



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
11:00AM, Thursday, the 14th of February 2019
Meeting 4(19)
Location: Room 263, Old Arts

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)	Not submitted
Environment	Submitted
Indigenous	Submitted
Media	Submitted
People of Colour	Submitted
Queer	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
Molly Willmott**

Key Activities

Happy Valentine’s Day Student’s Council! Hope you’re spending this capitalist farce of a holiday with someone you love, I’m spending it with the love of my life – the University of Melbourne Student Union. Anyway, ladies and gays let get to report 4!

Presidents’ Summit

Presidents’ Summit was held at Deakin Burwood from the 3-6th of February. It saw nearly every campus president in the country and NUS national office bearers convene to talk about the most pertinent issues of higher education and student unionism at present day. Besides hearing back about the campaigns our national body will be running this year, here are some highlights of this conference that are literally invaluable to me as UMSU President;

- **Writing Government Submissions** – Something I really want to do this year is for UMSU to have a louder voice in young people and tertiary education legislation and its formulation. Regardless of whether its state or federal bills, UMSU should be involved in the parliamentary process and lending our voice to shaping bills that affect our students. Former senator, Trish Crossin, presented about the process of doing so. Since then I have contacted both the federal and state governments to be notified of inquiries relating to youth affairs, education, public transport, workers’ rights and penalty rates. Get ready for a lot of submissions this year!
- **Nina Funnels presentation about Safety on Campus** – CW/SEXUAL VIOLENCE This is very close to my heart as a former Women’s officer, but there are going to be big shifts in this area this year nationally. Dan Tehan and TEQSA have shelved a national taskforce once again, we are having the follow up to the 2016 Change the Course report, and there are extremely worrying things happening regarding underage students, international students, and colleges that we must keep an eye out for on campus. In coming councils, we’re going to be discussing some of these things and moving motions to get the ball rolling on these campaigns on campus.
- **Media Training** – we got some basic media training about strategy to deal with the press internally and externally to the union. This will come handy when I get formal media training in the coming month or so
- **SSAF Discussions** – each union presented their SSAF structure to the summit, all I can say is that we are EXTREMELY lucky to have our SSAF allocation and the services we run in this union are so vital, but also unique, because of our 37% allocation. For context, there are unions that receive less than 5% of their SSAF.
- **SSDP** – SSDP came and presented about their pill testing campaign. As the first union in Australia to successfully roll out a pill testing pilot, I’m keen to endorse this campaign (see motions).

Regardless of all of this, the opportunity to talk to other campus presidents at the summit was invaluable and reconfigured my perspective on a range of issues in tertiary education. My recommendation is to continue to engage in this summit, it was truly invaluable.

Student Strike for Climate Change

I've been working with NUS and Enviro is organising the Student Strike for Climate on campus. There is motion in the agenda regarding this rally, and expenditure. This is going to be a great rally and has received considerable traction over the past few weeks.

Other meetings

In the few days after writing this report I am meeting with Stop 1 and Student Precinct groups about a range of issues – will update in the next report!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- 1. Continue Summerfest preparation**
ONGOING – Bigger, better, best - Summerfest never rests
- 2. Discuss the new SSDP campaign with campaign with SSDP**
SEE AGENDA

Action Points to be completed by next report

- 1. Summerfest** – We have a solid 2 weeks of events and initiatives to roll out over orientation. This has taken most of my time but I'm excited! I love talking to students!!!!!!
- 2. Election campaign** – were less than 100 days out from a federal election (weoooooowww), I'm going to sit down with comms after they survive Summerfest to design it.

Budget Expenditure

N/A

**General Secretary
Reece Moir**

I feel euphoric spending this fine day at UMSU, in commemoration of Saint Valentine’s execution. Did you know he is also the patron saint of the plague? Absolute mood, given Valentine’s Day and its capitalist pitfalls are a POX on society. hehe

Key Activities

PRESIDENTS’ SUMMIT

This year, all executive office bearers were invited to attend the Summit. I think it was a really good experience, to attend and meet other Union representatives across the country, and to also learn more the NUS’ plans for the coming year. I made friends! And increased my follower count on Instagram, so it was definitely worth it! Most of my reflection will be the same as Molly’s, so I will try to avoid repetition where possible.

