

## Furore at uni's live sex show

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THE state's most prestigious university is at the centre of a controversy over a live and extreme sex show performed on campus for "sex education" purposes.

The University of Melbourne Student Union - which last month refused to fund an Anzac wreath on behalf of students - has hosted explicit sex sessions as part of a week-long program.

Four witnesses said one forum during last week's Rad Sex and Consent Week involved a professional dominatrix escort performing live for an audience an extreme sex act too graphic to be detailed in the Sunday Herald Sun.

Another session witnessed by the Sunday Herald Sun at UMSU headquarters included instructions on how to manage having sex while on drugs.

Student councillor Charley Daniel of the Melbourne University Liberal Club, who witnessed the live demonstration, said most students would be horrified to know compulsory yearly union dues of up to \$263 went towards the activities.

"I attended to see how the union was managing a discussion on sex education and I was amazed to find it was an actual demonstration," Ms Daniel said.

"It was very disturbing and something that the vast majority of students would not be interested in."

Ms Daniel said at least one attendee was under the age of 18 and no student ID was checked.

UMSU president Mark Kettle said in a statement the sex education week had been run at no expense to students.

"The workshop ran last year at no cost, as has been repeated this year," the statement said. "(It) ... was run at the request of students and in light of positive comments."

But publicly available documents show union money, including a party bar tab and \$300 for gift vouchers, was spent on last year's sex week.

Union executives involved in organising this year's event are entitled to thousands of dollars in salary from compulsory student fees.

University of Melbourne vice-chancellor Glyn Davis said he wasn't aware of the Rad Sex and Consent Week and would not yet launch an investigation.

"The university would take seriously any complaints it receives about illegal activity on campus and has clear protocols and processes to deal with them," he said. "There have been no complaints ... about this event so far."

A further statement from the vice-chancellor's office said university administration had little control over UMSU's spending, despite student fees handed to the union.

"(The) university provides funds to UMSU under an agreement that they be used for the benefit of students in legal and non-political ways; UMSU determines the use of those funds," the statement said.

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