



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
10:00am, Tuesday the 6th of March, 2018
Meeting 5(18)
Location: Training Room 1, Third Floor, Union House

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All Office Bearer Reports are presented as they were received, with only formatting changes, with the exception of Environment, where one photo did not load and has been substituted for an explanatory note.

Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Desiree Cai**

Key Activities

Student Precinct

The first Student Precinct Steering Committee is to be on Wednesday the 6th of March. I suspect there will be more to report once these meetings start happening again on a regular basis.

User working groups to capture UMSU’s needs and desires for our spaces in the student precinct have also started up, with a first session on Arts and Cultural facilities being held on the 22nd of February. These user groups will continue as the design phase of the student precinct project continues, and it has been flagged that the hopeful date to have a finished concept design is late April.

The Bar

The bar has been operating normally for a week now! We should have a date for the official launch of the bar by next week. Plans for the fit-out of the bar are continuing, and we will soon be investigating how we will provide food through the bar.

Summerfest

Just wanted to say a huge congrats to everyone involved in planning Summerfest events and activities this year.

Neo-Nazis on campus

There was an incident on the first day of semester in which two men handing out flyers saying ‘it’s okay to be white’ and saying some anti-semitic, racist and homophobic things. There was a speak out organised for Wednesday, 2 days after the incident by students who were at the incident, and some UMSU student representatives including myself were able to speak at that.

Sexual assault recommendations and the Red Zone Report

The sexual assault recommendations that passed council last year have been updated thanks to the hard work of this year’s women’s officers, and hopefully will be passed this council, so that they can be brought to the next meeting of the student advisory group of the respect taskforce.

The Red Zone Report was released by EROC this week detailing issues with hazing and sexual assault within colleges. Molly and I prepared a statement together to respond to any potential media requests that may come up. That media statement has now been released on the UMSU website.

Metro Tunnel Update from the University

I met Kaitlin from the University Metro Tunnel Interface Project on the 27th of February. The university shares a lot of the same concerns as UMSU in regards to the disturbances from the metro tunnel construction works. They are continuing to advocate for mitigation strategies to deal with the disruption to Grattan Street including considering things such as a bridge across the works to connect the north and south sides of the campus, and ensuring that timetabling means that students don’t

have to run from south of Grattan up to the northern side of campus (although as of this moment in time, these mitigation strategies have only been investigated, not implemented). As soon as information becomes available from the Metro Rail Authority, the university will let me know so that we can start rolling out information through our channels so that students are aware of the actual effect of the disruption.

Media Training

On the 27th of February Daniel and I attended media training, organised by the Comms department. It was a great learning experience and I now feel more prepared to deal with the media, write better press statements, and formulate better strategic communication plans in the future.

Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Plan for first elected reps meeting (on 7th March)- this is currently in the works 😊
- Set up meeting with metro-tunnel interface group from Melbourne University- I met with Kaitlin from the university’s metro tunnel interface project
- Present CADMUS letter to the Academic Board- done! I think we got quite a good response from Academic Board, and at the next meeting we will receive a written response to our concerns from Richard James.

List of actions by next report

- Present the UMSU recommendations to the respect student advisory group/or taskforce
- Attend elected representatives meeting with Chancellery
- Attend and report back from Student Precinct Steering Committee

Budget Expenditure

N/A

General Secretary
Daniel Beratis

Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas

Office Bearers are reminded that proper notice of meetings and agendas must be circulated so that meetings can be valid. Minutes and agendas continue to be processed as received.

Key Activity 2: Policy and Regulations

Due to the very short time between Councils, the policy brought to Council at the last meeting is not yet ready for resubmission, but that should be done soon. The Policy and Procedure Framework Working Group should also provide a helpful basis for future policy and regulation creation and contemplation.

Key Activity 3: Working Groups

I am today bringing one Terms of Reference for approval, as well as providing the role of several other Working Groups that should be ready in the near future.

Key Activity 4: Media Training

On the 27th, I had the opportunity to engage in media training alongside Desiree with a senior lecturer from RMIT. It was informative and very useful in our further understanding of the media landscape and our role as elected officials.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Working Groups

Please look under your seats – yes, it’s a Terms of Reference for the PPFWG, and every member of the audience will leave with their very own copy. I, as mentioned above, also have the role descriptions of other Working Groups.

Action Point 2: PPFWG

See above.

Action points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Policy

I hope to have made significant progress in addressing Councillors’ concerns regarding the previously put policy, and will be continuing work on it to either achieve that significant progress or put the policy proper at next Council.

Action Point 2: Working Groups

Pending the creation of the PPFWG, I hope to hold the first meeting soon! I hope to also have other Terms of Reference for Working Groups at the next meeting.

Activities
Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

Key Activities

During Summerfest we had our Union House Sleepover. We’ve written our handover on it and have many, MANY things we would change for next year but overall we think it was a success and everyone who went had a good time. Obviously, this was our first activity for our term and while we both have experience running events, this is a silly complicated and overwhelming task which has only been operating for 2 years and still has a long way to go. However, we have a lot of people we’d like to thank and a lot of things we’re really proud of:

-huge thank you to all of the departments who spent their nights running immersive experiences, dj sets, 4am movement workshops and welfare checks. You guys killed it

-the response when we did have an incident was quick and professional and we'd like to thank everyone for showing what an effective first aid and welfare team we had early in the night

-we had such a positive response from the kids who stayed all night- they really got around all the weird and wacky stuff we had planned and there were very few workshops that didn't get a positive response

However, as we're sure everyone who went can acknowledge, the event did not run as smoothly as planned and we think it's important to acknowledge this.