SSAF DISCUSSION

Each Union discussed the funding agreements between their association and their universities. We are VERY lucky to receive the amount of SSAF that we do. It means that we can do more with our lobbying and activism. Plus, if we had some of the funding models other Student Unions have then we would not be able to have our Tuesday BANDS.

NATIONAL OFFICE BEARERS

NUS National Office Bearers (NOBs) revealed their plans for the year, how it works into the Federal election campaign, *A Future Worth Fighting For*. They provided details regarding their strategic focuses and personal department campaigns. I’m super excited about the prospect of having NOBs on our campus being supported by our own OBs.

STUDENTS’ COUNCIL

There were no particulars regarding the scheduling of this meeting. A schedule has been attached remaining meetings in February, in the lead up to Summerfest.

OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

As per my constitutional requirement, I’m supposed to report on any meeting of the Sub-committee. Operations Sub-committee meeting 5(19) was held on the 05/02/2019 to pass expenditure from WOU to fund an Aromantic and Asexual collective through the Queer Department. The Media Department also passed expenditure to pay for Radio Fodder licensing fees and to reimburse two OBs for purchase of snacks given to participants at Subeditor training.

WHOLE OF UNION FUND

I started tracking the cash-flow from the WOU fund. We have spent 3% of the WOU fund – fantastic! When changes are made to the expenditure of WOU, I will report it in here!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. *Continue updating the UMSU Stance Book, attempt to complete before Semester 1*
I started a summer subject, so I've had to put the Stance Book on hold momentarily, but after this week I can get back into it!
2. *Contact councillors for availability in February*
TICK! (yeet)
3. *Contact councillors for Semester 1 availability, create schedule to be approved*
This hasn't happened yet, to be done by end of the week!

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continue updating the UMSU Stance Book, attempt to complete before Semester 1
2. Contact councillors for Semester 1 availability, create schedule to be approved

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Activities
Olivia Panjkov & Liam O’Brien

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Have finalised venue, external contractors and outline for Sleepover and Start of Uni Party along with finalising our program for Tuesday BBQs and are now organising catering for the BBQs

Key Activity 2

Have begun drafting further safety policies at our events with the events team

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

The Tuesday BBQ lineup is finalised

Last Action Point 2

The run sheet for Sleepover is finalising small details and the run sheet will then be complete

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

All Summerfest events will be published and will be beginning to sell tickets

Action Point 2

Ave catering finalised for our BBQs that cater to all students

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	30/1/2019	Laser Tag (Sleepover)	\$790.00	Special Projects (Activities)	Full Invoice amount
3	1/01/2017	Silent DJ	\$1700.00	Special Projects (Activities)	Full Invoice amount
3	30/1/19	The Lazy Susans (Week 12 band)	\$1000	Lunch & Entertainment Program	Portion of the \$65,000 passed for bands

Clubs & Societies

Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

Key Activities from Chris

Emails

Emails the last fortnight have ramped up a bit with Summerfest approaching and stall allocations being done. Fiona is making our lives much easier by reducing some of our administrative burden. Again, this is what takes up most of our time

Clubs Guide Development

So the information in clubs guide is just about confirmed, and the design has gone through 3 or so passes and is now at a point we're happy with. We are now just following up on a few more clubs to send in logos and we will be good to print.

Membership App Development

The app development is progressing with me testing a new version at the moment. Implementation should be around mid year o'week if all goes to plan.

Summerfest stall allocations

All the summerfest prep for clubs day is coming to a head stall allocations are happening. Juggling which clubs don't want to be next to each other and still making something that works is taking some time, but we're getting there. Also power and pinboard allocations are dragging as correspondence with other party takes time.

Minute writing

I've been writing minutes for our meeting for the first time, took a good few hours. Is that worth being here I'm not sure...

Key Activities from Jordan Gurl

Lockers

This is still going. Wild. Have put 150 tags on lockers which only took a day thanks to Fiona working out how to monkey merge or something. Allocations are now all done and collection starts on Monday. It was a bit sad telling clubs they couldn't have the size locker they want but we did our best :(Have started putting together a handover document for next year to make this process significantly less painful for the next OBs but ultimately it's just a long job that needs to be done.

