



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

1:30pm, Monday, the 15th of October, 2018

Meeting 18(18)

Location: Training Room 2, Third Floor, Union House

Student Office Bearer Reports	
President	Submitted
General Secretary	Submitted
Activities	Submitted
Clubs & Societies	Not 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	Not submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Not submitted
Victorian College of the Arts	Not submitted

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Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Desiree Cai**

Key Activities

Student Precinct

No update with the student precinct since last Council, we will be having a meeting on Friday 12/10 to discuss UMSU/UMSU International requirements.

Renew Our UMSU (governance review)

Preparation for the governance forum is going well. Since council, comms for the forum; online communication through social media, the website and emails have gone out and there has been quite a good uptake in terms of the registration numbers of students. Logistical preparation is also going well with the room location, tables, catering and other miscellaneous bits and pieces that are necessary for the forum to run.

If you haven't registered to attend next Thursday, get to it!

SSAF Review meeting with the University

Justin and I attended our 3rd meeting with the university on the SSAF allocation model on 8/10. The university has addressed a number of concerns UMSU raised after the last meeting, and it seems that the proposed collaboration model will not be going forward as proposed, which is a positive development. This conversation with the university will continue, and we will be continuing to correspond with the university on key issues to be addressed, particularly around funding the transition of UMSU away from MUSUL, and the requirements for when UMSU moves to the student precinct.

Free tram zone support

I've been assisting the education officers in contacting the university for support with the campaign to extend the free tram zone. Key stakeholders from the university who have been identified include the Student precinct team, sustainability team, property team and Chancellery through the Provost. While responses have been slow, this is an issue that the university seems keen to partner on.

Harm Reduction project

A meeting of the Harm Reduction Steering Committee was called on the 9/10. We discussed next steps to run the program, and I'm currently in the process of drafting an email to the Provost to discuss university support for the program.

I just wanted to note that a lot of great work in this space has been done out of the Welfare department this year, especially by Michael in the past few weeks.

New VC!

Prof. Duncan Maskell has started as the new Vice-Chancellor. I’ve sent him email correspondence, and am currently arranging a meeting time with him for UMSU.

Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Help finalise comms for Renew Our UMSU Governance Forum- comms has gone out and will continue in the lead up to the Forum!
- Attend meeting with university to discuss SSAF allocation model- done
- Student precinct meetings- none since last report

List of actions by next report

- Make the governance review happen, and execute!
- Elected Reps meeting with chancellery
- Email the university to discuss harm reduction project
- Continue to try to get a meeting with Duncan Maskell
- Attend Student precinct Steering Committee
- Continue to attend Respect meetings with the university
- Handover

Budget Expenditure

N/A

General Secretary
Daniel Beratis

Key Activities

It really has just been only ten days, huh. Unfortunately, my report is shorter than I would like it to be, due to my time this week being primarily composed of study for a major examination on the weekend.

Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas

Minutes must be complete for Officers to receive their last honorarium payment, and you can bet I am reminding them of that. On this note, I will be communicating after this Council Office Bearers’ requirement to prepare an annual report (although they are welcome to take this note as their first notification; I will be providing details only afterward).

Key Activity 2: Student Initiative Grants and Policy

I will be seeking a lot of reports back for the November Council, but apart from that, there are not new updates in this space.

Key Activity 3: Renewing Our UMSU

The Renew Our UMSU forum is occurring this Thursday—Councillors will have received notification from myself about registering to attend. At this point, I am not sure if there will be spaces left available, but I heavily encourage Councillors to attend.

Key Activity 4: Harm Reduction

After advice from Victoria Police to Comms, I called a meeting of the steering group to discuss next steps (which may be alluded to in other reports); from here, UMSU will be in contact with the University and hopefully establishing the program as a pilot before the end of the year.

