



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

2:30pm, the 17th of August, 2018

Meeting 14(18)

Location: Founders Gallery, Elisabeth Murdoch Building, Southbank Campus

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

Since last council, the student precinct ran the whole of UMSU presentation on the 13th of August. The presentation was hopefully insightful for UMSU staff and student reps, and if you have any questions, as always, I’m happy to answer to the best of my ability.

Justin and I attended a meeting with the head of the precinct project team to discuss operational requirements and issues for the arts and cultural facility in the precinct. We also discussed the issue of targeting tenants underpaying their workers in the new precinct, and we will continue to get updates about progress on this matter.

I am currently in the process of organising a meeting with the autonomous departments who will have new autonomous spaces in the precinct.

Renew Our UMSU (governance review)

The project reference group for the Renew Our UMSU met on the 3rd of August. We discussed the interview process and the

Academic Board

Alice and I attended Academic Board on the 26th of July. The indigenous staff plan was discussed in the meeting.

Academic Services Executive Team

On the 2nd of August, Justin, Daniel and I attended a meeting with the Executive of Academic services in our regular bi-monthly meeting. From UMSU, we presented a presentation about our main programs that are currently being run- for the staff in academic services, so that the people running academic services would have a better idea about what kinds of services UMSU provides that they could refer students to.

We also had discussion around progress around improving Stop 1.

Women’s day of action against sexual violence

The rally against sexual violence occurred on the 1st of August. It was a pretty good turn out with approximately 300 people, and as a result of the rally, the University has organised to re-discuss the UMSU recommendations to the University, which I will be attending with the

women’s officers. I’d like to commend Kareena and Molly for their hard work put into organising the rally, it was a real success.

Media spokesperson-ing

Since last report, I’ve been contacted by the herald sun on a story about Cadmus. I’ve provided comment about UMSU’s stance on the program, and am currently working on a statement about Cadmus.

Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Attend Academic Board- done
- Prepare for and attend Elected Reps meeting (16th August)—yep! Attending it on Thursday!
- Prepare UMSU presentation and attend Academic Services Executive Team- done

List of actions by next report

- Attend elected reps
- Attend UMSU international CCM
- Attend precinct meeting with UMSU International
- Attend 1st SSAF review meeting
- Attend Student precinct steering committee meeting

Budget Expenditure

N/A

<p>General Secretary Daniel Beratis</p>

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas

They continue. I plan to soon conduct an audit of what is and is not yet filed—we are 90% good but there are some Departments which are lagging behind somewhat due to time constraints, inquorate meetings et al—but I am satisfied with where the records are as of now.

Key Activity 2: Tribunals

As I noted verbally at last Council, Professor Belinda Fehlberg has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to sit on the Tribunals. Desiree, Justin and I met with Professor Fehlberg last week to introduce her to UMSU and to her new role, and we look forward to working with her in whatever capacity may be required.

Key Activity 4: Student Initiative Grants and Policy

I thank Council for approving my recommendation at last Council—we have received, at this point, more applications in terms of monetary value than was set aside in the yearly budget, and so it is good that I can continue to administer these without having to reject applicants for lack of funds. Work on a SIG policy continues, as does work on the Newspaper policy.

Key Activity 6: Operations Sub-committee

The Operations Sub-committee has met twice, and has approved leave for a variety of Office Bearers for the duration of Week 7 (the 3rd of September to the 7th of September). Various expenditures have also been approved, and I am recommending a rearrangement of funds between budget lines to reconcile this.

Key Activity 7: SGMs

Notice of the SGMs has been given physically, via newsletter and via the my.unimelb portal. The SGMs will occur at 12:30pm and 12:45 pm in a week and a half at the time of Council. It's all very exciting.

Key Activity 9: Renewing Our UMSU

The Project Reference Group will have, by the time of Council, met twice to discuss the Governance Review (now titled "Renewing Our UMSU" and similar), and to discuss ways in which students can be reliably kept informed of the review more broadly. It is expected that interviews would begin with persons over the next few weeks.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: SGM Preparation

As noted, notice has been given. Notice has not yet been given to the Minister, as I am awaiting draft language from others, but once that is prepared, I will contact the relevant persons within the Government to deal with clause 186. It is not expected that the SGMs will be impacted by this delay.

Action Point 2: Student Initiative Grants

As above, grants and the policy continue to be worked through. I will note that one event for which a SIG was approved has since not eventuated, and recovery of the grant is currently taking place—the recipient is being cooperative in this and I thank them for alerting us when things took a turn.

Action Point 3: Plain Language Documents

I hope to have made a very embryonic start with this by the time of Council—due to other time restrictions, however, progress has not been as extensive as I would have liked. Nevertheless, the work continues!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: SGM

By next Council, the SGMs will be done. I will communicate this to the relevant bodies, including Consumer Affairs and the University, if and when that should be required.

Action Point 2: Accessibility of Governance

I have done some work on providing easier-to-read information on how to appeal decisions and to access other mechanisms of governance in UMSU, and hope to roll that out soon once it’s been checked over by others. This also takes in plain language documents, which are also about accessibility, and which I also hope to do some further work on.

Action Point 3: Policy

Work on policy will continue, including the aforementioned work on Student Initiative Grants and on the Student Newspaper policy.

