

Monash Student Council

Confirmed Minutes

Meeting 09/08 of the Monash Student Council held at 12pm on Friday the 16th of May 2008 in the Conference Room.

Meeting opened at 12:10.

1. Attendance:

President:	Mat Hilakari	(chair)
Secretary:	Julian Campbell	(minutes)
Treasurer:	Yuliya Mik	Apology
Education (Public):	Mark Baker	Proxy to Greig Friday
Education (Academic):	Dash Jayasuriya	
Activities:	Sarah Cousins	
Welfare:	Adam Taranto	
Environment:	Nils Wiebkin	
Women's:	Ephiny Gale	
Female Queer:	Allegra Lofgren	Absent
Male Queer:	Owen Smith	
C&S:	Katya Petrovic	
MUISS:	Ronny Tsee Woon Yuen	Apology
MAPS:	Jessica Michaelides	Absent
General Representative:	Tegan Dobbie	Proxy to Steph Hall
General Representative:	Simon Singer	
General Representative:	Maeva Veerapen	Proxy to Michael Keane
General Representative:	Jeremy Healsmith	Absent
General Representative:	Dara Conduit	Apology
Indigenous:	Billy Gray	Absent
Observers:	Dan Weston Fiona Lander James Mentor	

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

Several council members have not brought their own agendas

Meeting paused at 12:10 and resumed at 12:21

Welfare Officers Pay Fraction from old versions of agenda has been deleted.

4. Summary of exec financial motions

Attachment: 01/09

No financial motions.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes

5.1 MSC 08/08

Attachment: 02/09

The wording surrounding the leave of absence request of Mr Bryant is clarified.

Mr Campbell wishes to edit the minutes of MSC 07/08 to clarify the votes against and abstentions in a motion.

Council requests that the correct motion in MSC 08/08 be reflected in the minutes surrounding the passing of the Community Principles Document as policy.

Motion #1:

“That this MSC approves the minutes of MSC 07/08 and 08/08 with amendments as a true and accurate record of events.”

Moved through the chair.

For: 9

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Items deferred from previous minutes

6.1 Postering Policy

Attachment: 03/09

This item is deferred until the next meeting.

6.2 The SALT

Attachment: 04/09

Mr Hilakari requests that this item be taken off the MSC list until he has something to report back.

7. Reports

Reports due at this meeting:

7.1 President’s Report

Attachment: 05/09

Mr Hilakari passes the chair to Mr Campbell.

Mr Campbell asks “What is a development manager? Does it have anything to do with toilets or sanitary structure?” Mr Hilakari launches an accusation that this was a mistake by the secretary in transcribing his report.

Mr Campbell asks, “Since when did dot points constitute an ob report? In the future in the interest of accountability I think it vital that OB’s submit proper reports and accounts of their activities. Particularly when the workloads of fellow ob’s are being heavily scrutinised.”

Mr Singer enters at 12:26

Mr Hilakari acknowledges the criticism and agrees to speak in detail on each of the dot points to ensure transparency, and asks that the Secretary note this in detail for concerned parties.

Funding Agreement:

Mr Hilakari has engaged in several consultations with both the university and other campus Presidents, and this process has produced a document which went to the Vice-President (Administration) and Stephen Pollard. The MSA had significant issues with the new Funding agreement, and is working hard on moving the university on these issues.

VC selections:

Mr Hilakari spent about an hour in this meeting, which is particularly important to the future of the MSA, however unfortunately the other unions didn’t show up.

Inclusive Practices:

Ms Lander speaks to this item as both attended. The MSA is heavily pushing the idea that once students have paid their fees, the rest of the course costs should be covered by those fees. Particularly in this environmentally conscious time, students should have coursebooks made available online, with a paper option which could be paid for. In addition the MSA is advocating for printing credits for students given how much we are now expected to print out from class, and particularly if the student is part of an equity program this is essential.

Campus Director:

Mr Hilakari and Mr Campbell discussed parking issues and the progress of the volunteer program. He asked for us to talk about academic things and refer as many academic issues on to him as possible, particularly in regards to tutors' English.

50th anniversary:

Mr Hilakari appreciated that the books were nice, but found this rather disinteresting.

Radio Monash:

The meeting discussed having less meetings, this is not a day to day decision making body so there is no real need for such regular, active participation by MSA.

Campus Orientation Committee:

This meeting largely discussed reorientation week, including an MSA day on July 16. We also flagged our proposed expansion of orientation next year but COC was unwilling to consider it until after second semester orientation.

Campus Student Experience Network:

Ms Gale raised issues surrounding Campus Security at this meeting, Mr Campbell went on another rant surrounding Free Parking, and Mr Hilakari argued for the university to maintain the service of the 24 hours computer lab in the campus centre, which the university is looking at getting rid of. In the short term this is important, but in light of other developments such as the proposed tablet PC's for all students which may be coming on line, this may remove the need for computer labs.

Sports Review:

This meeting discussed the direction of Sports on campus. Essentially some people in the university appear to be intimating that we might want head in the Ivy League-style direction, which the MSA opposed.

Mr Campbell notes that readers of his report like that Mr Hilakari learnt from last year the importance of media so much so that he now includes an update on of any MSA media coverage in each of his reports.

