

Monash Student Council

MINUTES

Meeting 01/09 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Friday the 9th of January 2009 in Short Courses Studio 2.

Meeting opened at 02:15.

1. Attendance:

President:	Julian Campbell	(chair)
Secretary:	Ephiny Gale	(minutes)
Treasurer:	Sarah Cousins	
Education (Public):	Gemma Buckley	
Education (Academic):	Lauren O'Dwyer	
Activities:	Chris Salmon	
Welfare:	Lucy Hotchin	
Environment:	Imogen Jackson	
Women's:	Madeline Schultz	
Male Queer:	Greig Friday	

C&S:	Simon Singer
MAPS:	Clinton Cook

General Representative:	Adam Taranto
General Representative:	Steph Hall
General Representative:	Lisa Dalle-Torre

Observers:	Allegra Lofgren
	Kim Parker
	Omar Hassan
	Alex Roe
	Chris DiPasquale
	Colleen Berger
	Andrew Black
	Rosie Pham
	Ali Majokah
	Sara Garnham

Apologies:	Robbie Philpott
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Absent:	Naja McFadden
	Daniel Snow
	E-Thing Gee
	Mungly Eddy Landry

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

Julian adds the Gaza motion to #4 on the agenda. He adds the Co-Op Bookshop Board to end of agenda.

4. Gaza Motion

Draft Motion #1:

Intro

Gaza has been under siege for the last 18 months, meaning that there has been no medical aid, food, petrol or any other supplies allowed into the country without Israel giving the green light. It has been estimated that hundreds of people died in Gaza as a result of the siege because they were unable to get their required medicines and treatments. Humanitarian group Save the Children says that about 50,000 children were suffering from malnutrition. Then on the 27th of December Israel unleashed its military might, an attack which quickly became the bloodiest in the country's history since 1967. The death toll was just under 300 in the first 24 hours of the bombings, and over 500 even before the ground invasion began. Over a quarter of those killed have been women and children.

Gaza is the most densely populated area in the world, home to 1.5 million people, more than half of which are made up of children. Because there was no warning of the coming attack, everyone in Gaza was going about their normal lives, and school children were caught in the middle of the air strike, as it was carried out at the time that schools are on a midday break and students are returning home.

Monash has many students that are from the Middle East or from a Muslim background including quite a few students who are from Palestine. The student union has to take a position on this to stand with these students whose lives have been affected as they worry over their family and friends trapped in Gaza. Israel's latest atrocities go hand in hand with the racism that has been stirred up to provide the backing for these attacks. Our own government here in Australia has released several statements attacking the Palestinian people as if the latest conflict is their doing and has refused to condemn Israel's attacks on civilians. This racism that comes directly from the government only serves to further alienate people from Muslim and Middle Eastern backgrounds.

The ACTU has condemned Israel's attack on Gaza. It has taken a clear and positive lead, and it's important that other unions - including our own student union - add their voices to strong international message of solidarity with the Palestinians.

There have been 2 protests held in the city of Melbourne since Israel's attack begun. The first, last Tuesday, had an attendance of approx. 3000, and the second one just last Sunday saw approximately 6000 people show up (as reported by The Age). A large number of Monash students went along including a number of people here including Julian, Omar, students from the Islamic Society, other students from the Labor left club, and a number of others. As an office bearer Omar has approached by a number of Monash students that recognised us from our student union work. Students that approached us expressed interest in attending further rallies and were happy to see their elected Monash representative protesting along side them. This was a great opportunity to talk about the student union, and there is a real possibility of recruiting a number of these individuals to the union on the basis of our solidarity with the Palestinians.

Motion

Platform

Israel's invasion of the Gaza strip is the most violent attack on Gaza since 1967. The Swinburne Student Union opposes all racism and oppression and hence is opposed to the deaths and destruction caused by Israel's aggression. The Swinburne Student Union, calls on Israel to immediately stop the bombing, withdraw ground forces and lift the blockade on Gaza's borders. We

show solidarity with the victims of Israel's attack and demand the Federal Labor Government call for an immediate end to Israel's aggression.

