



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

11:30am, Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018

Meeting 8(18)

Location: Theatre 3, First Floor, Alan Gilbert Building

Student Office Bearer Reports	
President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Submitted
Creative Arts	Submitted
Disabilities	Not submitted
Education (Academic Affairs)	Submitted
Education (Public Affairs)	Submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women’s	Late
Burnley	Not submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Vacant

*All Office Bearer Reports are presented as they were received, with only formatting changes.*

*Late reports are not considered valid.*

**President  
Desiree Cai**

The concept design phase has continued in the past two weeks, and a basic configuration of where UMSU will be placed in the precinct has been presented by the architects. We've had a few UMSU-specific user groups (approximately 2) with the architects and Project Team since last Council. Most of our feedback to the new concept has been positive. Rather than having UMSU just be placed within the Alice Hoy building, the new concept sees our services and activities split over 3 different buildings- Doug McDonnell, the New Arts and Cultural building, and a new pavilion in replacement of Alice Hoy (which is being demolished). The new concept for the Frank Tate building will also provide space for UMSU events. It is hoped that this new configuration will make UMSU more central within the precinct.

**Academic Integrity Working Group**

Alice and I attended the Academic Integrity Working group. Things on the CADMUS front are looking pretty quiet for this semester, especially as there are no trials being run until semester 2. Some other matters are being considered by the working group to do with academic integrity including planning around the roll-out of an academic integrity module and issues around false medical certificates.

**Meeting with University Services supporting the Education department**

I attended a meeting, organised by the Education officers, on Monday 9/4 with the Head of University Services and Head of Academic Services to discuss some concerns we've had with the Burnley Library, VCA campus infrastructure and Special Consideration. Our concerns were noted, the Burnley matter is being pursued through other areas within university services, and the university are keen to have more conversations with us about improvements to special consideration.

**Planning CAPS campaign**

I'm currently supporting the Disabilities and Welfare Office bearers who have been in contact with Counselling and Psychological Services to see what actions or campaigns we can run to try to move forward in improving the service. We got some advice from Advocacy, and we continue to wait for more information from CAPs so that we can get some hard evidence to pursue a campaign.

**Meeting with University Leadership**

On Thursday 19/4, Daniel and I met with the University leadership team- the Vice Chancellor- Glyn Davis, new Provost Mark Considine, Deputy Vice Chancellors Richard James and Carolyn Evans, and Elizabeth Capp- director of Students and Equity. We were able to discuss some of the issues we were focusing on as UMSU for the year, student experiences with the university through services like Stop 1, the general direction for the university as they transition into a new leadership team (with Duncan Maskell as incoming VC starting this October), and some of the challenges of the current higher education environment that students and the university are both facing. I'm sure we will be able to continue these conversations in future meetings with the leadership as the transition for the incoming Vice Chancellor occurs.

### **Elected Reps meeting 2**

I attended the elected reps meeting with Daniel, Alice, Toby and Elinor on Wednesday 18/4. We raised the issue of gender-diverse/non-binary students not being able to change their gender identification markers within the university because of issues with Centrelink. We were also able to get an update on the Fisherman's Bend campus, and some information about university fees and how they are determined.

### **Support for the NTEU ballot**

The NTEU Protected Action Ballot to allow industrial action was opened on Wednesday 11/4. I've written and released a statement of support with the NTEU, and we should continue to look for ways to help the NTEU out- in solidarity, with this particular action.

### **Media-related activities**

The communications department is currently working on a range of videos to promote UMSU and UMSU services/activities. I was able to take part in a video promoting the Rowden White Library- spearheaded by the comms social media interns. Preliminary discussions about doing a video/video series about SSAF and how it's used in UMSU have also begun with the Comms department.

### **Weekly Meetings**

Attended weekly management meetings and meetings with Justin to discuss pertinent matters.

### Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Continue to support other student reps in campaigns and events-- support in education campaigns, CAPS campaign
- Continue to do Student Precinct things--student precinct things continue to be done
- Plan about CADMUS/ Academic Integrity Working Group—might be a bit quiet for a bit, but I will continue to keep attending meetings and keep an eye out on progress
- Plan for and attend next elected reps meeting (April 18<sup>th</sup>)—we had our meeting on 11/4

### List of actions by next report

- Pursue discussion with the university about Special Consideration
- Participate in review week for the Student Precinct Concept Design
- Continue to support other student reps in campaigns and events

### Budget Expenditure

N/A

**General Secretary  
Daniel Beratis**

**Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas**

The meetings never end.

**Key Activity 2: Policy and Regulations**

Travel and Conferences is back! Yes! I am circulating the policy for **adoption** today. I am also circulating a Conflicts of Interest policy for **discussion** and not adoption today. I am continuing to provide advice to Office Bearers in their own Departmental pursuits in this area as well, the latter no doubt arising in other reports from time to time. This key activity does not constitute a recommendation, and discussion on adopting the former policy is noticed for later in the agenda. It should also be noted that the Conflicts of Interest policy is based in large part on a model policy of the same description created by the ACNC.

**Key Activity 3: Working Groups**

Working groups continue to meet. ESWG and HRWG have both produced updated documents which have been sent on to the relevant parties. PPFWG, in my estimation, requires an inventory of literally every single thing that UMSU does, and as this is an expansive task, I would like to try and devote an appropriate amount of time to it, hence why it has not yet met for a second time. I hope for there to be concrete movements on the policies all these working groups concern quite soon.

**Key Activity 4: Annual General Meeting**

The AGM is happening next Tuesday at 12:45pm in North Court. Do come along and enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime democratic extravaganza of governance with special guest Bec Sandridge, who is coincidentally playing Beers, Bands & BBQs afterwards.

