

University of Melbourne Student Union Meeting of the Students' Council Student Office Bearer Reports 1:00PM, Friday, the 05th of April 2019 Meeting 7(19) Location: Old Arts, Room 156

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Late reports are not considered valid.

President Molly Willmott

Key activities

G'day council, I just turned 21! Bit wild that this is my job so young but ya know, cards were dealt. Anyway, here is report [insert number] [insert joke] boogaloo.

Elected Reps

This was the first of these meetings for the year. I'll do a breakdown of what was discussed in a tick, but basically, we had discussion regarding the purpose and use of these meetings which reaffirmed that they would be used for general discussion and information sharing between the union and chancellery. Education attended with me, and reported back to the university their focuses this year – primarily mental health, ethical scholarships, employability. The GSA also reported back on what they were up to. Breakdown of what was discussed here;

Boeing

This has been the first opportunity to discuss the universities relationship with Boeing, who is one of the largest weapons manufacturers in the world. Chancellery directed us and our questions to the member of staff most involved In the program and Will and I are in the process of organising a meetings

Ethical employers at the STEMM careers fair

As per the motion at the least council, we have discussed the inclusion of unethical employers at university careers fairs with chancellery. We are setting up a meeting with the people in careers in the next fortnight or so to talk about this issue.

Student Housing

With the building of new student accommodation around the Parkville campus, we have started talking to the uni about how its is set up and the partnerships with external organisations. Watch this space, we're in ongoing meetings etc.

Academic Board

It was cancelled upon arrival 😕

Ms Willmott goes to Washington (parliament of vic Imao)

Cam and I went to meet with the Minister of Transport, Melissa Horne, and her advisors last week. We discussed a range of issues surrounding student accessibility to university and its relationship with public transport. Everything from the Free Tram Zone extension, to concessions for all students, and the enforcement of ticket inspectors were all talking points, and I believe that we're able to progress with a lot of what was discussed. I am currently in the process of setting up meetings with the Minister for Higher Education (Gayle Tierney) and Martin Pakula, well known for being the former attorney general and once a part of the VCE Legal Studies Syllabus, now the minister for Trade (the ministry in charge on international students which is pretty grim that they're in that portfolio but alas! We proceed!).

Student Life

The Student Enhancement Green Paper was tabled in the past fortnight. It includes a range of strategies that inform an approach to an interconnected community for students at the

university of Melbourne. It an important initiative, and the paper makes some points. We will be able to discuss our position on the 10th at a special elected reps called to discuss this.

Cultural Estate

We had a meeting with Su baker, head of the cultural estate, and Rose from the science gallery. The university is developing a strategy regarding its \$450 million dollar cultural estate and how it interacts with students and the history of our university. namely they are looking at how to involve performing arts (which we do very well). Susan from A&E went along and talked about UMSU connection to the performing arts UHT and our own collections as a union. There is also some collaboration with the science gallery that may be in the future! Very cool! Also, i realised that my dream job is to just talk about art and culture all the time so watch me get on like 50 gallery and theatre boards when Im middle aged.

Federal Budget

It was shit. There was no mention of students or young people and the actual issues we face. Surplus doesn't matter when students are still in poverty but WHATEVER. I'm going to have a chat to education public and welfare about how to best respond.

Actions to complete by the next report

- 1. Do all those meetings I mentioned throughout this report
- 2. Deep analysis of freedom of speech policy and student life green paper
- 3. Chase up stuff on my to do list that have been chucked on the back burner
- 4. Defer my course

Expenditure

N/A

General Secretary Reece Moir

Key Activities

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hopefully this will be after the mid-semester break. Hi Consumer Affairs, xx.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

OKAY, so a revised meeting schedule:

Meeting 7(19)	Friday (05-04-19)	@ 1:00PM (this Council)
Meeting 8(19)	Thursday (18-04-19)	@ 2:00PM
Meeting 9(19)	Friday (03-05-19)	@ 1:00PM
Meeting 10(19)	Monday (13-05-19)	@ 11:00AM

This is based off the whenisgood that was sent out yonks ago. Hopefully there aren't any small snags that will come up. It is **recommended** that Council approve this amended schedule.

OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

As per my constitutional requirement, I'm supposed to report on any meeting of the Subcommittee. There has been one meeting since the last council, <u>Meeting 8(19)</u>. In this meeting;

- the Southbank Department passed \$100 out of Whole of Union to cover transport expenses.
- The Welfare Department passed \$1,000 in total out of their Regular Events budget line.
- The People of Colour Department passed \$70 from their Special Events budget line.
- Activities passed \$800 in total out of their Special Projects budget line.
- And, Queer passed money to buy a plant.
- I passed \$259.90 out of Whole of Union to pay for an overdue invoice that was directed to the 2018 Indigenous department. I thought it would be unfair to burden the incumbent officers with this cost, as it was not their fault the invoice went unpaid.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND ENHANCEMENT GREEN PAPER

Molly will probably also mention this, but Chancellery has released this fun little paper about how to really enhance student experience, Imao. UMSU has some THOUGHTS. There's a special meeting of Elected Reps on the 10th which I'll be attending, and as an organisation we'll also be writing a response.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- Create a Casual Vacancy Protocol for internal use. To outline, how best to approach forcing a casual vacancy. Like an FAQ.
 I should have this to OBs by the end of Thursday. Except, I hope no other OBs resign (lol). I'm also putting it into the General Secretary handover document.
- 2. Organise a time for the AGM. Circulate important documents to Council (if necessary).

Please read the Financial Statements I circulated to councillors. It is **recommended** that I be directed by Council to give notice for the AGM to be held on the 30th of April @ 12:50 (or something like that).

3. Chair the Queer Committee meeting, for the appointment of OB(s). Congrats to Raph Canty and Andie Moore for being appointed unopposed.

