

University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students' Council



Student Officer Bearer Reports

Meeting 14(21)

President	Jack Buksh	<i>Not Submitted</i>
General Secretary	Allen Xiao	<i>Submitted</i>
Activities	Christos Prevolos	<i>Submitted</i>
	Phoebe Chen	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Clubs and Societies	Kalyana Vania	<i>Submitted</i>
	Muskaan Hakhu	<i>Submitted</i>
Creative Arts	Vaishnavi Ravikrishna	<i>Submitted</i>
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Disabilities	Lindsay Tupper-Creed	<i>Submitted</i>
	Brigit Doyle	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Academic Affairs)	Jennisha Arnanta	<i>Submitted</i>
	Planning Jay Vynn Saw	<i>Submitted</i>
Education (Public Affairs)	Hannah Krasovec	<i>Submitted</i>
	Tejas Gandhi	<i>Submitted</i>
Environment	Lynne Bian	<i>Submitted</i>
	Disha Zutshi	<i>Submitted</i>
Indigenous	Shanysa McConville	<i>Submitted</i>
Media	Lauren Berry	<i>Submitted</i>
	Ailish Hallinan	<i>Submitted</i>
	Pavani Ambagahawattha	<i>Not Submitted</i>
People of Colour	Mohamed Hadi	<i>Submitted</i>
	Emily AlRamadhan	<i>Leave</i>
Queer	Amy Bright	<i>Submitted</i>
	Laura Ehrensperger	<i>Submitted</i>
Welfare	Hue Man Dang	<i>Not Submitted</i>
Women's	Srishti Chatterjee	<i>Submitted</i>
	Mickhaella Ermita	<i>Submitted</i>
Southbank	Jamie Kim	<i>Submitted</i>
	Leyla Moxham	<i>Submitted</i>
Burnley	Kaitlyn Hammond	<i>Submitted</i>

All reports submitted late are not considered valid for this meeting.

President

Jack Buksh

General Secretary

Allen Xiao

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Key Activities

Apologies for the brevity of this report- as Council will be aware, there are some ongoing governance matters that will be covered in the CEO Report.

In other (and far happier) news, we have won WAMnesty for Semester 2! I have been witness to the incredibly challenging discussions with the University from the outset of this campaign, and the work our EdAc Officers have invested into its success. This victory is not on UMSU alone; thanks must also go to the representatives at GSA and UMSU INTL for their tireless advocacy.

When students fight hard- and fight smart- we win.

Elected Representatives Meeting

Last Friday, I attended an Elected Reps meeting to receive updates on the state of the WAM adjustment policies going forward. While we welcome the University's changes to address our most pressing concerns- especially in light of a recent, renewed lockdown- there is far more space to pursue ongoing matters regarding student welfare.

In particular, we raised the need for ongoing support for students in future. WAM adjustments should supplement, rather than replace, the structural adjustments that we have advocated for since Semester 1.

We also raised the implications of these adjustments on graduate entry Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science courses. 2020 grades, under two semesters of WAMnesty, were discounted entirely for GPA calculation. This adversely affected a broad range of students in Science and Biomedicine, and is an impact to address in the coming months. This is an ongoing discussion that I hope to update Council on as it develops.

SIG Applications

More of them rolling in! I have continued to advise a range of student groups on creating and refining their SIG Applications.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. A range of governance and management issues- ongoing

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Continue discussions regarding academic/welfare support with University stakeholders
2. Continue to review EBA, Regulations, and documents for the remainder of Semester.

Activities

Christos Prevolos

Key Activities

3BT and 2BT: Updates and Developments

Had a chat with Julian last Friday to run through our options. The two of us have been polishing up our COVID-safe plans, so that should we ever be allowed to return to campus, the paperwork and logistical side of things will be entirely sorted; at the very least it will provide a good template for future events to run (hopefully they won't need COVID safe plans though). Julian and I have decided that, if we can return to campus and have events, we should; agents are very keen to get bands playing and will likely put forward artists. If lockdown is eased but we cannot have live shows, we will do what we did in semester 1: record high-quality gigs in a studio with a professional A/V team. We have contacted the film crew and they are already happy and keen to help should this option be feasible.

In terms of bands, we've prioritised Chitra and the Murlocs for the first shows we want to run; Julian has also noted that the agencies New World, Four Tone, and Our Golden Friend are all keen to pitch gigs to us if we get the chance to pre-record or run them in person. As it stands we will try to stick to the original schedule as communicated to the bands so as not to mess them around too much; however if scheduling/quarantining issues come up (e.g. Becca Hatch not being able to perform since she is stuck in NSW) we will try to postpone those artists and extend the opportunity to another band. The bottom line is, the infrastructure is all ready to go and has been organised so that as soon as we CAN record/hold gigs, we will without delay – and time will definitely be of the essence if restrictions ease, so this should prove helpful.

Other Matters to Report On

Julian has informed me that Courtney Barnett recently performed her new song 'Rae Street' on the Tonight Show in the exact same format as we recorded gigs in semester one this year (recorded live at the Bakehouse studios in Richmond) so we both thought that was pretty swag. It's a nice song and a great performance, I recommend checking it out here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NR6pZYk4FHk&ab_channel=TheTonightShowStarringJimmyFallon

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **3BT/2BT:** as outlined in report; working on contingency plans and infrastructure.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. I'll be continually communicating with Julian to organise things as soon as they can be.

- I am planning on writing up some handover documents early – this is because a lot of the bands we have contacted/booked for this semester will likely no longer be able to play this semester, and Julian and I agree that it isn't really right to just cancel their shows after we've booked them. This same situation happened last year with Nyxen, though that gig unfortunately was unable to occur for health reasons. I think there will be about 4 or so bands that will be postponed so I'm going to try and make it easier for next year's OBs to work with that schedule.

