



University of Melbourne Student Union

Meeting of the Students’ Council

Student Office Bearer Reports

2:30pm, Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 2018

Meeting 17(18)

Location: Training Room 2, Third Floor, 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	Not submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	Submitted
Welfare	Submitted
Women’s	Submitted
Burnley	Late*
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.*

*\*Burnley has advised that their report will be late.*

**President  
Desiree Cai**

Key Activities

**Student Precinct**

I attended the Student Precinct Steering committee on 29/8, and the Student Precinct Student Leaders meeting on 19/9. The next steering committee for September had been cancelled as there have been significant cost overruns and the project team is currently wrapping up schematic design and doing ‘value management’ to manage the cost overruns.

We will also be meeting with the Precinct Project team soon again to finalised UMSU technical requirements. The next steering committee will discuss schematic/detailed design at the end of October.

**Renew Our UMSU (governance review)**

The discovery phase of the project is coming to a close now and hopefully most student reps have had the opportunity to meet with and discuss ideas with Randall.

The next phase of the project involves the Governance Forum on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. The Project Reference Group and UMSU management are working on getting all the comms and logistics for the forum sorted out very soon.

**SSAF Review meeting with the University**

We’ve had a second meeting with the university to discuss the proposed SSAF model for 2019-2022 on 17/9. The proposed preferred model involved a drop of allocation to UMSU and other SSAF recipient organisations (GSA, MUSport, University), and the creation of grant funding blocks. SSAF recipient organisations would have the opportunity to apply for grant from these funding blocks for projects that fall within specific areas: careers, study skills, sport and equity, and student wellbeing. These grants would also only be allocated if the projects were joint/collaborative between at least 2 of the organisations.

We have several concerns with this proposed model, and I have written to both Simon Naphthine and Elizabeth Capp (who are responsible for creating the new allocation model) and to the Provost (who has final approval of the model) with our concerns. I have also discussed shared concerns over the model with the GSA.

Justin and I will be attending our next meeting to discuss concerns with the proposed SSAF model on 8/10.

### **Elected Representatives Meeting with Chancellery**

At the last elected reps on 20/9, we received a briefing on the Melbourne Student Experience Enhancement Project that started a few months ago. Broadly the project aims to identify high level strategic actions (as well as more quickly implemented actions) for the university to take to enhance student experience. A white paper about proposed actions will be produced to inform some university expenditure and budgeting priorities, so we should be hearing more about that project as it continues. A green paper for the project will be out by the end of the year.

We also learnt that Glyn Davis was finishing his term (obviously Dunccan Maskell has started now). I’ve reached out to him to try arrange a meeting now that he has officially begun as VC.

### **Respect meetings**

Our regular meetings with Celia Scott from Chancellery about respect work to do with safety on campus have continued to happen fortnightly. In the meetings since the last one, we have discussed funding for the Advisor position, and discussed progress on programs implemented for staff, and specific requirements for international student healthcare related to this space.

UMSU has put in a SSAF grant application for the proposed Responding to Sexual Assault Advisor position, and we are continuing to look to fast-track funding for the initiative.

### **CEOAPC**

Daniel and I met with the university to discuss performance review of the CEO.

### **EBA negotiations**

I’ve continued to attend EBA meetings between UMSU and the NTEU. UMSU EBA negotiations are almost finalised, and will hopefully done by the end of the year.

### Progress of assigned actions since last report

- Attend Student Precinct Steering committee- done
- Attend CEOAPC- done

### List of actions by next report

- Help finalise comms for Renew Our UMSU Governance Forum
- Attend meeting with university to discuss SSAF allocation model
- Student precinct meetings

### Budget Expenditure

N/A

**General Secretary  
Daniel Beratis**

**Key Activities**

**Key Activity 1: Minutes and Agendas**

This is technically a report to Students’ Council but really, @ Office Bearers: send me minutes or I will cry.

**Key Activity 2: Student Initiative Grants and Policy**

In terms of outstanding reports, one group I expect won’t submit until November due to one last event taking place late October; nothing else is outstanding! The policy itself is actually kinda interesting—it interacts strongly with the Financial Regulations, which is a curveball, but I’d like to speak to this verbally to get a sense from Council on what they’d also like to see.

**Key Activity 3: Renewing Our UMSU**

I sat for my interview some time ago, and have been assisting the PRG in terms of communication and planning for the governance forum, scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. I really encourage everyone to go—I think it’s going to be really interesting! I have also been assisting with chasing up those who have not scheduled a time—the Discovery Phase is coming to an end, but hopefully most have had the opportunity to interview.

**Key Activity 4: SGMs**

After receiving advice regarding the outstanding sections (rules 186 and 192), I have submitted the new Constitution to CAV for approval. Until that approval comes through, the Constitution is not fully amended (especially as we have submitted an amendment to the aims in order to remove MUSUL from them), but that will hopefully be forthcoming.