Action Points to be completed by next report

1. Give notice for the AGM.

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Activities Olivia Panjkov & Liam O'Brien

Key Activities

St Patrick's Day Celebration

In the week before the event, the OBs made a call to relocate the event to the Ida. This provided a more compact setting to accommodate for the lower ticket sales. Setup was made a lot less stressful for the OBs because it was well-contained, and scrim didn't need to be set up in the morning. The department greatly appreciates AV Melbourne and the Ida Bar for their teamwork and agility during the rearrangement of this event. The response from the crowd to this change was also very positive. They appreciated the balcony for socializing, and the indoor dance floor area for the tunes.

Liv observed the security walk-around and final brief of the security staff to check that it follows the information from the responding to sexual assault course. She was happy with the way that the Events team and head of the security team briefed the staff. As a side not, the Mental Health First Aider source was requested by the committee at the op sub. Margo is an independent mental health support worker who Emm from the Events team has worked with at Meredith music festival. She was contracted by the festival to support staff and patrons pre, during and post the event.

Tuesday BBQ ft. Babba

Nobody can quite put their finger on why Babba is so popular. They were awesome, the crowd was awesome, and Björn is bae. The Activities department is considering booking Babba every single week next semester.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1

All Summerfest events were be published and sold tickets online.

Action Point 2

Catering was finalised for our BBQs that cater to all students.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1 Planning of the Comedy Competition.

Action Point 2

Planning of Trivia.

Budget Expenditure

Meeti ng	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
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SC 6(19)	18/03/2019	St Pat's Day Benches	\$2171.90	Special projects	Benches were a \$671 cancellation fee instead
SC 6(19)	18/03/2019	St Pat's Day Fencing	\$900	Special projects	Cancellation fee to be confirmed

Clubs & Societies Jordan Tochner & Christopher Melenhorst

Key Activities from a robot wearing Chrissy Boi's skin

Emails

Most of our job is dealing with many emails a day and the various correspondence they develop into. They are slowing down, and will probably drop to ~30 a day in the next few weeks which is expected as people settle in to the semester.

Membership App Development

More updates and more bug tests. Watch this space

Time off

I had a small volleyball accident that mean my right hand was more or less useless for the better part of a week, so I've been off getting x-rays and CT scans and seeing GPs. It should be better by the time council reads this report, but is worth noting.

Dealing with club committee fallout

Some decisions our committee made have been hotly contested, are are currently requiring discussions with Advocacy and Legal, Fiona, Justin, Eachother, etc.

Financial audits

Several clubs are being audited, which is a time consuming process as I have to go through all their reporting and expenses, along with follow up correspondence for further documentation and requests.

Key Activities from Jordan Gurl

Memberships

This took a whole, painstaking day of going through membership lists individually and writing down how many individual members were not compliant.

Minutes

Again, another job which takes a whole, painstaking day but I got these babies done. Just for reference it took 3 hours and 46 minutes with 91 motions

Getting my goddamn computer fixed

THIS ALSO SHOCKINGLY TOOK A WHOLE DAY

Welfare training and advisors

Fiona lay on the floor because of this on monday this week so as you may guess it is going terribly. We had a working group on Thursday where one club showed up. Thank you to Cast on Charity for giving us some really meaningful responses, we've done one more call out for written submissions and then will go on to re-drafting the regulation change and looking into training.

Affirmative Action in Clubs

Form has been sent out, at this point we have 53 responses. I would like to wait until we have significantly more before doing anything with it, have sent out a follow up email

Pub crawls

Met with advocacy and legal to discuss what needs to be done with this because at the moment the system we have just is not sustainable. Will update more when we get a response

Clubs Awards Night

This isn't for ages but we've started organising yay! Our pitch is to make it quite a bit bigger this year (our word is GALA). So far, we've locked in a date, I've contacted events about (hopefully) booking in Union Hall and AV about getting a stage, lighting etc. It is early days but we are very excited!

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Creative Arts Eloise Hamill & Lucy Holz

Key Activities

Theatre Board

We attended our first Theatre Board meeting of the year on Friday 15th of March. This meeting included approving grants for student theatre groups, and a discussion around accessible theatre making.

Arts and Culture Student Advisory Group Meeting

Last Friday the 29th of March Ellie attended the Arts and Culture Student Advisory group with representatives of all the divisions of Arts and Culture. Marley from Indigenous Department and two representatives from UMSU International attended and was great to touch base with them in regard to how Creative Arts and Arts and Culture can work with their departments.

Mudfest

Almost exclusively over the past weeks our time has been consumes by interviewing and selecting students for our Mudfest Production Team. We are still in the middle of this process and due the staggered nature of the expression of interest submission dates, we have selected and notified some production team roles.

We have selected our Production Manager, Deputy Production Managers, Access Manager, Sustainability Manager, Marketing Manager and Publicity Manager and Website and Ticketing Coordinator. We will be meeting with them and their mentors over the next week, and conducting a full team meeting soon after.

We are about to commence interviews for our Mudfest Creative Producer roles. Which is unfortunately why we can't attend this council as we already had Mudfest interviews scheduled. We have had strong applicants within the categories (Performing Art, Visual Art, Interdisciplinary Art, Moving Image, Music), and will select successful applicants before our team meeting.

Our Mudfest Mentor has been selected and we have had our first meeting with her. We have scheduled future meetings to start projected venue allocation tables, a more detailed festival timeline and budget breakdown and in preparation for our first production team meeting.

Artist applications are ready to go and are about to open this Monday the 8th of April at 9am. They will close on Monday the 13th of May at 9am, and we will then begin selecting works in collaboration with the Creative Producers.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

1. <u>Conduct interviews for Production and Marketing team roles for Mudfest.</u> Applications closed, interviews have been conducted and successful applicants have been notified.