Policy

1. The Monash Student Association condemns Israel's aggression towards the Palestinian people.
2. The Monash Student Association calls for Israel to stop their military campaign against the Palestinian people.
3. The Monash Student Association calls for Israel to lift the blockade of Gaza's borders and allow the passage of all food, fuel and medical supplies.
4. The Monash Student Association offers its solidarity to those in Palestine suffering from Israel's actions in the Gaza Strip, and to all students in Australia affected by the war.
5. The Monash Student Association condemns the Australian Government's support for Israel's war and craven refusal to condemn attacks on civilians.

Action

1. The Monash Student Association endorses the rally on Sunday the 18th of January at the State Library and further actions called against Israel's war.
2. The Monash Student Association will produce posters to advertise this demonstration to the general student population.
3. The Monash Student Association Office Bearers will attend the demonstration on Sunday 18th January, carrying student union banners.

Moved: Lucy Hotchin
Seconded: Lauren O'Dwyer

Lucy only learnt about the issue last night. Whether we vote it up or down, she feels we should discuss it. We should be able to take a stand. The policies are positive.

A great deal of observers enter the room. Far too many for the Secretary to name, or even count, while still taking minutes.

Julian rules from the chair that only Monash Clayton students can speak.

Lisa says the event is difficult and there are compelling arguments for both of them. If we take a stance on this we risk alienating so many of our students. The MSA should not have a stance on foreign issues that do not directly affect our students. We can pass a motion that we support peace in all forms instead. She is afraid time in the Education Public Department is not being used properly.

Omar says a great deal of Student Unions have already taken a stance this week. How can we say that it doesn't affect students when so many are here to watch this MSC? He says it is important that we say that the Rudd government's actions are not good enough.

Allegra says this is a personal issue and it is not the MSA's place to take a stance for students on this.

Adam says this motion, if it is passed, will not change anyone's mind. If we don't think that this represents all 25,000 students then it is not our place to pass this.

Julian rules that this will be put to a vote at 3pm.

Chris DiPasquale says that a number of people in this room sang 'Solidarity Forever' at the end of the elections. Thus we have solidarity to other human beings who are suffering. Student Unions have always had a role in fighting for world social justice issues. This motion is expressing solidarity.

Madeline asks why we've taken a stance on things in the past. The reason we don't take a stance on a lot of world issues in the past is because we haven't been elected to do that. It is very hard to say Gaza is one-sided. We cannot say we represent students if we pass this motion. Passing this motion does not directly affect students so it is not our responsibility. No-one is relying on us to make a decision on this.

Gemma says every issue in the world has an indirect relationship to students. With the limited amount of time and resources we have we do not have enough to spend our time on all of them – or any of them that don't directly relate to students. It is offensive to force Office Bearers to attend a rally that they may not personally support. When has the association produced posters on something outside of the union with our limited resources?

Colleen says that many of the organisers of the rally are uni students. Many of the people who attend the rallies are uni students. Many precedents have been set of the student union taking up political issue. This is a big political issue of our time. Silence is allowing the deaths of so many people. The real reason of this war is about collective punishment.

Hayley says both sides have committed atrocities. No matter what we decide we are going to anger a huge amount of students. Our decision ultimately means nothing. We are never going to resolve this. What is best for students is not to choose one side.

Lucy says it's probably a touchy issue because people don't want to align themselves as anti-semites. We need to speak up because at the very least it informs people. It brings it out of the religious context and stops people feeling guilty because they don't want to be labelled an anti-semite. The policies are appropriate and inform people.

Julian passes the chair to Lauren.

Julian agrees with a lot of the sentiment in this motion. He does not agree with what's happening in Gaza. He attended the rally on the 4th of January about this. He attended the rally in a personal way. He was invited to speak on the behalf of the MSA and declined. Opinion of Monash students is bitterly divided on this issue and thus he would not be reflecting them. Some students would consider this motion racist. He encourages you to learn more about the issue and fight for what you believe in, but vote down this motion.

Lauren passes the chair to Julian.

Lisa says students expect this organisation to prioritise student issues. I think students do need to have information about Gaza but we have such limited noticeboard space it should be limited to official MSA things.

Adam moves the policy section of the motion, separate from the platform and the action.

Gemma says that everyone she's spoken to supports the principle of the motion. They just don't think it's the MSA's place to pass this. This Council oversees mundane MSA issues. That's what the purpose is. To pass foreign policy issues takes away from the core purpose of this Council.

Coleen says that by taking a stance we educate other students. Not everyone agreed with all of our other policies and we still passed them – VSU etc.

