



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

1:30pm, the 30th of July, 2018

Meeting 13(18)

Location: Training Room 1, Third Floor, Union House

| Student Office Bearer Reports | |
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| President | Submitted |
| General Secretary | Submitted |
| Activities | Not submitted |
| Clubs & Societies | Submitted |
| Creative Arts | Submitted |
| Disabilities | Submitted |
| Education (Academic Affairs) | Submitted |
| Education (Public Affairs) | Not submitted |
| Environment | Not submitted |
| Indigenous | Not submitted |
| Media | Late |
| 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

The Student Precinct Steering Committee was on the 25th of July. At this meeting we reviewed and provided feedback on the 50% schematic design, and attached cost plan for that design. At next meeting, the near completed schematic design is to be reviewed, with final approval of the schematic phase of the project in September. As of the 25th of July, with how construction and the timelines are looking so far, bar significant delays, the UMSU parts of the student precinct are projected to be completed for Semester 2, 2021.

The first UMSU technical requirements user group for schematic design also met on the 10th of July. We talked through the office layout for the UMSU staff and office bearers.

Along with UMSU international reps, I will be attending the technical user group meeting specifically about UMSU International on Monday the 30th of July.

Concerns from student representatives about ensuring a People of Colour autonomous space is included in the new precinct were raised. The concern about the food and retail options in the precinct underpaying their staff in Union House- and wanting to ensure that situation will not be recreated in the student precinct has also been raised to the precinct project team. They’re continuing to look at ways to address this issue in the food and bev strategy for the precinct, and I’ll be following both these issues up.

An all of UMSU Student Precinct presentation about schematic design will be organised to happen soon.

National Youth Commission

The National Youth Commission (NYC) into Youth Employment and Transitions is an independent community inquiry with a focus on school retention, early school leaving, the transition issues from education to work, vocational training, youth employment and unemployment. Their goal is to consult a range of stakeholders on a grassroots community basis to create a reform agenda that can be taken to government to improve the livelihoods of young people. (see attached brief about the NYC)

Earlier in the year, their representatives approached me to investigate ways that we could work together and that UMSU could support the initiative. In my meeting with them, one of the ways for UMSU to support the Commission that was discussed was the potential for a partnership agreement between UMSU and the NYC. The Commission has partnered with a range of groups and NFPs, including other student organisations and universities across the

country. As well as pursuing a partnership with UMSU, the NYC is looking to be supported by the University of Melbourne.

A potential partnership would include things like

- Formally endorsing the NYC
- Assisting in promoting the NYC particularly ways in which students can participate.
- Working with the NYC to educate students on the issues being addressed by the NYC.
- Co creating and hosting forums for students on issues being addressed by the NYC

Governance Review

Since last council, the governance review project group has been established. Our first meeting as a project group with the consultant will be next Thursday, excited to kick the process off soon!

Meeting GSA Council

The GSA had their induction recently, and Justin and I were invited to give a brief introduction and tour around UMSU and Union House on the 13th of July. We had the opportunity to explain the structures of UMSU and how they differentiated from the GSA, and show their councillors some of the great services UMSU provides for all students.

Go8 Advocacy Group conference

Myself, Daniel, Jonas (UMSU International President), Tyson (University Council representative), and two GSA representatives attended the first Go8 student leaders conference at UNSW in Sydney from the 15th to the 17th of July. It was a swell time, a separate report about that conference has been submitted to Council.

Miscellaneous welcomes

Since last report, I have delivered welcomes for volunteers for the Advocacy service's Peer support program for CUPC meetings and the Welfare Department's Community Involvement Program. I also said a few words for the official launch party of the Ida Bar, and I want to say a huge thanks to everyone who helped make the bar beautiful and organise that event!

Media spokesperson-ing

Phoebe and I gave comment on the issue of fraudulent medical certificates in the last couple of weeks- the story came out today (Thursday 26/7)

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/fake-doctors-blamed-for-spate-of-university-of-melbourne-expulsions-20180724-p4zt9v.html>

I've also been helping and supporting the Women's department in media relating to the August 1st rally against sexual violence at universities.

Rowden White Library Casuals interviews

I sat on the panel to interview candidates for the Casual position in the Rowden White Library with Clint and Cilla.

Progress of assigned actions since last report

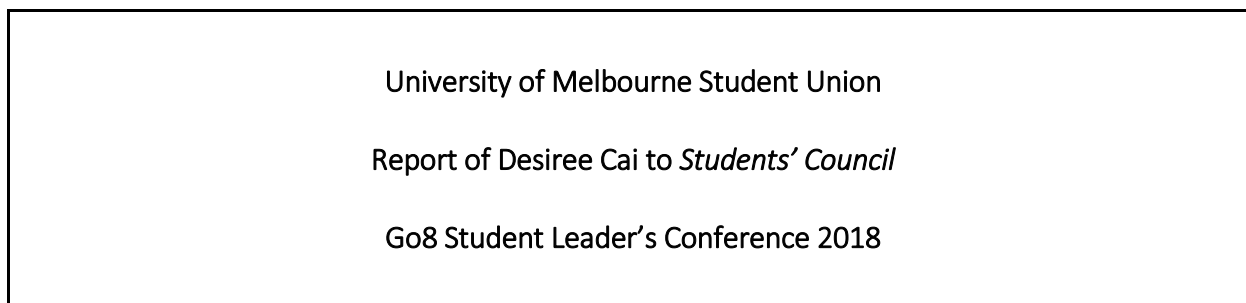
- Attend and report-back from G08 Advocacy Group Conference- yep! See report attached
- Continue to attend Student Precinct meetings—have done so, see report
- Meet GSA Councillors to introduce them to UMSU—see report for details
- Support OBs in Winterfest and semester 2 campaign planning—Winterfest was a hit in Union House, I got to be the Women’s department for the day as the Women’s officers were interstate for NOWSA conference. As semester 2 kicks off, we have a bunch of campaigns including the Rally Against Sexual Violence, continuing work on CADMUS and other issues including lecture recordings, counselling, stop 1.