Welfare training

Safer Communities is still struggle town. We opened our first meeting and it was not great. Like 40 extra people showed up, none of which were the presenter. I had to SOS Fiona which was sad times. But it's running a bit smoother now. Once the trainings get confirmed for the year there will be less chance of me constantly sending out emails which are formatted incorrectly.

Emails

We have managed to keep the inbox relatively clear even though I'm starting to get a bit pedantic about the filing and colouring. Is a big job even during the holidays :(

Sleepover

Have sent out confirmations and received plans from all the clubs during the night. Our deadline for sending out details is the 22nd of November so working with activities to try and lock in all those details so they can be sent out. Last year we had a lot of problems with communication between clubs which meant quite a few didn't show up on the night so it's mostly about trying to keep in contact and make get them excited to be part of the event.

Appreciating Fiona

She has returned and is making our lives much easier

Creative Arts

Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz

Key Activities

Summerfest Events

We're well underway with our preparation for **Summerfest** events. We'll have fun artsy times at both our VCA and Parkville **Carnival Day** stall running **collaging** and **face painting**.

We're ready to go with our **Botanical Drawing Workshop** with Australian Artist Andrew Seyward on Friday the 1st of March 2-4pm at Burnley. The workshop is a collaboration between Creative Arts and James Barclay at Burnley. We'll be meeting students who wish to attend from the Parkville campus at 12:30pm on the day and public transport together to Burnley, and those that wish to travel. It's been a hugely successful all-round lovely event in the past so we're very much looking forward to it.

We're getting organised for our contributions to the **UMSU Sleepover** and have worked out a detailed plan with Enviro for our '**Save Planet Earth/Environmental Disaster Maze**' which is looking fab. We've also got everything in place to run a **chill craft space** and **Scrunchie Making Workshop** out of the Arts Lab, just need to lock in snacks and we'll be good to go! Thank you to Liam for all the work you've been doing in preparation for Sleepover!!

We're also continuing to work closely with Union House Theatre to organise the **Arty Party!** Which will start at 6pm on Thursday the 7th of March and will be held in the Ida Bar. The theme is Summer Fun, and boy will it be fun. There will be free food, entertainment, a free drink on entry, some silly games, a chance to suss out what student art on campus is all about and possibly even a raffle, get keeeeen and can't wait to see you all there!

Future Events

We've also been working on a **Grants Workshop** to be held Tuesday the 12th of demystify the process of applying for Creative Arts, Theatre Board and SSAF grants for student arts projects.

Also in the works is a **Queer Writing Workshop** which we're collaborating with Will and Andie in the Queer department, with the plan of running it before submissions for both Mudfest and Camp are due to encourage and support the fantastic queer writers in our community. We've been in contact with an amazing producer, Theodore Murray, who can put us in contact with some possible workshop facilitators.

Administration

We'll be reinstating **Student Theatre Council** in 2019 and will have our first meeting on Tuesday the 5th of March, which is very exciting, and we've reached out to Student Theatre Groups and have created a new area on the website.

We've also refreshed and revitalised our **website** just waiting on some artwork from Comms to finish it off then it will be completely up to date and super fresh!

Currently we have a call out for student representatives to sit on **Theatre Board** so if you or anyone you know is interested in being a part of the grant selection process for student performing arts projects and being a part of discussions about the future of performance on campus send them our way!

Mudfest

Despite Mudfest being 7 months away, there is no time to waste! Rooms are booked, we’ve met with Kyle Campbell to lock in the Ida Bar as the Mudfest Festival Hub, dates are locked in dates (August 21st – August 27th – pop it in your diaries!), the theme is chosen and comms are doing some beautiful work for us to realise our vision.

