



University of Melbourne Student Union
Meeting of the Students’ Council
Student Office Bearer Reports
4:00PM, Monday, the 19th of August 2019
Meeting 15(19)
Location: Private Dining, Union House

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Late reports are not considered valid.

**President
Molly Willmott**

New Student Precinct

We had a meeting with NSP regarding concerns that we raised about the operational model of student theatre and our capacity to run the same services and events when we move. This was based off a conversation at academic board, statements of confusion that we are in the process of clarifying. This is an ongoing discussion that we will be having with the precinct for a range of issues, and we are pushing for more clarification of operation of space in the precinct, which we are set to move into by 2022.

It has been a quiet fortnight for precinct stuff, but there are a range of meetings lined up with me and others from UMSU happening in the next fortnight. Including a steering committee and a page turn of plans.

Green Paper

I attended an orientation working group meeting with a range of UMSU staff last week. In this meeting, proposals from the green paper were explained. This was the first chance UMSU has had to hear these changes, and we have identified some conflicts in the plans for orientations. These changes, including commencement ceremonies, peer mentoring, and tours have been notionally approved by university executive as of Tuesday.

We have significant concerns about program clashes with our Summer and Winterfest programming and how that affects our interaction with students. On Wednesday, Justin and I met with Richard James about this, and have been assured that we will have a key say in the implementation of these changes so they will not clash with each other. We will be sitting on the implementation working groups and will have a stand alone meeting with the university to ensure our orientation isn’t affects by the wider university scheme.

Aboriginal Cultural Competency

A range and I of staff and representatives attended a workshop at the Koorie Heritage Trust about Aboriginal Cultural Competency. This was an extremely important workshop for the union to attend to make sure we remain informed and representing indigenous students, not just through our Indigenous Department. I hope this is something that continues in future years.

Respect Taskforce

We are meeting with the university on Thursday regarding the running of the respect taskforce this year. We will be bringing our concerns back to the uni about the progression of the safety on campus campaign and the role we play in that. We are also talking with our SHARE Advisor, Patrick, about the campaign and the Women’s officers and I are very very excited about working with him.

TERFS

Last week, I attended a rally regarding Holly Lawford-Smith, a trans exclusionary academic who the union has had...conversations...with this year. Congratulations to our Queer Department for helping to organise that rally, university should always be an inclusive place for all.

CAPS review

I have been invited to the review into counselling and psychological services in the first week of September. Watch this space!

**General Secretary
Reece Moir**

IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK AND AS SUCH I HAVE BEEN KINDA SLACK,
BUT WILL TRY TO CONJURE UP EVERYTHING I HAVE DONE BECAUSE I THINK
I’VE STILL BEEN PRODUCTIVE.

Key Activities

Operations Sub-committee

There has been one operations sub-committee meeting since the last report. This meeting passed the following expenditure:

- The Media Recommendations from Council 13(19)
- Up to \$1,000 from Women’s SP&E budget line for women in higher ed week, and also a demonstration on August 21 (\$400:\$600)
- First Aid payment, and Oktoberfest expenditure from Activities (\$950 total)
- Up to \$1,000 from Mudfest for a rental payment of an archway
- Up to \$1,000 from Creative Arts for art supplies and artwork lamps

Stance Book (starting again)

HI I FINISHED UPDATING, SEE ATTACHED (aGAIN).

Minutes

As per usual. I am mostly up to date with the exception of Disabilities. Will aim to have this done by end of Week One. There is an issue with this as the only copies I have of these are Google Docs and we have some troubleshooting issues.

Hong Kong Lenon Wall

Would prefer to give a verbal report, as this is ongoing, and no major decisions have been made at the time of writing. Collaborating with POC and HKPSA.

RENEW and SGM

As you will find, there is a CONSTITUTION attached to the confidential documents. Please read it as Council needs to approve this constitution and call an SGM for September 17 at 12:30 (time pending, more to come – but also BABBA).

Mid-Year Budget Summary

Attached is a mid-year financial review also in the confidential documents (with the July P&L statement). Please look over this. Justin will have recommendations in his CEO report which Council may wish to take on board.