List of actions by next report

- Attend Academic Board
- Prepare for and attend Elected Reps meeting (16th August)
- Prepare UMSU presentation and attend Academic Services Executive Team
- Support the August 1 rally against sexual violence

Budget Expenditure

N/A



Introduction of Event

The Go8 Student Leaders conference was held from the 15th to 17th of July at the University of New South Wales, in Sydney. The first conference of its kind, the 30 or so attendees- student leaders from the eight Go8 campuses around Australia were invited to participate in discussion surrounding higher education broadly, and the Go8 in particular. We were also invited to have a say in the future of partnership between student leaders, and the universities of the Go8 by Ian Jacobs, Vice Chancellor of UNSW, and current chair of the Go8.

Knowledge and Skills gained

- I gained a better understanding about the landscape of university responses to sexual assault and harassment on campus in other Go8 universities.
- I got to hear the best practices of universities in relation to welfare services and dealing with mental health of students

- I learnt about the different pedagogical preferences from discussion around student learning preferences and how technology has changed the ways that learning happens at university (especially Go8 Universities with their strong on-campus cultures).

Key Activities

There were a number of workshops throughout the 2 days of conference in which the 35+ student attendees were able to contribute their thoughts and learn from each different campus about best practice within the Go8 universities on a range of issues.

I learnt from and contributed to discussion around the changing pedagogy of universities. An issue that many universities are facing, that fortunately for us had been shot down in Melbourne University's Flex-AP report was the potential for trimesters and new semester structures to take place in universities. We also discussed the issue of engagement with classes and how online resources

There were also sessions about international students at Go8 campuses, sexual assault on campus and mental health and welfare of students, led by the leadership of various Go8 universities. On these discussions I learnt from what other campuses were doing in the Go8 as a group of universities, as well as contributing to the discussion on what Melbourne University had been doing (or what they had not been doing) on the issue.

The last day of conference involved formulating a report from the students at the conference, and I contributed to some of the discussion around how this relationship between the students and universities in the Go8 might continue in the future, in general, and on specific issues too.

Implementation of knowledge in the University of Melbourne community

The Go8 student group as a whole, and having the opportunity to help form a relationship in which the Go8 universities will listen to their student leaders will be beneficial to students across these 8 universities. As an outcome from the conference, hopefully the Go8 will continue to talk to their student leaders and learn from each other to improve areas of student experience for their students.

With specific things that I learnt from the conference that can be brought back to the University of Melbourne, I learnt a lot about what universities can be doing, and how student representatives can work with universities to address sexual assault on campus. Specifically, the UNSW Deputy Vice Chancellor of Inclusion and Diversity presented on what was done on their campus in the year since the change the course survey was released in 2017. Many of the initiatives from this university should be brought back to Melbourne as best practice on how to address and take tangible steps in addressing sexual assault on campus.

There was also discussion about the specific needs of international students at university and the ways that universities need to address the specific, as well as diverse needs of international students. This discussion highlighted the different ways that international


students are engaged with on a representational basis by the university, and the ways that UMSU can support our International student constituency and UMSU International.

Further Comments

I also learnt that UNSW business school has a hotel on campus! Wild stuff.

Expenditure

| Item Description | Item Type and Supplier | Amount (\$) | Comment |
|---|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Flights from Melbourne to Sydney return | Travel; Jetstar | \$170.00 | Travel date: 15/7/18-17/7/18 |



Jetstar Airways Pty. Ltd.
GPO Box 4713 ,
Melbourne,
VIC 3001
AUSTRALIA
ABN: 33 069 720 243

Your Jetstar Tax Invoice
Date: 09 Jul 2018

Your Details

Contact details
Desiree Cai
3006, Australia

Booking Reference
PNR: QY78YB
Date: 09 Jul 2018

Charges

| Booking Summary | Taxable | GST Amount | Inc GST |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Fare | \$154.55 AUD | \$15.45 AUD | \$170.00 AUD |
| Payment Fee | \$0.75 AUD | \$0.08 AUD | \$0.83 AUD |
| Total Price | \$155.30 AUD | \$15.53AUD | \$170.83 AUD |

Payments Received

09 Jul 2018

Type: Mastercard
Amount: \$170.83 AUD

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*VAT tax applies for Vietnam
*Consumption tax applies for Japan

**General Secretary
Daniel Beratis**

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas

Semester has recommenced, and so have Departmental Committee meetings. Minutes and agendas continue to be filed as I receive them.

Key Activity 2: Tribunals

We are still waiting on the Vice-Chancellor to appoint a third member of the Tribunals. We are not able to perform this ourselves (it is his appointment, not ours), but I continue to chase this up with Chancellery as the election period has begun and a fully constituted Electoral Tribunal would be preferable.

Key Activity 3: Working Groups

As of the time of writing, a Regulation Working Group was held the morning of Thursday to propose Constitutional amendments. The RWG was not well-attended, unfortunately, but those amendments were subsequently circulated to student representatives (and had been previously seen by an earlier Working Group—no substantive changes were made from that iteration). I therefore am recommending that these amendments be referred to a Special General Meeting (although this recommendation is made separately to this report).