Our biggest piece of work now is preparing to hire our Production Team, including several new roles particularly the Mudfest Mentor/Liaison role. We’ve been meeting with the lovely Susan Hewitt, Director of Arts and Culture and the amazing Union House Artistic Directors Xanthe Beesley and Petra Kalive for their help and advice on drafting position descriptions and expressions of interest. We’ve started opening Production Team expressions of interest, with the first round opened on Monday 11th of Feb, and the following rounds will be a staggered release – keep an eye out if you’re interested in applying!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Meet with UHT staff to confirm the details, aim and vision of the Arty Party. Meeting happened on 29/01/19. Done and details and organisation of Arty Party well underway as detailed in the ‘Key Activities – Summerfest’ section of this report.
Confirm details of Summerfest events including Parkville and VCA Carnival Days and continued engagement with the Environments and Burnley departments. Also outlined in the ‘Key Activities – Summerfest’ section of this report.
2. Progress on Mudfest Production Team position descriptions and callouts. Yes! All underway as noted in ‘Key Activities – Mudfest’ first round of production team expressions of interest due to be released Monday 11th of Feb (which will have happened once we reach this meeting wooh!)
3. Hold first formal Creative Arts Committee Meeting Thursday 31/1/19 12PM. We did and it was great, we had fun snacks and went over our budget, and plans for the year and Summerfest.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Open Mudfest Production Team Expressions of interest
2. Organise recurring fortnightly time for Creative Arts Committee Meetings
3. Run a wonderful Creative Arts Summerfest

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	31/1/2019	The payment of Australian artist Andrew Seyward to facilitate Botanical Drawing Workshop at Burnley Campus	\$320.00	Special Projects	

<p style="text-align: center;">Disabilities Lucy Birch & Jocelyn Deane</p>
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Key Activities

Key Activity 1

We have been working on summerfest and all of our semester 1 events. For carnival day VCA we are planning to do a disability pop gallery, with featured artworks from VCA students. Prominent disability activist Jax Jackie brown has been booked. At Carnival day Parkville we will be giving out free popcorn and shaved ice. We are also looking to buy a gaming console for the disability space
We are also in the process of flyer printing, advertising that will hopefully last all of semester 1.

Key Activity 2

We are still furnishing the disability space. We are looking to illicit a response about projector installation from the university who have not gotten back to us, as of the 9th of February.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

- we have booked two freezers for Parkville carnival day
- we have toured the VCA grounds and arranged our stall space
- we have organised a stage and invoice for our VCA carnival day speaker
- we have booked rooms for all of our events except art therapy
- we have allocated food for all of our events

Last Action Point 2

-We have successfully passed flexible autonomy in the disability space, this means that during events people are not obligated to identify or not identify as having a disability for privacy

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

To get the requirements sheet for special needs up and running

Action Point 2

To interview or casual works for carnival day and recruit volunteers

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
3	30 th of January 2019	Budget Passed	\$30,000	Budget	
3	30 th of January 2019	Food for collectives and support groups	\$100	Special Events	
3	30 th of January 2019	Food for all regular events	\$100	Special Events	
3	30 th of January 2019	Semester 1 therapist/counselor/psychologist for art therapy	\$3,000	Special Events	
3	30 th of January 2019	Gaming Hire	\$500	Special Events	
3	30 th of January 2019	Speaker fees, av equipment, gallery set up	\$1,500	Special Events	
3	30 th of January 2019	Therapist/counselor/psychologist for anxiety support group	\$2,000	Special Events	

Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

SRN training day has been organised.

Key Activity 2

Meeting with Karen Kealy, Associate Director of Scholarly Services and her staff has been organised. We will go over the data they’ve collected the past 2-3 years, security service costs, rationale for current times and locations. I am doing the necessary prep such as collating data on the numerous institutions that have 24hr study spaces available such as RMIT and Monash.

Key Activity 3

Fighting High-Stakes Assessments: I’ve been emailing subject and course coordinators for Music to ask for pass/fail rates and begin lobbying against the numerous subjects (most of which are performance subjects) with an end of semester assessment weighting of 100% and a hurdle of 100% class attendance with allowance for approved absences.

My predecessors already reached out to commerce to request their pass/fail rates and were apparently rebuffed. I’ll get in touch with the coordinators first before I look into alternate measures to get that information (i.e. freedom of information).

Key Activity 4

Stop Commoditising Students: I attended Selection Processes Committee last Monday where I raised the issue of the University enrolling students whose band level in the IELTS is lower than the recommended band for academic spaces, while leaving both staff and students greatly under resourced to cope with this – referencing two separate University course reviews that mentioned this and two independent news articles that did also. The committee did not deny the presence of an issue and current strategies were discussed however there didn’t seem to be a concrete plan to move forward and address this issue.