Our biggest issues were:

1. Lack of engagement from multiple departments to the point where some didn't even show up
2. Failure to effectively communicating with the Clubs we had working for us- specifically to do with cloak room and little details for how the event would run for them
3. The processes in place for welfare and first aid after 3am. We have written extensively about this in our handover and will be doing a complete overhaul of the way this is run next year (and learning from it for any events we run during this term)
4. Having the bar open at 9pm and close after only 3 hours was extremely negative as it meant people predrank before showing up and continued to drink against our rules after the bar closed. It also meant under 18's were more isolated because they weren't allowed in the bar area which shouldn't have been the focus of the event
5. There were a few incidents on the night- they were handled extremely well but it's important to acknowledge that this event can be dangerous if not handled properly and we should consider a more formal welfare structure in the future

We've also continued to sell tickets and plan for our Start of Uni Party and St Patrick's Day events. Most of it has been sorted but there are still finer details to work out. We will continue to work on them in the coming weeks

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Not applicable – no report submitted last council

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalise all plans for Start of Uni Party and continue working on St Patrick's Day. Complete debriefs about Sleepover with other departments so we can communicate how we can improve it for next year

Budget Expenditure

Have not had committee meeting as of last council

Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss

Key Activities

Welfare

In addition to talking to CAPS about the extent to which they can support us on the creation of the General Welfare Training, we are investigating the validity of requiring clubs to have a welfare leader on camp who has completed Mental Health first aid training. We have created a survey to send out to camp leaders, which should hopefully demonstrate the efficacy of the Camp Welfare Training to a higher degree. We are also in the process of drafting a Behaviour Matrix for club events, which should help to guide clubs in dealing with small scale issues that might arise.

Changes to the UMSU Liquor License concerns

We would also like to report, though we have yet to come up with any significant actionable response to this, is an attitude that clubs are coming to us with in response to the changes being made to UMSU’s liquor license. The resistance towards these changes is both ridiculous and highly concerning.

We have observed that there is a prevailing assumption amongst clubs that it is some kind inalienable right that they should be able to provide excessive, free or very low-cost alcohol to their members, without any apparent regard for safety. This sense of entitlement to the use of Union funds for events focused solely on alcohol, and an assumption of exemption from liability should something go wrong, is resulting in prolonged arguments with club executives who come into the office under the delusion that they are somehow able to not abide by the regulations in place around alcohol, or that the department is trying to prevent their club from running fun events. There is a failure to understand that events run as a club under C&S and UMSU is not the right environment to get highly intoxicated, and that the department is actively opposed to the facilitation of such behaviour.

We will continue to recommend to clubs that they discuss with the Ida Bar and its management team alternative solutions to their perceived problems with the acquisition of alcohol at club events.

Lockers

We are still in the process of distributing locker allocations to clubs, which has been the main activity in the office this week.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Welfare Trainings

The feedback from the Safer Communities’ Camp Welfare Training has been collated, and a superficial analysis demonstrates an overwhelming positive response, and an acknowledgement that the training is highly necessary and constructive. There were several points of actionable feedback, which we have communicated to Safer Communities, and will be in discussions with in order to improve the training.

Constitutional and Policy workshopping

No new progress has been made since the last report.

Updating documents

No new progress has been made since the last report.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Welfare

Have the committee discuss the Camp Leaders feedback survey and send it out to all clubs who had a camp. Continue to investigate options for the general welfare training, including an extensive discussion with CAPS.

Constitutional and Policy workshopping

As per previous report.

Updating documents

As per previous report.

Budget Expenditure

Nil

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	08/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	01/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	15/02/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
4	27/02/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Creative Arts
Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Summerfest:

Botanic Drawing class: completed

Arty Party: completed

Key Activity 2

Key ongoing scheduling of TOTTSHOPS and Visual Art Classes

Key Activity 3

Activating our social media, updating all relevant media, noticeboards etc.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Dates for immediate Visual Art Classes set. Setting dates for TOTTSshops still ongoing.

Last Action Point 2

Committee availabilities for the semester attained.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Confirm marketing collateral for Arts Collective & TOTTSshops

Action Point 2

Select UMSU representatives for Theatreboard.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	08/02/2018	Botanic Drawing Instructor fee: to be paid to Andrew Seyward	\$320.00	Special Projects Week: Orientation	
		Arty Party spending	\$800.00	Special Projects: Arty Party	

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	05/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
2	08/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed

Disabilities
Jacinta Dowe and Hien Nguyen

Key activities

Progress on assigned actions from last report

The Carnival Day stall was successful in that we managed to engage with quite a few students, who seemed to really enjoy the sensory toys. Not many people tried out the beanbags or the ambient music. It’s possible that we needed to better advertise (a sign at the stall might have helped, students possibly didn’t understand why the headphones were there). Also, we ran into some trouble with our wifi connection so if this event were to be repeated we would need to download the music ahead of time and make a playlist. Isobelle from AND came and talked to a lot of students about the programs they have on offer as well.

