

Monash Student Council

Confirmed Minutes

Meeting 01/08 of the Monash Student Council held at 10am on Tuesday the 8th of January 2008 in Wholefoods.

Meeting opened at 10:11.

1. Attendance:

President:	Mat Hilakari	(chair)
Secretary:	Julian Campbell	(minutes)
Treasurer:	Yuliya Mik	
Education (Public):	Mark Baker	
Education (Academic):	Dash Jayasuriya	
Activities:	Sarah Cousins	
Welfare:		
Environment:	Callum Bryant	
Women's:	Caroline Shipley	
Female Queer:	Allegra Lofgren	
Male Queer:	Rowan Butler	
C&S:	Ryan Alexander	
MUISS:	Ronny Tsee Woon Yuen	Apology (proxy to Ben Mok)
MAPS:	Matthew Shields	
General Representative:	Tegan Dobbie	Apology (proxy to Keshia Jacotine)
General Representative:	Simon Singer	
General Representative:	Adam Taranto	
General Representative:	Jeremy Healsmith	
General Representative:	Dara Conduit	Apology (proxy to Haydn Steel)
Indigenous:	Billy Gray	Absent
Observers:	James Mentor Fiona Lander	
Other apologies:	Ephiny Gale	

2. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

This MSC acknowledges and pays respect to the people of the Kulin nations as the original and ongoing owners and custodians of this land. The MSA commits itself to actively fight alongside Indigenous peoples for reconciliation and justice for all Indigenous Australians.

3. Confirmation of agenda order

Item 6.2 (Election of MSC Executive positions) was moved back to after Item 12 (Reports) to ensure all representatives had time to consider their votes.

4. Summary of exec financial motions

Attachment: 01/01

No questions.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes

5.1 MSC 21/07

Attachment: 02/01

These minutes were not submitted by the previous Secretary, Samuel Kastelan. They will be chased up further.

Simon Singer enters at 10:13

6. MSC Executive Matters

6.1 Authorisation of discretionary limit for MSC Executive

Motion #1 (tabled in agenda):

“That this MSC resolves to allow the Executive to authorise expenditure of up to \$5000 per item in its role as day-to-day Manager of the MSA, pursuant to the MSA Constitution. Further, that a summary of executive financial motions be tabled at Council at every MSC meeting.”

Mr Hilakari explains that this motion is passed each year to allow discretionary spending.

Mr Taranto enters at 10:13

Motion #1 is put.

Moved: Haydn Steel

Seconded: Yuliya Mik

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

6.2 Election of the MSC Executive

Deferred to after item 12 (Reports).

7. Students of Monash Board Election (2 positions)

Mr Hilakari explains that the MSA has received a recommendation from lawyers to remove ourselves from Students of Monash (SOM) given Monyx is dead and allow SOM to dissolve through ASIC.

8. SWiCh Board Election

Motion #2 (tabled in agenda):

“That this MSC removes Mathew Hilakari and appoints _____ as the MSA representative on the SWiCh Board. Further, that the appointee to the SWiCh board is required to submit a report on each Board meeting to MSC, by at least the second MSC after each board meeting.”

Mr Hilakari explains what SWiCh is, how it is incorporated separately from MSA. Generally in this place the MSC elects the treasurer as the MSA often needs to help in management of staff and the budget. In line with possible future constitutional changes, it is not unlikely that the number of board spots for MSC members may increase.

Mr Shields enters at 10:18.

Mr Hilakari calls for nominations for this position. Only one nomination is received.

Motion #2 (amended):

“That this MSC removes Mathew Hilakari and appoints Yuliya Mik as the MSA representative on the SWiCh Board. Further, that the appointee to the SWiCh board is required to submit a report on each Board meeting to MSC, by at least the second MSC after each board meeting.”

Moved: Haydn Steel
Seconded: Simon Singer

For: 13
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1
MOTION CARRIED

9. Radio Monash Board Election

Motion #3 (tabled in agenda):

“That this MSC appoints _____ as the MSA representative on the Radio Monash Board. Further, that the appointee to the Radio Monash board is required to submit a report on each Board meeting to MSC, by at least the second MSC after each board meeting.”

Mr Hilakari calls for nominations for this position. Only one nomination is received.

Motion #3 (amended):

“That this MSC appoints Simon Singer as the MSA representative on the Radio Monash Board. Further, that the appointee to the Radio Monash board is required to submit a report on each Board meeting to MSC, by at least the second MSC after each board meeting.”