Activities

Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

Key Activities

Since last council we are both back!! Yay - not that Fielden was missed very much, but hey what can you do!! (EDIT: Fielden wrote this OB report not Jordan) In week 2 we held Winter Wonderland, although this event was not very well attended (with a max of around 150 people attending) this was better than last year’s attendance. With this being one of the most poorly attended events last year, we did our best to get people to come - we lecture bashed, handed out flyers, used online promotions and worked with clubs, yet none this was to much avail. In terms of cost, while this was an expensive event - it was not much more expensive than SoUP in 2017, costing our department around \$28,000 (which is only \$3,000 over our original budget estimates) and considering we’ve made an unexpected profit on most of our events so far we don’t feel too bad about the whole thing. Safe to say though, in our opinion this event has run its course and should not be run again next year - as there seems to be very little interest from students in a mid-semester O-week party- or at least something significantly different should be tried. Hey, the tacos were good though

We are currently in the process of organising Trivia, Not Commerce Ball and Octoberfest. All of these events are going well. Attendance for Trivia is likely to be small (50 - 80), so we have decided to hold this in the Ida, reducing our costs dramatically. Interest in Not Commerce Ball is growing (actually took us by surprise) with approx. 400 people interested in this - we may need to rejig the numbers around this one to curb demand, or look for a different venue if it gets any bigger - but we will see.

Organisation for our biggest event of the year is coming along - we have had meeting with Comms and AV about how we can potentially move this to concrete lawns (however, this would increase our expenditure significantly) or if we choose to not to do this, then working on the decorations to make it look more like a beer hall.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Not applicable – no report submitted last council

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalise finances for Trivia and Not Commerce Ball
Be close to completing arrangements for Oktoberfest

Budget Expenditure

<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget Line</u>	<u>Passed?</u>	<u>Date Passed</u>
Cleaners for Winter Wonderland	\$519.26	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
AV for Winter Wonderland	\$11,814.76	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Tickets for Winter Wonderland	\$388.41	Special projects	Y (council)	10/7/2018
Security for Winter Wonderland	\$2,257.00	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Food for Winter Wonderland	\$4,000.00	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
DJ for Winter Wonderland	\$700.00	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Photography for Winter Wonderland	\$396.00	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Building Access for Winter Wonderland	\$337.50	Special projects	Y	26/7/2018
Installations for Winter Wonderland	\$1,500.00	Special projects	Y (passed \$7000)	12/7/2018
Infrastructure for Winter Wonderland	\$3,236.75	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Flyers for Winter Wonderland	\$594.00	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Fencing for Winter Wonderland	\$1,045	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Olaf and Elsa for Winter Wonderland	\$339	Special projects	Y (inc in installations)	12/7/2018
Promotions for Winter Wonderland	\$500	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Extra security for Winter Wonderland	\$500	Special projects	Y	12/7/2018
Bar tab for Winter Wonderland	\$500	Special projects		9/8/2018
APRA (2%) for Winter Wonderland	\$80			

New scrim for Winter Wonderland	\$2,700	Special Projects	Y	
Fire Wood for Winter Wonderland	\$200	Special Projects		26/7/2018
Steins for Oktoberfest	\$3,718	Special Projects	Y	9/8/2018
DJ for Oktoberfest	\$500	Special Projects	Y	9/8/2018
Food for Oktoberfest	\$8,303	Special Projects	Y	9/8/2018

Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss

Key Activities

Admin

Haven’t been needing to do many emails at the moment because Fiona is amazing at her job. AGMs have already started though with Matthew having done a few already, Sarah having been taught and done 1 and Nellie having 2 for her to do so she can get the hang of them as well. Some of the back-end processes and email templates for AGMs have been further refined as well to improve club understanding when we inform them of mistakes and issues which have occurred. We’ve already been getting a lot of notices so it’s going to be busy soon. Constitution changes have been coming through consistently and getting processed which is nice to see people engaging with their governing document. All the minutes are completed and up to date, yay us and hopefully yay you for approving them. Nellie written up the Greens on Campus disaffiliation appeal which we will be presenting to council.

Wiki

See action points progress

Awards Night

See action points progress

Regulation Changes

We’ve revised the Activity Reporting regulation with Fiona’s advice. The Wellbeing regulation is on hold until we meeting with Safer Communities, but we have a few ideas for how to integrate the Code of Conduct into the regulations. Two regulation changes have been endorsed by committee which will go to council either soon or in the big end of year batch that we’re writing up so get ready to be super-quorate soon.

Wellbeing Progress

Nellie arranged a meeting with Safer Communities to discuss the future and direction of Camp welfare training. The meeting is to take place after the next camp welfare training

session which we are both going to as neither of us have had a chance to attend the last 2 since they changed how the training runs. From that we plan to work together to increase the effectiveness of the training and open it up to all exec but only make it compulsory at the moment for camp.

Accessibility

We have communicated with UMSU International an offer to meet to hear their perspective on improving accessibility for international students within clubs.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Wiki

We’re continuing to write things up for this and publish them for clubs to see. Well at least Nellie is publishing her things while Matthew is compiling all of his to be published at once and only when they’re all complete because he has completionism issues.

