

## Monash Student Council

### CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 1/17 of the Monash Student Council to be held at 2pm on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2017 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting opened: 2:06pm*

#### 1. Attendance

President:	Matilda Grey	(chair)
Treasurer:	Caitlin Brown	
Secretary:	Jessica Stone	(minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Corey Rosevear	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Harini Kasthuriarachchi	Proxy to Raphael Tell
Activities:	Sarah Harris	
Welfare:	Nicholas Virgo	Proxy to Pat Stephenson
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	Proxy to Bryda Nichols
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	
Women's:	Shreeya Luthra	
Queer:	Andrea Duval	
Disabilities & Carers:	Melanie Loudovaris	Proxy to Nawama Green
People of Colour	Jasmine Nguyen	
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	
Clubs & Societies:	Glenn Donahoo	Proxy to Pat Callanan
Radio Monash	Aleks Djukic	
General Representative:	Eve Ward	
General Representative:	Sasha Brady	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Benjamin Caddaye	
General Representative:	Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott	Proxy to Juliet Steel
General Representative:	Elizabeth Jackson	
Observers:	Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe	
	Jesse Clifton	
	Chris di Pasquale	
	Jake Humphreys	
	Jasmine Duff	

#### 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

Confirmed.

#### 4. Confirmation of previous minutes

4.1. MSC 13/16

4.2. MSC 1a/17

**Attachment 1**

**Attachment 2**

#### Motion #1:

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 13/16 and MSC 1a/17 are a true and accurate record of that/those meetings.

Moved through the chair  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 11  
MOTION CARRIED

**5. Reports**

**5.1. President**

**Attachment 3**

**5.2. Treasurer**

**Attachment 4**

**5.3. Secretary**

**Attachment 5**

**5.4. Activities**

**Attachment 6**

**5.5. MUISS**

*Not Submitted*

**5.6. MAPS**

**Attachment 7**

**5.7. C&S**

**Attachment 8**

**5.8. Radio Monash**

*Not Submitted*

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.

Moved through the chair

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**6. Annual Reports 2016**

**6.1. C&S**

**Attachment 9**

**Motion #3:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted annual reports en bloc.

Moved through the chair

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**7. Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

**Attachment 10**

**8. Election of Divisional Representative to MSC Executive**

**Attachment 11**

Pat Callanan raised that not all of the MSA Divisions were adequately represented at MSC and requested that the election of a divisional representative to MSC Executive be deferred until the next MSC.

**Draft Motion:**

“That this MSC approves the election of [divisional representative] to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.”

MOTION DEFERRED THROUGH THE CHAIR

**9. Investment Policy Proposal**

**9.1. Investment Policy (Final)**

**Attached to email**

**9.2. Investment Income Comparison**

**Attachment 12**

Caitlin mentioned that during the first Finance Subcommittee meeting for 2017, she met with Pitcher Partners, Lowan and Sylvia along with the President and Secretary. She said this was the

continuation of the process to divest from fossil fuels. She said that the decision to go with Pitcher Partners was a part of a process where multiple companies were looked at, however that Pitcher Partners were based in Australia, upheld progressive values and met the criteria to invest safely and get a good return on our reserves.

Jessica mentioned that Pitcher Partners was a smart choice as the other financial advisors looked at included Credit Suisse which could not be guaranteed to be completely ethical, since it was linked to Swiss banks.

Tess said that the move towards fossil fuel divestment was excellent. She noted that the Investment Policy was couched in bureaucratic language. She said that she could not support the policy as it is counter to union values and that it was finding a bureaucratic solution to a much wider issue. She said that the position of the union was to find a left position on the issue of SSAF and that this was leading to the change in how student unions operated and how they were becoming more corporatized.

Caitlin agreed that unions in general were facing a difficult climate. She said it would be ideal to fix all the issues with SSAF, but that wouldn't be happening anytime in the near future, so this was the best action going forward to secure our finances.

Andrea suggested that those concerned about action against SSAF could put forward another motion about the fight back against SSAF but to also take measures to divest.

Jessica explained the logistics of putting forward another motion. She said that to replace the motion with another would require a foreshadowed motion which would prohibit MSC from voting for the Investment Policy.

**Motion #4:**

That this MSC to approve the final Investment Policy presented.

Moved: Caitlin Brown

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 15

Against: 3

Abstentions: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

Caitlin said that it was important to continue our work with Pitcher Partners as their guidance throughout the policy development process has been great. She said it was the most logical choice to continue working with them.

Jessica said it was the best choice to continue working with Pitcher Partners as they assisted the MSA with developing the new Investment Policy most logical choice.

**Motion #5:**

That this MSC engage Pitcher Partners as the Independent Financial Advisor to assist the MSA in managing its funds according to the Investment Policy as per schedule presented.

Moved: Caitlin Brown

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

**MOTION CARRIED**

Jessica said the screens were set for an upgrade as most of screens were either broken or not functioning properly. She noted that eSolutions will be running the screens, but that the MSA would have central control.

Corey said that the screens were centrally controlled and that they would allow for posters to go up for snap actions and would last a while.

Annabelle asked why the proposal was outdated and if we could request an updated one. Jessica said that the proposal was correct and that any additional expenses would be covered by eSolutions.

Beth said that the student union was being run like a corporation. She said that this huge amount of money was being spent on something that wasn't a priority. She said awareness is achieved through posterings.

Matilda said that screens have been out of use since halfway through last year. She noted that the implementation would reduce the need for printing, but that we would continue to print posters. She also said that this would save money in marketing and be more environmentally friendly. She said the screens had a life span of 5 years and that the amount quoted was a maximum.

Andrea said that the screens would be useful for last minute protest and that it would be beneficial to get posters out straight away and avoid a waste of paper to simply change the change date.

Nawama said that the screens can't self-repair and they will continue to not function or become broken. They said that either we pass money now to fix them or it becomes an issue later down the track.

Annabelle acknowledged the environmental and quick turnaround. She asked what would happen to the excess money. Matilda explained that any excess would be reabsorbed into the union, and that the money is only withdrawn from central funds once the fitout is complete.

Patrick Stephenson asked if there was any assurance that the screen would work. Matilda said that eSolutions would maintain the screens and would service and replace them as needed. She noted that this service would be easily accessible as it is not from an external provider.

