



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

3pm, the 30th of August, 2018

Meeting 15(18)

Location: Private Dining Room, Mezzanine, Union House

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

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

Late reports are not considered valid.

**Activities’ report has been swallowed by Outlook, and will be circulated when recovered; it is otherwise compliant with the Regulations and is therefore not late nor unsubmitted.*

**President
Desiree Cai**

Key Activities

Student Precinct

I attended a meeting to discuss their requirements with UMSU International on 17/8. The meeting about autonomous spaces in the precinct also happened on 28/8. Work on the schematic design is continuing, and I will be attending the next student precinct steering committee on the 29/8.

Renew Our UMSU (governance review)

The project reference group met again to discuss the communications plan for RenewOurUMSU. We’re currently getting all the bits for communications out and have started sending out information to interviewees and students.

First interviews for the project will begin this week.

SSAF Review meeting with the University

On Monday 27/8 Justin and I attended a meeting with the university to discuss our SSAF submission to the university. We discussed general principles and ideas behind the expenditure of SSAF generally as well as the new reporting requirements that the University has started to implement. We also discussed the SSAF arrangements in the new student precinct- including arrangements for space charging in the general precinct and in the bar.

Elected Reps

Alice, Toby, Daniel, Elinor and myself attended this meeting with the university on 16/8. We discussed issues about students preferred names, UMSU’s governance review, the Melbourne Model Changes, Flex AP and the Student Experience Survey results for Unimelb.

Respect/safety on campus meeting

In the aftermath of the August 1st rally, Molly, Kareena and I were invited to a meeting with Celia Scott from Chancellery to discuss UMSU’s recommendations to the university, and other matters to do with safety on campus. We started discussion about a position in Advocacy & Legal for a responding to sexual assault advisor position. We will be putting in a SSAF grant to fund the initiative in the case that the university doesn’t work with us and help with funding of the program, but discussions about this continues.

We have also set up regular meetings with Celia to ensure ongoing discussion on this issue.

Rowden White Library Birthday party

The 80th bday of the library happened last Wednesday (22/8). I spoke and wished the library well, and the party was good fun!

Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Attend elected reps- done!
- Attend UMSU international CCM- didn’t make it because last council went too long! I’m planning to get to the next one though!
- Attend precinct meeting with UMSU International- done!
- Attend 1st SSAF review meeting- done
- Attend Student precinct steering committee meeting (happening tomorrow!)

List of actions by next report

- Attend Student Precinct Steering committee
- Attend CEOAPC
- Attend Academic Integrity Working Group

Budget Expenditure

N/A

<p>General Secretary Daniel Beratis</p>

Key Activities

Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas

Everyone is having meetings and it is all swell. It’s student representation, folk’s.

Key Activity 2: Student Initiative Grants and Policy

The back half of the year is when most SIG-related events take place, and therefore, we should begin to receive reports from those events soon. I have begun chasing up with recipients who have reports outstanding, and have recovered one grant by way of the initiative not taking place.

Key Activity 3: Renewing Our UMSU

I have contributed to raising public awareness of the Renewing Our UMSU project by placing notices and contributing to information located across various websites, including the portal and the UMSU website. I have also assisted in providing further information and context to the appointed consultant, as well as aiding in developing the discussion guide that will be used to inform the research. By the time of Council, I will additionally have sat for my interview.

Key Activity 4: SGMs

The SGMs took place on Tuesday, and all items were carried. Notification to the relevant bodies will take place over the coming days and weeks, but I am also waiting for advice from *other* relevant bodies regarding section 192, which governs section 186, which was notionally amended at the SGM. However, this should not impact the other proceedings that took place on Tuesday.

Key Activity 5: SEAG

I attended a meeting of the Student Experience Advisory Group last Wednesday, which consisted of studies surrounding Arts West, the Ian Potter Gallery and the Melbourne School of Design. These meetings occur monthly and are vital in providing a student experience input to the Student Precinct, which may otherwise be omitted.

Key Activity 6: Regulations

I have noted the ruling of the Returning Officer in regards to inconsistencies within the Electoral Regulations, and plan to address these inconsistencies and other raised once the Returning Officer’s report is returned in October. At that time, I will call a Regulation Working Group, as appropriate.

Key Activity 7: Elected Reps

Last week, several Office Bearers attended Elected Reps and spoke to current issues such as preferred identifications. We also provided feedback on the current state of student experience at the University of Melbourne.

