

# Monash Student Council

## MINUTES

Meeting 02/09 of the Monash Student Council held at 2:30pm on Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2009 in Short Courses Studio 2.

*Meeting opened at 02:35.*

### 1. Attendance:

President:	Julian Campbell	
Secretary:	Ephiny Gale	(minutes)
Treasurer:	Sarah Cousins	(chair)
Education (Public):	Gemma Buckley	
Education (Academic):	Lauren O'Dwyer	
Activities:	Chris Salmon	
Welfare:	Lucy Hotchin	
Environment:	Imogen Jackson	
Male Queer:	Greig Friday	
Female Queer:	Naja McFadden	
C&S:	Simon Singer	
MAPS:	Neil Parry	
General Representative:	Hayley Svenson (proxy for Robbie Philpott)	
General Representative:	Adam Taranto	
General Representative:	Steph Hall	
Apologies:	Mungly Eddy Landry Robbie Philpott Lisa Dalla-Torre Madeline Schultz Lisa Dalle-Torre	
Observers:	Robert Anderson-Hunt Rosie Pham Alex Roe Omar Hassan	

### 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

The Exec Financial Motions are added next.

### 4. Exec Financial Motions

Julian explains that we engaged consultants to give him advice about the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement that we have with our staff – this is an issue rolled over from last year.

*Rosie, Rob and Adam enter at 2:45pm*

The t-shirts that were authorised are for people who are selling the Culture Card.

The Exec financial motions are noted.

## 5. Reports

Reports due at this meeting:

### 4.1 Education Academic Affairs Report

**Attachment: 01/02**

The General Library Committee is the appropriate place to raise lack of powerpoint concerns in the Matheson.

### 4.2 Education Public Affairs Report

Both submitted at the meeting. Gemma's 'newsletter' will come out soon and is not MSA-related.

Julian says that the opinion expressed in Omar's report that MSC was racist is unacceptable.

Gemma asks why half of Omar's report is dedicated to Gaza.

Omar says that he responded to an international crisis and is proud of that.

Sarah explains that the last MSC directed Omar to not address the issue of Gaza in his role as Ed Pub.

Julian asks Omar about the sexist language he's noticed in the organisation and how we can change this. Omar refers to gender-specific insults.

### 4.3 Women's Report

**Attachment: 02/02**

Steph submits her report for the meeting.

**Attachment: 05/02**

No questions for Madeline or Steph.

### 4.4 Welfare Report

**Attachments: 06&07/02**

Alex and Lucy submit their reports at the meeting. No questions.

### 4.5 Male Queer Report

**Attachment: 08/02**

Submitted at the meeting.

*Neil enters at 2:58pm*

Hayley asks whether the people who moved Grieg's furniture could help with their BBQs. Grieg says he'll give her the contact details.

### 4.6 Female Queer Report

*Not submitted* - Naja has been absent and has only just returned to work.

### 4.7 Lot's Wife Report

This was not due this meeting. There was a misunderstanding.

4.8 President's Conference Report  
*Not submitted.*

**Motion #1:**  
"That this MSC approves the submitted reports on bloc, excluding Omar's Education Public Affairs Report."  
MOVED THROUGH CHAIR  
For: 13  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

**Motion #2:**  
"That this MSC will suspend the pay of all office-bearers who fail to submit their reports by the next meeting of MSC."  
MOVED THROUGH CHAIR  
For: 10  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 3  
MOTION CARRIED

5. **Divisional Representative on MSC Executive**

Simon and Neil say that this is very difficult to achieve because so few people are in the country.

This is deferred to the next meeting.

6. **General Representative on MSC Executive**

The Gen Reps have contacted all except Landry and are happy with Adam.

**Motion #3:**  
"That this MSC approves the election of Adam Taranto to the MSC Executive for 2009."  
Moved: Steph Hall  
Seconded: Hayley Svenson  
For: 3  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

7. **Timesheets**

7.1 **Timesheet – Week 1**

**Attachment: 03/02**

7.2 **Timesheet – Week 2**

**Attachment: 04/02**

Several office-bearers have not officially started work yet. A couple of hours here and there have been missed which MSC does not seem to mind too much for the first two weeks.

Sarah notes that some people have been filling in their timesheets in advance of those days actually being completed and asks that this does not happen in the future.