- 2. <u>Hire a Mudfest mentor after conducting interviews, begin more serious festival</u> <u>planning and creation of timelines.</u> The Mudfest Mentor role has been filled, her contract is currently being negotiated through Susan Hewitt. We have had an initial meeting and have future meetings planned to discuss more detailed festival planning.
- 3. <u>Close expressions of interest for Mudfest Access and Sustainability Roles and begin</u> <u>the hiring process.</u> Applications closed, interviews have been conducted and successful applicants have been notified.

Action Points to be completed by next report

- 1. Open Artist Applications
- 2. Conduct interviews for Creative Producer roles for Mudfest
- 3. Meet with all successful production team applicants prior to a group meeting

Budget Expenditure

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5	01/04/2019	For office administration supplies	\$100	Administration	

Disabilities Lucy Birch

Key Activities

Key Activity 1

Regular events, Beer and Boardgames, Disability and Mental Wellness Collective, Mindfulness Workshop and Anxiety Support Group have all been running smoothly with strong attendance, with the exception of Anxiety Support Group which has struggled to maintain consistent attendance numbers. There has been a marked decrease in responses to the artist advertisement, as we have halted the old advertisement pending new communications. All events are currently running within budget.

Key Activity 2

Furnishing the disability space. We are looking to solicit a response about projector installation from the university who have not gotten back to us, as of the 9^{th} of February.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1

Emails for Fine Arts coordinators have been sourced.

Last Action Point 2

Access to lecture times is still pending.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1

To start getting in touch with VCA fine art coordinators to facilitate more advertisement of the artist contracts. And to to do the same with the creative arts department. To add the advertisement to the university job recruitment email.

Action Point 2

To start lecture bashing first year subject in order to recruit people who have not made enough friends during the first weeks of university.

Budget Expenditure

Committee meets on the 15th of March

Education (Academic Affairs) Elizabeth Tembo & Dominic Ilagan

So the University Infrastructure Service and HR Department seem to have cooked things a little: they misspelt my name (Dominic here; gotta love long legal names hey), which means that the two and a bit weeks it had taken them to produce an IT account and employee profile with all the relevant credentials... had been addressed to a wrong person and to the wrong (probably non-existent) email address. Had to wait the better part of a week and a bit for them to have produced the right email account, computer log-in, employee profile, etc. I shall be celebrating a month of my provisional appointment with Elizabeth to EdAc, waiting on IT to give me access to the Education Department Mailbox, and the Education Academic Department Email Address. All this progress and more, brought to us by a love of intermittent jazz on the phone while on hold for the better part of two hours, interrupted habitually by YOU ARE NOW ***insert ordinal number here*** ON THE QUEUE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. At least

Key Activities

1. Regular Meetings

• Elected Reps with Chancellery

This meeting was being held as the Students' Council meeting most recently held (18/03) began. After hiccups with Raymond Priestley Security over whether or not Dominic should even be allowed into the meeting (we love provisional appointments and university management bureaucracy), we sat down with Professor Richard James, Professor Evan Kritikakos, reps from the GSA, and our own UMSU reps. EdAc flagged our projects and focuses for the year: student mental health, employability outcomes, green scholarships, equity in study materials, accessibility and 24-hour spaces, and lecture recordings, among others. Richard James plugged the Green Paper into student life and a culture of co-creation (this is fast becoming a buzzword among university management) on campus re: student mental health, alienation, and alluded to fostering vertical integration between current students and alumni to tackle alienation and improve student employability outcomes. Interesting meeting, if only to have witnessed Professor Kritikakos' bling. Gvng gvng.

2. 24-Hour Study Spaces with Karen Kealey - Meeting

Elizabeth's meeting regarding 24hr study spaces happened with Karen Kealey. Libraries are on board with increasing access to resources for students however need us to help them lobby for the extra funding needed which would roughly exceed \$300K pa. We looked at the numbers of those who use 24hr spaces during swotvac however and found that as little as 2 people may use the Baillieu after 2am, this can partially be attributed to limits with public transport. We also looked at the number of students who use the after-hours access in Baillieu during last semester and found at most 6 people attended. Considering the Uni's busiest libraries at what's supposed to be the busiest periods of the year have such low usage during early hours, we're looking into investigating the necessity of such spaces and other ways to provide for students. We also discussed the need for more spaces in general. Libraries have been working with faculties who have faculty buildings to discuss the resources made available to students to study. Interestingly, apparently faculties said that their students preferred not to use the spaces provided and [understandably] preferred libraries. There are still unknowns such as how many students knew about all the spaces available to them within their faculty building and whether they would not use other spaces just because they preferred libraries. Karen is keen to continue working with us to resolve issues of accessibility to study spaces. She has agreed to forward us the data on usage and we'll be looking to view the results of the big survey the libraries conducted last semester with the potential to launch our own.

3. Stop1 with Alistair Ingram Meeting

Alistair Ingram is very proud of the progress Stop1 has made with respect to a student's average wait time. It had gone down in the peak period (O-Week to Week Three) to around 7 minutes. He plugged that they tried to implement a "make a mate while you wait" system by bringing out music and bean bags and some bevs in the lawn shared by Stop1 and the 1888 Building, but that system flunked because wait times had gone down drastically. Alistair expresses concern over student mental health and alienation on campus, and flags that the tasks for Stop1 moving forward are in two areas: firstly, to improve the quality of advice given at Stop1 consultations, all while maintaining the trend of decreasing wait times and increasing streamlining in the service; secondly, to collect and utilise data collected by the university on its students to proactively check up on students and identify risks earlier through early intervention—he envisioned these as, consultants calling up students prone to risks throughout their study (access Melbourne students, rural/regional/interstate/international students, etc.) building rapport and proactively reaching out and asking how things are going and how uni is treating them. Seems like a really lit dude.

4. Collaboration with the NTEU

We received those posters for the Casuals Campaign! Will need some help putting these up! Will probably be Thursday afternoon!

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Green Investment Elizabeth is currently sick. She is responsible for this.

24Hr Study Spaces See the section with Karen Kealey.

Meet with the Dean of MSD Elizabeth's realm.