Key Activity 8: CEOAPC

On Friday, Desiree and I shall meet with Elizabeth Capp and Peter McGrath, as the CEO Appointment and Performance Committee. I am happy to speak to this in person.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: SGM

She’s done. As above, we’re just waiting on a few loose ends to tie up, and then the brand new Constitution shall be delivered unto CAV.

Action Point 2: Accessibility of Governance

Still being checked over, but this work continues.

Action Point 3: Policy (and Regulations)

As above, and also as here—what I’m trying to do is moreso make guidelines for the approval or non-approval of SIGs. I am currently waiting on others for the Newspaper policy.

Action Points to be completed by next report

I will be on leave for next Council, but with that in mind:

Action Point 1: SIGs

I will deliver unto you draft guidelines as above! Or, at least, that is the hope.

Action Point 2: Plain Language

I hope also to be able to deliver at least some substantive stuff in regards to this.

Activities
Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

To come.

Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss

Matthew Simkiss

Key Activities

Admin & AGMs

Sarah is away meaning Fiona is left to process grants, organize new club constitutions and do her other jobs so I’m back to answering more emails so we don’t get overwhelmed again. Wrote the minutes from the last committee meeting which was 3250 words. See action points progress for AGM information.

Wiki

See action points progress.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Wiki

I’ve written up most of the AGM how to documents now and it’s almost ready to be published. The pre AGM section and during AGM sections are finished. Now it’s just completing the how to submit all your documents section which is probably the longest.

General Meetings

This will for the rest of semester be presented as a running tally of general meetings processed this semester. General meetings are a time consuming and sometimes tedious process which often requires waiting on the club to reply to requests for documents.

Processed (approved): 9

Processed (rejected): 4

In process: 9

Action points to be completed by next report

Wiki

Finish the entire AGM section of the Wiki and publish it.

AGMs

Process more AGMs and keep on top of things

Nellie Seale

Key Activities

Admin and AGMs

AGMs have been coming through with a much higher frequency in the last few weeks. I have started helping Matt to process them, but they haven’t been a priority for me so much.

Regulation Amendments

Matt, Fiona and I sat down and went through the regulations and identified several issues that have been raised in Committee this year. There was a lot of discussion about what was appropriate or feasible to include in the regulations, and we have made changes based around most of the issues we discussed. I wrote up and compiled all of our amendments, and passed them through Committee to be presented at the next council. As of this report, all amendments have been endorsed by the C&S Committee.

Wiki

I’m still chipping away at the glossary, which is becoming more extensive. I have developed some pages around wellbeing and events management, and these should go up soon alongside the Code of Conduct.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Awards Night

Awards Night went really well, I have written out to all of the clubs, thanking those who came and asking for anyone who was given an award to come and collect it from the office if they weren’t there. I think a lot of the planning and event coordination for Awards Night was easier for me to manage following some of the issues I encountered with Clubs Carnival, so I am in the process of writing a handover for next year for both events.

AGMs

I’ve processed about 6 AGMs, but I think I’ve got the hang of it now, and should speed up now that Awards Night is done.

Action points to be completed by next report

AGMs

To keep on top of them and not let Matt drown in them in the absence of Sarah.

Combined

Awards Night

Awards night was held, and everyone seemed to have a really nice time. The bar as a venue worked really well with the space being the perfect size. The back section of the bar was used for food preparation and a cloak room. Some issues were observed such as normal bar guests not clearing out in time.

Wellbeing Progress

Safer Communities cancelled the session with us and we are yet to reschedule another one with them due to time constraints on us.

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	31/07/2018	Yes, Confirmed
15	14/08/2018	Yes, Confirmed
16	28/08/2018	No

38.75 hours and counting.

Creative Arts
Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

TASTINGS 18 showcase took place – Week 5. It was a really wonderful showcase and we’ve received a lot of great feedback from artists, mentors and audience members. We will be conducting debriefs with the artists and writing up our Tastings report in the upcoming weeks.

Key Activity 2

Preparation for our #3 Tott-shop event focussed on Marketing – run by Laura Milke from Milke Producing. Location & catering TBC.

Key Activity 3

Launch party planning for Above Water launch. Taking place in Week 7. Details TBC.

Key Activity 4

Locking in our remaining visual art classes for sem 2 – Life Drawing, found assemblage and jewellery making.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Happy Healthy Art-Making Workshop took place on 9 August and was very successful. We got a good sized group and the feedback was really positive. Definitely will recommend a similar session to next years OBs.