Budget Expenditure

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Activities

Phoebe Chen

Clubs and Societies

Kalyana Vania

1. Club Leadership & Event Management Workshop

- We have contacted Josh Farr and have settled on the dates:

Thursday 23/9 10am-11:30am and Tuesday 28/9 10am-11:30am

They will also be providing certificates for everyone who attended the workshop, which will also be eligible for their LICA Professional development hours. We will open registrations for clubs by this week and start promoting this event in our social media platforms. Total estimated cost for this would be

Training cost x2 = \$2400+GST

Certificates= \$200+GST

Total= \$2860 inc GST

We aim to have this event on the running and will appreciate committees help to spread the word on this. By the end of this workshop, our intended outcome is for clubs to be able to use what they have learnt and relay it into an event of their own.

Action items: to prepare social media content for the promotion of this event, sending registration form to clubs deadline for registration : Friday, 10 September 2021.

2. Awards Night

We aim to hold an all online Awards night event with games, lucky draw prizes and giveaways. Following customary traditions, this time around we aim to have 6 categories for the awards:

- Best visual marketing campaign award (3 winners)
- Best online engagement award (3 winners)
- Most enthusiastic/ entertaining club award (1 winner)
- Most sustainable club award (1 winner)

- Best club initiative award (can be any events/activities for students) (3 winners)
- Best 2021 track record award (1-3 winners)

We aim to circulate nomination forms by 13 Sept-27 September, for the C&S Committee to be able to discuss on Oct 13 Scheduled meeting. Awards night set date for now will be 23 October 2021, date may be subject to changes depending on what the committee decides on.

3. New club application

- We have discussed with BusinessOne and Society for Marketing and Communications on their application aims. They have both resubmitted their revised aims and are eager for the committee to consider more further the outcome of the application.

Clubs and Societies

Muskaan Hakhu

I wanted to start my report by congratulating Jennisha and Planning. Kudos to the Education Academic department for not giving up! I know it would not have been easy to lead this movement and fight for this long, but I am really proud of what you have achieved! This is a massive, win for the students. <3

Now on to clubs!

Key Activities

C&S Canvas subject

We have completed editing and recording the AGM training, and now are working towards the technicalities of a few things and hopefully this Canvas subject will be available to club executives in 2 weeks.

Engagement Trainings

As mentioned in my previous report, the pandemic has been a very difficult for the clubs, especially in-terms of gathering engagement. Hence the C&S department has decided on holding workshops and seminars to help clubs with the issue of engagement and how to market events in an online setting. We do believe that this workshop would be highly beneficial since a lot of the events would be happening online.

These workshops most likely would be held at the end of the month of September. The club executives who complete this would also be getting a certificate and these workshops would be counted towards their LiCA too.

We are also planning to record these training and put them on the canvas subject as a “resource” for future club executives.

RSA and SFH Trainings

Since the last meeting, I have emailed more companies for their quotes on these courses just so we have a good pool of options to choose from.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- Waiting on quotes for RSA and SFH from other institutes that provide the trainings

Action Points to be completed by next report

3. Quotes of RSA and SFH trainings
4. Update on the Canvas Subject
5. Update on the trainings

Creative Arts

Vaishnavi Ravikrishna

Key Activities

Mudfest

Mudfest is all done! We had our final Awards Night happen on Zoom on Friday, August 27th at 7:00 PM AEST and it went very well! It was also a very emotional time, marking the end of this festival that Merryn and I along with the rest of our have worked for so long on, and have gone through so many ups and downs for. Thank you to Srishti, Planning, and Jamie for being on our awards judging panel, and also thank you to Lynne and Disha for sponsoring the Sustainability Award! Instead of giving a pre-set award to all the award winners, Merryn and I curated a list of appropriate options for each award, fitting in with our budget, along with the help of some of the Arts & Culture Department staff and sent those out to the winners so that they can choose what suits them best. There were 26 awards on the whole including one People's Choice Award and we had a very well thought out voting process that was based on the UHT Awards committee voting guidelines. We also sent out digital certificates to the award winners to act as a little reminder of their time and efforts. The award winners for each category are listed on our social media. We've also decided to keep our on demand material up for a little longer for people to have some art in their lives during the lockdown. Now that the official part of the festival is over, Merryn and I need to work on coordinating the prizes and also on going through the results of the Mudfest survey. But yeah, it's been a whole thing and we're so glad we could make it happen!

Above Water

After speaking to our lovely Media friends, we will be moving the launch to be fully online on September 30th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. We'll plan out further details in the coming weeks.

Creative Arts Collective

It goes and it goes well!

Student Artist Spotlight

So many cool submissions from students! We're a little behind on getting them up on our socials, so we'll get onto that this week

Mask Making Workshop

We're organising a workshop to hand sew face masks on Zoom. We're hoping to have it on September 9th and have logged the job on Basecamp. We're yet to confirm a facilitator though.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Finalise Mudfest award winners and their prizes and contact the artists - DONE
2. Organise, publish and promote Mudfest Awards Night on August 27th - DONE
3. Plan a potential mask-making workshop – In the process of planning it
4. Contact venues for Above Water Launch – DONE (shifted to Zoom)
5. Close grant round on August 20th – DONE

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Organise the requested prizes for the Mudfest award winners
2. Plan and conduct our mask-making workshop
3. Go through and approve the Creative Arts Grants for this round
4. Go through the results of the Mudfest survey

Budget Expenditure

Please refer to Merryn's report!

