

Monash Student Council

Confirmed Non-Confidential Minutes

Meeting 12/08 of the Monash Student Council held at 5pm on Wednesday the 16th of July 2008 in the Airport Lounge.

Meeting opened at 5:29.

1. Attendance:

President:	Mat Hilakari	(chair)
Secretary:	Julian Campbell	(minutes)
Treasurer:	Yuliya Mik	Proxy to Michael Keane
Education (Public):	Mark Baker	
Education (Academic):	Dash Jayasuriya	
Activities:	Sarah Cousins	
Welfare:	Adam Taranto	
Environment:	Ella Broughton-Cunningham	
Women's:	Ephiny Gale	
Female Queer:	Allegra Lofgren	
Male Queer:	Owen Smith	
C&S:	Patrick Thomson	
MUISS:	Ronny Tsee Woon Yuen	Apology
MAPS:	Jessica Michaelides	Absent
General Representative:	Tegan Dobbie	Proxy to Fiona Lander
General Representative:	Simon Singer	
General Representative:	Maeva Veerapen	
General Representative:	Jeremy Healsmith	Absent
General Representative:	Dara Conduit	Apology
Indigenous:	Billy Gray	Absent
Observers:	Gail Morgan	
Apologies:	James Mentor	
	Caroline Shipley	

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

Defer Exec Financial Motions and confirmation of previous minutes until Mr Campbell arrives, prioritise Business Manager's Report as Ms Morgan needs to leave.

6.12 Business Manager's Report

Attachment: 15/12

Ms Morgan spoke to her report, as she has been in the MSA only six weeks the agenda has only just begun.

4. Summary of exec financial motions

Attachment: 01/12

There are no executive financial motions as only one executive meeting was conducted since the last MSC, and Mr Campbell has not received the minutes as yet so cannot attach spending to the agenda. He will attach all spending to the next agenda.

5. Confirmation of previous minutes

5.1 MSC 11/08

Attachment: 02/12

These minutes were not submitted as Mr Campbell has been on leave for almost the entire period between the last MSC and this one.

6. Reports

Reports due at previous meetings:

6.1 Secretary's report

Attachment: 03/12

The cynicism surrounding the divine electoral mandate of OB's is noted.

6.2 Activities report

Attachment: 04/12

No questions arising.

Reports due at this meeting:

6.2 Education Public Affairs Report

Attachment: 05/12

No questions arising for either report.

6.3 Education Academic Affairs Report

Attachment: 06/12

The inherent implication of the previous glory of MSC in part one of this report is noted and debated.

6.4 Women's Report

Attachment: 07/12

No questions arising.

6.5 Welfare Report

Attachment: 08/12

No questions arising.

6.6 Male Queer Report

Attachment: 09/12

Not submitted, however Mr Smith outlines that his major activity was attending QC with Mr Baker, and 13 other Monash students. QC is Queer Collaborations, and everyone is welcome.

6.7 Female Queer Report

Attachment: 10/12

Ms Lofgren's trip home was nice.

She outlines that in the coming days she will be working on Queer Week. She has been invited to 30th birthday celebrations of a Queer body, which will hopefully be good publicity for the department. With Queer Week, often the focus has been on sex, rather than day to day life. Workshops will focus on being Queer and religious, engaging in long term partnerships, and relationship issues generally.

6.8 Environment Report

Attachment: 11/12

Ms Broughton-Cunningham is in attendance and has just started, and was unaware of reporting requirements. She started on Monday, and coordinated an ESJC meeting today, and her activities

consist of organising for E&SJ week in week four, which will clash with a few other weeks. ESJC have already booked in speakers and the like, can't move around other MSA focus weeks.

ESJC has also had a MEG meeting, but lots of people are at SOS and Climate Camp still. Most will be back by today, and the full collective should be around next week.

6.9 MUISS Report Attachment: 12/12

No representative to answer questions to the report.

6.10 MAPS Report Attachment: 13/12

Not submitted. Mr Baker as a member of the MAPS committee notes that they are planning a social function in the aquarium, and are heavily engaged in the space changes committee.

6.11 C&S Report Attachment: 14/12

Mr Thomson answers a range of questions on the slow grants process. C&S have now sent out the Culture Card grant. The new club grants have not been sent out as yet. Mr Thomson signed a bunch of Culture Card grants yesterday. He also wrote a letter to send out to the clubs list yesterday.

Mr Thomson explains the delay in grants this year. There was slow movement with registration – this is supposed to be done by the C&S Exec. Some took a while to get processed and the exec weren't spending time on grants. Now that the rego packs are largely out of the way, C&S will be able to get onto grants properly. Depends on how quick exec work as to how fast the grants get approved and the backlog will be cleared.

Motion #1:
 "That this MSC accepts all submitted reports on block."
 Moved through the chair.

 For: 13
 Against: 0
 Abstentions: 0
 MOTION CARRIED.

Ms Morgan leaves at 6:03pm.