**Motion #6:**

That this MSC authorise the expenditure of up to \$33,550 for the replacement and upgrade of the MSA's digital screen and accompanying hardware.

Moved: Jessica Stone

Seconded: Corey Rosevear

For: 16

Against: 2

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**11. Centrelink Automated Debt Recovery System**

Jasmine Duff said this was a continuation of the Government eroding the welfare system and a clear class attack. She said that this often meant that people would be more likely to accept bad working conditions and lower pay. She said that attacks on students, defunding universities, and the change from the start-up scholarship to a start-up loan made it harder to access education and harder for workers to get by. She said it was excellent to see that the NDA has taken on board the welfare campaign. She also noted that it was great to see people from the MSA present at some of the recent rallies.

Patrick Stephenson said it was really important to condemn the debt system. He noted that he had heard stories of students having to sell their possessions to pay back the debt. He said that the false debt made life even more difficult for students and working people and that it was important to show our support in actions around the issue.

Nawama noted that not everyone can work and that the issue wasn't always being pushed into low paying work, but also a serious risk to people's lives.

Tess said that it was significant that there was been an immediate backlash against the debt recovery system. She said that this would have extreme effects on people that receive Centrelink. She said that there have been news reports of people questioning the debt and no evidence being found or finding that people had not been receiving payments. She also noted that Centrelink staff have also opposed the system.

Chris said that the discussion around welfare was couched in rhetoric around bludgers and demonising people on welfare. They said that it should be easy for students to access welfare and assistance while they study. They said that people may be forced into substandard jobs or to live below the poverty line. They said that the structure of Centrelink forces people to accumulate debt without realising the impact of it and that any extra payments they accidentally receive are minuscule in comparison. They said it was good to see a real focus on student welfare alongside the education campaign.

**Motion #7:**

The automated debt recovery system was put in by the Liberal government purely in order to save money on the federal budget. As a result people who receive Centrelink payments, including students, have unfairly received debts of up to thousands of dollars. MSC condemns the program as a clear class attack that aims to squeeze money out of the people who can least afford it. This MSC supports actions against the automated debt recovery system, including the March 22 National Day of Action, as a way to collectively resist these class attacks such as cuts to Centrelink and unfair debts by the government, and to call for more funding to welfare and education.

Moved: Jasmine Duff

Seconded: Patrick Stephenson

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

## 12. National Day of Action

Juliet said that there had been a lot of successful NDAs in the past. She mentioned she co-authored an article in Lot's Wife about the increased subtlety of the Governments' cuts. She said it was more difficult to engage students and make them see that it's still an issue. She said that the Make Education Free Again campaign was a push for positive change rather than a reactionary response. She also mentioned the MEAG after MSC and encourage everyone to attend and help with the working bee.

Tess said it was important to recognise the significance of the education campaign. She said it was a long time since free education and that the character of universities had changed to becoming more corporatised. She said there had been restrictions on the political nature of student unions after the introduction of voluntary student unionism.

Corey said it was important that we set the agenda and not rely on reacting to the Liberals actions. He said we want to see a change in policy. He also noted it was easier to explain to students that

having education as a government asset would drive costs down. He also encouraged people to participate in the campaign in all capacities.

Jasmine Duff said that it was good it was the student movement was setting the agenda, since there wasn't one big unifying attack from the Liberals. She said there were still considerable attacks coming from the Liberal Government, particularly aimed at student through the reduction of university funding, cuts to staff, decreasing the HECS repayment threshold and increasing class sizes. She said that the Make Education Free Again slogan unified students across Australia.

Chris said that this was a proactive campaign. They said that the slogan was a provocative statement that set the debate for what education should look like in Australia. They said it was a part of Government's need to reprioritise spending to have free education. Chris urged every department of the MSA to put effort into building the protest and bring each department's specific issues into the fold.

Beth said that the campaign had hit the ground running. She said that the campaign centred around ideological beliefs about education and opposing ring wing attacks on welfare, education and healthcare. She said that the rhetoric around tightening belts, the budget deficit, and played into the idea that free education is impossible. She noted that education was free in the past. She noted that huge amounts of money was spent on the military, tax cuts for the rich and anti-union restrictions. She said that the campaign tied in campus cuts and on a national level. She encouraged all departments to get involved and suggested leafletting at O Week.

Caitlin said that the student movement had been fighting fee deregulation since 2013, and that most students felt as though the battle was over. She said that the mainstream media was writing a different story and that the Make Education Free Again campaign was rewriting this story. She said this was an inclusive campaign engaging all the departments, not just those who can attend the rally.

Matilda said this was a large umbrella campaign engaging all national departments making the campaign more relevant. She said that the MSA would be also focussing on Monash specific issues within the campaign. She encouraged departments to suggest ideas and contribute to the campaign.

Tess suggested creating a list of all the tasks the MSA would undertake. She mentioned preparing for the O Week Festival to promote the NDA through the MSA stall. She also mentioned that the NUS Women's Officer was creating Women's specific material for the campaign as well.

Aleks said that RadMon was a non-political body and specified that she could not vote for or against this motion, but offered to open the RadMon portfolios and programs up to the MSA to promote the campaign.

**Motion #8:**

This MSC supports the March 22nd National Day of Action to Make Education Free Again. This MSC supports publicly funded education for all and encourages all members and departments of the MSA to assist in building for the National Union of Students' Education Campaign. The MSA condemns the Turnbull Government and its continuing attacks against students, as well as Centrelink's failed automated debt recovery system. This MSC will participate in building for the protest in all capacities by assisting with lecture bashing, postering, leafletting and sharing the event details through social media fronts.

Moved: Juliet Steel

Seconded: Corey Rosevear

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **13. Queer Space at Charles Sturt University**

Andrea said that AQSN had tried to reach out to rural universities where they don't have the same funding or Queer officers or spaces. She said that we need to support the efforts of the queer community to get a space. She encouraged the Council and the MSA to support the motion. She also mentioned organising to sign a letter and take a photo as a union to show support.

**Motion #9:**

That this MSC endorses and supports the efforts of the queer community at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, in their attempts to be recognised and afforded a Queer space on campus. This MSC also supports the AQSN (Australian Queer Student Network) in their efforts to realise this campaign.