8. **Carparking**

**Motion #4:**

“That this MSC, on behalf of all students, condemns Monash University administration for their decision to raise car-parking costs yet again beyond sustainable levels. This MSC notes that this is a 300% increase in 6 years, and in light of the government signalling a \$250 service levy to be introduced imminently, this MSC demands an explanation as to the reason behind the price increases and directs the President to seek a response.”

Moved: Lauren

Seconded: Gemma

Omar asks whether we can also have a motion about free parking and how we want it.

Julian says that he’s heard 2009 will be the last year of free parking. He will be expressing his extreme displeasure about this.

**Motion #4 is put:**

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Rosie asks whether the Culture Card will subsidise the parking at all. No, this was only under the University’s Community Card.

**Motion #5:**

“That this MSC condemns any move to remove free parking without significant improvements to public transport in the Clayton Monash University area.”

Moved: Julian Campbell

Seconded: Hayley Svenson

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**9. General Business**

Lauren explains the document she’s handed out about Semester changes. The university wants to remove SWOTVAC in favour of two free weeks before the start of Semester 2. Lauren and Gemma have taken their proposed model and have changed it so that one of the proposed free weeks becomes SWOTVAC.

Gemma clarifies that this is not the actual submission for Academic Board, but simply a submission to MSC. We are not passing the submission as it stands, only the changes they suggest.

Chris asks whether the proposed 2 weeks of marking is enough. Lauren says yes, that was suggested by academics.

Julian asks whether Lauren and Gemma would concede week 20 to marking. Lauren and Gemma say that this would negate the entire process.

Ephiny congratulates Lauren and Gemma on their submission and suggest that they make this an agenda item in the future, rather than putting it in general business.

Adam asks that instead of this submission, we ask that they fix Allocate+. Gemma says this is more important but we can fight for better Allocate+ later. Lauren thinks this will help to not clog the Allocate+ system during the break between semesters as well.

**Motion #6:**

“That this MSC recommends the proposed Semester changes.”

Moved: Lauren O’Dwyer

Seconded: Gemma Buckey

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Grieg says he is running an informal contingent of MSA reps to Pride March. Come and join us on Feb 1 – they are meeting at 4 in St Kilda. Additionally Midsumma is running now so come and see lots of shows and movies. Steph says that Ephiny’s play is on as a part of Midsumma. Lauren would like it minuted that she is going to Pride March with her tap shoes.

Gemma is in the process of writing a summary of the Bradley Review for people to read.

Julian congratulates all of the OBs on all their ideas and hard work this year.

Sarah wants everyone to email her back about their availability to sell Culture Card.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 2:30pm on Friday the 6th of January, 2009 in an unconfirmed location.

*Meeting closed at 03:33.*

**Education Academic Affairs Report**

**Attachment  
01/01**

*Lauren O'Dwyer*

**Education Academic Affairs MSC report 15/01/09**

I was warned that the busiest time of year for the Ed Ac officer would be between December and March. This warning seems to be true. Academic Progress Hearings have taken over my life. I've even started dreaming about them...and the actual hearings haven't even started yet! I've included a list of just how this process has gone down over the weeks so you can get an idea as to what I've been doing in regards to APCs. I figure it'll also help the poor sucker that has to do it next year. I've also included a list of the meetings that I've attended so far or am in the process of organizing and what's happening with each, plus any other policy changes I'm looking at.

**Cross Campus Meetings**

Julian and I have decided that it would be worthwhile to try and get some quarterly cross campus meetings up and running. It'll be for communication between the Presidents and Education officers so that we can update each other as to what is going on at each campus and any University changes that we should try and form a united front on. So far I've managed to contact all of the above mentioned people except Berwick because both of their inboxes are apparently full and the President of the Monash Pharmacy Student Association because he's ridiculously hard to find.

As I write this the responses are slowly coming in and I am about to send out a confirmation email about the date and location of the meeting (this one will be at Clayton but the idea will be for it to move around the campuses).

**Semester Changes**

Adam Shoemaker has agreed to have a meeting with all of the Monash student unions and other students that we feel should attend, regarding the proposed changes that are going to Academic Board that will effectively rule out SWOTVAC. I have contacted Adam regarding a meeting date (hopefully the week before O-Week) and am waiting to hear back from him. I have also contacted the other student unions to alert them to the potential changes and about when the meeting may be. I am also yet to contact Owen Hughes who is one of the academics that sat on the semester changes working party that I liked the look of, to explain to be the reasoning behind their proposed changes and ask a few questions about a few other options.

