



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

11:30am, Thursday, the 24th of May, 2018

Meeting 10(18)

Location: Joe Napolitano A, Second Floor, Union House

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Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Desiree Cai**

Key Activities

Student Precinct

On the 11th of May, Daniel, UMSU Management, and I attended a meeting about UMSU within the Student Precinct’s concept design. There were a range of issues that were noted in the design, as well as in the accommodation schedule (table of UMSU spaces and sizes) that the precinct team had been using. While the precinct team has assured us that many of these design issues and concerns UMSU has will be dealt with in the Schematic Design Phase which will be starting soon, there are some issues that are still outstanding. These include a lack of a space allocation for the Student Bar, continuing confusion about what ‘retail’ ground floor space UMSU will be allocated, and concerns about the visibility and connectiveness of UMSU spaces and the Rowden White Library throughout the precinct.

These outstanding issues in the final concept design were raised in the Student Experience Advisory Group (SEAG) by Dan, and I will continue to raise them as well when the concept design comes to the Student Precinct Steering Committee meeting this Wednesday (23rd May).

SSAF consultative group meeting

The SSAF consultative group is a meeting that happens between all organisations receiving SSAF, including UMSU, the GSA, MU Sport and parts of the University. The leaders of these organisations met with Chancellery on the 21st of May to discuss a new project to improve the consistency and transparency of reporting the usage of SSAF in the various organisations. This SSAF project will be ongoing and will lead into the eventual SSAF allocations/negotiations for when the current agreement runs ends in December 2019.

Meeting Academic Services Executive Team

This year, there have been meetings set up with the Academic Services Executive Team for every 2 months. The meeting is a platform mostly for information sharing and seeing the ways that the student facing sides of the university can work together better with UMSU to ensure students are getting the resources and information they need to. Part of the work in this group will be ensuring that both parties are up to date with what programs and services we provide for students so we can adequately refer students (both ways) to the appropriate services that exist.

CAPS campaign planning

I've been working closely with Michael, Jacinta and Hien (Welfare and Disabilities) in gathering information in order to run a campaign and bring up the issue of counselling access for students to the university. Michael and I met up with Orania the Head of CAPS to discuss some of their issues, and gather some information about student experiences with the services and ways that it could be improved.

The Ida Bar (working group)

The Bar working group re-convened last week. Some updates include that the Bar will be painted soon! An official opening of the Bar will also be happening next semester (official date will be locked in at our next meeting) when the space is decked out a bit more. Planning around a food option for the Bar continues.

Refugee scholarship planning

The planning stages for a plan on getting Refugee Scholarships to happen have begun. I facilitated a meeting with Reem (POC), Alice, Toby (Ed Ac) and Conor (Ed Pub) to form a plan of action in pursuing this and getting it on the agenda of the University.

Academic Board

I attended Academic Board with Alice (Education Academic) on the 17th of May. The biggest thing that happened at the meeting is that one of the proposed Melbourne Model Evolution projects- creating a new undergraduate degree the Bachelor of Health, was called off. Other than that not much else contentious was discussed.

The issue of CADMUS has gone quiet for a bit since Alice and I brought it to Academic Board at the beginning of the year. I have followed up Richard James to call another meeting of the Academic Integrity Working Group so CADMUS is back on the agenda.

NUS Budget Launch facilitation

On Wednesday 16th of May, the NUS had their launch for their Build a Better Budget Campaign. Good job to the Education officers in all their work co-running the event and organising much of the logistics for it. I was able to speak at the launch in my role as the President of UMSU, and I was joined by other speakers Mark Pace (NUS President), Ged Kearney (Member for Batman), and Steve Adams (NTEU Unimelb Branch President).

Weekly Meetings

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

Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Student Precinct Concept design review meeting—attended, see details in report

- Speak and participate in the NTEU action and UMSU/NTEU contingent to the Change the Rules Rally—I spoke at the NTEU action before the rally and it was great to see a decent UMSU contingent supporting the NTEU, and participating in the Change the Rules Rally. All in all, pretty cool.
- Attend meeting with the Academic Services Executive team—attended, see details in report
- Continue to support student reps in their campaigns—I’ve supported departments on planning around CAPS and Refugee Scholarships

List of actions by next report

- Attend Student Precinct Steering Committee and raise relevant concerns
- Finish preparations for Elected Reps, and attend elected reps
- Continue to support student reps in their campaigns

Budget Expenditure

N/A

<p>General Secretary Daniel Beratis</p>

Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas

I love an agenda. I love several agendas.

Key Activity 2: Policy, Regulations, and Working Groups

Conflicts is here! Amendments to the Standing Orders are here! Recommendations to the Electoral Tribunal regarding the Electoral Regulations are here! It is all happening, and I hope you enjoy them.

Key Activity 3: Student Initiative Grants

I am continuing to receive SIGs—I can advise that we have currently allocated just over half the total budget for this program, at \$7,600. With the applications today, that will extend to over \$10,000 which is over two thirds, if those are approved. I have also requested more information concerning last Council’s deferred grant, but have not yet heard back, and as such do not have further advice as yet.

Key Activity 4: VCA Vacancy

The meeting is today (as of Council) at 4pm in the Dr. Philip Law Meeting Room. I am, however, in anticipation of this meeting being potentially inquorate, **recommending** that Council direct the VCA Committee to continue meeting until such a time as a quorate meeting can be found. It is vital that this be resolved as soon as possible.

Key Activity 5: Student Experience Advisory Group

The Final Concept Design Report came to the Student Experience Advisory Group on Monday, concerning the New Student Precinct. I raised several points of discussion on the Report, including accommodations for student experience more broadly and the areas in which UMSU significantly contributes to the same. I continue to, alongside Desiree and management, pursue these points.