Moved: Andrea Duval

Seconded: Nawama Green

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

### **14. Queer Space at Griffith University**

Andrea said that Griffith was not a rural or regional university, but that they were still struggling to get a queer space. She noted that the university has said that introducing a queer space would affect enrolment numbers.

Caitlin said it was great to show our support for getting queer spaces onto university campuses.

Chris said that they had being in contact with members at Griffith University. They said that there was a petition on Megaphone and encouraged members to sign. They said the university was being explicitly homophobic through their fears it would affect enrolments. They also mentioned there had been cuts to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Department and that they were reducing spending on services. They also said that this was shifting the cost and burden onto students.

Andrea said it was similar to the issue at Charles Sturt and that we needed to show our support.

*Robert Staunton and Jessie Lu enter at 3:10pm.*

**Motion #10:**

That this MSC expresses solidarity with LGBTIQ+ students at Griffith University who are campaigning for a queer space on campus. Griffith University administration has given various reasons for denying students a queer space. We also point out that goes against the values detailed in Griffith's own Sexual and Gender Diversity Inclusion Strategy 2016–2017. This MSC supports the Griffith University Student Representative Council and Griffith University Queer Society in their campaign to acquire a queer safe space.

Moved: Andrea Duval

Seconded: Nawama Green

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

### **15. Trump Ban on Muslim Entry to US**

Jesse said that we need to support resistance to Trump and the right. He said that protests in the US were incredible and show a strong message against racism. He mentioned the next protest coming up against the Q Society, where Cory Bernardi was supporting the ban on Muslims entering the country. He also said that workers in Muslims majority workforces were also showing their support.

Beth said this protest had international support with protests and walkouts staged over the US. She said it was important to take a strong left political stance against islamophobia.

Procedural Motion to accept Jessie Lu as a late proxy for Jasmine Nguyen.  
Moved Jessica Stone  
For: 19  
Against: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*Jasmine Nguyen leaves at 3:13pm.*

Nawama said that it was hypocritical that same group that made ableist comments about using particular types of strategies for campaign were trying to make a protest inclusive. They suggested that people show support for the Block the Bill rallies.

Corey said he was impressed by the actions of the ACLU. He said that they helped challenge the Bill in the Supreme Court. He said that it was good that there were big companies talking about looking after their workers and opposing racism from governments.

*Nikola leaves at 3:16pm.*

Tess said that the actions weren't something that disabled people couldn't participate in, and that they could write down why they support the march. She said that the inauguration of Trump had a huge international impact and that it was going to affect people both inside the US and outside. She said this was coming from a huge Cristian fundamentalist right, but that the protests demonstrated a progressive left.

Chris said that the two issues were connected, that you could support refugee rights and campaign to block the bill. They also noted that Australian politicians were supporting Trump and that the protests weren't just about stopping Trump in the US, but also showing that this brand of conservative politics isn't welcome.

Jasmine Duff said that the protests saw people coming along to their first rally to fight back. She also said we were tackling these issues in Australia, with the APEX gang being targeted by police. She also mentioned it was good to see people from the MSA at the women's march.

Kapil said he agreed with the condemnation of Trump, but suggested directing efforts at collaborative protests with those oppressed groups. He noted the Block the Bill protest which was giving those oppressed groups their voices back.

Nawama said that the people affected weren't being consulted and if they were it was only in a tokenistic matter. They said that the rallies weren't engaging the people actively fighting against it. They said that they were using white saviourism to counter white supremacy.

Procedural motion to limit speaking time to 2 minutes.  
Moved Caitlin Brown  
For: 17  
Against: 2  
MOTION CARRIED

Annabelle said that the connections between protests were distracted by anti-Trump rallies. She said it was better to intertwine the common issues being raised at each to better bring to light what Trump is doing.

Chris said the protests were highlighting what was happening globally and that more collaboration between various groups would be beneficial. They also noted that it wasn't just white people organising the rally that the Islamic council of Victoria, various political groups, people of colour and indigenous groups were involved.

Tess said that many people gathered at airports to protest the bans.

Beth said the rallies were the ultimate expression of people having a voice they don't get through other channels. She said that Muslim workers driving the taxis were involved in the strike against the ban. She also said that many people flocked to the airports to oppose the ban.

Andrea said that support for demonstrations in the US came with scepticism in what we would achieve here. She said that the rallies were more symbolic. She also noted she found it strange that the MSA had already appeared to be endorsing the rally through posters and the like even though this motion hadn't been voted on yet in MSC. She also asked who was running the rally and whether they had contacted RISE.

Procedural motion to close the speaking list.

Moved: Jessica Stone

For: 17

Against: 2

MOTION CARRIED

Tess said that the MSA was capable of promoting multiple demonstrations including the Q society protest. She suggested that for those that supported the Block the Bill rally, they could submit a motion to MSC.

Jasmine Duff said that the Australia Says No to Trump campaign puts calls out to groups that want to get involved such as ARSC and Islamic groups. She suggested collaborations between student unions, groups in the left and cultural councils. She said that the ESJ office was endorsing the rally, but the MSA as a whole should also support the rally.

Chris said that this was not a counter position to support the block the bill rally over the Trump protests. They suggested endorsement and promotion through MSA networks, and that they would support a motion for block the bill. He said that protests were very symbolic, as most demos are. They said that the Free Education campaign won't literally bring about free education, but would make a public statement.

**Motion #11:**

Immediately after taking office, President Donald J. Trump issued an executive order banning entry to the United States from seven Muslim-majority countries. This grossly racist and discriminatory action recalls the darkest acts of state-sponsored racism of the 20th century and, having a global impact, must be opposed globally. The Australian Government's own border policy is increasingly discriminatory, violent, and racist. If Trump's policy is not defeated it can provide an inspiration to other right-wing governments around the world, including our own. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has spoken supportively of the new policy, saying that "the Australian government and the US government will continue to support each other in ensuring that we can implement our strong immigration and border protection policies". Large and spontaneous protests have broken out throughout the United States, particularly at airports, in solidarity with Muslims and in protest against

Trump's racism. Such demonstrations are to be celebrated and supported throughout the world. This MSC condemns the American government's border policy and expresses its solidarity with protesters in the United States who challenge Trump. This MSC endorses the demonstration against Trump's border policy to take place in Melbourne on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> and calls on the MSA to publicise it using what resources are available and appropriate.

