Aug	\$ 135.74	Breakkie w2
7-Aug	\$ 99.00	breakfast bbq
11-Aug	\$ 150.23	Breakkie w3
13-Aug	\$ 99.00	breakfast bbq
13-Aug	\$ 8.72	Breakkie (reimb.)
18-Aug	\$ 143.21	breakkie w4
20-Aug	\$ 99.00	breakfast bbq
25-Aug	\$ 188.47	breakkie w5
28-Aug	\$ 99.00	breakfast bbq
1-Sep	\$ 160.36	breakkie w6
8-Sep	\$ 900.00	Yoga (wks 1-6)
8-Sep	\$ 173.97	breakkie w7
15-Sep	\$ 160.47	breakkie w8
22-Sep	\$ 188.65	breakkie w9
29-Sep	\$ 420.00	Yoga (wks 7-9)
6-Oct	\$ 210.78	breakkie w10
14-Oct	\$ 185.09	breakkie w11
21-Oct	\$ 200.15	breakkie w12
14-Jul	\$ 23.85	Food for collective (reimb.)
13-Aug	\$ 10.90	Food for collective (reimb.)

8-Oct	\$	35.09	Food for collective (reimb.)
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Wom*n's



Key activities:

Judy's Punch

- Finalising the cover of Judy's Punch, proof-reading and tweaking the layout have taken up most of our time for the past few weeks
- We are due to approve the proofs tomorrow, and receive the publication next Monday
- We are planning to have our launch party next Monday

Reviewing the university's sexual harassment and assault procedures

- We've also continued looking into the university's sexual harassment and assault procedures over the past couple of weeks
- So far this has mainly involved a few meetings
- This will be a key focus for the last part of our term

Anti-racism workshops

- Wom*n of Colour Collective's final two anti-racism workshops ran successfully last week and the week before

Consultation with web developer on 'security' part of student hub website

- Last week we met with a Web Manager from Student Services to discuss information currently on the student website about safety on campus. We provided some feedback on that section of the website
- We also flagged with him the need to improve the 'Support' section of the student hub website

Budget expenditure since last report:

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-Item	Comments
16/15	5/10/2015	Judy's Punch printing	\$4600	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n's Collective weeks 11 + 12	\$80	Special projects/events	
		Food for Queer and Questioning QTs weeks 11 + 12	\$80	Special projects/events	
		Food for Wom*n of Colour Collective weeks 11 + 12	\$168	Special projects/events	
		Judy's Punch launch	\$1000	Special projects/events	
17/15	20/10/2015	Additional Judy's Punch printing	\$1000	Special projects/events	
		Additional food for Wom*n's Collective and Queer and Questioning QTs in week 12	\$100	Special projects/events	
		Gift for volunteer editor of Judy's Punch	\$80	Special projects/events	

VCA

All OB written reports were noted.

Questions were welcomed from the floor

Stephen Connolly raised that things have progressed further regarding the alcohol and Clubs issue – so the report will differ from what is actually occurring.

Creative Arts noted that the UHT awards were next week, and Tyson congratulated Bonnie for being nominated for an award.

The Environment Office was asked about their grant to Four Letter Word theatre – Daniel replied that it was for recyclable set materials.

Lia Vassilidis asked about Education Public's response to Malcolm Turnbull and what actions they were planning to take. Conor replied that they're waiting on Committee to be quorate to confirm their next actions.

Tyson gave a verbal Indigenous Office report – reporting that Under Bunjil 2 is at the printers, and that the office is looking to create an Indigenous media library – owned by UMSU. He's also planning Indigenous O week 2016.

Andrea gave a report. The 6 weekly queer events have been running smoothly, and they're planning an end of year party. There have been budget issues regarding Pride ball and the keeping of invoices and communication. The clothes swap is also going well.

It was confirmed that the VCA OB had not submitted a report to Council

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

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

5. General Manager's Report



University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of
Justin Baré
General Manager, UMSU

To Students' Council 24/15
October 22, 2015

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 were due by an extended deadline of September 30. One submission was received.

A meeting of the Working Group has been scheduled to take place in the week commencing October 19.

Volunteering

The final proposal outlining a framework to support UMSU volunteering programs has been included with papers for Students' Council.

MUSUL SciiP & 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

Previous advice suggested that reporting in relation to the MUSUL Strategic Review would be brought forward to October. Subsequent advice provided by MUSUL is that the Strategic Review and SciiP processes will be the subject of final reports to the MUSUL Board on November 23.

Facilities and Services Agreement (FSA) Reporting Obligations

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

A report was due to be provided to UMSU in advance of the meeting of the MUSUL Board on October 12. No report was provided.