Key Activity 6: Tribunal Appointment

Still waiting on this, hooray.

Key Activity 7: Harm Reduction

The policy has been looked over by Legal, and we will now be confirming that it looks like what UMSU wants it to look like before pursuing further approvals and confirmations from various bodies, including the police.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Working Groups

As noted above, harm reduction is on its way. Unfortunately, I was not able to make substantive progress on ethical sponsorship as yet.

Action Point 2: VCA Vacancy

As noted above, a meeting is taking place at 4pm!

Action Point 3: Regulations and Policy

As noted above! There will likely be more coming, such as amendments to the Student Newspaper policy, as well as other tidbits here and there.

Action points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Working Groups

Next Council should see progress on harm reduction to the point where we are waiting on external bodies, and ethical sponsorship should also have finally made progress at this point.

Action Point 2: VCA Vacancy, and the VCA

If a Coordinator is appointed, this will have satisfied my goals in this area, but if a Coordinator is not, we will no doubt continue to work towards that, while maintaining services at the VCA in the meanwhile. I also particularly want to thank other Office Bearers for contributing during this period of transition.

Action Point 3: Special General Meetings

As foreshadowed in previous reports, we will require several SGMs over the coming months. I hope to begin the planning of those so that their work may be accomplished as soon as is practicable.

Activities

Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

Key Activities

Activities had our Trivia night on the 10th of May. This was our 2nd trivia we’ve run for the year and we found it to be significantly more successful than the first. There was a much higher attendance due to earlier marketing and no clashes on the night. This was the first time we have used the Ida Bar for this event and while it was convenient for a bar set up, the space was very small for the number of people we had, lacking in tables and appropriate seating (bar stools and couches had to be used) and was a struggle for AV set up. While this venue may be useful for smaller trivias (our Trivia #1 would have been perfect) or pub nights, it was quite difficult with this many people.

As part of the continuing arrangements due to variations in staff availability, we have also been working more with Communications and others in setting up our events, including Trivia. While there is always a process of transition, especially when so close to an event, we were still able to hold the event. However, the increased workload involved means that this is unlikely to be a long-term solution or fix to holding our events in lieu of the standard arrangements. Hopefully, however, these arrangements will not impact Activities events for a significant period of time.

We have also been working with the casual programming officer hired by Communications as well as Dee to finalise the program and events for next semester. We have been communicating with our committee as well as representatives from large organisations on campus including clubs and Radio Fodder to gain student input and ensure student representation when requesting bands. We seek to have the Activities schedule confirmed by next council and will continue to work on the bands for next semester.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Also, meetings with the Governance and Compliance Officer and Legal have continued and we have a plan of action for how we want to address these issues.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalise schedule for next semester and continue working on band programming

Start organising UHHP presents Winter Wonderland

Budget Expenditure

No budget expenditure since last council as committee meeting not quorate

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Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss

Key Activities

Email and Admin

Clubs admin consists of responding to a variety of queries and request from clubs; updating clubs online; processing general meetings; approving constitutional changes; and generally supporting clubs through their day to day activities.

Response to the Chinese Philosophy and Business Appeal

This is the second appeal that has come before student’s council this year relating to a disaffiliation of a club and as such we have prepared another lengthy response to justify our decision. On both occasions, no justification was given for the grounds on which they are appealing. Simply listing all 3 grounds is not an acceptable form of appeal. This wastes C&S office bearers’, committee’s and staff’s time as well as councillors’ time. In order to justify our decision a detailed report was again prepared which takes away our time which, by the precedence set by council, puts the burden on our department to provide the evidence to a higher degree than necessary to demonstrate the validity of the decision. We recommend a review of the appeal process where appeals can only be accepted such that supporting evidence is provided. There should be a burden on the club to justify the grounds for the appeal.

Inaugural General Meetings (IGM)

With the help of committee, we have been hosting IGMs for new clubs looking to affiliate to UMSU with this being one of the final stages in the affiliation process. By the time of council all 13 will have held their meetings and assuming their paperwork is completed, they will all be affiliated clubs by next council.

Winterfest

We have started Winterfest planning for clubs’ expo which will now be inside union house on level 1, 2 and inside grand buffet hall. We’ve sent out the initial expression of interest forms for clubs and are going to use their replies to determine the needs and facilities which we can provide to clubs and where everything is located. Several jobs for this have been logged with comms, namely the event itself and the designing of numerous wayfinding material and signage which will be needed around the building so that people are easily able to find all clubs. We have also asked for clubs to volunteer to help us manage this event due to it being over 3 levels and in isolated areas making it harder for us, especially with many of committee away.

Progress on Assigned Actions from last report

Constitutional and Policy workshopping

Second meeting has been held and the documents for that are being typed up. We had 4 people in attendance and managed to work through a large volume of documents in an attempt to condense the information about camps and solidify understanding of liquor licence obligations.

Action Points to be Completed by Next Report

Winterfest

Consolidate all the responses to the expression of interest form, determine the requirements of clubs and meet with AV and Comms to determine what we can realistically provide. Notify the successful and unsuccessful clubs and be underway in our site map and planning which clubs go where.

Activity Reporting

Soon we will be processing clubs’ events to determine who has met the requirements of having 2 compliant events required to maintain affiliation with UMSU. This will be first done by checking their grants and then clubs which don’t hit the 2 member events required will be emailed out and invited to report their activities providing other forms of proof.

Constitutional and Policy Workshopping

There are currently 6 meetings planned for semester 2 so in order for these to be completed the meetings will be fortnightly with the schedule needing to be sent out soon and one of our holiday projects to type up all the proposed changes we have as semester 2 will be very busy and we won’t have time to do them then.