DisabiliTea attracted about five students. While this number was fairly low it did give us a great opportunity to chat in depth with the students in attendance about the department and the support available to them throughout the university and answer their questions.

We met with ARUP to advise them on accessibility concerns and provide anecdotal evidence for their design of the new Student Precinct. We are further consulting with our collective to provide them with additional anecdotes.

Our sleep space at Sleepover had about 15-20 people by the end of the night (although they didn’t start to come in until around 2am) and everyone seemed comfortable.

SEDS Info Session went very well, although attendance wasn’t high. Advocacy and SEDS both had plenty of time to go into depth about the processes and supports available, and the students attending were engaged and asked a lot of questions. We were able to give them a lot of information and the feedback was positive. It might be worth holding this event in week 2 if repeated for higher student attendance.

Action points for next report

Budget Expenditure

No expenditure.

<p>Education (Academic Affairs) Alice Smith and Toby Silcock</p>
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Key activities

It's been a week since last council so there isn't that much to report, honestly. Especially since most of last week was taken up polishing off week 0 stuff. And Sleepover has wiped people out. Figuratively...sort of.

Key Activity 1 — Cadmus

Desiree and Alice had a meeting with Richard James about the academic integrity working group, which is investigating the viability of Cadmus and alternative methods for combating contract cheating. We are also building on the response to our letter to Academic Board, which by most accounts has very effectively put student opposition to Cadmus as a critical issue in the program's development.

Key Activity 2 — Academic Services

The department is also in the planning stages of a campaign about how utterly shit the academic service provisions of the Uni are. This will focus mainly Stop 1 and Academic Skills. Stay tuned.

Key Activity 3 — SRN

The first meeting will be called shortly, given that most committee meetings are only now being held (so calling it any sooner would be pointless for many). The reporting form will be live by next Council.

Key Activity 4 — Collectives

Our Week 1 Collective was under advertised, and also not in our usual location. Attendance was less than spectacular. This can partly be put down to (i) the fact that Ed Collective is being restarted, and starting new collectives is difficult; and (ii) it getting "lost" in the mass of planning for Summerfest.

Our next Collective will be our first formal, discussion-focused Collective. We'll note attendance and engagement in our next report.

Key Activity 5 — Weekly Stall

The first (ever!) Education Weekly Stall was held 1-2pm on Concrete Lawns. Engagement was strong (and Facebook traction was excellent), and interestingly most inquiries were about what Ed did and how they can help out. This will clearly be invaluable for engagement in the coming semester (and year), particularly concerning university services, Cadmus, Flexap, and NDA campaigns.

Key Activity 6 — Sleepover

This happened. Given that Alice also moved house the day after, and also the fact that most OB's spent more than 24 hours at Uni, most OB's were thoroughly wiped by it (it's a good thing we're not employees, the overtime would bankrupt the Union).

We didn't have a chance to engage with many students on Education issues, but reports from students were that the event was a lot of fun, with good activities, music, food, and general vibes.

Our Great Debate was under-promoted and since students seemed happy to continue watching Ronnie Chieng International Student which was screening where we were holding the event, in fact it didn't happen.

If Sleepover happens again next year, there should be a strong focus on activities that encourage productive conversations with students about what we do and how to get involved.

Progress on action points from last report

1. Hold initial Ed Collective

Done (see Key Activity 4).

2. Hold Syndicate launch, and have planned initial campaigns and events

Syndicate launch antedates this Council. This is in the works, see Education Public's report. Now that semester's commenced, as was always planned, responsibility for Syndicate will shift onto Education Public, and to a lesser extent Welfare (given their capacity).

3. Hold first weekly stall with Ed Pub

Done (see Key Activity 5).

4. Advertise errything (Countercourse, Ed Collective, the Department in general)

To be improved on, although some things were definitely lost in Summerfest. Basically, if we're doing this, then you should now about it ;)

5. Not collapse from having to study and do this at the same time

Rip us

6. Have meeting with Associate Dean T&L of Arts to discuss why Arts lecturers hate recording lectures.

This is next week, and was planned for next week when we wrote this for last council. We didn't think Council would be as soon as it is!

7. Organise informal catch-up with wellbeing co-ordinator at VCA to discuss ongoing engagement

Done, and had. Next step is to discuss more involvement of Welfare particularly.

8. Mobilise volunteers to inform students about Cadmus

Ongoing. Still doing data entry for new volunteers from O Week.

9. Continue to have fun

Sleepover was fun...for the students. And we're student reps, so we were responsibility for "having fun" in that sense (in that we aided the causing of fun). We have no comment on how much fun we, personally, are having. We're here to work.

This action point will not appear in the next report. If we've failed to complete it that just makes us more depressed at having to report it, starting a vicious cycle. If Council wants, it can start a Working Group into Fun Had by Office-bearers, which the Department will ignore, and continue to work.

Action points for next report

1. Have meeting with Associate Dean T&L of Arts to discuss why Arts lecturers hate recording lectures.
2. Create Stop 1 campaign plans and timeline.
3. Call SRN Meeting 1 for Week 3.
4. Roll out Cadmus campaign for 2018.
5. Develop preliminary plan for University Services campaign.
6. Hold second Education Collective, and note attendance and engagement.
7. Plan events for Rad Ed week.
8. Meet with Welfare on VCA engagement.
9. Clean the office (maybe just put all the junk on the Ed Pub side?) **Key Activities**

Budget Expenditure

None (invoices issued for Collective but to be paid before next council).