**Academic Board**

Our first academic board meeting is in the middle of O-week which is a pain in the colloquial backside but Gemma, Pat Gallus and I will be there with bells on. I have been in communications with Pat Gallus about a meeting between the three of us before the Board date so that we can discuss tactics and create a battle plan for the year. Hopefully if Gemma and I have had the time we will have submitted a statement for this meeting in relation to the proposed semester changes that we want the MSC to endorse so that we can submit it to the Academic Board.

**Unit remission of debt**

It has been brought to my attention that the university last year changed its regulations regarding remission of debt for a unit. They will now grant remission of debt if it is deemed appropriate but will not remove the '0' on the student's academic transcript which is entirely inconsistent, affecting a student's average grade and possibly their chances at obtaining a job. I have had discussions with a couple of people from EPPC and have now been referred onto a lady called Andrea Waller who works in student services. She is apparently the only lady that can adjust a mark on someone's academic transcript and the go to for these kinds of issues. Unfortunately she's also in charge of enrollments and therefore ridiculously busy at this time of year so this issue has been put on hold for a few weeks until I can get onto her.

What I am yet to locate is the regulation or policy regarding this specific part of unit remission and no-one yet seems to be able to point me in the correct direction. I'll keep searching...

### **Committees**

**Assessment Working Party:**

This WP branches off from EPPC and pretty much includes the Associate Deans of Education/Teaching from each faculty plus the Manager of Examinations. They're changing all regulations that pertain to assessments in order to obtain equity throughout the faculties and reduce the autonomy of the faculties. Our meetings are weekly to try and get through all the regs before uni starts back. So far everything is going smoothly and I've had a couple of decent wins in regards to supplementary assessments.

**Education Committee:**

I've been to one of these so far. This is where it is found out about the semester changes proposal, and where most of my work seems to branch from.

**General Library Committee:**

This committee seems to be relatively cruise-y, and serves some great food. At the moment the only thing that would interest students is a new way (still being developed) for students to access a lot of journals at home that we could normally only access from a Monash server.

### **Academic Progress Committees**

At the time I write this the hearings are yet to begin, but by the time of the meeting over 12 students will have sat on panels listening to over 120 students' cases. And that's just the first 4 days... Things have been relatively smooth apart from a certain faculty trying to create their own regs and pick and choose their student reps, but I'm dealing with it. I've written a list of all the steps I've been taking throughout the process:

- Obtain dates of hearings from faculty secretaries
- Start contacting students who have previously helped, that I know, OB's, faculty clubs, MAD and MUST for potential student members.
- Create ridiculously large spreadsheet and start plugging in dates, students and contacts
- Attend academic's APC training day
- Field emails from faculty secretaries telling me they've added more dates to their hearings
- Spend way too much time on the phone explaining to several new faculty secretaries the difference between student members and student rights officers and the need for each
- Attempt to contact even more students
- Create new 'spreadsheet' system when old file develops virus and dies. New 'spreadsheet' consists of lots of sheets of paper and post-it notes with student's names on them
- Send completed rosters to faculty secretaries
- Field emails from faculties trying to pick and choose who their student members will be. Lengthy emails to follow
- Send individual rosters to students and advise them of the upcoming APC training sessions
- Start creating training sessions
- Field emails from students about how they can no longer do they assigned dates due to new commitments
- Fill above places
- Field emails from faculty secretaries with requests for students to travel to Gippsland and Peninsula
- Find said students
- Field emails from faculty secretaries about cancelled dates
- Find out about other cancelled dates from SROs
- Contact students who are effected by the cancellations and try to find them new days to sit on committees
- Remind students about training day
- Chase up students about when they may be coming to training day

- Chase up Executive services about making their training resources available to the MSA
- Conduct several training sessions over the space of two weeks

Still to do:

- Get through all of the APC days
- Attend some hearings myself
- Call upon my emergency list and the OBs to fill places when people call in sick or have been excluded from hearings
- Deal with any procedural irregularities that arise from the hearings
- Create certificates and thank you letters for all students that sat on hearings
- Contact students to get them to pick their certificates