Creative Arts

Merryn Hughes

Key Activities

Mudfest

- Mudfest Survey
 - We released a survey on Sunday 15th August to receive feedback from attendees. We've had just over 50 responses and would love some more if you have time! Yes you! Reading this now! Fill in the 5-minute survey for your chance to win a \$50 gift-card to Readings! You can fill in the survey here:
<https://culturecounts.cc/s/y56mQ>
- Mudfest Awards
 - We announced the winners publicly at our online Mudfest Awards Night on Friday 27th August. It was such a wholesome night, we had about 60 people attend at one point and after we announced all the awards (shout out to Srishti and all our other presenters!) we heard from a few artists who spoke of their experience being part of Mudfest 2021 with such gratitude, love and pride – such a beautiful night!
 - Vaishnavi made some STUNNING award certificates and I sent them all out to the award winners on Monday along with a list of prize options – we have decided to let the winners choose their prize from a list of options that Vaishnavi and I put together with the help of Xanthe from UHT, Sandie from Arts Programs and Lynne and Disha from Enviro (for the Mudfest Sustainability Award)
 - You can view all the winners on the Mudfest Arts Instagram and Facebook (Vaishnavi made such beautiful tiles)
- Grants
 - We've been receiving some acquittal reports from artists and are yet to review them but looking forward to it!
 - Acquittal reports are due by 5PM AEST Monday 13th September unless an extension is granted.
- Finally, just a reminder that Mudfest On Demand, GPG Virtual and our 3D Virtual Exhibition are available for another two weeks!
 - You can view 30+ incredible works by our artists here:
<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/studentlife/arts/mudfest2021/program/mudfest-on-demand/>
 - I also made a quick 2.5min virtual tour of the website and what is available in our extended season which you can view here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCIXRjC3rZQ>

Above Water

- Media and Creative Arts have decided to cancel the in-person component of our launch and move to online delivery. I will be the online supervisor.

Student Artist Spotlight

- The Student Artist Spotlight has been going well! We've been receiving about 3-4 submissions a week and it's been really nice to see the engagement with the works when we share them on Facebook and Instagram.
- Students can send us their submissions [via this google form](#)
- Submission deadlines close on Fridays 11:59 PM AEST each week

Grants

We have been meeting with applicants for our fourth round of grants over the past month and will be reviewing the applications with our committee on Thursday 2nd.

Workshops

We have begun planning some workshops to run in the time we have left as Creative Arts OBs. One is a mask-making workshop which is set to occur on Wednesday 8th September.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **Source Mudfest Award Prizes** – IN PROGRESS – we're able to source the prizes once we hear back from our award winners.
2. **Confirm winners of Mudfest Awards** – DONE.
3. **Notify winners of Mudfest Awards on Monday 23rd August** – DONE.
4. **Post Mudfest award nominees on socials on Monday 23rd August** – DONE.
5. **Promote and host Mudfest Awards Night on Friday 27th August** – DONE.
6. **Submit SSAF Grant Variation Request** – NOT DONE.
7. **Create and distribute Mudfest survey specific to production team, artists and volunteers** – NOT DONE.
8. **Send WWCC scans of Mudfest Staff and Volunteers to HR** – IN PROGRESS – I'm still waiting on 1 prod team member and around 40/87 volunteers to send theirs in.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Source Mudfest Award Prizes
2. Send Coles gift-cards to Mudfest Judging Panel members
3. Notify Creative Arts Grant applicants of outcome
4. Confirm guest artist to facilitate mask-making workshop
5. Submit SSAF Grant Variation Request
6. Create and distribute Mudfest survey specific to production team, artists and volunteers

7. Send WWCC scans of Mudfest Staff and Volunteers to HR

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
Creative Arts Committee 13(21)	20.8.21	Payment of 26 prizes for Mudfest award-winners.	\$5,675	'Grants & Awards' from the Mudfest Budget 2021	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee under motion 6.2. Amount not yet spent in its entirety.
Creative Arts Committee 13(21)	20.8.21	Purchase of 2 x \$50 Readings gift-card vouchers for two randomly selected respondents from the Mudfest 2021 Survey	\$100	'Marketing, Publicity & Archival' from the Mudfest Budget 2021	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts Committee under motion 6.3.
Creative Arts Committee 13(21)	20.8.21	Purchase of one month Kapwing Pro subscription	\$27.28	'Marketing, Publicity & Archival' Mudfest Budget 2021	This was carried without dissent by the Creative Arts committee under motion 6.4.

Students' Council 13(21)	20.8.21	Purchase of 10 x \$25 Coles gift-card vouchers to be given to members of the Mudfest Judging panel	\$250	'Grants & Awards' Mudfest Budget 2021	This was passed at Students' council.
Total:	\$6,052.28				

Disabilities

Brigit Doyle

Over the last two weeks I have been working on continuing to develop the online programs, and we are struggling with peoples attendances as many people have just had enough of online programs. We are doing give away vouchers at our events to get an extra few people along. We had a really good workshop with the Australian Network on Disability. They spoke to use about workplace adjustments, sharing disability information, recruitment process and how to survive in the workplace. As well as the internship and mentoring program for students with disabilities. We are also doing a collaboration with the welfare department to run trivia in the coming week or so. I am really hoping that Pilates: Movement for Everyone can run however we are having so issues between MU sport and UMSU legal department, so it is on hold until the issues can be resolved. We also had a really productive meeting with Catherine. Working on the disability and inclusion action plan which is people created which is really exciting to see the university taking a step forward in this area.

Coming up we also have NDIS talk, mental health training run by cap similar to what we can in semester 1 however this will be online. I am also hoping to open up mental health first aid training as well. And we will be advertising Auslan classes and plan to approve more places in line with National Week of Deaf People coming up. Also next week is R U OK day, we will be doing some Facebook posts as well as running a discussion and some activities along side our collective.

Disabilities

Lindsay Tupper-Creed

Actions Completed

We met with the Diversity and Inclusion team that operates inside Chancellery to discuss their activity in developing a new Accessibility Action Plan for the university. This was an opportunity for us to provide feedback and raise key areas of concern, particularly: onerous disclosure requirements, the lack of any universal design approach for accessibility in subjects, and the registration experience for special consideration / academic adjustment plans.

Unfortunately, it appears unlikely that we will be able to hold pilates classes at this stage, due to ongoing discussions between UMSU and MU Sport regarding establishing a cooperative agreement.

Actions to be completed

Follow-up with development of the Accessibility Action Plan, including convening a focus group to brainstorm and consider solutions for posed issues.

Organise & advertise signups for our remaining Auslan class places (87 places).