Arts Marketing Workshop scheduled for 5 September – location still TBC.

Last Action Point 2

ImPLOMtU event for 16 August (Week 4) could not take place. We are in the process of finding new dates for make up PLOM events.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Confirmation of Location, catering, technical requirements for Above Water launch.

Action Point 2

Location & catering confirmed for Tott-shop #3

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
6	17/08/2018	TOTT-shops costs: payment of facilitator and cupcakes	\$500	[3839] Special Projects: TOTT-shops	
6	17/08/2018	\$500 from Special Project: PLOM moved to Special Project Weeks - TASTINGS	\$500	[3850] Special Projects Weeks	
7	23/08/2018	Arts Grants	\$900	[3531] Arts Grants	
7	23/08/2018	TOTT-shops costs: payment of facilitator and cupcakes	\$500	[3839] Special Projects: TOTT-shops	
7	23/08/2018	Above Water launch costs	\$3000	[3713] ‘Above Water’	
7	23/08/2018	Visual Art classes Sem 2	\$3526.09	[3839] ‘Special Projects: Visual Art Classes’	

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, Confirmed
6	17/08/18	Yes, Confirmed
7	23/08/18	Yes,

Disabilities
Jacinta Dowe and Hien Nguyen

Key Activities

We have organised to attend the National Disabilities Conference, passing money through op sub to attend. This is the motion we passed: “To pass up to \$246 from the Disabilities Department’s budget line ‘Grants’ for Hien Nguyen and Jacinta Dowe to attend the NUS Disability and Accessibility Conference (2 tickets including accommodations for 2 nights).”

- We are communicating with CAPS and SEDS to improve services to students.
- We are organising to run events for invisible illness week.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- AUSLAN classes are now running, with both Level 1 & 2 classes reaching full registration.
- We ran Sex and Disabilities in Week 4 and #SuckItAbleism in Week 5.

Budget Expenditure

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

		and Disabilities			
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Education (Academic Affairs) Alice Smith and Toby Silcock
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Key Activities

This report details these key activities:

1. Elected reps
2. Lecture recordings
3. SRN
4. Dookie trip
5. High stakes assessment
6. Commerce Hurdles campaign
7. Cadmus campaign
8. Punitive student fees
9. Education Collective
10. Student data working group
11. NTEU Collaboration
12. Women in Higher Ed Trivia

Key Activity 1 – Elected Reps

Elected Reps was held the Thursday prior to last Council. An overview:

- We discussed how the Refugee Scholarship was going, and got an update. There has been some interest in the Scholarship, with some applications. Info was apparently put together for Open Day. We haven’t seen this, though it’ll be round somewhere.
- We got a FAP update. FAP has been split into two next steps: architecture and timelines. It’s being fitted into the planning and budget cycle, with priority areas being identified. We’ll have to have another meeting with Gregor Kennedy to discuss what internal procedures are ongoing to prioritise bits.
- We also discussed the Melbourne Model evolution, mainly the new graduate pathways. The Uni is mainly focusing on messaging so students know what’s happening.
- We also had a long meeting with Richard James as a “focus group”, outlining our thoughts on the student experience – like, everything. We had many thoughts. There will be a green paper on the entire University experience for students – yikes – in a couple of months – double yikes. This is called the “Melbourne Student Experience Enhancement Project”.

Key Activity 2 – Lecture Recordings

On the law lecture recordings front, there’s been a lot of movement on this. A petition has been launched; as of reporting deadline, it had exceeded 150 signatures (both law and non-law). We’re holding a student forum the Tuesday prior to Council, and our Weekly Stall will be down in front of the Law Building, with food.

As to general lecture recordings, we’ve processed the bulk of semester 2 lodged reports. Only a few “pushed back”; for some reason the bulk of reports were actually respecting recorded classes.

We also had a meeting with Parsha and Wendy from Arts, who discussed how from their end they implemented the policy. They were open to sending us the details; and were also interested in our statistics through our reporting form. We also discussed student wellbeing (see the next Activity).

Key Activity 3 – SRN

The fifth meeting of the SRN was held the Friday prior to Council. It was quite short since there were several apologies, and the Prime Minister was getting rolled at the same time. WE discussed upcoming meetings, the composition of the SRN in light of changes, Elected Reps (briefly), and also how we can lobby to improve course design and quality in B.Comm. No major meetings have happened, besides the meeting with Parsha and Wendy, as noted above. On student wellbeing, they asked what we would suggest – we suggested improved advocacy by student groups and better relationships with major clubs, as well as proper demographics on Arts students’ backgrounds as well as lobbying for better CAPS and student services (as well as scaffolding of those services).