Moved: Julian Campbell
Seconded: Yuliya Mik

For: 12
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2
MOTION CARRIED

10. Co-op Bookshop Directors Election (2 positions)

Motion #4 (tabled in agenda):

“That this MSC appoints _____ and _____ as the MSA directors on the Co-op Bookshop Board. Further, that the appointees to the Co-op Bookshop board are required to submit a report on each Board meeting to MSC, by at least the second MSC after each board meeting.”

Mr Hilakari outlines that a priority of these people is to ensure that board meetings are held. Mr Steel notes that the role is largely ceremonial. Mr Hilakari agrees that the position does not involve day to day responsibilities.

Mr Hilakari calls for nominations, of which there are two:

Julian Campbell – Nominated by Yuliya Mik, Seconded by Mark Baker

Rowan Butler – Nominated by Dash Jayasuriya, Seconded by Simon Singer

Motion #4 (tabled in agenda):

“That this MSC appoints Julian Campbell and Rowan Butler as the MSA directors on the Co-op Bookshop Board. Further, that the appointees to the Co-op Bookshop board are required to submit a report on each Board meeting to MSC, by at least the second MSC after each board meeting.”

Moved through the chair.

For: 11
Against: 0
Abstentions: 3
MOTION CARRIED

11. Capital Works

Mr Hilakari outlines that the Capital Works Sub-Committee is needed to assess the capital works needs of the MSA for the coming two year period. The Sub-Committee will be open to all persons involved in the MSA, and any department or individual may make submissions to the group on behalf of themselves or the organisation. The Sub-Committee will need to make a recommendation to Council on the needs of MSA in line with the organisational direction. The Sub-Committee should make a recommendation by March.

Motion #5 (tabled in agenda):

“That this MSC appoints an open Sub-Committee to report to the MSC on the Capital Works needs of the MSA. The report should be received by the end of March recommending a Capital Works program for 2008-9. This Committee will be chaired by the MSA President, and shall receive recommendations in writing. Recommendations shall be opened immediately on the formation of a definition of "capital works", which will be publicised in the GEMA.”

Moved: Simon Singer
Seconded: Jeremy Healsmith

Mr Hilakari explains that the sub-committee would receive recommendations in writing. Given the fairly liberal way in which the term “Capital Works” can be defined, this will need to be its first priority. There is a clear need as shown by the state of MSA computers.

Motion #5 is put.

For: 14
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED

12. Reports

12.1 President

Attachment: 02/01

Mr Hilakari passes the chair to Ms Mik.

In relation to the damage done by the end of year floods, Mr Hilakari outlines that the most significant damage was done to the John Medley Library, SWiCh and the Bar were soaked but little actual damage, while Radio Monash’s electrical equipment was gutted and a few computers in the activist space suffered. The university is considering both how to repair the damage and how to stop further leaks during heavy rain. In relation to recovering costs, the MSA does not have insurance, while the university does have building and contents insurance. Clubs therefore might be best advised to contact the university.

Ms Mik passes the chair back to Mr Hilakari.

12.2 Secretary

Attachment: 03/01

In response to questioning on the specific benefits of the culture card, Mr Campbell launches into a long explanation of the various savings which will be provided, in addition to the goodwill generated towards the organisation's less economically tangible benefits. All paid-for MSA services outside of SWiCh will be discounted to students. The cost will be \$55.

Mr Steel outlines that clubs will be charging a surcharge to non-holders, not providing a discount to holders.

12.3 Treasurer

Attachment: 04/01

No substantial questions offered.

12.4 Activities

Attachment: 05/01

Ms Cousins outlines in detail the deals that the MSA will hopefully engage in with the university to bring massive events to the Robert Blackwood Hall. Hoping low-price tickets, with discounts for culture card holders. Nothing is in writing at this stage, contract will be signed by Anthony Walls and Mathew Hilakari. The project would include MSA branding.

Item 12.5 (MUISS report) is deferred until the MUISS Officer arrives.

12.6 MAPS

Attachment: 07/01

Council pauses for 3 minutes to read the MAPS report which was submitted at the meeting.

Ms Shipley, Mr Mok and Mr Alexander enter at 10:43.

Mr Campbell reiterates that reports must be submitted in a timely manner in order to be accepted.

No questions were offered in regards to the MAPS report.

12.5 MUISS

Attachment: 06/01

No questions offered.

12.7 C&S

Attachment: 08/01

No questions offered.

The Divisional Presidents take a few moments to introduce themselves to the rest of the council.

