



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
10:00am, Tuesday, the 10th of July, 2018
Meeting 12(18)
Location: Joe Napolitano A, First Floor, Union House

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

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

Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Desiree Cai**

Key Activities

Student Precinct

I attended the Student Precinct Steering Committee on the 27th of June. This was the first presentation of the current progress of schematic design. In the next Student Precinct Steering Committee meeting, there will be a presentation of 50% of the schematic design.

I also attended a technical meeting with the Media department and the Communications and Marketing division about their requirements on the 26th June. UMSU technical requirements groups continue to happen, and more office-bearers and staff have started attending technical meetings with the architects.

Governance Review

Justin, Daniel and I have been undertaking decision-making for a consultant for the governance review. We sat down to talk with 3 different consultants that were shortlisted from the EOIs we received, and the actual process for review will be starting very soon.

Academic Integrity Working Group

Alice, Toby and I attended the second meeting this year of the Academic Integrity Working Group on the 26th of June. We discussed the 2 trials of the updated CADMUS software in semester 2, concerns about the fraudulent medical certificates and discussed the university’s idea of an academic integrity module that was discussed at last meeting.

Heading into semester 2, we will be building a campaign about CADMUS.

G08 Advocacy Group conference

In the past few months, I’ve been linking up with the presidents of all the major G08 university student unions in discussion about a G08 group of students who would be a student counterpart or partner to the G08 network. The details of this relationship between students/the G08 are still being worked out, and this involves a G08 student leaders/university conference that will be taking place from the 15th to the 17th of July. Daniel and I, as well as the UMSU International and GSA student leaders have been invited to UNSW to discuss issues within higher education with the G08 and flesh out what the partnership/relationship would look like. We will be attending and we’ll have a report-back for you guys after that!

Meeting Dean of VCA

On the 26th of June, Toby and I met with the Dean of VCA to discuss specific issues for VCA students and increasing student engagement on that campus. In light of the new appointment to the VCA coordinator position, hopefully engagement with that campus will continue to grow with the help of other Parkville-based office bearers.

Winterfest Sponsorship approval

Advertising and sponsorship requests for winterfest continues to roll through. The process of approving and determining whether UMSU would approve (ethically) every company that comes through is a pretty draining process so hopefully we can continue to work on making this process a little easier through the Ethical Sponsorship working group.

NUS Education Conference

From the 2nd to the 5th of July, I attended NUS Education Conference at Flinders University, Adelaide. I was able to learn a bunch of stuff from other student unions, and I presented 2 workshops in the week too. Notably, Alice and I presented a workshop about CADMUS- explaining the issues with cadmus and collaborating with students from other campuses to brainstorm ways to build an effective campaign against it. It was great to see many UMSU office-bearers who were in attendance presenting workshops to the conference too.

Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Attend Academic Board-- done, Alice and I were able to raise questions about
- Student Precinct Steering Committee—attended and raised relevant concerns
- Meet with Academic Integrity Working Group—done!
- Continue to support OBs with campaigns and events--- begun planning and discussion in supporting syndicate (workers rights collective) and the campaign against CADMUS.

List of actions by next report

- Attend and report-back from G08 Advocacy Group Conference
- Continue to attend Student Precinct meetings
- Meet GSA Councillors to introduce them to UMSU
- Support OBs in Winterfest and semester 2 campaign planning

Budget Expenditure

N/A

**General Secretary
Daniel Beratis**

This report is modified from the report tabled at Council at its meeting on the 19th of June.

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas

The minutes and agendas of Semester 1 are almost up to date—there are just a few left outstanding, which I’m very happy with. The conflicts of interest policy and related amendments to the Standing Orders have also begun propagating through the Committees, and I have provided some advice at various Committee meetings as to the operation of those changes.

Update: Committees are beginning again, and minutes are fully updated, which is fantastic. The register of interests has also begun to be populated, so please have a glance at the conflicts of interest policy for more information.

Key Activity 2: Tribunals

As a result of the recommendation of the Students’ Council at its last meeting, I have referred amendments to the Electoral Recommendations to the Electoral Tribunal for their approval. As per C175.5, we require unanimous consent, and as such we are still waiting on the full Tribunal, as they are all lawyers in full-time employment. Nevertheless, I am confident the changes recommended by Council will be implemented by the required time.