Motion #2:
 "That this MSC resolves to suspend the pay of Owen Smith and Lana Kagan should their respective Male Queer and Environment reports not be submitted to MSC 13/08."

 For: 13
 Against: 0
 Abstentions: 1
 MOTION CARRIED.

**7. Matters arising from previous meeting
7.1 Privacy Policy & Procedures Attachments: 16&17/12**

Deferred to the next meeting, as these changes were lost on the laptop.

7.3 Rescissions – Standing orders

Problem of whether in order to rescind a motion, the majority required to rescind needs to be of the same numerical value, or merely of the same type of majority (eg simple/absolute). This clarification requires a simple change to the standing orders. This is deferred to next meeting.

7.5 Mediation Reportback

Mr Hilakari states that Ms Mik has replied today that mediation can occur but will be able to refuse consent in the future. Her preference is for conciliation.

Mr Hilakari asks that this remain on the agenda until action has occurred. He will insert motions into future agendas.

The difference between conciliation and mediation is explained – a mediator takes little role, conciliation involves a more active role by the facilitator.

8. Election Regulations Changes

Attachment: 18/12

Procedural Motion:

“That this discussion be deferred to the next meeting.”

Moved: Dash Jayasuriya

For: 4

Against: 8

Procedural failed.

Mr Hilakari and Mr Campbell engage in a detailed explanation of the electoral changes.

Council members highlight potential problems with proposed changes to prohibited electoral content to include internet advertising. The proposed words “or the internet” are removed from 120 (11)(b).

The entirety of section 125A is removed – there is a need to produce a full document on how to do electronic polling rather than a few lines if this were to be brought in.

Procedural Motion:

“That the standing orders be suspended to allow a proxy mid-meeting.”

Moved through the chair.

For: 12

Against: 1

Procedural carried.

Ms Dobbie proxies to Ms Lander.

The Electoral regulations committee was made up of several people, the changes were sent to Tony Lang who knocked out a couple of changes.

The issue of facebook groups is raised and their questionable status in the regulations. There should be clarification in the regulations about this in future years.

Procedural Motion:

“That the speaking list be cut and MSC vote on all changes immediately.”

For: 3

Against: 9

Procedural failed.

Motion #3:

“That the cost of registering a ticket in section 116(2A) of the electoral regulations be increased to \$20.”

Moved: Michael Keane

Motion failed due to a lack of a seconder.

Motion #4 (tabled):

“That this MSC accepts tabled election regs with the understanding that there may be changes made to section 120(11)(b), to be brought to and voted on by MSC 13/08.”

Moved: Ephiny Gale

Seconded: Dash Jayasuriya

Motion #4 is withdrawn.

Some claim provisions allowing voters to be issued with badges indicating that they have voted may violate the constitution – however the constitution was interpreted in council last year to allow this.

Motion #5:

“That the tabled electoral amendments be accepted in their entirety, not including proposed amendments to section 120(11)(b) relating to internet advertising.”

Moved through the chair.

For: 12

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Returning Officer Tenders

Attachments: 19-21/12

MSC discussion ceases for 15 minutes for council members to consider in detail two competing tenders to run the annual elections. Their proposals are commercial in confidence.

Procedural Motion:

“That this MSC proceed in camera.”

Moved through the chair.

For: 13

Against: 0

This section of the minutes is confidential and can only be viewed by members of MSC.

Motion #6 (tabled):

“That this MSC accepts the tender from Above Quota Elections and directs the Student Development Manager to negotiate the tender further to the lowest possible price.”

Moved: Simon Singer

Seconded: Pat Thomson

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Motion #6 is put.

For: 13

Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED.

10. Eggs on Campus

Draft Motion:

"That this MSC, citing the animal abuse and environmental degradation that is inherent in the battery system of egg production and Monash students' concern in relation to animal welfare and sustainability, urges university food outlets to support more humane practices in the food industry, by adopting a policy of using exclusively free-range eggs."

Deferred to later in the meeting.

11. Petty Cash Limit

Motion #7 (tabled):

"That this MSC raises the petty cash limit to \$80 in response to the past 10 years of inflation."

Moved: Michael Keane

Secunder: Adam Taranto

Procedural Motion:

"That MSC vote immediately on Motion #7."

Moved: Fiona Lander

For: 5

Against: 6

Procedural failed.

Procedural Motion:

"That this agenda item be deferred to the next meeting."

Moved: Simon Singer

For: 3

Against: 9

Procedural failed.

Discussion ensues surrounding the proposal. The finance manager doesn't really care, the Treasurer is probably against this.

Chair moves to formal debate.

Motion #7 (tabled):

"That this MSC raises the petty cash limit to \$60 in response to the past 10 years of inflation."

Moved: Mat Hilakari

Secunder: Fiona Lander

Liquor licence application are beyond the petty cash limit. Sometimes OB's have had to hand in multiple receipts to be reimbursed for minor spending.

Several points of order on how formal debate can work with foreshadowed motions.

Procedural Motion:

That formal debate rules be abandoned.