Continue to develop our response to holding events within the context of “zoom fatigue”

Education (Academic)

Jennisha Arnanta

As you are all aware, the Education Academic Department has recently won WAM adjustment for Semester 2, 2021. This is a huge win and has been a long fight for all three student organisations involved!

Since our very first lockdown, the Education Academic department had worked tirelessly and had countless sleepless nights to lobby the University in providing support for students. We launched the WAM Adjustment campaign in collaboration with UMSU INTL and GSA. During this campaign, we had provided a detailed report to the University, launched a petition that was signed by over 20,000 students, launched a video campaign and had numerous meetings with the University for months to fight for WAM adjustment back.

Despite initial resistance from the University, further announcement of the lockdown convinced the Education Academic department that our work is not done until the University provides us with this support and we will push until the University realizes this fact. Given that there were already 20,000 signatures in our previous petition, it is clear what students need and as such, we saw no need to launch another petition but kept on pushing the University behind the scenes.

Emails were sent out, meetings were held and we kept pushing until morning of the 26th where we received the good news on the fruits of our labour. This proves that when students are united, the University will listen to us.

Key Activity 2: BPO Special Consideration

Planning and I both attended a Business Process Ownership Special Consideration workshop where we talked about the BPO model and the possibility of using this system for the process of Special Consideration. This is still an ongoing discussion and is at its early stages. There are working groups being set up for this with student representatives. Both Planning and myself will be attending those.

Key Activity 3: Answering enquiries from students

We have been receiving numerous emails from students following the announcement of WAM adjustment for Semester 2, 2021.

Action points:

Hold another education committee meeting

Attend BPO Special Consideration workshop

Education (Academic)
Planning Jay Vynn Saw

Education (Public)

Hannah Krasovec

Key Activities

Campaign to Stop the Robert Menzies Institute (RMI)

Last report I reported back on the online rally that went really well!! You can refer to my previous report for info on this. For the campaign, my main work in the last 2 weeks or so has been organising an online forum for Thursday 2nd Sept 6pm. We have three prominent speakers - Jeff Sparrow (Guardian columnist, writer, editor, broadcaster and Unimelb lecturer), Jeanine Leane (Wiradjuri writer, teacher and Unimelb academic) and Mick Armstrong (long-time socialist and political activist, organiser and author). Our speakers will discuss the politics of the Menzies Institute and the campaign to prevent its establishment. Following their presentations, there will be time for discussion. If you're interested in coming along, the event link is <https://fb.me/e/2EmOXXJJK>. We've been working on this with GSA Education, as we have been for the rest of the campaign. We decided on the online forum as we thought it would be good to have some academic speakers for a change. We've got an in-person rally planned for 15 Sept but chances are we'll still be in lockdown/not allowed on campus so we will probably move this online. News is that the lockdown will be extended, but not sure for how long (at the time of reading this report). We got the UMSU main socials to promote the forum (and in the eNews) to get the word out.

Collectives

We managed to get some promo for Rural, Regional and Interstate (RRI) Students Collective via the main UMSU socials which was awesome. Unfortunately, attendance is still a bit low compared to when we were able to have this collective in person.

Education Action Collective has been going really well!! Very good turnout, especially considering it's been assignment season. Lots of discussion on issues surrounding our education and the Menzies Institute. We've got the Young Workers Centre (YWC) from Trades Hall coming along to our next collective (Thursday 2nd September 1-2pm) for a workshop on your rights at work and more. We've managed to get some promo via UMSU eNews etc to get the word out about it – it's so important that students know their rights at work, as young people are often exploited at work.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **Organise/hold Education Action Collective with the Young Workers Centre for a session on knowing your rights at work, joining your union etc.**
Organised at time of writing report. Will have been held by the time of council.
2. **Get UMSU official socials to promote the Menzies campaign more.**
Done. Read more in key activities.
3. **Get UMSU official socials to promote the Rural, Regional and Interstate Students Collective.**
Done. Read more in key activities.
4. **More memes on the Instagram. Been lacking in the memes lately.**
Done!! Huge shoutout to members of Education Action Collective for some banger memes (especially Emily Kaji's Tiktok!!)

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Hold the online forum for the Menzies campaign.
2. Brainstorm more ideas to help boost RRI attendance.
3. Brainstorm more ideas for workshops for Education Action Collective (similar to the collab with YWC)
4. Even more memes on the socials – they really boost engagement for when we post more official stuff!!

Budget Expenditure

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N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Education (Public)

Tejas Gandhi

Key Activities:

Education Action Collective:

This week was a fairly interactive one. We discussed about the new students arts forum which is a new “initiative” from the university for students to “observe” how arts program designing works. How contradictory that students are supposed to observe the discussions and not contribute from their perspectives, Pia gave us a lot of details about the program. We also talked about the imarc meeting to be held soon and what we can do to get attention of students’ opposition to this.

This week we have young workers center event where they will train us about the some of their programming- including activist training, employees’ rights and how students can join the union. How exciting!

Rural, Regional, Interstate Collective:

This was a more casual session in which discussed about laying out our future events and how we can make our collective more interactive. We want to design more interactive plans such as games sessions/ice breakers for the collective and utilise a more student centric forum to approach the issues.

No Menzies Institute Online Rally-

Followed by our staunch rally earlier, we have another online forum against the Menzies institute on 2nd September. We have some prominent speakers who will discuss the fundamentals of the Menzies institute and provide a framework for the campaign to prevent the establishment of Menzies. We are also working on promoting this online forum through our social media platform.

Action points to be completed by the next report:

- Continue planning for upcoming collectives and forums.
- Promote our campaigns on social media through increased student engagement

Environment

Lynne Bian

Key Activities

Meeting with Sustainability Team

For the past couple of weeks, we have met up with Rav from the Sustainability Team hoping to collaborate. We have also supported our student collective especially the community garden in order to help them with organising events in the goal of inviting everyone to learn about environmental activism.

Creative Arts Collaboration

We had several meetings with the creative arts department. We agreed on a collaboration with the creative arts department where the environment department sponsored 200 dollars for the sustainability award.