Key Activity 4 – Dookie Trip

This went really well. We had good chats with all Dookie students – nearly 100 – who were in for a lecture (of sorts) with their head of campus. Sausages were swallowed up, they wear ug boots to class (or some of them).

We discussed representation, ongoing issues with exams, the fairness of SSAF funding, and they *dove* on our totes, they took heaps. Unfortunately photos are still pending, since the SD card they were saved onto seems to be corrupted.

Key Activity 5 – High stakes assessment

Toby will be meeting from someone from the MCSHE to discuss this, and is still sending emails to organise meetings for a possible cross-APC-TALQAC working group.

Key Activity 6 – Commerce Hurdles Campaign

This has been logged, and we’ll see a petition and further engagement hopefully by the end of the week. Though, some of it might have to wait on hold until after week 7 when the OTHER THING happens.

Key Activity 7 – Cadmus campaign

The fact that the VC Glyn Davis, and his wife, are significant investors in the company that owns Cadmus. To our knowledge, Conor is doing up a public flyer or document on this. Instead of an FoI, we’ve found ownership documents through ASIC that we’re mindful to purchase (since this is cheaper than an FoI), to find hidden nasties. We’ve also been poring through past Academic Board minutes to see whether Glyn neglected to declare conflicts of interest in any of them.

Key Activity 8 – Punitive student fees

The FoI is being prepared; we’ve also been reached out to by the FoI officer seeking to set up a meeting with our good pal Alistair Ingham, which is as yet not finalised. Humph.

Key Activity 9 – Education Collective

Continues to happen. Continues to be good engagement.

Key Activity 10 – Student data working group

Unfortunately we’re properly not going to be able to call this in time for the week prior to Council when the Working Group was minded to meet, and because of the Other Thing the next meeting is most likely going to happen late week 8 or early week 9.

Key Activity 11 – NTEU Collaboration

The NTEU is celebrating a resounding win coming out of their industrial action. The Department has publicly congratulated the NTEU on their work. Hopefully they’ll now have more time to work with us on FAP, Cadmus, and other projects!

Key Activity 12 – Women in Higher Ed Trivia

Happened. Was lit.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Assigned Action	Progress
1 Lodge a Cadmus Foi	Not needed – see Key Activity 7
2 Call the next SRN meeting	Done – see Key Activity 3
3 Finish processing unrecorded lecture reports lodged	Not finished, but significant progress made.
4 Launch a Commerce Hurdles Petition	Being designed – see Key Activity 6
5 Launch the Law Lectures petition	Done – see Key Activity 2
6 Go to Dookie.	Deferred – see Key Activity 12.
7 Update Council on appointments to the VCA Committees	Hayley Edwards has chosen to sit on the OH&S Committee, so we will process this and open applications for the remaining 3.
8 Report on Women in Higher Ed Trivia (...)	See Key Activity 12
9 Get legal advice on the status of the Student Fees Foi	Not done – because it appears that some work is now being done, although that work nonetheless appears to be well outside the statutory timeframe

Action Points to be Completed by Next Report

1. Organise law lecture events
2. Act on VCA Committee appointments
3. Purchase ownership documents on the company that owns Cadmus
4. Organise meeting with (or meet with) Alistair Ingham on Student Fees
5. Hold more Education Collectives
6. Send Cadmus materials to the NTEU
7. Survive the Other Thing

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment

Ob Sup 11(18)	24/7/18	\$171 in total for Education Collectives 4-5	\$1,000	Campaigns, Special Projects and Events	
10(18)	17/07/2018	Petrol and Coles Order for Dookie Trip, BBQ	\$400	""	Awaiting invoices

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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, Confirmed

12	13/08/2018	Yes, Petitioned Confirmed Inqorate
13	20/08/2018	Yes, Petitioned Unconfirmed

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements

Key Activities

Know Your Unions Day (formerly Unions Day)

Some updates on this event: we’ve got Comms materials happening, and they’ll be distributed soon. The event is going to be happening on October 4 in North Court, from 11:30-2 o’clock, and we’ll be sharing with the normal Activities barbecue that happens on that day. The basic set up will be a bunch of tables/marquees with the different union representatives and . I’m currently in the process of contacting trade unions to see if they’d be interested in coming. So far I’ve received interest from the Australian Education Union, the Finance Sector Union, the Retail and Fast Food Workers Union, the National Union of Workers and the Community and Public Sector Union.