Update: The Electoral Regulations were promulgated by the Electoral Tribunal at the end of June. The Grievance Tribunal has also provided advice (but no ruling) regarding the eligibility of Bachelor of Music students to stand for positions on the Southbank campus.

Key Activity 3: Working Groups

As directed by Council, I will have (at the time of Council) held a meeting of a Regulation Working Group regarding two referred amendments and consequential amendments thereof of the Electoral Regulations, as well as other matters that may arise. At the time of writing, I do not have much to report aside that it will have happened by the time we consider this report.

Update: The RWG met and determined by consensus that the two referred amendments and consequential amendments thereof of the Electoral Regulations were to be set aside; potential Constitutional amendments were also briefly discussed, and it is my hope that some wording on those will be presented at next Council.

Key Activity 4: Tribunal Appointments

I am still waiting on the Vice-Chancellor to appoint a member of the Electoral and Grievance Tribunals after the resignation of a member, and will continue to chase this up.

Update: There appears to be movement but nothing substantial to report as yet.

Key Activity 5: Other Appointments

Alongside the President and the CEO, appointments regarding the Governance Review and the Returning Officer of the Annual Elections are ongoing. We hope to make progress on this in due course, and make a recommendation to the Electoral Tribunal regarding the latter appointment in the proscribed way.

Update: Please refer to the CEO’s report for information regarding this.

Key Activity 6: VCA Vacancy

The VCA Committee held a quorate meeting on the 7th of June to consider nominations to the position of VCA Campus Coordinator. After deliberation, the Committee chose to defer the appointment until their next meeting. While this does mean that, in the short-term, the Southbank Campus will continue to be without a Coordinator, I am hopeful that the position will be filled in the near future, with a Committee that from observation is engaged with the task at hand.

Update: On the 21st of June, Hilary Ekins was appointed by the Committee to serve as VCA Campus Coordinator.

Key Activity 7: Harm Reduction

After deliberation with the UMSU Steering Committee, final changes have been made to a harm reduction proposal, and that proposal is now being circulated to relevant persons within Victoria Police for their assessment. It is out hope that, if amenable, this proposal will in due course be circulated to the University for their consideration.

Update: This proposal has now been circulated to the authorities for further opinions, as may be elaborated on within other reports.

Key Activity 8: Student Initiative Grants

I continue to receive a whole bunch of SIGs and it’s very exciting. This is a supremely active line in the Students’ Council budget, and Council should give consideration to how this line can continue to benefit students and student activity at large through the rest of the year and beyond, including additional funding if necessary.

Update: It is very likely that this budget line will exhaust—we are rapidly approaching \$13,000 of the \$15,000 allocated being moved.

Key Activity 9: Policy

I have held meetings with various stakeholders, including Welfare and the Steering Committee as above in regards harm reduction, as well as with the Media Officers regarding the Student Newspaper policy. More as it comes.

Key Activity 10: Operations Sub-committee

Operations Sub-committee met to consider several financial decisions that were passed in an inquorate meeting of the Council last month, as well as interim matters. Of particular note is that the Students’ Council has paid for a VCA Committee invoice; the VCA Committee subsequently has reimbursed the Students’ Council for the full amount paid, and as such there is no budgetary impact.

Update: The Operations Sub-committee met to consider matters before a prior inquorate meeting of Council that it could deal with, including leave applications and expenditure by departments and Council under \$1,000. It has since approved such matters raised in that inquorate agenda.

Key Activity 11: Auditor

After our selection of a new auditor earlier in the year, the process by which certain regulatory bodies (such as Consumer Affairs) must be notified will be started shortly, to give due notice of the changeover. This change will occur at an SGM.

Update: Please see below regards the SGM.

Key Activity 12: Recommendation

To future General Secretaries: do not attempt three Honours-level subjects while serving as General Secretary. I do not advise that you do this. I, in fact, strongly advise against it. I recommend wholeheartedly that you avoid this. I would especially advise that writing a thesis proposal during the first six months of your term is perhaps ambitious.

Update: Very much still true.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Working Groups

As noted above, harm reduction is now in the process of being sent off.

Action Point 2: VCA

Also as noted above, the Committee has met. We will continue in this vein.

Update: As above, success!