Moved: Julian Campbell

For: 11
Against: 0
Procedural Carried.

New formal debate rules are attempted to be established.

Ms Jayasuriya refers council to her report.

Mr Hilakari notes his dissent to putting these motions as they shouldn't be at MSC, they should be handled on the executive level.

Motion #7 is put.

For: 12
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

10. Eggs on Campus

Motion #8:

"That this Monash Student Council, as the body elected by students to represent student interests, acknowledges student concern about the animal abuse and environmental degradation inherent in the battery system of egg production, and urges university food outlets to support humane practices in the food industry by adopting a policy of exclusive use of free-range eggs."

Moved: Adam Taranto
Seconded: Mat Hilakari

For: 11
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1
MOTION CARRIED.

12. General Business

A pie oven and fridge have been removed from downstairs. Diana Vivian wants to request that they be returned. Officebearers are asked to contact Ms Vivian if they want anything from the basement that hasn't been locked up.

Culture Card clarification required on when it started.

Tomorrow is a Green Week BBQ.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 11am on Thursday the 31st of July, 2008 in Short Courses.

Meeting closed at 8:15.

Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 01/12

Minutes of Monash Student Council 11/08

Attachment 02/12

Not submitted as yet.

Secretary's Outstanding Report

Attachment 02/12

Julian Campbell

<i>Main Activities:</i>	<p>Education Conference – hacky hacky fun times, look for more detailed report Radio Monash – working with them and the uni to agree to an MOU Revising Electoral Regulations – pretty self explanatory, you vote on them now, decide for yourself if you think they're crap. Collating MSC Motions – trying to put together a list of passed motions for 2008 to be collated and continually updated on the website Funding Agreement – more long meetings with the uni and other unions and the rest of exec EBA – even more long meetings with the rest of exec Organising large MSC agendas – MSC 11 was a little bit annoying, thanks for making MSC 12 a bit more bearable Usual Minute taking – pretty self-explanatory</p>
<i>Achievements:</i>	<p>Hammering out an agreeable Radio Monash deal. Hopefully getting an agreeable version of the Electoral Regulations through MSC Getting direction from MSC on how to deal with the legal issues with Mat and Yuliya Establishing an MSC Reporting template Completing Privacy Policy Review Added demographic data to the Culture Card database Cleaned my half of the Gen Sec office and know where half the crap is Distributed Incident Report Forms around the MSA OB's.</p>
<i>Unresolved Issues:</i>	<p>Co-OB Reg's – these need to be nailed down, apparently Jafff is leading the charge now on this front, which is interesting... Executive members' mediation – more than enough oxygen and paper has been wasted on this one, little need for my little opinion to cause further wastage Timesheets – whilst I was on leave these fell into disuse – MSC needs to make a decision about whether it cares anymore about OB accountability 2nd Semester Culture Cards – first we were staying with \$55, then \$35, then back up to \$55, now we appear to be settled on \$55 with a \$20 voucher?! Coordinated Calendar – this became a victim of Ed Con and Australs Culture Emails – still having issues sending html formatted emails over the Culture Card list – where for art thou, Lister?</p>
<i>Resource Issues:</i>	<p>My Laptop is gone! I now need a computer upgrade... preferably to a laptop ☺</p>
<i>Budget Update/Issues:</i>	<p>-</p>
<i>Recommendations for future:</i>	<p>Ed Con – this needs to be better publicised and sold better to the OB's – this conference is more than just NUS hackery (but don't worry, there's lots of NUS hackery) and has handy elements for just about every department of the MSA.</p>

	<p>Whenever MSA OB's attend a conference on MSA time with MSA money they should report back to MSC.</p> <p>MSA OB's need to work together (I know, unlikely, but stick with me for a tick) as a team of student representatives on a whole range of plans – education campaigns, Lot's Wife launches, Queer Events, Activities BBQ's, Welfare Campaigns, Wholefoods and Bar publicity, etc – otherwise we're all just one or two man islands in the sea of students, trying to thrust our flyer/food/beer in uninterested students' faces as they rush off to their next meaningless class.</p> <p>The Culture Card should be renamed MSA Subscription in 2009.</p> <p>OB's should fill in their timesheet each day, or propose some better accountability method, or actively come out and oppose OB accountability on the basis of the divine electoral mandate of OB's. That's right, I'm giving you not two, but three choices.</p>
<i>Future goals/plans:</i>	<p>Devising the MSA Subscription program for 2009. That's right, it's lame duck legacy time...</p> <p>Getting a final legal opinion on the drama from last year and this year so people will stop talking about it, and stop calling each other paranoid wankers/grandma's/scabs and threatening to fire/sue each other and start doing some work.</p> <p>Sign off on the Funding Agreement, EBA, and then roam free amongst the fields!</p> <p>Hire a Bar Manager</p> <p>Avoid appearing on Landeryou ☺</p>
<i>Other:</i>	<p>Don't steal my laptop. It means I have to write my MSC report twice. It tends to be a lot more cynical the second time. Cheers and blessings!</p>

Activities Outstanding Report

Attachment 02/12

Michael Keane

AXP

The night went well with a huge turnout and a large turnover of ticket sales. Numbers of about 1500 people came through the door and the vibe was good for the whole night. There was an issue with RMH not allowing any pass outs at all. The ATM in the venue malfunctioning and people being hungry aggravated this.