Ideally we’ll have around 12 trade unions present on the day.

Cadmus

Hooooooooooooo boy. Turns out Glyn Davis and his wife have invested \$166,000 in Vericus, the company in the process of producing the Cadmus software. AND their son works for the company too. To quote the guy from that vine: not good!
 Expect new campaign materials to be up and running over the next couple of weeks.

Education Stall: Dookie edition

We fed the students at Dookie with great effort, since we only had one pair of tongs between us for the majority of the process. We did, however, leave the barbecues much cleaner than how we found them (apologies to anyone who got sick at Dookie following our lunch). It was good to hear the concerns of the students at Dookie, even if most of the concerns were to do with soil nutrition and moisture and even if it did mean nearly being killed in the car by Toby’s wild driving. Never again.

Scindicate Protest

At the time of writing, this hasn’t happened yet, but we’ve booked a bus to take people down to Fishermans Bend (yes, that is actually how it’s spelled?). Hopefully we’ll be annoying and disruptive. Public transport would have been ideal to get down there, but it’s actually pretty difficult to find a route that takes less than an hour from Melbourne Uni.

Divest from Death forum

This event was organised as part of the NUS Books not Bombs campaign. At the time of writing, it also has not happened, but it’ll be covering the links we’re seeing between weapons manufacturers and universities, and why this itself should be concerning to students at Melbourne Uni.

Progress on action points from previous report

Syndicate re-launch with Welfare

Done—see above.

Go to Dookie

Done!

Worker’s rights booklet

We’ve passed money at committee now – there’s just a few logistical things to finalise and then they’ll be on their way.

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

Comms materials will hopefully be out soon! This is a pretty niche campaign focus, given it mainly affects commerce students, but since most of them are down at FBE anyway we’re hoping it’ll be at least easy enough to find the students that high-stakes assessments affects the most.

Action Points to be completed by next report

- **Make updated materials on Cadmus**
- **Continue planning Know Your Unions Day**
- **Plan for lecture with CPSU** – basically this will be a lecture to students who are looking for careers in areas covered by the CPSU about being able to succeed in your workplace.

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 confirmed inquorate
13	20/8/2018	Yes, Petitioned unconfirmed

Expenditure

None for relevant period.

Environment
Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

Key Activities

Lockout Lockheed

Lockout Lockheed is working on an upcoming strategy session separate to weekly meetings to determine new strategies and tactics for the coming year, in light of recent information acquired by the campaign.

Play With Your Food

At the last Play With Your Food event, held during Enviro Week, we explored the topic of Decolonising Native Foods. After cooking a meal including produce native to the Australian continent, we screened a short lecture by Bruce Pascoe, author of *Dark Emu*, about the food production practices in Australia pre-colonisation and how they’ve been whitewashed from history, before having a discussion of these ideas over dinner. The event was very well attended with about 30 people packing into the Food Co-op for the event, as well as assisting in cooking and cleaning up.

Enviro Week

Enviro Week: Beyond Climate Change was a great success. On the first day, there was a welcome to country held by a Wurundjeri elder in North Court, which was followed by an expo of different stalls from over a dozen organisations and student clubs. On the opening night we hosted a forum on the relationships between weapons manufacturers and universities, and the defence industry’s effect on the environment with speakers Greg Rolles (Radioactive Show - 3CR) and Dr Margaret Beavis (Medical Assoc. For Prevention of War). Then over the next four days we held over 15 different workshops and activities on topics ranging from climate change science, eco-socialism and circus tricks for environmental

activism. We were very happy to have many collaborations with other departments discussing the intersections between environmentalism and a variety of societal issues. The week ended with over 20 people coming along to the Enviro Week closing party in Arts Hall on Friday evening with catering from the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Sustainability Executive

On Thursday 16th of August, we met with the Sustainability Executive. SusExec is planning to create a new program to encourage sustainability to be an underlying principle taught in all faculties. At the meeting, we gained the opportunity to consult on what community programs the university will use for carbon offsets, which will allow our department to direct the universities considerable wealth towards useful programs across Victoria.

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.

Tarkine Forest film screening and Threatened Species Day action

On the evening of 29th August, we hosted a film screening on the topic of the logging in the Takayna-Tarkine forests with guests from the Bob Brown Foundation and Victorian forest activists.