Letter from MCM on student support services

Awaiting response from the Director of MCM. We have had meetings with a general rep from Southbank regarding this issue. We're on the same page here.

Other letters of support and meetings for better student services

Arrange meetings with other heads of faculties and schools on the issue of lack of student support and pastoral care in Stop1 – yet to action pending access to IT infrastructure.

TALQAC Working Group on student mental health, assessments, student support

Build a case, collate material for submission to the Committee which shall inform the establishment of the working group and the terms of reference for this working group. Collect student stories. Build relationships with clubs and departments to coordinate this. This is a

whole of union issue. Unimelb Love Letters has agreed to put a callout too bless—still having a suss.

TALQAC Questions on student employability and the Melbourne Model

Pen questions to table for next TALQAC meeting.

Stop1, FlexAp, Student Services

See section with Alistair Ingram.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Deliver on a lot of the action items above which are pending further action considering I HAVE YET TO ACCESS THE EDUCATION MAILBOXES AND HAVE ONLY GOTTEN ACCESS TO MY UNIMELB CREDENTIALS YESTERDAY (02/04/19).

Meet with Alanna who heads Advocacy and Legal Meeting has been penned for Thursday 04/04/19.

Education (Public Affairs) Charli Fouhy & Cameron Doig

Key Activities from Charli

Surge Camp

Surge Camp rocked. We had 15 people (all completely unconnected with UMSU) come along from their own fruition to learn how to activist. There's tonnes of learnings and wins, which will mostly be discussed in committee, overall though, I reckon a camp away should be an annual accurance from the Ed Department.

Free Education

Out of Surge Camp the main theme to campaign on for the group looking forward into a federal election will be Free education. This is a new campaign for EdPub which we didn't really anticipate, but because it was collectively identified as the core issue, we will pursue it.

Key Activities from Cameron

On Track

Key Activity 1

We have begun the <u>On Track Pass initiative</u>. As of 29 March, we have given out **five 30-day passes** and **four 7-day passes**. Most of these passes have been allocated to students who are at risk of disengaging from their education.

UMSU Financial Counsellor Vanessa Stanton will be at VCA Southbank this week to organise a morning to allocate passes to Southbank students.

By the end of this initiative, we hope that allocation of the 70 travel passes will have helped 70 students to stay enrolled by ensuring that students experiencing severe financial strain can pass attendance hurdle requirements for their classes, as well as attend appointments with essential services (e.g. medical, Centrelink, counselling, legal).

Key Activity 2

The On Track campaign for fairer public transport for students has been going really well, with a strong core group of activists involved. So far, we have done six lecture bashes, and two sessions flyering and chatting to students about the campaign at the Wednesday Farmers Markets. We have a Craftivism event set up for next Monday to make new costumes to match the tram costume that made its first appearance at SummerFest. Ultimately, the aims of the campaign are:

- Rally about extending the free tram zone in mid-April
- Action outside the Minister for Public Transport's office in mid-May

We have also been running a social media campaign to <u>tell the stories of students affected by</u> <u>high fares and fines</u>. Please send anybody with stories to us!

Key Activity 3

We met with the Minister for Public Transport to discuss our three proposals:

- Extend the free tram zone
- Allow postgraduates and international students concession public transport travel
- Allow students to use university-issued ID as proof of concession

The Minister was non-committal on all demands. The most promising was the response to the demand relating to the university-issued student ID as proof of concession. The minister's adviser indicated that the minister would be open to a trial of an initiative like this at the University of Melbourne.

This could take the form of full-time domestic undergraduates starting at the University of Melbourne in 2020 having their student cards overstamped with some sort of proof of their eligibility for concession status, like a holographic sticker. This would be similar to the initiative announced for <u>Victorian high school students in December last year</u>, and would bring Victoria into line with other Australian jurisdictions like the ACT, NT and Queensland – all of which allow either school uniform or school-issued student ID as proof of concession.

The outcome from the meeting is that we need to mobilise students on the ground, in order to make student transport poverty and equal treatment of international students and postgraduate students a political issue for the Minister. This is why we're planning a rally outside the Minister's office.

Key Activity 4

We are running a Student Transport Survey to collect Melbourne University-specific data about student transport poverty and financial strain. This should arrive later this week.

Lecture recordings

Key Activity 5

We finished our position paper on lecture recordings at the law school. Our position is that unrecorded lectures exacerbate exam stress, put speakers of English as an additional language at a disadvantage compared to other students, and impact heavily on students who cannot physically attend class due to work commitments. Furthermore, we believe that stigma about accessing support for mental health issues may be deterring students from requesting access to lecture recordings. We plan to submit the position paper this to the university's committees including the Academic Programs Committee, and Academic Board.

We wrote a <u>version of this paper for the Law School magazine</u>, to ensure students are aware of the campaign on this issue.

We also had a really nice email from a law student at Monash, letting us know about a campaign which they're hoping to run to get lecture recordings.

Key Activity 6

We lecture-bashed and flyered the first-year subject Australian Politics, a large subject which does not record its lectures. We have set up a Facebook group with the support of students in the class, which yesterday grew from 5 people to a monstrous 53 members. The next steps include supporting the students in this class to:

- Organise a campaign meeting
- Organise a mass-email to the subject coordinator
- Set up a class petition to indicate student support for recorded lectures

Winning recordings for this class will hopefully send a clear signal to other subject coordinators that unrecorded lectures are a significant barrier to student equity.

Anti-racism campaigns

Key Activity 7

We helped build for the Melbourne Uni Contingent to the Stand Against Racism and Islamophobia Rally by lecture-bashing and flyering the first-year arts foundation subject Power, and the first-year criminology subject From Graffiti to Terrorism. The action was a huge success, with thousands attending. Melbourne University students made up a really strong contingent.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Last Action Point 1 (Cameron) Write position paper on lecture recordings. Done.

