



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

2:00pm, Monday the 4th of December, 2017

Meeting 1(18)

Location: The Malaysian Theatre, Basement, Melbourne School of Design

| Student Office Bearer Reports | |
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| President | Not submitted |
| General Secretary | Not submitted |
| Activities | Not submitted |
| Clubs & Societies | Submitted |
| Creative Arts | Not submitted |
| Disabilities | Not submitted |
| Education (Academic Affairs) | Not submitted |
| Education (Public Affairs) | Not submitted |
| Environment | Not submitted |
| Indigenous | Not submitted |
| Media | Submitted, <i>with Recommendations</i> |
| People of Colour | Not submitted |
| Queer | Not submitted |
| Welfare | Not submitted |
| Women’s | Submitted |
| Burnley | Not submitted |
| Victorian College of the Arts | Not submitted |

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President
Desiree Cai

No report received.

General Secretary
Daniel Beratis

No report received.

Activities
Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

No report received.

Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss

Camp policy and regulations

We have been doing work on requirements for club camps in relation to alcohol to better protect the clubs legally and look after the students’ wellbeing. Some of this information has already been sent out and the rest is being drafted. There will be constitutional changes put forward to council soon on this matter so we will discuss in more detail then.

General work

Today is only the first day in office so it’s been a lot of setting everything up, getting access to computers and trying to adjust. Summer fest planning has begun and we are excited for a good year for C&S and UMSU in 2018.

Creative Arts
Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris

No report received.

Disabilities
Jacinta Dowe and Hien Ngyuen

No report received.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Alice Smith and Toby Silcock

No report received.

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements and Madeleine Sarich-Prince

No report received.

Environment
Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

No report received.

Indigenous
Alexandra Hohoi and Jenna Kramme

No report received.

Media
Ashleigh Barraclough, Esther Le Couteur,
Monique O’Rafferty and Jesse Paris-Jourdan
With Recommendations

Preparing for 2018

Our main job for the last month has been opening, and then sorting through, applications for the 2018 media collective. We received applications from 276 students, many of whom applied for several positions. We will complete a full report about applications for the next Council.

Fergus Neal, a member of the collective this year, has been hosting a show on Radio Fodder called the Ferg Neal Show. Fergus interviewed a number of high-profile guests this year, including Arj Barker, Peter Singer, Ronny Chieng, Bill Nye the Science Guy and more. His show has been successful and has helped improve the reach of Radio Fodder.

We request that up to \$350 be passed from the 2017 budget line for Radio Fodder to reimburse Fergus Neal for the fees he has paid to host his show on iTunes.

People of Colour
Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige

No report received.

Queer
Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves

No report received.

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera

No report received.

Women's Kareena Dhaliwal and Molly Willmott

Respect Taskforce

The 2017 Womens Officer, Hannah Billet, was able to get me (Molly) onto the last meeting of the 2017 Respect Taskforce. The meeting was a really good opportunity to meet those in university management and academia who are involved in the safety on campus campaign. Unfortunately, the chair Richard James was in Japan, but I was able to meet the deputy provost, Elizabeth Capp, and the head of student services. These two, along with Richard, are going to be crucial in the Womens Department interaction with the safety on campus campaign at a university level so we look forward to working with them.

O-Week Preparation

Kareena has been writing content for our O-week zine, The Princess Ida. This was the name of the women's room when it first opened in Union House in 1888. The zine will contain a history of the Women's Department, an intro to feminist concepts, and info about the events and collectives we'll be running throughout the year. The zine will be included in the department tote bags we'll distribute on Carnival Day.

Along with Comms and our fellow OBs, we've been brainstorming events for Summerfest. We have decided on a Feminism 101 panel for O Week, and a special collective WoC and Women's collective with a lot of cake (Smash the Pastry-archy) for week 1.

We have also started enquiring for artists for designing our tote bag, and stickers. We hope to have that in to the printers in the coming week or so.

Planning

There are whiteboards, they have writing, we have plans for semester 1 and a lil bit of 2...(the plans will be presented to council throughout the year, and in our budget submission). We have a rough outline of what is happening what week next semester, but we need to properly look at timelines of larger events and programs.

We have also moved a motion for money out of Hannah's 2016 budget to pay for pads, tampons, condoms (latex and non-latex), dams etc to cover the year (and t shirts!!!!).

Budget

We put together our budget submission towards the end of November. It details how we are budgeting for standing events and collectives, as well as events and programs that we are starting up, reintroducing, and/or expanding. That'll be presented at the budget council in the coming weeks.

Handover

On the 9th of November, we received an in-person handover from the outgoing Womens officer. It was long but it covered all the necessary aspects of the department both behind the scenes and front of house. So, big ups to Hannah for sitting down with us, and congratulations on a great 2017. The department is in good hands.

Women’s Room

On December 1st, we gave the Women’s Room a thorough cleanout but it still requires more work. Kareena had to remove a carton of potentially months-old milk from the fridge. It was chunky. There’s a lot of clutter to be sorted through, some of which needs to be archived and some of which needs to be exorcised, or at least thrown out. The Union House Mouse (yet to be named, also we’re not sure if it’s the same one every time or a rotation of similar-looking mice) has made multiple appearances and left evidence of its presence. We are not quite sure how to deal with this humanely. Suggestions are welcome.

List of action points to be completed by next report:

Action 1:

Enquire about the tote bag contents and finalise the art needed for o-week

Action 2:

Buy supplies for the Womens Room for the year, and purchase new items for the room

**Burnley
James Barclay**

No report received.

**Victorian College of the Arts
Nicholas Lam**

No report received.