Mr Campbell notes that the following sentence seems to lack clarity: "We have redrafted a number of aspects and are negotiating a number more."

Mr Keane enters at 12:38.

Mr Campbell asks whether pancakes are code for something?

Mr Hilakari notes that the Culture Card is now doing pancake breakfasts, and he encourages people to come and help out and meet students.

It is noted that Chris Holmes will be attending an Oaktree event tonight. Ms Jayasuriya notes that Hugh Evans looks like an action figure of himself.

7.2 Secretary's Report

Attachment: 06/09

Mr Campbell notes that he has accidentally referred to officebearers having “free, unlimited” sick leave, and deletes the word “free”.

Mr Campbell notes that Security prefer to use cameras to deter crime, not catch perpetrators.

7.3 Treasurer’s Report Attachment: 07/09

Report was not submitted. Mr Campbell notes Ms Mik has been sick of late.

7.4 Activities Report Attachment: 08/09

Ms Cousins is asked as to why Michael Gudinsky attended UNIfied. She is unsure.

Mr Keane is congratulated for going to Odyssey House, and in particular his comments on the development of “manboobs”.

7.5 Environment and Social Justice Report (outstanding from MSC 08/08) Attachment: 09/09

Mr Wiebkin adds to his report that it was recently decided at the VCG (E) that the university will be going “carbon neutral” by 2011.

Mr Mentor enters at 12:43.

7.6 Election Report Attachment: 10/09

No questions arising.

Motion #2:
“That this MSC approves all submitted reports on block.”
Moved through the chair.

For: 11
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

8. Graffiti concerns

Motion #3 (tabled):
“That this MSC allows the removal of graffiti spray painted on MSA office walls, political or otherwise, subject to the direction of the relevant stakeholder(s).”
Moved: Julian Campbell
Seconded: Ephiny Gale

Mr Campbell clarifies the meaning of the motion, then argues specifically against “cunt love” appearing on the wall.

Mr Hilakari views this as a mostly irrelevant motion, as MSC doesn’t really exercise this authority. Whilst there is a different administration and viewpoints now to in the past, the MSA is still an inherently political space.

Ms Jayasuriya argues that “cunt love” challenges views, and doesn’t really make anybody actually feel unsafe. Further this is a valid form of political activism and shouldn’t be silenced.

Motion #4 (foreshadowed):
“That this MSC upholds the keeping of “cunt love” in central space.”

Moved through the chair.

Motion #5 (foreshadowed):

“That this MSC allows the removal of graffiti spray painted on MSA office walls, political or otherwise, subject to the direction of the relevant stakeholder(s), excluding commissioned works.”

Moved: Adam Taranto

Seconded: Simon Singer.

Mr Weston leaves at 1pm.

Mr Hilakari argues that central space is a political space, and that there may be an understanding gap.

It is argued that graffiti is an inherently subversive art form, and to legitimise it would mean it would lose its meaning.

Ms Jayasuriya argues that beyond just making her smile, “cunt love” is empowering, and that council members are unlikely to work in another workplace where this is allowed. Further, painting over it she would view as her view being silenced.

Mr Hilakari withdraws Motion #4.

Motion #6 (foreshadowed):

“That this MSC upholds the keeping of “cunt love” in central space.”

Moved: Dash Jayasuriya

Seconded: Sarah Cousins

Motion #7 (foreshadowed):

“That this MSC allows all forms of graffiti with a political message without threat of removal.”

Moved: Simon Singer

Seconded: Nils Wiebkin

Ms Gale argues that in the past people wouldn't enter the Women's Room due to the large amount of graffiti, and that it makes people uncomfortable.

Mr Singer argues that the MSA will change the paintwork every two years, and will knock out anything too unsavoury anyway. Further, council doesn't have the right to knock it out, and should let people go nuts.

It is argued that the photocopier is just for internal use, so this is not going to scare off students. Further, we should try to push people out of apathy. The MSA is not here to look pretty and clean, but rather trying to get people to question everything.

Ms Lander argues that she didn't know that this was simply about loving cunts, or even her own cunt. The message is difficult to understand, and seems unnecessary. She feels that while it is important that this MSA does not lose its history, the more clean, less graffiti covered MSA feels much nicer now. Further, the MSA creates a lot of avenues for political activism, so spray-painting this on the walls is not necessarily necessary.

Mr Hilakari notes that it would be good to have an explanation next to it on the wall, which may include some along the lines of “If you don't like this, pull out a roller and paint over it” with the paint in Lot's Wife. At this point a highbrow discussion about art and the end of art relating to the “ready made” movement took place, including references to the axe, placed in many galleries of the time.

Mr Campbell argues painting over this does not silence views, as there are multiple other ways to advocate for this point of view, and under this logic the MSA would never paint again and leave swastikas on the walls if they were left there under motion #7. Further he argues that this doesn't reduce the stigma surrounding the use of the word cunt or lesbianism in society, rather switches the ordinary student off to other, more effective dialogues the women's and queer departments attempt to create between the MSA and students. He feels staff have already had a discussion on the issue, attempted to understand the graffiti's meaning, and still have significant concerns, and to turn around to them and say they don't understand when the only defence given previously was that council decided it had to stay last year is a slap in the face.