UMSU provided a report on the delivery of service to MUSUL on October 13. MUSUL has not responded to this report or identified any issues of concern in relation to this service provision.

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

Coffee sales have commenced and will wind up prior to the commencement of the Exam Period.

2016

A range of issues are being addressed with MUSUL and Rachel and I attended the meeting of the MUSUL Board on October 12 to speak to the resolution endorsed by Council on October 6.

On October 15 Rachel, James Baker and I met with the CEO of MUSUL and the MUSUL Project Management Officer to identify issues to be addressed prior to the meeting of the MUSUL Board on November 23. The primary issues are:

- Arrangements for the management of liquor licencing;
- Arrangements to oversee the provision of food service
- Allocation of costs

The first of these two issues were the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Steering Group also on October 15.

Advice is being prepared in relation to the most effective corporate and staffing structures for the operation of an UMSU Bar.

At the meeting with MUSUL representatives on October 15 there was some discussion in relation to simplifying Liquor Licencing arrangements as a result of the potential transfer of the licence relating to the bar to UMSU. This may make it possible for UMSU to operate events including the sale of alcohol under a licence controlled by UMSU.

A number of issues have been raised in relation to UMSU's use of MUSUL's licences for events such as Oktoberfest and the Comedy Festival. Consolidating events under UMSU licence arrangements should make management of alcohol service simpler and ensure compliance with the terms of any UMSU controlled licence.

Electoral Tribunal – Ruling

The Returning Officer made rulings in relation to the use of UMSU resources at the Southbank Campus. The Electoral Tribunal has considered this matter.

Advice is required from the Returning Officer to establish the final amount that will be the subject of cost recovery.

Clubs Online

The process for the finalisation and launch of Clubs Online is advanced. After reviewing progress of software development some weeks the program was positively assessed. A small number of processes required additional work to finalise. In particular:

- Alcohol application process is not finalised as we are still working this through with MUSUL with regard to the MUSUL liquor licence.
- Application for Payment calculations are being finalised
- Training is yet to be populated; however, has been agreed that this will be completed over summer
- Login – C&S are collecting a list of club short-names for the generation of club accounts.

It is proposed that soft or staged launch will take where C&S invites clubs to begin applying for their Orientation grants so the process can be tested.

An initial launch is expected take place prior to the end of November.

Induction 2016

Planning for induction for 2015/16 Office Bearers has commenced and is expected to take place on December 1 -4.

Budget 2016

Preparation of initial drafts of the 2016 UMSU Budget has commenced.

Staffing

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

Recruitment is underway for the Marketing & Events Officer in Communications and Marketing.

Occupational Health & Safety

There are no items to report.

Discussion about MUSUL's inaction regarding the reporting requirements in the FSA.

Students' Councillors expressed disappointment in the lack of responses to the required surveys, and requested information about the next steps.

Patrick Clearwater asked why his feedback regarding the Communications survey disappeared. Justin indicated it was part of the wider discussion with Rachel.

Motion 6: That the UMSU General Managers' report be accepted

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

Volunteering Programs Proposal

Justin spoke to the proposal – which has not changed since Council saw it last.

Motion 7: To accept and endorse the Volunteering Proposal

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

UMSU Bar steering group report

Corporate Structure

The UMSU Bar Steering Group has been considering two governance and management models for the operation of an UMSU Bar.

Those options are:

1. UMSU operates the bar as an additional department and follows the same lines of accountability and governance that applies to all other UMSU staff;
2. the creation of a wholly-owned subsidiary of UMSU (a company limited by guarantee) to oversee the operation of the bar.

At this stage the Steering Group is recommending that UMSU adopt option two as it limits UMSU's potential liability as a result of the operation of the bar, and that the directors of a company limited by guarantee are afforded more protection from individual liability than the directors of an incorporated association.

The Steering Group endorsed a proposal that an UMSU subsidiary would have a three person board of directors. The President, General Secretary and General Manager of UMSU would all be ex-officio directors. Each of these roles is accountable to Students' Council and as the sole member of the company limited by guarantee UMSU would retain oversight of the company.

A range of issues will need to be addressed once a corporate structure has been agreed in principle. These include:

- updating UMSU's insurance arrangements
- support for staffing arrangements
- audit and financial reporting

- potential company registration with ASIC

Bar Naming Process

The Steering Group considered an initial process for naming the bar based on the suggestions made by respondents to the survey. In discussion it was agreed that the options that arose from this process did not have a resonance with UMSU or the student body.