<b>Women's Report</b>	<b>Attachment 02/01</b>
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*Report to MSC 02/09  
1/12/2008-19/1/2009  
Madeline Schultz  
Co-Women's Officer*

With few students on campus, Women's has been focusing on preparing for the new year by re-establishing contacts and cleaning out the collected detritus of the Women's Room and Office. Due to a burst of illness at the start of January, much of what I had hoped to do then was stalled, and I'm still in the process of catching up. Steph then was away for the next week, so the two of us have had little time to catch up on Women's issues, which has delayed other tasks, such as organising the extent of the Women's presence at O'Week. Thankfully, there's been plenty of other work to do in the meantime.

**Transition:**

Due to the relocation of offices, much of transition was been spent in cleaning, filing and sorting through the rat's nest of rubbish that has collected in the women's department over the course of the last twenty years. Thankfully, this has resulted in the disposal or removal to more appropriate locations of a large collection of unnecessary files, ranging from a report on a Monash Professor's research trip to the Philippines to study urban development to copies of draft budgets for the Welfare Department from 1996. Copies of all historical documents and propaganda created by the Women's Department have been filed in a single binder in the President's Office, for posterity, and Women's now has a spare filing cabinet for anyone in need of one.

In the process, Steph and I have rediscovered a large number of now lapsed events that will be revived next year, including International "No Diet" Day and Blue Stocking Week.

Steph and I also attended Reclaim the Night in October, which has given us a good grounding in the challenges that face the event in the future, and will hopefully lead to us being able to work with others to increase attendance and media coverage this year.

**WAC:**

We held a WAC transition meeting with the new committee in December, to get an idea of what projects they're interested in running. Unfortunately, with Steph and myself being alternately ill, we've been unable to schedule a meeting for January. This should be happening in the next two weeks, once Steph returns.

**Women's Leadership Forum:**

The creation of the WLF website stalled rather near the end of last year, as a result of the University withdrawing it's commitment to host and create the website. Instead, they've given us a grant to pay

for someone to create it and the MSA has guaranteed hosting, but this has caused a notable delay. I'm now in the process of finding web designers to create the website – as Aiden is currently overseas, the MSA's usual solution is mildly impractical. Vera from MESS has recommended a female engineering student who works part time in web design and if she proves to be interested, we will continue to aim to have the website up and running in at least a minimal capacity by O'Week.

Contacts with LSS, MESS and the ALP Club (see below) have yielded the potential for the first few WLF speakers for the year to be run as joint speakers, which should increase both the profile of the speaker we can get and the attendance. I'm currently in the process of investigating Marilyn Warren (to run as a joint speaker with LSS) and Maxine Morand (whom the ALP Club *nearly* had as a speaker last year) and hopefully we'll be able to start speakers around Week Three of Semester One.

#### **New Posters, Badges and Stickers:**

I've now created a new selection of posters, badges and stickers to promote both the Women's Department and women's issues. These include a series of posters on "rape myths" that will kick off a campaign on violence against women that should last for most of the next year (see below). I've also created a number of templates for badges and stickers – after much effort getting the printer to stop moving the page around.

#### **Liason with External Organisations:**

I've been in contact with a range of external Women's-related lobbying groups, in regards to future events and supplies of brochures and other information for the Women's Room resource collection. This has yielded a large pile of booklets from the Cancer Council Victoria, a selection of brochures and a tentative commitment of involvement in "No Diet" Day from the Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria and a collection of brochures from the Royal Women's Hospital Women's Clinic.

Both Steph and I took the time to introduce ourselves to the Women's Officers for Melbourne and RMIT at Reclaim the Night and will be having coffee with Nyx from Melbourne sometime in the next two weeks.

Steph and I have also been in contact with the NUS Women's Officer, Kait, in regards to NOWSA Training, which at the moment is looking likely to be in Melbourne in mid-March. Originally, this was supposed to be late this week in Canberra, but due to a failure of organisation had to be relocated and rescheduled. This should result in Monash having the capacity to have a fairly high presence at training, as it will be after Semester starts, so we'll be working to get as many Monash women in attendance as possible, as well as working with NUS to organise training sessions.