Last Action Point 2 (Cameron)

Done. We upgraded our MailChimp account so now we can reach out to stacks of students.

Surge Camp (Charli) We did itttt, #tick.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1 (Cameron) Follow up with minister re: student ID as proof of concession trial.

Action Point 2 (Cameron)

Build for FTZ rally.

Action Point 3 (Cameron)

Build for postgraduate and international student concessions.

Action Point 4 (Cameron)

Run Craftivism session.

Action Point 5 (Cameron)

Gauge student interest in a community legal education session about students' rights on public transport.

Surge Camp – Catchup (Charli)

There's a catch-up next Wednesday at Lentil is anything in Abbotsford to see how everyone can stay involved.

Ed Pub in the Pub (Charli)

This event will be the best way for Surge Camp people to bring existing groups to meet each other and centralise on a common goal (ie free ed). It'll happen next Friday.

Free Education campaign (Charli)

The Surge Campers wanted to hold a summit after the federal election, this could be a oneday event that tee's up pressure on our university/victorious government to go wild on the idea of free ed.

0	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line
5	19/3/2019	On Track Pass flyers	\$270.60	Special Projects
5	19/3/2019	Ed Department Banner	\$244.20	Special Projects

Environment Will Ross

Key Activities

Rad Ed Week

Radical Education Week will be taking place in the middle of semester, approximately three weeks from now. Rad Ed week is a fabulous week of workshops and conversations about radical ideas, theory, and how to re-vision our broken education & social systems. We organised this week every year to engage student in radical learning "outside the university classroom" - symbolised by the location of our marquee on South Lawn from Monday through to Thursday.

This year like last, we want to try and get more UMSU Departments on board, rather than it just being an Enviro and our friends series, and engage more students in radical ideas. Last year we had workshops from Welfare, Queer, Women's, Education Public and Academic, and People of Colour. This year we want to continue that - if you have an idea for a workshop, head to the UMSU Enviro page and follow the link to submit workshop ideas!

This year we will be running the radical classroom from Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April (Week 7), with a student forum on Tuesday evening and a closing party taking place on the Thursday. Throughout the week, the radical classroom will be providing workshops, movie screenings, lunch and chats with a range of themes. Some workshops from previous years have been 'Divestment 101', 'Radical Pedagogy', 'The Lost Subjects', 'Anti-racism 102 and 102', 'Reimagining Consent', and 'Glyn Davis: A Life'. Topics range from feminism to circular economies and more.

Djab Wurrung Solidarity

Two weeks ago the Environment Department took part in organising and facilitating a snap solidarity action in support of the Djab Wurrung Embassy. We, along with a number of other groups, put pressure on Richard Wynne, Victoria's minister for planning. More than two dozen staunch people came down to help out all up, with only a day's notice. This is our statement from the protest:

"The University of Melbourne Student Union is deeply concerned about what is happening on Djab Wurrung country. We were outraged to see Victorian police, accompanied by VicRoads bulldozers, are attempting to break up campsites and arrest protectors last week.

The Djab Wurrung Indigenous community and their supporters have been fighting for more than a year against the Victorian Government and VicRoads who are planning to bulldoze more than 260 sacred trees on Djab Wurrung country in order to expand the Western Highway in Victoria. This struggle has seen one of the longest blockades, and one of the strongest stands against colonisation in Victoria in decades.

Djab Wurrung people have labelled the project "an act of cultural terrorism". It is set to destroy 800 year old trees of immense cultural significance to Djab Wurrung people, including birthing trees estimated to have birthed 10000 Djab Wurrung children or more.

The proposed mere 12.5km expansion of the highway is expected to cost to government \$42 million dollars. For such a brief and unnecessary expansion of the Western Highway, VicRoads is willing to decimate sacred women's birthing trees and cultural land. We are sending a message to all parties responsible: business as usual will not continue while the government pursues cultural genocide.

It is wrong and unfair for any government to talk about treaty at the same time as they are pushing policies that lead to cultural genocide - such as the plans to bulldoze the Djab Wurrung trees. We stand with the Djab Wurrung Embassy in their demand "NO TREES NO TREATY".

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Action Point 1: Confirm speakers for the Student Forum on Divestment

Five out of six speakers for the Student Sustainability Forum have been confirmed. We will have Danielle Rostan-Herbert (Sustainability Manager), Sue Hopkins (Sustainable Campus), Dan Baird (Finance), Lucy Turton (Previous OB) and Raveena Grace (Postgrad Environment Network) speaking on the panel on Tuesday night. We may also be joined by a representative from Mercer, the accounting firm contracted by UoM for investment analysis.

We are also proud to announce the panel will be chaired by our own Molly Wilmott, who has selflessly agreed to facilitate discussion for the night.

Action Point 2: Schedule for the upcoming Rad Ed Week to be drafted & promotional material ready

Workshop submissions are coming through and our schedule should be ready by Tuesday 9th of April for distribution. Promotional materials are also on their way. Feeling geared up for a very rad week in the Radical Classroom.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Report-back on the success of Rad Ed Week organisation By the date of next Students' council.

Action Point 2: Feedback and report from the Student Sustainability Forum, including new ideas and initiatives for transparency and ensuring the success of the divestment campaign

This will also include a summary of how communication between University and students can continue to be improved on all topics, especially sustainability and investment. By date of next Students' council.

Budget Expenditure

\$1400 spent on invoices for catering throughout Summerfest.

\$30 spent on banner-painting materials.

\$150 spent on safety high-vis wear and a new megaphone for the Environment office.

Indigenous Marley Holloway-Clarke & Jordan Holloway-Clarke

Introduction

Hello all, most things the same on our end. The first trial for Indigenous University Games is coming up, we are pushing the yearly calendars, have a movie night coming up on Friday in conjunction with the P.O.C. department. No major events yet just planning and organising for the next few hectic weeks.