Progress on Action Points from Last Report

1. Disabilities Dept. Minutes
Ongoing
2. Hopefully have a schedule
Yep!

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Student Media Policy Follow Up
2. Minutes Upload
3. Get Council to call an SGM.
4. Organise a Council to be held at Southbank.

Expenditure

N/A

Activities
Liam O’Brien

Oh god I’m so lonely please visit me

Key Activities

Trivia

Trivia was full again. We gonna have it in a bigger venue next time so everyone has room to breathe this time

Sustainable BBQ

We had a joint Thursday BBQ with the sustainable campus crew. It was wholesome and sustainable.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1

Trivia was a hoot

Action Point 2

I still booking the acts with Julian from Events, comedians are unreliable

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

Actually finalise comedy and run it

Action Point 2

To be less lonely

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
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10	10/7/2019	Pizza	\$475	Special Projects	Pizza for trivia
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Clubs & Societies Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst
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Key Activities from Chris

Emails

Answering erratic emails, being available for consultation. The usual

Constitutional Amendments

I have been reviewing constitutional amendments with Fiona which as AGM season approaches is becoming a bigger and bigger pile. We both have to agree on changes individually and review them in context of the whole constitution so this is time consuming.

Considering and writing submissions for club appeals

Although I have been involved with the situations as they have unfolded, condensing the relevant emails and communication in order to present to you has been a process of consultation and lots of reading.

Key Activities from Jordan

Welfare Stuff

CASA house has officially shown some interest so now it’s a matter of contacting the other organisations suggested by committee and following that up

Second Round Locker Applications

This is taking longer than I thought it would (as always) but will be done by the time of council

Awards Night

We’re at about 200 responses which is SUPER exciting!!! Still trying to find a media wall so if anyone has any ideas on that I’d love some help. Apart from that we’ve got JAM (Jazz at Melbourne) doing mood music for us and a couple of clubs doing performances. It’s all very exciting

Committee meeting

We had meeting. I wrote minutes. Not as bad as usual but still definitely a time

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<p style="text-align: center;">Creative Arts Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz</p>
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Key Activities

Mudfest

Mudfest is next week! Our master schedule is finalised, which includes all the tech/bump in/dress/show/bump out times, as well as a festival roster for all the Mudfest team members. A volunteer roster has been made and sent out to volunteers, and we've organised to have daily briefings with the team as well as volunteer inductions.

We conducted an extremely successful volunteer induction session where a number of our team spoke and we had a large turnout. Overall we have 170 volunteers.

During Mudfest we will have over 50 works presented across all artistic disciplines you can imagine, as well as events almost every night and a couple of interdepartmental collaborations (Above Water and Under Bunjil)

We have established a Mudfest awards committee (awards night is the Friday after Mudfest on September 6). Each discipline has its own group of judges, who range from industry entry level, to well established critics within their field of expertise. Our awards range from screenwriting software to Comedy Festival registration, and all cater to artist creative development.

Ellie and I have been full time for a month now, working closely with the production team especially to make this festival happen. It has been a mammoth effort from all of us and we would love for you to come along to Mudfest events, go to some exhibitions and see some shows (only \$5). The festival is almost upon us now!

Volunteer Framework

Over the past few months we have been working in collaboration with Goldie, Justin and Susan to create a strong and clear volunteer framework for Mudfest. This framework will ensure the festival is more streamlined when it comes to volunteer welfare, artistic director responsibility, general safety, record keeping, etc.

It will ensure the Artistic Directors and the Volunteer Manager determine that volunteer responsibilities are consistent with their capabilities and status as volunteers. Similarly, they will manage and support volunteers consistently within the framework of the UMSU Volunteering Policy and associated policies and procedures. The Artistic Directors will be expected to keep records of volunteer details as per Management of Volunteer Involvement Procedure. The safety and wellbeing of audience members, students, staff, volunteers and the public will be paramount through the framework. In collaboration with the relevant staff, Artistic Directors will be expected to make every reasonable effort to reduce, remove or minimise risks associated with the operation of the Program. All student volunteers must have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) for the duration of the program and

must have received training in Child Care Safety Standards from the UMSU Child Safety Officer or UMSU HR or delegate.