Key Activity 5: IGMs

Due to the large number of affiliating clubs this semester, I have been assisting the C&S Committee in acting as chair and returning officer of inaugural general meetings of clubs seeking to affiliate with UMSU. At the time of Council, I will have helped to affiliate three new clubs (provided that they complete the process), which is pretty rad :~)

Key Activity 6: SEAG

SEAG has been deferred by the University until the end of the month. It has been a notable period of time since the last SEAG meeting, but I am hopeful that we will finally hold one before November, as I think this group is fairly vital to the co-creation project the University is seeking to complete.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: November Council

I will have a date selected by the time of Council. Fill in the scheduler or your availabilities cannot be considered.

Action Point 2: Handover

As at this point (Thursday), I am still awaiting confirmation of the formal declaration, but as of the Clubs Committee election of Tuesday, this should hopefully have been done by the time of Council, and we can begin!

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Plain Language

There are approximately six weeks left in the term; I would like at least three or four PL documents (SOs, C&S, Constitution and Electoral, in order of my preference) done and published by then.

Action Point 2: Handover

Just handing over a lot of stuff.

Action Point 3: Clean-up

There’s a lot of loose threads dangling out there (SIGs, Minutes, Reports, the SGM, other stuff) and it is my aim to leave as little as possible needing completion by my successor (although some things will be unavoidably passed on).

Activities

Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner

Key Activities

ACTIVITIES IS DONE FOR THE YEAR (except for bbqs, committee meetings, general OB shenanigans) SO YAY. Oktoberfest was a massive success except for the whole Heinekengate drama. Everything went pretty much according to plan, we sold all but about 80 tickets (including free tickets given out eg. EMS, trivia prizes etc). We were especially proud of our volunteers at this event. Because we don’t give out free tickets to volunteers for Oktoberfest, help for this event always drops quite a lot and it was amazing to see them all pick up the slack, some doing multiple shifts to make sure our event ran smoothly. We love them and they are the best.

The only major thing we actually put into place for the first time was the Activities ‘black list’ we’ve been working on since the start of the year. While we haven’t been able to formally create a list of names for a number of reasons, after talking to UMSU legal and other relevant people, we were eventually told that if we were to be notified of an individual at one of our events who could potentially threaten the safety of other attendees, as event managers we have the right to refuse entry and remove patrons for ANY reason. We’re still not super happy with the informal nature of this as we think it has the potential to be misused, but its a step in the right direction.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

We’re still fixing the budget issue- its getting better
Oktoberfest was did
Office is yet to be cleaned as of this report but shall be done by this council

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finish Entertainment program for the year
Keep working on black list

Budget Expenditure

No committee meeting since last council

Clubs & Societies
Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss
Matthew Simkiss is on leave

No report submitted.

Creative Arts
Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Preparing for our next PLOM night. Bringing the incoming OBs in to help run the night, learn the ropes. Catering tbc.

Key Activity 2

Marketing our TOTTshop #3.

Key Activity 3

Preparing Tastings 18 Theatreboard Acquittal and general report notes for 2020.

Key Activity 4

Preparation for UHT awards night. Development of the Creative Arts Award.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Pot Luck Open Mic Night confirmed for next Thursday 18th October. The bar has been booked and the facebook event launched. Catering TBC.

Last Action Point 2

Life Drawing Visual Art class yet to be confirmed.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Organizing final PLOM/Arty Party finale event in November.

Action Point 2

Confirm Creative Arts Award for UHT Awards night.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
8	21/09/2018	Arts Grant Round 4	\$2000	3531] Arts Grants	
8	21/09/2018	Theatreboard Grant Special Project Weeks - TASTINGS	\$4000	[3850] Special Projects Weeks	
8	21/09/2018	Tastings income	\$900	3850] Special Projects Weeks	
8	21/09/2018	TOTT-shops costs: payment of facilitator and cupcakes	\$500	[3839] Special Projects: TOTT-shops	
8	21/09/2018	Moving 500 from PLOM to TOOYA to cover Building Extension costs	\$500	[3839] 'Special Projects: TOOYA' to	

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, Confirmed
8	21/09/18	Yes,

Disabilities
Jacinta Dowe and Hien Nguyen

Key Activities

We are running our last big events as well as last collectives in week 12, which coincides with this year’s Invisible Illness Week (15th – 19th October 2018).