**Key Activity 5: Regulations**

I have been working on plain language documents for regulations, and put two exposure drafts to Council today for discussion. I think this could be completed by the end of the year, which would help enormously in persons’ ability to comprehend our structures.

**Key Activity 6: CEOAPC**

In August, Desiree and I attended a meeting of the CEOAPC, and discussed the performance of the CEO. I am happy to speak to this in person.

**Key Activity 7: SEAG**

The Student Experience Advisory Group was cancelled in September for a “town hall” presentation of the Student Precinct’s progress thus far, which Desiree and I attended. There was little room for contribution (as might be expected), but SEAG is expected to resume this month in a couple of weeks.

**Key Activity 8: SSAF**

Generally, I am not involved with SSAF-related matters in the way that Desiree is, but we both met with the GSA last month to discuss the proposed SSAF model and to identify shared and common thoughts about it.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Action Point 1: SIGs**

As above!

**Action Point 2: Plain Language**

I have circulated two exposure drafts of plain language documents, as I envisage them being constructed. They are not to be read all in one go (you would be hard-pressed to remember it all), but are intended to be aids that are immediately present for people if they have questions. These are not intended to be adopted—more than anything else, since it is likely that elected members will use these documents, I would like to know your thoughts on them! If they are wildly off base, then I need to know that. If they are not, I need to know that.

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

**Action Point 1: November Council**

We need a date for November Council—Councillors will have received a link to a WhenIsGood, which they should fill before the Monday of Week 12 to ensure that they will be able to attend November Council. It’s the last one of the term—make it count!

**Action Point 2: Handover**

Once the formal declaration of election is made, I am really excited to start the handover process. From personal experience, a good handover can make all the difference, and this role is an important one to not let lurch.

**Action Point 3: Plain Language**

Pending your feedback today, I will continue on this.

**Activities**  
**Alex Fielden and Jordan Tochner**

**Key Activities**

OK SO WE’RE BACK ASKING FOR MORE MONEY. The changeovers with the bar have been a massive struggle. There have been so many price changes and procedure changes, we had not received an invoice for St Patrick’s Day until about a month ago (without a break down of costs and well after we had begun budgeting for this event) so had no idea how much alcohol was costing under the new system, but were promised it would be significantly cheaper. In light of this, we put aside \$6,000 for Oktoberfest, the same amount we put aside for St Patrick’s Day as that event had about 500 in attendance and we were told we only used

about half the alcohol we ordered (exact numbers were never given to us despite being requested). Because of this, we thought setting the same number for Oktoberfest where there would be a similar rate of alcohol consumption with only 200 more people would be more than enough. We have been chasing the bar manager to give us prices on German beers and other costs for months but have not heard back. It was only in the past week that we have finally heard back and have been told that the only feasible option for German beers is Heineken and that with \$6000 we would only be able to get 15 kegs of beer with 5 kegs of cider (plus soft drink and water). This works out to about 3 drinks per person, or 2 drinks of beer per person (assuming the bar doesn’t fill up the steins). This is obviously not enough as we have advertised the event as inclusive of drinks and every year we usually cater for around 5 drinks per person. Therefore, we are coming back to you to ask for another \$4,000 to be able to fulfill this promise and run our event. We have already cut down this event to its bare bones, we have cut variety in our beers which people will already be unhappy with and it is our last event of the year so there is no other way we can make money. Please help us

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

We’re still fixing the budget issue

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

Do the Oktoberfest  
Clean the office

**Budget Expenditure**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget Line</u>	<u>Passed?</u>	<u>Date Passed</u>
Pizza for trivia 3	\$372.60	Special projects	Y	6/9/2018
Pizza for not comm ball	\$303.75	Special projects	Y	6/9/2018
Oktoberfest wristbands	\$119.50	Special projects	Y	6/9/2018

**Clubs & Societies**  
**Nellie Seale and Matthew Simkiss**

**Matthew Simkiss**

**Key Activities**

**Admin & AGMs**

Time for our regularly scheduled email update. Fiona is on leave for a week so it’s on fire again. Spending all my time doing emails, AGMs and trying to pass my degree.

**Wiki**

See action points progress.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**Wiki**

The wiki for AGMs is now completely finished. Everyone should take a look at it because a lot of work has gone into this and hopefully will save us time in the future by better quality AGM submissions.

**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: 55

In process: 10

**Action points to be completed by next report**

On leave so none.

**Nellie Seale**

**Key Activities**

**Admin and AGMs**

AGMs are being processed, slowly, very slowly. Patrick Clearwater has been helping us out in the absence of Sarah. I have also been working through a non-standard constitution with a pre-affiliated club.