**Key Activity 5: Student Initiative Grants**

We have three more SIGs—one is from the VCA, where there has been a discontinuity of service (see Key Activity 6), and in the absence of an authority on the Southbank campus, in the interim my suggestion to Council would be to treat VCA applications with those circumstances in mind.

**Key Activity 6: VCA Vacancy**

At the last meeting of Students’ Council, the position of VCA Campus Coordinator was vacated due to Constitutional provision surrounding attendance at meetings of Students’ Council. I am currently in contact with the VCA Committee, who lead very busy lives but have given me, in bits and pieces, an outline of availabilities I have used and will be using to appoint a temporary Campus Coordinator at the next meeting of that Committee. Further information should be circulated at the appropriate time.

**Key Activity 7: Financial Counsellor Recruitment**

I am currently in the process of sitting in on Financial Counsellor recruitment processes, and it is my hope that in the coming days, a preferred candidate will be identified for the position and the program staffed again.

### **Key Activity 8: Student Experience Advisory Group**

In my role on the New Student Precinct governance structure, I contributed to discussions surrounding the operational model of the NSP, the brand identity of the same, and various little tidbits surrounding the design and concept process. The NSP is quickly approaching the end of the concept stage, and those discussions will continue.

### **Key Activity 9: Senior Leaders Meeting**

Desiree and I met with the Vice-Chancellor, the Provost and various other senior leaders of the University last week. Discussions ranged broadly, and included service provision to students vis a vis Stop 1, the University’s broad strategic direction and its relation to UMSU, and the current policy environment regards higher education more broadly. I also attended a meeting of Elected Reps at which concerns surrounding gender identity and Centrelink access, Stop 1, the Fishermans Bend campus and incidental fees were discussed.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Action Point 2: Annual General Meeting**

It’s all set up, now it just needs to run. Come to the AGM. Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of May, 12:45pm, North Court.

#### **Action Point 3: Policy**

Travel and Conferences is here at Council today for adoption, after addressing Councillors’ concerns in a redraft and consultation with Legal. Conflicts of Interest is also here, for discussion—your contributions would be much appreciated.

#### **Action Point 3: Working Groups**

I have mostly canvassed this in my key activities report, but to restate: updates to various documents floating around have been made, and especially to two pieces of policy concerning ethical sponsorship and harm reduction. Other key stakeholders are being consulted in the drafting and redrafting of these documents, and I hope to have movement in this area as it arises. I also wish to pay a very large tribute to my predecessor, Yasmine Luu, for performing much of the work on these policies during her term—the progress made would not be at all possible without her exceptional diligence.

### **Action points to be completed by next report**

#### **Action Point 1: Annual General Meeting**

AGM business should have all wrapped up by next meeting, with the papers approved and submitted to Consumer Affairs. Watch this space!

#### **Action Point 2: Policy**

Pending the judgment of Councillors today, I hope that I will be able to present a revised Conflicts of Interest policy at next Council. Of course, this was said of Travel and Conferences,

but progress will nonetheless be made. I also hope to have updates on where other policies are at, and suspect that there may well be other things added to the pile by next Council.

<b>Activities</b> <b>Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner</b>
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**Key Activities**

Since last council we have not had any major events. We continue to help organise Tuesday Bands, BBQ’s and Bev’s and Thursday BBQ’s. Thursday BBQ’s are increasing in size - which is great! We would like to thank Comms for helping us with advertising and logistical support for the last few weeks.

We also had the Campus Comedy Competition. Despite limited advertising on our part (which we apologise for) the event had a good turn out. Some 14 or so students competed and the audience was around 20-30 people.

We are also in the process of working with UMSU staff to hopefully put in place either a policy or an event attendance terms and conditions, that would allow us to remove people from Activities events if we see any indecent behavior at one of our events. We have had meeting with the Governance and Compliance Officer and will have further follow up meetings with both the Governance and Compliance Officer and Legal in the next few weeks.

Our next major projects coming up are Trivia on May 10 and potentially a pub night on May 8. While these are smaller than other events, we are hoping that with increased advertising and getting the event published earlier Trivia should be better attended than the last one.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

Have started work on organizing Trivia 2  
Finalised Finances for all events held by Activities so far

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

Finalise organising Trivia 2 (writing questions,)  
Follow up meeting with Governance and Compliance Officer and Legal about future policy

**Budget Expenditure**

Not applicable - no expense passed since last council.

<b>Clubs &amp; Societies</b> <b>Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss</b>
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**Key Activities**

**Email and Admin**

We are finally on top of emails again and it’s great. Although we got 40 emails on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April alone, which all need to be actioned because they related to petitions to discipline due to clubs failing to comply with our requirements. In addition to emails, we have been

processing a great deal of paperwork for AGMs and SGMs, as well as minutes from our committee meetings.

### **Membership Compliance**

We are still going with membership compliant as clubs have now been petitioned and are afraid of discipline so have been sending us their membership and correspondence to read through and compile to give to committee and fix their problems.

### **Asset checking**

Once again clubs are only responding to directives once they have been petitioned for discipline, and are finally bringing in their assets to check.

### **Clubs Carnival**

Carnival is 3 days away as of the writing of this report, and is occurring as an overlap with this council meeting (you should all come down to South Lawn after council). The majority of clubs who applied had really fun and interesting ideas, and we also invited Activities to join us with their Thursday BBQ. We had to outsource power requirements as AV@Melbourne were too busy.

### **Progress on Assigned Actions from last report**

#### **Constitutional and Policy workshopping**

First working group has occurred and we have a bunch of proposals from that.