Committee Meetings

(None)

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements

Key Activities

Syndicate

We've finalised a schedule for the collective meetings of Syndicate – they will be held fortnightly from the 12th of March and mainly be held in Training Room 2, except for the 26th of March, which will be held in Joe Nap A.

These meetings are run fortnightly because between them, we will be running actual events. As mentioned in previous reports, our first event is this Wednesday (for those reading at the time of council) and will be from 4-7 at the Ida Bar. I would encourage all those who consider student welfare in the workplace a significant issue to attend. We have been advertising this event through lecture bashes, our education stall and poster, among other avenues.

With regards to event 1, we have finalised the guests who will be attending, as well as finished sourcing materials that will be present at the event. We will be repurposing some of the Education Department tote bags and filling them with lots and lots of materials that would give Liberals nightmares.

Preliminary planning has begun for event 2, which will be held in week 4 and will be a speaking panel with guests so far confirmed from the Young Workers Centre. More details will be provided at council's next meeting.

Education stall

The first of our weekly Education stalls for the year were held on Wednesday the 28th of Feb, the day that my concession card expired. We piggy-backed off of the information stall that was present at the Concrete Lawns activation. A number of students approached us at the stall, both with general enquiries as to what we were doing there and with problems to solve. The stall generally seemed to be successful and we are looking forward to continuing to run them in the future.

Careers Fair Stall

We are in the process of confirming details about how UMSU Education's stall will operate at the university's Careers Fair next week. As mentioned previously, this stall will be used to flog Syndicate's activities on campus and more broadly to inform students of their rights should they be employed by any of the companies present at the fair. At the time of writing, I am anticipating a meeting with Shari Blanck from University Services, who will be confirming the nitty-gritty parts of setting up and where we will be, etc.

Education Action Group

Week 2 will also see the next Education Action Group convene – this will also be held on Wednesday and will hopefully be a banner painting session, both for education issues and anti-racism issues in light of the recent neo-Nazi presence on our campus. This meeting will be a pretty casual affair, keeping in mind that some students will be first-time attendees and so there will be a need to make the bar of accessibility as low as necessary.

Progress from Action Points from previous report

Syndicate meeting schedule

See above for explanation, but done.

Begin Education Collective meetings

Our first Education Collective was held last Tuesday in Deakin Court.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Reconvene with the NTEU
2. Continue planning for Syndicate's second event
3. Hold first Syndicate Collective meeting
4. Hold EAG and anti-fascism banner painting session
5. Have Syndicate launch event

6. Finalise Careers Stall details and be present at the Careers Fair

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	12/1/2018	Tote bags for Summerfest	\$4500.00	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	Only spent \$3653
		Stress balls for Summerfest	\$1000.00	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	
		Additional money for stress balls	\$50.00	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	Initial quote was higher than what was budgeted for; money passed at Operations Subcommittee. Total came to \$1026.50
		Advertising for volunteering programs & Summerfest activities	\$100.00	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	
		Badges and edible giveaways for Summerfest	\$750.00	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	
		Pens for Summerfest totes	\$2000.00	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	
		Payment for tote bag artwork designer	\$450.00	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	
				Only spent \$1200	

Op Sub	7/2	Cadmus flyers	\$1000	Whole of Union Campaigns	3000 purchased, spent \$605
		Bookmarks for totes	\$400	Campaigns, Special Projects & Events	2000 purchased, spent \$352
Op Sub	13/2	Stickers to alter booklets	\$700	Printing	There was a misprint of Advocacy’s website in our original booklet. Stickers were printed to cover and fix this mistake. 2000 printed, spent \$498.30

Committee Meetings

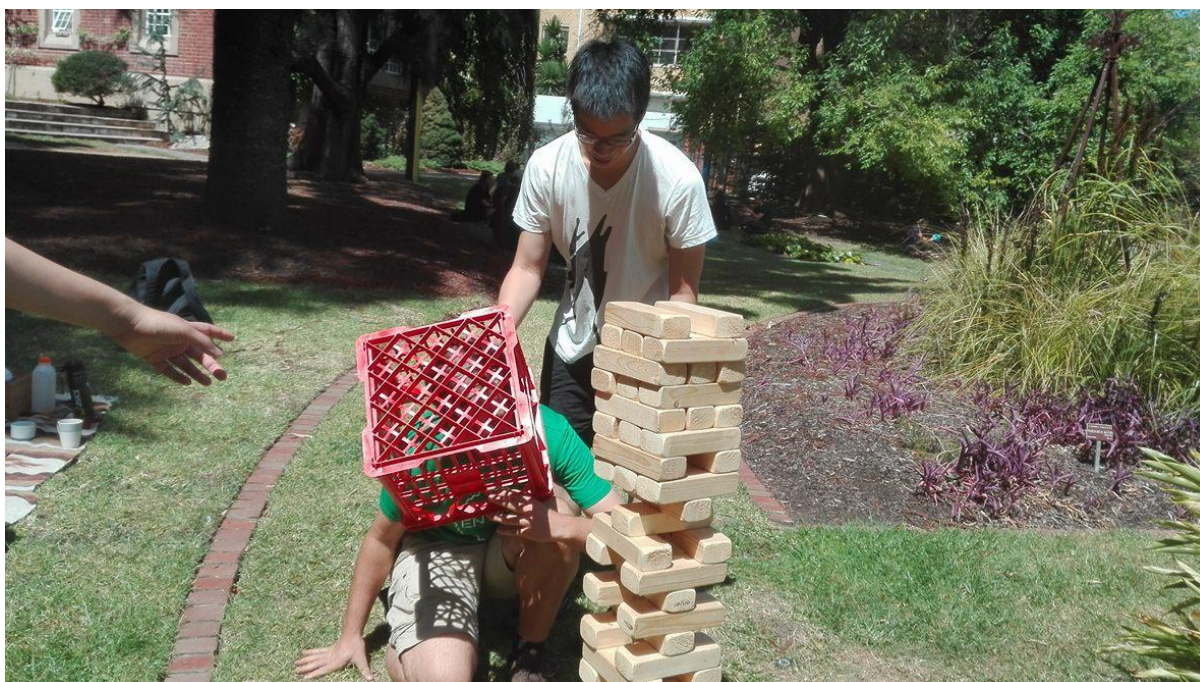
Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	12/1/2018	Yes, Confirmed
2	16/2/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Environment
Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