Mr Singer withdraws motion #7.

Mr Keane notes that he doesn't like graffiti, and doesn't think it should be encouraged.

Ms Gale argues that the graffiti may make people think, but only in a way that they feel alienated by. This campaign needs to have a lot more education about it or else it is merely offensive, not effectual.

Ms Jayasuriya wants to have a specific discussion with staff surrounding the issue, and understands that some graffiti can be threatening, but this doesn't incite anybody to violence in anyway, as shown by the inclusion of the word "love". For others to remove the graffiti is ok, this will not be silencing it, merely disappointing.

Mr Hilakari argues motion #3 goes too far and is too open to abuse. Whenever a staff member moves in, MSC will need to make another decision on graffiti as there is a new stakeholder. In addition, who is a stakeholder in Wholefoods? Ultimately all students, so this legitimises all graffiti.

Mr Campbell withdraws motion #3.

Motion #8 (foreshadowed):

"That this MSC authorises the removal of cunt love and all other graffiti from above the photocopier."

Moved: Julian Campbell

Seconded: Simon Singer

Mr Campbell withdraws Motion #8.

Motion #9 (foreshadowed):

"That this MSC authorises the removal of cunt love and all other graffiti from above the photocopier."

Moved: Ephiny Gale

Motion failed due to lack of seconder.

Mr Friday argues that "cunt love" does have positive outcomes for people, particularly those new to political movements, and encourages people in. Further, it is a sad outcome of the clinicalisation of our spaces, where people kept in clean bubbles, that even in a student union this is now unacceptable. Nobody is going to come across this message except through subversive means. On aesthetics, some offices are very messy so this is hardly an argument. Ultimately, humans are organic, and should be allowed to do what they wish. Many people do not know how to politically participate, and need to find ways to participate, and this is a means.

Mr Taranto withdraws Motion #5.

Motion #10 (foreshadowed):

"That this MSC removes graffiti and replaces it with a plaque."

Moved: Michael Keane

Motion lapsed due to lack of seconder.

Motion #6 is put.

For: 4
Against: 3
Abstentions: 5 (Simon Singer)
MOTION CARRIED

The motion is clarified, students can not go nuts on the walls of the central space writing "cunt love" everywhere, Mr Hilakari will be the first to paint over it. This motion pertains to one version of the graffiti above the photocopier which already exists.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 and resumes at 1:57.

10. Environment and Social Justice Department

Mr Campbell reports that following the previous MSC, Ms Kagan has not been able to assume her duties as ESJC representative. Mr Wiebkin reports that he is chatting to Katie about being the new environment representative. His own future is uncertain as he plans to take off next semester so a formal election may be necessary.

The question of the allocation of the 0.5 fraction is raised, where Mr Wiebkin might assume the 0.5 until Ms Kagan, Mr Bryant or another replacement returns. Mr Wiebkin is not in favour of this as he cannot fulfil the extra requirements. This fraction will lapse in the interim period.

Discussion ensues as to whether MSC needs to formally grant Ms Kagan a leave of absence.

Motion #11:

"That this MSC grants Lana Kagan an indefinite leave of absence."
Moved: Julian, Dash

For: 10
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr Hilakari notes that leave w/out pay has been a longstanding process, and asks that this issue be clarified at the following MSC.

11. Space Change Review Process

Mr Hilakari notes that the space changes at the beginning of the year have been a long standing issue with MAPS, and despite not sending a representative to this meeting, they have requested that a space change process be discussed at this MSC.

Motion #12 (tabled):

"That this MSC establishes a space plan committee, to be comprised of the MSC general representatives, and to be chaired by Simon Singer."
Moved: Simon Singer
Seconded: Adam Taranto

Mr Singer argues that MSC needs to have another review, but this should be done by a body that does not have an office and is therefore unbiased, as the gen rep's are. Any moves would be

completed one week after the exams in the semester break. The space change committee would talk to the university to investigate what can and can't happen.

Ms Jayasuriya argues that general representatives aren't necessarily impartial, as they include former officebearers, and several people who don't show up. Further on the whole idea of a review, Ms Jayasuriya asks who gives a fuck. Departments should make it work or do what ESJC did and just go squat somewhere else. The only positive she can see is that maybe Gen Reps should do something productive. Ms Jayasuriya reiterates her disbelief that this has come back to MSC, and argues that those complaining should suck it up, bitches.

Motion #13 (foreshadowed):

"That this MSC opens an open subcommittee to recommend any changes to MSC by August 31, for space changes to occur after the second semester exam period."

Moved: Mat Hilakari

Seconded: Dash Jayasuriya

Mr Singer is tempted to censure Mr Jayasuriya for her language. Lots of departments are unsatisfied with the current space allocations, and several departments are probably in breach of several building regulations.

Ms Gale states that parties who want to submit changes can simply submit them to MSC.

Mr Singer points out that his motion doesn't say any submission would be accepted, just that the committee would go away and cost them all. Mr Campbell clarifies that every single submission would be costed out by the gen reps. Mr Keane thinks this is fantastic.

Ms Jayasuriya asks whether the rest of the gen reps are ok with MSC forcing all of this work on them, given many cannot even attend MSC.