Moved: Tess Dimos  
 Seconded: Beth Jackson  
 For: 16  
 Against: 2  
 Abstentions: 1  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**16. General Business**

**17. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting closed: 3:47pm*

**ATTACHMENT 1 | MSC 13/16 Unconfirmed Minutes**

## Monash Student Council

### UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 13/16 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting opened: 2:05pm*

**18. Attendance**

President:	Abby Stapleton	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Matilda Grey	
Secretary:	Glenn Donahoo	Proxy to Daniel Ffrench-Mullen
Education (Public Affairs):	Sumudu Setunge	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Jessica Stone	(Minutes)
Activities:	Katie Power	
Welfare:	Tim Berenyi	
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	Proxy to Bryda Nichols
Environment & Social Justice:	Kim Stern	
Women's:	Isabelle Willis	
Female Queer:	Amy Grimmer	
Male Queer:	Martinus Kraan	
Disabilities:	Viv Stewart	
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	Absent
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Absent
Clubs & Societies:	Pat Callanan	Proxy to Glenn Donahoo
General Representative:	Shreeya Luthra	
General Representative:	Kapil Bhargava	Proxy to Corey Rosevear
General Representative:	Caitlin Brown	
General Representative:	Naish Gawen	Absent

General Representative:	Yasemin Shamsili	Proxy to Beth Jackson
Observers:	Melanie Loudovaris	
	Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe	
	Sulaiman Enayatzada	
	Denise Atzinger	
	Andrea Duval	
	Nawama Green	

**19. 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.

**20. Confirmation of agenda order**

Confirmed.

**21. Confirmation of previous minutes**

**Attachment 1**

**Motion #1:**

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 12/16 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved through the chair

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**22. Reports**

<b>22.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>22.2. MUISS (for MSC 3/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>22.3. MUISS (for MSC 6/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>22.4. MUISS (for MSC 8/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>22.5. MUISS (for MSC 10/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>22.6. MUISS (for MSC 12/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>22.7. Education (Public Affairs) (for MSC 12/16)</b>	<b>Attachment 2</b>
<b>22.8. Education (Academic Affairs) (for MSC 12/16)</b>	<b>Attachment 3</b>
<b>22.9. Welfare (for MSC 12/16)</b>	<b>Attachment 4</b>
<b>22.10. Female Queer (for MSC 12/16)</b>	<b>Attachment 5</b>
<b>22.11. Disabilities and Carers (for MSC 12/16)</b>	<b>Attachment 6</b>
<b>22.12. MAPS (for MSC 12/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>22.13. President</b>	<b>Attachment 7</b>
<b>22.14. Treasurer</b>	<b>Attachment 8</b>
<b>22.15. Secretary</b>	<b>Attachment 9</b>
<b>22.16. Activities</b>	<b>Attachment 10</b>

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.

Moved through the chair

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

<b>23. Annual Reports</b>	
23.1. President	Attachment 11
23.2. Treasurer	Attachment 12
23.3. Secretary	Attachment 13
23.4. Activities	Attachment 14
23.5. Education (Public Affairs)	Attachment 15
23.6. Education (Academic Affairs)	Attachment 16
23.7. Welfare	Attachment 17
23.8. Environment and Social Justice	Attachment 18
23.9. Women's	Attachment 19
23.10. Female Queer	Attachment 20
23.11. Male Queer	Attachment 21
23.12. Indigenous	Attachment 22
23.13. Disabilities and Carers	Attachment 23

**Motion #3:**  
That this MSC accepts the submitted annual reports en bloc.  
Moved through the chair  
For: 16  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<b>24. Handover Reports</b>	
24.1. President	Attachment 24
24.2. Treasurer	Attachment 25
24.3. Secretary	Attachment 26
24.4. Activities	Attachment 27
24.5. Education (Public Affairs)	Attachment 28
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24.7. Welfare	Attachment 30
24.8. Environment and Social Justice	Attachment 31
24.9. Women's	Attachment 32
24.10. Queer	Attachment 33
24.11. Indigenous	Attachment 34
24.12. Disabilities and Carers	Attachment 35

**Motion #4:**  
That this MSC accepts the submitted handover reports en bloc.  
Moved through the chair  
For: 16  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

<b>25. Summary of Executive Financial Motions</b>	<b>Attachment 36</b>
<b>26. Renaming of John Medley Library</b>	

*Tim Berenyi enters at 2:08pm*

Bryda mentions that John Medley was a part of the Eugenics Society and that renaming the library was a great step towards not recognising people for their involvement in atrocities. She also

mentioned that Mick Dodson was the first Indigenous person to graduate with a Bachelor of Laws from Monash University.

Glenn stated it was great to recognise an Indigenous Monash student by renaming the John Medley Library to recognise their efforts.

**Motion #5:**

That this MSC authorises the renaming of the John Medley Library to the Mick Dodson Library.

Moved: Bryda Nichols

Seconded: Glenn Donahoo

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**27. 2016 Election Report**

**Attached to email**

Glenn mentioned that Gavin Ryan has made a report of the 2016 MSA Election, and said that now MSC was just required to pass the report.

**Motion #6:**

That this MSC accepts the Returning Officer's Report from the 2016 Annual Elections.

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

**28. Investment Policy**

**Attached to email**

Matilda mentioned that she had been working on the MSA's investment policy with the finance subcommittee. She said that investigations showed that there was great opportunity for the diversity of investments for the reserves. She also mentioned there was opportunity to invest in ethical companies and projects with Pitcher Partners as well as getting a good return on our reserves. She also mentioned that the money for the second phase of the project could have been passed through the MSC Executive, but wanted to ensure the divestment process was transparent and accountable and an open conversation with the Council. She said the second phase to begin the drafting of a policy to determine the bodies that will decide how we invest the reserves and what we invest in. give everyone the opportunity to contribute.

Caitlin stated it was important that we move our reserves away from the Commonwealth Bank to more ethical investments. She also stated that the new investments also needed to be low-risk as we are dealing with student's money.