Clara from WAC has been working with us and the White Ribbon Ambassador program to investigate setting up a program at Monash. This would involve nominating White Ribbon Ambassadors (men who serve as contact points for other men attempting to stop violence against women on a personal or general level) for each faculty. Once we have more information, I'll be contacting various University departments, such as Campus Watch and the Equity Department to get University assistance.

#### **Liason with MESS and LSS:**

Relations with the LSS Women's Officer are particularly warm this year, due to debating contacts. This means we may soon be the first MSA department in years to manage to organise a joint activity with LSS. Emilia from LSS and I have already agreed to advertise each other's events, and she's agreed to in-principle support for a joint WLF speaker, who will hopefully be sourced from one of the courts – with luck, we'll be able to line up someone like Marilyn Warren.

Due to more debating contacts, I'm in contact with the likely MESS Women's Officer, Vera, who has also committed to both joint advertising and also potential monetary support for things like hospitality at joint events. Since we've seen huge demand for speakers on women in engineering last year, we're excited about the opportunities this opens up. It also seems that the Engineering Faculty has a

Women in Engineering group, which has a largely unused budget that we may jointly attempt to raid to print brochures and organise speakers.

**University Committees and Departments:**

In December, I was able to confirm a Women's representative spot on Campus Watch for next year, as is traditional. I've also been in contact with Security in regards to providing more information for women about the Security Bus and general safety on campus. After hearing that many of the security officers used by the University aren't qualified in any way, I'm now in the process of investigating whether that can be changed, and getting hold of a copy of last year's incident report.

After a number of emails to the University Equity Department, I've been able to convince the woman in charge of the Vice-Chancellor's Taskforce for the Advancement of Women to investigate creating a student representative spot for the MSA Women's Department. Previously, they had had Kristine Banks-Smith from Caulfield, but for fairly obvious reasons – including her graduation and the lack of a Women's Department at Caulfield – I'm inclined to push for that position to pass to Clayton, and they seem willing to cooperate. That will have to go via the Taskforce itself, which doesn't meet until May, but I'll continue to push for a provisional invite to attend that meeting, since it meets so infrequently.

One of the many finds from cleaning the office was documentation regarding a Women's spot on the Monash Equal Opportunity Committee. This position lapsed at some undefined time, and I'm now in the process of investigating the possibility of reviving it. As membership of the Equal Opportunity Committee has since been substantially narrowed and as Welfare now holds a seat on the Student Equity Subcommittee, this is looking unlikely.

After having a look at the range of brochures available in the Monash Health Clinic and discovering that the Women's Room has more brochures on women's health than they do, I've contacted them in regards to increasing the range of brochures available.

**New Students:**

Women's will have representatives at all three Host Scheme Camps, enrolment and O'Week this year. I've also been in contact with Phil to ensure that all Host Scheme Volunteers are aware of the procedures for dealing with any problems of sexual harassment or related grievances.

Women's will be holding a First Year Women's Welcome Women's-Only Swimming in the Vice-Chancellor's Pool in the first week of Semester One.

**Help to Other Departments:**

I've completed APC training – if I'm not at this MSC, it's because my day of APCs today hasn't yet finished. I'm also an emergency for a number of APCs right through to March.

I attended the VTACation in the city to help promote the MSA to new students just receiving their course offers, and to help publicise the issues of student poverty.

**Miscellaneous:**

Getting hold of a supplier of pads is continuing to prove difficult, although I'm in contact with Kotex.

Our tampon supply remains ridiculous, however, with roughly ten boxes floating around. One has been offloaded into the Survival Centre to increase access and another will be attending Host Scheme.

I've put together an article for Lot's Wife Edition 1, a "what type of feminist are you" quiz. This should constitute part of a general move to advertise feminism and women's issues on campus this year.

Note from Ephiny – apologies if the below is unclear. I will have original copies for you to peruse during the meeting.