Considering that, I’ve been collating data on the experience of such students, the effect this environment has on their wellbeing, the tools other institutions have in place to aid them and what teaching staff have in mind. On the latter, I will distribute a survey to teaching staff at the annual arts tutor training event that I and a few other OB’s will be speaking at next Monday.

Key Activity 5

Green Scholarships: In light of the Books Not Bombs NUS campaign and the upcoming university contingent to the School Strike 4 Climate event, I’ve gone through the scholarships that are offered to Engineering students, categorising the donors as “neutral”, “good” or “bad” in relation to these issues. I’m now researching companies that are leading the world in green energy to see if they’re interested in investing in us, reaching out to the University to create scholarships to rival Boeing’s and Exxon Mobil’s.

Key Activity 6

Oh yeah! More SRN things: Received confirmation that the 3 Southbank committees are still active. Now waiting to hear from secretaries if they plan on having student representation this year.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Committee secretaries have been informed of the appointments of student reps. Just waiting on an appropriate rep for Biomedicine. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE.

Last Action Point 2

Governance training has been organised for Friday 15th March.

Last Action Point 3

Still gotta get my furniture sorted

Last Action Point 4

Summerfest is just about done. No plans for Sleep Over – will probs just spend the night helping out

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Meet with Karen Kealy, Associate Director of Scholarly Services.

Action Point 2

Present at the Arts teaching training event

Action Point 3

Contact subject and course coordinators.

Action Point 4

Contact green companies to discuss scholarships

Action Point 5

Create proposal regarding insufficient English entry requirements and resources.

Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig

No report submitted.

Environment Will Ross

Key Activities

Student Forum – What's Happening with Divestment? (Sustainable Investment Framework)

The Environment Department have now advanced to the next stage of plans for a Student Sustainability Forum, to be held on the 16th of April. This will be in the week before the semester 1 break, coinciding with the Department-run Radical Education Week (15th-18th April 2019). This forum aims to explain and make accessible to students the University's SIF (Sustainable Investment Framework) and Sustainability efforts, born from the Fossil Free campaign. More broadly, we intend to stimulate discussion about what more the University could do to protect people and environment in a rapidly changing world.

Discussions with staff are going ahead to source speakers from the University Sustainability Executive, as well as from firms hired to undertake analysis of the University's investments. Meanwhile, Enviro is seeking out suggestions for speakers from the community with experience in sustainability advocacy, climate activism, or research.

Students, staff, and community members will all be invited to attend and have their say at this interactive forum. This is an opportunity not just to update students on divestment, but to push the University to go further as the Sustainability Plan changes and grows in the coming years.

Bike Co-Op, Coming Soon

Enviro Dept is happy to (tentatively) announce that the Bike Co-Op will be reopening this year, likely with the beginning of semester 1! Discussions are now going ahead for the organisation of volunteers and staff, and setting a concrete date to open the Co-Op. We are also calling out for ideas for launch events, autonomous workshops, and promos to get the word out. Watch this space.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Date & Venue for the Student Forum on Divestment

Date confirmed for Student Forum on Divestment and Sustainability. Taking place in the evening on Tuesday 16th April. Venue still being sought, likely to take place on campus

Action Point 2: To meet with Union/University staff regarding the Bike Co-Op

Yes! Enviro has met with Union staff about the Co-Op and we are working closely with Goldie to get it off the ground for the start of the year.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Confirm Venue & Speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment

Campus venue and speakers list to be confirmed before the next Students' council.

Budget Expenditure

No expenditure from the 2019 budget to date.

**Indigenous
Marley Holloway-Clarke & Jordan Holloway-Clarke**

Introduction

Hi everyone, we are the new office bearers that have been elected into the Indigenous Department. We are both proud Njamal women and are very excited to start this role. I (Marley) am a returning officer that served during 2017 with Wunambi Connor whereas this is Jordan’s first time in office. We are both studying with me finishing off my Masters in Art and Cultural Management and Jordan is entering her second year of a Bachelor of Design.

We look forward to meeting everyone and collaborating in the future.

Key Activities

SummerFest

Key Indigenous department events during SummerFest include an UMSU presentation during Murrup Barak’s Transition-In Camp for first year Indigenous students (Pre-SummerFest), the Indigenous Department stall on Carnival Day, and a Welcome (Back) BBQ in week one for all Indigenous Students and Staff run with Murrup Barak.