Enviro Collective

Disha and I are meeting up with all the Enviro Collective activity coordinators to discuss future plans.

Campaigns in Semester 2

We had several meetings discussing ideas on how we can mobilise students in supporting environmental activism through education and events. Ideas include campaigning online and organising a enviro magazine.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

N/A

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Elaborate on how we can mobilise students in supporting the environmental activism through education.
2. Finalise the collaboration with creative arts department.

Budget Expenditure

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8(21)	20 th August 2021	purchase sustainable rewards for participants and winners as part of the Environment x Creative Art Department Collaboration on 'Mudfest'	\$200	Events	

Environment

Disha Zutshi

Key Activities

Community Garden Collective

- Community Garden had organised a successful 'Edible Weed Workshop' on 24th August, 2021.
 - The workshop was taken by Gabriel from Ziggywildfoods- a long time forager and fermenter from Sydney
 - The workshop was with regard to learning more about wild edible weeds, nuts and seeds.

Creative Arts Collaboration- MUDFEST

- The Environment department collaborated with the Creative Arts department for the sustainability award for Mudfest.
- Environment department also sponsored the award- \$200 from the 'events' budget of Environment department

Action Points to be completed by next report

- 1 .Reimburse community garden for workshops and garden supplies

Indigenous

Shanysa McConville

Key Activities

Gundui Bunjil Volume 10

Submissions are still open for Gundui Bunjil Volume 10. We're struggling to get things sent in but we're going to contact all of our past contributors and ask if they have material to contribute and hopefully that will get us over the line. Our cover art competition is still running as an incentive for students to send in works as well. The winning piece will be featured on the cover and that student will receive a bundle of Blak merch. All other submissions will still be featured throughout the magazine as well, so no one misses out!

VIC Indigenous Nationals Competition

Due to the extension of the current lockdown this competition has been cancelled. Should restrictions ease at the end of the semester and allow an on-campus event we'd be keen to reassess and perhaps host this comp.

Merchandise

Our glass water bottles and notebooks are finally done! Because of the lockdown they can't be accessed yet, but we're keen to distribute these with our Gundui Bunjil caps and bucket hats as soon as possible.

Indigenous Literacy Day

Because of the lockdown extension this event has been postponed. If we're able to get on campus at the end of the semester we may still host a book fair – time will tell!

Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k Liberation Week

Due to the extension of the current lockdown we've decided to move this event online in Week 11. This means our big food/music event has had to be cancelled as it's unlikely we'll be allowed

on campus. Our Welcome, seminars, Billibellary's Walk and alumni networking event are being transitioned to online events. We are also going to chat to Mabu Mabu about their availability to host a virtual cooking session. Murrup Barak have hosted a similar event in the past and students who signed up received a damper kit to cook alongside the Mabu Mabu staff, so we're keen to incorporate Blak food in some way.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Update on Under Bunjil launch.
Waiting for update from university about resumption of activity on campus after this lockdown is over.
2. Update on Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k Liberation Week planning.
Has been moved online.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Update on Under Bunjil launch.
2. Update on Indigenous Sovereignty and Bla(c)k Liberation Week planning.

Media

Lauren Berry

Key Activities

Edition 3/4 Launch party

We held a very successful launch party for our combined launch on the night of August 20! We did some readings, had some incredible musical performances, played some games and had a grand ol' time with many members of our collective! Turnout was surprisingly high, and at this stage, we're planning to hold a combined Ed 5/6 launch of the same vein at the end of semester.

Mailing

We've been working on organising a stronger system for mailing physical copies of *Farrago* to students, especially because it looks like we won't be returning to campus for some time. This has included getting expressions of interest from students (both domestic and international), and we're currently negotiating plans with our printer.

Edition Five

Due to the ongoing lockdown, we were able to extend our Edition Five timeline a little bit, namely because we'll be launching online and won't have the pressure of making sure the printer and physical copies are ready for that date. Subediting and illustrations have mostly all been returned and we're currently proofing and finalising things. We also postponed our proofing event (where the collective helps to comb over the details we've missed) to September 6 due to unforeseen circumstances.

Edition Six

Submissions for Edition Six (our final edition!) closed on August 20. I had a record number of creative submissions, so it's taken me quite a long time to sort through and assess these, though I'm almost done. We've commissioned a cover and are awaiting submissions. Subediting and illustration commissions will be sent out soon, though, like Edition Five, we've been able to extend the deadline a little bit as well. Still, no rest for *Farrago* editors.

Website

Still going through drafts and requests with the designers! It's taken a lot longer than anticipated (mainly due to delays with MSL), but not far off now.

Event Planning & Merch

Sometimes it feels like my life is basecamp jobs! Have been overseeing the planning (or rather, constant negotiating and rearranging) of Edition 5/6 launch events. We also had a meeting to discuss new arrangements for our planned gallery event, which may have to be moved online. Also been overseeing the new *Farrago* merch concepts and designs.

Elections

Ailish has been amazing at leading *Farrago's* coverage of the upcoming UMSU elections. As with every year, it's a little overwhelming, especially for our already swamped department. We'll also be hosting the election debate on September 1.

Progress on Actions from Last Report

1. Proofing Edition Five—in progress
2. Chosen Edition Six pieces; planning subediting and illustrations—in progress
3. Preparing fodder blog content/pieces—in progress
4. Proceeded with event planning

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Launch new website
2. Proof Edition Five and finalise digital version
3. Send out subediting and illustrations for Edition Six
4. Proceed with event and merch planning

Media

Ailish Hallinan

Key Activities

Election Coverage

Election coverage is in full swing! We have profiled all the Presidential candidates — which has been very popular with students. We received so much feedback from these & requests for more profiles, so we have also reached out to the Gen Sec candidates as well. By the time of Council, the Presidential debate will have been held. This is being held on Zoom and via Facebook live stream should councillors wish to access after the fact. The Election Guide (aka the 80-something-page bane of my existence) is also with the ROs for final checks. I am really proud of what we've been able to achieve in terms of election coverage this year. We, perhaps naively, tasked ourselves with a lot more coverage than *Farrago* usually puts out, but the reaction from students, who appreciate having access to this information, has been really great!