Key Activity 4: Student Initiative Grants

We are nearly out of money for SIGs. This is really exciting, because it means that we’re disbursing a lot of money to student initiatives and helping them to get off the ground. It is also worrying because it means we will not have enough money to provide much more! I am recommending that an additional \$5,000 be transferred from Whole of Union to the Student Initiative Grants line. I have also begun drafting a policy on SIGs so that applicants and Council may have additional guidance as to the administration of these grants.

Key Activity 5: Policy

As noted above, work on a SIG policy has begun. I have also continued discussions surrounding the Student Newspaper policy.

Key Activity 6: Operations Sub-committee

The Operations Sub-committee met on Tuesday, the 24th of July to consider the passage of \$2,000 from Council’s budget (\$1,000 each from WoU and Campaigns) regarding expenditure for the August 1st rally. Both motions were carried.

Key Activity 7: SGMs

An SGM shall occur on the 28th of August. Two SGMs will potentially eventuate: the first shall be to appoint a new auditor, and the second shall be to consider any recommended Constitutional amendments (as per Constitutional provision, which requires that Special Resolutions dealing with Constitutional amendments be considered separately to any other

matter). I am asking Council to direct me to give notice of these two SGMs on the 7th of August, so that Constitutional provisions regarding proper notice can be observed.

Key Activity 8: Plain Language Documents

One thing that has become especially evident this year is the relative inaccessibility of UMSU’s governance structures, and this semester I aim to produce some easy-to-read guides that should help to demystify how this all works, so that the challenge of actually getting involved decreases. This would be a considerable task, but one that I think, especially given past conversations, would be more than apt to undertake.

Key Activity 9: Governance Review

The Project Reference Group has been appointed, and is planned to meet for the first time on Friday, the 3rd of August. The appointed consultant will also be attending meeting 14(18) of Council, scheduled for the 17th of August. This meeting, crucially, is tentatively located at Southbank, so please make your availability certain.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Students’ Council

Scheduling is done! We are now just one scheduled Council away with the entire year being done (that is, until December). Please be on the lookout for that.

Action Point 2: University Meetings

SEAG has begun to consider particular schematic details through the prism of “student experience” (hence, the SE), while the Steering Committee (which the President sits on) has been considering schematic design more broadly. I continue to make representations on SEAG along these lines.

Action Point 3: SGMs and Regulations

The SGMs will be on the 28th of August, as noted above, pending Council’s approval. See you then.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: SGM Preparation

There are more onerous notice requirements for these SGMs due to the subject matter (notice of the auditor went out approximately one month ago), and those will continue to be actioned as they come up. Notification to CAV, the Minister and the University, where appropriate, will also take place during this time.

Action Point 2: Student Initiative Grants

Some events have begun to be actioned by recipients of grants, and I have already begun to chase up those whom have not yet filed reports—this will continue, as will work on a policy that should make clearer what Council’s role in approving these grants is.

Action Point 3: Plain Language Documents

I hope to get started on this with conversion of smaller documents first. The big one—the Constitution—is the end goal, but that will be a considerable effort and one not undertaken lightly.

University of Melbourne Student Union

Report of Daniel Beratis to Students’ Council

Go8 Student Leaders’ Conference

Introduction of Event

This event took place for the first time in 2018, and was a gathering of nominated “student leaders” from each Group of 8 universities, consisting of the University of Melbourne, Monash University, the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales, the University of Queensland, the University of Adelaide, the Australian National University and the University of Western Australia. Attendees consisted broadly of senior members of student organisations, both undergraduate and graduate, as well as (in some cases) student members of University boards of directors. Nominations were made by universities. Other attendees included staff from UNSW, UQ, USyd and UWA.

Knowledge and Skills gained

- Shared knowledge and comparison of best practice on a variety of topics, including
 - International student engagement
 - Campus culture
 - Mental health services
 - Responses to sexual assault and harassment
 - Reconciliation
- Increased engagement with student bodies, especially including graduate bodies
- Increased understanding of current actions being taken and not being taken by universities in light of the above issues

Key Activities

The event took place over two days and included six plenary sessions on three broad topics of pedagogy, international students, and equity, diversity and inclusion, as well as opportunities to guide the agenda without external input. No costs were incurred by UMSU save for the reimbursement of flights.

Issued-based plenary sessions were very helpful as they included persons both from student organisations and from university boards of directors, which enabled a wide range of insight as to how these different issues interacted with one another both from a student organisation level and from the student voice on a directorial level. It was very educative, for instance, to learn the vast differences between what actions are currently occurring regards sexual harassment and assault on university campuses at UNSW and here at Melbourne—it

was illuminating to learn how much more had been done at other campuses, and the viewpoint of other campuses in regards Melbourne.

It was also useful to have control as student representatives and student leaders over the agenda. Early in the program it was decided that significant alterations would be made to the agenda in order to accomplish as much in the short time available as was possible—issues surrounding Reconciliation, in particular, were featured due to this change. Several issues were also put as being actions required from universities and from the Group more broadly in the future.

Implementation of knowledge in the University of Melbourne community

It was highly useful, as noted above, to learn especially the contrasting actions being taken in various places, especially given the representations made by Go8 universities more broadly. It will be invaluable to take these observations and apply them to issues here on our own campus, especially in regards sexual harassment and assault, international student representation (especially given Melbourne’s own large international student cohort) and the mental health of students (which has particular salience here)

Representation of international students in particular was another topic broadly discussed, and I’m glad that the President of UMSU International was also able to be present for this event, given the current governance structure of UMSU in place, allowing for autonomous representation by international students for international students.