Budget Expenditure

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, 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	Yes, Confirmed
Special meeting 1	17/04/2018	Yes, Confirmed

9	01/05/2018	Yes, Confirmed
10	14/05/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Creative Arts
Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

We presented our first “Tricks of the Trade” Workshop on How to write a successful grant application on Wednesday 16th May 2018. The workshop was a great success! Mr. Josh Wright was a fantastic presenter with wonderful insight into the creative industry & everyone gained lots of vital knowledge. Every single participant turned up so we had a workshop with no empty seats! Little Cupcakes were also a hit.

Our next Happy/Healthy Art-Making workshop is currently in development, in consultation with the Arts Well-being Collective.

Key Activity 2

Presented our Stress Less Week event - “Princess Diary Painting Party” in collaboration with the Women’s Department – we screened the film, provided crafts & snacks for students to de-stress. Everyone seemed to have a great time, produced beautiful paintings and/or chilled (napped) on the beanbags.

Key Activity 3

Hosted our second TOOYA (Talking Out of Your Arts) Post-show Q&A event Melbourne University Shakespeare Company’s production “Plastic Shakespeare” on the 11th May 2018. Next TOOYA coming up on 26th May 2018 for Union House Theatre’s Production of THINGS WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT (which everyone should see!!).

Key Activity 4

Organising our second Tricks of the Trade Workshop: Happy Healthy Art-Making for 29th May 2018, including catering, publicity and technical equipment.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

We met for grant consultations with six student artists for our next \$2000 arts grant-round, which closed on 18th May 2018.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Finish organising latest TOTT-shop event.

**Action Point 2
Launch TASTINGS 18!!!!!!!**

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
4	3/05/2018	Tott-shops: Workshop facilitator & Catering	\$500	Special Projects	
4	3/05/2018	Visual Art	\$70	Special Projects	
4	3/05/2018	Pot Luck Open Mic Night	\$1580	Special Projects	
4	3/05/2018	TOOYA: Building Extension	\$500	Special Projects	

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, Confirmed
4	3/05/2018	Yes

Disabilities

Jacinta Dowe and Hien Nguyen

Key Activities

We’ve been in contact with SEDS regarding building accessibility for the Kathleen Fitzpatrick Theatre in Arts West, which a student has informed us is inaccessible for people on mobility scooters.

We are looking for first-hand accounts of experiences with CAPS of any kind. If you know anyone/would be interested in talking to us about this, please email us at

disabilities@union.unimelb.edu.au.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

We’ve created a survey for CAPS which Welfare has run through coms. We are hoping this will help us gather information on student experiences.

We’ve organised for flyers and posters advertising Disability Pride, which is next week. Everything is booked and ready to go.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	21/12/2017	Catering for Disability Collective and ASG	Up to \$50 a week each	Collective	Spend \$98.50 on catering (\$50 each event) on mixed rice paper rolls from chill out for ASG and pizza (\$48.50) for DC

Education (Academic Affairs)
Alice Smith and Toby Silcock

Key Activities

Key Activity 1 – SRN

The third meeting of the SRN took place on Tuesday 22nd of May. We had pizza, and possibly the highest attendance of the year, as well as some really good discussion on assessment, the BA course review, and special consideration (amongst other things).

Common to both TALQAC and APC [and maybe others] was discussion of special consideration and academic misconduct. Both are connected through the Advocacy Quarterly Report, which we tabled, largely concerning misconduct arising from fraudulent medical certificates submitted with special consideration requests.

On special consideration, we have remained firm in trying to quash moves within Engineering and FBE to restrict access to special consid. on the basis of students “gaming” the system by applying, then not sitting the special consid exams after receiving their marks. We noted significant problems with the data that came out of Exams Subcommittee (which we have reported on before), and reiterated students’ entitlement to special consideration, and that there is no actual problem with students’ “gaming” conduct.

On Academic Misconduct, we have reiterated the importance of academics being trained, like student reps. We will continue to raise this at coming meetings, to put pressure on the University Secretary.

Gregor Kennedy presented interesting data on the low attendance rate for lectures and general lack of engagement with lectures. He also reiterated the consistent ambivalence in the data as to the relationship between lecture recordings and attendance. The report has yet to be published, so will be reported on after its release.

In terms of meetings:

- SPC had an emergency meeting to consider the Bachelor of Health and new guaranteed pathways for high achieving high school students.
- TALQAC discussed special consideration, academic misconduct hearings, as well as the BA course review. The review had many problematic findings – such as the lower grades for international students, as well as the very high dropout rate in the BA Extended. We submitted that the latter should go to a working group, instead of simply go back for more data. We will see what comes of this, and might have to be firmer in checking on the progress of this. We will prepare a more detailed exec summary of the BA Course Review for the SRN for next meeting.
- APC considered effectively the same issues as TALQAC, as well as approved the Bachelor of Health, which is now dead.

Key Activity 2 – VCA

The form for VCA/MCM course standing committee representative on the SRN will be live before Council, and sets out the process for appointment. We hope to have this position filled by the end of June.

Key Activity 3 – Refugee Scholarship

We’ve been working with Conor and Reem to develop a plan for the University to provide a refugee scholarship. Watch this space.

Key Activity 4 – EdCon Grants

The Edcon grants are up and will be shutting tomorrow (that is, the 25th) at 5. We want Committee to be able to approve grants during SWOTVAC so people have plenty of time to plan to go to Radelaide.