Office-Bearer	Fracton	HOURS COMPLETED PER DAY					Total
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Alex Roe	0.35	2.5	4	2.5	2	7	13*
Chris Salmon	0.7	9	7	10	10.5	9	39.5
Ephiny Gale	0.8	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Gemma Buckley	0.5	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Greig Friday	0.6	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Hayley Svenson	0.7	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Imogen <del>McGowan</del>	0.25	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Julian Campbell	1	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Keshia Jacoline	1	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Lauren O'Dwyer	1	9	9	6.5	7	9	40.5
Lucy Hotchin	0.35	2.5	4	2.5	2	7	13*
Madeline Schultz	0.4	3.5	4.5	3.5	3	4	19
Najia McFadden	0.5	4.5	5.5	4.5	4	5	24.5
Omar Sherriff	0.5	4.5	5.5	4.5	4	5	24.5
Rosie Pham	0.8	7	7	5.5	6	7	32.5
Sarah Cousins	0.8	7	7	5.5	6	7	32.5
Sean Gleeson	0.4	3.5	4.5	3.5	3	4	19
Steph Hall	0.4	3.5	4.5	3.5	3	4	19
Tim Scott	0.25	3.5	4.5	3.5	3	4	19

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<b>Timesheet – Week 2</b>	<b>Attachment</b> <b>04/02</b>
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12/01/2009		Week 2					HOURS COMPLETED PER DAY				
Office-Bearer	Fraction	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
Alex Roe	0.35	—	5.5	6.5	—	—	12				
Chris Salmon	0.7	5.5	9	6.5	7	—	32				
Ephiny Gale	0.8	8	7	8	SICK	—	32 + Sickness				
Gemma Buckley	0.5	6.5	7	5	SICK	—	35				
Greig Friday	0.5	4.5	7	5	—	—	27.5				
Hayley Svenson	0.7	6.5	8	5	—	—	28				
Imogen Jackson	0.25	5	1	7	3	4	20				
Julian Campbell	1	—	—	—	—	—	0				
Keshia Jacqueline	0.67	—	—	—	—	—	LEAVE - 2 WEEKS				
Lauren O'Dwyer	1	5	9	9.5	9.5	2.5	40.5				
Lucy Hotchin	0.36	—	7.5	7.5	—	—	15				
Madeline Schultz	0.4	—	7	7	7	3.5	25.5				
Naja McFadden	0.5	—	—	—	—	—	LEAVE - 2 WEEKS				
Omar Hassan	0.5	7.5	7	7	—	—	25				
Rosie Pham	0.8	10	—	—	4	10	31.5				
Sarah Cousins	0.8	7.5	9	8.5	9	7	30.5				
Sean Gleeson	0.8	—	—	—	—	—	LEAVE				
Steph Hall	0.4	—	—	—	—	—	LEAVE - 2 WEEKS				
Tim Scott	0.25	—	—	—	—	—	LEAVE - 2 WEEKS				

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*Report to MSC 02/09  
1/12/2008-19/1/2009  
Steph Hall  
Co-Women's Officer*

Since the beginning of December, Madeline and I have been planning many events/activities to keep Women's an active and engaging environment throughout '09. We've written up our position-sharing agreement, which I've found really helpful as a general list of things to work on.

#### Women's room/annex/Women's office

Me being a bit of a presentation nut, I'm eager to re-paint the annex and Women's room especially-- what's left of our office graffiti can be covered by posters! I've also washed all the bedding for the annex, which I will bring back once it's painted/vacuumed, so as we can encourage all jaffies to sleep throughout their first lectures of '09 (KIDDING...). As far as the Women's room itself goes, I am into utilising forms of 'passive interaction'; that is, creating many posters for the walls about such things as contraception, history of feminism, lists and photos of female/feminist authors, artists, musicians... Basically, I want to have stuff around that not only looks 'pretty' (as well as our art board(s), notice boards and bookshelves), but serves to educate as people wish to read. I could go on about this, but I think it's pretty straight-forward for the time being.

#### Women's groups/regular activities

Apart from WAC, which Madeline covered in her report, we have a fortnightly Feminist Reading Group and Ethno-cultural Women's Group. Last year we also had an informal autonomous Muslim Women's group, which we're hoping to really get off the ground, but we've got to locate more students... We're hoping this may spring to life in '09, and in the meantime, we'll be focusing on getting people to participate in these groups--- they're a good time to really get out ideas/thoughts that may not be raised in general. Also, I'm looking forward to organizing regular "crafternoons"; not only are these awesome for general fun and games (and abundance of glitter...), but they should also give us much to exhibit and use in the room--- think the collage tables in Wholefoods. Yay for cutting up "women's mags". Also, if there are enough budding/interested artists around, there is potential to organize and exhibit later in the year---there is an all-women's exhibiting space in the city (associated with WIRE---Women's Information Referral Exchange), which will allow any woman/women to display her/their work for a period of time, for FREE. However there is a waiting list.