The Steering Group agreed to open suggestions for naming the bar, and for suggestions to address the basis and significance of the proposed name. In order to inform design and branding it was agreed that UMSU needs to be able to explain why the bar has a particular name and how that name is significant to students or the student organisation.

Bar Design Process

The Steering Group is finalising a brief for a student design competition for surface level upgrades to the interior of the Bar. The intention is to run this competition with prize money incentives to elicit some creative responses of which we can use parts/all to upgrade the bar (with actual labour to be undertaken by contractors).

Food Service

The Steering Group is finalising documents to open an expression of interest process for the provision of food service in the Bar. The Steering Group has elected to invite expressions of interest for food service "residencies" of six months duration for 2016

Justin spoke to the report, outlining the reasons for the recommendation of an UMSU subsidiary.

He indicated that Council should either endorse/not endorse this recommendation now, as going forward there would be a lot of work (and some associated costs)

Motion 8: To endorse the latest update from the Student Bar Steering Group

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to item 9

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9. Motions on Notice

9.1 Media Department Expenditure – Farrago Edition 7/8 Launch Party

Motion 9: To pass up to \$600 from the 'Special Projects' budget line of the Media Department budget for the Farrago Edition 7/8 launch party.

Mover: Martin Ditmann

Seconded: Danielle Bagnato

9.2 Media Department Expenditure – Wordplay

Motion 10: To pass \$80.00 for pizza for Wordplay from the Media Department 'Special Projects' line.

Mover: Martin Dittmann

Seconded: Danielle Bagnato

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.3 Policy Officer Proposal

Preamble:

As the representative organisation for all students of the University of Melbourne, UMSU regularly engages with the University at various levels, on a broad range of issues. One major way that this is done is through the Student Representative Network (SRN), administered by the Education Department. This takes the form of a coordinated group of student members who sit on University boards, committees and other decision-making and advisory bodies. This year, the Education Department has been working closely with the Graduate Student Association (GSA) - especially their Education and Policy Group - and has worked towards formalising their involvement in the SRN.

The GSA Education and Policy Group are staff members who undertake work that complements and supports that of their elected student office bearers and Council members. This work comes in the form of research, report-writing and serving as a central point for the dissemination of information by, for example, attending SRN meetings and engaging in discussions around current issues as they arise. Given the relative permanence of staff members as opposed to elected student representatives, they serve as an invaluable source of ongoing institutional knowledge that can be passed along as terms expire and new representatives take office.

These are roles which, at UMSU, go largely unfulfilled. While the Education Officers try to have a close working relationship with the Advocacy team, this is often not possible as they are otherwise occupied with casework and other duties. While their assistance with, for example, running Governance Training for elected representatives is invaluable, it is not reasonable to expect that day-to-day support and assistance can be forthcoming, nor help with long-term, large-scale projects.

After discussions with the Manager, Advocacy and Legal, it is clear the current staffing structure of the department means staff do not have the capacity to provide the sort of support and time that could be provided by a dedicated staff member. Ideally, Office Bearers would have a staff member available as required for research, reports and broad engagement with the Office Bearer team as a whole, including closely understanding departments and getting to know student representatives in order to best work with them. Hence, we are proposing that such a position be established as soon as possible to enable the incoming student representatives to get off to the best possible start. As long as the position was a dedicated one with core duties involving working alongside Office Bearers and student departments, we expect that a part-time position may suffice.

Such a role would in no way take away autonomy or departmental discretion from elected Office Bearers or Committees: the staff member would be guided by at the direction of these representatives and would be able to produce quality, informative,

useful research and reports that Office Bearers do not have the time or necessarily the experience to be expected to complete themselves. If UMSU were to produce a greater number of reports and documents for discussion at regular University committee meetings, the organisation as a whole would stand to benefit as UMSU's external profile as a reliable and informed body would be enhanced, and our ability to react and respond to current issues within the University in a meaningful way would greatly increase.

Motion 11: That the Council directs the establishment of a working group, composed of the General Manager; Manager, Advocacy and Legal; President; General Secretary and Education Officers to begin investigations into the viability of employing a staff member such as a Policy Officer, Research Officer or similar to aid and support UMSU Office Bearers to design and undertake research, data analysis and preparation of reports and other submissions to further establish UMSU as a reputable, informed and powerful player in discussions about education and engagement at the University of Melbourne, as well as at state and national levels.

This working group should take into consideration questions of budget, organisational structure or restructure, industrial concerns and other relevant matters.

In particular, this working group should prepare one or more proposals for the consideration of Council in time for its next meeting. While it is important that this process be conducted thoroughly and taking into consideration all relevant obligations and issues, it is also essential that it be conducted as promptly as possible to ensure that any changes are in place early in the terms of incoming Office Bearers to allow a smooth transition and optimal implementation.