Awards night budget and plan

Booking has been made, AV organized, roster for committee for door and cloak established, mocktails design, purchased and ready to go, a budget passed with the amounts below. Catering has been confirmed and the lolly bar ingredients incoming. By the time council happens though the event will have occurred so feel free to ask us how it went. The branding is on point, but we’ll keep it a surprise until the night. We have approximately 56 clubs confirmed with over 200 people going.

Action points to be completed by next report

Awards night

Write a comprehensive review of awards night with all that went well and all that failed.

AGMs

Process more AGMs and keep on top of things.

Budget Expenditure

Budget Line: Special Projects	\$33,600
Interclub Activities	\$11,000, less semester 1 carnival expenditure
Awards Night	\$5,000
AV Equipment Hire	\$1,500
Catering	\$4,200
Bar tab	\$1,000
Ida Bar staff x 3 (\$26 x 4.5 hours)	\$400
Mocktail ingredients	\$200
Lollies and lolly bags	\$250
Printing (certificates)	\$50

Total Expenditure	\$7,500
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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
13	24/07/2018	Yes, Confirmed
Special meeting 3	07/08/2018	Yes, Confirmed
14	14/08/2018	No

Creative Arts
Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris

No report received.

Disabilities

Jacinta Dowe and Hien Nguyen

Key Activities

We have organised a presentation for Enviro Week on Ableism in environmental activist circles. This presentation will go for one hour and focus on the recent straw ban controversy as a microcosm for broader attitudes towards disability among environmentalist discourse and culture at large.

We ran a knitting workshop with Creative Arts Department for Winter Fest as a way of creating a calm area where people could sit and relax for a while away from the crowds. We decided against having a stall as this proved an ineffective way of reaching people during O Week, whereas being available at one event and in our office during that period meant that students looking to engage with us felt more comfortable doing so. The Queer and Enviro OB’s both handed out flyers and bookmarks for us on their stalls so our presence was still there.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

The CAPS photoshoot went well + generated a lot of pictures. We have also collected a lot of useful information/comments on the survey which should greatly benefit the campaign.

We have organised for AUSLAN classes (Level 1 & 2) to commence in Week 5 with registration capped at 20 people. We have already filled out registration for both classes.

Sex and Disabilities and Mental Health and Dating both went well!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	21/12/2017	Catering for Disability Collective and ASG	Up to \$50 a week each	Collective	
1	21/12/2017	Catering for Disability Collective and ASG	Up to \$50 a week each	Collective	
9	10/08/2018	Sex and Disabilities catering + AV	Up to \$300	Special Projects and Events	

Education (Academic Affairs)
Alice Smith and Toby Silcock

Key Activities

This report details these key activities:

1. Cadmus Campaign
2. High stakes assessment
3. Commerce Hurdles campaign
4. LMS Project
5. Right to representation
6. Punitive student fees
7. Education Collective
8. NTEU Collaboration
9. Student data working group
10. SRN
11. Lecture recordings
12. Dookie trip planning
13. Women in Higher Ed Trivia
14. Science double majors

Key Activity 1 – Cadmus campaign

Cadmus is back. Despite numerous emails, we’ve been unsuccessful in getting the list of subjects in which Cadmus is being trialled this semester. What a coincidence.

So we called an EAG to discuss next steps, which was held the Wednesday before Council. Key conclusions are that we’re going to start another public-facing push to reach the students in the trials directly.

We’re also going to launch FoI requests into two things: the cost of running all trials so far, and the ownership structure of the program’s governance.

Key Activity 2 – High Stakes Assessment

We’ve found some good data out of the Uni basically recognising the relationship between high stakes assessment and poor mental health wellbeing. We’ve also organised more meetings with key stakeholders within the Uni who are interested in looking into this project (for example, Toby’s meeting with the Chair of APC after the committee’s meeting on the Friday of Council). It’s not a campaign *yet* because many key decision-makers within the Uni seem on board.

The key change at the moment is most likely an audit of all subjects’ assessment (which is already consistent with the good bits of FAP) and/or a formal requirement that shifts the onus onto academics of justifying final assessment of more than 60%, say. Stay tuned.

Key Activity 3 – Commerce hurdles campaign

The EAG held before Council discussed this also. We’re finalising a name, our key campaign tactics, and will be getting something from Comms soon, as well as organising preliminary meetings with key student and staff stakeholders.

Key Activity 4 – LMS Project

This is getting towards the interesting stages. We're starting to get stuff back from vendors (ie, people who sell LMS-type software) demonstrating their products. A lot we can't discuss for probity reasons, but we'll keep you updated. Unfortunately, despite consistent conversations, we're still not on the project steering group.

On this point...

Key Activity 5 – Right to Representation

Toby had a meeting with the Academic Secretary last week, which outlined the Uni's very problematic interpretation of the University Regulations. That's changed strategy on this – it'll come up at elected reps, so stay tuned.

Key Activity 6 – Punitive student fees

We've started to push back about the lack of movement on this. The FoI officer – either deliberately or accidentally – has made no progress notifying us of access to documents, so we've started invoking the statutory timelines. No response yet.

Key Activity 7 – Education Collective

Has happened. Was good. Come!

Key Activity 8 – NTEU Collaboration

There's been excellent progress between the Uni and the NTEU, which means action on Open Day is unlikely. That means we're less involved in this, although we're keeping an eye on developments.

