

University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students' Council

Agenda

11:30am, Thursday, the 26th of April, 2018

Meeting 8(18)

Location: Theatre 3, First Floor, Alan Gilbert Building

1. Procedural Matters

1.1 Election of Chair

1.2 Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners

1.3 Attendance

1.4 Apologies

Councillors: Annie Liew

Office Bearers: Alice Smith

1.5 Proxies

Jacob Sacher to Katie Doherty (when not present)

1.6 Membership

Nicholas Lam has constitutionally vacated the office of VCA Campus Coordinator after missing three consecutive scheduled meetings of Students' Council.

1.7 Adoption of Agenda

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. Minutes of Meeting 7(18), for confirmation

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4. Correspondence

5. Office Bearer Reports

5.1. Please see the attached document: Office Bearer Reports.

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| 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 |

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| Indigenous | Submitted |
| Media | Submitted |
| People of Colour | Submitted |
| Queer | Submitted |
| Welfare | Submitted |
| Women's | Late |
| Burnley | Not submitted |
| Victorian College of the Arts | Vacant |

5.2. Please see the attached document: Office Bearer Recommendations.

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report (*in confidence*)

6.1. Report, Entertainment and Activities Review (*in confidence*)

6.2. Report, Rowden White Library and Arts Programs Review (*in confidence*)

7. Other Reports

8. Operational Business

8.1. Financial Reports, March 2018 (*in confidence*)

8.2. Student Initiative Grant Application, UMMSS St. Vincent's Hospital

8.3. Student Initiative Grant Application, UMMSS Northern Clinical School

8.4. Student Initiative Grant Application, VCA MCM Initiative

8.5. Travel and Conferences Policy

8.6. Draft, Conflict of Interest Policy

9. Motions on Notice

9.1. CAMP Magazine

9.2. Creative Arts Cross-departmental Events

10. Motions Without Notice

10.1. Supporting joint research project with NUS

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting

10:00am, Tuesday the 8th of May

13. Close

9.1. CAMP Magazine

The Queer Department is looking to join the Women’s Department and the People of Colour Department in having an annual autonomous publication. Titled CAMP, this magazine will highlight queer and trans voices, provide a creative outlet for the LGBTQI+ community, and ultimately just be a beautiful publication that UMSU can be proud of, all while reflecting the diversity of our community. With the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey only just behind us, the queer and trans community at this university is both still reeling from the deluge of harsh rhetoric that saw a 40% upswing in young queer people seeking mental health support, and loving the rise in numbers of young queer people willing to engage with their community. We think now more than ever it is important for queer and trans students to have this.

When we initially budgeted for it, we were unfortunately operating based on outdated information about printing costs. While we at first believed \$6000 would cover our printing costs, our honoraria for the editors, and all miscellaneous costs arising during production, we’re currently looking several grand short. Our quote for 1000 copies – the smallest print run we were considering – was \$7898. Our honoraria for editors is in line with publications like Judy’s Punch, adjusted for the number of editors we have – totalling \$1200.

Unfortunately, we cannot find all of this money elsewhere in our budget without a strong negative impact on the other services and events we provide – we’re of course happy to share the long and boring number crunching with anyone from Council who wants to swing by the office sometime. In summary: we have already folded the end-of-semester party into our launch night in order to save money, our budget for our weekly events and collectives is already struggling with significantly increased turnout over previous years, and we’d have to cancel multiple semester 2 events in order to get the funds entirely from our budget. In terms of timelines, we currently have our three editors and more than a dozen subeditors working away at our chosen submissions in anticipation of a week 12 launch.

Ultimately, we believe this publication is something UMSU is lacking, and we believe that instituting it will reiterate our general commitment as an organisation to supporting queer and trans students.

Motion: To approve up to \$3000 from the Whole of Union budget line to spend on the publication of the inaugural CAMP magazine, which includes printing costs, payments for editors, and other costs arising during production.

Moved: Elinor Mills

Seconded: Esther Le Couteur

9.2. Creative Arts Cross-departmental Events

Motion: That \$2,000 be passed from whole of union for Creative Arts to facilitate and engage in interdepartmental events.

Including the upcoming collaborations:

Queer Department – Crafts, Beer and Queer (estimated cost \$500)

Women’s department – Stress Less event (estimated cost \$200)

Sexplorations – Scult ya bits (estimated cost \$300)

Motion: \$1000 contingency for future interdepartmental and cross campus events.

Motion: That \$247.96 be passed from whole of union to cover additional cleaning costs from Mudfest 2017.

Moved: Freya McGrath

Seconded: Amelia Reeves

9.2. Appendix: ALLOCATION BREAKDOWN

| INCOME | |
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| Whole of Union funding | \$2,000 |
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| TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME | \$2,000 |
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| EXPENDITURE | |
| Crafts Beer & Queer: | |
| Catering | \$500 |
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| Sexplorations: "Sculpt Ya Bitz" | |
| Clay x 20 sets | \$250 |
| Other materials - paints, butcher's paper etc. | \$50 |
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| Stress Less Week - Women's Department Collaboration | |
| Snacks and materials for event | \$200 |
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| SEMESTER 2 COLLABORATIONS: | |
| VCA campus art installation | \$300 |
| Found object sculptural assemblage (w/ enviro) | \$200 |
| Sem 2 Arty Party in collaboration with UHT | \$400 |
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| Other interdepartmental collaborations | \$100 |
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| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | \$2,000 |

Statement of Support from Callum Simpson (Enviro Officer):

"Ashleigh and Freya bring an immense amount of creativity and energy to all of their projects. The Environmental Disaster Haunted House for UMSU Sleepover was expertly executed and its popularity exposed many students to our Departments. For Radical Education week, they facilitated the performance of a Radical Art piece that was very thought-provoking. They organised a fascinating panel discussion on how performance can act as a form of protest. We look forward to their future collaborations."

10.1. Supporting joint research project with NUS

The National Union of Students (NUS) is currently lobbying the government cross-benchers on the Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (Student Loan Sustainability) bill. Currently one of the proposals within this bill is the implementation of a HELP loan limit of \$104k, which would price many students, especially at Melbourne University, out of higher

education- specifically their postgraduate degrees. Cross-benchers from the NXT and Senator Fraser Anning have expressed interest in amending this legislation in order to review the limit amount so that no student is priced out of higher education as a result of the loan limit being too low. These senators are awaiting research in order to back up an amendment to the bill to raise the loan limit to an amount modelled and based on research.

Because NUS currently is without a research officer, a joint research project has been instigated- involving NUS, CAPA, and a number of different student unions throughout the country who will be most affected should the loan limit be implemented. These unions include UMSU, the GSA, UWA Guild, the MSA (Monash Student Association) and MPA (Monash Postgraduate Association) . NUS is currently working with and obtaining funding from these organisations to support the research project.

As the representative body of one of the universities which will be hardest hit by this legislation should it pass, it seems fair that we support this project and NUS in lobbying on this issue.

Motion: to pass up to \$4000 from the Campaigns budget line and \$4000 from the Whole of Union budget line in order to support the joint NUS research project into HELP loan limits.

Moved: Desiree Cai