**Venue Management Issues**

In June I received an email from a club, complaining about an unnecessary cost that had been imposed on their events as of this year, for over \$400 for their weekly evening events, which was for them to hire an Events Support Officer as per the university's venue management policies. This was formulated on the basis of evening events being more likely to be serving alcohol and be rowdy. After considerable poking by Fiona and myself, Venue Management have finally presented us a solution whereby the requirements for imposing a cost have been considerably reduced, and it will be assessed on a more case by case basis, which is a very constructive outcome.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

**AGMs**

I’ve done precisely 2 since the last report.

**Action points to be completed by next report**

**Wiki**

Keep adding important info.

**AGMs**

Keep processing them in a timely fashion.

<b>Combined</b>
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**Wellbeing Progress**

Safer Communities didn’t turn up to the training they were running and meeting with 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	Yes, Confirmed
17	11/09/2018	Inquorate
Special meeting 4	17/09/2018	Yes, Confirmed
18	02/10/2018	No

42.5 hours and counting.

**Creative Arts**  
**Freya McGrath and Ashleigh Morris**

**Key Activities**

**Key Activity 1**

Preparing for our next PLOM night.

**Key Activity 2**

Marketing our TOTTshop #3.

**Key Activity 3**

TOOYAs: Talking Out of Your Arts Q&As set up for UMMTA’s Witches of Eastwick and Princess Ida

#### Key Activity 4

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

#### Progress on assigned actions from last report

##### Last Action Point 1

Above Water launch complete. Very successful event. We went with the Rowdy as the location, Streat catering and hired lights from AVMelb. All of these elements worked really well and gave the evening the special, classy tone we were aiming for. The event was well attended and the feedback from the contributors on the anthology was very positive.

##### Last Action Point 2

Tott-shop #3 confirmed – Laura Milke: Arts Marketing Toolbox. Taking place in Training room 1, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Action Points to be completed by next report

##### Action Point 1

Organizing next PLOM event. Bar to be booked, and event launched on fb.

##### Action Point 2

Set up Visual Art: Life Drawing Class.

#### 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**

Kayla (NUS Disabilities Delegate) came to campus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, to run a stall for Spoons Week. We also ran a screening of Defiant Lives in the Rowden White Library on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

There was a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September on Mental Health Outreach with members of staff from various departments, including reps from GSA and Disabilities, and academic staff. Each person gave a brief presentation on work they have been doing to increase the support given to students surrounding mental health. Key topics raised where increased training for

tutors in mental health awareness and support and running events on mental health awareness and mindfulness for students.

Invisible Illness Week is 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 and we are organising events for it. There has been 1 confirmed speaker.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

We attended the NUS Disabilities Conference, where we ran an hour workshop on Disability Pride from a Non-Capitalist Perspective. We were also asked to sit on a panel during the conference, which we agreed to do. The panel was later cancelled. We will each be writing a report on the conference for the Disabilities Committee, to be sent out with the next agenda.

**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	

**Education (Academic Affairs)**  
**Alice Smith and Toby Silcock**

**Key activities:**

The interregnum between election and Dec 1. It’s weird. But we’ve been doing things. This is something of them. Also, Toby hasn't been round as much because of (a) mental health (or lack thereof); and (b) preparing for overseas travel after Council (pls approve his leave, since he’s on a plane outta this joint whether there’s leave or not).

Also, semester's ending, which means Stress Less (which is stressful), and Study with Ed (which is sort of stressful).

The process of handover is definitely underway. We've started bringing Elizabeth and Ru Bee to meetings, setting up times for them to regularly meet with Advocacy, and otherwise drawing together their key priorities (like international and disability resources, study spaces, and high stakes assessment), and our ongoing commitments (like Stop1, student fees, SRN, as well as high stakes assessment). More formal handover will take place over the coming months.

Elected Reps happened on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Key discussion was on:

- The "Melbourne Student Experience Enhancement Project" ("MSEEP") - which is basically looking at everything about the student experience at Melbourne, in a month, coming up with a one page strategy. This will, no doubt, completely fix the entire student experience at Unimelb. We await the final paper on this, but the project has been deliberately bleak and shocking about how poor our uni does compared to others, particularly on housing, administration, mental health, careers advising, isolation, and pressure. Consultation has been promised once this is done. The MSEEP Presentation was also given at ACCC (see below).
- Representation on Committees – we asked Elizabeth Capp about the processes for centralising and streamlining how we get invited onto governance committees. The basic conclusion is there is no key process given the autonomy of faculties, it's fairly ad hoc, which Chancellery is relatively powerless to solve. The next steps that might prove fruitful are centralising how the Uni reaches out to us (a "get a rep" form) backed with some promotion and advocacy work, which Chancellery may help us on.