Key Activities

Summerfest was a thing that happened and it was intense. Our stall on Carnival Day was pumping and we got way more sign-ups than ever! (at least from the last 4 years Lucy has been on the stall!). Our Sustainability Campus Walking Tour was a big success despite some average weather starting off, with about 15 people coming along for the tour to make seed bombs at the Community Garden, bliss balls with the Food Co-Op, and have a cute picnic in that hidden gem, Systems Garden (see pics below).

[note from the General Secretary: the first picture did not load 😊]



Green Screen/Play With Your Food was also amazing, we had a tonne of people sign up to help at the Food Co-op and sign on to the Enviro mailing list, and was a fab way to get word out about the Department and the Collective's activities. We also did Union House Sleepover and it broke us, Lucy is getting pretty sick, but our Haunted House with Creative Arts and our Activist History Walking Tour with Conor was pretty bangin, we had people queuing up for hours for the haunted house, with a never-ending line of attendees keen to get in and be scared by climate change and nuclear armageddon... Also, Freya's dance workshop at 4am and Molly's meme workshop were peak ridiculousness at 5am and was certainly an experience. As some predicted, Sleepover has kinda helped bring the OBs together through shared suffering. Yay! (?)

After our first Collective for the year, we decided to have a cute excursion for next Enviro Collective, heading to the NGV to check out an exhibit about refugee migration patterns and having a picnic meeting in the Botanic Gardens. Should be rad!

Next week we're doing a Bike Lock Swap with Security/Campus services at the Farmers Market, giving away 200 D-locks to students and staff. We'll also be helping out Welfare with the Co-Op event on Thursday, teaching people about co-operatives, and having some stalls from the Food Co-Op and Enviro, with our clothes swap and zine stand to help and educate peeps. We're gearing up for Radical Education Week, and have just opened workshop submissions for everyone, so you'll probably be hearing a lot more about it really soon. Watch this space!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

None

Action Points to be completed by next report

Budget Expenditure

Plenty of stuff has been invoiced and receipts recorded, but we’ve been waiting to get our budget codes from finance, so we’ll have to report back on all our expenditure in our next report once we get the budget codes finalised for processing.

**Indigenous
Alexandra Hohoi**

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Indigenous University Games (IUG) Planning

This week I met the coaches of the IUG teams. Together we constructed the trials schedule including the dates and venue. This has now been released to the students of my collective. The expression of interest to trial for the teams was released in week 1 of the university timetable. Already we have had an overwhelming response. Trials start this week. I have also had many meetings with Murrup Barak regarding the logistical side of games, planning for the teams accommodation and travel is well under way.

Key Activity 2: Black Panther

On the 1st of March I took 35 members from my collective to see Black Panther. This was a great social event, I included a mix of core and peripheral students. 35 people is obviously a just a small portion of my collective, however I like to use the smaller events to really get to know and engage some students who I don’t see very often. This was a very successful event, everyone had fun.

Key Activity 3: Welcome Back BBQ Planning

Everything for the gift packs has been ordered. And discussions with committee was conducted to set up a roster for the BBQ.

Key Activity 4: Student Notices Lunch

Every Tuesday Murrup Barak hold a student notices lunch. At this lunch everything that is happening for the week gets announced. I attend it to announce what the Indigenous Department is doing. This week was the first lunch so it was a great time for me to reconnect with old students and to introduce previous students with freshers.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1: Welcome Back BBQ

I have ordered everything needed for the welcome back packs. We will be delivering this event next week.

Last Action Point 2: Indigenous University Games

The timeline was created and all parties involved are happy to work with it. I am very happy with the progress made so far into organising University Games

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Under Bunjil

I need to create a timeline with my head editors so that this project can be started.

Action Point 2: Indigenous University Games

After trials our teams need to be picked.

Actions Point 3: Welcome Back BBQ

Now that the packs are ready, we need to deliver the BBQ

Action Point 4: MU Sport Rep

I need to meet with the Indigenous MU sport rep and discuss with potential for future collaborations

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	16/02/18	Welcome back BBQ resources	\$1500	Special Events and Projects	Still purchasing things for this event
2	16/02/18	Orientation expenses	\$300	Special Events and Projects	
3	16/02/18	Black Panther Movie Tickets	\$600	Special Events and Projects	Spent \$595
4	16/02/18	Esky	\$200	Special Events and Projects	Still in the process of finding perfect esky

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?