Alex Roe says it's great that we have a number of student groups who are willing to fight for this. This is an atrocious tragedy but we have to think of how this conflict affects us. We need to educate everyone on the conflict, not just on the 27th of December 2008. We need to take a standpoint where we show both sides of the argument and let people make up their minds for themselves. Bombarding people with opinions is counterproductive.

Allegra says that this policy does not reflect 2 points of view. There are a bunch of people who think it's a one-sided conflict in the opposite way. Pushing just the policy forward is as bad as the entire motion.

Omar says there are people who don't agree with the Women's Room. We don't take them into account when we support the Women's Room. We can side with morality and not take into account students who disagree with us.

Simon Singer enters at 3:24 pm

Kim says that if you don't take a stand on a political issue, you may be letting down the students who voted on you to take such political stances.

Imogen says that this is a deeply personal issue and we should not automatically thrust an opinion on someone. She does not want to force her opinion on someone, even if she disagrees with them. She is intimidated by people who try to force their opinions on her. You can't only condemn Israel's militarism.

Simon says the MSA should not be speaking out on foreign policy issues. We need to be very careful about this. If you piss off a student group about this they may try and shut down the MSA. We should be looking into getting as many people involved as possible, not disenfranchising them. How does this affect students on campus?

Madeline says we take on issues that students feel matter. The problem with the issue today is that students do not agree on anything here. There is about an even split about what the student population believes. The people who disagree with this policy have reasonable opinions about why they disagree. Thus we cannot support this policy just because we, as representatives, believe in it.

Andrew Black says that it's important to note that by not taking a stance on this issue we are not disenfranchising anyone – we are merely saying we cannot take an issue.

Julian passes chair to Lauren

Julian says that he needs to put the other side of the argument. 400 rockets have been fired at civilian targets, not military – from Palestinian people towards Israel. When I went to the rally there were flags flying of groups that support terrorism.

Lauren names Colleen

Lauren passes the chair back to Julian

Rosie enters at 3:30pm

Gemma says that out of the people who voted for her, she has no idea who would support this motion. As to the Women's Room, that is supported by the vast majority and directly affects students on campus. This is, however, a very divided issue and we cannot possibly think to voting as their representatives.

Ali enters at 3:40pm

Sarah Garnham says that you are complicity supporting the deaths of 750 people if you do not vote this motion up.

Simon says Israelis try and notify people before they bomb because they want to avoid civilian casualties. He doesn't see how moving this motion will change the situation in any way.

Julian names Colleen a second time.

Julian names Sarah Garnham.

Julian names Simon Singer.

The Council has a break at 4:01.

Council reconvenes at 4:06

Julian has consulted the Standing Orders and Constitution. They do not make reference to how voting shall be conducted – by hand or by paper.

Lauren withdraws her seconding from the original motion. The motion falls.

Lucy seconds Adam's motion.

Procedural: that we cut the speaking list.

For: 8

Against: 1

CARRIED

Procedural: that the vote be by secret paper ballot.

For: 5

Against: 3

CARRIED

Julian makes Allegra and Omar scrutineers.

Adam's motion is put.

Madeline dissents to the motion and the putting of the motion.

Moved: Adam Taranto

Seconded: Lucy Hotchin

For: 2

Against: 9

Abstention: 2

MOTION LOST

A whole bunch of people leave the room. Far too many for the Secretary to name, or even count, while still taking minutes.

Julian apologises for the 'disgraceful' nature of the people leaving the room, chanting.

Adam says he moved the motion because he supports peace and wanted people to support both Israel and Palestine equally.

Simon apologises for some of his earlier comments.

Julian moves up the Divisonal Representative vote.

5. Divisonal Representative on MSC Executive

Ryan Alexander and E-Thing Gee are overseas. Chris Li and Kellie Yip have not answered their contact.

This item is deferred to the next meeting.

6. Confirmation of previous minutes

4.1 MSC 19/08

Attachment: 01/01

4.2 MSC 20/08

Attachment: 02/01

Imogen was a proxy for Lana in MSC 20 and thinks she was a proxy in MSC 19 also.

Motion #1:

"That this MSC approves MSC Minutes 19/08 as a true and accurate record of events."

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #2:

"That this MSC approves MSC Minutes 20/08 as a true and accurate record of events."