And on Friday 7th September, we’ve organised with BBF for Asta the endangered crayfish (a massive movable puppet) to visit campus to raise awareness for threatened species day. This stunt will tie into a public symposium on the endangered species of Takayna later in the day.

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: Under Bunjil

Under Bunjil is the publication put together exclusively by Indigenous students at the University of Melbourne. It is a source of great pride that the Indigenous Department of UMSU can put out such a publication, it remains the only one of its kind in the country.

This year we have been received many submissions, a mix of visual and written pieces. Our editors have been working with students on developing these pieces. Submissions close Week 7 and we are already sure that we will have enough content to create a large publication. We are fortunate to have some photographers on our editing team, who have been taking photos of art works and artifacts that students have to add to the publication.

We are aiming to print in week 12 and have the publication ready in swotvac, which is consistent with our release dates in previous years.

Key Activity 2: Solidarity Week

The Indigenous department has been working tirelessly in partnership with the PoC department to deliver Solidarity week. The week has included a mix of autonomous and non-autonomous events.

Although the departments share commonalities, catering to both collectives in the autonomous events has had its challenges. Both departments are quite unique and the collectives have different needs and expectations. The autonomous events included lunches, weaving and other socials; much positive feedback was passed on from the Indigenous students and I am very happy that we had the opportunity to create these events.

Non-Autonomous events were also on the calendar of the week, these included a Film Screening, Welcome to country, and many forms of facilitated discussion around topics of Racism, Language and Nation, and Religion.

The Indigenous Department is happy that we could be a part of this week, and looks forward to more collaborations in the future.

Key Activity 3: Socials

While the collectives meetings have been happening all semester, as well as students having a lot of contact in Solidarity week, the Indigenous Committee is already planning to have more stress relieving social events throughout the end of semester.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: The Under Bunjil committee to start work on indesign.

Action Point 2: The Indigenous committee to plan a social event

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
9	22/08/18	Solidarity Week Expenses	\$4500	Special Events and Projects	Approximately \$1000 was spent.

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
8	07/08/18	Yes, Confirmed
9	22/08/18	No

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

Key activities

Edition seven of *Farrago*

We sent edition seven to print on 24 August. As this report is written, the proofs are lying on our desks, begging to be read. They inevitably will contain many small mistakes—including the election guide and inside and outside covers, this edition comes to a total of 104 pages. That’s the longest *Farrago* we’ve produced so far, and we had less time to do it than usual—

edition six’s launch was on 14 August, only two weeks ago. The short turnaround was because of our obligation to produce an election guide for the UMSU elections. We haven’t decided on a date for the launch party—although the edition will be on stands during election week, we may not throw a party until after the hell of elections is over. Involved in preparing edition seven for publication was a proofreading session, for which we are passing money for volunteer snacks. Meanwhile, this entire time we’ve been producing...

Above Water

We are very excited to have sent *Above Water* to print last week also. The judges, Jack Callill, Harry McLean and Leah Jing McIntosh, have chosen the recipients of the prizes—one winner for writing and graphics each, and two runners-up for writing and graphics each. Special enormous shout out to Esther, who has worked so hard to pull this publication together. The only things left to do are to hold a launch party (we are currently thinking 7 September) and to organise the awards.

Open Day

We believe we were the only department of UMSU that had a presence at the University’s Open Day. We organised a team of 5–10 volunteers (it varied throughout the day) and stood around putting *Farrago* in the hands of prospective UniMelb students. Conor Day and Carolyn Huane stood in Old Quad and played music.

NYWF delegation

At last Council, a motion was passed to delegate to us the responsibility for selecting the students who will accompany us to the National Young Writers’ Festival. Reviewing our accommodation capacity, it appears we will be able to take a party of 10 or 11. We are in the process of opening up applications in accordance with UMSU’s Student Travel and Conference Attendance Policy & Procedure.

Edition eight of *Farrago*

We have one edition of *Farrago* left to produce for our terms. That’s not very many! It’s weird because we have to get edition eight out on stands with at least a few weeks to go before semester ends—so people can pick them up across campus while they’re still coming to campus—which means we will have a rather relaxing period at the end of the year in which to complete handover and tie up loose ends. Please see action point four, below.