Key Activity 9 – Student data working group

The first meeting of this Group was held on the 9th of August. The Minutes are attached at the end of this Report. In brief, we resolved that we wanted to do something more substantial than just a Statement of Principles, discussed some of the most problematic examples of misuse of data, came up with a brief analytic framework that might help organise principles, and resolved to try to do more to encourage participation in the work for the Committee, since there are kids who'd be keen who just wouldn't know about UMSU Working Groups.

Key Activity 10 – SRN

We're going to call the next meeting by the time of Council – but only one person has responded to the WhenIsGood, so can't confirm how well-attended it'll be. Don't know why so few have responded. Yikes

Key Activity 11 – Lecture recordings

We've been so inundated with unrecorded lecture reports that we haven't had time to process the bulk of them. We're going to buckle down and start sending emails. As part of our handover, we might have to recommend a specific process or practice for systematically responding to reports, since this problem is clearly more widespread than we intuited. Toby is in the process of drafting a petition on Law Lectures. This will hopefully be live by next Council, pending a greenlight from the LSS President.

Key Activity 12 – Dookie trip planning

Our planned trip to Dookie last Wednesday was cancelled due to unforeseen personal circumstances. We've deferred the trip to the 22th of August.

Key Activity 13 – Women in Higher Ed Trivia

It's run in conjunction with Activities and Womens'; it promises to be lit, but since it happens after the deadline for this Report we'll report on it for next Council.

Key Activity 14 – Science double majors

An issue on the backburner that we’re looking to bring back to the...frontburner? Our new Science Course Standing Committee rep wanted to do more on this, so we’ll start the background work to make this happen finally – a longstanding gap in UniMelb’s offerings. Stay tuned.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Assigned Action	Progress
1 Process approved EdCon grants and send others to Committee to approval.	This has taken up lots of our time, but we’re out of the window for reports to be submitted now, so most – except a few outliers that have yet to be approved by Committee – are with Finance for processing. How and when Finance actually pays them is a frustrating mystery, but we’ve done all we can do.
2 Meet with stakeholders for law Lecture recordings	Have met with Gus Viola, who’s keen to work with us as long as we’re not pushing different messages. Lined up a meeting with the GSA to get their support also.
3 Process new Unrecorded lecture report forms.	See Key Activity 11.
4 Go to Dookie.	Deferred – see Key Activity 12.
5 Organise for SRN Meeting 5.	See Key Activity 10
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	See Key Activity 5 – noting that we won’t probably do a briefing paper yet until we’ve cleared up the “vibe” from the Uni on how receptive they’ll be
7 Meet on hyper-competitive assessments	See Key Activity 2.
8 Do planning for a Commerce Hurdles campaign	See Key Activity 3.
9 Organise applications for new VCA Committees	Not done, since we only got the ToR the other day, and we haven’t heard back from our existing nominee which Committee she wants. Once we’ve prodded her to decide, these should be up by next Council.
10 Call first meeting of the Student Data Working Group	See Key Activity 9.
11 File shit, and invite students in our office to “study”	In process. Also the suspicious quotes around “study” are in hindsight suspicious – see https://www.reddit.com/r/suspiciousquotes/
12 Have fun and fight Tories	So Fraser Anning literally used the phrase “Final Solution” in Parliament, so the right is on the rise and I’m not sure if what we did the last two weeks has stopped that? But we’re trying...

...but Council will be pleased to know fun was had

Action Points to be Completed by Next Report

1. Lodge a Cadmus Fol
2. Call the next SRN meeting
3. Finish processing unrecorded lecture reports lodged
4. Launch a Commerce Hurdles petition
5. Launch the Law Lectures petition
6. Go to Dookie
7. Update Council on appointments to the VCA Committees
8. Report on Women in Higher Ed Trivia (held prior to Council but after reporting deadline).
9. Get legal advice on the status of the Student Fees Fol.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Ob Sup 11(18)	24/7/18	\$256.50 in total for Education Collectives 1-3	\$1,000	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	

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1	12/01/2018	Yes, Confirmed
2	15/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	13/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	10/04/2018	Yes, Confirmed
5	24/04/2018	Yes, Confirmed

6	25/04/2018	Yes, Confirmed Inquorate
7	08/05/2018	Yes, Confirmed
8	30/05/2018	Yes, Confirmed
9	12/07/2018	Yes, Confirmed Inquorate
10	17/07/2018	Yes, Petitioned Confirmed
11	02/08/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
12	13/08/2018	Yes, Petitioned Unconfirmed Inquorate

Minutes of Meeting 1(18) of Use and Control of Student Data Working Group

[NB – We are obliged to attach these minutes by r 3.4(b) of the Use and Control of Student Data Working Group Terms of Reference]

Open 3:13pm

Attendance:

- Mindi
- Eleanor
- Alice
- Toby
- Elizabeth (at 3:17pm)

Chair – Toby – 2 votes

Terms of Reference

- Advocacy
- Typo

Adoption of agenda – 2 in favour

Conflict of interest

Alice is a student rep on a project – on the reference group for the project

Background

Cadmus

ProctorU

Wifi Tracking (project tracking)

CCTV registering flows of people (unidentified people throughout the University)

- Justification? Rooms people use and where people travel they can provide more targeted services and capacity

Statement of Principles

Alice: tangible – document – statement or position paper – data is signed away – motion with students council (stances booklet)

Why statement of Principles?