We've started planning the application process for next years' SRN as part of our handover – the steps involved, how we achieve a more diverse SRN, and who we'll be consulting with. The SRN Policy may or may not be part of this. This is more now part of our Handover discussion.

Not many majors meetings. APC discussed MSEEP (see above), as well as a reconstituted Assessments Working Group. This will report to APC on different assessment practices, and in particular on the "ethical and practical dimensions" of groupwork, participation marks, peer assessment, pre-teaching periods, online assessment, micro-credentialing, and industry placement. Toby has contacted the head of this Group about UMSU representation, although it hasn't formally been constituted yet.

Toby met with Emily and Siyu from the GSA on next steps for the petition. There was some concern about minor differences in position on seminars/lectures, and are keen that the brunt of the work be done by the LSS, but are otherwise keen on the issue and wider high-level discussion on the role of "seminar-style" teaching across graduate studies, connected to FlexAP. They will consolidate their strategic and formal position in the coming weeks. In the mean time, we're still building for where the final petition results will go, a key job for next year's Ed Pub kids.

Toby, with Elizabeth and Ru Bee, met our friend Alastair about student fees. A lot is quasi-confidential, but it appears there won't be much coming out of our freedom of information request, because the information isn't there to be published. We also discussed two key concerns Alastair has about onboarding of students – the cost of printing, and whether we can get students a pre-built allowance for each year, as well as the Co-op's (in)ability to provide textbooks. He's keen to work with ET and RB on these issues, and his interest in the Co-op will prove useful to EdPub's work on the Co-op. Also he showed us the bird's-eye view of the asia centre construction. Apparently the recent outage of Stop1 was due to construction slicing one cable. Stop1 has one cable, which got cut. This is useful information for sabotage gossip.

After many many months of meetings a new LMS provider has been picked to be introduced across the University in 2020. Even I don’t know which provider it is, but there was good student consultation across the project, with a survey sent to all students in the university that had a 7%ish response rate and follow up videos provided by the companies that had tendered for student review.

StressLess Week is coming up again and I’ve worked with the Welfare Department to work out what we can do this semester. Last semester we showed Happy Feet which was reasonably well attended, but quite expensive. The invoice has finally been paid to the National Film and Sound Archive after 4 months of back and forth about the wording of the invoice, but I think they need some time away from UMSU before they will hire to us again. Therefore, we are running a chill space for people to come and play with Playdoh and Lego and things like that with pizza and music to give students a chance to relax in the run up to elections. We will also be running Study with Ed again as it was a success last semester.

**No action points from previous report**

**Action points:**

Run Commerce Exam Hurdle campaign

Open SRN applications

Run Study with Ed events

Continue to work on handover

Call SRN meeting

Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Film	\$500	CSPE	Spent \$22 on the film hire
Pizza	\$150.00	CSPE	Spent \$98.00
Pizza	\$90	CSPE	Spent \$85.50
Pizza	\$160.00	CSPE	Spent \$153.90

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
15	01/10/2017	Yes, Unconfirmed

## Education (Public Affairs) Conor Clements

### Key Activities

#### **Know Your Unions Day**

Prep for this has gone pretty well. Most of the unions I've been contacting have been pretty receptive to the idea, and as of 3/8 we have:

- the Retail and Fast Food Workers Union
- United Voice
- Hospo Voice
- Australian Education Union
- Independent Education Union
- Professionals Australia
- the Community and Public Sector Union (both federal and Victorian branches)
- the Australian Services Union

We've also got the Young Workers Centre coming down, who will also be hopefully bringing the Migrant Workers Centre as well.

I've also contacted the Health and Community Services Union, the Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance, and the Finance Sector Union to see if they would be willing to attend, but given that this is being written the day before the event will be taking place, I doubt this will come through.

The event itself is happening on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October from 11:30-2pm, in North Court. The basic idea behind it is much the same as any other Syndicate event over this year, but on a bigger scale; give trade unions an opportunity to interact with University of Melbourne students, tell them what a trade union is, and why they should be interested in joining one. It may seem that I've invited an odd selection of unions, but I've mainly tried to contact ones that students at Melbourne Uni would benefit from being members of at the present time or at some time in their futures.

#### **Community and Public Sector Union Lecture**

UMSU Education hosted the CPSU for an information session/lecture on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. The event was relatively well attended for something so late in the semester; around 30 students in total. The lecture itself mainly concerned the hiring process of the Victorian Public Service (one which is much more complicated than one might first assume), as well as the services provided by the union itself. The speaker gave a summary of some of the achievements of the CPSU over the past few years by showing some of the enterprise agreements that had been made in this time as well, and free student membership forms were distributed to those at the event.