Key Activity 5 – Stressless Week

We had a screening of Happy Feet that was quite well attended. Although there were some problems with the AV, we found a way around it and the screening went well. This expenditure, if we are liable for any after we line things up with Welfare, will be reflect in next report most likely.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Assigned Action	Progress
1 Start a new email list	The template is designed, the list is ready to go, but we haven’t written the first yet.
2 Email key decision-makers responsible for punitive student fees to help collect data and begin the conversation about removing these	Not done yet, since we’re concerned about who. Will be done by next report
3 Email key VCA academic contacts	Not done, but we have a better list. Study is killing us.
4 Compose letter to academic board and student-facing communications about lecture recordings for law	First draft composed for student-facing communications, but not the formal letter – though the basis is there. This might be deferred for a few weeks.

- 5 Begin collecting information to bring to AB committees on hurdles, competitive grading, and excessive weighting Found some interesting stuff. Will also confirm with Dom, from Commerce CSC, for more on Commerce hurdles.
- 6 Organise another meeting on refugee scholarships to act on the motion passed at last council See Key Activity 2, more to come.
- 7 Start holding “Study with Ed” chill study sessions in non-collective weeks to take advantage of our room booking at that time These will occur during SWOTVAC, and exam period to give kids an extra place to chill. Haven’t passed money for pizzas, but will. The rooms are booked.
- 8 Continue to press for a meeting with Neil Robinson on student fees and special consideration. 9. Still not replying.
Reach out to BSA to organise another strategy meeting.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
None processed.					

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements

Key Activities

Change the Rules rally & NTEU strike

A fair amount of time was spent in the previous couple of weeks since last council building for this—we did a bunch of lecture announcements and campaigned at both our own stalls and ones led by the NTEU. UMSU Education paid for the production of some flyers that were designed to have general information about industrial action and why it was being taken by NTEU members.

The strike itself on Wednesday May 9th had a decent turnout from students, despite a relatively early start—I guessed around 50 students were there, and this number grew after we actually got to Trades Hall for the change the rules rally. Overall, I was confident that students were at least aware that the strike was happening, and this will only improve as the bargaining process continues. Already there has been some progress made—as of the NTEU’s

most recent update, the university have offered a revised proposal on academic workloads (including a tentative cap of 1725 hours of work a year, and workloads to be “consistent with appropriate work-life balance, health and safety and the reasonable expectations of [a] position”). The NTEU continue to seek a similar guarantee for professional staff, but progress is still slow on the split agreement front, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and committing to intellectual freedom.

The NTEU’s next meeting will take place on the 29th of May, and this will be reported on at June’s council.

NUS Budget Stunt at Liberal HQ

On the 7th of May, I attended a stunt in the CBD at Liberal Party HQ organised by the National Union of Students around higher education funding for tertiary education. The original plan was for this to be held at Derryn Hinch’s office in South Melbourne, but this was changed. The stunt was attended by around 30 students, of whom 6 were Melbourne University students.

National Union of Students Build a Better Budget Campaign launch

On Wednesday the 16th of May, UMSU Education hosted the National Union of Students as they launched a campaign in opposition to some of the measures in the recently announced federal budget (as well as some suggestions for improvements), called the Build a Better Budget Campaign. Desiree spoke at this event on the importance of having a legislated minimum Student Services and Amenities Fee proportion to be distributed to democratically elected student organisations. We were also lucky enough to have Ged Kearney MP come in and speak about improvements in the budget required to have a more equitable society, especially in the context of 30 years of neoliberal policy in Australia.

Asylum seeker & refugee scholarship

On May 21st, we (the Ed OBs) met with Desiree and Reem to discuss how we could move forward with getting the university to begin a scholarship program for refugee and asylum seeker students, as well as former refugees who do not have access to the HECS/HELP system or Commonwealth Supported Places. I’ve done a bit of preliminary research into what kinds of programs are offered by universities in Australia for refugee and asylum seeker students, and from now Reem and I will be collaborating to see what else we can dig up with regards to permanent residents who are of that background. Hopefully during the winter break we can draft some kind of research paper with the help of UMSU Advocacy to make it a bit more legitimate before presenting it to University management.

Stress Less Week

Education ran a screening of the Aussie classic *Happy Feet* in the student lounge on Thursday the 17th of May. It was cute and there was lots of pizza but we were unable to stress less due to some pretty intense technical difficulties involving sound, which were eventually resolved when we borrowed a Bluetooth speaker from Welfare. Moral: don’t set up AV Melbourne equipment with the help of AV Melbourne.

Progress on action points from previous reports

Attend Change the Rules rally with NTEU members

Discussed above; done.

Continue campaigning to get attendance up for said rally

Same!

Hold phone banking event

Due to scheduling difficulties, this did not go ahead; it would have been sandwiched between Council and Education Committee. Having said that, the bill is still being deliberated in the Senate and is yet to go to a vote, according to the Australian Parliament House’s website.

Continue plans for refugee and asylum seeker scholarship programs

Discussed above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

- 1. Attend NTEU member’s meeting on the 29th of May**
- 2. Help organise contingent/attend Disarm Unimelb meeting**
This is a new initiative being organised by NUS Education, to tie in with their Books not Bombs campaign that’s being launched in semester 2. I’m not entirely sure how this would interact with current programs on campus such as Lockout Lockheed, but more correspondence with the NUS Education officer would clear this up.
- 3. Continue research for refugee/asylum seeker scholarship program with UMSU People of Colour Department**
- 4. Start making scripts and videos to be published on the UMSU Education Facebook page**
This one is pretty self-explanatory and more of a
- 5. Begin plans to improve Activist Walking Tour with UMSU Environments for Winterfest**
Yes, this event is back and better than ever. Stay tuned.