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

MOTION CARRIED

7. Reports

Reports due at this meeting:

5.1 President's Report

Attachment: 03/01

5.2 Secretary's Report

Attachment: 04/01

5.3 Treasurer's Report

Attachment: 05/01

5.4 Activities Report

Attachment: 06/01

Julian notes that the Activities report contains dates and that OBs should put them in their diaries.

Motion #3:

"That this MSC accepts the submitted reports on bloc."

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Julian moves up the Gen Rep Elections.

8. General Representative on MSC Executive

Draft Motion:

"That this MSC approves the election of [general representative] to the MSC Executive for 2009."

We adjourn while the Gen Reps leave the room.

Julian leaves the room at 4:35

Julian returns at 4:39

Gen Reps return at 4:41

This vote to be deferred to next meeting.

9. Office Bearer Regulations

Attachment: 07/01

Clinton Cook enters the room at 4:42

Motion #4:

“That this MSC accepts the proposed changes to the MSA Office Bearer Regulations.”

Moved through the chair

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

Ali leaves at 4:47

General discussion as to whether Office-Bearers should have to submit single or separate reports. Discussion as to whether this makes them more accountable or just creates more work.

Draft Motion:

“That the sub-clause “Office-bearers sharing a position may submit a single report to MSC” be deleted from the Office Bearer Regulations.”

Moved: Ephiny Gale

Seconded: Gemma Buckley

For: 5

Against: 5

CHAIR VOTES IT DOWN

General discussion as to whether timesheets are a good measure of accountability. Whether they work. Whether this is a minimum work requirement.

Lisa explains that we can take timesheets as an indication of the Office-Bearer’s presence, rather than an indicator of their work.

Gemma thinks it becomes even more blurry as to whether a person has done their work when we don’t have timesheets and only reports. She would be uncomfortable about docking someone’s pay with only a report to go on.

Simon says the more measures of accountability the better.

Madeline asks whether we want to acknowledge people working from home.

Draft Motion:

“That all references to timesheets be abolished from the Office Bearer Regulations.”

Moved: Ephiny Gale

Seconded: Adam Taranto

For: 5

Against: 6

MOTION IS LOST

Motion #5:

“That point 3 of the Penalties section of the Office Bearer Regulations read: “All timesheets will be tabled at MSC and office-bearers penalised as MSC deems it appropriate.”

Moved through the chair

For: 4

Against: 3

Abstentions: 3
MOTION CARRIED

10. Authorisation of Discretionary Limit for MSC Executive

Alex Roe leaves at 5:15pm

Motion #6:

“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 excluding staffing, industrial and legal expenditure. Further, that a summary of executive financial motions be tabled at Council at every MSC meeting.”

Moved: Simon Singer

Sec: Gemma Buckley

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Lisa asks whether payments to staff would need to go to an Exec or MSC meeting.

Julian explains the constitution specifies that staffing issues are the domain of Exec. This motion would make it more clear.

Note that media is to be considered in the constitutional committee.

11. Signatories

Motion #7:

“That for the purposes of cheques and other similar financial documents two signatures will be required from the MSA Executive, namely those of the Treasurer, **and either** the President *or* the Secretary. In the event that the Treasurer is unable to attend the office for more than 2 working days, the two signatures may be sought from both the President **and** the Secretary during that period **of** absence.”

Moved: Simon Singer

Seconded: Gemma Buckley

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Motion #8:

“That for the purposes of cheques and other similar financial documents for the Divisions of the MSA, this MSC accepts three signatories from each divisions, as selected by the relevant divisions, to be submitted for the next MSC.”

Moved: Gemma Buckley

Sec: Adam Taranto

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

MOTION CARRIED

12. SWitCh Board Election

Motion #9:

“That this MSC appoints Sarah Cousins as the MSA representative on the SWiCh Board for 2009. 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: Gemma Buckley

Sec: Simon Singer

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

13. Radio Monash Board Election

Motion #10:

“That this MSC appoints Lauren O’Dwyer 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: Gemma Buckley

Sec: Adam Taranto

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

14. Co-Op Bookshop

Julian passes the chair to Lauren

Alex Roe enters the room at 5:35

Motion #11:

“That this MSC appoints Julian Campbell as the MSA representative on the Co-Op Bookshop Board. Further, that he is required to submit a report on each Board meeting to MSC, by at least the second MSC after each board meeting.”

Moved: Gemma Buckley

Sec: Simon Singer

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Lauren passes the chair to Julian.