#### **Carnival**

We presented a budget to committee, and passed money for infrastructure and lollies. The event has also been deemed to be a Promo period by the committee, which will affect clubs applying from grants for the event. See the previous carnival point for greater detail.

#### **Welfare**

CAPS have responded to our request with an offer to help us create mental health based welfare training for Club executives. This is a big help to us, as it gives us a starting point for training. They have also suggested that if we wish to cover other elements in training such as bullying and harassment, they could put us in contact with organisations who would be able to help us create this, including some of the colleges.

### **Action Points to be Completed by Next Report**

#### **Admin**

Keep doing our jobs?

#### **Clubs carnival**

Run the event and make it a fun day for clubs and students.

#### **Constitutional and Policy Workshopping**

Continuing to draft changes to present to them in a timely fashion.

#### **Welfare**

Respond to the email from CAPS and move forward with this project.

### Budget Expenditure

\$500 from special projects for printing, ollies and decorations for carnival.  
\$3000 for infrastructure from clubs carnival from budget line orientation.

### Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
3	15/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	27/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
5	06/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
6	19/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
7	26/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
8	16/04/2018	No
9	17/04/2018	No

**Creative Arts**  
**Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris**

### Key Activities

#### Key Activity 1

Facilitated Creative Arts events for Radical Education Week. We hosted our Radical Roundtable discussion: “Pushing Boundaries through Performance” and our Radical Arts Collective in the Rad Ed hub. We also commissioned a live performance work to take place during the Radical Art-Making session.

#### Key Activity 2



Organised & delivered the second session of our Visual Arts Classes series - a Screen Printing Workshop facilitated by Susan Hewitt. The class was a success and the prints looked terrific!

**Key Activity 5**

Confirmed Josh Wright for our “Tricks of the Trade” Workshop on How to write a successful grant application. Date confirmed for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Happy/Healthy Art-Making workshop currently in development. Catering to be organised for both events.

**Key Activity 4**

Organising our second Pot Luck Open Mic Night for 19 April 2018 including catering, publicity, bar services and technical equipment.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Last Action Point 1**

Presenters and dates have been confirmed for our first Tricks of The Trade Workshop. Catering still to be organised.

**Last Action Point 2**

Have not contacted Life Model’s Society yet - will do in coming weeks.

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

**Action Point 1**

Organise catering for Tricks of the Trade Workshops.

**Action Point 2**

Contact Life Model’s Society to hire a model for our Life Drawing Workshop on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	21/03/2018	Pot Luck Open Mic Night: Catering and Bar Costs	\$420	Special Projects: PLOM	
3	21/03/2018	Arts Grants	\$2500	Arts Grants	

**Committee Meetings**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?

1	05/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
2	08/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	21/03/2018	Yes

**Disabilities**  
**Jacinta Dowe and Hien Nguyen**

*No report received.*

**Education (Academic Affairs)**  
**Alice Smith and Toby Silcock**

**Key Activities**

We have a reputation for producing some of the longest OB Reports. That’s cuz we’ve been doing a bunch of shit, and getting a lot of stuff done. Just tickin’ off promises like an efficient machine of activism and advocacy. Go us!

**Key Activity 1 – FAP**

We had a meeting with *Grrrrregor* Kennedy (his name is pronounced with a rolled “R” – Dom forced us to minute this pronunciation, so we’ve been directed by our Committee to pronounce it this way. Good governance) about where FlexAP is. It seems to be hovering in the ether waiting to crystallise its tentacles into all corners of students’ universe (to mix about 4 or 5 metaphors).

The process seems relatively consultative, and many aspects are vague enough that they could go either way, depending on whether they’re implemented in pro- or anti-equity directions. At the moment, GK is speaking to various stakeholders, so the project can become more define in second semester.

What this means at the moment is therefore that it’s a good time for us to develop the parameters for our response (student equity, engagement, ensuring UMSU’s operational requirements aren’t stretched unduly, etc), and pick the definite no-nos from the positives. GK is then open to including us in the discussion so when the project crystallises we can point it in good directions.

**Key Activity 2 – Stop 1 and Academic Services**

The Stop1 survey will hopefully have launched at the time of Council (its launch is schedule for the time of writing, ie Monday). There’ve been some delays with Comms finishing up the

design and promotion, but we're going to push it relatively hard over the next few weeks through our various channels (SRN, Collective, Weekly Stalls, and collaboration with the BBQ's and Welfare breakfast).

The results will inform our talks with management about the future of Stop1. It can also be linked to MYEFO cuts and any cuts that come up in the Federal budget (which will be released around the same time as we'll be planning our report on the survey).

### **Key Activity 3 – LMS Survey**

At last meeting, the survey had received more than 7,000 responses! In a week. It closed the Monday prior to Council (the morning of the time of writing). We'll have had a meeting the day before Council on next steps, but obviously can't report on that at this stage, so we will report on it for next Council.

### **Key Activity 4 – Burnley**

Since the last meeting, we've had a meeting with Paul Duldig (Head of University Services, and mysteriously the University's representative in CEO Sleepout – spending a night in the South Lawn Car Park) and Neil Robinson (Academic Registrar, and former student Unionist). The cuts to staffed ours are being framed as an increase in accessibility. The University's business case is fairly forcefully put, given their data which presumed to show decreasing library use, so at least from University Services' perspective they're not showing much movement, not even delaying the cuts whilst there are still full-time students being taught out. There is potential for a "bridging programme" or more targeted education of Burnley students of the alternative, off-site support available (namely chat and phone services). But we need to organise a strategy meeting with the BSA to line up what are the essential services and what are the services they're simply used to, but could be changed. Also, University Services was strangely cavalier about collections security, although they recognise that there are some rare books in the collection.