Social Calendar

The Indigenous Department is in the planning stages of their social calendar for students which will include movie nights, trivia, social sport, social recreational events and art and culture activities. These events provide a place for Indigenous students to socialise outside of class and connect with other mob on different campuses. In the past it has created great opportunities for students to support one another and to form close bonds.

Indigenous University Games

The Indigenous Department is continuing with supporting a team/s at the National Indigenous University Games. This years games will be held in Perth, WA during the first week of winter break. There is much to be organised and teams to be finalised with registration opening in the next couple of weeks. We hope to secure a win once again this year and take the trophy home as back to back champions.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

N/A

Budget Expenditure

N/A

<p style="text-align: center;">Media Stephanie Zhang, Katie Doherty, Carolyn Huane, Ruby Perryman</p>

Key Activities

Finish up Edition one

We've been working hard on edition one. Over the last few weeks we've had to send and receive subediting and graphics, and Carolyn has been setting up the layout for our magazine this year. At the time of writing this report, we're two days away from sending to print.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Work on Edition One

Sending to print soon!

Action Point 2: Work on Edition Two

We've had our edition two board meeting already but have not gotten around to assigning subediting and graphics yet. After we send edition one to print we'll start working on edition two.

Action Point 3: Summerfest

Elinor and Tree, our events coordinators, are in the process of planning our Edition one launch party, which will be on North Beach and have food and drink tokens. We're hoping to pass \$750 this council to pay for food and bar staff and drinks. Edition one launch party will be bigger than the other ones, so we're hoping to attract lots of new students.

Also we'll be putting a call-out in our collective soon for volunteers to do distribution of magazines during O-week. We'll also be heading down to Southbank next Tuesday and hopefully be able to recruit some VCA artists and contributors.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Work on Edition two

Action Point 2: Call-out for volunteers for O-week

**People of Colour
Farah Khairat & Mark Yin**

Key Activities

Continued SummerFest preparations

Our tote bags have arrived as of the 11th and our snacks are coming on the 15th - we’ll be busy packing them in preparation for our stall. We’re also thinking of chucking some tea in an esky and doing an activity involving matching racist quotes to the people who said them, so we’ll be organising this pretty shortly. Our other events are also taking shape, with various bits and pieces of logistics being ironed out. This includes getting committee availabilities for the two week period and reaching out to other collective members for some help with running events.

Interviewing prospective *Anti-Racism 101* presenters

Earlier this week, we interviewed a number of very strong applicants to present this O-Week workshop, ranging from past office bearers to people new to the department altogether. Since this is a new event which aims to introduce students to our department and its values, selecting the right presenter is a momentous decision for us. We should have a presenter finalised by the 15th.

Tuning out of *RuPaul’s Drag Race All Stars 4*

If Manila goes, I go. Mark is expressing his extreme discontent at the sheer level of robbery on every available platform, including this one.

Diversity/inclusion training

We’ve been talking to staff and students across various faculties - in particular Arts and FBE - to get a grasp of existing procedures of diversity/inclusion training for staff. This is so that we can organise a student-led portion of said training in order to centre the lived experiences of students of colour. We’ll be sitting on a student panel in the Faculty of Arts tutor induction, and will be in contact with FBE about a cultural diversity training session later in semester one.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Finalise admin tasks for SummerFest

The finer details of our activations are falling into place!

Finalise events for Diversity Week

We’ll be running a themed film screening and reading group that week, as well as inviting back Dr. Yassir Morsi as a speaker.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Make SummerFest happen*

*unless there’s another council before then. Otherwise, see ya on the other side.

Go forth and train Arts tutors

We’ll let you know how this goes!

Start getting caterers for Week 1

This is approaching. We will get onto it.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2(19)	24/01/2019	S’Fest snacks	\$900	Special Events	Spent \$795.40 so far (we bought so much Pocky)

Queer **Andie Moore & Will Parker**

Key Activities

Zine Creation

The zine has been completely proofread, and sent off for printing! We have many more copies printed this year thanks to a lower printing quote than last, which is exciting. Get your hands on an EduGAYte Yourself when you can.