### Commerce Hurdles Petition

It’s finally out! We’ve been trying to get this project off the ground for a little while. The petition has around 170 signatures at the time of writing, which we hope will increase once we hold a couple of Education stalls down at FBE. The basic aim of the petition is to lobby the Faculty of Business & Economics into changing their stance on exam hurdles, and the feedback so far looks pretty good – I think that with a bit of advertising in the last couple of weeks of semester, and even having stalls during SWOTVAC and at REB during exams, we should be good to get a decent amount of engagement with the petition itself.

### October 23 Australia Needs a Pay Rise rally

Last Wednesday I met with one of the NTEU campus branch organisers, Lisbeth, to discuss how UMSU and the NTEU could collaborate in advertising of the October 23<sup>rd</sup> rally organised by the Australian Council of Trade Unions. This rally is a follow-up to one earlier in the year that coincided with the NTEU’s industrial action at Melbourne University, and itself will coincide with industrial action at Monash University and possibly Victoria University. Unfortunately, it’s going to be held during SWOTVAC, but I am hoping that we will be able to get some students who are more involved in this type of activism involved. Since no one will have to go to classes this time around, it may actually see greater involvement than previous rallies. The current plan is to meet up with other NTEU contingents at Argyll Square off Lygon Street on the day of the rally. I’ll hopefully also be trying to get in contact with other student unions to see if we can coordinate student contingents.

### 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**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
15	1/10/2018	Commerce Hurdle Petition info flyer	\$500	Printing	Spent \$244.20 so far

**Environment**  
Callum Simpson and Lucy Turton

**Key Activities****Lockout Lockheed**

On Saturday 15th September, the campaign held a strategy session at the North Melbourne library. Sam Castro from WACA (Whistleblower’s Activists & Citizens Alliance) spoke to us about the history of anti-militarist organising; we discussed what we currently know about the University’s relationships to weapons manufacturers; we brainstormed our messaging and narratives. More specific work on our strategy, tactics and targeting is still required.

On Sunday 16th September, Ashleigh Barraclough (Farrago editor and collaborator with our campaign) received a notice of refusal from the Freedom of Information officer of the University of Melbourne regarding our latest FOI document requests under state FOI laws. They’ve asserted commercial in-confidence as their allegedly legal excuse, for the requested documents pertain to third parties with financial interests in the documents not being released. This is only the latest incident of the University being obstinate in this regard. Given both their lack of cooperation of the last 12 months and legal advice previously offered by UMSU legal, the campaign is currently of the opinion that we should prepare an appeal to the

Victorian Information Commissioner; we need to submit this appeal by 8th of October. This requires a great deal of work and further legal advice.

### **Play With Your Food**

On Wednesday 19th September we hosted our second last Play With Your Food event of the year. The theme was ‘camp food’ and together we made chilli bean stew with baked potatoes and smores! Yum! It was a delicious and great success, PWYF has become its own great community and its regular attendees are now involving themselves both in the co-op and in Enviro’s activities. We have one more scheduled for Week 11. Although it is highly recommended that the incoming office bearers and committee continue to run this event with the Melbourne Activist Catering Collective (for whom we are extremely grateful for their dedication, hard work and creative meal planning).

### **Stress Less Week event**

We’re hosting another Reusable Wraps workshop for Stress Less Week (week 11) with UMSU Welfare. It will be held 2:15 to 4:15pm on Monday 8th October in the Melbourne Uni Food Co-op. The material has already been purchased and the recipe is prepared. Lucy, Callum and Tessa will be hosting, although we could probably use more hands for set-up and clean-up on the day. Collateral is already prepared from the last time we hosted this event.

### **Enviro Collective Picnic & Potluck**

Collective has been discussing what to do for an end of year celebratory event. The consensus right now is a potluck picnic on south lawn on the Tuesday afternoon for Week 12. We’re are soon going to begin planning games, food, drink, etc, and create some collateral for promotion.

### **Fossil Free MU and Sustainability Executive**

On Friday 20th September, we met with Allan Tait (the University’s Chief Financial Officer), Daniel (a staffer in the finance office), and Clare Walker (secretary of the Sustainability Executive). The meet was to discuss the university’s progress on the Sustainable Investments Framework. We have organised these sustainable investments meetings on a quarterly basis.

On the 20th, we learnt that consultant Mercer is preparing an assessment of the university’s endowment fund in terms of the criteria described in the SIF. This assessment will likely be ready by November. Meanwhile the Victorian Fund Management Corporation (the manager of the university’s endowment) is conducting its own sustainability reviews of its investments. If the VFMC does not make measurable progress for the next financial year, it is possible the University may begin the process to exclude particular investments , as outlined in the SIF.

We also discussed other items that concern the Sustainability Executive: the University is on track to have net zero emissions by next year; a new program is starting for instilling sustainability in all faculties’ curricula; the CFO and SusExec are looking for new programs for

carbon offset programs for transport-related emissions and we are planning to suggest a number of local, ethical projects that need financial assistance.