Expenditure

| Item Description | Item Type and Supplier | Amount (\$) | Comment |
|---|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Flights from Melbourne to Sydney return | Travel: Tiger Airways | \$155.22 | Travel date: 15/07 to 17/07 |

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- you're booked:** Shows booking reference **J5R18P**, booking date 09 July 2018, and contact information for Tiger Airways Australia Pty Ltd.
- flight details:** Lists two flights:
 - Departing flight **Sun, 15 Jul 2018** (TT214) from Melbourne (MEL) 08:00 AM to Sydney (SYD) 09:30 AM.
 - Returning flight **Tue, 17 Jul 2018** (TT247) from Sydney (SYD) 01:50 PM to Melbourne (MEL) 03:25 PM.
- passenger details:** Lists passenger **1. Beratis, Daniel** with flight details for TT214 and TT247, including seat numbers and 'No Check-in Baggage' status.
- summary of charges:**

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| Fare | 153.90 |
| Card payment fee | 1.32 |
| Total price | 155.22 |
- payment details:**

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| Debit Mastercard (09/07/2018) | 155.22 |
| XXXXXXXXXXXX1172 | |
| Total booking amount | AUD 155.22 |
| GST included in this transaction | AUD 14.11 |
- domestic:** A section with four icons and text boxes:
 - 2 hours:** Last chance to amend your booking.
 - 2 hours:** Airport check in opens.
 - 45 mins:** Please don't be late, we won't wait for you.
 - take off:** Enjoy your flight.
- checked-in bags:** Icon of a suitcase with text: 'please visit a bag drop counter with your boarding pass at least 45 minutes prior to your scheduled departure time.'
- carry on allowance:** Icon of a backpack with text: 'you're allowed two (2) pieces of carry-on luggage with a maximum combined weight of 10kg, and dimensions of 56cm x 36cm x 23cm with cubes you're allowed to carry on 12kg.'
- strictly no smoking:** Icon of a lit cigarette with a slash through it and text: 'smoking and electronic cigarettes are not permitted on any Tigerair flights.'
- airport update:** Icon of an airplane with text: 'construction at the airport may delay your arrival to or from the airport, make sure you have some extra time.'

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Activities
Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

No report received.

Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss

Key Activities

General Admin

The inbox is full again and things are getting hectic. Unfortunately, the room booking system (and to an extent alcohol) still isn’t up and running yet so we are in a little bit of a frustrating transitional period leaving some clubs are confused how to operate currently.

Winterfest

The Wednesday of WinterFest was fun. It was a day of us telling students to come back tomorrow for carnival.

Carnival was amazing, and we’d highly recommend next years clubs OBs to hold WinterFest in Union House. Normally on south lawn we’d hold about 100 clubs at capacity. In the building though we were able to get 113. The fire pit just ended up being a waste of space to us that we could have given to more clubs and made planning spacing problematic from an OH&S issue. Multiple reworkings of the site layout were required which cause extra work that shouldn’t have been needed. I’d also recommend opening the bifold doors of the level 2 rooms to do stalls in their as the lounges weren’t used effectively. Signage and direction signs could have been better used but overall were pretty good. We did not have a strong turnout of volunteers despite a large expression of interest, so we relied on the help of other OBs and staff to assist.

Wiki

A bunch of pages we’ve written for the wiki are now completed and up and running. The extra free time during the semester break was a great relief for us to work on some of these projects. We are still waiting on a meeting with Comms to look at moving the wiki to a different site or removing the need to use a VPN to access it.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Winterfest volunteers roster and briefing

We only got a few volunteers but rosters and briefings were sent out. Those who turned out were really helpful and we ran the event very successfully.

Clubs Wiki Review and Accessibility

We now have the list of all the changes we want to make to the wiki. Some of the changes we can’t do yet because the changes (eg rooms) haven’t occurred to the processes. But we’ve done a significant chunk and will continue to work on them.

Action points to be completed by next report

Wiki

There is always more work to do on the wiki so we plan to have a couple more pages up by next council.

Awards night budget and plan

Awards night is planned for week 4 which is the night we invite execs from clubs over the past year to congratulate them for their effort. We’ve got a tentative room booking and have sent out invites. We have to compile/write the awards, book caterers, arrange the drinks, organize AV requirements etc. It’ll be a fun event.

Budget Expenditure

\$1,800 on AV for WinterFest clubs expo.

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, Confirmed |
| Special meeting 2 | 03/07/2018 | Yes, Confirmed |

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| 13 | 24/07/2018 | Yes, Unconfirmed |
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(We’ve spent over 30 hours in committee meetings, it’s ridiculous)

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| Creative Arts Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris |
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Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Winterfest: Freya McGrath & Xanthe Beesley ran a very successful Winter Warmer Dance Workshop on Tuesday – over fifty keen beans came & boogied to GLORIA. Carnival day happened and we ran a cosy Knitting Workshop in collaboration with Disabilities Department in the Food Co-op. Arty Party 2.0 kept everyone warm as we practised new dance moves learnt in the Winter Warmer Dance Workshop!

Key Activity 2

Ongoing preparations of TASTINGS 18. Artists & production team have all been confirmed (congratulations to our fab SM Elinor Mills). Consultation with relevant Union House staff regarding our TASTINGS Takeover on opening night (Aug 22nd).

Key Activity 3

In communication with Tracy Margieson from Arts Wellbeing Collective to run a TOTT-shop in Semester 2 focusing on Happy, Healthy Art-Making processes. Dates and payment of presenter fee confirmed.

Key Activity 4

Reviewing Above Water submissions – works have now been selected.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Details for TOTTshop: How to Market Yourself and Your Work have been confirmed.