Mr Singer states that Ms Veerapen has been spoken to. Council speculates on the likely interest of Ms Conduit and Mr Healsmith on this matter.

Motion #14 (foreshadowed):

"That this MSC orders an exchange of spaces between MAPS and the Queer Collective."

Moved: Dash Jayasuriya

Seconded: Ephiny Gale

Ideas of also moving MAPS into the basement are discussed. Mr Hilakari encourages council members to keep the discussion serious, as MAPS are an important division of the MSA.

Motion #14 is put.

For: 5 (Dash Jayasuriya)

Against: 4 (Simon Singer, Michael Keane)

Abstentions: 1

Motion failed (required majority of 8 in order to revoke Motion #3 of MSC 02a/08).

Discussion centres around the chair's ruling that the motion fails, and whether this actually requires a majority greater than the original space change majority.

Motion #13 is put.

For: 6 (Dash Jayasuriya, Ephiny Gale)

Against: 3

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

12. General Business

Mr Hilakari states that he would like to open up an election regulations review. They need to be updated as they are old and out of date, and we need to have the date by the next MSC.

Motion #15:

“That this MSC opens an open election regulations subcommittee to recommend any changes to MSC by June 2.”

Moved through the chair.

For: 10

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

The subject of staff surveys is raised. The MSA has never released these to council before – sometimes they’re quite aggressive and vindictive.

Mr Hilakari hasn’t received them as yet. They are a broad survey of staff about how happy they are. Exec would look at this information and start to implement changes. Reading last year’s surveys, there is a very great danger that ordinary people can tell who wrote what comment. Exec will produce a summary of the survey to MSC, and Mr Hilakari will ensure this is reported back.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8am on Monday the 2nd of June, 2008 in the Short Courses Studios.

Meeting closed at 2:37.

Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 01/09

22/08 7/05/2008 No financial motions

Minutes of Monash Student Council 08/08

Attachment 02/09



MSC 08/08

Postering Policy

Attachment 03/09

Not submitted as yet.

The SALT

Attachment 04/09

Not submitted as yet.

Minutes of Monash Student Council 08/08

Attachment 02/09

Not submitted as yet.

President's Report

Attachment 05/09

Mat Hilakari

Culture Card

Culture card is continuing to hold almost weekly events, which is excellent. Pancakes have been a great edition to this. Marketing is currently distributing sponsorship prospectuses to on campus retailers.

Public Transport Surveys

Recently the MSA was involved in the collection of public transport surveys to feed into the state government budget response. Collection was at the bus loop, the Bar, Wholefoods and the front desk.

These were centrally collated by the Eastern Transport Coalition.

Staffing

Appointed:

- Business Manager
- Student Development Manager

Media

MSA has had several stories about it in local papers and the Age. We have received media regarding the state budget and P-plate laws.

University meetings/events

Funding Agreement
Vice-Chancellor selection consultations

Inclusive Practices Student Equity Committee
Campus Director (Clayton and Caulfield)
50th Anniversary-50 years, 50 books.
Radio Monash Advisory Group
Campus Orientation Committee
Campus Student Experience Network
Phillips KPA-Monash Sports Review

Funding Agreement

The MSA is working closely with the other student associations regarding the funding agreement and we hope to meet again with the University regarding this soon. We have redrafted a number of aspects and are negotiating a number more. The main contentious points are around the length of the agreement and CPI increases.

Secretary's Report	Attachment 06/09
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Julian Campbell

OB Hours

By any measure, there has been an explosion in the amount of sick leave taken since the last MSC where OB's were given unlimited sick leave. There has also been no noticeable improvement in the working attitudes and general happiness in people's jobs around the office that I can detect. In addition, while collectively officebearers were working roughly 500 hours per week at the start of April, last week this number dropped to 389 hours, and this appears to be a continuing trend. Obviously the amount of hours officebearers are in the office do not directly correlate to the extent to which we serve students, however I must note my disappointment at hearing comments from students that "it's a bit like a ghost town around here". In the interests of transparency, I have now included both how far over, and under, their required hours each officebearer has been, however it should be noted that the required hours are adjusted for sick leave, and officebearers appear significantly under their hours where they have failed to fill in parts of their timesheet.

Sports Review

Monash is conducting a review into Sport on campus, and I am preparing a submission for the MSA on behalf of students. Particularly if you've been involved in sport on campus, please let me know what direction you would like sport to head in the future.

Venues anger

There is a great deal of anger at the way that MUV are handling themselves, or more to the point, mishandling us. I have compiled a 4 page dossier and will have presented this to MUV by the time of this MSC, and will push further up the university administration line if I get nowhere here.

Culture Card events

Many thanks to those who've helped out with Culture Card bbq's and the recent pancake stall. I am looking forward to many more yummy pancake stalls, which are greatly appreciated by students as opposed to a 17th bbq on the Menzies lawn, and much cheaper than a bbq too so we can serve more students.

Staff/OB Social Functions

There appears to be little interest in staff/OB social functions outside of normal working hours, judging by the disinterest in going to the screening of A Clockwork Orange. With more notice, a more friendly starting time, and more one-to-one selling of tickets, this may improve.