Key Activities

Social Calendar

The Indigenous Department is continuing planning our social calendar for students which will include movie nights (first this Friday - private screening of 'Us'), social sport (starting wk 3), 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 two teams at the National Indigenous

University Games. This years games will be held in Perth, WA during the last week of exam which will potentially create issues for students that have exams in that last week. We have been

advertising over the past week and have our first trials 11th & 16th April. On the 11th we have

planned a dinner/information session to explain the whole week in detail so all first years have an

understanding of what to expect. We hope to secure a win once again this year and take the trophy home as back to back champions.

MB lunch

Every Tuesday MB has a successful lunch with large numbers coming most weeks. As OB's we

think it is a great space for us to advertise our events and make any other announcements. Two

weeks ago we took the large majority of the tote bags, stationary, hygiene products and condoms to no surprise we almost ran out of everything and people were so thankful and appreciated that.

Submitting the Budget

We have submitted the budget after major consultation with Murrup Barak and will be presenting it in an upcoming scheduled students council meeting. We have budgeted for a packed year and as numbers of Indigenous students grow our budget has to grow with it. Indigenous Uni Games will be in WA this year which means it will be significantly more expensive than last year and we plan on pushing for two editions of Under Bunjil this year to truly showcase this cohorts talent. Although we have allocated a significant portion of the budget to those portfolios we still aim to help all students weather it is continuing buying hygiene products, notebooks or essential items that people may not be able to afford.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

- Movie tickets bought
- Budget started
- Calendars revised
- Initiate games tryouts/info session

Action Points to be completed by next report

- New tote bags purchased
- Finish budget

Budget Expenditure

N/A

Media

Stephanie Zhang, Katie Doherty, Carolyn Huane, Ruby Perryman

Key Activities

Edition two

We made two of these! It felt again like a massive undertaking but it came together in the end. We're especially proud of how different it turned out for edition one, and made a lot of tweaks that made the mag feel more professional and polished, like downsizing fonts and adding content warnings to the contents page.

Chasing down your OB reports

We once again would like to urge OBs to submit their *Farrago* OB reports on time, because if you do not, there will be big ugly spaces in the middle of a very beautiful magazine. And also students don't get to stay informed about what you're doing.

It's disappointing that for the past two editions, we've had to chase most OBs down to get their OB reports, and also put in extra time to edit them to ensure they are of a length that would fit the layout of the magazine. Steph would like to stop being the person who posts the most in the OB Facebook group.

We'd also like to add that in publishing *Farrago*, we are constitutionally obligated to publish these reports, and that you, as office bearers, are constitutionally obligated to submit these reports.

Ultimate editorial responsibility lies with the Media Officers. The Media Officers shall have the exclusive privilege of determining the content of *Farrago* including but not limited to soliciting content, publishing content or not publishing content. The Media Officers are only obliged to publish two types of content, unless they are not submitted on time, breach this policy, content standards or there are legal reasons to not publish: Officer Reports and election coverage which includes details of polling places, times and candidate statements.

Fig 1. From the Student Newspaper Policy

4.6 All Office Bearers, excluding the Media Officers, are required to submit reports to every edition of Farrago. The submission process for these reports will be outlined by the Media Officers at the start of each term of office. Office Bearers must be provided with at least one week's written notice of every submission deadline.

Fig 2. From the Regulations for Student Representatives

Edition two Launch Party

This was a great success! We held this at the Clyde Hotel, and it was attended by up to 50-60 people. We got to meet tons of new collective members and chat to lots of old hats. The tab kept running out and we took this as a sign of success!

Start planning federal election coverage

As news editor, I (Steph) have begun having lots of conversations with collective members about federal election coverage already. We've gotten tons of interest from campus reporters, video and photography team members, as well as people from the broader collective community. By the time you read this, I will have finished writing up a brief for a more formal call-out and summary of what we'll be doing.

As a teaser: remember our Vic state election coverage from November last year? We're adding a couple of things.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Get edition two to print

See 'Key Activities' for more.

Work on edition three

We're straight back into working on the next edition! We had our board meeting ages ago and have pretty much finalised layout at the time of writing, and by the time council sees this, we should be done with sorting out subediting and graphics commissions.

Open submissions for edition four

Yep. They are open, please submit!

Hold events

Regular activities are still happening! If you're a person of colour interested in media, come along to our fortnightly collective jointly held with the People of Colour Department.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Action Point 1: Work on edition three

Action Point 2: Upload edition two content onto website

Action Point 3: Work on pre-election coverage

Action Point 4: Hold events

People of Colour Farah Khairat & Mark Yin

Key Activities

Diversity Week

This became a lot busier than we had anticipated, as we had added a range of things to the week relatively last-minute in response to the Christchurch attacks. Aside from planned events, we additionally ran a vigil on the Tuesday and an interactive campaign on Wednesday. We'd like to thank everyone who helped us with this week and stress the importance of rejecting racism as a community.

PASS training

We met with the panel earlier this week to discuss existing training procedures and how we can refresh them for 2019. This was a productive session that included past and present office bearers as well as collective members with a range of experiences and positionalities. The training itself, however, has been pushed to week 6 owing to Diversity Week impacting both our availabilities as well as that of the Faculty of Arts.

Anti-Racism Workshops

We're finalising a line-up of presenters now!

Us Screening

We're doing an excursion/collaboration with UMSU Indigenous and Monash African Students Society this Friday to go see *Us*. We sold 60 tickets within a day, and are excited to be collaborating on things with other departments/groups/campuses etc. as well as supporting the work of PoC creatives.

Southbank Collective

We're planning to run a Collective at Southbank on Thursday at 1-2pm in weeks 6 and 10. We're also planning an open mic night there on Friday evening in week 10.

Games Night (with UMSU Intl)

This is happening this Wednesday, with AV set up from 1-4pm and the actual event running 4-8pm. Noted for future office bearers is that the timing of this event is a little unfortunate given that Night Market and UMSU Intl elections are very much on the horizon, which means resources for promotion and preparation have been somewhat limited. Still, we're very keen to collaborate and introduce more social events into the UMSU PoC calendar this year.