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, Confirmed
6	24/4/2018	Yes, Confirmed
7	8/5/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Expenditure

Meeting no.	Date	Description	\$ Passed	Budget line	Comment
7	8/5	NTEU Flyers	\$332	CSP&E	Only spent \$331.10
Op Sub (6)	11/5	Syndicate Launch Flyers	\$239.80	CSP&E	Forgot to pass money for this
Op Sub (6)	11/5	AV Equipment hire	\$100	CSP&E	For NUS Build a Better Budget launch

<p>Environment Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton</p>

Key Activities**Play With You Food**

PWYF is a fortnightly event held by UMSU Enviro and Melbourne Activist Catering Collective in the Melbourne University Food Co-op. Everyone is welcome to come chat, learn to cook a delicious meal and talk about sustainability. We do our best to meet all dietary requirements, and there are always good vegan options. PWYF has been well attended throughout the semester, helping construct a good community of like-minded people who care about good food and sustainability. In week 11, collaborating with UMSU Welfare Stress Less week, we made soup, quesadillas and choc tofu mousse (don’t knock it till you try it), and focussed on de-stressing from the semester.

Workshops! And film screening.

Over the last few weeks we’ve had a few different collective events. We held a dumpster-diving workshop to teach the etiquette of liberating food from bins and the environmental and social benefits of the practice. It was an amazing success with a dozen students making a good haul of otherwise wasted food and enjoying each other's company.

During Stress Less week, Environment played host to a reusable wraps workshop. Collective member Tessa showed a group of 25 people how to make reusable sandwich wraps from beeswax and recycled cloth.

In week 10 we held a film screening with pizza and popcorn on Wednesday the 9th. Those who attended enjoy learning about the Kirabati islands and the dangers that Pacific islands face from climate change.

Lockout Lockheed

We’re continuing to engage with more and more students at the university on this issue. The next engagement is a BBQ at South Lawn on Thursday 17th May. The last one got four pages of petition signatures, and we’re optimistic about the progress.

The Webinar To Disarm Unis was very well attended and lead to some decisions on a national report on militarised universities based off a series of Freedom of Information requests around the country. We’ll be helping this report form and help start the Disarm Unis campaign get traction and media attention.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

No previously assigned actions

Action Points to be completed by next report

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
7	26/4/18	Coles Order for Lockout Lockheed BBQ	\$450	Campaign B	Purchased. Being delivered. To be processed
7	26/4/18	Seedlings	\$60	Community Garden	Partly spent
7	26/4/18	Catering for PWYF (sem 1)	\$2160	Play With Your Food	processed
8	16/5/18	Materials for Reusable Wraps workshop	\$83.45	Special Projects	processed

Indigenous Alexandra Hohoi

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: University Games Team

Training for Indigenous Nationals has increased exponentially as our team prepares for the competition (which is less than one month away). Accommodation and travel is booked and ready and the only thing logistically left to sort out is food. The uniforms were designed by a student and the order has been placed.

Key Activity 2: Spreading Fire

UMSU Indigenous department has been working closely with spreading fire and will deliver its second session during the first week of June to celebrate Mabo Day. Mabo day has not been celebrated in any capacity by Unimelb before so this is an exciting opportunity for the students.

Key Activity 3: Swotvac Activities

This swotvac the UMSU Indigenous Department will be delivering services to Indigenous students during swotvac. Food, social events, exercise classes are some of the things the committee thought would be helpful to students during this stressful week

Key Activity 4: Stress Less

UMSU Indigenous delivered a morning tea and yarning circle to talk about stress less and what that means to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Overall the morning tea was a success.

Key Activity 5: Academic Workshops

UMSU Indigenous has been working with Murrup Barak to deliver academic help workshops. These include; tutoring, peer-tutoring, essay reading, time-management skills and anything else that the students need help with. So far five sessions have been delivered and have been a success.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Planning session with committee for next semester

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	14/05/2018	Stress less morning tea	\$500.00	Special events and projects	Only spent \$100
2	14/05/2018	Indigenous Games accomodation and uniforms	\$15,000.00	Sports grants and engagement	Spent full amount

2	14/05/2018	Mabo Day celebrations	\$2000.00	Special Projects	spent full amount
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Media
Ashleigh Barraclough, Esther Le Couteur,
Monique O’Rafferty and Jesse Paris-Jourdan

Key activities

Above Water

We have begun preparing *Above Water*, the annual creative writing anthology our department creates with the creative arts department. We have started to work on branding (please like our [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram profile](#)). We’ve opened submissions and we’ve asked for expressions of interest for an editorial assistant who will help with the process of blinding the pieces. The person who receives this role will be decided early in the week beginning 28 May.

Booking NYWF flights

The National Young Writers’ Festival (NYWF) occurs annually in the city of Newcastle, New South Wales, in late September. NYWF is the country’s largest writer’s festival encompassing both new and traditional forms of media including journalism, spoken word, blogging, podcasting, comedy, zines, comics and prose. The 2018 festival will take place 27–30 September.

We would like to book flights for the festival. At \$889.35 for return flights for four people, this was the cheapest option available—about \$111 per person per flight.

It is an annual tradition that the media officers go each year. This year, we have been accepted to host a student media symposium along with other student media outlets across the country. We need to book our accommodation soon because mid-spring is the peak holiday period for Newcastle and places are booking out quickly.

This year, \$4,000 has been set aside for the event. This was a reduction of the \$6,000 set aside by last year’s media office. We are very cognisant of the recent updates made to UMSU’s Student Travel and Conference Attendance Policy and Procedure, and will ensure that all money spent on the event abides with these rules. Of this \$4,000, just over \$3,000 will go towards accommodation. The remainder will be spent mostly on transport to the conference.