We are in the process of preparing a handover document for the next Disabilities OBs, to be given out by 30th November 2018.

We have signed people up to receive training to be Anxiety Support Group facilitators.

We have discussed a budget for furniture in the new Disabilities Space, as a lot of furniture won’t be covered by the University. This will be presented to the Disabilities Committee at the next meeting (19th October 2018). If we can’t buy the furniture before the end of our term, the next Disabilities OBs will buy them during their term.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

For Invisible Illness Week, we are having an informal info session plus social gathering on Tuesday where students can discuss experiences with invisible illness, and a workshop on disability activism with regards to invisible illness on Friday.

We will send our report for the NUS Disabilities and Accessibility Conference to the Disabilities Committee at the next meeting (19th October 2018).

Budget Expenditure

1. 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	

11	05/10/2018	Anxiety Support Group Facilitator training	Up to \$300	Special Projects and Events	
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Education (Academic Affairs)
Alice Smith and Toby Silcock
Toby Silcock is on leave

Key activities

Hello, given it has been less than a week since the last meeting when I am writing this report not that much has happened.

This week has been Stressless Week and ed ran a reasonably successful Chill room event, and now we have play-doh as a department asset. Next week we will be going down to VCA to run a stall to engage with more VCA students before next year.

My fortnightly LMS meeting got cancelled because a new LMS provider has been picked so I get my Wednesdays at 10 am back. Next week we should also be going to FBE to do more with the commerce hurdles petition as we get closer to the exam period and people begin to stress out more.

Action points

- Run Commerce Exam Hurdle campaign- ongoing
- Open SRN applications- ongoing
- Run Study with Ed events- will occur from SWOTVAC
- Continue to work on handover- ongoing
- Call SRN meeting- will occur

Budget Expenditure

- Approximately \$80 on Play-doh
- Approximately \$100 on pizza

Education (Public Affairs)
Conor Clements

Key Activities

It has been less than a week since the last council and it is week 11 so I am slowly suffocating under the weight of the one assessment that I have no idea how to do left. Life goes on, I guess.

Know Your Unions Day

This went well! It was initially an very slow morning—apparently students don’t come to uni at all in week ten during the mornings—and there were a couple of unions that cancelled last minute due to lacking the people power to run stalls at the event, but apart from this students seemed genuinely engaged with the idea of joining their respective trade union. I would love to see this become an event run by UMSU again in the future, as indicated by several of the unions who participated. It ended up being a very good strategy to mooch of the Activities Department barbecue that was happening at the same time, as the students had no way of avoiding the union officials who were trying to talk to them.

Extend the Free Tram Zone petition

We launched this petition this week, and it’s already had around 500 signatures. This will act as part of a broader campaign to increase public transport accessibility run by the incoming Education Public officers, which will hopefully include lobbying and actions designed to secure public transport concessions for postgraduate and international students, and perhaps even to allowing student cards issued by the university to be used as evidence of concession eligibility rather than the current system of having to purchase a separate concession card. Given that Victoria remains the only state that does not give postgraduate students transport concessions and there is a state election less than two months away, we are hoping that this will be an issue that any of the parties contesting can make an election promise on.

Next Monday (the day of council) we will be running a barbecue advertising the petition on Electrical Engineering Lawns from 1-3pm, so come along if council is getting too intense.

Stress Less Week

We had a chill room on 9/10 with pizza and playdough! It went pretty well – there was a coffee making workshop run by the Coffee Appreciation Society at the same time as our chill room, so we were able to get people going back and forth between the two events.

October 23 Australia Needs a Pay Rise rally

I’m still waiting on designs to come through from the NTEU branch for advertising the rally itself, so progress on this has been somewhat slow. However, we’ll hopefully be getting a relatively good contingent of students to the event due to the reasons I articulated in my last report! I’m at the very least excited to participate in a rally that will hopefully have as good a turnout as the previous rally in May.