By-elections

The most recent by-elections round had significant problems. I would encourage all within the MSA to please note that a resignation from an MSA body needs to be written down on a piece of paper,

signed, dated, and handed to me sometime before I open nominations for an election. I would also encourage any future returning officers to take the "Santa Claus List" approach to writing up Notices of Election.

Wholefoods

Unfortunately other commitments have prevented me from attending Wholefoods Collective meetings of late, but I must note my extreme disappointment that the Grocery I helped establish through purely volunteer hours in 2003, does not appear to be operating in 2008 despite having a paid coordinator.

AGM

The MSA successfully conducted its AGM in April. Just so you all know.

Meeting Past Goals

On the Security front, Ephiny Gale brought this issue to the Campus Watch committee she sits on and CSEN, however unfortunately the position of security is that CCTV cameras exist to keep

The parking campaign has stalled – I find it extraordinary that the university is planning to maintain the reduced capacity of the free parking area, and charge people to park there from 2009 onwards, and not provide drinking taps or shelter for the privilege. I wonder if they have consulted the businesses surrounding Normanby Rd as to whether they mind having every parking spot taken each day. I am planning a pancake breakfast out at free parking, and will invite Peter Marshall to come join us for a pancake...

On the policy bank, this is now to be maintained by Dash Jayasuriya, which is handy as I'm rather disinterested in it.

The NAB campaign from my end has ended – now students are taking action by switching banks.

Chaos and Order in the MSA

It will surprise nobody that I stand for the order side of this relationship. I wish to see more structure in regular times for Executive meetings, Senior Manager Meetings, Staff/OB Meetings and MSC's. My perfect timetable would be to have all of these meetings on one day of the week, preferably Fridays as the least number of students are on campus so officebearers can afford to be distracted, and spend the rest of the week out with students.

In addition, we should not be adding random events throughout the semester. I wish to put together a final listing of all MSA events before the end of this semester for next semester, and will be visiting offices to try to get final dates out of all departments. Hopefully this will encourage more planning and publicity of events.

Week Starts:		3/03/2008		10/03/2008		17/03/2008		24/03/2008		31/03/2008	
Week Ends:		7/03/2008		14/03/2008		21/03/2008		28/03/2008		4/04/2008	
		hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-
President:	Mat Hilakari	6.50	16%	9.75	24%	2.00	6%	7.75	32%	5.00	13%
Secretary:	Julian Campbell	10.42	33%	7.08	22%			0.30	2%	13.00	41%
Treasurer:	Yuliya Mik	4.75	15%	0.00	0%	2.30	12%	2.80	15%	2.05	11%
Ed Pub	Mark Baker	20.00	100%	16.33	82%	20.00	125%	8.42	70%	3.83	19%
Ed Pub	James Mentor	4.00	20%	0.00	0%	-3.75	-23%	-1.75	-15%	-2.25	-11%
Ed Ac	Dash Jayasuriya	3.25	8%	2.00	5%	0.00	0%	2.08	9%	3.00	8%
Activities:	Sarah Cousins	9.00	32%	10.33	37%	8.60	38%	5.20	31%	14.25	51%
Activities:	Michael Keane	-7.25	-26%	-18.50	-66%	1.93	9%	2.37	14%	1.50	5%
Welfare:	Adam Taranto									16.58	104%
Environment:	Callum Bryant	9.00	90%	-3.00	-30%	6.50	81%	17.50	292%	-1.50	-15%
Environment:	Nils Wiebkin	4.50	45%	1.00	10%	9.00	113%	4.00	67%	2.00	20%
Wom*n's:	Caroline Shipley	2.17	18%	0.00	0%	1.65	17%	6.80	94%	15.83	132%
Wom*n's:	Ephiny Gale	1.42	7%	5.42	27%	6.17	39%	3.33	28%	3.00	15%
Female Queer:	Allegra Lofgren	17.17	86%	-1.00	-5%	-0.50	-3%	-5.25	-44%	-2.33	-12%
Male Queer:	Rowan Butler	-8.00	-40%	-0.50	-3%	-1.00	-6%	-6.00	-50%		
Lot's Wife	Lisa Ritchie	0.00	0%	0.00	0%	0.08	0%	0.17	1%	0.50	1%
Lot's Wife	Emily Laidlaw	2.67	7%	0.33	1%	-15.33	-48%	2.50	10%	0.42	1%
Welfare:	Fiona Lander									14.92	124%