1	16/02/18	Yes, Confirmed
2	05/03/18	No

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

Key activities

Kicking off the video team

We had our first meeting of the video team in February, and have begun the process of taking stock of our current equipment. We will do a full survey in the coming weeks—but, for now, we urgently need some new SD cards and an HDMI cable.

Ongoing development of the Radio Fodder studio

We are continually asking AVMelbourne for updates about when they’ll be able to come in and complete the promised work on the Fodder studio. We have also discovered that we need a new cartridge for the turntable in the studio.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action point 1: Sleepover

Sleepover went okay for us. We played Radio Fodder on the second floor of UMSU and we held an informal Wordplay in the Rowden White Library. Not many people came to the latter, but we still had a good time.

Action point 2: Finish preparing edition two by 14 March

We’re sending off to print this afternoon. It’s going well. Please come to our launch party later this month.

Action point 3: Start preparing for edition three

Submissions for edition three close on the day of writing (2 March), so we’ll spend this weekend reading through all the submissions.

Action points to be completed by next report

Action point 1: Finish preparing edition two by 14 March

Action point 2: Start preparing for edition three

Action point 3: Take stock of video and photography equipment

People of Colour
Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige

Key Activities

Week 1 People of Colour Collective

We held the first of our weekly People of Colour Collectives on Wednesday the 28th February.

We promoted the event online through our social media channels, on our website and in person at our SummerFest Carnival Day stall. As a result, we had approximately 25 attendees at this event, a significant increase compared to last year's collectives, which attracted an average of 10 people per week.

Catering was provided by the Sorghum Sisters.

Committee meeting 2(18)

Our most recent committee meeting was held on Wednesday the 28th February.

We passed money for department activities, including for the upcoming Diversity Week events and our weekly Reading Groups (starting in week 2). General discussion was centred around what our department would do for the upcoming Radical Education Week.

Diversity Week 2018

We met with Goldie and a staff member in the Arts Faculty to discuss Diversity Week overall and what events we were planning to do during that week. We suggested a keynote speaker discussing and critiquing the concept of diversity, as well as a possible collaborative event with the Disabilities department about mental health in communities of colour.

Far-right organising

In light of the recent neo-Nazi sightings on campus, we plan to communicate with the university about the current policies regarding acts of racism on campus in an effort to improve them. We would also like to speak to Safer Communities about finding ways to make the campus safer for students of colour.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Correspondence

We have met with our contact in the Arts Faculty regarding preparations for Diversity Week, see previous section for details. We are yet to hear back from our contact regarding the proposed tutor training.

Book Film Screening location

We have booked our preferred location for our film screening in week 2. However, we are still in the process of confirming this room for the rest of semester.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Diversity Week event preparation

Planning is underway for our Diversity Week events, with the keynote speaker event sent through to Comms. Further planning and discussion with the Disabilities department is required.

Weekly department events- Reading Group and Film Screening

Further preparation for the Reading Groups and Film Screenings is required for week 2 onwards.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	08/12/2017	Catering for collective week 1, semester 1	\$7770	People of Colour Collective	Catering for Week 1 = \$302.50
1	08/12/2017	Tea jug for collectives	\$7770	People of Colour Collective	Total cost of jug = \$42
1	08/12/2017	Tea for collective	\$7770	People of Colour Collective	Total cost of tea = 1 x \$15 + 2 x \$12.50 = \$40

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	08/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	28/03/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Queer
Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves

Key Activities

Week 1

Somehow surviving Summerfest, we are here! We’ve had our first Queer Lunch, Trans Collective, and QPoC Collective. Amazing turnout for all of them - we’re increasing the amount of food we supply and hoping to keep up momentum throughout the semester. Similarly, our events at Sleepover saw excellent turnout: cookie decorating at 1am surprisingly went off, and our queer anthems disco was fantastic. Getting a hundred first years losing their shit to Carly Rae Jepsen at 3am was an absolute highlight.

CAMP

We’re in talks with the printing folks about (shockingly) printing options, and about to set up our honoraria payments for the editors. We’re (really, really) hoping we budgeted enough money for the print run we’re thinking. Lots of social media content going around. Please submit if you’re a big gay with something to say! Hit up campmag2018@gmail.com.

Diversity Week

In talks with other autonomous departments about plans for Diversity Week - nothing set in stone yet but we will be involved.

MU Sport

We’re meeting with them next Friday, along with a few other departments. Excited to see into their mysterious fortress.

Misc

We’ve been helping the Women’s Department find a person to run their new Transfemme Collective, and providing advice from our experiences running Trans Collective on things like balancing advertising and privacy concerns. We’re (finally) organising a time to go through the Rowden White archives for cool archival Queer Department material!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

CAMP

Subeditor applications and submissions are rolling in! Subeditor applications close on the 9th of March and submissions close on the 6th of April.

Semester One events, Pride Ball, Coming Out Support Group

To be discussed/passed at our committee meeting on Wednesday the 7th. Rooms have been booked for COSG.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Newsletter

Get the first edition out as a matter of priority - next couple of days.