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 confirmed
14	14/9/2018	Yes, Petitioned confirmed
15	1/10/2018	Yes, unconfirmed

Expenditure

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Environment Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

Key Activities

Union House crockery (re)launch

For the last couple of months, we’ve been working with Sustainable Campus and the Uni’s Building Services to try and promote the reusable bowls and plates in Union House, as well as FINALLY getting some reusable mugs for students to have their coffees/teas etc. in rather than using disposable cups or being forced to buy expensive cups made from longer-lasting plastic (ie Keep Cups).

Stress Less Week events

We ran a range of events as part of Stress Less Week last week. A Reusable Wraps Workshop on Monday 8th October attended by 30 people who learnt about the waste and recycling crises in Victoria and then learnt to reduce their waste with Food Wraps made from fabric and beeswax. On Wednesday and Thursday the community garden was host to Art in the Garden and Philosophy in the Garden, two opportunities for students to relax and engage with the space in new ways.

Final Enviro Collective Reading/Discussion Group

After launching the new regular Collective event this semester, we’ve been really pleased with the attendance and some of the engaging and exciting conversations we’ve had in the last few months. We had our final regular Enviro Collective Radical Reading Group last week, as well as our final regular Collective meeting, with an end-of-year picnic

Final Play With Your Food event

Our final Play With Your Food for the year happened on Wednesday the 10th October.

End-of-year Collective Potluck Picnic

In place of our usual collective meeting and reading group (Tuesday 16/10; 12-3pm), we are hosting a potluck picnic on South Lawn for our collective and other interested students to celebrate our achievements throughout the year. We’ll be supplying some snacks and drinks and attendees will be bringing food for sharing (we’ve requested they bring ingredients lists).

Progress on assigned actions from last report

No previously assigned actions

Action Points to be completed by next report

Expenditure

No expenditure since the last council

**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.

Our editing team have been in consultation with elders to make the publication more accessible to the community. This is the first time we have ran consultations and they have been mostly a success. Elders have passed on advice as well as things they would like to see in the publication and it has been taken into consideration. It is amazing to see the reach of our publication.

Currently the publication is at its final stages and has been sent off to print. Although we are still working with publishers to work on getting all of the colours right. We are on schedule and due to launch at the end of week 12. This is a great time for us to launch as our students take the publications home with them as they leave.

Key Activity 2: 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.

Key Activity 3: Special Consideration

Something that has been taking up a lot of energy from the Indigenous department in recent weeks has been supporting students through the special consideration process. We have already seen so many students get through it this semester and all of them need their own attention to details and follow up. This is a hard part of the year for many of our students.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1: The Under Bunjil team have completed the design

last Action Point 2: The indigenous committee are looking to plan an event that coincides with the launch of Under Bunjil

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Finalise Under Bunjil

Budget Expenditure

A meeting to pass the exact amount for Under Bunjil will be held soon. It had to be postponed due to the meeting with the publisher being pushed back.

Committee Meetings

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

Key activities

NYWF

We are asking to pass the last bit of money in relation to our delegation to the National Young Writers’ Festival. As detailed extensively in past reports, we organised and hosted a student media symposium which attracted speakers from *Opus*, the student publication at the University of Newcastle, *Grapeshot* (Macquarie University) and *Empire Times* (Flinders University). The event consisted of two panel discussions, which split the topics between “the nuts and bolts of student media” and “building a community”. These were followed by a round table in which the audience was invited to ask follow-up questions of the panelists. The event was a success, as it allowed us to share knowledge with other student media outlets across the country.

Overall, the National Young Writers’ Festival was incredible and the students who attended with us were extremely grateful for the opportunity. A few of the program highlights included “Black Comedy”, a discussion about being funny on screen between Nayuka Gorrie and Enoch Mailangi; “Workshop: Sweatshop x NYWF”, an autonomous workshop on personal experience as a foundation for writing with Stephen Pham and Monikka Eliah; “Women in Journalism”, in which Eliza Berlage and Gina Rushton shared experiences of working in the male-dominated journalism industry; and the Young Queer Writers’ Program, which featured young LGBTIQ+ artists and writers.