Action Point 3: SGMs

Notification to Consumer Affairs will shortly be occurring in conjunction with the President and the CEO regarding our change of auditor. I also hope to have a *preliminary* discussion about *cosmetic* amendments to the Constitution in the Regulation Working Group, aware that the Governance Review may recommend extensive changes that would otherwise nullify major work. Currently, it is hoped that an SGM will take place towards the end of August.

Update: As above as discussed, with one addition: the SGM shall preliminarily take place on the 28th of August.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Students’ Council

We are approaching a new Semester, and as such, a new schedule is required. Thank you to those who have responded to my request for availabilities—please ensure that you are prompt with your Semesterly availabilities when requested, as this will constitute the vast majority of remaining Councils.

Update: At the time of writing, I have not yet arranged a likely schedule, but will present one at this meeting for approval. If you have not yet provided your availabilities, I will not be able to arrange this schedule with your availabilities in mind—so please provide your availabilities as soon as possible via the links circulated to those whose availabilities are required.

Action Point 2: University Meetings

The New Student Precinct is moving to its schematic stage, and as such, the work of the SEAG is expected to increase over the next months. Before next Council, I will have attended that meeting, and hope to have a better sense of just how this new precinct will finally come together after the concept design finalisation. I also continue to sit on misconduct boards.

Update: SEAG focused on informal study spaces in RMIT as well as the RMIT New Academic Street project more broadly. While interesting, the main show of course continues to be the New Student Precinct’s schematic, and I will advise the Council of developments there as they come.

Action Point 3: SGMs and Regulations

The Special General Meeting planned for later in the year will continue to require planning, much in the same way as the AGM did earlier in the year. For a scintillating and gripping walk through memory lane, feel free to browse earlier reports to gain an idea of what to expect from this second season of “Secretary!”, live on CBS, Thursdays 8/7c.

Update: *Secretary!*’s season premiere, as noted above, will be on the 28th of August, live on CBS affiliates. Notice of the termination of the current auditor has been provided to Consumer Affairs, the current auditor and students via the UMSU website, and this SGM is expected to adopt that arrangement if approved by those present and voting.

Activities
Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

No report received.

Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss

Key Activities

General Admin

The inbox has been relatively quiet over the exam period, however we still receive many questions and follow ups about grants and payments.

Winterfest Planning

We have now agreed with comms on what we hope will be the final layout (They have changed it several times on us). There will be both a stage and a fire pit as well as performances inside the building at this stage. We’ve allocated all the clubs that applied timely a location and have confirmed with them their place in the expo as well as their power and special requests needs informing them of what they will be provided and what won’t be provided or allowed. Much of the advertising for the event has started and we are on the final stages of producing signage for the event so cover the building top to bottom in wayfinding material. We are in the process of confirming volunteers for the event and then producing a roster and a briefing document for them.

Activity Reporting

The responses from the non-compliant clubs have been processed with multiple back and forth correspondence required in many of these cases. This was a lot of time consuming admin but we are looking into ways to automate more of this process with clubs online. The clubs which were non-compliant were discussed in committee with some of them sanctioned and others allowed a time extension for extenuating circumstances.

Processing General Meetings

You’d think this was finished as clubs are required to submit their AGM documents within 2 weeks of it happening and they must happen on academic days but now we are processing the clubs who didn’t submit because we petitioned them for discipline if they hadn’t. Thankfully these are the last ones before semester 2. Currently only 41 out of 221 clubs have completed their AGMs however so we are preparing for semester 2 to be hectic. As one of the office bearers was responsible for processing all of these and this was not something clubs OBs had to do last year it was a new process to learn. A 5 page how to document has been written to be given to next year’s OBs as well as Sarah and the other OB to try to share the load of the remaining 170 as best as possible.

Wellbeing

A Code of Conduct for club executives has been written. We have also proposed some regulation changes that were considered much earlier in this process but discarded when the development of a general welfare training stalled. The proposal at this point is more to generate a discussion about the tangible impacts of regulating something like this as opposed to encouraging it.

Practically, we have been in contact with Safer Communities about the possibility of slightly re-working the Camp Welfare Training to be applicable to all events. We would then suggest that it remain compulsory for camps, but run more sessions and encourage clubs to go, with the idea that at some point in the future this would be a requirement for all events.

We have also been scheduling the basic camp welfare training for semester 2.