15. Constitution Sub-Committee

Motion #12:

“That this MSC opens a MSC sub-committee to discuss constitutional change, to be chaired by Julian Campbell and to report back to MSC 04/09.”

Moved: Gemma Buckley

Seconded: Simon Singer

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Julian says that there’s no point having every random person jump on board and having a 25-person committee.

16. Standing Orders Sub-Committee

Motion #13:

“That this MSC opens a MSC sub-committee to discuss change to the MSA Standing Orders, to be chaired by Ephiny Gale and to present recommendations back to MSC 04/09.”

Moved: Steph Hall

Sec: Madeline Schultz

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

15. Election Regulations Sub-Committee

Motion #14:

“That this MSC opens an open sub-committee to discuss change to the MSA Election Regulations, to be chaired by Sarah Cousins to be presented back to MSC 04/09.”

Moved: Lisa Dalle-Torre

Sec: Simon Singer

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstention: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Gemma has her abstention noted

16. Lot's Wife Fraction

Motion #15:

“That this MSC increases the pay fraction for the editors of *Lot's Wife* to a total of 2.1.”

Moved through the chair

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Sean and Rosie have reduced their fractions to 0.8 each while Keshia is away in consultation with the executive.

17. Office Bearer Fractions

Motion #16:

“That this MSC increases Office Bearer pay in line with Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2009.”

Moved: Simon Singer

Sec: Adam Taranto

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

This is 4.5%, as through the budget. This is just making it official through MSC.

18. General Business

Lisa raises the MSC schedule. Fridays are a low-activity day on campus and thus a lot of students may want to work then and not go to MSC.

Julian says he quite likes the schedule as he feels more students could attend MSCs as they won't have class.

General discussion as to whether it's easier or harder for Council Members to make MSCs.

Ali says that having it at 2pm on Friday may make it difficult for Muslims to attend. If it was at 3:30 or 4 it would be easier for them to attend.

Julian says that Muslims could attend the meeting today from about 2:30. This seems to be the best compromise.

Ali suggests that the meetings start at 3pm.

Ephie is happy to change some of the Friday MSCs to Thursday. But feels that 3pm is too late as these meetings go for a long time.

Madeline says we can always reschedule MSCs if we think they'll go for a long time.

Procedural:

That we note in the minutes that Adam said 'Adam moved the motion because he supports peace and wanted people to support both Israel and Palestine equally' after his motion was voted on.

For: 11

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

CARRIED

Lisa says we have to be careful about the posters that MSA allows up. Who is monitoring these boards?

Julian says that Council will not take a stance on this but people are welcome to take their own action and rip them down. Julian will check the poster policy.

General consensus of Council is that MSCs will be moved back to 2:30pm.

Imogen says that on the 3rd of Feb there is a rally outside Parliament. It's the first day of Parliament and the rally is on Climate Action.

19. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Thursday the 22nd of January, 2009 in an unconfirmed location.

Meeting closed at 06:09.

Minutes of Monash Student Council 19/01	Attachment 01/01
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President's Report	Attachment 03/01
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Julian Campbell

President's Report to MSC 01/09, covering period 1/12/08- 7/01/09

<i>Main Activities:</i>	NUS Conference Meetings with officebearers Organising meetings with university administrators, Monash union Presidents, individual OB's, managers, political figures Cleaning office SHAC Response Broader Bradley Response OB Reg's meeting Big O Fest meetings Coordinate MSA training, planning day and camp
<i>Achievements:</i>	Positive aspects of the Bradley review Cleaner office More productive, enjoyable OB camp
<i>Unresolved Issues:</i>	Culture Card Days Volunteers Desk Business Tender Application Lot's contract
<i>Resource Issues:</i>	Business cards for OB's Email Addresses for OB's Availability of IT support during introduction of New OB's
<i>Recommendations for future:</i>	Ensure finance have all incoming OB details rather than communicate indirectly through the Secretary for all handover issues Get a good break over the Christmas/New Year period
<i>Future goals/plans:</i>	Generally I would use this section to outline the goals for the upcoming month, but instead I have used this to outline some broad goals for all of 2009. This is not an exhaustive list, I just knocked it up off the top of my head, but here goes. <u>Internal</u> Constitutional Reform Election Regulation Reform Financial Regulation Reform Expand MSA membership benefits Establish Volunteers Desk as MSA run project Improve Training/Handover Processes