Also, I've compiled a list of a few films we could show at Feminist Movie Nights, which may run every months/three weeks/five weeks... you get the idea. Fun times.

#### Women's Music Festival

An idea I'm playing around with, which still freaks me out somewhat (as far as how we run it/where/how many people), but ultimately, should go ahead and be awesome. Basically, we want to run a concert sometime in second semester---open to all---which showcases lots of awesome female talent. I'm in the process of emailing a few contacts, who should be pretty helpful... I hope. Watch this space. (Literally.)

#### Cross Campus Women's Network

Still being organized for this year, but I'm somewhat familiar with the Melbourne and RMIT Women's Officers, so I'm sure we'll get it going soon---even if we do much networking over the internet.

Otherwise, I think Madeline covered most of the other stuff in her report; there are a few odds and ends which are not currently of much consequence. Next report will be crazily jam-packed, I promise.

**Welfare Report – Lucy Hotchin**

**Attachment  
06/02**

Lucy's Welfare Report (2nd MSC)

**Committees**

I have organized and gone to a meeting with Margaret Heagney re: committees including the Student & Community Services Division of Equity and Diversity as well as IPSEC and also about getting a Student rep place on other committees that don't have student representative positions.

I'm also in the process of organizing an agenda item for these meetings to let the committees know what we're doing as Welfare officers and how they can be involved and what issues need to be addressed as part of these meetings.

I've also talked to her about attending the Student equity forum held once a semester (the next one is at Caulfield Campus)

**MSA Welfare Website**

I've drafted updates for the website to include our details and to make sure it's up to date, I just need to pass them on to Justin Morton now.

**Orientation Week**

I've contacted Berry Street organization about advertising their Saver Plus Program during O-week, both Alex and I attended this meeting and also talked about getting a speaker out to talk during the No Pants for Poverty rally which is being organized mainly by Education Public.

**Engineers Without Borders**

I have attempted to email them to arrange a meeting but have had trouble with this and will now call the president (Alison) to arrange a meet and greet. Both Alex and I have transported huge amounts of computer parts and software to the computer Co-op from Health and Wellbeing.

**Grant Money**

I've talked to finance to make sure that the University has put through the Grant money that was awarded to Welfare last year.

**Survival Centre**

Both Alex and I have reorganized the centre and I will be making new signs for each area (food, clothes, pants, t-shirts etc) next week.

**Advertising**

Both Alex and I have brainstormed ideas for posters letting people know what is happening in Welfare this year and have agreed on reoccurring images and Alex is now taking on the task of designing these posters.

**Housing Database**

Originally organized by Adam Taranto last year the project is slowly being handed over to us, we are looking at further talks with the database designer about contracts.

I've also arranged a meeting with Kristine Papodopoulis (Monash Residential Services) to talk with her about their own database which was unsuccessful and how we can make sure ours doesn't follow in the same direction.

**Survival Week and Derelict Ball**

Both Alex and I are sticking with the name Derelict ball to keep it as a reoccurring event, we're looking at having some speakers and workshops for Survival week but this is still in early stages. We will however be adding a photo exhibition/competition to do specifically with student poverty and are in talks with a couple of photographers about this, we're looking at getting media coverage

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Free Food Mondays:

Adam and I have reviewed last year's managerial techniques for organising the free food Mondays as this will be one of the areas that I will mostly focus upon. I have joined the Post Sabbath Culinary Alliance face book group to welcome back our last years volunteer support base and will organize a meeting to familiarize all previous volunteers with Lucy and myself. I will also attempt to recruit some more students from such organisations as SAC and Host scheme to help with other aspects of the event. After the last SAC meeting representee Luke Thompson volunteered to help the welfare department pick up donated produce from the Oakleigh fruit market on Saturday afternoons.

Lucy and I have also been looking for more suppliers who are willing to donate goods on a regular basis. I got in contact with Bakers delight in Brandon park to see if they can supply us with any wasted bread so we can extend our free bread resource at wholefoods. I'm awaiting a reply from their regional manager and I will also send them a formal submission.