Wiki Wiki Wiki

As can be seen on the progress list, when we aren’t doing the admin that keeps popping up in different facets we are spending the majority of our time developing the wiki.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Clubs Wiki Review and Accessibility

We have a fully written out list now of all the different pages we need to make on the wiki, sections that need editing or improving and sections that need to be completely redesigned. We’ve started on this list and are working our way through it in the hope that by the end of the holidays the wiki will be fully completed content wise. We are still looking into ways to solve the VPN issue as comms have requested we halt this discussion until after winterfest as they are too busy to help us now.

Regulation and Policy Reviews

Regulation and Policy Reviews are still in progress, there has not been a working group since the last council. These are now on the backburner until the wiki is done and with winterfest looming.

Action points to be completed by next report

Winterfest volunteers roster and briefing

As it says, we have offers of dozens of volunteers so they should only be required for hour slots maximum. We have 3 different stalls throughout the building for C&S/volunteers so they will be needed to help man those and assist clubs in their initial wayfinding.

Clubs Wiki Review and Accessibility

Finish our comprehensive list of changes that need to happen to the wiki. Most of the new pages are already up with the words “watch this space over the coming days” which will help pressure us to finalize them as soon as possible for clubs.

‘Pie In The Sky’ Groundwork

This isn’t so much an action to be completed by next council as it is a continuing thing that we will continue (slowly) working towards. Throughout the year during our time as OBs we have spent a lot of this year undertaking excessive amounts of admin work to the point where we have spent so much time on it that we’ve struggled to even touch our different projects and goals for the department in the best of times. However, this has made us equipped to comprehensively grasp the ins and outs of the department and how it runs. We have a dream for the department in the form of a clubs online overhaul which would make massive improvements such as increased wellbeing support, improved automation of checking compliance, streamlined reporting on the clubs end and a drastic improved use of

grant funding. Despite this, that dream is far from our grasps right now and we fully admit we just do not have the time for that. We are already swamped with our current projects and the time till we say goodbye is getting closer. The best we can do is start writing down all the things that will need to happen before this project is undertaken and our visions for how things will work in the new system in the hope that next year’s OBs can hit the ground running with this. This is however something they may chose not to take up and would change the department to a much more pre-emptive risk management model which we believe is a good thing, but clubs themselves might not agree as it will require additional work on their end.

Budget Expenditure

Nil

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	08/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	01/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	15/02/2018	Yes, 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, Confirmed
11	29/05/2018	Yes, Confirmed
12	25/06/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
Special meeting 2	03/07/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

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Creative Arts
Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

In communication with Laura Milke from Milke productions to run a TOTTshop in Sem 2 focusing on marketing “How to market yourself and your work”. Confirming dates and payment of presenter fee.

Key Activity 2

Ongoing preparations of TASTINGS 18. Consultation with relevant Union House staff regarding our TASTINGS Takeover on opening night (Aug 22nd). On this night we aim to take over the level 1 guild foyer space and turn it into a pop up gallery – visual art space.

Key Activity 3

Above Water reviewing submissions in preparation for board meeting.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Eleven out of twelve TASTINGS 18 mentors confirmed.

Last Action Point 2

Winterfest: Arty Party prod meetings scheduled, marketing campaign planned.
Winter warmer dance workshop in the process of being choreographed. Promotion has started for all of our Winterfest events e.g. LCD screens are live.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Confirmation of details for TOTTshop: How to Market Yourself and Your Work.

Action Point 2

Applications opened for TASTINGS 18 production team.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
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5	30/05/2018	Arts Grant: round #2	\$1850	Arts Grants	
5	30/05/2018	TOTT-shop #2	\$500	Special Projects	
5	30/05/2018	Tastings	\$8000	Special Project Weeks	

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, Confirmed
5	30/05/2018	Yes

Disabilities
Jacinta Dowe and Hien Nguyen

No report received.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Alice Smith and Toby Silcock

No report received.

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements

Key Activities

Syndicate relaunch with Welfare

A number of students involved in UMSU Education and UMSU Welfare have been involved in planning to relaunch UMSU’s workers’ rights collective, Syndicate, in Semester two. This time it will have a much closer working relationship with Welfare’s Community Involvement Program, meaning that there will be a larger resource pool to draw on when planning events and actions. Our priority remains educating students about their rights in their workplace, and rectifying what we see as exploitation in a number of businesses in Union House. There will again be a particular focus on ensuring that international students are involved in this process.