We are asking for money to reimburse the students who attended with us for flights. There are also two expenses associated with the cost of taxis from the airport to the Airbnb we stayed at in Newcastle for the duration of the event. These requests are made in line with s

3.1 of the UMSU Student Travel and Conference Attendance Policy & Procedure: “Transport subsidies to and from the venue for conferences or travel events outside of metropolitan Melbourne, where this travel is the most efficient and cost-effective option without imposing an undue, unreasonable burden on the traveler.”

Action points (progress updates)

Action point 1: Edition eight—send to print!

We sent edition eight to print the day before this report was submitted. Edition eight is our final edition of the year. The moment when we sent the file off to print felt historical. Ash and Jesse started celebrating prematurely, while Monique took care of the final steps of the process—exporting the InDesign document and uploading it to Dropbox and emailing our printer—and Esther looked on at Monique’s computer in solidarity. Jesse found some old unopened beers in the media space, and they had rings of green mould on the outside of the lips of the bottles. He opened a beer and tongued away most of the mould. The other media officers squealed. Ash took a video and allegedly sent it to the OB snapchat group, but the video did not capture the moment effectively.

It was a weird feeling to send our final edition to our printer. The dominant feeling for this report-writer was acceptance: acceptance that it’s over, that we weren’t able to achieve everything we wanted to this year, that the magazine was never perfect, that we made a bunch of mistakes, but we also did our best and achieved a lot.

Action point 2: Continue the process of handover with next year’s editorial team, as they open applications

Next year’s team—Carolyn, Katie, Ruby and Steph—have started the process of organising their year next year by opening up applications. The full list of positions that are open next year is available on farragomagazine.com/join. Next year’s team has decided to structure the media collective similarly to the way we have this year, with the addition of two new types of positions: events coordinator and a music team.

The following month will be dedicated to continuing the process of handover, which includes but is not limited to:

- teaching next year’s team technical skills like how to use Adobe InDesign, manage the Farrago website’s backend and keep track of the media office’s equipment;
- telling them everything we feel we did right and wrong, and hoping they can learn from our mistakes;
- beginning to prepare a draft budget for the 2019 media department.

Action point 3: Finish organising our event for the collective at the Burnley campus, next Thursday 11 October.

As this report is written, the media officers are enjoying the sun at the beautiful Burnley campus. Today’s the day! The sun is shining; the tank is clean and we are getting out of—
gasp! The tank is clean. THE TANK IS CLEAN!

We took some copies of *Farrago* and met Conor and Alice from education, who brought some copies of *Myriad* and *Judy’s Punch*. Conor made a great joke about how we should come back at the weekend and have a “weekend at Burnley”, which was very amusing and went underappreciated by the group as a whole.

We walked around the campus and talked to students about *Farrago*. Burnley is like VCA, but even more chill, there are even fewer people, everyone seems to know each other and everyone is super friendly. Most conversations went like this:

Media officer: Hi, are you guys students here?

Person: Yeah!

Media officer: Oh cool! Would you like a free student magazine?

Person: I’m fine, thanks!

Media officer: Okay, have a great day!

Action points to be completed by next report

Action point 1: Continue the process of handover with next year’s editorial team

Action point 2: Get on top of finances!

Action point 3: State election coverage

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

Key Activities

Myriad Launch Party

We held the Myriad launch party on Friday October 5th (Week 10). We were pleased the amount of people who came, with many being contributors to the magazine this year. We held readings of works on the night, as well as speeches from the editor and the Office Bearers. We’ve also now distributed copies of the magazine on stands around campus.