General Updates (COVID, Ed 5 & 6 timelines etc.)

Due to the ongoing lockdown situation in Melbourne, and the severity of COVID-19 around the world, we have decided to make some changes to our timelines. Our timeline is usually based around physical launches, however with these not possible, we have had to reconsider when & how we launch our magazines. We sought some feedback from students who would prefer some extra time to work on their pieces & would also prefer combined online launches due to Zoom fatigue. Our team is also incredibly exhausted, so we are grateful students also want some extra time. As such, we'll be delaying the launch of Editions 5 & 6 until October.

Shipping

Because we have some more money to play around with due to cancelled physical launches, we have decided to put this money towards shipping to more students. Our capacity to ship magazines to students was strained by COVID-19 budget cuts, meaning we could only ship to students in Victoria. We have consulted with our mailing house who have given us quotes for both domestic and international shipping, both of which were much less than we anticipated. We are looking forward to being all to ship to more of our contributors! Please see recommendations below for shipping costs.

Establishing Media Library

I have been working with our photography team managers to establish a media library for our department. It will improve access for reporters and editors to photography and artwork they can

use to accompany articles (kind of like our own Stock Photo library). Submissions will be sourced with weekly competitions and the winners will be entered in a draw for a prize at the end of the year. Not only will this library be incredibly useful, we hope it will also give students more opportunities to submit outside of our print cycle. See Media Recommendations for hosting & prize costs.

Above Water Updates

Above Water is nearly complete & will launch as planned at the end of September!

Edition 4 Launch

Due to lockdown 6.0, we had to move our launch online. We were so blown away by the turnout and were blessed by amazing performances from students <3 We also played a bunch of games!

Website Updates

Our website is almost done! Nothing new to report from the last council, just waiting for final touches from MSL. Start of September deadline still looks good!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Edition 4 launched!
2. Presidential Profiles & Debate done!
3. Election Guide sent to the ROs
4. Continuing to work on Above Water

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Website ready to launch! (hopefully!)
2. Elections over (thank god!)
3. Above Water ready for proofing
4. Continue to work on Editions 5 & 6

Media Recommendations

Item Description	Amount	Budget Line	Comment
PPCA Internet Radio Streaming Licence fees	\$550	Special Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That we pass \$550 from the Special Projects line to pay PPCA Internet Radio Streaming Licence fees for Radio Fodder.
Hosting Media Library	\$65	Special Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That we pass \$65 from the Special Projects line to pay for hosting costs for the new Media Library
Prizes for Media Library Winners	\$350	Special Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That we pass \$350 from the Special Projects line to pay for end of year prizes for Media Library competition winners. We will have 2 winners (one photography & one illustration) that get \$100 each, and 2 runners-up (one photography & one illustration) that get \$75 each.
Shipping Costs for Edition 4	\$650	Printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That we pass \$650 from the Printing line to pay for shipping costs for sending Edition 4 to students

Media

Pavani Ambagahawatta

People of Colour

Mohamed Hadi

**I want to give a huge shoutout for Planning and Jennisha for their amazing work into getting WAMNESTY this semester, although you were a bit undercut, we all know the amazing effort that you have put in despite a lot of criticism that you received.
Thank You :')**

Anyways, back to my report

Key Activities

Myriad magazine

We're framing the promo as "submissions are closing soon" to alert students that the deadline for submissions are closing soon. We're also hoping to pump out more graphics and advertisement over the next few days.

Collectives

- Collectives are going well, low turnout but that's expected

Antiracism Workshops

- Systemic racism workshop had an AMAZING turnout (25 people)
- POC identity workshop is confirmed for 16 September
- Diversity and inclusion workshop is planned for the 23rd of September
- Workshop on racism and migration detail has been approved by committee, pending finalizing details to organize this workshop

Indigenous sovereignty and Bla(c)k liberation week

- We will be doing this online! So were looking at holding the Welcome to country and dance performance on campus and we go on Facebook live to showcase them online, this would be more engaging than people hoping on zoom
- Workshops and seminars are happening online, still confirming people
- Networking night is unsure how will be proceeded, talking to Bla(c)k collective coordinators and Brittney soon to figure out how to do this

POC x Welfare Voucher giveaway

- The main idea behind this is that students aren't attending events anymore because of zoom fatigue and general lockdown vibes
- Students still need support, so I just thought we could do a giveaway where students sign up for a voucher and we email it to them when funds clear from UMSU
- We want to give away 100 vouchers to 100 students at 25 dollars each, these e-gift cards can be swapped for any brand in Australia and expire in 3 years
- It's a small contribution but a small relief for student who need it 😊
- There will be no criteria for this, students can just sign up and we will send it to their emails

People of Colour

Emily AlRamadhan

On Leave

Queer

Amy Bright

Our regular activities have been continuing online, including collectives and G&Ts.

A lot of the advocacy work has slowed down due to the Dean's failure to accept our report, but I continue to work with Education Academic to have this heard at Academic Board - it's just a bit of a waiting game until they next meet. QPAC will likely refocus on the Building Renaming Campaign, so watch this space for developments there, and invitations to collaborate with other autonomous departments.

Laura and I continue to plan for Queer Ball, which will be held online via Zoom on Thursday 30th September. The theme will be "Villainous Couture" - we are very excited. We are also continuing planning for the Queer Gals and Enby Pals Movie Night, in collaboration with the Women's Department.

Queer

Laura Ehrensperger

Key Activities

Social Media

Social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram are used to promote the online events which are occurring throughout the Semester.

Facebook Boosting will also be used to promote these events and make the posts more far-reaching.

Events

Queer Ball

Queer Ball had to be postponed due to the lockdown in Melbourne. However, the next available times are occurring close to the exam period, or early next year.