Below are a couple of reports from last year’s media contingent at the festival, which reiterate its importance and value.

Maggy Liu:

NYWF was an amazing experience for me, particularly as I'm not from Australia originally, so it was great to have an excuse to check out a part of the country I've not been to yet. I enjoyed all the workshops I attended and there were so many to choose from that were all different and useful in their own ways. I got so much out of it including hearing a panel talk about how student media differs across universities, the relationship between politics & pop culture, practical advice on how to monetise my writing as well as poetry workshops that helped me get out of my creative rut. It was also lovely to be able to spend more quality time with people from the media department. It really helped me feel like there is a community there after being (willingly) forced to spend 5 days with them in a new/unfamiliar setting!

Danielle Scrimshaw:

Attending this year's National Young Writer's Festival was such a worthwhile experience and I'm extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to go with Farrago. The festival offered practical advice and workshops on working within the publishing industry (which university lectures do not necessarily discuss in depth, though as a creative writing major I'm told relentlessly how important networking and connections are) and provided a safe and comfortable space for like-minded individuals and artists to share. I gained some useful advice on editing and writing pitches, and drew a lot of inspiration from the various panels I went to – most of my free time was spent sitting by the water writing in styles I wouldn't usually write in about things I'd never normally consider.

The trip to Newcastle also served as a great social experience as well, one which I fretted over slightly for a week in advance – travelling interstate with people I don't know overly well is not something I'd say is within my comfort zone – but ultimately connected me with some amazing, passionate and considerate people who've made this year at university infinitely more meaningful than my first year as an undergrad.

Paying for printing edition three

We would like to pay our lovely printers, Printgraphics, for edition three! The invoice was for \$11,676.50.

Distributing edition three to VCA

Jesse is requesting to get paid back for parking costs while he distributed edition three of *Farrago* to the VCA campus. Costs totaled \$3.30.

Giving out equipment to various students

Word has gotten out—maybe because we've started [advertising it on our website](#)—that we have in our office a cabinet full of equipment that can be loaned for free by any students at the university. Almost every day, someone comes in to take a piece of equipment—most of them not even *Farrago* people! Associated with this key activity is the purchase of a Rode VideoMic Pro+ (\$359). We currently have two boom poles but only one rode mic. If we purchase another one, then two people can take a rode mic/boom pole/TASCAM setup at the same time, which is a popular configuration for people who require audio equipment.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action point 1: Finish preparing and print edition four of *Farrago*

We held the edition four launch party on 21 May. It was a success! The beautiful cover by Alexandra Burns has been described as “*Frankie-esque*” and has already seen huge pickup rates across campus.

Associated costs around completing the fourth edition:

- Food & drink interview expenditure
- Proofreading food & drink
- Campus reporter meeting food & drink
- Piezo subscription
- Tab for edition four launch party

Action point 2: Continue reviewing UMSU student newspaper policy

Ongoing! Nothing to add since the last report.

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

Nothing to add since the last report.

Action points to be completed by next report

Action point 1: Start paying our staff

As outlined in our budget at the start of semester, we would like to start paying people on our staff. We promised to pay these people on a semesterly basis, so we would like students council to approve the following amounts:

- Honoraria for Radio Fodder station managers (\$750 each for semester one)
- Honoraria for social media managers (\$750 each for semester one)
- Honoraria for video managers (\$500 each for semester one)

Action point 2: Continue preparing *Above Water*

Action point 3: Continue process of digitising *Farrago’s* archives and reviewing UMSU student newspaper policy

People of Colour
Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige

Key Activities

Anti-Racism workshops

The final 2 Anti-Racism workshops were held, with around 15 attendees present at both. Overall, the series of workshops have been well-attended and have exposed members of our Department, as well as allies, to concepts and experiences related to the PoC movement.

Stress Less Week

We held three events in collaboration with the Welfare Department for Stress Less week in week 11: A Badminton Day on Monday, a Skin Pampering session on Wednesday and 'Tune out with Toons', a cartoon screening, on Friday. There were on average 12 people per event, including newcomers to our department.

Myriad publication team 2018

Sub-editor applications have closed, and we are now in the process of interviewing and selecting the successful candidates.

Staff Training

We have received further correspondence from our contact in the Arts Faculty about a cultural sensitivity training module for tutors within the faculty. We have met with them and discussed a timeline and further actions to proceed with our involvement in the project.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Finalise Stress Less Week preparations

Preparations were finalised and the event was run during week 11.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalise Myriad publication team for 2018

Interviews must be completed and candidates must be notified of the outcome of their applications.

Upload recordings of Anti-racism workshops

The recordings of the last few workshops must be uploaded to our social media accounts.

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 10 = \$410 Week 11 = \$260
2	28/02/2018	Reading Group catering	\$700	Reading Group	Week 10 = \$144 Week 11 = \$144
2	28/02/2018	Week 11 Reading Group presenter	\$700	Reading Group	Presenter fee = \$200

6	02/05/2018	Anti-racism workshop presenters	\$3250	Special Events: Anti-racism workshops	\$150 x 2 workshops = \$300
6	02/05/2018	Anti-racism workshop catering	\$3250	Special Events: Anti-racism workshops	Workshop 6 = \$284 Workshop 7 = \$225
6	02/05/2018	Anti-racism workshop AV recorder hire	\$3250	Special Events: Anti-racism workshops	Invoice 1 = \$149.97

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	Yes, Confirmed
6	02/05/2018	Yes, Confirmed
7	16/05/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Queer
Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves

Key Activities

IDAHOBIT

Got this bad boy done. Turnout was good despite the weather, and the entertainment was fantastic. We had some issues with getting everything done at last minute, due to some communication issues with the university, but we pulled it off. Special thanks to Daniel Beratis and everyone in Op Sub for being beautiful beans and helping us to pass money in time. Unfortunately, the posters from NUS LGBTI didn’t get here in time for us to put those up, but we handed out plenty of our zines and had lots of banners, posters, flags, etc #branding. Also, the cupcakes were fantastic.