Last Action Point 2

TASTINGS 18 production team has all been selected.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Book venues for Happy Healthy Art-Making Workshop (9 August) & Arts Marketing Workshop (5 September).

Action Point 2

Organise ImPLOMtu event for 16 August (Week 4).

Budget Expenditure

| Meeting Number | Meeting Date | Item Description | Amount Passed | Budget Line | Comment |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 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

Key Activities

- AUSLAN classes are still being organised, since they haven’t gotten back to us yet we are planning on running the classes starting Week 2 and ending in SWATVAC.
- Sex and Disabilities is coming up in Week 3 (8th August 3pm) and we are trying to promote it over the coming weeks as much as possible.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

The CAPS funding photoshoot went really well, we got lots of photos of people with the signs. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The Knitting Workshop was also great, very cozy and I learnt how to do a purl stitch and promptly forgot again.

We have organised with Enviro to run an event for Enviro Week discussing the straw ban controversy and lack of accessibility in environmental activist circles.

Budget Expenditure

| Meeting Number | Meeting Date | Item Description | Amount Passed | Budget Line | Comment |
|----------------|--------------|---|-------------------|-------------|---------|
| 1 | 21/12/2017 | Catering for Mental Wellness Collective | Up to \$50 a week | Collective | |

Education (Academic Affairs)

Alice Smith and Toby Silcock

Key Activities

This report details these key activities:

1. Winterfest
2. EdCon grants
3. Lecture recordings
4. Ed Collective
5. Weekly Stall
6. Dookie trip planning
7. Right to Representation
8. Hyper-competitive assessments and Commerce Hurdles
9. VCA Committees

10. NTEU collaboration
11. New LMS Project
12. Special Consideration and Punitive Student Fees
13. Student Data Working Group
14. Governance Review
15. OB Lyf: Files not Piles + Desky McDeskface

Key Activity 1 – Winterfest

WinterFest happened. There was little take-up of our tours with Rowden White library, mainly because of poor sync-up with Host Tours – the Hosts knew about the tours, but largely did their own thing. Thankfully this hadn’t involved much money investment, so little was lost in planning, but a worthy experiment.

Otherwise, our stalls (EdAc upstairs, EdPub downstairs) had really good engagement. We ran out of totes and stress balls. We had heaps of conversations about Cadmus, and added heaps of new signatures to the petitions, and promoting the hell out of Ed Collective and the Stop1 survey. As far as mid year O-Weeks go, this one really worked – in our humble opinion, the inside design seemed to attract more people, so generally a success.

Key Activity 2 – EdCon Grants

The first round of Grant Reports were, in effect, accepted by the Committee, subject to any issues arising under the T&C policy. These remain to be processed for reimbursement, but this should be underway before Council meets. The remaining ones should by and large have been considered by our next Committee Thursday after Council.

Key Activity 3 – Lecture Recordings

The beginning of semester is an excellent time to promote our new online reporting tool for unrecorded lectures. This always gets particularly good engagement – although we promote the post, the vast majority of reach is organic, from people tagging their friends in the post and clicking through to the link.

Concerning lecture recordings for Law, Toby had a meeting from Anna Chapman from Law (the Assistant Dean in charge of the JD). There is little appetite within Faculty to revise the Law School’s “class” recording policy, so pressure will have to come from outside. A letter to Academic Board has been drafted, and we’re currently engaging with other stakeholders (specifically the LSS and GSA) that we need to consult with before dropping this and building a proper campaign. In the mean time, we’re getting names.

Key Activity 4 – Ed Collective

Collectives are now Weekly, so the first was on the day this report was due. Engagement has definitely boosted, and it was very well-attended. Good discussions, good vibes, good pizza. As directed by Committee, discussion focused on how we build on what went on at NUS EdCon for this semester.

Key Activity 5 – Weekly Stall

We now have a standing booking (with some exceptions for some weeks) at the Farmers’ Market for our Weekly Ed Stall. The new location boosted engagement significantly, and we got some folks into Ed Collective because of it.

This stall had a focus on the Rally Against Sexual Violence. We collaborated with Womens’ to that effect, flyering and covering the stall with posters. Engagement was great on this front, both discussions about the rally and about the issue generally.

Key Activity 6 – Dookie Trip Planning

We’ve passed money for our trip to Dookie the Wednesday after Council. We’re in the process of working out who we can and should speak to when we’re down there as well as what materials to bring, and the logistics of making it happen. It’s a bit of an experiment since no-ones been to that campus in years, but it’s going to be a fun day trip. We’ll report on this for next Council.

Key Activity 7 – Right to Representation

A lot of background work has been done trying to fix how we’re appointed to committees, which is often underwhelming. UMSU is recognised as the peak representative organisation for all students, but we’re often not given a seat at the table where actual decisions are being made, rather than being included after the fact for mere “consultation” or managing student expectations. So we’re starting to do work speaking to various Secretaries to clarify best practice about appointing UMSU reps on committees, and making sure students are properly, collectively represented in University decision-making.

We’re looking to meeting up with the Academic Secretary shortly, and are trying to get access to the University Council secretary too. This is a long, weird, and very hairy battle, but we’ll see how we go. Stay tuned.

Key Activity 8 – Hyper-competitive Assessments and Commerce Hurdles

An argument Education has been making in the context of special consideration and fraudulent medical certificates, in light of Commerce’s decision to introduce compulsory hurdles for all assessments, is the nasty role of high weighted exams, competitive grading, and hurdles in jacking up students’ anxiety and contributing to a sense of competitiveness, hostility, anxiety, and poor equity outcomes in the student population.