	<p>Complete EBA process Increase engagement in divisions' social and political activities Ensure positive, supportive, welcoming workplace environment where all feel welcome More responsive front desk</p> <p><u>University Wide</u> Funding increase for VSU Establish Campus Service Council for long term Establish business presence in campus centre Establish faculty clubs networks on Activities and Academic levels Expand library hours and facilities Improve parking access Extend Swot-Vac Establish MSA presence in steering committee of Monash Science School Increase MSA access to global emails</p> <p><u>External</u> Increase Student Income Support levels Fight moves to deregulate higher education Ensure Howard VSU laws are repealed International Students Concession Cards Greater Monash involvement in formulation of NUS policy and actions</p> <p><u>Personal</u> Clean office – this literally would be a year long project to do it properly Keep debating and getting others to join in!</p>
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Secretary's Report	Attachment 04/01
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Ephiny Gale

Report from the end of November

To be entirely honest, I usually keep an as-I-go list of everything that I've done per MSC-reporting period, and I haven't done that this month simply because I've been running around so much it's been difficult to keep one. Thus, I know I am certainly forgetting various activities, and felt the need to disclaim this at the start of this report.

Major Activities

- Planning OB Training → This has been a long process of consulting with various people, drafting, revising and planning, but is finally complete.
- Planning Planning Day → This has been a long process of consulting with various people, drafting, revising and planning, but is finally complete.
- Planning the Culture Card 09 → This included writing up a brief/business strategy guide, many meetings and consultations, and ultimately producing a document outlining the various ways MSA departments are contributing to the Culture Card next year. Again, this seems to be finally... Finalised.

- Training Madeline and Steph → Our new Women's Officers. We have had several informal and one more formal training session this month, and they are now well versed on the Women's Department and their duties.
- WAC Handover Lunch → This was organised for the incoming and outgoing WAC members, and was very successful in terms of planning for next year. We also introduced the concept of committee portfolios for 2009.
- Women's Swimming Time → In the VC's pool! Many women told me this was an awesome concept and were thrilled that I'd organised this, this thing that the Women's Department has been campaigning about for ages. Unfortunately due to the fact this was organised after exams, the turnout was very low. Big thanks to Madeline for all of her help with this. Am hopeful that this can be run much more successfully next year.
- Orientation Planning → In general. Meetings, meetings, meetings. Most of these are about co-ordinating activities and planning the week. O-Week is shaping up to be very exciting.
- Sitting on Hiring Panels → I have sat on 3 in the last month – Student Rights SLO, Student Rights casual Advocates and the last Megahost.
- Women's Leadership Forum → Things finally seem to be looking up for content! Had a meeting with the uni about this. Ultimately looks like we're going to have to get someone outside the uni to design this and the uni will pay. Not a bad outcome, but more work on our part. Starting to tie loose ends together...

More Minor Activities

- Reclaim the Night → This was positive, big turnout, good event. Took Madeline and Steph. Did some publicity for it beforehand. Hopefully this can be bigger at Monash (and in general) next year.
- Starting to revise the MSA survey → This is to be sent around to our email lists ASAP.
- Governance Colloquium → Attended this regarding governance boards. Was brilliant. Learnt lots.
- Moving the Women's Office → It's now big and pretty. Yay.
- Updating finance and minutes and more finance → Before it's too late!
- Taking minutes at MSC → This will take a while to get used to.
- Secretary training → Sometimes, when Julian and I have a spare minute before MSC.

Report from January 6, 2009

Welcome to 2009! I've had a great couple of days back and am so pleased to be working with you all this year.

December was taken up with OB Training Camp, which I did a lot of organizing for and ran a couple of sessions. After that was Equity & Diversity training, which I took for the third time (it was still interesting and informative!) and then off to NUS Conference.

NUS Conference was very intense, but I met lots of useful people from other campuses and a lot of good was achieved for the student movement for the year to come. Of particular note is the Bradley Review (and NUS' response to it), and the fantastic NUS campaign plan passed for 2009.

I cannot really remember too much else about December. It was a crazy time. Note to new OBs: do not remember as little as I am now. I did not know I would have to report on December this year.

Because I am now back to my old, lovely, tried-and-true method of taking note of my tasks completed as I finish them, I can tell you what I've done so far for January.