Motion #6:

"That this MSC approves and accepts all reports submitted on block."

Moved through the chair.

For: 17
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Ms Jacotine, Mr Singer, Mr Taranto, Mr Healsmith and Mr Steel exit at 10:50.

6.2 Election of the MSC Executive

Mr Hilakari calls for nominations. Mr Alexander and Ms Shipley both nominate themselves.

The divisional representatives ask whether the election can be deferred until the next MSC, on the basis that they have not had a great deal of time to consider the position and who would be the best candidate. Given MSC can function and will not be inquorate, this is accepted, but it is urged as a matter of priority that this be sorted out at the next MSC.

Gen Reps back 10:52

Ms Jacotine, Mr Singer, Mr Taranto, Mr Healsmith and Mr Steel enter at 10:52.

Subsequently the chair calls for nominations for the General Representative on MSC.

Motion #7:

“That this MSC approves the election of Jeremy Healsmith as the General Representative on the MSC Executive, elected pursuant to section 23(1)(e) of the Constitution at this meeting.”

Moved: Haydn Steel

Seconded: Keshia Jacotine

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstentions: 13

MOTION CARRIED

13. General Business

Ms Jayasuriya outlines that the “Education Bloc” are creating the counter-faculty handbook, and would like each office bearer to submit at least 2 reports on their previous subjects to the book. They are trying to consult with LSS and their current subject review guide. The title of the handbook is questioned.

Ms Jayasuriya outlines that in lieu of the absent Welfare Officer’s position, she is creating a student cookbook. In between speculating on the culinary tastes of those struck by poverty, Ms Jayasuriya encourages each office bearer to submit 1 report, especially Mr Mentor. Ms Jayasuriya will consult Wholefoods, as they have been trying to get a cookbook going for some time.

Mr Campbell gives informal notice of a Culture Card meeting to take place on the evening on January 10 at 6:15.

Ms Jacotine informs the MSC in her position as a member of the Women’s Affairs Committee that Ephiny Gale is the convenor, not Ms Shipley.

Mr Hilakari encourages council members to attend host scheme toga night, where undergarments should be considered superfluous.

Mr Hilakari ensures the council is all on the GEMA list, and will ensure Ms Jacotine is added. He continues on to encourage people to use Google calendars for all MSA events.

Mr Campbell endorses all officebearers to get their office “adm” addresses set up as soon as possible.

Mr Hilakari reminds the council of the Space Changes, to take place from 2pm on January 10 in central space.

14. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8am on Wednesday the 23rd of January, 2008 in Wholefoods. In response to questioning, Mr Campbell asks any council members to outline any event which this may clash with.

Meeting closed at 11:02.

Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 01/01

<i>Exec No.</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Line Item</i>	<i>Comments</i>
50/08	Graphic Designer Advertising	\$200.00		
	Lot's Wife Ad Manager Advertising	\$200.00		
	Christmas Party	\$1000.00		
	Culture Card O'week fliers	\$1000.00		

Minutes of Monash Student Council 21/07

Attachment 02/01

Not submitted as yet.

President's Report

Attachment 03/01

Mathew Hilakari

MSA Water Damage

The MSA has had a number of areas damaged due to the recent storms from the 20th of December. I have sent several emails updating the organisation about this. The main areas affected were the Bar, Radio Monash and SWiCh. I am continuing to work with the University to ensure that the MSA is able to have all areas up and running by the start of semester, and that all work areas are ready by their reopening.

Training

The MSA annual training went well with good attendance by incoming Office Bearers. The Training Manual was reviewed for the first time in some years, and while the best of endeavours started the project, there ended being limited hours in which to fulfil the project. By the end of the year, few outgoing Office Bearers were prepared to commit time to training, and I believe that the changes made to Office Bearer regulations should go some way to remedy this situation. The final OB training guide, while a mishmash of previous ones, with only some updated sessions is useful, but a full update should be begun in October of 2008, led by the Secretary, with assistance from all OB's.

Recommendation:

That the OB training guide be started in October 2008, led by the Secretary, and assisted by all OB's.

Culture Card

The Culture Card project is beginning slowly, however, there is a great deal of work to be done to get this off the ground over the next few weeks. I commend all OB's to assist where possible. The main priorities over the next few weeks is to ensure that incoming students understand the campaign and that we are able get as many students as possible involved in the MSA and the important events over the coming year.

Recommendation:

That the MSC prioritise the Culture Card campaign and encourages all parts of the organisation to assist in whatever way possible to ensure its success.