Diversity Week/Rad Ed Week/IDAHOBIT

Figure out what we want to run and start organising it!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	12/01/2018	Food for Queer Lunch	up to \$250 weekly and \$2400 a semester	Food & beverages	Prontos pizza \$126, Plush Fish sushi \$50
2	12/01/2018	Food for speed friending	up to \$400	Food & beverages	Plush fish sushi \$150
2	12/01/18	Food for collectives: chips, lollies, etc	up to \$50 weekly and \$250 a semester	Food & beverages	\$25.86 on 1/3/18 and \$12.00 on 27/2/18

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	06/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	12/01/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
3	07/03/2018	N/A

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera
Submitted Late

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

This last period since Summerfest has been characterised by a refocus on the expenses that we have paid for personally and moving forwards to set up processes so that this no longer falls on us. Starting the year has come with its challenges in expecting what expenses will be coming up. For the Activities Sleepover we hastily had to buy supplies at the last minute, due to a lack of communication of our role at the event. Similarly, we had to pay for supplies for the first Weekly BBQ Breakfast. So therefore we have been catching up on sorting out our invoices and repayments for both of ourselves and the Welfare Department.

Key Activity 2

We have been working closely with the Education department to establish the worker’s right’s action group ‘Syndicate.’ The launch party is on March 7th and will be the first in many steps to establish a critical dialogue around trade unionism and knowledge within Unimelb Students.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Our last action point was to execute the induction and launch of our Community Involvement Program. We have had to push back the event from the 27th of February to the 6th of March. This was due to problems with securing a suitable venue and catering for the expected 70-100 attendees as well as the strain on our department during Summerfest. However, having been given another week to plan the event we have a clearer idea of how the days is going to run. As mentioned in the Action Point One of Report Three, we will develop a report of the event.

Last Action Point 2

The previous action point was to start running the department’s regular event program, with an exception of the Breakfast Bar which we aimed to have running by Week Two of semester. This has been largely successful. Meditation was engaging for the students that made it and the instructors lived up to expectations. Going forwards we would like to advertise the event and bring a larger group to the class. Our Zumba instructor was absent during Week One, but will be returning in Week Two. The Yoga instructor was fantastic and the class was well attended. We will be looking to book further sessions throughout the week if the class

becomes too busy. The first Thursday Welfare Breakfast was a big win for the department and the volunteers that have begun to be involved in our community. We now have a clearer idea of the mechanics of running a breakfast to feed between 300-500 students, and will be much more efficient in the weeks coming. Lastly, we have consulted with the Ida bar manager about the venue as a viable space to host the Weekly Breakfasts and he is receptive to the idea. We will report back on the progress of this.

Last Action Point 3

Our third action point is around the planning of the Co-op/Welfare services day which will be running on the 8th of March. Cecilia has taken a leadership role in working with the Environment Department, Co-op Restaurant, Bike Co-op and the Book-op. It will be held on North Court alongside the Activities BBQ.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

On request with several Parkville students and in contact with one of the coordinators of Stop One at the VCA Campus, we plan on re-establishing the Food Bank Program in time with the Co-Op day on March 8th.

Action Point 2

Complete the CIP Launch Party and put into place the Volunteering program for the first semester. So far we have more than 80 sign ups through our website, and will need to vet and organise our CIP volunteers into distinct teams. Comms is working with us to set up a system of organising volunteers through the UMSU Website.

Budget Expenditure

BBQ - \$650
Sleepover - \$200
Summerfest - \$300
CIP Launch - \$250

**Women’s
Kareena Dhaliwal and Molly Willmott**

Key Activities

Summerfest part 2

Our Feminism 101 panel went well. Our panellists were Celeste Liddle, Lauren Rosewarne, Marley Holloway-Clarke and Karin Zhu, with Kareena as the moderator. We had an engaged

and respectful audience of around 25 to 30 people. It would have been worth passing money for Facebook advertising, and we’ll keep that in mind for future events. Collaborating with the Queer Department on catering was a good move and made for a smooth transition between our events.

For the Union House Sleepover, we kept the Women’s Room open all night as a safe autonomous sleeping space.

Our special Summerfest editions of the Women’s and Women of Colour Collectives were a big success. Attendance is always high at the start of semesters and people also enjoy free cake so this was a winning combination. Smash the Pastryarchy will definitely return.

The Red Zone Report

On Wednesday 28th February, End Rape On Campus (EROC) released the Red Zone report, which looks at issues of sexual assault and harassment in colleges and residences. In consultation with Justin and Phoebe, we worked with Desiree to write a media release responding to this report.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Complete the recommendations

The recommendations (to the University in response to the AHRC survey response) are complete and should be circulated with the agenda for this council meeting.

Prepare for International Women’s Day

Arts Lab has been booked for our sign making session, and our wonderful friends in the Creative Arts Department have offered to let us raid their cupboards for art supplies.

Launch Women’s Mentoring Network

Expressions of interest will remain open for another week or so.

Organise the Transfemme collective

We’ve begun advertising for a person to run the collective. We have budgeted an honoraria of \$30 per collective.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Organise and run the first Judy’s Punch Collective of the year

We have planned to run these three times in Semester 1 (weeks 4, 8 and 12). Our section of the Constitution states that we “facilitate a collective to produce the Women’s publication, Judy’s Punch, at least one a year”. The plan is for these collectives to give people an opportunity to workshop their writing and art, look at past copies of Judy’s Punch and other similar publications, and generate ideas for this year’s edition. We plan to hold one of these collectives at the VCA campus.