- Made a new timetable template for 2009. I am very fond of this new model. The first timesheet is posted up and being used.
- Organised the MSCs for the year, and booked the location for the first one
- Put together a comprehensive list of everyone on MSC, everyone who wishes to be kept in the MSC loop (observers), and all of their contact details. Sent several emails relating to MSCs and acquiring said contact details.
- Finished typing up and fixing MSC minutes from last year
- Organised the OB Reg changes meeting. Attended said meeting. Took notes. Typed up all of the changes that were accepted.
- Cleaned and prettified my office.
- Organised JES meetings for Julian, Sarah and myself.
- Wrote this MSC Report.
- Created this MSC agenda.
- Went with Julian and Lauren to represent the MSA at the SHAC protest. This was a great opportunity to bring the problems of Student Housing and Student Poverty to the public eye. Lots of media.
- Created a record of leave taken. Updated it for January.
- Created a full contact list for MSCs – minus Mungly Eddy Landry. Does anyone have his contact details?

I would also like to congratulate Chris and Hayley of Activities fame for their fantastic MSC Report. If we all report like them this year, the MSA will be a more informed place.

Happy New Year!
Secretarial love,
Ephiny

Treasurer's Report	Attachment 05/01
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Sarah Cousins

Hey everyone! So begins a new year... Please excuse this report, as I am still on holiday (at least for another 12 hours) and don't have anything to report on for '09 as such. Also, as with Ephy's, please do not use this as a template for your own reports... It has been done in half an hour, and from memory as I do not have my diary with me with my notes.

December:

Training camp – Was an excellent week, thank you Ephy for putting it together! Thankyou to all the office bearers who put together a session on important issues or processes! I was seriously impressed...

NUS – No comment, other than it was really good sharing the experience with Will, Gemma and Lauren!

Tender: The Shop – This was quite an experience. Mat and I went through and wrote the entire tender, working from notes that Gail put together, internet examples and a text book. A very, VERY special thank you to **Lincoln Wymer** who put aside a weekend for me to provide professional advice on how to set up the store, who to go to for what equipment/product/fit out, what products to sell and more; and **Andrew Griffiths** who put together a professional store layout, including what it would look like from multiple angles which really knocked our tender up a notch or two. We are still waiting on an indication as to how our tender went.

Campus Service Council – Finally got the terms of reference together. Has been put on the back burner for a little while as more and more work arises, but is sorted out now.

Marketing Interviews – Julian, myself and Gail successfully completed the recruiting process for a new person in Marketing. Look forward to a new and very awesome new staff member from next week!

Countless meetings – Exec, MSC, Childcare etc.

MSA t-shirts – What a saga... So much confusion, which has been successfully sorted, and we now have some very attractive new MSA t-shirts on the way.

Front desk designs – put together for the company renovating the space

Activities training – Lumped a butt load of work on your poor new activities chairs. This included a venue for AXP, organizing comedy night, booze cruise, putting together sponsorship prospectus' for the year, and many other bits and pieces that have come up. Apparently their report is incredibly impressive... I would like to draw parallels to my training, but I doubt it had anything to do with me. Lol! Nice one Hayley and Chris!

Activities' Report 06/01	Attachment
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Chris Salmon and Hayley Svenson

Activities MSC Report 7/01/2009

Chris started out Activities solo, but did a wicked job of cleaning and reorganising the entire activities office and new committee space. Filled with an awesome couch, television and Nintendo it's sure to keep our Activities Committee happy and constantly volunteering.

With no events yet we have spent our time beginning to organise upcoming events.

Enrolments/O-Week

The two biggest things on our plate before semester starts are Enrolments week (27th-30th Jan) and O-week. Enrolments will be held in the Airport Lounge (instead of the Eng halls), and we'll be working with Host Scheme to ensure that every first year that comes through finds out about how wicked cool the MSA is! Our involvement will largely be Culture Card related, as well as some groundwork into developing our Activities Committee among the Hosts.

We have started to organise what will be in our O-week stall and what events we will be helping out with during the week. At our stall we will be selling Activities Merch Packs for approx 25\$ for non CC. In this Merch pack we will be including an activities branded shirt, bottle opener, stubby holder and visor. We are also aiming to get donations of condoms, lollies and other random items to make the pack more appealing. At the stall we will also be selling tickets for our first event, the Uni Cruise.