Student Rights

Currently the MSA is seeking agreement with the Berwick Student Union (MUBS), to ensure the upkeep of the Students Rights program. So far (with the 2007 MUBS administration), we are fairly agreed on the terms of the program, and we will hopefully finalise this with the new administration. This agreement will ensure that some of the pressure on the Student Rights program can be improved by a more holistic approach to Student Rights on campus.

Room Changes

There has been some discussion over the room changes that are occurring in the MSA currently. The 10th of January will see organisation wide discussion regarding the space changes, although there have been some changes to the original plan that was distributed, taking into account the concerns of a number of groups, we should have this finalised by the end of the 10th. The changes that are scheduled should dramatically improve the usability of many key MSA services and I hope that the move will occur in mid-Jan.

Planning

Much of my work at the moment is planning for the upcoming year. A couple of the key events of our first three months are listed in this report, however, I recommend that all OB's look at the google calendar to check upcoming events of the MSA and add their own into the list.

O-week

O-week is a key event for the MSA. Thus far I have attended a number of committees working towards this, and many of our staff are working full time on this project. All OB's will be required to attend all days of the O-week carnival to ensure that you are able to get involvement of students in your various projects. The Carnival will also be the main selling time for the Culture Card.

Xmas Party

The xmas party was a success by all accounts, minus a few presents, and an injury that required hospitalisation. The MSA floods ended the party and a successful reign by Zoe. Congratulations on a very successful year, ensuring many of our key goals were met. I recommend that next year the MSA check the weather reports before holding any MSA events, even indoors.

Uni funding

We are currently moving towards signing off of a three year funding agreement with the University. Much of the agreement is reasonable with a few final details to be negotiated.

SWiCh

We are currently in the process of changing the Constitution of SWiCh. This process will see a more workable committee process, and ensure greater participation of parents in SWiCh. The SWiCh program is scheduled to move across to the University in 2010 and much of the agreements on changing this across to the University should be finalised during 2008.

Secretary's Report	Attachment 04/01
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Julian Campbell

Culture Card

For the next few months, the roll-out of the culture card will absolutely dominate my time. My deepest thanks go out to all departments who responded incredibly promptly to my requests for what they could provide by way of discounts for the card, and I'm looking forward to putting together the most comprehensive MSA benefits package students have ever been offered. With only a few more departments left to nut out the details of what exactly they will provide, this process has progressed extremely well. Likewise I'd like to thank Chris Holmes and Renee Robinson who have been fantastic in support of this, and look forward to all that the expanding culture card committee will be able to achieve in the coming months.

OB accountability

I'm looking forward to popping in tomorrow morning and seeing timesheets all meticulously filled out from last week and a nice clear whiteboard showing when every OB hoped to be in – probably a bit optimistic, but certainly good attempts were made prior to the Christmas break. I am greatly heartened by the approach from several OB's who have put in leave requests some months in advance, and have been checking in special circumstances, whether their time away from the MSA needs to be removed from their annual leave. This section of my reports in future will feature reporting of OB hours attended in relation to those committed. Likewise, I am relatively happy with the amount of reports which have been submitted in a timely manner – at this point of writing, only 3 reports remain outstanding, which is hopefully attributable to the end of year break. In regards to all these matters, I understand special circumstances for different positions and am always open to suggestion as to how these areas can be improved upon, and certainly if anything is unclear please do let me know so it can be cleared up for all.

Space Changes

While banter surrounding the proposed space changes has been plentiful, formal proposals and alternatives seem somewhat thin on the ground. I would encourage all OB's and staff to carefully consider the space changes proposed and suggest alternatives with a view to the outcome matching organisation's goals – certainly in my own mind, all options are still on the table, and with so little organisational experience now gracing the corridors of our union, all opinions are more than welcome. I look forward to the January 10 meeting being well attended, and hope that after a vigorous discussion we can come out of it with a workable solution for all concerned.

Treasurer's Report	Attachment 05/01
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Yuliya Mik

Happy new year everyone!!

Despite an interesting (read: water-filled) end to 2007, the start to 2008 seemed to be slightly more positive. Upon my return I was happy to see that much of the water damage was attended to quickly and long-term damage seems to have been minimized. I started the year with much cleaning of the office, thanks to Mat's rather ad hoc organisation and hygiene practices. Thankfully the 6 month old Wholefoods plates and the mould they were growing have been removed.