This is a list of things that should be looked at for the next AXP.

Make sure that DJs are appreciated if they are playing for free. That means that someone has to look after them and get them drinks. Negotiate pass outs before the night so that everyone knows what is going on. Message all members after the event and thank them for coming. Look for sponsors at least 2 months before the event. I tried organising Jim Beam to come on board, but they were not offering enough money for what they wanted to accomplish. Have a big name band play at the event. It will mean that there will be less floor space available for patrons, but the event will be talked about and most definitely will sell out.

Green Week

What are we up to?

We have 14 registered teams and are just awaiting payment from them. We have the launch BBQ on Thursday 17th July. All the events and the food and beverages for the week have been organised. We have a lot of sponsors on board and also a couple of sponsors trying to jump on at the last minute.

What have I been doing?

Organising the beverages and the food for the week with Sarah. We have had Barley Corn Brewers come on board who have been able to give us a delicious premium beer at a reduced price as well as providing some prizes for the week. I have also been chasing up new PA equipment that we can hopefully get before Green Week. Printing t-shirts for the week, running sheet, getting volunteers for the week and writing the scav hunt lists.

General notes and things

Have not had the money to buy new trolleys as of yet. Will get them after Green Week. Custard does not make good poster glue. It might be worth the expense to buy proper glue. Hotdog machines are evil to clean. Everyone should come to Mastermindless and Green Week 21st birthday.

Education Public Affairs Report	Attachment 02/12
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Mark Baker

The last few weeks have definitely the quietest I have ever seen the MSA: Office Bearers taking exams, going on holidays, representing Monash at Conferences, getting sick with the flu or the MSA. Unfortunately, while the MSA, including myself, slows down the rest of the world does not. In the world of Higher Education this has been a pretty exciting period. As we speak the Bradley Review is trotting along potentially revolutionizing the Higher Education system... or maybe I am just jumping the gun. The National Union of Students (NUS) has unleashed whole new campaigns aimed at improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of students. The MSA has also been getting heaps of press thanks to Fiona, Mat and Owen. Hmm... so far I haven't really said much about what I have been doing... but, at least you now all now my general musings on the State of the Union.

EdCon

Originally it looked like 15 Monash students would be taking part in this year's NUS Education Conference at QUT, but after 5 people pulled out realized that my department could further subsidize the students attending EdCon. The department managed to cover everyone's registration and \$65 off their accommodation and, thanks to the Wom*n's Department, women attending EdCon got an extra \$39 to cover their accommodation.

From what I have been hearing everyone enjoyed the Conference and found the content interesting and useful for their careers as student activists. There was a big focus on technology and activism and hopefully this will come in handy in preparing campaigns for next semester. Attendees at EdCon also get the opportunity to discuss, debate and decide on policy for the NUS. The NUS campaign this half of the year will focus on student poverty, VSU and course costs.

QC

Spent a week attending QC and was informed about activist strategies and issues that were not available to learn at EdCon. Importantly, for my department, was sessions relating to making activist campaigns and unions more inclusive of marginalized groups within our society particularly those from LGBT and Indigenous groups. I also got to network with queer activists engaged in other student unions and other activist networks, such as the Black GST and the MEAA.

Preparation for Semester 2

Even though two weeks of the non academic period of semester I have been representing and getting skilled up at two student activist conferences, I have managed to get the department prepared for Semester 2.

NDA – Student Poverty

The fact that we are holding an NDA this semester was one of the main decisions to come out of EdCon. So far a date has not been set for the NDA, but, rest assured I will keep you all informed as events unfold. Trust me, it looks exciting.

NWA's – VSU

Along with an NDA on student poverty, the NUS will also be coordinating National Weeks of Action on every campus to get student activists to raise awareness of and to campaign against VSU. So far we have hosted a pancake breakfast today to let people know about the services the MSA runs that are still at risk thanks to VSU and, with a little help from my friends, am organizing singing lecture bashes and a 'Marvelous Services and Advocacy' (MSA) Festival. I am also looking into holding a Speakout Against VSU and a banner drop.

McGruff the Crime Dog (Illegal Course Fees etc.)

The final of the major NUS campaigns to be mentioned. I have brought along fliers about McGruff the Crime Dog and this issue so we can all be better informed about McGruff and NUS and MSA concerns regarding ancillary fees. Yesterday we hosted a BBQ to disseminate information regarding the new activist group on campus that aims to tackle this issue and make Uni more equitable and accessible for all students. We are holding a student activist meeting about it next Monday where we will be providing pizza and drink for everyone. It is McGruff's mission to sniff out anything illegal on campus...