Alice: distinguish between anonymised *or* dynamic consent – so it’s

Problems with current approach

- Lack of *power* / binary consent
- Lack of transparency

EM: Tutors having access to students’ *legal* as well as *preferred* names – question of *accessibility* (why should tutors need to have access to this?)

Protected information – quite strictly defined

- Eg, location is not “sensitive” information – under these privacy principles

Breaking it into bits (the cooked shit):

- Biometric data
- “Personal information” – data should be anonymised prior to accessibility wherever possible – where not anonymous, consent sought?
- Unnecessary information (access)
- Tracking
- Monetisation
- General principles – *use* of data
- Lack of ethics training for data

Basic principle – data should be anonymous or given and used with our consent (if being exploited)

General Use policy – what *Uni’s* can do with our data.

Framework:

- What data?
- Consent (involvement in the decision)?
- Exploitation (uses of the data)?

Profiting off data?

- *Profit* (not entire revenue stream)
- How much
- To who (UMSU? Students individually?)
- Practicalities (how would we even make this happen?)

- Philosophy – commodification of humanity – but it’s valuable for research, so we’re redirecting that to the benefit of students

7 – Additional Product

Vote 3 in favour of an additional position paper / report

Defer consideration of Policy until later

Timeline of Working Group

Passing money for food – or meet at the Ida and have bar tab (no)

Publicity – meeting with EdPub (Conner)

- Contact the Data Science students

Meet in 3 weeks time (after week 7)

Something to Council by week 12

For work before next meeting

- Think of key fucked examples
- Meditate on framework for principles
- Consider the existing regulatory framework
- Reach out to other students and improve publicity of this project

Date of next meeting

Sometime in week 6

Closed 3:58

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements

Key Activities

Syndicate re-launch with Welfare

On Thursday 2/8 UMSU Education and Welfare co-hosted the Unionise Union House campaign launch at the Ida Bar. We had some food and a bar tab for the event, which had around 40 people attend in the end. We’ll be looking now at how we can establish more frequent workshops to equip students with the skills that they need to be able to be successful in their workplace; one possibility we’ll be looking at is having Hospo Voice organisers give a seminar, given the high proportion of hospitality businesses in Union House—Hospo Voice being a recent creation out of United Voice. Overall, we were happy with both engagement and attendance at the launch.

Syndicate Employability Matters week event

This event went really well. We had two guest speakers—Sean Cooney, an expert in employment/industrial relations law and Unimelb academic, and Matt Kunkel, director of the Migrant Workers Centre (a body that operates out of Trades Hall)—who gave advice on what the legal aspects of workers’ rights are and what a trade union is and what its purpose is, respectively. The talk was targeted towards international students and graduates, as we had received advice that this would likely be the target audience of the event. We had around 60

people drop by for the event, so hopefully we cleared up any misconceptions for those people.

Unions Day

This idea has been shamelessly stolen from our comrades at the University of Technology Sydney. The idea is to have some kind of carnival/festival type event (weather permitting) where different trade unions would be able to set up stalls and distribute materials to students who a) would either join because they work in an industry covered by the union to support themselves (e.g. United Voice for Hospitality workers, Australian Services Union/National Union of Workers for call centre workers) or b) would join at some time after graduating (e.g. Community and Public Sector Union for public servants, Finance Sector Union for bankers, etc.). We’re aiming to have it held in week eight or nine, with availabilities for different unions depending on state election campaigning, so hopefully we’ll be able to get some good engagement seeing as unions are always wondering how to interact with young people given that they aren’t joining anymore. We’ll also be reaching out to the Fair Work Ombudsman.

At this stage, we’ll be meeting with Comms very soon to talk logistics about this event—in the meantime, some organisations have already reached out to us.

Cadmus

Cadmus sucks! We’ve heard some more dodgy shit on the horizon, so stay tuned for more information.

Education Stalls

Our beloved ed stall will be making its Dookie debut next Wednesday. I can hardly wait. Poor Dookie don’t have any student representatives of their own, so an UMSU visit there is long overdue. Hopefully they’ll give us some apples to take back!

NTEU EBA negotiations update, or: why I don’t have anything to do anymore, or: why the Cadmus campaign is happening again

The NTEU have signed an in-principle agreement with the university so long as any strike action is called off. As such, Sunday 19/8 will be a sad day for me, as instead of attempting to ruin open day for Unimelb, I’ll probably be catching up on study.

Progress on action points from previous report

Syndicate re-launch with Welfare

Done—see above.

Support NTEU Industrial Action

Literally, done.

Worker’s rights booklet

We finally have quotes! This will finally go ahead!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Begin planning for campaigns against high-stakes assessment and commerce hurdles

Another campaign! This is a huge accessibility issue, especially for Law and Business students.