**Progress on assigned actions from last report**

No previously assigned actions

**Action Points to be completed by next report**

**Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
11	28/8/18	AV for Enviro Week	\$50	Special Project	Processed
11	28/8/18	Snacks, lunch, room booking fee - Lockout Lockheed strat session	\$135	Campaign B	Reimbursement to Will Ross; Processed
11	28/8/18	Pronto’s Pizza - Enviro Week	\$64.50	Special Project	Processed
11	28/8/18	Seedlings	\$27.90	Community Garden	Processed

**Indigenous  
Alexandra Hohoi**

*No report submitted.*

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

**Key activities**

**National Young Writers’ Festival**

We spent from 26 September to 1 October in Newcastle for the National Young Writers’ Festival. 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.

The reports from our contingent will be coming soon!

**Governance**

We had a meeting with Randall Pearce from Think: Insight & Advice, in which he asked us about the governance issues facing the UMSU media department. We look forward to hearing about issues raised (some by the University) and debating them at the “Renew Our UMSU” forum on 18 October.

We also organised a second meeting with Randall and key members of the People of Colour in the Media Department Working Group. Given that any changes to affirmative action for People of Colour in the media office will likely be made to the Constitution at the same SGM as changes suggested by Randall’s team after the forum, it seemed prudent to discuss these issues with Randall and figure out how these changes might fit in together. Randall seemed unaware of the potential for affirmative action for People of Colour—in fact, he was not aware that it had a precedent within UMSU, which it does in the women’s department. We are not sure how these potential changes to the UMSU Constitution will play out.

**Edition eight of *Farrago***

We have one edition of *Farrago* left to produce for our terms. We are currently in the final stages of laying out the magazine, which should hit the stands at the beginning of week 12.

### **Action points to be completed by next report**

Action point 1: Edition eight—send to print!

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

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

<p><b>People of Colour</b> <b>Reem Faiq and Hiruni Walimunige</b></p>
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### **Solidarity Week**

We held a series of events for Solidarity Week in collaboration with the Indigenous Department in Week 6. Overall, they were fairly well attended and gave both members of our Department and the Indigenous Department a chance to interact and get to know each other. We hope to hold other collaborations with them in the future.

### **Myriad 2018**

The ongoing progress of Myriad has been satisfactory. We have completed all necessary preparation and sent it to print. The magazines were delivered on Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> and the launch party will be on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Texts on Racism Seminar Series**

We have held three out of the four Texts on Racism seminars. They were held as a follow-up to the Anti-Racism workshops that took place last semester. The chosen speaker is Dr Yassir Morsi. So far, the seminars have been well attended.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Continue working on Myriad**

The magazine has been completed and sent to print. We are currently finalising preparations for the launch night.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **Finalise Myriad launch preparations**

Final preparations required.

#### **Finalise Stress Less Week preparations**

Further preparations 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 7 = \$230  Sem 2, Week 8 = \$225  Sem 2, Week 9 = \$502
8	01/08/2018	Reading Group catering	\$2370.76	Reading Group	Sem 2, Week 7 = \$117.60  Sem 2, Week 8 = \$94.60
8	01/08/2018	Reading Group speaker fees	\$2370.76	Reading Group	Sem 2, Week 9 = \$200
8	01/08/2018	Texts on Racism Seminars catering	\$2370.76	Reading Group	Seminar 1 = \$85.40
Op-Sub 17(18)	12/08/2018	Texts on Racism Seminars catering	\$950	Zine Workshop	Seminar 2 = \$151  Seminar 3 = \$56.30
Op-Sub 17(18)	12/08/2018	Texts on Racism Seminars speaker fees	\$1000	Tote bag making workshop	
9	27/09/2018	Texts on Racism Seminars speaker fees	\$1000	Tote bag making workshop	

8	01/08/2018	Recorder	\$2370.76	Reading Group	\$35
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**Committee Meetings**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	08/12/2017	Yes, Confirmed
2	28/02/2018	Yes, Confirmed
3	14/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
4	28/03/2018	Yes, Confirmed
5	18/04/2018	Yes, Confirmed
6	02/05/2018	Yes, Confirmed
7	16/05/2018	Yes, Confirmed
8	01/08/2018	Yes, Confirmed
9	27/09/2018	Yes, Unconfirmed

**Queer**  
**Elinor Mills and Amelia Reeves**

**Key Activities****Pride Ball**

As of council, Pride Ball will have been and gone! As of writing this, we are a day out and SOLD OUT! We're feeling incredibly jittery as we do last minute prep. Photography for the night is sorted, as are volunteers, and we organised everything with the venue well in

advance so it's just a matter of waiting until the big night. Ask for verbal report of the night if you want one (though the best councillors will, of course, already know).