We’ve been raising the need to investigate the extent of “hyper-competitive assessment design” in a few committees, and we’re having meetings with the chairs of TALQAC and APC about a possible working group or report into this issue to investigate the relationship between assessment design and student stress. Neil Robinson has indicated that Uni Services would be keen to help with the data on that. Anecdotally, they noted a direct relationship between commerce hurdles and applications for Special Consideration...

...so we're planning to do some work building a campaign on this issue in the coming months. Student anxiety in commerce has definitely become a more serious issue, and since the decision to make all assessment a hurdle was made without consultation, from we can tell, we're keen to overturn it and build a more equity-focused approach to assessment design. Again, watch this space.

Key Activity 9 – VCA Committees

We've secured four new spots for UMSU representatives on key executive committees in the VCA, namely Teaching and Learning, OH&S, Research, and Diversity and Inclusion. This will be really good at building UMSU engagement with the VCA campus, a key focus of our department over the last few months, and which has been kicking off at the same time as our new Co-ordinator has been appointed (LILY! HAI!).

We'll be re-opening an application form in the coming month to fill the remaining 3 spots, since we've already allocated one spot to our existing nominee (noted last report).

Key Activity 10 – NTEU Collaboration

On the Wednesday prior to Council, the NTEU voted for strikes during August should the University not make significant improvements in its offers by the Friday prior to Council (the day after this report was prepared).

We met with Lisbeth from the NTEU, and offered support for any open day action, as well as support through our media channels. Education Public will be doing more in this space over the coming weeks.

We also are planning to work with them on Cadmus and Flexap. For the former, building on the ground opposition will be really helpful (sharing materials and info), and on Flexap understanding staff concerns. Their time has been understandably spent on bargaining, but they're happy to share resources and provide feedback.

Key Activity 11 – New LMS Project

We've had endless meetings on this, which is great for feedback. The tender process is coming up, so we'll get to give feedback on the presentations from new potential LMS providers. But we don't get to make any actual decisions, since apparently academics can understand the needs of students (so apparently we should just resign, since we don't have any work to do any more in the University, whoops).

But, the project's on hold until August, so we won't have fortnightly meetings at 10am to let us know what's happening.

Key Activity 12 – Special Consideration and Punitive Student Fees

We had a meeting with Neil Robinson and Evan from Student Services on this. The key conclusions:

- Special consideration applications are tracking enrolment (that is, they’re not going up proportionally);
- They can basically handle the volume of applications fine;
- They have concerns about managing people who need ongoing special adjustments given policy and system problems, which they’re keen to work with us on;
- They’re processing our FoI on punitive student fees, and
- They’re happy to work with us on continually lowering the access fees for the new digital transcripts we’ve been talking to them about, which are now a thing.

Key Activity 13 – Student Data Working Group

This Group is now a thing. We’ve determined that the first meeting must be held before the 10th of August, so we’ll call it with 7 days’ notice through our channels and through the Secretariat. We’re planning what to bring to the first meeting now. Get on it!

Key Activity 14 – Governance Review

Toby has been appointed the OB rep on the Governance Review Project Reference Group. This means a bit of time will be spent working that project through. Council will hear more about this through its normal reporting channels, but it means that Toby will have a bit of a time commitment on this group.

Key Activity 15 – OB Lyf: Files not Piles + Desky McDeskface

We’ve accumulated a lot of papers since we were in office, so we’ve launched a Files not Piles campaign. That means we got a filing cabinet second-hand from the uni for free and also are cleaning our office out. It came pre-loaded with files and weirdly thousands of plastic bags marked “Melbourne Pro Fitness”. Please take one, we don’t want them. We’re in wonderful shape.

We also now have a table – Desky McDeskface – so if people need a place to study, we have Wifi, a table, 3 heaters, and 3 helpful Ed OB’s who can help you and offer you post-Collective pizza leftovers. It’s been the EdAc desks and the desk of some guy named Conner who comes in sometimes to do his assignments and then goes to Karate or band practice.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

| Assigned Action | Progress |
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| 1 Meet with Neil Robinson about special consid and punitive student fees | Done – see Key Activity 12 |
| 2 Organise a pre [sic: post] briefing session with Poc | Not done yet! Winterfest planning got in the way. Should be done by next council |
| 3 Determine whether a Right to Representation is necessary. | See Key Activity 7. |
| 4 Start the summary of the BA Course Review. | Started. |
| 5 At minimum, finish the Law Lecture Recordings post; and meet with Anna Chapman from Law. | See Key Activity 3 – also, a letter to Academic Board (which will be publicly posted on the UMSU website) has been drafted, but is |

- 6 Determine the currently existing governance committees at VCA. pending consultation from other representative bodies. Done, and now in the SRN - see Key Activity 9.
- 7 IF the Group is constituted, organise the first meeting of the Student Data Working Group. See Key Activity 13.

Action Points to be Completed by Next Report

1. Process approved EdCon grants and send others to Committee for approval.
2. Meet with stakeholders for law Lecture Recordings.
3. Process new Unrecorded Lecture report forms
4. Go to Dookie.
5. Organise for SRN Meeting 5.
6. Prepare briefing paper on Right to Representation, and organise a meeting with as many University and Academic Secretaries as will give us time of day.
7. Meet on hyper-competitive assessments.
8. Do planning for a Commerce Hurdles campaign.
9. Organise applications for new VCA committees
10. Call first meeting of Student Data Working Group.
11. File shit, and invite students in our office to “study”.
12. Have fun and fight tories.

Budget Expenditure

No finalised expenditure

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements

No report received.

Environment
Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

No report received.

**Indigenous
Alexandra Hohoi**

No report received.

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

Progress on assigned actions from last report

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

Edition six is going to print next week! Everything is on track.