NUS Education Conference

NUS Education conference took place from July 2 to July 5 at Flinders University, Adelaide. There were a number of students who received grants from the University that attended the conference, including UMSU’s president and a number of office bearers from UMSU Education, Welfare and Women’s departments.

I presented a workshop on the final day of the conference with the title “Why students can’t be apathetic on workers’ rights,” which covered themes including the decline of the manufacturing sector and hence the power of trade union movement in workplaces, the increase in jobs in small businesses in the service sector, what the consequences of this had been for students and young people as a whole, and which groups in society we should look to in order to get our fair share of pay.

The next step for the Education officers will be ensuring that all grant recipients complete the required report by the due date. If this is not adhered to, then these students will not be able to access these grants.

Progress on action points from previous reports

Attend NUS Education Conference with Melbourne University students

Done—see above.

Support NTEU Industrial Action in ALL forms

It appears that the process of industrial action has come to an end for NTEU members; at any rate, this has largely taken place over the holidays, making it difficult to support in any other sense than symbolic.

Begin efforts to get University management to extend Humanitarian Access Scholarship to former refugees as well

I have dropped the ball on this somewhat—now that EdCon is out of the way I will be better able to focus my attention on it.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Attend NUS Education Conference with Melbourne University students
2. Continue plans for Activist Walking Tour 2: Electric Boogaloo with UMSU Environments
3. Begin efforts to get University management to extend Humanitarian Access Scholarship to former refugees as well
4. Support NTEU Industrial Action in ALL forms!

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, Confirmed
8	30/5/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Expenditure

Meeting no.	Date	Description	\$ Passed	Budget line	Comment
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None for relevant period.

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Environment Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

Key Activities

Lockout Lockheed

With the advice of experienced campaigners, student journalists and UMSU Advocacy & Legal, the Lockout Lockheed campaign has now submitted five requests for documents to the University of Melbourne under the Freedom of Information Act. We have already met some resistance from the university to releasing the documents, but we’re confident that our requests meet the legal requirements and we should receive the documents asked for shortly.

Once semester returns the campaign will step-up our student and staff engagement, and work towards applying greater pressure to the university, so watch this space.

Students of Sustainability

We’ve been giving a great deal of assistance to the organisation of the Students of Sustainability conference being hosted by the Australian Student Environment Network in Melbourne this July. It’s the biggest, longest-running conference of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, and is an annual festival of ideas, networking, and action organised by students and for all “students of life”. The program is coming together and is full of fascinating workshops about environmental movements, social justice issues, First Nations struggles, and much more. It will be held from 6th-12th July, all are welcome to attend and learn. Contact Lucy or Callum if you’re keen to come along, or check out the Facebook page!

Enviro Week

Preparations are underway for the week-long semester 2 event ‘Enviro Week: Beyond Climate Change.’ This week will focus on environmental issues more broadly than simply climate change and intersections with many issues of social justice. We are currently working with the UMSU Communications team to prepare collateral for the week’s promotion. We’ve secured North Court for an expo on Monday 20 August and we’re putting together a panel discussion for that evening.

Workshop submissions will soon be open and we encourage everyone to submit their ideas for workshops, skillshares and activities to hold during the week.

Fossil Free MU

On the 29th June we have a meeting with Alan Tait, Chief Financial Officer of the University, to discuss our major concerns with the university’s Sustainable Investments Framework (SIF) and how students can engage in its implementation. We’re also planning a forum on the SIF next semester to allow students to feedback on the (really average) framework.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

No previously assigned actions

Action Points to be completed by next report

There has been no expenditure since the last council meeting.

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment

**Indigenous
Alexandra Hohoi**

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: University Games Team

The Indigenous department is very excited to announce that the Melbourne University Indigenous Nationals team took out the title and brought home the trophy. Ranking, 5th in Touch Football, 2nd Netball, 1st in Basketball and in 1st Volleyball, our team ranked 1st overall.

Melbourne University has always been a strong competitor in the Indigenous Nationals competition. Ranking within the top 3 overall every year, however the last time we got the gold was in 2013, so it was very exciting to bring it back this year.