We also had a meeting with Donna McRostie (Head of Library Services). Her position was more equivocal, implying that nothing was fixed, and that Library Services was more open to framing other options. She was more open to the idea of basing someone from ERC permanently at Burnley, and "cross-staffing arrangements" between the two libraries. We also raised VCA issues. The next step is to collect more info about the particular "pain points" in the Burnley cuts, and feed that back to her. We'll see what comes of it.

### **Key Activity 5 – Refugee Scholarship**

We've been working with Conor to develop a proposal for the University to provide a refugee scholarship.

We're hearing good things from Chancellery about this, possibly rolling it into access Melbourne. The first step is to propose different options and benchmark it against other programs, then we simply see whether Chancellery is willing to commit to it (specifically in light of the Melbourne Model Evolution, which is specifically targeted at top-end, rather than disadvantaged, students, and could be leverage for more scholarships). Watch this space.

### **Key Activity 6 – Collective**

We had the fourth one. Attendance is still weaker than it could be. We had a Facebook event, promoted, as well as an entry in the general calendar. We're planning to re-start regular emails, which haven't been a practice of the Department in recent time.

Since we have the room book weekly, but Collective is fortnightly, we are considering running a "Study with Ed" session (low key study, with food), which might be a way of maintaining traction and contact. Watch this space.

### **Key Activity 7 – Weekly Stall**

We’ve had Weekly Stalls. They’re generally productive and we have good conversations. Go us.

We’re planning to take our weekly stalls on “road trips” – to Dookie and VCA (Southbank). The former, we’ll invite the OB’s, so this may come up to a future Council for funding (or otherwise it’ll come out of our committee budgets). Stay tuned.

#### **Key Activity 8 – Punitive Student Fees**

We’ve raised the issue of punitive student fees with Elected Reps. Elizabeth Capp told us that student fees were “benchmarked” with other University’s. So Toby generated a comparative table of one indicative fee – replacement student cards – as charged in Universities across Australia, which shows that UniMelb charges more for replacement student cards than any other University in the country (the average price is approx. \$20, UniMelb charges \$50, with the next highest being Monash, which charges \$42).

We’ve been redirected to Academic Services, so will be in touch with Neil Robinson (again) when he’s back from his international jaunt.

#### **Key Activity 9 – Special Consideration**

As noted, we’re organising a meeting with Neil Robinson to discuss changes to special consideration. Our goal is to make it more accessible, particularly relating to documentary requirements. This lines up nicely with the recent Advocacy quarterly report, which deals extensively with students providing falsified medical records (as well as other things and trends).

This also arose at Exams Sub-committee, with both Engineering and FBE making allegations that students were applying for special consideration as “insurance” against getting bad grades, then not sitting supplementary exams once their grades came out. The implication being, this is students “gaming” the system. We received that data commissioned on this point, which clearly didn’t substantiate the claims made. We’ve redirected the question back to the faculties, making it clear that there are many reasons why students don’t sit supplementary exams, and that it’s up to the Faculties to clarify what presumptions they actually have.

#### **Key Activity 10 – Stressless Week**

We are planning on showing ed-related movies in the evenings with food. We’ll also sneakily promote the Stop1 survey if the timelines line up. There are talks about exam and study techniques...but maybe not...

#### **Key Activity 11 – VCA**

Toby’s lined up another meeting with the head of student engagement at VCA, which will be held the Monday before Council (shortly after the due date of this Report). Welfare is invited and should be coming along, since student engagement cuts across curriculum and welfare jurisdictions.

#### **Key Activity 12 – NTEU**

EdAc has been low-key helping Conor with NTEU solidarity action. The local branch of the NTEU is voting to go on strike, and the Education department is firmly behind the campaign to vote in favour of industrial action. Many of the matters the Uni is pushing, if successful, would have a direct and detrimental impact on students. Since Toby is an NTEU member, he’s been doing more on this than Alice. More will be happening in this space in the coming weeks, everything from stalls and flyering to external communications about the basis of Industrial Action.

#### **Key Activity 13 – SRN**

The second meeting of the SRN will have been held on the Tuesday preceding Council. We don’t anticipate (at the time of writing) much discussion, since only a few committees have met, so this might be a short meeting. Stay tuned for a Report at next council.

**Key Activity 13 – OB Lyf**

People seems to love our office to sit in the corner and frantically complete assignments and generally project unbelievable anxiety into the atmosphere. Collateral damage is questions exactly how much you can get away with before you fail (and even what *really* happens if you fail). Whilst this is technically within our jurisdiction, like, come on. We don’t even have any lollipops any more because of this (actually we don’t care, we love y’all, that’s what our office is for <3).

We also have many bottles of expired juice in our fridge, that the Ida legally can’t provide to students. Neither can we, but they’re there, and if they get drunk, they get drunk. The level 1 toilets are back open again though, so if there’s a juice-related food poisoning outbreak, at least kids won’t have far to go to throw a cheeky vom. We believe this fully and completely executes all statutory compliance obligations to the university.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

Assigned Action	Progress
1 Hold Collective 4, and note promotion.	See Key Activity 6.
2 Meet with VCA, with Welfare, about food banks, student engagement, and course consolidation	See Key Activity 11 – planned for Monday afternoon before Council.
3 Call SRN Meeting 2.	Done.
4 Drop the Stop1 survey.	Will be done before Council (see Key Activity 2).
5 Follow up data on punitive student fees. If no news by next Council, look for alternative means of getting data.	Done – we’re investigating other means of getting data. Otherwise, see Key Activity 8.
6 Develop a letter of [sic: to] Academic Board on Burnley library cuts.	Not done, not part of our strategy any more. For our current work on this, see Key Activity 4.
7 Email on status of FAP working group.	Done(ish) – met with GK about this, will request presence on any working groups that arise; see Key Activity 1.
8 Develop survey on FAP to consolidate positions on key recommendations emerging from that program.	Not done, since this mightn’t be needed. The current plan is possibly to develop a position paper after consultation, which may or may not involve a student survey. In hindsight, we want to preference the Stop1 survey, and not “over-survey” students. See Key Activity 1.