Abby stated that this was a part of the second step in the divestment process. She said the process began with meeting with Pitcher Partners. She noted that this was not actually divesting the reserves, just directing Pitcher Partners to draft a policy. The policy will be submitted at an MSC early next year.

Glenn stated that they also met with Credit Suisse, but were not sure what they were involved in internationally so went with Pitcher Partners instead. He stated that it was likely to cost much less than the figure proposed as the finance subcommittee has drafted a policy already.

Kim criticised the issue of securing the MSA's finances. They said that the investment policy was not addressing the issues of SSAF, and was a part of the union continuing to beg the university for money. They said that the motion made no mention of the fight against SSAF and was not focussing on the broader issues facing student unions.

Matilda stated that this investment strategy was entirely separate from the SSAF debate. She noted that it was no longer in the MSA's interest to stay with the Commonwealth Bank due to their bad track record with investment in fossil fuels and the current low return we are getting on our reserves.

Abby stated that there seemed to be confusion around motion, and clarified that it was to draft a policy around divesting MSA reserves. She also noted that she was surprised an ESJ officer was against ethical divestment, especially from The Commonwealth Bank, which was involved in fossil fuels.

Jess stated that the divestment process was entirely separate from the SSAF issue raised and that the money was already with The Commonwealth Bank and that this was just a process moving the money into more ethical investments.

Beth said there was not much campaigning around SSAF, and that these were not separate issues. She said that we need to take a political stance against SSAF. She said the issue was that union membership was down and that this move wasn't progressive enough.

Kim stated that they were not against divestment, but said that divestment was not solving the issue of SSAF. They wanted to see student unions return to their heights before VSU and that divestment was not the way of achieving that.

*Nawama Green enters at 2:23pm*

Abby stated that the divestment was not to increase money we have but to ethically divest the MSA reserves. She said that the student movement to drove progressive change and recognise the importance of student unionism, mentioning that this is why we affiliate to the National Union of Students and why we have increasing MSA membership.

Corey said that it was ridiculous to see office bearers from the ESJ department speaking against divesting from company that is connected to offshore processing and fossil fuels.

Daniel mentioned that it was assumed that not everyone present disagreed that unions have not enough money, and that they don't support fossil fuels. He said we need to fight on environmental campaigns for the sake of everyone. He also noted that we need to discuss issues around SSAF as well.

Viv stated that the two issue are not mutually exclusive. They noted that the argument being discussed that the SSAF issue is being ignored is not seen in the motion.

Kim mentioned that divestment was a practical measure for best dealing with what we have. They noted that the MSA was not bankrupt and that divestment was not a way to improve financials in long term and not addressing larger structural problems facing student unions.

Matilda said that there was nothing in the document suggesting SSAF was a perfect system. She stated that within the structure we currently have, divestment will improve our financial standing. She said we will continue to fight against VSU and SSAF.

Nawama stated that they were not sure how small changes implies that the union was doing nothing to fight SSAF.

**Motion #7:**

That this MSC authorises the expenditure of up to \$2000, to be withdrawn from central funds. Further this MSC authorise an Investment Policy to be drafted.

Moved: Matilda Grey

Seconded: Caitlin Brown

For: 14

Against: 2

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**29. 2017 Budget**

**Attached to email**

Matilda stated that the 2017 budget was another project she had been working on as Treasurer. She said she had met with departments to talk through how people fill out the budget documents and made sure to include new office bearers in the process. She mentioned the process went smoothly, as the process was revised so that divisions had the opportunity to present to the budget committee to reduce repeated back and forth. She also noted there were no appeals, which was good.

Caitlin stated that she was involved in the budget process as the incoming Treasurer. She said she sat in on some proposal meetings, where it ensured all costs were justified. She stated she supported the budget and recommended MSC to vote for the motion.

Marty asked why the Lot's Wife budget was reduced by \$6000. Matilda noted that the change was based on a decreased expected income, as Lot's Wife didn't make that much money this year. She said the printing budget was reduced by \$6000. She said this was due to a prior agreement with the University to print internally which fell through. She said she had spoken with the new editors and they expressed concerns over the number of copies they could print. She said that extra copies could be printed if Lot's Wife can generate more money from advertising.

Abby said that the affiliations had increased, not only for NUS but also for TAG. She noted that the amount the affiliation to TAG would be was still unknown as a quote had not yet been received.

Glenn mentioned that there was always the option to apply to the executive for more money.

**Motion #8:**

That this MSC accepts and adopts the proposed budget for 2017.

Moved: Matilda Grey

Seconded: Caitlin Brown

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

**30. Australian Building and Construction Commission**

Beth said that the passing of the ABCC was a continuing attack on workers. She said it was also a part of limitations created by the Fair Work Commission making it difficult for unions to organise.

Kim said that the Fair Work Commission was a part of structures to attack workers which was implemented by the previous government. They mentioned that ABCC could serve to bring in workers to harass them.

Caitlin stated that it was assumed that most people present were anti-ABCC and that this was continuing attacks by the Liberal Party. She said that the conservative right caused the death of

unionism. She also noted that lobbying is powerful method for achieving things in the union movement and said that there was contention with this view but noted that the CUB55 win was achieved through lobbying.

Viv agreed with the essence of the motion but noted that the statement that militancy was the only thing that worked is very ableist and that it dismissed those that helped in non-militant ways.

Nawama said that the motion perpetuated ableism and that unions are there to support people in workplace accidents and that employing militant strategies would only exclude these people.

Kim said that workers win things through strikes. They said that the Disability Pension Scheme was won through union actions. They said that we should be unequivocal in our support for this and that back room negotiations and lobbying leave people out, not militant unionism.

Viv was critical of the view that only militant strategies are a legitimate way of participating in the union movement and that it excluded people with disabilities.

Raphael criticised the use of the phrases of work choices light and Gillard's gestapo to describe the Fair Work Act. He also noted that the ABCC was a legislative scheme and that removing such a scheme would be achieved by electing centre left governments to parliament.

Kim stated that the union movement was the most inclusive movement in the world. He asked why we needed to support centre left governments, when they were currently not in power in many countries across the world.

Nawama reiterated the point that people with disabilities were telling Council that militant unionism was not inclusive and condemned the use of the word insane in discussion. They said that those that don't identify as having a disability should not speak of those that do or speak for them.