The students who participated were also able to network and mingle with Indigenous students from across the country and a lot of focus during the week was placed on health, wellbeing and staying in University. All in all, a very positive experience for our students.

Key Activity 2: Collectives

No collectives have been had, as majority of the student body has returned home for the break.

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	Indigenous Games accomodation and uniforms	\$15,000.00	Sports grants and engagement	Spent full amount

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

Key activities

Hard drive

We currently have one hard drive, which contains a lot of important stuff from previous years’ media officers, going back to about 2009. We would like to purchase another so we can back up our current work without having to continually use the hard drive with all the important information.

WriteCheck

We are working on a story about TurnItIn and the data they collect from teachers who mark papers in the program. One of the things they do with these data is make programs that can “mark” your assignments for you based on what thousands of professors have written over time. These programs are sold to students. A whole bunch of issues jump out: whether this is a breach of academics’ intellectual property, for instance. We would like to purchase some of these programs as part of a story about TurnItIn.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action point 1: Continue work on edition five of *Farrago*

On the day this report is due, the fifth edition of *Farrago* was sent to the printers (hence the scant nature of the report). We are very excited—we all believe it is our best yet. Our one expenditure item associated with this work was food and drink for volunteers who helped out with proofreading edition five.

Action point 2: Continue work on *Above Water*

We spent \$14 on Facebook promoting *Above Water* to students who might submit their work. We received just under 300 submissions and we, along with the creative arts officers, are currently in the process of reading and marking them all.

Action point 3: Select and train presenters for semester two's Radio Fodder schedule

Carolyn and Conor, our Radio Fodder station managers, have finished interviewing presenters for semester two. They are going to conduct training in the coming weeks and finalise the Radio Fodder schedule.

Action point 4: Continue process of digitising *Farrago's* archives and reviewing UMSU student newspaper policy

Nothing significant to report.

Action points to be completed by next report

Action point 1: Start work on edition six of *Farrago*

Action point 2: Continue work on *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**

Myriad 2018

We have held two meetings with the 2018 publication team for Myriad. As a result, we have produced a submission guidelines document and discussed the overall aesthetics of the magazine. Submissions are now open and we have promoted this primarily through Facebook.

PASS cultural sensitivity training

We recently met with a contact in the Arts Faculty to discuss cultural sensitivity training for semester 2 tutors in the PASS program. After an initial meeting to discuss the scope and possible format of the training, we are now in the process of finding presenters and curating training material.

Semester 2 events

Planning is underway for our semester 2 events, specifically the concert night. Our next step is to find an appropriate venue.

PoC in the Media Department working group

Applications for the role of Chair and Executive Officer have been extended to Friday July 6th after consultation with the Media Department. We will then choose appropriate candidates and formulate a timeline for meetings.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Meet with the Myriad publication team

Two meetings have been held with Myriad’s 2018 publication team. Submissions were discussed, as well as the overall aesthetics of the publication.

Continue preparations for Winterfest

Preparations for our Trivia Night and Carnival day stall are going well. Some minor further preparation is required.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Continue Trivia Night preparations

Final preparations for Trivia Night are underway. Some minor preparation is required.

Organise PASS Training

Material/presenters must be organised for the upcoming PASS cultural sensitivity training session.

Find venue for Concert Night

We have some possible venues in mind but must look into them further to find an appropriate one.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	14/03/2018	Books for PoC Department Library	\$1000.00	Myriad	Current expenditure = \$317.7

Committee Meetings

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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

Queer Collaborations

Reporting to you live from our big national queer student conference, Queer Collaborations. Queensland is very hot and we’re dying. It’s been a good conference - we’ve had a lot of important, valuable discussions with other Queer Officers and queer students from around Australia. This has taken up all our time and we definitely have not had any sleep but it’s been very cool and useful.

VCA

Last week Elinor went down to Southbank to consult with students and relevant staff members about organising more events down there. The upshot is that we’re thinking of a catch-up/forum for Southbank students in the week one, to fling some free food and talk about what kinds of events we could run down there.

MU Sport

Elinor has been having regular meetings with Hannah Mouncey, recently hired by MU Sport as a pride & diversity representative. We have absolute mountains of plans for semester two and longer-term plans.