Midsumma

Midsumma was a massive hit - we got over 500 students and staff attending, which was massive, and much bigger than we ever expected. Andie got to run the university’s Snapchat for the day, which was an amazing opportunity to plug and promote the Queer department. At Midsumma, the Pride in Action Network committee managed to procure lots of sign-ups to the Pride in Action Network. If you haven’t already joined the Network, do so today: send an email detailing your interest to: pride-network@unimelb.edu.au

Pride in Action Network Committee

As mentioned above, the Network is blossoming. Andie has spent a lot of time responding to staff and student requests for our beautiful rainbow lanyards.

Ace/Aro Collective

A new collective has been launched – the Asexual and Aromantic collective – which will provide a weekly gathering space for students who experience little to no sexual or romantic attraction. Funding for the year has been secured at the last Operations Sub-Committee meeting, and we have found a facilitator for the collective.

Queer Political Action Collective

A week timetable has been sorted so QPAC falls in line with Radical Education Week, and other cool initiatives. Andie has reached out to some groups they’re keen on having represented, such Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and talks are ongoing. Andie is also working out how QPAC can align with queer political events being held at Southbank collective. The first event of the year, a “Pride Chat”, has been locked in with We Are Union Pride, the LGBTQI+ wing of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, where discussions can be facilitated around queer youth’s experiences in the workplace.

Southbank Collective

Andie has been talking to various people about becoming facilitators of the Southbank Collective, and is eyeballing catering ideas for the collective. If you have any ideas, or know anyone who might be interested in becoming a facilitator.

Rally to End LGBTQI+ Discrimination in Schools

Andie has helped promoted and attended a recent rally held by Equality Australia against the implementation of the Ruddock Review’s findings, and exemptions that allow religious schools to discriminate against queer staff and students.

Collective Orders

All the Parkville collectives’ food has been arranged for the year, with spending on collectives being passed at the last Queer Committee meeting (except for Southbank Collective).

Summerfest

Andie has been working out how to make lots and lots of glitter and has been tracking down the ingredients for them. A big roster has been made to assign Queer Department volunteers to tasks. Food is being ordered for Summerfest events, and the Carnival Day stalls are being planned out.

Student Precinct

Andie has sat on the New Student Precinct Project Inclusive Design User Group, and strongly advocated for more all-gender facilities in the Precinct, which allow trans, intersex and gender diverse students to use the bathroom of their preference in privacy, without risk of outing themselves. Andie is also working on finding ways the proposed Queer Space can expand in space and/or capacity, to meet the growing participation in the Queer Department.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

CAMP Magazine

Still need to put the call-out for editors, and are waiting back on advice about whether editors can be paid honoraria.

Queer Political Action Collective

See above.

Continue Summerfest Prep

Ongoing – volunteers are being coordinated, and resources are being purchased.

Replace the Banner in the Queer Space

Haven’t got around to it. Comms is really busy though.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Run Summerfest

Get Going on the Banner

<p style="text-align: center;">Welfare Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino</p>

Key Activities

Welfare Handbook & Tote Bag

Our new tote bags have come in and we’ll be sitting down with our committee to prepare them by the 25th and have everything ready for Goldie’s buggy runs.

Volunteering

Our Supervisor form has been up on Facebook for two weeks now and we’ve received 10 applications. Applications close on the 15th of February so we can have our supervisors ready by VCA Orientation.

Our Volunteering Agreement is ready and has been okayed by Legal.

Community Involvement Program (CIP)

We have restructured the program to ensure students stay in the program for longer and come back to volunteer each week without feeling they aren’t being appreciated for their work. The new program will incentivise volunteers to assist with setup and pack down, which usually see very few vollies helping.

Instagram

Upon suggestion of our committee, we have created a Cute Pets of UMSU Instagram account (@cutepetsofumsu). There used to be a cat memes section on the Welfare website, but Instagram gets more hits, and we feel we will be able to reach more students. We believe this could be a good way for students to destress and chill with pics of cute animals 😊

Progress on assigned actions from last report

SummerFest Planning

We have a detailed plan for SummerFest and have ordered everything we need for the stall/tote bags.

Volunteering

We couldn’t select our supervisors as we expected Students’ Council to be in the week starting 18th of February. As such, it’s been put under action point to be completed by next report.