As such we have decided to hold an online Queer Ball instead, and receive a refund on the money as the event will have to be cancelled with Bobby McGees.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Sorting out the rest of Queer Ball
2. More promotion and attendance for smaller events

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
12	To be decided				

Welfare

Hue Man Dang

Women's
Srishti Chatterjee

Tw: refugees in detention, sexual misconduct, trauma, death

Hi, been a bit out of it this week, prepping for leave and watching all sorts of attempts to undermine the work of this year has really taken a toll on my mental health. It's also the anniversary of my grandmother's death today - and she would have been proud of me, and that keeps me going! I would also like for people to know, if you want to publicly defame me by being a misogynist, choose a day I'm not grieving the death of a family member, especially after I've lost about 30 family members and friends to COVID this year.

That being said, I deeply appreciate everyone who's checked on me, I love you all <3

KEY ACTIVITIES:

Vicarious Trauma Training - Mickhaella and I finally got vicarious trauma training, something we should have received at least four months ago. Nevertheless, the NUS arranged for us to have Intro to Vicarious Trauma Training and Responding with Compassion Training through the Rape and Domestic Violence Services of Australia.

As a survivor, this year has been incredibly hard, and while people have tried to make it more difficult for us by sending more misogyny and trauma our way, I'm glad I can spend an afternoon training for trauma with Mickhaella. We laughed, a lot!

Survey Statement - Mickhaella and I wrote a statement, along with GSA Women's Officer, Madeleine, to go out as an email pre-survey, co-signed by us and Jack and Jeremy. We have made a list of resources for students, state-wide, unionised and trusted. We're waiting on it to go out as an email.

SOAR Steering Committee - Got a cute little shoutout for having the best policy ideas, and had a productive meeting with the reps from the Chancellery, Safer Communities, other faculties, Universities Australia, and the eSafety Commissioner!

Mudfest Awards Night - Had a lovely time judging and being present at Mudfest Awards Night! Big thank you for inviting me to present the Activist Award - I loved having a chance to dress up!

Phone Bank for Afghan Refugees - Ran a little lunch break phone bank to Canberra offices to abolish quota and increase resettlement intake for Afghan refugees - alongside freeing Afghan people already in detention in 'Australia'.

ACTION ITEMS Assigned from last report:

1. **NUS NDA FINALISATION:** still in a lull
2. **Queer Gals and Enby Pals Movie Night:** Basecamp job has been logged, Amy has been on top of this!
3. **UMSU Intl:** I believe they're changing over their offices today, so I'll be messaging them soon.
4. **Follow up on Welfare and Disabilities to move survey wellbeing online** - I have emailed both offices, on August 23rd, and not received any response.

ACTION ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED BY NEXT REPORT:

1. **Welfare and Disabilities:** I'm on leave next week, and I'd have appreciated a response on your part, but wrong of me to have presumed that the surveys are important to everyone and would require a fast response.
2. **Queer Gals and Enby Pals Movie Night:** Coming soon x
3. **Surveys** - Email will go out, will focus on workshops and wellbeing stuff post election period.

Women's

Mickhaella Ermita

TW: mentions of sexual assault and harassment in no explicit detail.

Things have been relatively quieter in the Women's Office, which I like to think is the calm before the storm that will be September. Still, I've been able to do some preparation work for the National Student Safety Survey between my first vaccine shot and submitting my first draft thesis to my supervisor.

Key Activities

Safety on Campus

UMSU/GSA NSSS Statement

In anticipation of the upcoming National Student Safety Survey, I worked with Srishti and Madeleine (the Women's Officer for the Graduate Students' Association) on a joint statement from both our organisations for students. In plain language, it explained what the NSSS is, how students can participate (both if selected for the official survey and through an anonymous online form on the NSSS website if not) and what support resources they can access. We also wanted to strongly emphasise that we as the Women's Officers for UMSU and GSA are wholeheartedly committed to supporting students and survivors in whatever way or capacity they need because we care, and offered a gentle reminder that they can reach out to us if they need it.

The statement will be published soon closer to the date of the NSSS.

Training from Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia

I completed two online training modules offered by the R&DVSA with Srishti: "Introduction to Vicarious Trauma" and "Responding with Compassion". The first one was extremely informative and helped me understand that the fatigue I'm experiencing isn't the usual personal "burn-out". Rather, it's a consequence of vicarious trauma, which is an occupational hazard that arises from the consistent exposure to traumatic material I experience as a Women's Officer. The second module, meanwhile, was slightly less helpful; it felt like it was created for allies rather than trauma workers, and had room for improvement in terms of being trauma-informed for survivors.

Despite that, I am glad to have completed them both and would recommend that they be offered *earlier* in the year for all Women's OBs – we were able to enrol in them in preparation for the NSSS, but perhaps UMSU can look into making them standard training. We also received certification afterwards.

Judy's Punch

The deadline for submissions was extended and we highly encourage anyone interested to submit! The three Editors have been working hard and have just completed induction sessions for their sub-editor teams as well as a promotional Instagram Takeover. There have also been Judy's Punch Collectives happening every fortnight after work hours and last week was our fourth.

Women's Committee Meeting 10(21)

As most Women's Committee Meetings are, this one was brief and efficient. We gave updates on Safety on Campus and Judy's Punch, and passed some money. More details on expenditure can be found in the table below.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. **Continue meeting with NUS about OurTurn initiative for Safety on Campus.**
In-progress.
2. **Attend and minute Women's Committee meeting 10(21).**
Done
3. **Attend and minute UMSU Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group Meeting 8(21)**
In-progress.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. **Attend and minute Women's Committee meeting 12(21).**
2. **Attend and minute UMSU Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Working Group Meeting 9(21).**

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
10	August 27, 2021	MOTION: To pass \$1200 from the "Special Projects" budget line to purchase \$30 Coles/Myers vouchers for students.	\$1200	Campaigns and Special Projects (\$7500)	The UMSU Women's Department has received queries from students about access to free menstrual products with the recent advent of Melbourne's sixth lockdown. Given that the Women's Room and the resources within are currently inaccessible as a result, we are proposing to buy vouchers from Coles and Myers for students so that they have the means to

					purchase them independently.
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Southbank

Jamie Kim

Spring Picnic Event Preparations

Along with Faculty of Fine Arts and Music senior enrichment officers, UMSU Southbank has been supporting in preparing to conduct the “Spring Picnic” event. The tentative date of this event is Tuesday, September 28th (from 12pm to 2pm). During the latest Southbank Campus Committee meeting, the motion to spend up to \$4800 (“this amount looked to cover the minimum cost of 480 student meals”) from the Mid-year Southbank Orientation budget line was passed. We hope that the COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria will be eased by the day of the event.