Denise stated that this normalised a culture of shame and exclusion of people with disabilities.

Jessica mentioned the actions run by the Health and Community Services Union which was inclusive for people with disabilities and the wider community. She also mentioned that the days of militant unionism are phasing out and that although these tactics worked in the past, we need to adapt to a different work environment.

Abby commended past union achievements. She said that we should not be prioritising strategies that exclude people and that the union movement is for all people to engage in. She also noted that this is why the MSA has autonomous departments to engage [articular groups in the movement in their own way.

Amy mentioned the rallies around safe schools and how they worked at the time but that nothing has changed and marriage equality is still yet to be introduced. She said that the visible support was good, but not a strategy that could work alone.

Beth said that the save safe schools campaign was a brilliant example of rallying working as a strategy. She also noted that Roz Ward's job was reinstated after protests and active campaigns. She also mentioned that there have been campaigns around ableism particularly with the Dr Banik campaign run at Monash to prevent his autistic son from being deported.

**Procedural motion to close the speaking list.**

Moved: Glenn Donahoo  
For: 13  
Against: 4

**MOTION CARRIED**

Andrea said that there had been examples raised in discussion showing that militancy was not the only strategy that worked and noted that journalism was also a form of activism.

Viv mentioned that disability campaigns can still be ableist. They proposed an amendment to strike the last 3 lines from the motion to read,  
“This MSC condemns the passing of the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) and the Registered Organisations Commission bills through the senate by the Coalition with the support of all eight crossbenchers. These bills are an attack on unionism. Penalties for unlawful industrial action have tripled, the industries impacted by the ABCC have expanded to include transport of goods to and from building sites and offshore oil and gas projects, and the ABCC can now take legal action against unions even after a settlement. The last time the ABCC was in place workplace deaths and injuries increased as this criminalisation of unionism makes it more difficult for unions to take action to defend workers’ rights.”

Moved: Viv Stewart

Seconded: Shreeya Luthra

This was not amendable to the mover and seconder of the original motion.

Viv stated that the mention of militant unionism felt like a personal opinion and argued that the motion was still valuable without it.

Shreeya said that there was agreement around the sentiments of the motion, but added that the last few lines were offensive.

Kim agreed that the motion was politically charged and they were against amending the motion to exclude the mention of militant unionism as the only way to achieve things in the union movement.

Marty said that removing the last 3 lines removed the power that the motion would have otherwise.

Denise supported the amendment, so to not to be exclusionary to those that could not participate in militant strategies in the union movement.

Beth said that it takes away from the intention of motion about actions that can be taking against the ABCC. She said that the union movement is very inclusive and shows people are fighting for rights.

**Procedural motion to close the speaking list.**

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

For: 13

Against: 4

**MOTION CARRIED**

Viv stated that they would always support the fight against ableism, even if only a mention in a motion brought to MSC.

Andrea mentioned the marriage equality campaign and that it had not become a reality as yet and that its implementation was dependent on lobbying the government to make it happen.

Shreeya suggested an amendment to remove the second last sentence and remove the word ‘only’ from the motion. This was amendable to Viv.

**Amendment:**

“This MSC condemns the passing of the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) and the Registered Organisations Commission bills through the senate by the Coalition with the support of all eight crossbenchers. These bills are an attack on unionism. Penalties for unlawful industrial action have tripled, the industries impacted by the ABCC have expanded to include transport of goods to and from building sites and offshore oil and gas projects, and the ABCC can now take legal action against unions even after a settlement. The last time the ABCC was in place workplace deaths and injuries increased as this criminalisation of unionism makes it more difficult for unions to take action to defend workers’ rights. This MSC recognises that militant unionism can push back against attacks on unions.”

Moved: Viv Stewart

Seconded: Shreeya Luthra

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Procedural motion to move into formal debate.**

Moved: Jessica Stone

For: 14

Against: 3

**MOTION CARRIED**

Viv said that the amendment was fine and noted that militant strategies do work, but they are not the only way.

Kim said that we should be drawing on clear political lessons in the fight back against the ABCC and that lobbying crossbencher does nothing. They stated that lobbying senators and trying not to alienate members of the senate lead to defeats of campaigns. They noted that the debate had shifted to whether you support left wing movements or bureaucratic lobbying.

**Procedural to move straight to a vote.**

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

For: 14

Against: 3

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion #9:**

This MSC condemns the passing of the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) and the Registered Organisations Commission bills through the senate by the Coalition with the support of all eight crossbenchers. These bills are an attack on unionism. Penalties for unlawful industrial action have tripled, the industries impacted by the ABCC have expanded to include transport of goods to and from building sites and offshore oil and gas projects, and the ABCC can now take legal action against unions even after a settlement. The last time the ABCC was in place workplace deaths and injuries increased as this criminalisation of unionism makes it more difficult for unions to take action to defend workers’ rights. This MSC recognises that militant unionism can push back against attacks on unions.

Moved: Viv Stewart

Seconded: Shreeya Luthra

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Draft motion:**

“This MSC condemns the passing of the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) and the Registered Organisations Commission bills through the senate by the Coalition with the support of all eight crossbenchers. These bills are an attack on unionism. Penalties for unlawful industrial action have tripled, the industries impacted by the ABCC have expanded to include transport of goods to and from building sites and offshore oil and gas projects, and the ABCC can now take legal action against unions even after a settlement. The last time the ABCC was in place workplace deaths and injuries increased as this criminalisation of unionism makes it more difficult for unions to take action to defend workers’ rights. The passing of these bills with the support of all eight crossbenchers, despite petitioning and lobbying, illustrates that lobbying is a dead end strategy. This MSC recognises that only militant unionism can push back against attacks on unions.”

Moved: Beth Jackson

Seconded: Kim Stern

**31. General Business**

**Procedural motion to accept the CUB55 motion into General Business.**

Moved: Corey Rosevear

For: 17

Against: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Corey said that it was important to recognise both the achievements of activism and lobbying in the CUB55 win. He congratulated everyone on their involvement in the campaign.

Caitlin said this win showed the ever presence and relevance of unionism today.

**Motion #10:**

This MSC congratulates the CUB 55 on a successful campaign to get their jobs back. This campaign has shown that multinational greed can be combatted by people working together and uniting against attacks on workers. This MSC recognises the contribution of all those who attended rallies, held CUB free events, boycotted CUB drinks and commends the joint negotiation efforts of the ETU and AMWU.