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

1. Launch the Stop1 survey, and promote it through SRN, Collectives, BBQ’s, breakfasts, and other key student-facing channels.
2. Have another meeting on the LMS Survey, and report on progress and next steps.
3. Report on progress of the refugee scholarship.
4. Determine strategies to boost Collective attendance, including re-commencing regular emails and/or starting “Study with Ed” sessions in non-Collective weeks.
5. Organise a meeting with Neil Robinson on special consideration and/or punitive student fees.
6. Report on Meeting 2 of the SRN.
7. Hold a strategy meeting with Burnley students on the key “pain points” respecting the library changes.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	13/03/2018	Collective 4 Pizzas	\$1200.00	CSP&E	Spent: \$100.45

**Committee Meetings**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	12/1/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	16/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	13/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	28/03/2018	Inquorate
5	10/04/18	Yes, Unconfirmed

**Education (Public Affairs)**  
**Conor Clements**

**Key Activities**

**Burnley library campaign**

We (myself, Education Academic and Desiree) had a meeting with Paul Duldig (Head of University Services) and Neil Robinson (Academic Registrar). We expressed to them our concerns with the direction they are taking with Burnley library, especially their 1.5% efficiency dividend. Neil’s charming Lancashire accent was not charming enough to soften the blow of him telling us that the efficiency dividend came not from chancellery or anywhere else at the university, but from the federal government, meaning that without a major change in Commonwealth policy there was not much that could be done about this. Despite this, we discussed some potential points to compromise on; most notably, having a bridging program to teach students how to use the online catalogue properly for when there are no staff present, as well as properly researching the existing collection to ensure as much of it is available outside of staff hours as possible. Paul and Neil seemed intrigued by this, but it was disappointing to see that they did not seem to have even considered these things being an issue previously. Hopefully there will be scope for future meetings where we can bring some kind of solid plan in to achieve these goals.

**Syndicate**

The google form survey mentioned in the last report submitted to council will hopefully have its link distributed through some information packs that we are hoping to distribute at some time in the near future. These packs will be given out throughout Union House as part of our broader campaign to ensure that staff within Union House are being underpaid.

There has still been no work back from the Fair Work Ombudsman regarding our FOI into complaints made at Union House.

We also held an event at the University’s Employability Matters festival. Shaun Thatcher and Jess Browning (both of Hospo Voice) came down and we chatted about issues related to Hospo Voice, what ideas of theirs we could take to apply to the Union House campaign, and what kinds of campaigns they have going into the future.

**OB Lyfe**

I was in Kununurra in WA for an internship from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, so as a result not much work was done that week.

Also, we’re nearly out of chuppa chups. Pray for us.

**Progress on action points from previous report**

### Reconvene with the NTEU

This has happened. We (i.e. Education) have been to a few different forums with the NTEU concerning their protected action ballot (PAB).

For those of you not in the know, essentially the laws surrounding industrial relations in Australia dictate that any industrial action that is to be taken must first be approved by the Fair Work Commission, who must be convinced that a majority of at least half of the union’s members want to take this action. This is where the protected action ballot (PAB) comes into play – the NTEU’s PAB finishes on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, and if action is approved then it is our intention to campaign among students to support it.

Our role will be to support the NTEU by doing things like running stalls (a number of which will be running this week), poster and promoting student-targeted materials explaining the process of industrial action (hopefully in a more interesting way than I have here).

### Continue planning for Syndicate’s event at the Employability Matters festival

This also happened – see above.

### Begin planning to lobby the university for scholarship for refugee students

We’ve gotten wind that chancellery are getting on this without us having to do much prodding at all. The test now will be to see the kind of programs they will offer. At this stage it appears it will be an extension of ACCESS Melbourne program, which is a good start, as other universities sometimes only offer one or two places a year, which does little to help these students.

### Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Support the NTEU in their Vote Yes to Industrial Action campaign
2. Begin Syndicate pack distro in Union House
3. Collect and collate Syndicate survey results and figure out what to do with it
4. Continue plans for refugee and asylum seeker scholarship programs

### Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	12/1/2018	Yes, Confirmed
2	16/2/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	13/3/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	27/3/2018	INQUORATE
5	10/4/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed



## Environment Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

### Key Activities

#### **Radical Education Week**

Radical Education Week was our big week 5 event jam - packed with workshops and discussions on everything from non-capitalist disability pride to performance as protest, radical populist theory, queer political action, and everything in between! Radical Education was very well attended throughout the week. There were many thought-provoking workshops and discussions. We’re so thankful for all the amazing contributions from students, friends and the UMSU departments. It took a great deal of effort from many people, but it is certainly a worthwhile exercise. We are now reaching out to participants to give feedback on the week for future improvements.

#### **Students of Sustainability**

SOS 2018 to be held in Naarm (AKA Melbourne) is now set for the dates of the 7th to the 11th of July 2018, with arrivals and departure on the 6th and 12th respectively. Lucy and Callum, as well as a dozen of our collective members have been involved in the organising of this crucial event.