CAMP

Launch is Thursday evening, 6-9 in the Ida. We’re pretty much set to go - mag is printing, food is booked (A1 bakery), AV and entertainment are sorted (music, drag performances, etc.), we’re promoting it constantly on social media, etc.

STUDY DAYS

The dogs were there and they were beautiful. We were really happy we were able to support a queer person on a disability pension financially, rather than just booking with one of the therapy dog companies out there. Turnout was okay for the study space itself outside of dog hours, but we also didn’t advertise much - and we didn’t really want a massive turnout anyway, which might affect the quiet study space aspect.

QC

By the time of council we should have decided on allocation of funds. This has been stressful but also good because we’ve had a lot of people apply, most at last minute.

MYSTERY TAPES

Elinor’s UMSU white whale has been found - a vhs player, courtesy of Isobel from Comms. With help from Jesse & the rest of Media we got it working. The mystery office tapes, a summary:

- “Manly Desires” not porn, a documentary about men who have sex with men but don’t consider themselves queer
- “Pan Toilets Campaign” a recording of a forum held in 2005 to discuss the proposal for gender neutral toilets in Union House. Actually so fascinating!
- “How to fuck over your VC” a documentary from the same time period, recording a campaign at Griffith, wherein the university had gotten rid of the queer space to make room for more retail businesses and queer students had thus occupied the vice-chancellor’s office, declared it a queer space, and after like 7-8 hours of negotiations got their space back! Really, really cool to watch.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

QC, STUDY DAYS, CAMP LAUNCH

See above. Pretty much all finalised with the exception of QC but that’ll be done really soon.

Action Points to be completed by next report

QC

Allocate the funds, give the funds, make the bookings.

SEMESTER 2

Brainstorm possible events for semester two - budget is very tight, so a preference for cheaper events and collaborations.

WINTERFEST

Log everything with 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 a week and \$2400 a semester	Food & Beverages	\$239.52 in week 10, \$203.90 in week 11
2	12/1/18	Food for collectives	up to \$50 a week and \$250 a semester (with an extra \$600 to top up)	Food & Beverages	\$40.73 in week 10, \$65.31 in week 11
4	18/4/18	CAMP magazine	up to \$6000	Special Projects & Events	Paying 2 out of 3 editors for CAMP (waiting on details from the third) - \$800
4	18/4/18	CAMP magazine launch	up to \$2000	Special Projects & Events	Contracting two artists to provide art and entertainment for the launch - cost includes materials, tech stuff, etc \$1000

Op Sub	16/5/18	AV for IDAHOBIT	up to \$1000	Whole of Union	\$694.54
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Note: we’re waiting on the bar tab from Crafts, Beer, Queer but we know roughly how much it was and we’ve got the money so paying it won’t be an issue.

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, Confirmed
5	09/05/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
6	23/5/2018	N/A

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera

Key Activities:

Key Activity 1: Stress Less Week

Cecilia has lead the charge on UMSU’s biggest Stress Less Week so far. With 30 different events running over 5 days, it has really shown what Welfare, the CIP Program and all of UMSU’s fantastic Departments can do. Including:

- 5 of our largest daily breakfasts
- A jumping castle
- Exam prep, advocacy and stress management
- Fitness and wellness classes running each day
- POC events

- Queer events
- Women's events
- Environment's events
- Workshops run by our own CIP Volunteer's – creative writing, Bollywood dancing
- Cinema screening's
- And Therapy dogs in the Rowdy

Big thanks to Comms for the insane number of graphics and social media blitzing that helped the events to be so well attended. As well as all the departments that contributed – reaching out to students during this tough week of semester really makes a difference. There will be a full report available for Students Council 11 (18).

Key Activity 2: CAPS Campaign

This fortnight has seen significant movements in UMSU's campaign to improve funding to the Universities CAPS services. Desiree and Michael have met with Orania - the CAPS Manager - and Hayley – a CAPS councillor. Phoebe has suggested that we develop a campaign document around our central arguments, data to back them up and proposals to the University.

Disabilities has and will be been an essential part of this process as well.

Key Activity 5: NTEU Strike and Change the Rules Rally

We were a part of the NTEU industrial action against the University's EBA negotiations. We then joined up with the march to Change the Rules in solidarity with other Unions across Victoria.

Key Activity 6: VCAA

We have continued to monitor and be a part of the VCAA's campus issues. The Wednesday BBQ's will continue for the rest of semester one. Welfare and the CIP program will assist with the running of Reconciliation Day on the 23rd of May. Dove from the University Faculty has reached out; suggesting that Stop One at the VCAA draw upon Welfare's Food Bank Program, and to advertise our services.

Progress on Assigned action point from last report:

Last Action point 1: Stress Less Week

See Key Activity One* We will develop a complete evaluation of the week by next council.

Last Action point 2: Data collection on regular events

We determined to have institutional process to collect data on all our regular events. This has been achieved on several accounts but not on others due to volunteer availabilities during this busy time of semester. Here are our closest estimates:

- Meditation: 3-10 (but have rescheduled the time to encourage participation)
- Yoga: 5-15
- Collective: 10-15
- Zumba: 10-15
- Daily Breakfasts: Between 80 and 120 people (Week 11)
- Thursday BBQ Breakfasts: 300-400

Action point 3: CIP administration

We have decided to limit students from applying into the CIP Program in Semester One. The important part of the community and the program is the accumulation of volunteer hours. With late-starters to the program this puts them at a disadvantage. Therefore, we have suggested that the leave their names with us and reapply at the start of Semester Two. There have been a few incidents that have had to be managed around volunteer-to-volunteer

conflicts. Goldie has been especially helpful around this. We will be bringing in CIP-specific policy around these incidents.