International Student Concessions

James and I have worked closely with MUISS Education Reps on this pertinent issue, so look out for a petition to come your way.

Other things...

First Aid Training

Co-Office Bearer Working Committee

MC the VC's Welcome

MEAN

SAC

Exam tea and coffee dramas

Getting unions involved in the MS of A

Numerous Poster Runs... Yay!

Getting published (or at least mentioned) in every Lot's Wife this year. Woot! I have no life.

James Mentor

Education Conference

The last month has been mixed for the department. Amongst the exams and special MSCs we had Education Conference, which for those of you that don't know is the midyear conference for the National Union of Students (NUS) and largely determines the direction for the union and its affiliates for semester 2. It was held at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, and there was a strong contingent from Monash, with 10 activists from the Clayton campus making the trip. At the conference various issues were discussed, including the direction of the National Union and differing views on the future of education in this country. Seminars held at the Conference ranged from how to sit on University Boards to Marxism in the 21st century. While up there I also attended two meeting sessions of the NUS National Executive. It was decided that the main campaigns to be coordinated by the union are: student poverty, VSU and ancillary fees. Between these events it was a good opportunity to meet and network with activists from other campuses. I am hopeful this will lead to greater communication and cooperation between campuses with regards to campaigning.

Exams/Mid-Year Break

We have also been through the (relatively) quiet exams/mid-year break period. While there have not been many organized events as such, with people away on leave and/or on various conferences, it has given us an opportunity to do some organizing, both for education conference and semester 2. Since the conference Mark and I have spent time planning for the upcoming semester. There was also a SAC called during the break, which was needed to pass some money. A massive thank you to those that turned up.

So far in Semester 2...

This semester promises to be a busy one for the department. Already we have had our first Ancillary Fees Working Group (AFWG) meeting (Mondays at 3pm), which despite its small turnout looks like a promising concept. On Tuesday (yesterday) we also had our first SAC meeting for the semester. While Adam and Fi were unable to attend, it was good to get the ball rolling again, with money passed for some of our semester 2 activities and general discussion taking place on Ed Con. Before the meeting we also had a successful barbeque to promote awareness of illegal ancillary fees being charged on students. It appears that this may be occurring at Monash. If you believe that you may be charged unlawful fees on top of your course fees or would like more information please contact the Ed Public department. Today we have also helped with the setting of for the orientation fair being held in the airport lounge (hence no pancake barbeque – which wsa to be held to raise awareness of MEAN and VSU - as promised. This will be happening sometime soon).

Semester 2 – What's planned

Throughout Semester 2 it appears the focus of the Department will continue to focus on the main national campaigns being coordinated by NUS. This will include 'National Weeks of Action', as well as a 'National Day of Action' (week 5? – tbc). They will focus on student poverty (likely to be through a 3800 campaign), repealing VSU and publicizing illegal ancillary fees (look out for McGruff). There are also other campaigns in the pipeline, including one focusing on the lack of public transport access to Monash University (likely to be run in conjunction with the PTUA) and the ongoing campaign for international student concession cards (we will be running with MUISS and other Victorian student unions – the petition will be out soon). We are also planning on holding a union day/week/festival at some stage during semester 2, although the form this will take and its timing have not been determined. In addition to that, we will also be holding the usual SACs, MEAN meetings, AFWG meetings and activist film screenings.

Education Academic Affairs Report	Attachment 05/12
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Dash Jayasuriya

Part One

Once upon a time, in a land not too far from here, there was a magical council. This council was incredibly important, as its members had the ability to fight like warriors and the power to protect the thousands of people who came from far and wide to seek its assistance. At the same time, the magic was strengthened by the ideals and beliefs of the council members, who cared deeply about their purpose and responsibilities and were able to support each other in their battles. As time went on, however, the council became infiltrated by the evil and the power-hungry, who only saw it as a way to advance their own self-absorbed interests. Their dark magic was based on manipulation and intimidation, and their leaders pushed them to slowly take the council over. What they didn't realise, however, was that the more dishonest the objectives of the council became, the less relevant it was.

Finally, due to a complete lack of real purpose on the part of many members, the council almost faded away altogether, and it began to resemble a circus, largely made up of those who wanted power, and those who were too scared or apathetic to change it. Every fortnight the circus put on a show for the benefit of its own administrative processes, and the performers donned make-up and costumes and sang the same songs over and over, but no amount of pretence could change the fact that the circus had become little more than a faded image of its previous glory as a magical council.