Student Precinct

Elinor met with a couple of representatives to discuss gender neutral bathroom facilities. This was a really good meeting - they’d clearly done their research and were behind the idea. We’re meeting again soon to talk details (signage, sanitary bins, etc.) At Queer Collaborations Elinor also co-wrote a “gold standard” policy for gender neutral bathroom implementation that was just endorsed by the conference yesterday, so hopefully what we get actually looks like that.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Semester Two Plans

We’ve had some informal chats with other departments but nothing concrete because it’s conference season and we’re all in different places.

Action Points to be completed by next report

QC Reimbursements

Chase down and process all remaining Queer Collaborations reimbursements.

Winterfest

Finalise all the details for our events, including a possible VCA event.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
6	25/5/18	QC reimbursements	\$4000	Grants	\$405 for two attendees - \$225 and \$180 respectively.

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, Confirmed
6	23/5/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera

Key Activities:

Key Activity One: Food Banks

We have continued to supply the information desk with Food Bank, roughly 100 in the past few weeks. We have also liaised with Stop One Southbank and provided them with 50 Food Banks. Dove from Student Activation (University) has suggested making up food packs in Southbank based on our advice. While this may be more efficient and will take the pressure of Welfare, it depends on what the new VCA coordinator thinks. We will need to make up another 100 packs in the first few weeks of Semester Two.

Key Activity Two: National Union of Students Conference

We went to the National Union of Students (NUS) Educational Conference that was held at Flinders University in South Australia. Michael ran a workshop around ‘The Drug Policy Debate and Student Unionism’ that shared with other students the progress of UMSU’s Harm Reduction and pill testing trial and how similar programs may be implemented in other universities. Funnily enough the Welfare Officer from Newcastle University attended the session. She successfully ran a similar pill testing trial in 2016. We will stay in touch with her during the semester to share resources and ideas. Cecilia ran a workshop titled ‘International Students and Unionism. It looked at the unique experiences of International Students within Australian universities and the best ways to engage them with student unions and with the community. She spoke about the CIP program as a successful implementation of these ideas. Overall the week was a phenomenal use of our time and allowed us to share knowledge and plan national campaigns with other groups.

Key Activity Three: Planning for Semester Two CIP Program and Events

We have begun planning the first CIP events of semester two. We have been working with comms to plan the 'Appreciation Lunch' for our first semester volunteers and drafting a reference for all of those that passed the 15 hour program. We will then be developing and presenting our induction for all the new volunteers that have applied for the semester two program. It is important that they understand the expectations that we have of CIP volunteers. The induction will be followed by a launch party, which will encourage mingling amongst all the different groups and supervisors.

Key Activity Four: Planning for Syndicate

In semester two Welfare and Education will be relaunching Syndicate around the 'Unionise Union House' campaign. The first event will be in Week 2 in the Ida bar. We will be planning this event and further skills workshops to build awareness of young people's industrial rights, in particular International Students, and how they can build union in their workplace. We will be engaging with several eastern-asian cultural clubs and encouraging them to attend the workshops.

Key Activity Five: Planning Events for Winterfest

We have started to work with Comms to advertise our events for Winterfest. Welfare will be running a stall (and fondue!) for Carnival Day. We will also be working with NUS Education to launch the 'Books Not Bombs' campaign on campus – protesting the research and financial links that the University has with military companies such as BAE Systems and Lockheed Martin. These events will be in addition to the CIP and Syndicate Launches in the first few weeks of semester.

Progress on assigned action from last report:

Last Action Point One: Drug Harm Reduction Document

As things often are in Student Unions, process has been slow and steady on the Drug Harm Reduction Pilot. We have finalised the policy and procedure document, run it by the UMSU steering committee and have passed it onto Nick Parrassis at North Melbourne Police Station. Now we just sit and wait until he gets back to us with any legal concerns. We are aiming to take the finished document to the Student Representative's meeting on the 16th August. In the meantime Michael has been planning the workshops and a general awareness campaign with UMSU's SSDP club so the pilot workshop will be well attended. We will continue to do this over the next few weeks.

Last Action Point Two: Community Involvement Program Semester One and Two

As addressed in Key Activity Three, we have been wrapping up the CIP Semester One program and planning the Appreciation Lunch. Now we can start to advertise the applications for CIP Semester Two program and organise volunteers into groups and supervisors. So far we have had 10 applications for the role of supervisor. This is really positive. We will need to interview each of them directly during Week One.