Go to Dookie

Continue planning Unions Day

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	Yes, Confirmed
5	10/4/2018	Yes, Confirmed
6	24/4/2018	Yes, Confirmed inquorate
7	8/5/2018	Yes, Confirmed
8	30/5/2018	Yes, Confirmed
9	12/7/2018	Yes, Confirmed inquorate
10	17/7/2018	Yes, Petitioned confirmed
11	2/8/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
12	13/8/2018	Yes, Petitioned unconfirmed inquorate

Expenditure

Meeting no. Op Sub	Date	Description	\$ Passed	Budget line	Comment
	7/8	Pizza for Syndicate re- launch	\$126	CSP&E	

Environment
Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

Key Activities

Lockout Lockheed

Members of Lockout Lockheed wrote a piece for Farrago’s ‘for-and-against’ column defending the campaign and making a case that the university should not be working with companies such as Lockheed Martin and British Aeronautical Engineering at all due to their plainly malevolent business. This piece of writing will give Lockout Lockheed a further reach with the heavy readership of this column.

Lockout Lockheed is now planning to have a session to re-strategise how we can achieve our aims given our recent insights into the university’s relationship with weapons manufacturers. As part of this process are also planning how we can increase our engagement with staff and academia.

Play With Your Food

This semester, we and the Melbourne Activist Catering Collective are planning to make Play With Your Food a more political event, where discussions and skill sharing will occur. Last week we were joined by Cam Leigh Villani, former national convener of the Australian Student Environment Network to talk about grassroots campaigning (whilst we ate Grassroots-inspired food - it was very cute!).

Next week’s PWYF, during Enviro Week, will focus on cooking with native Australian food.

Enviro Week

Enviro Week: Beyond Climate Change is shaping up to be a great and active week of over 15 workshops and activities. At the expo on Monday the 20th of August we have at least 14 groups lined up to have stalls at the Expo in North Court. We have an Old Arts theatre booked and speakers lined up to discuss ‘Weapons, the Environment, and the University’ at a forum on that Monday evening. For the closing party we have booked Arts Hall and Asylum Seeker Resource Centre catering.

Fair Trade Steering Committee (FTSC)

The University has now committed to 100% fair trade in its procurement (coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate, etc). The University is now looking at holding its lease holders to a similar standard, which is a process happening whilst University Trades and Services starts to renew all its leases.

Students from the FTSC hosted a film screening of World Vision’s ‘Dukale’s Dream’ to raise awareness and engage with students about the importance of procuring fair trade products. FTSC also has hosted a Fair Trade Market in North Court.

Sustainability Executive

On Thursday 16th of August, we met with the Sustainability Executive. As of writing this meeting is in the future. SusExec of late has discussed how the University is set to reach its Net Zero Carbon Emissions Target by next year, and is working to promote its Sustainability Report more widely to staff and students. We have plans to create Melbourne University Sustainability Watch as a platform to keep the university to account regarding these promises and ambitions.

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. Although it should be noted there are services and equipment we have booked for Enviro Week, which will be invoiced to us afterwards).

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment

**Indigenous
Alexandra Hohoi**

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Committee Planning

Since last council the Indigenous committee has been focusing on putting together a calendar for the students.

Key Activity 2: Collectives

This semester collectives are held on tuesdays at 12pm in Murrup Barak. They have been attracting on average 50 students to each.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

N/A

Budget Expenditure

N/A

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

Key activities

Above Water

Above Water is almost ready to send to print! We are in the final stages of proofreading the anthology. This year’s judging panel includes Leah Jing McIntosh from Liminal magazine, the winner of the Lord Mayor’s Creative Writing award Jack Callil and the previous year’s winner Harry McLean. They are currently marking shortlisted works, and the winners and runners-up will be announced at our launch on Wednesday 29 August.

NYWF delegation

We have submitted a motion separately about continuing to organise our delegation to the National Young Writers’ Festival.

Paying for printing editions four, five and six

The invoices for editions four, five and six of Farrago came through. They are \$11,242.00, \$11,033.00 and \$11,539.00 respectively. We would like to pay our printers!

Radio Fodder studio extra

AVMelbourne went slightly over budget when renovating our studio. They did a fantastic job. We need to pass an extra \$47.68 in order to be able to pay their full final invoice.

Radio Fodder webcasting licences

In order for Radio Fodder to legally broadcast music, we need to pay our PPCA licences.

Wordplay #3

We are requesting money be passed for pizza at our most recent Wordplay, which was held on 27 July 2018.

<p>People of Colour Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige</p>

Key Activities

Regular events

We have gone back to our regular schedule of Film Screening, PoC Collective and Reading Group. We have also added the Higher Consciousness and Mediation workshops as a weekly Monday event. On average, all events have maintained the same level of attendance as last semester.

PoC in the Media Department Working Group

The first meeting on the working group was held on Tuesday August 7th with approximately 10 people in attendance. Key discussion points included an introduction to the working group and its aims, and an open discussion platform for students to discuss their experiences with the Media Department. A second meeting is also being planned.

Myriad 2018

Submissions have closed, and we are now beginning the process of sifting through content and selecting pieces to be included in the magazine. Extensions have also been granted to those who requested them.

Solidarity Week

The joint week held by the PoC and Indigenous departments has been renamed to Solidarity Week and will take place in Week 6. A Google form has been created where other departments can submit their event proposals. Both of our departments also have various autonomous and non-autonomous events planned.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Continue preparations for Enviro Week

Preparation is going well with only some finalisation required now.