Week Starts:		7/04/2008		14/04/2008		21/04/2008		28/04/2008		5/05/2008	
Week Ends:		11/04/2008		18/04/2008		25/04/2008		2/05/2008		9/05/2008	
		hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-	hrs +/-	% +/-
President:	Mat Hilakari	7.00	18%	-22.25	-56%	-2.75	-9%	6.25	16%	2.00	5%
Secretary:	Julian Campbell	7.50	23%	3.55	18%	3.47	18%	0.00	0%	4.50	14%
Treasurer:	Yuliya Mik	6.58	21%	5.75	24%	2.65	10%	7.40	29%		
Ed Pub	Mark Baker	16.00	80%	8.00	40%	6.00	38%	8.50	43%	3.50	13%
Ed Pub	James Mentor	-10.50	-53%	-5.08	-25%	-10.50	-66%	-13.50	-68%	6.00	50%
Ed Ac	Dash Jayasuriya	1.58	4%	-0.50	-2%	1.00	4%	2.67	7%	-10.00	-25%
Activities:	Sarah Cousins	2.75	10%	18.48	66%	1.10	5%	14.00	50%	8.48	30%
Activities:	Michael Keane	1.00	4%	4.48	16%	-7.40	-33%	-3.50	-13%	1.48	5%
Welfare:	Adam Taranto	33.50	209%	2.53	10%	13.34	68%	10.86	44%	7.70	31%
Environment:	Callum Bryant	6.00	60%	4.00	40%	-8.00	#####				
Environment:	Nils Wiebkin	-3.00	-30%	1.00	10%	-8.00	#####				
Wom*n's:	Caroline Shipley										
Wom*n's:	Ephiny Gale	1.00	3%	10.75	####	1.63	9%	0.92	3%	0.50	2%
Female Queer:	Allegra Lofgren	0.67	3%	1.00	5%	0.25	2%	0.00	0%	-4.00	-20%
Male Queer:	Rowan Butler							Owen Smith:		0.00	0%
Lot's Wife	Lisa Ritchie	0.50	2%	3.00	9%	1.50	5%	1.00	2%	2.50	16%
Lot's Wife	Emily Laidlaw	0.00	0%	2.58	6%	-7.75	-24%	6.50	16%	3.00	9%
Welfare:	Fiona Lander	0.00	0%	-0.85	-5%	-4.68	-32%	-5.35	-29%	-7.35	-40%

Treasurer's Report

Attachment 07/09

Not submitted as yet.

Activities Report

Attachment 08/09

Sarah Cousins

The division of work in Activities comes in waves. After our last meeting with exec, I think the division of work evened up considerably. However Last week I began to question how equal division of work organising events had been.

Last week, Keano and I put together a list of everything we could think of, of all the things we had completed in regard to UNified, AXP and Green week. Keano had done 10 things on the list, while I had done 27 things.

Since then, I have decided to concentrate on Band Comp, and Oktoberfest (which incidentally will be run in week 9 this year rather than week 10 for a number of reasons) in second semester to allow Keano to take responsibility of Green Week. Since putting the list together, Keano has been awesome chasing up sponsorship opportunities for green week and AXP. I really hope that we are able to continue to share the work load equally, as it has meant that we are able to look at options for events that would otherwise be unachievable.

We will continue to submit separate reports to MSC.

UNified

UNified ended up being a HUGE night! Although we encountered a number of problems along the way, Everyone managed to haul together a massive night!

Unfortunately, this was another night that fell under fuck ups with venues, and as a result we had to negotiate a new location and times we would have access to the new venue.

As a result of the change of venue to wholefoods (thanks so so much guys, this was the perfect place), Laurie and I had an issue of fitting 6 hours of set up into 3 hours available.

After talking with wholefoods (I got Keano to talk to them as well because I was a bit broken by that stage), and sorting out that we could begin set up at 3pm, I spent a whole day negotiating with Laurie trying to fit the 6 hours he required into 3 hours.

We finally came to a point where bands would change over within 15 minutes of each set, Radio Monash unfortunately were not able to play between band sets, and we pushed the night starting time back an hour from 6pm-7pm.

These were a hard few days, my original organisation falling apart, dealing with Laurie from the production company, negotiating with wholefoods, and then dealing with Radio Monash anger about not having the sets that I had managed to get for them in the first place. I spent most of the days in the office close to tears with the door locked! It came together in the end, and being able to offload having the stage measured and talking to wholefoods confirming start time onto keano meant that I had enough space to not totally fall apart.

On the day I cracked the whip and tried to get everything done as quick as possible. With Yuliya away sick and unable to sign a cheque to get money out, Mat helped out and took over negotiating with finance to get us any money at all to fill our float (I still took money out of my pay which I got back at the end because it wasn't quite enough). I also found out that although I went through all the correct channels at uni, none of the most important people were informed of the event that night in wholefoods. I had to (terrified that they would say no) sort out the miscommunication, and make sure that we had contact with the neighbouring graduation in case anything happened.

Not only that, but two hours before the night started, Ben (one of the sound techs who came along with True Live) came to me saying that we had a three phase power outlet, but it was 15amp, not 32amp which is what was needed. For about 20 minutes we almost had to cancel the whole night! They managed to sort out a solution to the problem though, and the set up looked amazing!

On the night, the people drank through 15 slabs of beer! Wallys and I did an emergency run down to the nott to pick up another 20 cubes, and a couple of slabs of spirits. Not only that, but halfway through the night, I found out that one of the committee that I had rostered on, and who had been working his ass off at tokens both comedy night and UNified was in fact colour blind, and had been giving out the wrong tokens the whole time!

In the end, although a million things went wrong, EVERYONE had an awesome night. To top it off, we had people from Evermore come down just to hang out, as well as Michael Gudinski (the head of mushroom music)! Not only was the night kick ass, everything was kept together and people had a good time. There are definitely lessons learnt here, however we are working on new systems so that

these problems never arise again. I got Bliss N Eso and Jo from Evermore signatures on my activities tshirt;).

Thankyou!!