Radical Education Week

We're going to run How Privilege Manifests in tutorials again. Ironing out final details and Basecamping it soon.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Anti-Racism workshops

As above.

Make Diversity Week happen

It happened. Big thanks to everyone that helped <3

Action Points to be completed by next report

Run Southbank Collective and decide on direction for Southbank campus events

In particular, we'd like to gauge attendance for this event as well as demand for different types of events (social, educational, welfare etc.)

Tutor training

With PASS and How Privilege Manifests coming up, we'd like to renew some conversation around tutor training and prepare to train semester two staff.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2(19)	24/01/2019	Collective catering	\$7,200	Collectives	Spent \$630 since last council; cumulatively \$1,196.60
2(19)	24/01/2019	Week 3 Reading group catering	\$960	Collectives	Spent \$80
3(19)	18/02/2019	Internal transfer to AV for <i>Crazy</i> <i>Rich Asians</i> screening	\$450	Special Events	
3(19)	18/02/2019	QPOC catering	\$1,200	Collectives	Spent \$204 since last council; cumulatively \$371.80
4(19)	13/03/2019	Media POC catering	\$360	Collectives	Spent \$15.36 this week
4(19)	13/03/2019	Diversity in Education and Entrepreneurs hip speakers	\$2,000	Special Events	\$2,000 was passed to remunerate all speakers this week. The two speakers for this

					event were paid \$220 each.
4(19)	13/03/2019	Super- Diversity speaker	\$2,000	Special Events	This event costed \$1,000
4(19)	13/03/2019	Diversity Week reading group speaker	\$2,000	Special Events	\$2,000 was passed to remunerate all speakers this week. The speaker for this event was paid \$125.

Queer Andie Moore & Raph Canty

Key Activities

RAPH JOINS ANDIE AS A NEW QUEER OFFICER

WOW THIS IS EXCITING!!!! Councillors, say "WELCOME RAPH" and you will receive a lifetime of gay and rainbows!

Intercollegiate Queer Picnic

Andie has been meeting with the Queer Representatives from the different residential colleges, and has been working with Comms to put together graphics and promote a intercollegiate picnic, that will be happening this Sunday at Princes Park. We're all really excited to link up the Queer Department with the colleges, and bring collegians into the department.

Collectives

We have been busy running weekly collectives for Queer People of Colour, Trans and Asexual/Aromantic students, complete with snacks at every meeting. Attendance has been very high in comparison to past years, which is a big positive for us. This is another good sign that autonomous groups feel welcome in the Queer Department.

In Week 3 we held our biggest Queer Political Action Collective yet with Students for Sensible Drug Policy about harm reduction and queer people. Big shout out to the Be Heard Not Harmed campaign for all their amazing work! We're hoping to work with Michael and the team soon on a petition drive around poppers being rescheduled. We were so busy with TDOV we haven't been able to organise a QPAC this week. We can't wait to bring it in line with Rad Ed Week in two weeks time however, and get the Departmentt engaged with the Enviro Department a whole lot more.

The fortnightly Southbank collective is growing constantly and this week had very good attendance. We're looking forward to working with the Southbank department for the student drag show next month. We're also considering moving to the UMSU Space next semester in order to...

Trans Day of Visibility Banner and Cupcakes

For Trans Day of Visibility we set up a stall outside Union House giving free cupcakes in addition to advice about being a good Trans Ally. We got rid of about 150 cupcakes!!! A really efficient and wholesome way to engage with everyday students about how they can make their work and study spaces more inclusive. Andie gave up most of their weekend painting a big ol' banner for TDOV, which looks really really cute.

Pride in Action Network Committee

Pride in Action Network sign-ups are slowing down a little bit now, but we hope we can boost this a bit more. We've been encouraging students to sign up through our newsletter, and we are planning on doing a big membership drive at the start of next semester. At the moment we are doing a lot of strategic planning, setting goals and targets for the overall organisation. We're really happy that PiAN may have the ability to review University policies, something we believe is really important for students, beyond active allyship.

With Pride in Action, we helped put on a free theatre piece called "Be Frank", about the coming out journey of young trans man, and his experiences with family, friends, and both casual, overt and internalised transphobias, as well as pride. It was so good to be able to bring attention to the experiences of trans people to an audience of allies. Andie also spoke on a panel immediately afterwards with another member of the Queer Collective about their experiences with transness. TDOV was raaaad.

The Newsletter

Mailchimps are still getting lots of action! We've been putting out weekly newsletters and have been seeing open rates of around 50% which is really good for a mailing list!

Queer Gals Movie Night

We held our first Queer Gals Movie Night on Week 3! It was pretty well attended, had just over 20 people there we think. Seemed like really wholesome vibes! Unfortunately Andie couldn't hang around for it :~(

G&Ts with the LGBTs

This event has been a spectacular success, with around 80 attendees at both of the events we've run so far. Last week we had Japanese catering (Okonomiyaki and Edamame) thanks to Kyle at The Ida. Due to popularity, G&Ts has run significantly over budget during both events and we will need to review spending on the event in future with the possibility that we may need to come to Council for more funds.

Queer Space Renewal

Raph has been putting a lot of time into updating the Queer Space with a new high-velocity fan, new rug, new table and more milk, tea and coffee. Andie has been making weekly special iced tea which has been very well received. More cups and sexual health supplies will be purchased over the next few weeks. In the long term, we will be looking to replace the sign on the wall as it isn't totally in the spirit of the Queer Space right now.

Coming Out Support Group

This group runs somewhat externally from the Queer Department, but we provide funding for it. Its aim is to help questioning students receive support from peers about coming out and feeling more comfortable about their sexuality. The first meeting was in Week 4 and saw excellent attendance of about double last year.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Put out CAMP Expression of Interest Form

Done! Submissions close this Friday. Tell your friends to apply to be an editor!