Action points to be completed by next report:

Action point 1: Drug Harm Reduction Document

Michael has worked alongside the General Secretary and Phoebe over the past few weeks to finalise a complete policy and procedure that will be taken to the university. We will like this to occur at the next elected student representatives meeting on Wednesday 30th May.

Before then Michael will need to finalise the document, consult somebody at North Melbourne Police Station and then run a final ‘Harm Reduction Policy Working Group.’

Action point 2: Community Involvement Program Semester One and Two

After the wrap up of Stress Less Week we will be directing our attention to concluding the first program, writing up references and running a final CIP party. Moving forward, we have begun to consider the potential Supervisors for Semester Two as well as the structure of the groups themselves.

Action point 3: Evaluation of Stress Less Week

We will develop a complete evaluation of Stress Less Week by next council. This is especially important as we were granted extra funds from the whole of union budget line.

Committee meetings and budget expenditure:

Students Council 8	Money Passed	Budget Expenditure
Stress Less Week	\$3,000	Estimated \$3,000
Committee Meeting 7		
Stress Less Week	\$1,500	Estimated \$1,490
CIP Bonding Event	\$300	\$300
Vacuum Cleaner	\$100	-
Welfare Breakfasts	\$750	\$750
Committee Meeting 8		
Yoga Instructor	\$360	\$160
Zumba Instructor	\$240	-
Food Bank	\$1,000	-
Welfare Breakfasts	\$750	Estimated \$1,000

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

Key Activities

NOWSA

Grant applications are still open, and we have been promoting this on our website and through our social media channels. Applications will close on the 3rd of June.

Weekly Collectives

It’s been a good semester and we’ve had consistent attendance for Women’s and Women of Colour Collective. Transfemme Collective continues to run every other week and is slowly building up.

Judy’s Punch

The third and final Judy’s Punch Collective runs on Tuesday 22nd May. This will be a ‘how to make a magazine’ info session. Also applications are open for editors, subeditors, the graphics team and a social media manager. Applications will be open until the 3rd of June.

Parents Survey

Molly has finished creating the survey, which aims to gather information about the needs of parents studying at the university. We’ve purchased coffee vouchers as a reward/incentive for parents to complete the survey, which will go live soon.

STEMM Networking Night

Molly hosted the panel and it was good! Our panellists were all great and had lots of valuable insights. We had around 20 people in attendance.

Stress Less Week

We collaborated with the Creative Arts Department to run a painting session and screening of the Princess Diaries in Arts Lab.

Respect Task Force

The coordinator for sexual assault and harassment response at Victoria University presented at the most recent Task Force meeting. Molly can answer questions about this during Council.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Open applications for Judy’s Punch editors

Applications opened on Monday and will close on the 3rd of June.

Run our Stress Less Week event in collaboration with the Creative Arts department

This was one of our most successful events! We had around 30 people attend, and with the help of art, The Princess Diaries and light snacks, they seemed considerably Less Stressed afterwards.

Action points to be completed by next report

Run SwotSNACKS in the Women’s Room during SWOTVAC

This was trialled in 2016 and seemed successful and appreciated. The plan is to keep study snacks in the Women’s Room throughout SWOTVAC, and top them up each day.

Assess NOWSA grant applications with our committee

We will take measures to manage conflicts of interest during the selection process, which will happen at a June committee meeting.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Spent	Budget Line	Comment
3	5.3.18	Women of Colour collective food, week 12	\$54.60	Collectives	
6(18)	14.5.18	Coffee vouchers	\$200	Special Projects and Events	
5(18) and 6(18)	16.4.18 and 14.5.18	Condoms and lube	\$510.50	Women’s Room Maintenance, Special Projects and Events	
4(18)	27.3.18	Ida bar tab for STEMM Networking Night	\$66	Women’s Mentoring Network	
3(18)	5.3.18	Women’s Collective food, Week 11	\$42	Collectives	
3(18)	5.3.18	Women of Colour collective food, week 10	\$50.10	Collectives	
3(18)	5.3.18	Women of colour collective food, week 11	\$59.50	Collectives	
5(18)	16.4.18	Sunscreen	\$7	Women’s Room Maintenance	
6(18)	14.5.18	Deodorant	\$10	Women’s Room Maintenance	

**Burnley
James Barclay**

Key Activities

Enda Semesta Festa

Burnley Campus is having an end of semester party to celebrate all of the hard work put in so far this year. To kick off the event there will be live music and catering through the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, also Mr Whippy is rumoured to be making an appearance.

Mid-Year Trip

The BSA has voted to pass funds for a mid-year trip, the first fifteen students to apply will be travelling to Mt Buller for a three day holiday to the slopes at the Melbourne University Alpine Lodge.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Campus Events

Due to lack of quorum a rescheduled meeting of the BSA Council took place Friday the 18th of May to discuss expenditure for a mid-year party and trip.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalise Mt Buller organisation
Hold a meeting in June to prepare for semester two

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	08/03/2018	Yoga	\$585.00	Workshops	TBA
4	18/05/2018	Groceries	\$2000.00	General Operations	Currently spent \$239
3	08/03/2018	Farewell Gift	\$200	General Operations	Currently spent \$215

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	24/01/2018	Yes, Confirmed
2	15/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	25/01/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	1/05/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

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Vacant