We hope this framework can be passed through council this meeting, as it is a way to ensure this Mudfest, and those in the future, are the best festivals they can be.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. Completing festival risk assesment

This has been completed and finalised in collaboration with the Union House Theatre production manager.

2. Meet with Mudfest awards committee

Lucy has organised this and has had communication with all the Mudfest judges, and has explained the judging process, awards night and the Mudfest ethos to each. A facebook page has been created and a streamlined system for the awards process established.

3. Run a volunteer induction session

We ran this session in The Guild Theatre. It had a great attendance and lots of our festival team attended.

Action Points to be completed by next report

4. MUDFEST

BUDGET EXPENDITURE

<p>\$200 for fabric banners to be hung from the Ida Bar Balcony \$1000 for the hire of chairs for use during Mudfest events and performances \$2,700 for the costs for Front of House and Volunteer Collateral and Consumables for use by the Production Management team \$450 for the purchasing of Mudfest Festival Team T-shirts to ensure the visibility of the festival team during Mudfest for audiences, artists and volunteers \$6,000 for the payment of Mudfest Awards to be awarded to artists at Mudfest Awards Night \$5,000 for the hire and purchase of Festival Hub set-up \$7,500 for the payment of food and beverage through the Ida Bar and external caterers across the course of Mudfest \$2,000 to pay for the recording studio costs associated with producing the Mudfest Mixtape \$250 for the costs of visual art supplies for the Festival Hub and the George Paton and Mary Cooke Gallery and the Mudfest Garden Gallery \$1,000 to go towards Mudfest artist grants</p>

<p>Disabilities Lucy Birch</p>
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No report submitted.

Education (Academic Affairs)
Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan

No report submitted.

Education (Public Affairs)
Charli Fouhy & Charlie Joyce

No report submitted.

Environment
Will Ross

No report submitted.

Indigenous
Laura Brown & Jordan Holloway-Clarke

No report submitted.

Media
Stephanie Zhang, Katie Doherty, Carolyn Huane, Ruby Perryman

Key Activities

Work on edition 6

Edition 6 layouting is underway. Our schedule’s been really tight this time around but we’re still hoping to pump it out around election week so that students can have a new mag to read while getting accosted by flyers.

Handover from Katie

This has happened!

Work on Above Water

Above Water is set to have already gone to print by the time you read this report. At the time of writing, we’re going through some final stages and proofing the file. Ruby’s been a trooper and been doing so great learning InDesign!

Work on election guide

Election guide is happening, we’re planning on making it a separate publication compared to last year when it was incorporated into the mag. We’ve taken candidate photos and are just in the process of formatting everything.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

See above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Send Edition 6 to print

Work on UMSU Elections coverage

We’re thinking of doing live panels of the hotly contested offices, so keep an eye out for that.

Launch Above Water

Scheduled date Monday 26 August!

Start working on edition 7

Yeah our lives are pretty much just edition after edition. Nothing really new.

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

Key Activities

Anti-Racism Applications

We’ve opened up our applications for Anti-Racism workshops this semester. We’ve gotten a few so far, including one which put “I have no idea” in response to what their topic was. We’re hoping to run these throughout weeks 5 to 7.

Myriad Meetings

Although we’ve extended the deadline, we’ve already received a *lot* of submissions and have started filtering through them.

Bla(c)k Collective

We’re running the first ever Bla(c)k Collective on Friday with Nigerian food. This is an initiative that we’re hoping to continue for the rest of the year (hosting a monthly event) in collaboration with Bla(c)k students on campus who have expressed a need for this space.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Ask about a dishwasher

Haven’t had a chance to ask yet

Wrap up *Myriad* Submissions

We extended these by 5 days to give interested students a bit more time to submit

Sing more Mariah Carey

Yes

Action Points to be completed by next report

Decide and finalise Anti-Racism Workshop Speakers

Some cool ideas so far- just need to work out the dates everyone is available and publicise the events!