Digitising *Farrago*’s archives

The process of digitising *Farrago*’s archives is chugging along. Our team of volunteers has started the metadata-collection process up to about 1945—twenty years into *Farrago*’s history. Congratulations and huge thanks to these volunteers—they have passed world war two, after which the quality of paper *Farrago* was printed on improved. One of the issues with going beyond 1945 (and more importantly, the period from the 1960s-on) is that we start to run into copyright issues. *Farrago* does not have a backlog of contracts with writers giving us irrevocable rights to re-publish their work in any format. At the same time, these archives are available in many public libraries. The university library is currently engaging lawyers who are looking at the copyright issues. Students will also be involved in this side of the process. If you’re interested in getting involved in digitisation in any capacity, we need as much help as possible. Send us an [email](#).

Reviewing UMSU student newspaper policy

As for the student newspaper policy, we are in the process of putting together a draft for Students’ Council’s approval. Work on this is ongoing.

Action points to be completed by next report

Action point 1: *Above Water*—hold launch party and finalise invoices

Action point 2: Create edition eight of *Farrago*

Action point 3: Start the process of handover

Action point 4: Figure out what we’re going to do in our last few months as media officers

People of Colour
Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige

Key Activities

Enviro Week 2018

We held 3 non-autonomous events for Enviro Week: a film screening, a reading group and a speaker event by Dr Yassir Morsi on environmental racism. All events had good attendance with newcomers joining us alongside Collective regulars. Overall, this was a successful collaboration with the Environment Department.

PoC in the Media Department Working Group

A final meeting of the working group was conducted on the 21st of August with ten people in attendance. At the meeting, attendees discussed general recommendations for the Media Department to improve inclusivity for students of colour, including affirmative action.

Solidarity Week

All events for Solidarity Week have now been planned with a full program available on our website. Both autonomous and non-autonomous events will be held, including a collaboration with the Environment Department. All promotion is now available online on our social media platforms.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Continue preparations for Solidarity Week

Preparations for Solidarity Week have largely been completed with only minor and “on the day of” actions needing to be finalised.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Continue PoC in the Media Department Working Group requirements

Completing minutes and deciding final actions for the working group.

Continue working on Myriad

General actions for Myriad.

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 4 = \$85.50 Sem 2, Week 5 = \$190
8	01/08/2018	Reading Group catering	\$2370.76	Reading Group	Sem 2, Week 4 = \$131

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

Queer
Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves

Key Activities

Pride Ball

We’ve been finalising the last details of the event (particularly to ensure accessibility), which will happen on the 4th of October. Very excited!

Enviro Week

We ran a workshop on sustainable period products with the Women’s Department and hosted another Queer Political Action Collective under the Enviro Week banner.

Student Precinct

We’ve been talking with them as part of the Safe Spaces meetings which were organised in part thanks to Milly’s work. Just making sure the Queer Space will be replicated in the new Precinct, and hopefully making it a more functioning space for queer students, introducing a quiet space and proximity to a kitchenette and gender-neutral bathrooms. It’s been really cool and helpful using the best practice guidelines for gender-neutral bathrooms Elinor helped write and pass at Queer Collaborations this year.

Regular Collectives

Chugging along as usual. We’re going to rearrange some of our budget (again) in order to continue supplying these collectives adequately, which has been difficult due to the (fantastic!) rise in attendance, particularly at QPoC collective but across the spectrum, really.

Queer Space Maintenance

Milly has been working hard and cleaned up queer space in the last few days. The space has been restocked with tea, cups, biscuits, and chocolates too!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Safe Space Policy

It’s been hectic over here in the department and the draft isn’t quite where we’d like it to be yet. We’ll do an informal discussion at our committee meeting this Friday but no formal presentation.

Clean the office

See above re: hectic. We have made some enquiries into storage solutions.

Minutes

On the agenda for next committee.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Safe Space Policy

A formal presentation of the draft policy at committee.

Pride Ball

Facebook event should be out within a week or so, and tickets on sale on the same timeline.

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	\$207.11 for week 5
4	18/4/18	food for collectives	up to \$600	Food & Beverages	\$112.32 for collectives in weeks 4, 5, and 6
7	02/08/18	Queer space maintenance	up to \$700 a semester	Queer space maintenance	\$456.06 for queer space maintenance including cups, tea, milk

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	02/08/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed
8	31/08/2018	No

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera

No report received.

Women’s
Kareena Dhaliwal and Molly Willmott

(our report for last council was submitted late so we’ve combined both reports here)

Key Activities

Women In Higher Education week

We are collaborating with the Activities and Education Departments to run a trivia night, with on-theme trivia questions. We’re also working with the Robogals club to co-host an Insight Night with speakers focusing on STEM fields. Unfortunately, due to some miscommunication these events are happening at the same time on the same night. Awkward. But since both events will be held in Union House, we will do the classic sitcom trope of running back and forth between both events – maybe with costume changes? Will update.