I really want to thank our awesome committee (in particular Jordy, Teagan, Chris, Chris, Phil, SIMON!!, Suzie and Michael) for pulling together and kicking ass with pack up, responding to problems, and getting into action when I asked them too; Wholefoods for allowing us to use their restaurant, AND for cutting their Thursday band short an hour so that we were able to come in 3 hours before they would let others to set up and get our stuff on the road; Activists for letting us use their lounge area as a green room for the artists; Radio Monash for taking time out to set up their equipment on stage; Mat and Julian for doing some of the small jobs for me on the day and the day after, like moving the stage and sorting tokens and float for us while we were too busy!

Michael Keane

Odyssey house

Odyssey house works with people with drug and alcohol problems to help give them a future and a fighting chance in beating their addictions. I met with Renee, one of the councilors working there. He educates youth about the affects of alcohol and drugs, often talking at different educational institutions. At the same time he is also a student and understands the need for young people to be social and drink with other young people.

Our meetings were fairly informal with me asking Renee questions and talking rough notes. In the first session we discussed how alcohol affects the physiology of a person. In the brain, the different areas are affected in the reverse order that they develop in. Memory, speech, and then co-ordination.

In our second session we watched a BBC documentary called "body hits". The documentary focused on the nightlife of 6 young socialites. A few things I learned: When drinking, testosterone levels in males do not increase, and actually drop the morning after. Alcohol affects the endocrine system, causing your testicles to stop producing the male hormone. Lowered testosterone levels from excessive binge drinking results in the mammary glands around the male nipple beginning to grow. The end result: a nice set of "man-boobs". Opposite to men, the level of testosterone in females soars exponentially. Other fun facts: 20,000 people get arrested in the U.K each year from excessive alcohol consumption, 600 people are killed a year in alcohol related deaths, ability to concentrate is impaired for 3 hours after blood alcohol returns to zero, liver cirrhosis has tripled since 1970 for the age group 18-25, fizzy drinks force open the pyloric valve increases the speed at which you will get drunk.

Comedy night

Sales were down this year on previous years. We were treated like children by venues. The comedians were well received. There weren't any incidents on the night. People seemed to enjoy the show.

What worked in my opinion was everyone making the best of a bad situation. We had so many people that would have helped out on the night that we had to cut some. The amount of helpers allowed us to set up within the limited timeframe and to pack up really quickly at the end of the night. There was always someone to fill in the odd jobs. Cooking a BBQ for committee cost less than pizzas and was useful at the end of the night to feed the hungry helpers. The support acts were amazing, but unfortunately did not have the pulling power of a comedian who had extensive media exposure, even though they were funnier.

What didn't work was not having it in the dining room (although for the 300 people that turned up it would have looked fairly empty if we had it upstairs). Also due to the location, the green room wasn't as private as the comedians deserved (glass fishbowl). Spending so much on a headline act cost us a lot. If we had pressured Token entertainment earlier, I believe we could have locked in a comparable act for a few thousand cheaper.

Unified tour

Feat Bliss 'n Eso, True Live, Funkoars, and the Winnie Coopers. This was held in Wholefoods due to another venue mistake (graduations in dining room). It worked surprisingly well, with close access to toilets, easy ways to control entrance and a café to serve alcohol from. We made use of the Activist space as a green room. People entered and left from the stairs leading up to Wholefoods. The big stage was located at the kitchen end of Wholefoods; the sound operation desk was slightly elevated at the back of the room on the Wholefoods stage. Drink tokens and merchandise were available to the sides of the sound operation booth.

The first problem aside from the venue, was the limitation on setup time that the venue created, as Wholefoods is still operating until 4pm, we were unable to begin major setup until then. The production team normally required 6 hours to bump in their equipment and setup PA gear and do a sound check. To help create extra time, we began moving in everything we needed before Wholefoods had closed. This created some tensions between Wholefoods and Activities, but they were sympathetic to our cause. The next problem was the apparent lack of power for such a huge sound system. There was a miscommunication between the production team, the promoter and Activities on the exact power requirements for the night. There was a three-phase power outlet, but it only produced 15 Amps. In hindsight we should have asked for the exact power requirements (although there was no other venue available, and the dining room has more than enough power for events run there). The power problem was overcome by running the sound system at a reduced load (still very loud). The night started only 15 minutes late.

People drank a lot of alcohol. This made the night a financial success covering our costs of security, stock, liquor license, room hire, food and riders. It also added to some problems that come from drunkenness, but they were handled well by security and first-aiders.

It was also very hard to keep the green room free of people that did not belong in it as all the bands had friends on guest lists. This could have been solved by having a committee member checking passes at the green room entrance and giving the band a certain number of passes to give to their friends.

Some problems with committee were people not sticking to scheduled shifts, people taking free booze, and few people helping out at the very end with stage pack up.

General things

I was negotiating with Jim Beam up until a few days ago. They were willing to give us money to promote their product at AXP, but complications arose with RMH not stocking Jim Beam RTDs and the extra cost and little benefit they would get from ordering and stocking their shelves. I think such a promotional opportunity would need about \$4k to work.

Green Week activities have been planned and we are trying to find a way to get paintball on campus. I have emailed about a dozen potential sponsors and made phone calls about sponsorship opportunities. Haven't heard back from many of the companies I emailed.