R U OK Day (Tuesday, September 14th, 2021)

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions in Victoria, the Faculty of Fine Arts & Music has cancelled on-campus events for the upcoming R U OK Day. Nonetheless, the Faculty hosted an online disco event on Tuesday, August 31st at 1pm. We have promoted the event on our official Facebook page.

UMSU Southbank 2021 Semester 2 Trivia Night

UMSU Southbank is planning to host a Trivia Night event in Week 12. We hope that this event will give Southbank/Fine Arts/Music students the opportunity to meet the other students across the campus/faculty. Depending on the COVID-19 restrictions in Victoria by the day of the event, students will participate in the event either as an individual or a team. If this event is hosted online (*Zoom*), we plan to allocate students into breakout rooms multiple times throughout the event to have the opportunity to socialize with the other students. We will also be using *kahoot* to conduct the event, and we are planning to give prizes to individuals/teams

who come first, second and third places. We are currently in the process of reviewing our kahoot quizzes and answers.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
N/A					

Southbank

Leyla Moxham

Pandemic Relief Grocery Vouchers

Issues with the union's credit card have caused delays with this project, however we have received the invoice receipts from Ciara Griffiths and expect to have the vouchers at the end of next week's pay cycle. This comes as a relief, as the lockdown has been extended and with lack of appropriate government support a lot of our students are pinching pennies. I look forward to expanding this project and furthering the presence of a culture of union welfare support at Southbank.

Musical Theatre Students

Musical Theatre students have reached out to me, saying half of them are expecting to drop out. They are struggling with the lockdown, this is their second year performing and being assessed via zoom. They are doing insane hours, over 7-9 hours a day (!!!!) and they are burnt out and frustrated. Their teachers aren't taking them seriously or recognising the impact the lockdown is having on their education and wellbeing. It's shocking. We are in conversation with a few students and I look forward to using the union's influence to support them as they communicate their needs with the institution.

Fee Relief

As the lockdown extends, students have been rumbling about fee relief once again. I have been doing some research and reading and have reached out to Naomi Ferrel for a meeting. Last year many of the students dropped the fee relief campaign because they felt burnt out and devastated due to the insane amount of work and hoop jumping required for the complaints process. Thinking of ways to streamline the process and make it easier on the students, taking advantage of the bubbling momentum.

Hustle Grants

I've started working on the framework, terms and conditions for 'Hustle Grants' using the Creative Arts Grants process as a guide. These grants will provide money for material support for students as long as the goods used are not directly used in uni assessments (in lieu with fin. regs). Studying at Southbank is expensive, art materials, music books, dance shoes, can cost a bit and student discounts just don't cut it. This is to address the gap that exists between many students and the reality of studying at Southbank.

Dean Meeting

Jamie and I met with the dean and director of Southbank campus and brought along some students from the Visart cohort. The meeting went well, we pushed for specialised studio access, wamnesty, and support. We advocated for the Vis Art Cohort and Jane and Marie were understanding. I need to check in again with the Visart cohort to see if they've had a meeting with their course coordinator yet.

WAMNESTY

Wamnesty has been granted for sem 2, and Southbank students breathe a sigh of relief. Students had been stressing over assessment marks particularly studio studies major works as many require the use of physical spaces and workshops and the

lockdown has impacted their ability to engage with coursework fully. Thank You to Planning and Jennisha for advocating fiercely on behalf of students on this matter.

PERMITS

A permit system has been introduced for southbank students under the clauses in the stay at home order, being vulnerable students and those finishing final year assessments are allowed to access the campus for educational purposes. Fuck yeah. We've pushed very hard for this. Thankyou students and teachers for also applying pressure on the university to allow this access and for sharing your experiences. Going through student feedback has been intense, and a little sad and makes me feel many things, for the studio space and school itself has been a haven for many students and without access to a space to create art, socialise and share and support ideas, their mental health has severely suffered. Will be focusing more on supporting students' mental health through this time and pressuring the university to do the same.

Bike Shed

Apparently the bike sheds haven't been opened and as students tentatively return to campus with permit access this is an issue, one student has already had their bike stolen. I've reached out to Fine Arts Infrastructure and Operations to rectify this matter.

Burnley

Kaitlyn Hammond

Key Activities

Burnley student survey

Last year we struggled with attendance to any of our online events. With an extended lockdown looming, it's unlikely we will be able to host any events in person, and so figuring out how to best serve students is a top priority at this time. I have sent out a survey to Burnley students to see the types of activities they would be interested in. Hopefully we will get enough responses to guide our next steps. I've included options about virtual escape rooms, virtual trivia, academic support courses, and other fun activities like painting or yoga.

R-freshers course

Our last session went really well! We have postponed the final session, but are interested in continuing the series and putting on more workshops in the future.

R book

Many of the students who attended our courses asked if they would be recorded. We decided at the time that it would be too messy to record, but after some discussions we are considering putting together a tutorial book on R for ecologists. I need to figure out options to ensure we are fair in including students and compensate them appropriately.

Other activities

I am looking into the list of activities in our student survey and preparing to put them on if there is sufficient interest. Right now I am leaning toward a virtual escape room and an online painting workshop. I need to see if we can provide materials to our students to make this possible.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Created and sent out a student survey

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Evaluate the results of the survey and plan an event