Continue preparations for Solidarity Week

Further preparation is required.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Continue preparations for Solidarity Week

Further preparation is required.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	08/12/2017	Collective catering	\$7770	People of Colour Collective	Sem 2, Week 2 = \$230 Sem 2, Week 3 = \$114
8	01/08/2018	Reading Group catering	\$2370.76	Reading Group	Sem 2, Week 3 = \$71.40

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, Confirmed
8	01/08/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

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Queer
Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves

Key Activities

Southbank

Our queer students forum went really well! Quite a few people turned up and the discussion was productive. Southbank students are keen to form more of a community on campus - since the meeting, we’ve established a Facebook group (similar to the groups for our autonomous collectives) with >30 members already, we’re looking into the possibility of a regular catch-up for queer Southbank students, a trans-specific catch-up, schlepping some CAMP magazines down, establishing a stand for sexual health material and queer-specific resources, and pushing longer-term for a queer space and gender-neutral bathrooms.

It was equal parts heartbreaking and exciting to hear Southbank students talk about not knowing any other queer students. This is such a big opportunity to help establish a community, as opposed to simply maintaining/growing the Parkville community, and we’ve really excited to do good work here. It was also inspirational to see what some students have achieved without external support - meeting a group of dance students who, facing uni resistance to gender-neutral bathrooms, have simply started duct-taping different signs to the doors!

Special thanks to Kathleen Campone, a VCA student who has been absolutely instrumental in helping us put this together, and to Lily Ekins, the Southbank rep for helping us Parkville kids understand Southbank.

Gender Neutral Clothes Swap

This was an awesome, well-attended, and well-received event. We had so many clothes, oh my god. We also had students privately contact us to say it was good not just for picking up some sick new looks, but it helped them pick up warmer clothes for this cold winter that they couldn’t afford otherwise. We’ve still got a lot of clothes left between us and the Enviro office, and we’re probably going to run another one of these later in the semester.

All the love to Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton for helping us put this together, and to every other OB and associated random UMSU person who helped with set-up and pack-down.

MU Sport

Elinor continues to meet with MU Sport. The departure of our main contact there, Hannah Mouncey, has hamstrung our efforts a little, but Bridgid Junot is very keen to work with us too and she’s lovely. We’re in talks about setting up a queer self-defence course, come & try sessions, a trans & gender diverse swim night, and helping them establish LGBTQI+ awareness training for their staff.

Enviro Week

Milly, Kareena, Molly, and Lucy are working hard to establish a sustainable period products info session for Enviro week. This will involve a mixture of demonstration, personal stories,

and information in order to help students who menstruate learn about more environmentally and body friendly options.

Milly and Elinor, as well as Andie Moore, are also working on holding the first Queer Political Action Collective of semester two as a part of Enviro Week. This has the support of Lucy and Callum, and we’re excited to bring these intersections together.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Queer Space Maintenance

We’ve placed a big order of supplies, including a buttload of chocolates, an obscene amount of tea, and expanding the range of vegan and gluten free sweet bits we offer in the queer space. We love a completed action point!

Semester Two Events

More VCA stuff in the works! Events for Enviro Week and the People of Colour department’s anti-racism and decolonisation week are in various stages of development. Possibly a very cool gender-neutral bathrooms action but we want to bring that to QPAC first!

Minutes

Somehow we missed confirming one set of minutes. Rectifying this!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Safe Space Policy

We’ve been quietly working on a draft of our Safe Space Policy for the Queer Space, and we hope to have it at our next committee meeting!

Clean the office

So many clothes. Please come take clothes if you missed the event!

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	\$647.53 for lunches in weeks 2, 3, and 4
4	18/4/18	food for collectives	up to \$600	Food & Beverages	\$119.4 for collectives in weeks 2 and 3

7	02/08/18	travel reimbursements for QC attendees	up to \$300	Grants	all but two \$30 grants processed
6	23/5/18	grants for QC attendees	up to \$4000	Grants	all grants given out, \$2950

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	06/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	12/01/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	07/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	18/04/2018	Yes, Confirmed
5	09/05/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
6	23/5/2018	Yes, Confirmed
7	02/09/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera

Key Activities:

Key Activity One: New Regular Event: Let's Talk!

We have launched a brand new regular event. Based on last year's Monday Mingle, Welfare is providing a space for Domestic, International and Exchange students to practice their second-language skills. Come down on Mondays 12-1pm for a chat!

Key Activity Two: Breakfast

Breakfasts have been running smoothly with between 50- 92 students coming each day to Breakfast Bar, and between 200-300 students to our Thursday BBQ's. All this is only possible through our fantastic CIP groups and supervisors.

"Welfare breakfasts are my favourite thing about Melbourne" – Overheard 2018

Key Activity Three: CIP Bonding

On Tuesday the 8th August we had our first of three CIP Bonding days for our volunteers to meet and mingle with each other and their supervisors. We ate food and played board games and Michael won Monopoly.

Key Activity Four: Syndicate Launch and Employability Week

Syndicate is back with a bang. Welfare and Education relaunched Syndicate under the banner of our 'Unionise Union House' campaign. There were speeches from the OB's as well as Dylan from the Young Workers Centre and everyone had productive workplace-rights-related conversations. Since then we have been in constant meetings with UMSU International, the Student Peer Network and YWC to push forward the project; educating young workers about their rights in the workforce and the joys of being in a trade union.