Part Two: Things Dash has been doing for the last month – an homage to Administrative Processes

- **Meeting with Rob Willis:** This was largely due to the awkward exchange that occurred when I raised various concerns at the Student Experience Network. The meeting resolved several issues though, namely that Rob has mobilised Facilities and Services on the installation of new drinking fountains on campus, as there's currently only one or two that don't work. We are hoping to get them in front of each library, as well as on the lawns. In addition to this, due to my complaints of lack of information about students who sit on faculty committees, a new website will be set up. This will list all committees available, there student representatives and a contact email address, so student will be able to get in touch with their student reps. At this stage it looks like we will house it but they will help gather the information.
- **Academic Board:** This will be undergoing a restructure as it was thought to be too big (it currently has 170 members). Unfortunately, all the models proposed reduce student membership by half, to 3. I argued strongly against this, and will be preparing a submission with the input of other student members/associations. My rant lead to the Acting-Dean of BusEco warning the board that, having dealt with me before, they ignored the student view at their own peril. It's nice to be taken seriously by people you respect.
- **Assessment working party:** This party is dealing with changes to the University statute (on examinations), the examination regulations, the assessment policies and procedures. We meet one every three weeks or so to go through the documents line by line. One thing that may happen out of this however is changes to the procedures regarding non-examination units. Currently, a straight arts student can end up with many assessment tasks due in week 13, however hopefully from now on a task worth more than 30% will be due in the exam period.
- **General Libraries Committee:** This committee is very administrative and a bit boring. However, it lead to the introduction of the Library/ITS/student forum, which was to incorporate all of the associations. Unfortunately, due to the lack of response from the other ed officers, the forum that was supposed to happen on the 2nd has been rescheduled to the 29th.
- **Education Committee:** was long but not very eventful. Monash has finalised an agreement with Oxfam South Africa that has lead to two internships becoming available over there, which is nice.
- **Educational Technology Planning seminar:** This was a whole day seminar, and involved staff who were interested in the ways to utilise technology to enhance learning. It was a build up to the opening of the new eEducation centre which will focus on this same aspect. There were break-out groups and brainstorming and a huge discussion on student apathy. It was interesting to see this issue from the point of view of staff.
- **Honours Student Forum:** Due to the revamp of the honours program that is taking place, I assisted with a student forum for the DVC Educations office to get feedback on the current system and how it could be improved.
- **Enrolments:** Fi Lander and I attended a meeting of the Enrolments unit. It was fairly hostile but we came out of it with assurances that all enrolling students will be sent through central each year. We suggest that next year's OBs take a counter down and actually count how many students come through, as this will help us hold them to their word.
- **Education Policy and Programs Committee:** Important things to come out of this were that there will now be two special consideration forms for students, one in-semester and one for

exams. This should make the process a bit less confusing. In addition to this, a proposal has now been put forward to move semester two back one week, which would give us an extra week of mid-year holidays. I have prepared a survey on this and sent it to all campuses, asking them to send it on their lists. Ours should be sent on the next culture card email. I will report back to the Uni at the next meeting. It looks like this might actually happen though.

- **Ethics Framework:** Richard Larkins has decided that the Uni needs an Ethics Framework, kind of like a code of conduct. I attended one of the focus groups for this to provide a student perspective and will be assisting the consultancy firm in putting together a student specific focus group. Given the climate of this organisation, the discussion was particularly pertinent and enlightening.
- **Whining:** due to recent events there has been a greater amount of whining than usual.
- **Reading and then discarding MSC report pro-formas:** self-explanatory.

Women's Report

Attachment 07/12

Ephiny Gale

In the interests of a short(er) report, I shall be brief and encourage questions within MSC.

The **Self-Defense Workshop** was well-attended, very useful, and full of people who both learnt a lot and spent the session laughing. Was thrilled. Quite possibly could turn into an annual thing.

Thursdays in Black lunch was also well-attended, seemed to be enjoyed by all and was good publicity to launch the campaign we're running in Semester 2 about Ending Violence Against Women.

NOWSA took up a large portion of my month, both in terms of organising the conference for the 6 Monash women who attended and making sure things went smoothly while we were there. The Monash women all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and learnt a lot about feminism and feminist organising. I found it very worthwhile to learn about past activism techniques, hear more about the important issues facing women at the moment, and join in planning the national women's campaign for the future. Could write 5,000 words on NOWSA, but shall leave it there.

EdCon was very enjoyable/useful. I learnt about the national union, interesting ways to encourage people to get involved, skills for sitting on committees and much more, and then helped to set the direction of NUS for the upcoming semester.

Women's Leadership Forum goes strong. Have a series of speakers including the Dean of Arts coming to speak to students for hour-long sessions this semester, and some still to finalise/set dates for. Also have a team of women to blog about their uni experiences, interview others and tape YouTube videos for the online Women's Leadership Forum which I'm working with Rob Willis and now one of the deputy VCs on. Excitement.

Various **Women's Theatre Groups** have come to the Women's Department for funding, and I have helped JNC and LOCA with their applications. Both groups appear to be running very worthwhile projects. LOCA has now withdrawn their application. Our relationship with JNC is becoming very productive for both parties, especially now that one of their members has submitted a proposal to run a theatre project with the Women's Department for **Midsumma** festival early next year, and is going to try and get as many Monash women on board as possible.