Moved: Corey Rosevear

Seconded: Caitlin Brown

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**32. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be scheduled by the 2017 Secretary.

*Meeting closed: 3:22pm*

## UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 1a/17 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, 2017 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting opened: 2:12pm*

### 1. Attendance

President:	Matilda Grey	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Caitlin Brown	
Secretary:	Jessica Stone	(Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Corey Rosevear	Proxy to Juliet Steel
Education (Academic Affairs):	Harini Kasthuriarachchi	
Activities:	Sarah Harris	
Welfare:	Nicholas Virgo	
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	
Women's:	Shreeya Luthra	
Queer:	Andrea Duval	
Disabilities & Carers:	Melanie Loudovaris	
People of Colour	Jasmine Nguyen	
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	Proxy to Joy Lau
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	
Clubs & Societies:	Glenn Donahoo	
Radio Monash	Aleks Djukic	
General Representative:	Eve Ward	Proxy to Raphael Tell
General Representative:	Sasha Brady	Proxy to Bryda Nichols
General Representative:	Benjamin Caddaye	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott	
General Representative:	Elizabeth Jackson	
Observers:	Jasmine Duff	
	Nikola Gužys-McAuliffe	
	Denise Atzinger	
	Nawama Green	

### 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. MSC Executive

#### Attachment 1

Caitlin explains that the motion allows the Executive to make purchases for projects under \$6000, enabling the MSA to run more effectively.

Jessica says that the ability for the Executive to spend up to a certain amount allowed purchases to be made more quickly, without having to call an MSC. She said this was so departments had the ability to get things done quickly.

Rebecca asked why the amount was increased to \$6000 when the limit was \$5000 last year. Jessica explained that technically the increase should be to \$10,000 due to inflation and that the \$1000 increase was more reasonable.

**Motion #1:**

That this MSC resolves to allow the Executive to authorise expenditure of up to \$6,000 per item in its role as day-to-day Manager of the MSA, pursuant to the MSA Constitution excluding staffing, industrial and legal expenditure. Further, that a summary of executive financial motions be tabled at every MSC meeting.

Moved: Caitlin Brown

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

**MOTION CARRIED**

Raphael said that Eleanor would be a great asset to the Executive which showed through her kindness and compassion.

Bryda said that she would be a great candidate.

Glenn asked if only MSC General Representatives could vote on this motion. Matilda stated that only MSC General Representatives could vote on the motion.

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC approves the election of Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(e) of the MSA Constitution, until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

Moved: Raphael Tell

Seconded; Bryda Nichols

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Draft motion:**

"That this MSC approves the election of [divisional representative] to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017."

**MOTION DEFERRED THROUGH THE CHAIR**

Jessica explained that having two signatories from the MSA Executive on financial documents ensured accountability.

Caitlin stated that passing this motion enabled the MSA Executive to do their job.

**Motion #3:**

That this MSC recognises that for the purposes of cheques and other similar financial documents two signatures will be required from the MSA Executive, namely those of the Treasurer (Caitlin Brown) and either the President (Matilda Grey) or the Secretary (Jessica Stone). In the event that the Treasurer is unable to attend the office for more than 2 working days, the signatures may be sought from both the President and the Secretary during that period of absence.

Moved: Jessica Stone

Seconded: Caitlin brown

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of MSC will be on a date to be confirmed.

*Meeting closed: 2:38pm*

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**ATTACHMENT 3 | President's Report MSC 1/17**

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	<p><b>MATILDA GREY PRESIDENT Report to MSC 01/17 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017</b></p>
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*Report covering 01/01/2017 - 30/01/2017*

**Key activities**

**Planning Members' Week**

Planning is underway for Members' Week – a week of events run by exec during week two of semester one to thank all of our new members for joining. During this week, we showcase the value and relevance of the student union to Monash on both a campus life and activist level. We usually have a range of novelty activities such as free food, baby animals and movies to get students engaged, then compliment these events with department stalls. During the week we hope to encourage more students to join the MSA and to plug all of the campaigns and activities we'll be pursuing throughout semester one.

**Planning orientation festival**

O-Week is one of the biggest events that the MSA runs all year. We collaborate with all divisions and departments to exhibit everything the MSA has to offer – from Clubs and Societies, to O-Shows performed by MUST, to department stalls. Because it is such a massive event, a lot of planning is required months out from the date of the festival. I have been working closely with the other members of executive, as well as Communication and Design, to determine the layout and overall running of O-Week. I have also been in contact with all of the faculty staff to secure a few minutes to speak to students about the MSA during their faculty welcomes. The festival will operate slightly differently this year, with all of the Office Bearer department stalls operating under a massive circular marquee! There's lots to look forward to, so I'm excited to watch as our plans are put into action.

**Organise preliminary meetings**

Over the course of January I have been getting in touch with various members of the university administration with the hope of meeting them to discuss how we might best work together throughout 2017. I have reached out to the faculty deans, and will aim to get departments in contact with any relevant administrators that might be able to assist them with their activities over the course of the year.

**NUS Presidents' Summit**

Between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> of January I attended Presidents' Summit organised by the National Office Bearers of the National Union of Students. Whilst only 3 days long, the program was intense, and the educational seminars shone light on many relevant aspects of the presidential role. The skill building workshops will be immensely useful to me this year, especially when planning for and running the NUS campaigns on our campus. Particularly, the notes I took from the women's panel gave me great ideas as to how to approach the sexual assault campaign at Monash alongside the Women's department. Susan Templeman gave some exceptional insight as to how to deal with media as an ex-journalist, which will assist me greatly in my dealings with the media as the official spokesperson of the MSA.

The week also provided me with an opportunity to network with fellow student union presidents from around the country, as well as NUS National Office Bearers. Together we discussed the focus for the upcoming national day of action on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and how best to engage students with the fight to secure more funding. It was agreed upon that the focus for this protest would be to demand more funding and free education, as free education is a policy of NUS.