Last Action Point Three: Evaluation of Stress Less Week

We spoke to this during the last council meeting. The budget figures are available in our last OB report as well. However we will quickly say that Stress Less Week was an outstanding success and we will be looking for ways to improve for next semester.

Actions to be completed by next report:

Action Point One: Event Timeline for Semester Two

Because welfare is a very events-heavy department we will need a clear timeline of all of our major events that will be happening over Semester Two. We will have completed a full timeline by next report.

Action Point Two: Run events for Winterfest – and evaluation

As discussed in Key Activity Five we have a slightly less intense O week timeline than in Semester One. We will still need to plan, execute and evaluate all the events as we go ahead. All of the events will be done in coordination with Comms, the Ida Bar and through the basecamp system.

Action Point Three: Preparing for Syndicate campaign launch

We need to develop a timeline for the Syndicate ‘Unionise Union House’ Campaign. Our two-fold aim is to activate all the workplaces in Unionise House, gain information about payslips and working conditions and then to lobby the university to take responsibility for alleged mismanagement. Comrade Cam Boig, both education departments and welfare will be working with RAFFWU, Young Workers Centre and United Voice to plan this campaign. The campaign launch at the Ida Bar will. need to be coordinated with Tom and Comms.

Action Point Four: CIP Semester Two Induction and starting back up the regular events program

Yoga, Zumba, Meditation, Mental Wellness Collective and Breakfasts each and every day! Oh my... This requires a lot of coordination from the Welfare OB’s and man-power from our dedicated CIP volunteers. The Launch Party (and induction) in Week One will build on the program from last semester and should afford us the 30-70 volunteers we need. By next report we should have it all up and running again.

Committee Meetings and Budget Expenditure:

Committee Meeting 10 – Not Confirmed	Amount	Spent
Passed money for SWOTVAC	\$300	Yes
Passed money for Yoga Instructor	\$100	Yes
Passed money for Zumba Instructor	\$60	Yes

Women's Kareena Dhaliwal and Molly Willmott
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Key Activities

NOWSA conference

We held a committee meeting to determine the outcome of grant applications. We received 10 applications and all were successful, however only 8 people returned their contracts on time.

The official schedule of panels and speakers is available on the NOWSA 2018 Facebook event. There are also some slots for additional workshops. We will apply to run a workshop, but places are limited so it's not guaranteed we'll get to do it.

Judy's Punch

Our editors are Belle Gill, Qaisara Mohamad and Ruby Perryman. After choosing our editors, we had a meeting with them to set out the publication timeline and we are aiming to launch in Week 10. We're thrilled that they're on board to run with our dream theme, 'Punk'.

NUS Education Conference

Molly attended EdCon and spoke on a panel with Kate Crossin, Nina Funnell and Sharna Bremner about the NUS Women's campaign against sexual violence.

WinterFest planning

We'll both be in Newcastle for the NOWSA conference during winter orientation week, so Desiree will step in to run our stall for us. We've been working with Comms on sponsorship and free stuff to put in our remaining tote bags. In Week 1, we'll be back to run another round of Smash the Pastry-archy sessions at our weekly collectives.

Respect Student Advisory Group

Kareena attended a meeting on the 3rd of July, which was cut short due to there being only 5 people in attendance.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Get people to NOWSA

At the time of writing, flights are yet to be confirmed, but we expect it will all be sorted out by the time Council meets. We anticipate having to pass some extra money, as the cost of flights is higher than we expected for somewhere that's 2 hours away. Each applicant received a grant of \$500, covering registration, accommodation and flights. As conference registration with accommodation is \$300, this leaves \$200 for flights.

Choose Editors for Judy's Punch

Our editors are Belle Gill, Qaisara Mohamad and Ruby Perryman.

Action points to be completed by next report

Report back on the NOWSA conference

Begin planning for August 1st

This is the first anniversary of the release of the Change the Course report. There will be action nation-wide, and after the NOWSA conference we’ll have a better idea of what this will look like.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Spent	Budget Line	Comment
4(18)	27.3.18	Bar tab for STEMM Industry Night	\$66	Special Projects and Events	

**Burnley
James Barclay**

No report received.

**Victorian College of the Arts
Lily Ekins**

No report received.