Stress Less Week

We’ve planned 3 events for Stress Less Week – a concert, a skin pampering session, and a dodgeball game at MU Sport. The concert was well attended by both autonomous and non-autonomous groups. The skin pampering was also popular among newcomers to the

department. We are yet to hold the dodgeball day, but have planned everything for it and are looking forward to it.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Finalise Myriad launch preparations

Myriad has been launched and distributed around the stands on campus.

Finalise Stress Less Week preparations

All activities have been prepared and one event is yet to be held.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Prepare last of the weekly activities

Preparation for the Week 12 People Seeking Asylum Awareness Week.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Op-Sub 17(18)	12/08/2018	Texts on Racism Seminars catering	\$950	Zine Workshop	Seminar 4 = \$216
1	08/12/2017	Collective catering	\$7770	People of Colour Collective	Sem 2, Week 10 = \$502
8	01/08/2018	Reading Group catering	\$2370.76	Reading Group	Sem 2, Week 10 = \$140.10
9	27/09/2018	Myriad launch night catering + delivery	\$9100	Myriad	Catering = \$1100 Delivery = \$40
9	27/09/2018	Myriad launch night AV	\$9100	Myriad	AV equipment hire = \$60

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, Confirmed
9	27/09/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

Queer
Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves

No report submitted.

Welfare
Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera

Key Activity:

Key Activity 1: Regular events

Lets Talk – Conversation sessions, Meditation, Mental Wellness Collective, Yoga, Welfare Collective, Zumba and Breakfasts. They have all been running smoothly over the last few weeks. There was lightly best attendance because of Stress Less Week and the increased advertising. A few of the instructors have been away or sick on different occasions, so we will need to keep on top of them to make sure the sessions continue for the rest of semester.

Key Activity 2: Stress Less Week

Big week. Writing this report as of Thursday but it has been a massive success. We want to thank all of the clubs, societies and other departments that ran events across the week and made the whole thing possible. Cecilia needs a week-long nap.

Below is the full list of events:

Monday

Free breakfast BBQ

Speed Friending

Beeswax food wrap workshop

Movie night (TBC)

Tuesday

Free breakfast BBQ

Jumping castle

Coffee brewing workshop

Chill Room

Wednesday

Free breakfast BBQ

Picnic

Exam Pack Giveaway

Harm Reduction Workshop

No stress dance class

Thursday

Free breakfast BBQ

M-ASS BBQ

Creative writing workshop

Bollywood dance workshop

Improv workshop

Friday

Free breakfast BBQ

Tabletop Gaming Society Marathon

DOGS IN THE ROWDY

Key Activity 3: Drug Policy

Things have been ticking along slowly. We have received the green light from the North Melbourne Policy and sought advice from advisors in the University staff. We will set up a meeting with relevant persons in the University Executive to discuss our proposal and aim to roll out the first sessions before the end of the year.

In the meantime, Michael has made up a booklet with the basic information around Harm Reduction and Safer Partying practices. Big thanks to comms. He also ran an initial information session with the help of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) and Dancewize. It was well attended and bares well for further sessions.

Key Activity 4: CAPS Document

Michael has been working on a policy document with recommendations to the university about the funding model for the Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS). He has been consulting Advocacy, CAPS Staff, Women’s, Queer, POC and Disabilities departments, the NUS National Disabilities Office Bearer Kayla, and working close with Desiree to bring the document to a place where we can run an aggressive campaign next year. Watch this space.

Progress from assigned action from last report

Progress point 1: Stress Less Week

See Key Activity One. We will provide a full budget break down in time for next council.

Progress point 2: Sexual Education video

Done, UMSU International are just editing the footage. They may be doing another shoot on Thursday the 11th.

Progress point 3: Centrelink appeal letter

The letter to local Members of Parliament has been put aside until after Stress Less Week.

Progress point 4: Appreciation Lunch

This is going to happen at week 12, where we hold lunch and certificate give away to appreciate our volunteers who have contributed 15 hours or more at the Welfare department

Actions to be completed by next report:

Action Point 1: Stress Less Week

Provide a full budget breakdown of the event. This will be essential for deciding what worked and what didn’t for next year’s Department Week.