### **Queer Space**

We've been trucking along with keeping up-to-date on queer space maintenance. This is something that we're quite proud of from this year and we've had many students report back that the feel of the queer space has changed for the better since we started providing more goodies for the space.

### **Queer Political Action Collective**

Despite numerous attempts to get this collective running, the last few events have not been well attended. We are looking at strategies for improving this.

### **VCA**

We've got three things coming up for the rest of the semester: two stalls for larger cross-departmental events, including another gender-neutral clothes swap, and another queer students forum. We've also sent down a box of CAMPs and are reprinting our zine to hand out at the bigger events.

### **Stress Less Week**

We are going to be screening the classic D.E.B.S as a part of stress less week. Milly is currently in the process of securing the rights so that we're all good on the legal side of things.

### **Regular Events**

These bad boys are chugging along well and continue to be regularly attended even now we hit the spikey end of semester.

### **MU Sport**

Worked to cross-promote their Pride in Sport breakfast and talking with Chris Bunting about policy changes we can implement as he's just stepped into the role of Pride and Diversity Coordinator.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Pride Ball**

As above. The event sold out in less than a week, and we will definitely be recommending more tickets be available next year!

#### **Safe Spaces Policy**

To be presented at next committee as our last meeting was inquorate.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **End of year collectives**

Plan and execute beautiful end of semester fun times. Special edition of Queer Lunch with different food! Options include dumplings, Lord of the Fries, or Zambrero's.



**End of year newsletter**

Write up and send out a newsletter that summarises and highlights what we've done and what we're proud of achieving this year. I love to toot my own horn, toot toot.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	7/3/18	Queer Ball	Up to \$12,000	Special Projects & Events	\$350 for photographer
4	18/4/18	food for collectives	Up to \$600	Food & Beverages	\$39.60 for weeks 7 and 8
4	18/4/18	Queer Lunch	Up to \$250 a week, \$2400 a semester	Food & Beverages	\$204.00 for week 6, \$216.20 for week 7, \$198.31 for week 8, \$197.88 for week 9

**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	Inquorate
9	10/09/2018	No

**Welfare**  
**Cecilia Widjojo and Michael Aguilera**

**Key Activities**

**Key Activity 1: Regular events**

Breakfast bar – these has been going on just fine with attendance averaging 80-100 students.  
 Breakfast BBQ – average attendance has been around 280 students and this is by far one of the most popular Welfare regular events and it has been going alright  
 Collectives – welfare collective attendance is around 5-10 people, we need to work on getting more people to attend this  
 Wellness classes – this has been going on especially well and definitely going well for Yoga and Zumba classes  
 Let’s Talk – This has also become popular with attendance around 20 students per session.

**Key Activity 2: Stress Less Week planning**

Stress Less Week planning has been stressful. Sad, we know but it has been going well so far with plenty of clubs and departments participating. If any department is still keen to collaborate, we still welcome any event suggestion and will be happy to support you guys. And also schedule will be out soon, so look out for it.

**Key Activity 3: Sexual Education Video with UMSU Intl**

We are planning to do a vox pop style video in collaboration with UMSU Intl and Wing Kuang, so it is going to be lit.

**Key Activity 4: Volunteer bonding events**

We had one last week and we are going to have one this week. Last week was pizza and board games and per usual was fun. And this week it is going to be movie afternoon at the Rowdy!

#### **Key Activity 5: Centrelink appeal letter**

Last week, Desiree and Cecilia went to Stop One for a meeting with the financial aid and Centrelink advisor Margaret Loh and she advised us to write a letter for an appeal to make Centrelink better for students. This is still in the drafting stage.

#### **Key Activity 6: RU OK day**

This went on very well! We had our usual ducky pond with our lolly and cupcake giveaway! It was cute and students loved it

#### **Progress from assigned action from last report**

See Key activity 1

See Key activity 4

#### **Actions to be completed by next report**

##### **Action point 1: Stress Less Week**

Complete the planning, budget breakdown and execution of event by next council.

##### **Action point 2: Sexual Education video**

Complete the execution of event by next council.

##### **Action point 3: Centrelink appeal letter**

Complete drafting the letter and sending it to relevant MPs by next council

##### **Action 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

#### **Budget spending**

Approved spending at Committee Meeting 13

Food Bank - \$600

Breakfast Bar & BBQ - \$ 1000

Welfare collective - \$120

RU OK day - \$300

Lets Talk - \$200

Bonding day 2 - \$500

Bonding day 3 - \$500

Stress Less Week - \$6000

Yoga - \$260

Zumba - \$240

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

### **Key Activities**

#### **Judy's Punch**

The magazine is finished and at the printer! The launch party will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October (Tuesday week 11) in the Ida Bar.