Update: There were no costume changes. Kareena went to the Robogals event and Molly went to the trivia event.

Judy’s Punch

Submissions closed on Friday 10th August, and we had a long meeting with the editors the following Monday to decide which submissions to publish. The accepted pieces have been sent to subeditors, and there will be a subeditor training session this Friday.

Respect Work

Molly attended the Respect Task Force meeting on the 15th of August. The previous meeting was cancelled. We had a presentation by MU Sport about what they’re doing to tackle sexual violence within clubs, camps, and teams – it looks good.

Following the August 1st rally, we met with Ceilia Scott who is now heading a lot of the respect work in chancellery. She approached us looking to talk through the recommendations and collaborate on changing a variety of things. Presiree and Molly attended that meeting and it was incredibly productive, talking through our recommendations that we tabled last semester.

Another thing we talked about was the introduction of a Sexual Violence Response Support Advisor in UMSU Legal and Advocacy. We have tabled a proposal to the university for direct funding, and are talking through it with them now. This is not a position that goes in conflict with the work of safer communities, rather being a position that supports students through safer communities and other steps outside university services.

Enviro Week

We are running a workshop with the Queer Department on sustainable period products. We are hoping to get a resource kit from the Sustainable Period Project. For WinterFest, we received a donation of two menstrual cups from JuJu. While menstrual cups are a more environmentally-friendly option than disposable pads or tampons, they can be quite expensive, so we’re keen to pass these on to students who wouldn’t otherwise be able to access them. **Update:** Due to couriers having difficulty finding Union House, our sweet resource kit was not delivered but we still managed to run a fun event without it.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Debrief on August 1st Rally

This was a huge event to organise and it came together with the help of many, many people – including but not limited to our fellow officer bearers, the UMSU staff, the NUS Women’s Department, the NTEU, student activists and women’s collectives both on our campus and across the state. We estimate there were around 300 people in attendance. We had 2 AUSLAN interpreters for the speeches. There were speeches from Molly, Kate Crossin, Sara Brocklesby, Zoya Patel, and Nina Funnell, with a surprise appearance from Fiona Patten. The Farrago video team livestreamed the event. After the speeches, we marched to the Chancellery building and presented a banner on which students had written about their experiences of feeling unsafe on campus.

Organise events for Women in Higher Education Week

See key activities

Action points to be completed by next report

Run Enviro Week event (update: done, see Key Activities)

Begin planning our next Rad Sex and Consent session

This will possibly be a repeat of our Semester 1 session, because the presenter was excellent and we've had multiple requests for a repeat session

Begin planning the Judy's Punch launch party

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Spent	Budget Line	Comment
9(18)	23.7.18	Women's Collectives weeks 3, 4, 5, 6	\$200	Collectives	\$50 per week
9(18)	23.7.18	WoC Collectives weeks 3, 4, 5, 6	\$200	Collectives	\$50 per week
9(18)	23.7.18	Catering for speakers – August 1 st rally	\$75	Special Projects and Events	
9(18)	23.7.18	Zoya Patel booking and speaker fees	\$1735	Special Projects and Events	\$250 booking fee, \$1485 speaking fee with \$135 GST
9(18)	23.7.18	Zoya Patel airport parking and Skybus reimbursement	\$67	Special Projects and Events	
OpSub		NDA AUSLAN interpreter fees		Expenditure not finalised, see next report	

		Nina Funnell flights		Expenditure not finalised, see next report	

Burnley
James Barclay

No report received.

Southbank
Hilary Ekins

Key Activities

Communication with Southbank relevant clubs

I have been in communication with the incoming president of the Production Society and presidents of the Melbourne Art Students Society and Jazz at Melbourne to discuss how their clubs can get involved on campus and collaborate with the department.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

No solution on storage as yet, meeting with Prof Conyngham on Thursday may be enlightening.

Last Action Point 2

Ongoing

Last Action Point 3

Meeting organised with Queer OBs. More to come.

Last Action Point 4

Plans & budget reviewed. Meeting with Prof Conyngham to confirm VCA’s support.

Last Action Point 5

Floof not yet sourced.

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Operations Sub-Committee	24/8/2018	Lionels BBQs	\$650.0	BBQs	Invoice from May 2018