Students of Sustainability (SOS) conference is an annual gathering of environmentalists and activists hosted by the Australian Student Environment Network. Students and other activists from across the country come to learn skills and discuss contemporary issues in environmental and social justice.

#### **Lockout Lockheed**

LL is working hard over the coming weeks to step-up its engagement with the student body, with some BBQs, stalls and fun events. LL is also preparing five requests to the university under freedom of information legislation, and expects to build up a picture of the corporate ties between Melbourne University and weapons manufacturers.

In other news, a nation-wide student campaign advocating universities across Australia to cut ties with the arms industry will very soon be launched. An early project of this campaign will be the development of a report on the militarisation of Australian universities; the research conducted by LL will contribute to this report and will be instrumental in supporting and guiding other campus campaigns in their research.

#### **Fossil Free MU**

Following the 28th March release of the Sustainable Investment Framework (SIF) by the University of Melbourne, Fossil Free Melbourne University has spent some weeks reviewing

the SIF in terms of its effectiveness in leading to divestment from fossil fuel companies. After seeking advice from UMSU Advocacy and Legal and more experienced campaign members, FFMU has come to the informed opinion that the SIF is a toothless document that states some vague values for its investment portfolios and rules out actual divestment, which it refers to as an ‘exclusionary approach.’

### **Play With Your Food**

PWYF, a fortnightly cooking class and free dinner, is going very well. They’re well-attended each fortnight and make delicious food, which is contributing to a good community of interested participants who are learning about delicious vegan cooking and food co-operatives.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

No previously assigned actions

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

### **Budget Expenditure**

There has been no new expenditure since the last meeting of student’s council

**Indigenous  
Alexandra Hohoi**

### **Key Activities**

#### **Key Activity 1: University Games Team**

Since last council the teams have continued to train and to socialise. The overall skill of all the players is improving. Training times have been specifically coordinated to suits everyone's schedule. We have now picked the two separate teams and have adjusted the training accordingly.

#### **Key Activity 2: Spreading Fire**

Spreading fire and the UMSU Indigenous department ran their first event together last week. It was a major success. There were higher levels of engagement than expected, we were able to create a culturally safe space for our students to engage with dance and song. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

#### **Key Activity 3: Friday 13th Trivia Night**

Our trivia night was a huge success! with help from the IDA Bar staff, Comms and AV Melbourne, we were able to deliver a great night. Trivia, Board Games, Pizza and Beverages were all available. Students from the collective continued to socialise after the event, which was exactly what I wanted to see. I believe that the event fostered a real sense of community. We engaged students from different age groups and different colleges which was the point.

**Key Activity 4: Timetabling with Freshers**

This week, on request from some students within the collective, our department ran ‘how to timetable’ sessions. We got together some of the older students within the collective to work with some of the first year students to teach them how to plan out their studies over time. This was very successful. The freshers found the sessions extremely helpful and it also fostered inter-year level friendships.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Last Action Point 1: Deliver the Friday 13th Party.**

As explained, this happened and went very well.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5	1/12/2016	Trivia Night expenditure	\$3000	Special Events and Projects	Spent approximately \$1500 but still finalising costs.

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

**Key activities**

**Taking stock of video equipment**

We would like money to purchase the following items for the creation of videos for *Farrago*:

- A new key for the video equipment cabinet. All of our video equipment is stored in one cabinet in the media office. It’s super expensive, and since our office doesn’t currently lock, when we are out of the office this equipment is vulnerable to theft.
- Miscellany for Sony Handycam. In the process of taking stock of our video equipment, we have found an old Sony Handycam lying around (worth about \$1,500) which we would like to start using. We would like money to purchase the following equipment to protect the Handycam and make it usable:
  - Sony NP-FV50 battery
  - Sony BC-QM1 battery charger
  - A UV filter to protect the lens

For our other cameras, we would like to purchase the following bits and bobs to help protect the cameras and increase their usability:

- A lens cap for a LUMIX GH5—helps protect camera lens
- A UV filter for a Canon 700D—the remaining camera without a UV filter—helps protect the expensive camera lens
- Two camera bags—these help protect the cameras when we lend them out to members of the collective
- Canon LC-E8E battery charger—a spare charger for our two Canon 700Ds

### **Radio Fodder headphones**

Unfortunately, one of the four pairs of headphones in the Radio Fodder studio has stopped working. We would like to purchase one replacement pair of headphones, plus an extra pair so we can sub in this pair should one of the other pairs of headphones break.

### **Radio Fodder licensing**

We have received an invoice for Radio Fodder webcasting, which needs to be paid so that we can legally play music on Radio Fodder.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Action point 1: Complete edition three of *Farrago* and start preparing edition four**

Edition three of *Farrago* has been completed. It is due to arrive in the loading bay on 24 April. Our launch party is scheduled for that evening.

#### **Action point 2: Continue reviewing UMSU media governance including student newspaper policy and other potential constitutional changes**

This is ongoing. Since the last report:

- Regarding the UMSU student newspaper policy: We have reached out to *Woroni*, the ANU student newspaper, to request their governance documents, including their constitution and other policy and procedure guidelines, in order to complete some benchmarking before looking in depth at UMSU’s media policy. *Woroni* generally has the most robust policy of any student media outlet in the country—partly because they are their own incorporated association, separate from ANUSA, ANU’s student association; and partly because a lot of policy nerds seem to go to university in Canberra.
- Regarding other potential constitutional changes: We have circulated to the People of Colour department a terms of reference for a working group looking at affirmative action for people of colour in the media office. The PoC officers will share it with their committee, who will get back to us in due course with their suggestions.