I have restocked the **Women's Lounge** for Semester 2 with tea, coffee, condoms, tampons etc... Have been writing in the Women's Log Book, which is proving to be a very positive and successful means of communication with the collective. **WAC** meetings, in a similar way, have been well attended, productive, and full of exciting ideas. My committee is super awesome; thank you all. **Email Bulletins** have been published every 1-2 weeks and continue to serve me well.

Dissent is all finished. Am pleased with wide range of content, even if the publication is smaller than in previous years. Hopefully running it through Lot's will encourage wider readership. Have written a couple of pieces for it myself, as well as encouraging contributions from the wider collective. Look for it in edition 6!

In **Cross Campus Women's Network Meetings** we are starting to organise **Reclaim the Night**, which is an international action to stop violence against women in October (and should hopefully be excellent in Victoria)

The **First Aid Course** I completed was excellent and extremely positive. Now I can contribute to the Event Management Form as a first aid rep.

The old women's email list got shut down by the previous Women's Officer due to 'spam,' and after requests to start up another discussion group we now have a new **Women's Online Forum** for discussion and publicity of events and campaigns outside the women's lounge. Get involved. <http://monashwomen.myfreeforum.org/index.php>

Other general MSA activities I have been involved with this month: I took many of the lovely photos in the Green Week guide, proof-read said guide, helped out with revising the new election regulations, and spoke to new students about the MSA and Culture Card for 2 days during second semester involvement.

Welfare Report	Attachment 08/12
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Fiona Lander and Adam Taranto

<i>Main Activities:</i>	<p>Higher education review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and preparation for review → ++planning to lobby individual MPs Preparation of Op Ed for The Age Interviews/contact with various media Assistance with MSA survey <p>Welfare Clinic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with people from HWD, student finance, etc etc → establishing clinic Preparation of report to IPSEC & consultation with MSA managers Preparation of marketing plan <p>Derelict 2.0:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduled for Week 5 of Sem 2 Significant time given to planning <p>Housing Database:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research concerning viability of database, form it should take, etc etc Establishing good relationship with MRS and other relevant stakeholders <p>Computer Co-op:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact with new donors and collection of computers Formulation of new marketing plan to re-advertise Co-op around the Uni <p>Free Food Mondays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaison with Wholefoods and introduction of new methods to monitor
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	<p>our resource use so that we can accurately determine what we use and owe them</p> <p>Organising safe food handling courses for our dedicated volunteers in conjunction with short courses</p>
<i>Achievements:</i>	<p>Getting the Op Ed published in The Age – that’s right, a non-Monash publication.</p> <p>Resulting media interest and momentum generated before Higher Ed Review.</p> <p>Convincing MRS to redirect all of their website traffic to our housing database when established – they love us. Seriously. It’s incredible.</p> <p>Adam’s incredible colour-coded, cell-locked, super-duper FFM spreadsheet which will accurately track our spending and resource use for the next 2000 years of FFM.</p> <p>High level of volunteer participation in first FFM back for the semester.</p>
<i>Unresolved Issues:</i>	Thankfully our department is relatively devoid of ‘issues’
<i>Resource Issues:</i>	Issues concerning funding of FFM, due to inability to utilize grant obtained in 2006
<i>Budget Update/Issues:</i>	See ‘unresolved issues’ – although we would ideally like a bigger budget next year.
<i>Recommendations for future:</i>	More direction from Executive or someone else suitable regarding cross-departmental activities – I agree with Julian that we need to work together better but I’m mystified as to the best way to go about this.
<i>Future goals/plans:</i>	<p>Get the Welfare Clinic up and running</p> <p>Get the housing database up and running</p> <p>Continue with the FFM success – more volunteer recognition</p> <p>Planning for Derelict 2.0</p> <p>Contribute to MSA’s Higher Ed submission</p>
<i>Other:</i>	

Male Queer Report

Attachment 09/12

Not submitted as yet.

Female Queer Report

Attachment 10/12

Allegra Lofgren

Hello everyone! My last OB report was turned in while I was on leave, and I have only been back at work since the 14th, so I really don’t have much to report on, other than wishing everyone well for the upcoming semester. Cheers!

Environment Report

Attachment 11/12

Not submitted as yet.

MUISS Report

Attachment 12/12

Ronny Tsee

MUISS Forums Competition

The MUISS forums were quite busy during the month of May where there was the competition. The competition had for aim to promote the forums and getting new students and any student to participate and contribute to the website. The forum is a good way for students to bring their problems and get answers in an anonymous way.

Interstate Trip

This year MUISS decided to replace the ski trip with an interstate trip. The first one was to Gold Coast this year and we had 39 sign ups. The event was from the 3rd of July to the 7th of July, 5 days and 4 nights event. The airfare, airport pick up, bus transfer and accommodation included in the package. The first night also saw a bbq by the committee for the students participating to the event. Main draw-back was that there were not enough sign ups as we were targeting 50 people. We will see to it that there is publicity at least 2 months prior to the event excluding the exam period.