Action point 2: Continue work on *Above Water*

We spent an extra \$26 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 read and marked them all. We have selected the submissions and we are currently in the process of laying out the anthology.

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

Nothing significant to report! The process is on hold briefly because Silvia, the person at the University responsible for the project, has gone

Action points to be completed by next report

Action point 1: Complete edition six of *Farrago* and begin work on edition seven

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

Key Activities

Winterfest

Our Trivia Night was a light, casual event attended by 19 people. The themes for rounds included topics like “So You Think You Know Your PoC Department” and PoC who are heroes in the community. The event was catered by A1 Bakery and prizes were provided by Al Alamy, ACMI and Cinema Nova, among others. The event was very well received by those who attended, with every attendee leaving with a prize.

Our stall at Carnival Day gave us an opportunity to hand out totes and bookmarks left over from the start of the year. We were able to engage with new students and inform them about our upcoming events and activities.

Cultural sensitivity training with the PASS Program

On Thursday July 19th, we were invited to present a cultural sensitivity training session for the Arts Faculty’s PASS program as part of their training days for PASS session facilitators. We were joined by nine of our Collective members to form a panel where we first spoke about topics that related to our own experiences in classroom settings and offered advice, followed by a chance to respond to questions from the facilitators.

We collated material from the “How Privilege Manifests in Tutorials” session that was held during Radical Education Week and presented this to attendees as a series of real-life experiences and feedback from students of colour, as well as suggestions for moving forward.

The attendees were quite engaged, both during the presentation (where they took notes) and afterwards, during question time (where they had many engaging questions to ask us and our presenters). One of our presenters was even contacted after the session and an attendee provided very positive feedback about the content of the session and how necessary this type of training is.

Myriad 2018

In consultation with the publication team, we have decided to extend the submissions deadline for Myriad to Sunday August 12th. This decision was reached after multiple team members had expressed interest in extending the deadline into the semester to allow for more opportunities to promote the magazine.

PoC in the Media Department Working Group

A Chair and Executive Officer have been appointed and an initial meeting between them, the PoC Department, the Media department and the Secretary has been organised. Unsuccessful candidates have also been notified.

Week 1 PoC Collective

The first Collective of the semester was held on Wednesday July 25th. 15 people were in attendance, including new attendees that heard about our department at our Winterfest Carnival Day stall.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Organise PASS Training

Completed: see above.

Continue Trivia Night preparations

Completed: see above.

Find venue for Concert Night

In progress.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Continue preparations for Enviro Week

Further preparation is required.

Continue preparations for Decolonisation/Anti-Racism Week

Further preparation is required.

Budget Expenditure

| Meeting Number | Meeting Date | Item Description | Amount Passed | Budget Line | Comment |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| 7 | 16/05/2018 | Trivia Night prizes | \$800 | BBQs | Myer gift cards = \$80 ACMI gift vouchers = \$80 NGV passes = \$98 Readings gift cards = \$40 Books = \$222.15 Chocolate prize = \$70 |
| 7 | 16/05/2018 | Trivia Night food | \$800 | Special Projects | A1 catering = \$130 Snacks = \$84.70 |

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| 1 | 08/12/2017 | Collective catering | \$7770 | People of Colour Collective | Sem 2, Week 1 = \$258 |
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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

Winterfest

Winterfest was a blast! We gave away another 500 glitter pots, as well as a box of pencils that were leftover from last year. As for the picnic, we ended up having to do a second Woolies run in the middle of it due to unprecedented attendance!

VCA

Elinor has been having regular meetings with various VCA friends, and we are in the process of finalising a queer students forum/meet at VCA with Lily. This will be happening in early

August and we’re keen to get feedback from VCA students as to what we can do to support them.

Gender Neutral Clothes Swap

We are in the process of setting up for this event as I type. We’ve had an incredible amount of donations over the past few weeks – our office is at the point of unusable due to the sheer number of clothes currently occupying the space! We’re really excited to furnish the people of UMSU with all these treasures!

Week One, Semester Two

First week back has been intense! We’ve successfully ran our three regular events and are preparing for our clothing swap as this report is being written. It’s been lovely to see fresh faces engaging in the department, as well as saying hello to all our old mates.

LGBTQI+ Awareness Training

Milly, as well as Cecilia (Welfare), Callum (Enviro), and Lily (VCA) attended the LGBTQI+ Awareness Training that was run by chancellery for University staff. It was a really great opportunity to understand how the University teaches staff, and what they are doing to increase awareness of the unique challenges that queer students face. Overall, the training was well facilitated, and Milly will have had a meeting with Alisha from chancellery by this council to give her feedback. Please feel free to ask Milly how that went!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

QC Reimbursements

This is still ongoing. We are waiting for the last few reports to come through, and then we will take them to our next committee meeting to be approved.

Winterfest

See Key Activities

Action Points to be completed by next report

Queer Space Maintenance

Elinor and Milly did a big clean-up of Queer Space before semester started up. In doing so, we realised that we needed to get a few supplies for the space. This is mostly restocking the tea and biscuits, but also involves getting some new whiteboard markers and other sundries.

Semester Two

Aside from our regular collectives, we want to organise a few smaller events dotted throughout the semester. So far, we have confirmed Pride Ball and the VCA event described above. Possibly another clothing swap. This is an ongoing process that we will continue to update council on.

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 | \$218.71 for week 1 |
| 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 | \$39.64 for week 1 |
| Council 12 | 10/07/18 | Winterfest | Up to \$500 | Special Projects and Events | \$364.55 total. Split this is: \$80 for the tubs (plus shipping which we don't know yet), \$34.98 for the aloe, \$104.50 for the stickers, and \$145.07 for the picnic. |

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 |

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| 6 | 23/05/2018 | Yes, Unconfirmed |
| 7 | 02/08/2018 | NA |

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera

Key Activities:

Key Activity One: Winterfest stall!