Pay Zine contributors

Paid for! Waiting on them to come.

Run an awesome G&Ts with the LGBTs and Queer Gals Movie Night

Both of these were SICK and very well attended.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Appoint CAMP Editors

We need to interview our applicants for editors,

Put out expressions of interest for Queer Collaborations

Raph will organise a form to get interest from potential delegates. Hopefully we will be able to fund several students to attend.

Start building campaign against the rescheduling of Amyl

We gotta get chatting to SSDP and put this to action! A petition drive would be so good.

Welfare Ashwin Chhaperia & Natasha Guglielmino

Key Activities

Volunteering

Still happening and running quite smoothly. We still get new sign ups every week which is great :D

Welfare and Low SES Support Collective

Welfare Collective has good attendance, good vibes and good conversations so far. Low SES Support Collective is smaller since it's new, but it's still going pretty well.

Food Bank

We've modified the packs to include more food such as rice and extra beans, and we took out single use items from the packs (eg. Tiny Teddies packet) in favour of items that will make proper meals. We are going through quite a lot of these, so we're glad that students are using the program.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Safer Partying Initiative

It's happening!!! First session will happen on Monday 8/4/19. Our pill testing kits are in and made, and we'll be taking them down to Harm Reduction Victoria this week. Artwork and speakers are also ready for Monday ⁽²⁾

Action Points to be completed by next report

New initiative???

We're currently in talks with the University about a new initiative to address student food insecurity. It's a bit up in the air at the moment but we should be able to confirm some details by next council.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
5	27/03/2019	Food Bank	\$3600.00	Regular Events	\$675.54 (05/04/2019) \$133.05 (15/03/2019)
5	27/03/2019	Breakfast	\$1300.00/wk	Regular Events	\$945.22 (29/04/2019)

5	27/03/2019	CIP Bonding	\$1650	Regular Events	\$213.30 (08/03/2019) \$217.80 (07/03/2019)
4	28/02/2019	Welfare Collective	\$1250.00	Regular Events	\$66.00 (27/03/2019)
4	28/02/2019	Low SES Collective	\$30.00/wk	Special Projects	\$30.00

Women's Aria Sunga & Hannah Buchan

Key Activities

Respect Week

Respect week is happening next week and the Women's department is looking to hold a stall to chat to students. We will be having some kind of edible incentive (perhaps mocktails, as we have so much mineral water left over) so that students will want to stop and talk to us, and then speak to students about the importance of having a national taskforce investigating sexual assault on university campuses.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Queer Gals Movie Night (the debut)

She was good! We originally planned on watching *But I'm a Cheerleader!* as it was the most requested by students, however we had some technical difficulties because we originally thought that we would be able to stream the movie from a computer. We didn't have a cable to plug in and the Rowdy didn't have the movie on DVD so we had to pick a new movie to watch instead. In the end we watched *Carol* and it was a good time. Lots of people came and we passed around snacks and it was just a very wholesome time. We are planning on watching *But I'm a Cheerleader!* next time, which will be in week 7.

Respect Task Force Meetings

The first Respect Task Force meeting was held on the 27th of March. Hannah is the UMSU representative on the taskforce, and there is also a student rep from UMSU International and the GSA. Most of the taskforce was spent discussing the anonymous reporting interface which was launched earlier in March. The anonymous reporting allows students to report inappropriate behaviour, and gives options to specify where/when/who. The anonymous reporting is not a formal report and is used for data collection but directs users to places that they can submit a formal report. The university is investigating methods of anonymous formal reporting. We also went through the timeline for the Respect Now Always communication plan for the year, and there was discussion about increased contact with student representatives.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Respect Week stuff

Looking forward to it.

Judy's Punch

We will be opening up EOIs for editors within the next couple of weeks.

Budget Expenditure

Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Item Description	Amount Passed	Budget Line	Comment
2	31/1/19	Week 3 Collectives (dumplings)	\$4800	Collectives	\$218.10 spent
2	31/1/19	Week 4 Collectives (Zambrero)	\$4800	Collectives	\$191.20 spent
2	31/1/19	AVMelbourne for Moonlight Cinema - screens and labour	\$5000	Summer and Winter Orientation	\$1,466.35 spent
2	31/1/19	Moonlight Cinema UMSU Casual - popcorn machine	\$5000	Summer and Winter Orientation	\$55.08 spent for one casual
3	28/2/19	Arts supplies (IWD)	\$1000	Special Projects and events	\$80 spent for art supplies
2	31/1/19	Queer Gals Movie Night Snacks	\$4800	Collectives	Spent \$45.60 on snacks
2	31/1/19	Week 5 Collectives (Prontos)	\$4800	Collectives	Spent \$178

Burnley James Barclay

Key Activities

Melbourne Design Week

The Burnley Student Association has purchased tickets for student delegations to two events during Melbourne Design Week. The aim of which is to expand the learning and networking opportunities of students within their given industry.

Channel SSEN

Channel SSEN has purchased extra equipment to broaden the scope of potential content and improve overall quality. With the expansion of horticultural student participation it is their intention to reach out to other departments to bulk the volunteer base.

Self Defence Classes

The first BSA self defence class took place last year, though minimal initial participation classes are predicted to rise in attendance and popularity.

Groceries

With the vast popularity of seasonal produce provided last year the BSA has continued to supply students with fresh food and drinks. A well fed student is more likely to engage with and absorb information in classes.

Progress on assigned actions from last report

Workshops

Negotiations with 3rd party workshop hosts is ongoing, we expect to host worm lovers this semester to teach students about wicking bed and worn farm construction.

Collab with Arts

The botanical drawing session at Burnley was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions.

Action Points to be completed by next report

Finalize workshop negotiations

Budget Expenditure

Toxic City Symposium : \$150 Dan Pearson MDW : \$137.5 Groceries : \$208

Southbank Hilary Ekins

No report submitted.