Winter Swoop

Winter swoop went well, we had 40 participants and about 20 volunteers. The event had for aim to introduce the new students to the campus and the local area around Clayton. We also had a dinner at the end of the day where the students gave a presentation of their day and prizes were given out. At the beginning of the day there was a miscommunication with HWD where they sent an email indicating that the event would start at 10 while we actually started at 8.30am so the first 20 participants had to wait for the others to arrive before starting the games.

Orientation Lunch

The orientation lunch saw the presence of 160 students and 5 MUISS volunteers. We catered chicken from Clayton BBQ chicken and some drinks.

MAPS Report	Attachment 13/12
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Not submitted as yet.

C&S Report	Attachment 14/12
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Ryan Alexander

<i>Main Activities:</i>	Business as usual...which is a good thing!
<i>Achievements:</i>	<p>New auditing procedures – clubs were taking advantage of a 14-day grace period for audit deadlines. It is now an act of misconduct for a club to submit an audit late at all.</p> <p>Club misconducts are being enforced with a significant amount of clubs being hauled before misconduct hearings in the next few weeks for registration and audit issues.</p>
<i>Unresolved Issues:</i>	Posting in the Campus Centre is still unresolved. Letters from over a dozen club presidents are being collated by Ryan Alexander and sent to prominent uni admin people. This issue was first discussed in a formal setting in March and I have exhausted many avenues of communication without any significant results.
<i>Resource Issues:</i>	We are trying to put downward pressure on the amount of time the office is closed during business hours. Unfortunately, staff meetings, C&S Exec meetings and other meetings force the office to close if no-one is able to keep it open.
<i>Budget</i>	Treasurer is comparing figures on grants from last year with this year to see

<i>Update/Issues:</i>	how our budget is going. Preliminary results indicate high demand for club grants which may exceed our budgeted expenditure for 2008.
<i>Recommendations for future:</i>	Taking into consideration C&S opening hours when scheduling staff/OB meetings and other staff events. Not having the staff in the office puts pressure on Exec to organise and make time for keeping the office open.
<i>Future goals/plans:</i>	New website launch imminent with much improved functionality for club events, C&S mail, notices, announcements, etc. Improving office processes and training for Exec and staff members.
<i>Other:</i>	

Business Manager's Report

Attachment 15/12

Gail Morgan

<i>Main Activities:</i>	<p>Marketing & Sponsorship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding - signage, identification, templates, promotion • Web development • Advertising for new team member (casual currently employed) • Green Week • Clubs Day • Bar Re launch • Sponsorship • Support of Lots' Wife • Developed & implemented Project Plans • Set Up Event Calendar • Member/Show bag <p>Events & Bar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising for new team member • Reviewing current structure • Developing Terms & conditions of hire (including booking and confirmation) • Reviewing menu and pricing structure • Developed template for advising CC what event timetable and status. • Coffee Cart • Liquor License • Investigate loss of beer due to lines • Review finances with aim to turn around • Planning 2nd Semester events <p>Swich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising for new team member • Meeting with University and Co op re future of Swich • Reviewing rosters • Trialing new web based Government payment package. • Reviewing constitution and Public Officer <p>Short Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing booking system • Reviewing staff structure (casual versus PPT) • Signage for Studios (including correct logo)
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	<p>Wholefoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate opportunity to link to Bar POS system • Support collective coordinators • Work with Grocery coordinator to ensure operational Semester 2 • Developed template for advising CC what event timetable and status. • Developing Terms & conditions of hire (including booking and confirmation) • Review all PD's and advertised positions <p>Bikery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate increased opportunities for this area • Increase promotion of service • Signage for Bikery to be updated
<i>Achievements:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotes from 2 web developers received • Name tags/badges introduced • Proposal prepared for new signage – waiting on quote • Several new templates introduced and now being used by areas • Price review of Bar prices completed and updated • Event/booking form being trialed • Events on Plasma screens – student services (August they will be on all Plasmas) in campus centre • Developing working party with Crèche co op and Swich re new centre • PD's updated for Wholefoods to meet correct format and MSA logo • Grocery co – op in operation (only just)
<i>Unresolved Issues:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership 2009 • Security System – Sir John's Bar • Steward cost for events • Security v's Crowd Controllers • Where to move bikery • POS for wholefoods
<i>Resource Issues:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff workload – marketing • Event & Bar Coordinator • Café Coordinator
<i>Budget Update/Issues:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need clearer actual vs budget • Budgeting Process
<i>Recommendations for future:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review finance reports • Staff accountability
<i>Future goals/plans:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web to be one stop shop for all services, no more separate web pages for areas • Consider volunteer program – to maintain hosts all year round • Multi skill staff for Wholefoods (perhaps bar) • Wholefoods to support bar in supplying goods
<i>Other:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Equipment in open space • Out of date signage and posters

Privacy Policy & Procedures

Attachment 16&17/12

Not submitted as yet.

Election Regulations

Attachment 20/12



Proposed Election
Reg Changes

Returning Officer Tenders

Attachment 21/12



AEC Election
Proposal



AQE Election
Proposal 2008



Election Tenders
Report to MSC