We had an amazing day at Winterfest, engaging with around 200 students. Our fondue was a hit although we did spill chocolate on the table cloth (sorry comms) but everybody had fun. Definitely would do it again if we have the opportunity. Melting the chocolates was a little bit stressful but it was fun nonetheless. We also had over 50 sign-ups to our Volunteering Program so it is great. We also have pamphlets made with Education department. Lit.

Key Activity Two: Appreciation lunch for CIP

Around 30 volunteers came to this event, but it was a worthwhile event. We printed certificates for all volunteers who completed 15 hours of volunteering or more. We had karaoke session. We had catering from Universal Lygon. Highly recommended as their food was extremely good and their prices were competitive.

Key Activity Three: CIP launch and induction

Around 50 volunteers came to CIP launch party and induction. The induction went well and although still the powerpoint could be more well done. We obtained the template from Host Program. The party went okay. Attendance was good because we did Breakfast BBQ for dinner in North Court. It was unfortunate that the weather was not good hence we could not do popcorn.

Key Activity Four: Start of our regular events

We just had our Breakfast BBQ today! Attendance was 211 students. We hope to increase this during the semester. We also start having our Wellness classes this week and they ran pretty well per usual. We also just had our Welfare collective. Attendance was around 8 students and again we hope to increase this throughout the semester.

Progress on assigned action from last report

Last Action Point One: Event timeline for semester 2

We did this during collective. We planned out roughly which week to have volunteer bonding days. We also told the collective when we plan to have Stress less week as well as other weeks where we have interdepartmental collaboration.

Last Action Point Two: Syndicate campaign planning

We just had a meeting with Shari from student success and various workers from Union House vendors. We also had a lot of discussions with Cam Doig, Education Public department, Malaysian Progressive and many more.

Actions to be completed by next report:

Action Point One: Volunteer management

We need to group the volunteers into separate groups as well as create different planning committees for various events to ensure that the office bearers will not die.

Action Point Two: Syndicate campaign launch

We are going to have our Syndicate campaign launch on the 2nd of August. Free drinks so look out for that.

Budget spending

Yoga - \$350

Zumba - \$240

Breakfast Bar &BBQ -\$1000

Pamphletes - \$200

CIP launch party - \$600

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

Key Activities

August 1st Rally Against Sexual Violence at Universities

This is a national day of action to mark one year since the release of the Change the Course report, during which the university has repeatedly dismissed our concerns about their inaction. While several universities have taken substantial action, there is still not enough being done nationally. We have worked with the NUS Women’s Department on the 10

national demands, which outline policies, processes and services that every university should implement. This rally will focus on giving a voice to students and survivors.

We can’t emphasise enough how important this rally is and how much we need the support of all councillors, officer bearers and their networks. Please invite people and encourage them to attend. We understand that this sort of event can be difficult for survivors to attend, so we really need the support of allies – especially men.

NOWSA conference

We had 8 attendees from UniMelb, including ourselves. The conference was held at the University of Newcastle’s NewSpace. There was a heavy focus on practising intersectionality, with panels and workshops run by activists of diverse identities. There were also several autonomous caucuses and pro-caucuses, which provided an opportunity for allies to increase their awareness and understanding of how support people from marginalised identities. Kareena ran the people of colour pro-caucus, with a focus on how people of colour are often excluded in activist circles. There were workshops on a wide range of topics, from community care to sustainable period products. Standout sessions from the week include keynote speaker Tilly Lawless and the panel on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The August 1st planning session was also hugely valuable, as it was the only chance we’ve had to meet in person and organise with reps from around the country.

Judy’s Punch

Submissions are now open and will close on the 10th of August. We’ve appointed two social media managers to help us get maximum reach.

WinterFest

We want to thank Desiree, Eva and Nikki for running our stall at Carnival Day. They spoke to students about our department and upcoming events and distributed our tote bags. Smash the Pastry-archy was fun, albeit less extravagant than last time. We saw plenty of new faces as well as old regulars.

We unfortunately had to cancel the Transfemme collective event for week 1, as our facilitator from last semester is no longer available. We’re on the lookout for a new facilitator so we can get this collective up and running again.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Report back on the NOWSA conference

See above.

Begin planning for August 1st

We have confirmed South Lawn as our venue and will continue brainstorming a wet weather plan. The comms material has been distributed to women’s officers around the country. Ourselves, the NUS Women’s Officer and a representative from the NTEU are confirmed speakers. We are workshoping an idea for an action that will deliver student messages to the university in an anonymous and survivor-centric way.

Action points to be completed by next report

Debrief on August 1st Rally

Organise events for Women in Higher Education Week

This will be in Week 4, get involved.

Budget Expenditure

| Meeting Number | Meeting Date | Item Description | Amount Spent | Budget Line | Comment |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------|
| 9(18) | 23.7.18 | WoC collective week 1 | \$74.62 | Collectives | |
| 9(18) | 23.7.18 | Women’s collective week 1 | \$97.05 | Collectives | |
| 3(18) | 5.3.18 | WinterFest Carnival Day | \$80 | Collectives | |
| 4(18) | 27.3.18 | Rally banners | \$990 | Safety on Campus Campaign | |
| 4(18) | 27.3.18 | Rally posters | \$375 | Safety on Campus campaign | |

**Burnley
James Barclay**

No report received.

**Victorian College of the Arts
Hilary Ekins**

No report received.