Prepare for the first Networking Night

This is an extension of the Women’s Mentoring Networking, running in weeks 5 and 10 of each semester. Each Networking Night will focus on an industry/career area. We have identified law, STEMM, business/commerce and creative industries as the four areas we will focus on.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Spent	Budget Line	Comment
2(18)	18/1/2018	WoC Collective Smash the Pastryarchy	\$173.10	Collectives	Kareena spent \$70 at Brunetti’s and \$11.50 at Safeway and will be reimbursed
2(18)	18/1/2018	Women’s Collective Smash the Pastryarchy	\$115.30	Collectives	

**Burnley
James Barclay**

Key Activities

Masters Student Orientation

The Burnley Student Association has swelled its ranks with the successful introduction at the Week 1 orientation of both the Masters students and Graduate Diploma students.

Burnley Funding Cuts

It has come to our attention that The University of Melbourne intends to cut funding for casual staff on the Burnley Campus. This is a short sighted and damaging move to the campus as most the casual fund goes toward staffing the Burnley Library. The proposed funding for the Burnley Library allows for four opening hours a day. This is not enough and a disgraceful insight into the administrations priorities. Four hourly library access is unacceptable as it restricts student’s ability to study and makes accessing fundamental sources much more difficult. We will be sending out links to our petition, if fellow departments could help spread the word it would be much appreciated.

Botanic Drawing Workshop

The much-anticipated workshop took place in the afternoon of the 28th which we considered to be a massive success. Much thanks go to the Arts Department OB’s Freya and Ashleigh for

organising the event, it was great to see so many new and inspired faces on campus. Burnley is considering round two later in the year.

Plant Raffle

The BSA is holding a raffle of over two dozen plants for the benefit of ‘Cultivating Community’ a charity that builds community gardens for impoverished areas. 75 tickets have sold so far, the winners will be drawn at the Welcome Back Party on the 2nd of March.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

SSEN Equipment

The SSEN camera equipment has been finalised, purchased and tested. The BSA is considering planning a workshop for students on how to operate the equipment so that production and proper handling can begin asap.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Spread awareness

Gain as many signatures on the library petition as possible before a verdict is called.

Burnley Mailing List

Gain as many emails as possible to keep students up to date on BSA activities.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	24/01/2018	SSEN Equipment	\$2997.00	Campus Equipment	Camera equipment
2	21/02/2018	Raffle Prizes	\$297.00	Activities & Events	Plants Pending reimbursement

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	24/01/2018	Yes, Confirmed
2	15/02/2018	Yes, unconfirmed

3	08/03/2018	No
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**Victorian College of the Arts
Nicholas Lam**

Key Activities

Meeting with Dean, VCA & MCM

I met with Professor Barry Conyngham, current Dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music along with Toby Silcock. We touched on the following points:

- The current state of F&B outlets, or rather lack thereof, on Southbank grounds. Since the cordon and eviction of the largest and main F&B outlet on Southbank campus, the only alternative, Lionel’s Café, operated by University House, is sorely lacking. The Dean has informed me that the bottleneck is with another, independent branch of UniMelb administration. I will work with him to follow up on the issue.
- Possible additional funding from the Dean’s Discretionary Funds. With the food and beverage situation stands, I may need to spend additional fund to either increase frequency of BBQs at the VCA or increase quantity/variety. I have discussed with the Dean regarding his providing additional funds from University coffers.
- The new student ASIMUT scheduling system. A new scheduling system has been introduced to the faculty (part of why I invited Toby along to my meeting with Prof Conyngham). I will work together with Toby to keep an eye on the system and its uses.
- Scrapping of a majority of Southbank obsolete courses. A large amount of Fine Arts and Music courses are present in the Student Handbook that is not taught anymore; a result of years of neglecting to clear obsolete courses. I asked Toby as part of Education Academic Department to help me oversee that the university does not take the opportunity to remove otherwise valuable courses, or courses still taught.

Clearing of physical Union assets from current VCASA office.

As my office will be readying for reconstruction by 5th March, I will transfer all physical Union assets that will not be replaced either into a temporary storage space on Southbank Campus, or be returned / loaned back to Union House and other departments within the Union.

The printer, signs and marquee will be stored on-site in the Dance Building. The partial sound system and all peripherals, mics, and stands will be temporarily loaned to the Creative Arts Department for use in student performances / installations with the understanding that they will be returned in usable condition either in a year’s time, or after another office is prepared for the VCASA on Southbank campus; whichever condition is later.

All other assets including whiteboard, table, chairs, computers, filing cabinet, etc will be replaced by the University and requests have been sent to architects and building facilities dept.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

VCASA Weekly BBQs.

Due to unavailable manpower in the Entertainment Department, I was unable to successfully organise a BBQ for the students. Therefore, no expenses have been made. I will try to co-ordinate with the Events Dept for future endeavours.

Action Points to be completed by next report

-NIL-

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
4 (council)	23/2/2018	VCA Summerfest – PA system and setup	\$10,000.00	Orientation	Spent \$1,200
4 (council)	23/2/2018	VCA Summerfest -	\$10,000.00	Orientation	Spent \$3,056.63

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
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