We have had a few bands performing for our unsigned Wednesdays. They have both been really good. I organized one of the bands and operated the sound during the shows. We are very short of sound leads, and desperately need some more. There was an unfortunate clash with a culture card BBQ on one of the Wednesdays

The new equipment we need is to replace our missing and old sound equipment, and repair our BBQs. I will be submitting a document to the capital works group by Friday, which outlines our needs.

I have organized distribution of posters from two external companies and will have put up the second lot of posters before this MSC. I would like to have more companies booking poster runs, but it is hard when they can just come in themselves and not incur any consequences. This has to do with the poster policy and having it clearly displayed on all poster bollards. I have also been doing the poster runs myself, which is partly because the committee is busy studying towards the end of semester.

Communication

The Zine stand has continued to be successful, with many people both taking zines and reading them over lunch at whole foods, we will continue to collect zines and print them for circulation.

CCN and ASEN

The Climate Action camp and the Students of Sustainability conference in Newcastle

Ecology Field Trip

Recent Squirrel glider and Sugar glider nest box checking in Benalla with the Biological Society was a success, jumping on board the back of an ongoing program to help provide habitat for these small marsupials in revegetation efforts along roadside corridors – well done to Adam T for his efforts.

MSA Carbon Neutrality Statement/Plan

There is an option of fast tracking this, with a young company who has quoted us about \$1500 negotiable for an audit, however students of Greensteps can do it for free next semester, which looks like a better option

Permaculture Patch

If anyone has taken a walk down to the patch, it is looking really good, with a few pumpkins taking shape, and the herbs and flowers making a huge difference to the over all look. Signs are going up. Wholefoods balcony is operating well as a seeding ground, the way it is supposed to be.

ESJC Office bearers

Callum has decided to go on annual leave till the end of the year, and I have tentative plans to stay in Newcastle after the Students of Sustainability conference thru next semester, so there will be some change to the office bearer positions for next semester. Lana, who has been an active part of the Monash Environment Group has expressed some interest in co-convening this position, but it may have to go to election after all. There are a couple of candidates that the ESJC would endorse, but further discussions will take place over the coming weeks

Apologies for the recent couple of weeks being slow, I have been ill and snowed under with uni work.

Election Report	Attachment 10/09
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Preliminary Arrangements

Julian Campbell was appointed returning officer, following on from the success of the first by-election in 2008.

Staff

Yvonne Joyce was appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the period whilst Mr Campbell was away on holiday.

Nominations

Nominations opened on Tuesday, April 22, and closed on Monday April 28.

All nominations were initially accepted. There was an issue with nominations coming under an illegal ticket name, but all candidates on this ticket withdrew before they were disallowed. A full list of nominations has been included in Appendix 2

Withdrawals

There was a flurry of withdrawals at this election on the close of nominations, making life quite stressful for Yvonne Joyce, my deputy. I would appreciate in future tickets waiting at least until the lists of candidates come out before withdrawing candidates.

Immediately upon the close of nominations, Ali Majokah (Go!), Aidan Steele (Universal) and Stephanie Hall (Universal) withdrew their candidacy from SAC, and on May 1 Greig Friday withdrew his candidacy from the Male Queer Officer election.

Unopposed Positions

All positions were eventually elected unopposed. Tegan Dobbie (Go!) was the only candidate for the vacancy on Women's Affairs Committee. Immediate withdrawals from the SAC race meant that Hannah Linford (Go!), Michael Harrison (Go!), Adele Lucas (Go!), Cameron Tantau (Go!) and Hayley Svenson (Go!) were unopposed for the Student Affairs Committee positions, and following another withdrawal Owen Smith was unopposed for the position of Male Queer Officer.

Polling

Polling was set to occur in the Campus Centre Foyer between the hours of 9:30 and 5:30 on May 5 until all positions were uncontested.

Postal Votes

No postal vote applications were received.

Declaration

All positions excluding Male Queer Officer were declared on April 28. The Male Queer Officer election was declared on May 1.

Complaints and Appeals

There were no official complaints or appeals at this election. I did receive one piece of correspondence in regards to the notice of election having serious irregularities. While this correspondence was submitted in a timely fashion to my inbox, I was unable to read it until after my deputy had declared all the elections barring Male Queer.

Appeals to the Tribunal

There were no appeals to the electoral tribunal.

Recommendations for Future Elections

Returning Officer Selection

I will repeat my call for the electoral regulations to be changed so that the Secretary is not the default returning officer.

MSC declaring elections specified

There was much discussion over just how many elections needed to be called. In future, MSC should declare exactly how many spots should be open for election to each committee when commissioning a by-election, and if heads of committees cannot produce resignations in a timely manner to clearly scheduled MSC's, then they need to put up with committees which lack proper membership.

Notice of Resignation

It is extraordinary that students feel that they can resign from committees by a simple phone call following the extenuated process that must be followed to elect them in the first place. The MSA must impress upon each of its committee members that their tasks are important, a resignation is a serious thing, and must be written down to carry any weight.

Illegal Ticket Registrations

There should be provisions in the electoral regulations to direct the returning officers if they mistakenly allow the registration of tickets that are illegal in by-elections. Further, experienced campus political operators should not knowingly or mistakenly attempt register tickets belonging to factional rivals.