Action Point 2: Handover

We are excited to start up the handover to next year’s OB’s. Because of the sheer amount of events we run and the campaigns that have been rolling along in the background, we will need to spend a significant amount of time getting them across all the details.

Action Point 3: CIP Wrap Up Events

Wrap up the year with a bonding lunch and certificates for all the fantastic volunteers that have put an amazing amount of effort into this department.

Budget spending

Welfare Committee 14(18)

- 1.1 Funding for Stress Less Week for \$4,000
- 1.2 Funding for Safer Partying Initiative for \$1,000
- 1.3 Funding for CIP Appreciation Lunch for \$700
- 1.4 Funding for Exam Stalls for \$500

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

Key Activities

Judy's Punch launch

Judy's here!!! She's beautiful, she's 100% recycled, and she's PUNK!!!! It's starting to be distributed around campus, so pick up a copy.

The launch was incredible, with 50+ people came along to celebrate JP 2018's birth. There were some readings of pieces, and a amazing playlist that is included in the magazine.

Big thanks to our amazing editors Ruby, Qaisara, and Bal. You guys produced an amazing magazine and you should be so proud. Also, thank you to our subeditors, its such a good edition and we should all be super proud.

Another big thanks to A1 Bakery for providing like 50 falafels, and Cupcake Central for the cupcakes - many compliments to the chef.

Maths

The mid-year financial report confused us by saying we had overspent our Special Projects and Events budget line, so we requested a log of our expenditure from Finance and had a detailed look through it. We found some instances where we had been charged for another department's expenses, charged twice for our own expenses, or had things paid from Special Projects and Events when they should have come from other budget lines. This accounted for the issues raised in the mid-year report – basically, we found like \$10000 and we're a lot less stressed.

Safety on Campus

We had another meeting with Celia Scott! Right now, we're looking at International Student health cover and how the needs of survivors aren't particularly covered. We're writing up a report about what we want to see from I.S Health cover, would love some suggestions.

Same goes for the colleges. We're writing up a report of incidences at colleges in hopes of getting an independent college review into sexual violence and hazing.

Other than that, there's some super interesting development with bystander training. We're hoping to work together with the uni and outside organisation to get a module-type program. Watch this space.

Friendship Over with Technology, Now Neo-Luddism Is Our Best Friend

We tried to run an event for stress less – a screening of the new doctor who! Where the doctor is Jodie Whittaker! Nice! However, technology failed and the screening will happen by the end of semester. Anyway, it's now unofficial Women's Department policy that we hate technology. We hate it as much as we hate Coles now.

What if...we painted a new mural?

Molly wants a new mural in the Womens Room. We’re sussing out whether the university would let us do this. Hopefully we can get a student to do it, but its looking like insurance problems mean it’ll have to be an outside artist.

Please give us artist suggestions!!!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Distribute Judy’s Punch

Smash the Pastry-archy again

Cake! Cake! Cake! In the Women’s Room 12pm Wednesday

Organise VCA event

We’re going to sign people up to begin a Women’s Collective down there, distribute some totes, and give out some Judy’s.

SWOT-SNACKS

Screen Doctor Who

Action points to be completed by next report

Handover

We’ve begun written handover, over the next month we’ll be getting Hannah and Aria in touch with stakeholders inside and outside campus.

We need to talk to them about what they want in totebags and oweek merch, just so we can pass the rest of our budget to help them out (which was kindly done for us this year).

Suss out how to do the new mural

Swot-Snackz

Run the VCA event

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount	Budget Line	Comment
11(18)	14/9/18	WoC Collective week 11	\$71	Collectives	

11(18)	14/9/18	Women’s Collective week 11	\$59.15	Collectives	
11(18)	14/9/18	Judy’s Punch launch catering	\$519	Judy’s Punch	
4(18)	27/3/18	Jacki Brown presenter fee for Sex and Disability	\$600	Special Projects and Events	

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No report submitted.

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No report submitted.