Still filtering through *Myriad* Submissions

We’re getting ready to assign pieces to sub-editors!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
7(19)	29/05/2019	Trivia expenses	\$500	Special Events	Spent \$284.98 all up on prizes
2(19)	24/01/2019	Collective	\$7,200	Collectives	Spend \$294.3 on week 2 - haven’t given a YTD update for a while but we’re tracking at \$4191.75

**Queer
Andie Moore & Raph Canty**

Key Activities

Anti-Transphobia Demonstration

Alongside the International Workers of the Worker Gender Equity Committee and Feminists Opposing Reactionary Transphobes, we coordinated a snap demo against the University hosting the transphobic event “The Future of Sex-Based Rights”. What a turnout - over 100 staff, students and unionists came to voice their opposition to the support of transphobic academics, and called on the University of Melbourne to commit to a comprehensive diversity policy.

Stalls For All

Petition sign ups are still up on the increase, with the report to be published online ASAP. The report is attracting media attention too!

Queer Collaborations

Andie and Raph, along with other students who will form the executive of the Queer Collaborations 2020 Organising Committee (QCOC) met with the 2018 organiser to have a handover. We've put out a call for students who would be interested in helping to join the committee and are holding a meeting soon to form QCOC and get started on more of the planning.

Regular events in Semester Two

We have had extraordinary attendance at Queer Lunch so far this year. There is always a range of students at the event and the sense of community within the department is always growing.

Collectives are running well and G&Ts with the LGBTs was a great success in week 2 with 65 Gin & Tonics served. In Week 4 we will be at Southbank due to Mudfest and are looking forward to putting on more events outside Parkville.

Coming Out Support Group will also start in week 4.

Wear it Purple Day

Raph met with members of the Pride in Action Committee to start planning for Wear it Purple day on August 30. We're planning to run a carnival on South Lawn with various activities between 12-2pm, promoting UMSU Queer and the Pride in Action Network, and allyship in general. There will be plenty of purple-themed activities and snacks!

Pride in Sport

MU Sport has organised free fitness classes for queer students, including a five-week gym membership which is a pretty extraordinary offering and all places were taken before the classes started. We saw a broad range of students attending at the first session which was very encouraging.

Southbank Drag Show

Raph has been chatting to Lily Ekins from Southbank about the Student Drag show she had planned for last semester which did not come to fruition. With some collaboration, we believe it could be brought to fruition so we'll be looking at supporting this event in future weeks.

Cross-Uni Queer Ball

Meetings are taking place regarding a Cross-Uni Queer Ball just before Mid-semester break. This should be an excellent way for students from around Melbourne to meet each other and create a broader queer student community.

UMSU International

Raph briefly met with the President of UMSU International about how we can collaborate on ensuring International students are supported through the different challenges they face being Queer and from often more homophobic countries than Australia. The idea of a film screening was raised by Queer Committee.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Work on a new mural for Queer Space

No action here in the past week: we will be going to the Rowdy soon to get historical pictures for this

Continue planning for Queer Ball

Raph has contacted the venue and we’re waiting for more information about a new food menu. Comms is working on graphics and advertising for the big event.

Launch Gender-neutral bathrooms campaign

Andie launched their report on Wednesday and had a large number of students attend in support of it. More to come in this space!

Start planning for Queer Collaborations 2020

Colleges have been contacted and QCOC is being formed. Exciting times!

Start planning cross-uni Queer Ball

Meetings are happening and dates are being decided.

Start work on Student Drag show collaboration with Southbank

A meeting has not happened yet but Raph hopes to follow this up soon.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Work on a new mural for Queer Space

Visit Rowdy to find historical images

Start work on Student Drag show collaboration with Southbank

Organise a meeting with Lily and interested people

Promote G&Ts at Southbank

It should be a great event, which a lot of planning has gone into

Welfare
Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino

Key Activities

Safer Partying Initiative

We contacted our supplier, Phil Dodd, but it seems like he's ghosted us as he hasn't replied to two emails from us. Rooms have been booked on the 28th of August to hold a session but that's pending our reagents arriving on time. Can someone at council plz hook us up with a new supplier???

Food Bank

Info has run out... again! We're seeing crazy demand this year but are not sure if that's because of better promotion or if students are worse off than last year. A new order has been put in and packs will be made by the time council is in session (pending quorum ofc)!

Breakfast

Our biggest event and our biggest expenditure. We budgeted for \$750/week at the start of our term, but the crazy high demand has forced us to spend \$1200-1300 every week. For this to happen, we had to cut Welfare on Wheels (WoW) and Welfare Collective, both of which were either essential services or a space for students to know more about the department and UMSU.