Next we worked with the lovely Shari from Student Services to present speakers as part of the University's 'Employability Week.' Senior employment law lecturer Sean Cooney and Matt Kunkel from the Migrant Workers Centre each gave an hour-long session that ran through the basics of Australia's employment system – including the difference between part-time, full-time, casual and contract work in a practical sense, minimum wage and safety requirements and importantly what to do when you feel you are being exploited at work. We are beginning to plan for the first.... Union Day at UMSU. Keep an eye out but likely week 8.

Key Activity Five: Meeting with CAPS

Welfare and Disabilities have touched base with all our friends over at the Counselling and Psychological Services department. They have made some substantial changes to their booking systems and have hinted at some increases to funding. We felt that it was important to acquaint ourselves with the new system, so we can properly advise students and, if need be, shift our CAPS Campaign in a different direction. We will keep working on our policy document with recommendations to the university in the meantime.

Key Activity Six: Food Banks

Students are hungry. 1 in every 7 students is living in poverty. So, it's easy to see why our Food Bank program is an essential part of UMSU. We made up another 100 packs this week to store in the info desk and at Stop One in Southbank.

Progress on assigned action from last report:

Action Point One: Volunteer management

We successfully sorted all our volunteers into 6 groups. The supervisors have now taken up the responsibility of informing them about each CIP event and encouraging them to get involved in any of the inner mechanisms of the department. Thank you Facebook for making this easy.

Action Point Two: Syndicate campaign launch

It was launched. It was good. Now the hard work of connecting with students working in Union House begins. We have had a few good leads, but none have yet been useful. If you know anyone who has worked in Union House and has experienced wage theft, OB’s not included, then please get in contact with Michael or Conor.

Actions to be completed by next report:

Action Point One: Continue with Regular Events

Self explanatory. Yoga, Zumba, Meditation, Mental Wellness Collective, Daily Breakfasts and now Lets Talk language sessions!

Action Point Two: Plan for Stress Less Week

Week Eleven but it’s coming up quicker than we think. We will have to look at semester one to see what was well attended, what wasn’t, what needs to be tightened up ect.

Budget spending:

Food Banks - \$600

Syndicate Launch Party - \$200

CIP Bonding Day –

Daily Breakfast and BBQ Breakfasts - \$1,000

Committee Meetings:

Meeting 10 – Confirmed

Meeting 11 – Inquorate

Op-Sub – Hopefully can pass money for the next fortnight.

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

No report received.

**Burnley
James Barclay**

Key Activities

Burnley Market Garden

A group of Burnley Students have begun a program to grow market produce on underutilised land. This project had begun on Burnley Campus and has begun spreading to other local schools. The project mission is to increase education around organic food production and increase local food security. The BSA fully supports this endeavour and will be looking at avenues to further the projects goals.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Next BSA meeting called for 17/08/2018

Action Points to be completed by next report

Outline events and budgeting for second semester including end of year trip.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
4	18/05/2018	Groceries	\$200.00	General Operations	

Committee Meetings

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

5	17/08/2018	No
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Victorian College of the Arts
Hilary Ekins

Key Activities

Wednesday BBQs, Yoga and group exercise classes

All of these continue on a weekly basis, are run smoothly and successfully so far. Turn out at BBQs has been excellent. To improve the visibility of the union, UMSU tablecloths and department flyers and booklets have been brought down during BBQs.

Southbank Queer Students Forum

The Southbank and Queer Departments collaborated to put on a discussion group for queer identifying students studying at Southbank campus to talk about current concerns relating to LGBTIQ+ students and to put forward suggestions on how to actively work towards improvement on these issues. Despite a low attendance, participating students appear very excited about this collaboration. A follow-up event can be expected.

Meeting with Professor Conyngham, Dean of the VCA

This meeting was largely introductory. Key points of discussion included a recent student welfare report and the need to revise current CAPS at Southbank Campus, and the ongoing lack of affordable and sustainable food and beverage options on campus. An update on the construction of the new conservatorium building was provided, and the Prof. Conyngham offered to organise a tour of the site for myself, the VCASA committee and other relevant student representatives.

Meeting with the Music Students Society executives

I met with Neera Kadkol, Nicole Ng and Jamie Kim from the MSS to exchange key dates, our ideas and upcoming plans, and how to potentially collaborate and support each other. We talked about re-running the VCA/MCM Orientation Camp, and other possible events and strategies to aid the integration of MCM students into Southbank campus come 2019.

Contact with PAWS

Following their recently successful dog picnic, I contacted PAWS, the current dog club at Parkville Campus, about perhaps collaborating on a similar such event in Southbank. Dogs reduce stress, it is known. Unfortunately, due to being a very new club, the committee would prefer to postpone such plans for now but are open minded for further along the track.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Investigate a short-medium term storage space for tablecloths and other materials for weekly events.

Action Point 2

Follow up CAPS discussions with a survey draft.

Action Point 3

Review minutes of the meeting and seek feedback. Debrief with Queer OBs & plan next step.

Action Point 4

Review the 2017 Orientation Camp plans and budget. Confirm details with relevant parties. Contact camp sites.

Action Point 5

Find another source of floor.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Operations sub-committee meeting	7/08/2018	Food & drinks for Southbank Queer Students Forum	\$200.00	BBQs	Spent \$178.50