Survival centre:

Using connections from my other means of employment, I have been granted access by my manager to raid the large lost property supply at my work. Every week I will bring three garbage bags full of trendy yet sweat laden clothing (I haven't had time to purge them so please give them a thorough wash)

Lucy and I have also re-organized the survival centre's clothing racks and boxes; we are also in the process of designing and printing up some new signage for each section of the survival centre.

Another SAC member Adele Lucas has also volunteered to help with Vic Relief pick ups from their supply depot in Dandenong. I or Lucy will help train her with the process survival centre orders.

Marketing:

Lucy and I have started brainstorming possible ideas for posters and marketing campaigns. So far we are in the process of creating a poster for each welfare initiative, for example computer co-op, Free Food Mondays and the survival centre.

Orientation week.

So far we've planned to have a vegetarian soup kitchen with some other options like vegetarian pizza under the MSA marquee on the second day of O-week to help advertise our free food Mondays. This stall will serve as an eye-opener for new students showing them some of the other services the welfare department is setting up and hopefully draw in some new volunteers for other events on the calendar.

Computer Co-Op (Engineers without Borders)

We've tried to establish contact with them but so far we've had no response from them. We'll continue trying to start dialogues with them and want to meet and discuss our plans for this program. We've also started redesigning the computer co-op application forms. Lucy and I have also transported a staggering amount of computers and various bits of hardware and software to the co-op garage.

Survival week and Derelict ball:

We are still in the planning stages for this massive event but we are staying true to the original format of last year's survival week and derelict ball with a few enhancements here and there. We are sticking with the short course programs but we want to see if we can get more of them. The Derelict ball will be held on the next Thursday giving us ample time to market and organise the event.

Housing Database:

Adam has sent me a spread sheet to monitor the number of posts that have been added to the Monash marketplace accommodation site. This is to show how ineffective the site really is.

<b>Male Queer Report</b>	<b>Attachment 08/02</b>
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From 1st of December 2008 I participated in the induction and training program, attended the OB camp in Rye, attended the staff/OB induction and started tidying and organising the Queer office until break-up of MSA 2008. Additionally I organised an emergency committee meeting in the final week to pass 2008 funds (properly) for expenditure on furniture and a refrigerator for the new lounge then made purchases and took delivery of those goods - this was a task I did not expect to do as this was purportedly done by the 2008 OBs as their major project of that year. However with special thanks to the help from Gemma Buckley we did it.

I participate annually in a youth leadership camp so I took an extra week's leave and returned to the office on the 12/01/2009. Although I had the office in a reasonable state the Lounge was still stuffed with furniture and paraphernalia from the old Queer Lounge, the newly acquired aforementioned stuff and a whole heap of other junk of which I'm not sure of the origin. I have largely got rid the superfluous junk/furniture with great help from the Environment and Sustainability Department of Monash whom identified a staff member who collects and reinstates the grey furniture (let me know if you need to hand any on). The lounge and office is now in a useable, welcoming and reasonably functioning state.

I have started communication with a wide variety of people including student rights, NUS national Queer officers, CCQN and individual students - this may be surprising as one may have thought these communications should already exist in the Queer department - not so. I found some more contacts using Midsumma. Midsumma has officially opened and runs until 08/02/1009 and I urge all MSA personnel to participate in the festival. Midsumma carnival was on Sunday 18/01/2009 where I dedicated time to collecting contacts and material for O week and the upcoming year.

I have been concerned about the "counselling" role that previous Queer OB's tend to take on and I am attempting to steer the role to merely peer conversation and listening and create a more robust information giving and referral type role. I have already spent time communicating with queer and non queer students about the department and themselves. In light of that I plan to get this information together quicker than I anticipated.

Engaging students out of semester is proving difficult especially without phone contacts and using only email. In spite of this I have had two non queers engage me in how they may help and have spoken to a few Monash queers with respect to some holiday help, the current project is getting ready for MSA representation at the pride march walking with the NUS contingent. I would love to see MSA peeps come and support the pride march either walking or watching.

Geen from students rights is being a great help with suggestions ranging from surveys to institutional evaluation. Our current project is to look at the advice given to queer students from Monash Abroad; while a warning is given on some of their material we believe it does not go far enough.. Being gay is illegal in Malaysia for instance; while foreigners aren't commonly prosecuted it should still be stipulated. I will be meeting with equity and diversity along with Geen about this.

My counterpart has been away but will be returning soon.