Safer Partying Initiative

We have been swamped with SummerFest and CIP induction work and because of that, have not been able to meet with Michael’s contacts at SSDP and DanceWize. We did email SSDP and are awaiting a response.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Volunteering

We aim to have selected our CIP Supervisors and get them scheduled for SFH and Mental Health training after consultation with Fiona.

The presentation for our volunteer induction should also be ready by then.

Safer Partying Initiative

We need to meet with Michael’s contacts at DanceWize and Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) to lay the groundwork for continuing the initiative this year. This would include budgeting for and procuring the pill testing kits.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	31/01/2019	Welfare Handbook	\$1000.00	Special Projects	
	31/01/2019	Safer Partying Initiative	\$2500.00	Special Projects	This is for booklets and pill testing kits. We are awaiting a quote on the booklets from Comms, and on the pill testing kits pending our meeting with SSDP.
	31/01/2019	Summerfest	\$1000.00	Orientation	This is to cover the contents of the totes and the stall.

Women’s Aria Sunga & Hannah Buchan

Key Activities

Summerfest

Wow, we love O-Week. Talking to hundreds of women, it’s the dream! Planning for our O-Week has been coming along nicely and we are very excited. Most of the time we have spent in the offices lately have been planning for Summerfest. We are going to having a stall at the Southbank campus on the 19th, and a stall at the Parkville campus on the 26th. We are finishing work on all of our Summerfest merch, which will be a tote bag, a department brochure, and UMSU Women’s branded lip balms. We are working with Comms to get some sponsorships for the bags, and we’ll also be giving out last year’s Judy’s Punches and safety resources info sheets. We originally planned and budgeted to do a department zine, but we had issues with artwork coming in on time so we decided to go with a brochure option, which will free up some money in our budget for later.

Our flagship Summerfest event is going to be a moonlight cinemas styled event which we are looking to hold on the beach in North Court. It’ll be happening on Thursday the 7th of March in the evening, where we will be screening *Oceans 8* from about 8:40 with snacks and food (most likely pizza) from around 7pm. We are also going to make use of the North Court beach activation by holding an UMSU Women’s mocktails on the beach, where we can talk to students about the department while we give them a drink (drinks are yet to be determined, but will be non-alcoholic and we will have more than one option).

We are going to be getting involved with the Union House Sleepover, and running events like a sleeping space in the Women’s Room, a movie screening in the Rowdy, and DJing part of the dance floor.

Collective planning

This year we will be running five collectives: Women’s Collective, Women of Colour Collective, Judy’s Punch Collective the Women’s Action Collective and Women’s Collective at Southbank. We have passed the budget line for our collectives in our 2nd committee meeting (31/1/19). We decided against running a Transfemme Collective with advice from the Queer OBs, as not many people attended in the past. Instead, we are going to promote the Trans Collective from the Queer Department within our department to promote attendance, and the Queer Department will promote our collectives as inclusive of all trans and non-binary students as well. We will also be starting up a new Women’s Collective at Southbank, running every 2nd week starting from week 2 in the UMSU space in The Hub. We are currently looking for a facilitator for this collective, in case neither one of us can facilitate.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Budget approval

In December students’ council approved our budget and it was approved by our committee at our first committee meeting in December. Hooray for spending money!

Tote bags

Our tote bags are lit. Like so, so, lit. We found a Melbourne Uni student artist who designed our graphic and we have received them a little over a week ago! They look awesome and we can’t wait to hand them out

Action Points to be completed by next report

Meet with residential colleges

We got in contact with the president of the Inter-Collegiate Council (ICC) to discuss plans for having an UMSU presence in O-Week. We are really excited to have the opportunity to meet with college students because there’s a disconnect between colleges and UMSU, and we want everyone to be able to access the services UMSU provides. At this point we have had interest from four out of the ten residential colleges, and working on getting in contact with others.

Respect Task Force Meetings

The Respect Task Force meetings are starting up again soon, and we will be meeting with Celia Scott from Chancellery. We are involved in these meetings in order to be a part of the university’s respect campaign to tackle the issue of safety on campus.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
1	12/12/18	Lip Balms	\$3000.00	2018 budget	858 lip balms purchased
1	12/12/18	Tote Bags	\$4000	Summer and Winter Orientation	1500 tote bags purchased, only \$3408.35 spent. Spent \$586.30 of remaining money (\$591.00) on stickers for branding on lip balms

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