December was a busy month; as well as OB camp I also attended the NUS conference here at Monash, which ran for a week, and the TREV/AACA conference (as part of my C&S portfolio) which was held at Victoria Uni in Sunbury, and which I found to be an interesting information-gathering experience. In the last week of December I found some time to spend at the MSA getting to know my (then not too clean) office. On top of all of this was of course real employment – which made for a very busy December indeed.

In first short week of 2008, in between the cleaning, most of my time was consumed by budgets – preparing and going over them, sending them out to departments, discussing them with people and doing some adjustments. This will continue over the next week or two until all the departments are happy with what we've got (which unfortunately isn't much) and all the budgets are ready to be passed by MSC.

Some time has also been spent on finding a replacement for the C&S Development Officer. The current officer, Johannes, is leaving soon, and we're hoping to have a new staff member to fill his spot soon. Today (Monday) is filled up with interviews with myself, Mat and Ryan on the panel, which will hopefully bring a positive outcome.

Over the next couple of weeks, along with budgets, I'll be concentrating on issues concerning the opening of The Bar in 2008. Hopefully this time round we can sort out the licensing and any other university-related issues well before the opening and get The Bar open in time for the beginning of semester 1. Another point of focus will be getting the culture card together and organising an

effective campaign for pre-semester 1 to maximize the subscription numbers for this year. This will hopefully be a project that will involve working closely with the divisions as well as most of our departments. I'll make sure to keep MSC updated on developments.

I'm enjoying the newly cleaned office, and look forward to even more cleaning, and a bright and shiny office, soon to be filled with chocolate!
Until next time...

Activities Report	Attachment 06/01
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Sarah Cousins

Alexander Theatre

Jason and Tegan have made beginning in Activities relatively easy through training, in particular with guidance in the coordination and organisation of an event with the Alexander Theatre. This deal involved the Alexander theatre taking full financial responsibility for the running of possibly four events over the year. We were to provide advice on particular acts, ticket prices, and other means of getting students involved. In return we would be able to provide students with more big events on campus, be able to pursue personal projects without the MSA taking financial responsibility, spread activities MSA branding further, and have a ticketed event to sell to first years during host scheme and orientation week. Unfortunately, after a lot of negotiation and fear of it being unsuccessful event (due to a number of reasons), the deal fell through for getting Tripod, and we no longer have a ticketed event to sell at host scheme.

This has in effect been a blessing as it has allowed us more time to successfully plan and promote events, as well as opened up new doors regarding having a big name band play in the Robert Blackwood Hall. Again, this would be the financial responsibility of the RBH, as they would be contacting particular artists by advice from Keano and myself.

TREV Conference

Keano, Wallsy and I attended the TREV conference in Sunbury. This was a great opportunity for us to network, and see how other campuses and universities organise their activities departments, come up with new ideas, build on current ideas, and reinforce old ideas. It also gave us a format for process. Not only was it actually helpful, but we had a lot of fun doing it to!

Extra Bits and pieces

Keano and I are currently working on looking at organizing a relatively small and cheap, ticketed event, so that we have something to sell to first years during host scheme and orientation week. We are still open for ideas, but at the moment this is looking to be a themed cruise through the city, possibly in conjunction with another club on campus.

Wallsy and I have been working on merchandise, which at the moment is looking to be t-shirts (one color for students, and another for committee), tattoos and stubby holders. We have also organized for sponsorship for STA travel and other companies through donations during orientation week.

In the last month I had also been working on a sponsorship deal with an Internet community website, of which unfortunately fell through.

Amongst other things, Keano has been working on ways to rebuild our committee (different t-shirts was one way), and rebuilding an inventory of club and halls contacts. In particular, he carefully thought about and prepared a proposal for the space changes.

Space Changes

Thankfully, Activities did not have to move in the space changes, and remained in the airport lounge on the grounds that we made a better use of space. Taking this on board, Keano, Wallsy and I spent two days sorting out the bar space downstairs, cleaning out the committee room and rearranging ours, and the bar manager's office. It is still in progress, however the difference is astonishing! Our

office is surprisingly big, if not a regular shape, and we have room for a couch! Everyone should come and check it out.

MUISS Report	Attachment 07/01
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Ronny Tsee

MUISS Xmas Party

We had a small gathering where the past committee members and the people who helped in the organisation of the various events of MUISS through out the year 2007 were invited. The turn out was as expected and the people who came had fun. The aim was to thank the students for their contribution through the whole year and to give opportunity for others to catch up after a long period. This was the first time it was organized by MUISS.