#### **Respect Task Force and Respect meetings**

In addition to the monthly Respect Task Force meetings, we are now regularly meeting with Celia Scott. Celia is now the facilitator of Respect work across the university, which is a position we pushed for at the August 1<sup>st</sup> rally. These meetings are much smaller than the Respect Task Force, which allows us to have more in-depth discussion about policies and projects UMSU would like to see. There are a lot of initiatives underway at the moment on which we get to have a say. The Consent Matters module is under review, and there are possible alternative modules in testing and development phases.

#### **NOWSA reports and reimbursement**

There was some delay in being able to accept reports from NOWSA grant recipients because of an inquorate committee, but the reports have been accepted and reimbursements are being processed. Molly would like to note that the printer was uncooperative and made the process of putting together reimbursement forms take much longer than it needed to. Overall, all our NOWSA attendees reported that it was a really valuable and educational experience.

#### **Stress Less Week - Dr Who new season screening event with the Rowdy**

This coming Monday, we're teaming up with the Rowden White Library to host a screening of the newest Dr Who episode. In case you haven't heard, the Doctor has regenerated as a woman, so obviously as the Women's Department we have an obligation to chime in on the discourse.

#### **Handover begins**

We have begun organising for Hannah and Aria to come along to meetings to introduce them to our key contacts across the university. We're also keen to do a committee handover of sorts – giving the incoming committee a chance to attend our committee meetings and discuss together with the next Women's Officers the direction of the department.

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Begin planning our next Rad Sex and Consent session**

Molly is contacting the presenter to arrange a time for the event in the last two weeks of semester.

#### **Begin planning the Judy's Punch launch party**

The launch party will be on the 9th of October (Tuesday week 11) in the Ida Bar. We’ll have live music from campus treasure Carla Russo, and we’ll be giving away a double pass to the opening night of UHT’S Ida musical.

**Action points to be completed by next report**

**Distribute Judy’s Punch**

We want to put our magazine all over campus, and bring it down to the Southbank campus too. Several boxes will also be put aside for Summerfest next year.

**Smash the Pastry-archy again**

We’re bringing back this A+ pun for our week 12 collectives. To celebrate a year of fantastic collectives, there’ll be lots of cake.

**Organise VCA event**

We’d love to bring Smash the Pastry-archy down to VCA

**SWOT-SNACKS**

Last semester, our plan to have study snacks available in the Women’s Room throughout SWOTVAC was foiled by problems with multiple Coles orders. We’re going to try again this time, and definitely not order from Coles.

**Budget Expenditure**

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Spent	Budget Line	Comment
7(18)	21.6.18	NOWSA conference registration and accomodation	\$2220	Special Projects and Events	
7(18)	21.6.18	NOWSA group flights	\$1230	Special Projects and Events	
11(18)	14.9.18	NOWSA travel reimbursement	\$458.17	Special Projects and Events	
11(18)	14.9.18	Women’s collectives – weeks 6, 8, 9, 10	\$232.77	Collectives	

11(18)	14.9.18	Women of Colour collectives – weeks, 6, 8, 9, 10	\$254.25	Collectives	
11(18)	14.9.18	Judy’s Punch proofreading snacks	\$21.17		
9(18)	23.7.18	NDA AUSLAN interpreter fees	\$822.80	Special Projects and events	

**Burnley  
James Barclay**

*No report submitted.*

**Victorian College of the Arts  
Hilary Ekins**

**Key Activities**

**Southbank Jazz Fest**

The Southbank Jazz Fest, to be held Wednesday-Friday, week 12, will bring together students from all disciplines to celebrate the end of the year. Food and drink will be provided and student bands will be paid to perform for an hour over lunch. UMSU Departments and clubs have been invited to set up stall.

**Mental Health Week**

Dove Rengger-Thorpe (Senior Enrichment Officer @ VCA) has organised for a bunch of activities Monday-Wednesday week 11 for mental health week. The VCASA will be contributing our usual BBQ and volunteering as needed. We look forward to free bike n blend smoothies, “Nourish and Flourish” planting session, a gender free clothes swap, a silent disco, and free coffee and fruit (courtesy of the GSA).

### **2019 Fine Arts & Music Orientation Camp**

OCamp planning is going strong! Marcus (activities & event coordinator) and I have been scouting venues, planning activities and enlisting trained volunteers to help with planning and throughout the weekend.

Professor Conyngham, Dean of VCA, has pledged in our last meeting to contribute \$60 per student for up to 150 students to attend this camp, which means we can look forward to record low prices. More to come!

### **Progress on assigned actions from last report**

#### **Last Action Point 1**

Still no storage space. Still no dogs.

### **Action Points to be completed by next report**

#### **Action Point 1**

Finalise Alcohol order and security booking for Jazz Fest

#### **Action Point 2**

Confirm venue, discuss Wellness Officers for Camp.