#### **Action point 3: Continue process of digitising *Farrago*’s archives**

Not a great deal to report on. On Thursday 26 April (the morning of this meeting of council), we are meeting with Silvia Paparozzi from the university library to complete a tour of the university’s digitisation facilities.

### **Action points to be completed by next report**

**Action point 1: Continue preparing edition four of *Farrago***

**Action point 2: Continue reviewing UMSU student newspaper policy**

**Action point 3: Finish drafting the terms of reference for a working group looking at affirmative action for people of colour in the media office**

**Action point 4: Continue process of digitising *Farrago*’s archives**

**People of Colour**  
**Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige**

**Key Activities****Anti-Racism Workshops**

Our weekly anti-racism workshops have run from Week 6 onwards. Regular attendees at our events have had the opportunity to present on a topic of their own choosing to non-autonomous audiences. Past topics have ranged from ‘The Black Experience’ to ‘Hollywood as Cultural Imperialism’. Attendance has been building gradually and the workshops themselves have had good feedback as educational opportunities.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report****Continue planning for Anti-Racism Workshops**

A schedule of presenters has been made. We have held 4 workshops already.

**Continue planning for Myriad**

Applications for editor have closed and we are in the process of notifying candidates of the outcome of their applications. We expect to open applications for subeditors and the graphics team soon.

**Action Points to be completed by next report****Open Myriad subeditor/graphics team applications**

Start the process of finding subeditors/a graphics team for Myriad.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	08/12/2017	Collective catering	\$7770	People of Colour Collective	Week 6 = \$348 Week 7 = \$280.50
2	28/02/2018	Reading Group catering	\$700	Reading Group	Week 5 = \$95 Week 6 = \$154 Week 7 = \$47.50
2	28/02/2018	Reading Group presenter	\$700	Reading Group	Presenter fee = \$200

4	28/03/2018	Anti-racism workshop presenters	\$1300	Diversity Week	*Unspent money was moved from Diversity Week budget line  \$150 x 4 workshops = \$600
4	28/03/2018	Anti-racism workshop catering	\$1300	Diversity Week	*Unspent money was moved from Diversity Week budget line  Workshop 1 = \$66 Workshop 2 = \$165 Workshop 3 = \$43 Workshop 4 = \$204

**Committee Meetings**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	08/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	28/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	14/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	28/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
5	18/04/2018	No

**Queer**  
**Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves**

**Key Activities**

**Regular Collectives**

These bad boys are chugging along nicely. We have added Queer Political Action Collective to our repertoire which has seen new people regularly engaging with the department – and some cool potential plans for the year.

**CAMP**

Submissions have closed for CAMP and we are in the process of working with our subeditors and editors to ensure all the pieces are perfect. Our editors (Katie Doherty, Morgan-Lee Snell, Ruby Perryman) are doing an incredible job sorting out where pieces will be going within the mag and liaising with subeditors. We also had a super fun photoshoot where we took editorial photos. Yeet.

**Elected Reps**

Elinor attended the most recent Elected Reps meeting to talk about issues with the University identification for gender diverse students. It was an interesting experience, and definitely got us thinking about realistic avenues for change.

**Queer Collaborations**

We have sent out a Google Form to our collective to collect interest in the upcoming Queer Collaborations conference.

**Budget Review**

We are in the process of assessing where we are up to with our proposed budget. So far, everything is tracking well, though due to previously mentioned high attendance at regular collectives, we have found that our food and beverages budget is tight. We’ve passed a little extra money for the regular collectives for now, but we need to review at the end of semester to see if that increase is actually sustainable.

**IDAHOBIT**

We are working with the University in order to plan a big event for IDAHOBIT. This is incredibly exciting as it means that the University is actually taking into consideration queer students’ experiences and needs! We’re glad to be a voice in the meeting to make sure IDAHOBIT is treated with respect, but so far the plans look really cool.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Queer Crafts and Beer**

We have everything set in motion for this event, which has gained a lot of interest online with double the expected number clicking attending/interested on the Facebook event. We’ve

passed money for the event, and have had a big chat with Ash and Freya from Creative Arts. We’re hoping this event will be a chilled out social space for our collective.

**Study Groups**

This job managed to slip under our radar. We still need to send this job to Comms, but other than that the event is ready to go. Therapy dogs are a tentative element.

**Newsletter**

Another newsletter will have been sent out by this council. We have been using it as a space to advertise, and as incentive for joining up we have a bunch of Cinema Nova double passes to give away.

**Coming Out Support Group**

Comms job has been logged, at this point we have yet to have an update.

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

**Queer Collaborations**

We will need to do anonymised readings of the submissions through the Google Form in order to figure out QC attendance. Once this is done, it’s just a matter of booking the event for us and our contingent. The early bird registration hasn’t even opened yet, so we have plenty of time.

**Study Groups**

A comms job still needs to be logged for this, and we want to follow up on getting the therapy dogs for the event. We’ve contacted the person who owns them, and we’re just ironing out the details of that now.

**End of Semester Party/CAMP Launch**

We are combining our EoS party with the launch for CAMP magazine. This is sure to be a blast, and in order to make it so, we need to start planning with our editorial team, collective, committee, and comms.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	12/1/18	Food for Queer Lunch	up to \$250 weekly and \$2400 a semester	Food & beverages	\$166.05 for Prontos only (week 5), \$241.12 (week 6), \$238.15 (week 7), both with Prontos and Plush Fish



2	12/1/18	Food for collectives: chips, lollies, etc	up to \$50 weekly and \$250 a semester	Food & beverages	\$27.89 (week 6), \$26.76 (week 7)
3	12/1/18	Queer Space Maintenance	\$1800	Grants	\$288.72 Queer Space Maintenance including chocolate, biscuits, tea, milk(s), etc
4	18/04/2018	CAMP Magazine	\$6000	Special Projects & Events	\$18.55, food for subeditor training.

### Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	06/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	12/01/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	07/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	18/04/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

<p><b>Welfare</b> Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera</p>
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### Key Activities

#### **Key Activity 1: Food Bank Program**

We did another Food Bank run and Food Bank packing with some volunteers this fortnight and send some to VCA Campus and to the Info desk. There are still some food bank items left and we are hoping to finish the packing this week.

#### **Key Activity 2: CIP Restructuring**

New volunteers have signed up to our program this fortnight since there was increased publicity during Volunteering fair. We have assigned them into groups and we will be holding our second bonding and appreciating night for our volunteers on Monday. Volunteer turn up has been generally good for our regular events averaging 4 volunteers for Breakfast Bar and 10-15 volunteers for Breakfast BBQ.

**Key Activity 3: Stress Less Week Planning**

We have submitted jobs to Comms team and are working with various department in UMSU to pull off Stress Less Week, which will be held on week 11. We are also working with various clubs and societies and also university departments, such as Academic Skills and Advocacy. At this point we are still confirming many details of the events.

**Key Activity 4: Regular events**

Our department has been running Yoga, Zumba and Meditation classes and these classes have been running decently this part fortnight. We have never had any issues in terms of attendance for Yoga and Zumba classes. Breakfast Bar attendance has almost doubled in average this past fortnight, which is great news. Breakfast BBQ has also improved in attendance, reaching 400 students in the last BBQ. We are also looking for continued improvements in terms of food provided in these events.

**Key Activity 5: Campaigns**

*Tenants Victoria Campaign*

UMSU Legal team has reached out to RUSU legal team and they have agreed to co-operate to come up with a comprehensive campaign to support Tenants Victoria. We will also get in touch with RUSU and NUS Welfare department. This campaign is planned to be held in the first week of Semester 2.

*Harm Reduction Policy Group*

We have collaborated with the General Secretary, President and members of SSDP and Harm Reduction Victoria to produce a complete policy document around a Harm Reduction Program moving into Semester Two. We are yet to meet with Legal, and VicPolice to finalise the document. We will be presenting it to the University within the next fortnight.

**Progress on Assigned action point from last report**

**Last Action point 1: CIP Organisation**

As mentioned on key activities 2, we have done quite a bit of volunteering organization. We are coming up with a guide to volunteers to make this program even more comprehensive.

**Last Action point 2: Breakfast Bar**

We have managed to almost double the attendance of breakfast bar due to efforts to improve the quality of it and we are working to publicise this event even more.

Action points to be completed by next report

**Action point 1: Stress Less Week**

We are hoping to finalise a lot of details hopefully by next council and come up with a comprehensive time table for stress less week as this is one of the biggest events for our department and we hope to pull off an amazing collaboration with all parties involved.

**Committee Meeting and budget expenditure**

Date	Committee Meeting	Minutes confirmed
19/12/2017	1	Confirmed
24/01/2018	2	Confirmed
8/02/2018	3	Confirmed

6/03/2018	4	Confirmed
21/03/2018	5	Confirmed
9/04/2018	6	Unconfirmed

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

### Key Activities

#### **Organising the screening of The Hunting Ground**

We’ve been locking in panellists, venue details and equipment hire. The event will be held in the Guild Theatre from 4-6:30pm on the 2nd of May. After the documentary screening, we will have a panel discussion and Q and A session. The panel will include both Women’s Officers, NUS Women’s Officer Kate Crossin, Nina Funnell and college student representative Rose-Monet Wilson Scott.

#### **Stress Less Week**

Kareena has been communicating with the Creative Arts officers about holding a collaborative event, inspired by the paint balloon scene in The Princess Diaries. There are issues with darts being a safety risk and balloons not being environmentally friendly, but we are working on alternatives.

#### **Networking Night**

The first Networking Night of the year is set to take place in Week 10, in collaboration with WISE (Women in Science and Engineering), focusing on women in STEMM careers.

#### **Transfemme Collective**

The first one happened in Week 6. There were issues with some of the food disappearing before the collective. Most likely it was someone taking it by accident, in the confusion of the multiple food orders and deliveries constantly happening at UMSU. No one attended this collective, apart from the facilitator. We expect this will be a small collective but we still believe it is worth running. Hopefully it will have some growth over the year and with more promotion.

#### **Weekly Collectives**

The Women’s and Women of Colour collectives have been running every week as usual, both with good attendance. The big signs from Comms have been helping with autonomy during Women of Colour Collective.

#### **Judy’s Punch Collective**

The second JPC will run in Week 8. This one will be about representation and inclusiveness, and the collective will create some guidelines and tips for the editorial team.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Buy Beans**

We regret to inform Council that beans have not yet been purchased.

**Provide an update on the screening of The Hunting Ground**

Refer to key activities.

**Action points to be completed by next report**

Run the screening of The Hunting Ground

Run the first Networking Night

**Buy beans**

We mean it this time.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Spent	Budget Line	Comment
3(18)	5.3.18	Food for WoC and Women’s collectives, week 6	\$105.54	Collectives	
3(18)	5.3.18	Food for WoC and Women’s Collectives, week 7	\$100	Collectives	
3(18)	5.3.18	Food for Transfemme collective, week 6	\$54	Collectives	Part of this order went missing under suspicious circumstances. The whereabouts of our cheese is still a mystery. Any info much appreciated.

Burnley  
James Barclay

*No report received.*

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*Vacant*