We get ~200 students at Bar and ~350-400 at BBQ. That essentially means we're serving north of 1000 students every week, and we've managed to give them a nourishing healthy meal at \$1.20-1.30/student. We even cater to all dietary requirements (eg: soy and lactose-free milk) and we use free-range eggs. None of that is cheap.

It's come to a point where we are not sure if we can sustain this service anymore with the amount we have remaining at our budget. To avoid going over the budget, we'd have to cut breakfast to a couple days a week, or cut it entirely in a few weeks, instead of the current five days.

We need to use the remaining money for our other services like the essential Food Bank, which many students rely on. Please remember that the cost of living is on the rise and one in seven students can't afford food and skip meals to pay bills. In a meeting with UniLibrary last semester, we were informed that many students faint while studying because they have had nothing to eat.

Sustainability

Welfare has kept food waste to a minimum this year by doing an inventory every morning. We've never had to throw away anything because there is a lot of demand at our events. We are happy to announce that we have cut down on plastic bowls and plates at our BBQ. Not only are we saving money, but we're not polluting the environment. All of this is thanks to the Sustainability team at the University who have allowed us to use their plates, bowls and mugs every morning.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Reported above.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Safer Partying Initiative

Needs to happen. Please answer our emails Phil!

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
10	3/7/2019	Breakfast	\$15,600	Regular Events	\$662.75 (14 th Aug) \$444.90 (12 th Aug) \$482.85 (7 th Aug)

**Women’s
Aria Sunga & Hannah Buchan**

Key Activities

Women in Higher Ed Week

We had two workshops with outside presenters for Women in Higher Ed week. The first was called “Women and Leadership - with One Woman Project” and the second was “How to advance your career in leadership as a Woman of Colour.” Both were really insightful workshops and we had good attendance for both of them. The groups were a little small but it turned out to be better because attendees got to interact with the presenter and really engage in the content.

Judy’s Punch

Submissions technically have closed but we extended the deadline so that we could get more submissions.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Women in Higher Ed Week

Done!

Rad Sex and Consent Week

We are still planning this week but we have a couple of workshops lined up already. Gonna be good!

Doing a lot of data entry

It’s done! It was quite therapeutic and repetitive.

Planning August 21 NDA

We are going to be having speakers for the NDA next Wednesday. We are going to make a lot of red flags to make it an interactive experience.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Rad Sex and Consent Week

Happening week 5.

Judy’s Punch Launch

Coming up soon!

Queer Gals Movie Night

She’s coming back. Our pals in the Queer department are paying for it this semester (we paid last sem) so we have to work out the details of screenings and when they are going to happen.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	31/01/19	W2 WoC	\$4800	Collectives	\$52 spent
2	31/01/19	W2 Women’s	\$4800	Collectives	\$55.2 spent
2	31/01/19	W3 WoC	\$4800	Collectives	\$100 spent
2	31/01/19	W3 Women’s	\$4800	Collectives	\$50 spent

**Burnley
James Barclay**

Key Activities

Mushroom Workshops

The Burnley Student Association hosted a workshop on Gourmet Mushroom Cultivation with Nick Ritar from Milkwood Permaculture. The workshop was a major success with students taking home their own cultivation kit after the weekend intensive. The workshop took place at Burnley on the 10th – 11th of August.

BSA Hiking Trips

The BSA is organising student led hiking trips across Victorian State and National Parks. The first trek will take place at Werribee Gorge State Park on the 18th of August.

Powertool Workshop

The BSA is planning a practical workshop on power tools commonly used across the horticulture industry. It is a core belief that part of our work is to facilitate learning that makes students more job ready.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Complete and document hike
Book date for power tool workshop

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	17/01/2019	Mushroom Workshop	\$5,000	Workshops	Spent \$3,150 so far
1	6/2/2019	Workshop Catering	\$10,000	On Campus Activities	\$1,200 expense

Committee Meetings

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Minutes Written?
1	17/01/2019	Yes, Confirmed
2	06/02/2019	Yes, Unconfirmed
3	13/8/2019	No

**Southbank
Hilary Ekins**

No report submitted.