Mover: Conor Serong

Secunder: Nellie Montague

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

9.4 Burnley Expenditure – End of year trip

Preamble:

The Melbourne University campus of Burnley has not had student representation this year as no student ran in the UMSU elections last year. This means they did not receive a budget line in the UMSU budget in January and have only been able to access the Non-Parkville Budget Line.

Approximately \$2,700 has been moved during the year for events at Burnley - mainly to run BBQs.

The incoming Burnley Campus Co-ordinator Eranthos Beretta and the incoming committee have already begun to meet and work together and along with other Burnley students the idea of an end of year trip has been forthcoming.

This trip aims to provide an opportunity for Burnley students to engage in fieldwork and research while also facilitating networking and social activities. The Viking Lodge at Falls Creek has been proposed as the venue after recommendation from Karen Middleton from the Melbourne Uni School of Botany who uses it for her students, as an area with rich geohistory including varied types of soil and plant research opportunities.

To offer this to the broadest range of students it is hoped that Students Council will consider moving money to cover all the basic costs of the trip. The following monetary breakdown is presented:

ACCOMODATION - \$4,200

Viking Lodge at Falls Creek has offered to accommodate students at \$50 per head per night from Monday 23rd Nov to Thursday 26th Nov.

28 students x 50 dollars x 3 nights = \$4,200.

TRANSPORT - \$768 - (not including petrol)

Hertz provides 12 seater people movers from South Yarra and Preston at \$383.81 for 4 days per vehicle. That equals \$767.62 total for 24 seats, with insurance, premium waivers and petrol presumably more.

FOOD - \$1,680

3 self-catered meals a day x 28 students x \$20 = \$1,680. This does not include alcohol.

Total

\$6648

Motion 12: To move up to \$7000 from the Non-Parkville Budget Line to fund an end of year trip for Burnley students for 3 nights.

Mover: Nellie Montague

Seconded: Eranthos Beretta

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

PROCEDURAL MOTION: To move to discuss 10.1-10.4 en bloc now, and to suspend standing orders

Mover: Daniel Sullivan

Seconded: Martin Ditmann

CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT

The Council now moves to discuss 10.1-10.4 en bloc

Discussion around the appropriateness of the spending for chargers to come from the Campaigns Budget line.

PROCEDURAL MOTION: That the motions be put

Mover: Lachlan McCall

CARRIED

Motion 13: To pass the following en bloc

Motion: To pass the following Mudfest-related expenditure, from the Mudfest budget line.

- \$500 Payment to Production Manager Christa Jonathan, as last council motion was listed at \$1500, instead of \$200.

- To pass a further \$127 for the Welcome to Country

- Up to \$6000 in reimbursements to artists as provided with receipts, this includes individuals as well as productions

Motion: To pass the following expenditure from the Creative Arts Department Budget:

- Up to \$500 for a Creative Arts Department award for a woman in artistic leadership from Budget line 3839 (Special Projects)

- Up to \$1000 for costs associated with the Awards ceremony after party, namely a tab at the Clyde hotel and decorations from Budget line 3839 (Special Projects)

-Up to \$2500 in grants for round 4. Recipients: Adele Kava, Melbourne University Dancesport Club and UMMTA

Motion: To approve the following expenditure, from the Queer Department Budget:

- an additional for the COSG \$500 to cope with their rise in popularity from the grants line.

-up to \$3500 from the special projects and events line for the end of exams queer party to cover the costs of venue hire, food, security and dj

-up to \$1500 to improve the Queer space by purchasing books, condoms and replace some furniture

Motion: To move up to \$500 from the Campaigns, Special Projects and Events budget line of the Education Department to buy laptop and phone chargers for students to borrow.

Mover: Rachel Withers (Chair)

CARRIED

1:06 pm Lachlan Gell leaves – Quorum is lost

Discussion around whether Council should continue to discuss matters such as the Sustainability Charter and the NUS affiliation fee.

It's decided that the meeting will close, but those that wish to may stay to discuss NUS and the Charter.

Stephen Connolly leaves, proxies to Karly Banks

Meeting closed at 1:12pm

Discussion after this focused on the new University of Melbourne Sustainability Charter, where it was recommended that interested parties should meet and come up with a response to discuss at the next council. This was agreed to be a good idea by those present.

Discussion also occurred regarding NUS's affiliation fee, as the NUS President and General Secretary were in attendance. They circulated reports surrounding their National Office Bearers' work, and discussed their funding issues and new transparency efforts.