We are planning to organise a themed movie night with Matt in the campus cinema for the Wednesday of O-Week which will be almost definitely be a non-alcoholic event. Additionally, we are trying to create general MSA awareness on the Tuesday afternoon with a student band mini-festival.

Uni Cruise

We are in the process of organising a Uni cruise themed "In The Navy" for the 26th of March. We will be using the same cruise ship as last year, Victoria Star and are waiting for a contract to be mailed to us. The event will be approx 50\$ for CC. A launch BBQ will be held during week 1 or start of week 2 will attempt to make sure it doesn't clash with a major societies BBQ. We decided that to cut the cost of the ticket price it would be better for us to cater rather than accept a Catering package. Hayley will be in charge of catering on the night.

Comedy Night

Venue is booked for Wednesday the 29th of April (week 8, Main Dining Hall) looking at possible comedians to book. Thinking of making it an alcohol-free night to attract sponsorship, and alcohol consumption at Comedy Night has been on the decline.

Other Stuff

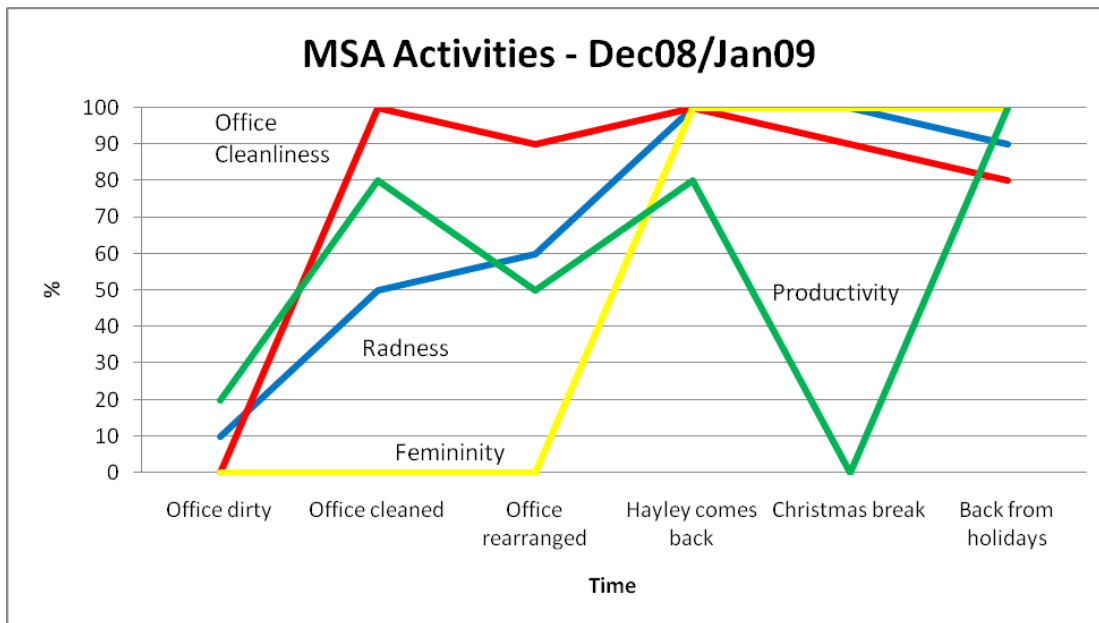
Training – We are looking into the training that we think is necessary for Activities Chairs should have. Chris needs to get his RSA, Food Handlers and First Aid. Hayley needs Food Handlers and First Aid. If other office bearers want to get their qualifications also, we should try to get a group booked into short courses ASAP.

Purchasing – Activities will be investing in new bbq's this year. We also need to purchase new trolleys for moving speakers and gear etc. New leads, cords etc for sound equipment are also required.

Clubs – Chris has started up a mini-forum involving the Presidents of all major faculty clubs, of which the first meeting was held way back in mid-November. It will hopefully be

used to generate better communication between faculties, as well as avoid clashes of major events throughout the year.

AXP – Following the huge networking session that is the national Activities conference in November, MONSU reps seem really keen on holding a joint AXP with the MSA to boost numbers and create a much more wicked event for everyone involved. MONSU Peninsula are super excited to join forces, although the exec at MONSU Caulfield will need a much harder sell. We’re looking at having a Queensbridge Hotel-sized event for June this year, but its all talk at the moment.



Proposed changes to Office Bearer Regulations 07/01	Attachment
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