New PC's

During the last month of the year 2007, MUISS acquired 2 new PC's. The new MUISS committee wanted to get new PC's because we were missing one, which was damaged by a power surge during the previous summer 06 and the only one what was in use was functional only for internet purposes, the CD reader did not even work and the printers could not be used and the publications officer could not do his job properly. We decided it was time to change the old one and replace the missing one

Accommodation Issue

The Services and Welfare Officer of MUISS is working in close relation with Kylie Evans and Kristine Papadopoulos, both from Residential Services to come up with a way to create awareness to students in general about their rights as tenants and to step up when these rights are being tampered with.

MUISS Website

The publications Officer will be having a meeting with Praz the IT officer of MSA about the webhosting of the MUISS website.

Budget 2008

We have received the last draft of the budget 2008 and have noticed a severe cut of about 37% to our budget compared to the suggested cut of 15%. We would like to have a figure of the amount of cut that had occurred across the other divisions and departments and will be following up on that.

MAPS Report	Attachment 08/01
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Matthew Shields

There's been limited activity of course since November.

Over the Christmas break we've hammered out a workable roster for Vince (Student Liaison Officer) – 192 hours a semester or 0.2 load. Getting coverage for the parks of the next few months, namely enrolment booths, orientation and the first few weeks of term was not too difficult. However the demands of the position leave little margin for error, and we hope Vince can keep on top of things given the lack of routine and constant phone interruptions. For that matter I am sure there are many potential students of a certain demographic that maybe have found returning to study a little less daunting thanks to Vince.

MAPS will once again host an Orientation program for new students that identify as mature aged and/or part time. MAPS will cater for about 30-40 people with the usual array of guest speakers and light refreshments. One of the most pleasurable aspects of this day is meeting new students, and ultimately observing them in the lounge having survived their first year.

The lounge and computer lab has been frequented over the summer, and it is nice to say g'day to our regulars through December and January. Come to think of it it's always been the place to drop in for no particular purpose, and find there one of like mind. It is this culture that is the key asset.

Clubs & Societies Report	Attachment 09/01
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Ryan Alexander

O-week

The biggest development in this area in the past two months was former C&S Support Officer Karen Kelsi's successful application for over \$7000 of University sponsorship for the C&S Clubs Guide 2008. Karen took the theme '50-HOT' from the ABC TV series 'Summer Heights High', tied it to the University's 50th anniversary celebrations and submitted a sponsorship/marketing proposal to the University's anniversary committee. The money has been divided up between C&S and general O-week funds and will help to cover the cost of printing the Clubs Guide.

Preparations are continuing for O-week, which is C&S' major event for club exhibition and member recruitment each year. The format of marquees on the Lemon Scented Lawns will not change substantially. The decision not to remove the third Club Day will ensure returning students are kept aware of the large number of clubs active on campus.

Culture Card

The decision to push ahead with an early 2008 roll-out of an MSA Culture Card was supported by C&S. C&S is in a prime position to encourage uptake of the Culture Card through grants-based incentives to clubs. At the second-last C&S Executive meeting of 2007, \$30,000 was authorised for spending on Culture Card incentives. This money comes directly from C&S' 2007 budget surplus which came about as a result of low demand for grants which were linked to the Community Card. This action will hopefully reiterate the Division's commitment to providing as much funding support to student-run clubs as possible. Any ideas for Culture Card-based incentives are welcome!

There were two areas of Culture Card planning which C&S discussed with the Card planning committee (Mat and Julian): advertising and availability. In terms of advertising, C&S supported displaying more of the actual benefits and discounts associated with the card, rather than the teaser campaign which was used in 2006. C&S also supported more substantial promotion of the MSA/student rights aspect of the card.

C&S also advocated that the card be made available for purchase both on-line and at the Student Services Counter on the ground floor of the Campus Centre. This follows the recommendations of the Phillips KPA report into the Community Card which highlighted "the need for the card to offer the ability for students to pay for the card via multiple options, at multiple sales points..."

Staffing

C&S is very happy to welcome Rebecca Quilligan to the role of Support Officer! C&S would like to thank everyone who made the application process run smoothly.

In December, Johannes Schmidt announced his resignation from the position of Club Development Officer, a role he has held since 2005. C&S would like to thank Johannes for his tireless dedication and commitment to helping students and wishes him all the best for the remainder of his Law degree. Applications have been received for the position and by Tuesday 8th January a successful applicant will have been chosen. Thanks to Mat for ensuring the process ran to schedule. Following C&S' troubles with staffing in 2007, the prompt selection of two new staff members will ensure C&S hits the ground running in 2008.