#### **Actions and Achievements**

- Organising and cleaning out the office
- Chaired first MSC as President
- Chaired first executive as President
- Set goals for 2017
- Attended president's summit

#### **List of goals to be completed by next report**

1. Complete preliminary meetings
  - I will continue to organise meetings with relevant staff to discuss the benefits of engaging with the MSA and what our plans are for 2017.
2. Run a successful orientation week
  - This includes engaging students with the upcoming NDA during my presence at faculty welcomes.
3. Run a successful member's week
  - Book and lock in weekly plan and activities to run throughout the week.
4. Meet with MUISS to discuss what campaigns they would be interested in running around international students in 2017, and look towards collaborating with them around these campaigns
5. Help to organise and attend the March 22<sup>nd</sup> NDA
6. Help to facilitate further action around the divestment of MSA reserve funds
7. Finalise and sign off on the 2017 EBA

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#### **ATTACHMENT 4 | Treasurer's Report MSC 1/17**

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 <p><b>msa</b> monash student association</p>	<p><b>CAITLIN BROWN</b> <b>TREASURER</b> <b>Report to MSC 01/17</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017</b></p>
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*Report covering 01/01/2017 - 30/01/2017*

**Key Activities:**

Formalising myself with the finance department  
Completing the Chart of Accounts  
Meeting with Departments  
Planning for Members week  
First Finance Sub Committee meeting

**Actions and Achievements:**

**Chart of Accounts**

After completing the Chart of Accounts I was able to give Departments a more detailed understanding of their budget. In particular, what expenditure comes under each line item. This allows Departments to better utilise and comprehend their budgets.

**First Finance Subcommittee meeting**

I held my first finance subcommittee meeting, which we continued to discuss policy drafting with pitcher partners. This helped tie up our initial MSA investment strategy proposal, and gave us direction for our next actions.

**Members week planning**

I had my first meeting with marketing for member's week, helping to solidify plans and our course of action in preparing for the week and what events will be held!

**Assisting other departments**

I have been working with other departments to get a grasp of their ambitions and targets in the hope to provide them with support and assistance wherever possible. By going over their Chart of accounts with them I hope to be able to plan their budgets and plans cohesively, regularly meeting up with every department to see how they are travelling. I also intend to support divisions as best as I can, particularly with our new division Radio Monash.

I plan to assist all departments with their major campaigns, from women's tackling sexual assault on campus campaign to the National Day of Action and relevant welfare campaigns, such as the current Centrelink campaign.

**Goals completed/uncompleted:**

**Goal #1: Assist with the organization and running of MSA member's week.**

**VERDICT:** On going

**Goal #2: Call a finance subcommittee meeting to go over divestment plan**

**VERDICT:** Completed

**Goal #3: Assist with preparation for the National Day of Action**

**VERDICT:** On going

**Goal #4: Assist with the organisation and running of MSA Members week**

**VERDICT:** On going

**List of goals to be completed by next report:**

- Consolidate plans for 2017
  - Meeting up with relevant people
- Finish planning for Stress Less week
- Next finance Subcommittee meeting

- Assisting with NDA planning

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**ATTACHMENT 5 | Secretary's Report MSC 1/17**

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	<p><b>JESSICA STONE</b> <b>SECRETARY</b> <b>Report to MSC 01/17</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017</b></p>
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*Report covering 01/01/2017 - 30/01/2017*

**Key activities:**

**Office Bearer Setup**

Assisted office bearers with settling into their new roles from the handover period in December 2016 and throughout January 2017, including helping new OBs get access to their email accounts, installing printers on their desktops, ID cards and keys to their offices. All office-bearers now either have access to all of these things, or they should be aware about how to obtain access to them.

**Schedule of meetings**

Organised a schedule for MSCs for 2017, including room locations. Made a concerted effort to prioritise MSC meetings for the Conference in the Campus Centre. Along with the MSC schedule created reporting schedules for each of the MSA departments and divisions.

**Orientation Festival Preparation**

Attended Joint Orientation Group (JOG) meetings to plan for the Orientation Festival from the 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017. So far, the plan is to have all the OBs under one big tent to showcase the MSA as a whole. Meet with Kate Pullen to organise interviews for O-Week with each OB Department so students can get to know them better.

**Enrolments**

Organised a roster for OBs to sit on the MSA stall and chat to incoming students about the MSA and encourage them to get involved and sign up.

**Host Scheme Camp**

Assisted in organising a roster for OBs to go down to the Host Scheme camps to chat about the MSA with new (and returning) students. First visit starts on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

Goal	Status	Comments
Run a successful Orientation Festival	In progress	Organise casuals for MSA card sales Assist OBs with plans for O-week
Finalise department weeks	In progress	Finalise department weeks with OBS/Kate Pullen
Schedule interviews with OBs	In progress	Liaise with Kate Pullen/OBs about times/dates Sort out equipment required Speak to Romy about editing
Finalise MSC schedule	In progress	Finalise locations for MSC 5/17 and 10/17
Draft changes to regulations	In progress	Amend OB Regulations, Standing Orders and/or update

		any regulations that may be outdated
Learn how to use CRM	In progress	Meet with Sylvia from Finance (along with Treasurer) to learn to use CRM

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**ATTACHMENT 6 | Activities Report MSC 1/17**

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	<p><b>Sarah and Sean Activities report to MSC 1/17 January</b></p>
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**Key Activities:**

**O-week:**

The department will be running a BBQ every day during O’week with all food and Mountain Goat beer and cider being handed out for free. Activities will be running two event during the week also; Moon Light Cinema and Trivia.

**Trivia night:**

The trivia night will be held at Sir John’s Bar on the Thursday of O’week. The ticket pricing will be MSA \$10/ non-MSA \$15

**Moonlight Cinema:**

On Friday of O’week Moonlight cinema will run in the northern plaza. We hope to have Vancora at the event and will be handing out popcorn. The event will be no cost to the students. This event will be dry and all ages. The event will run from around 8:30 until the end of the movie.

**Music Festival Event**

This event planning is underway for a new end of year music event that will replace activities old event Music on Menzies.

**Hump Days**

This year we have organised student bands that will play at the first 7 hump days and be promoted during O’week. The full list of bands have been provided by Radio Monash.

**Actions and achievements**

- Booked all Hump Day student bands
- Booked Sir Johns Bar for trivia
- Created a smaller Activities committee
- Booked AXP venue
- Made O'week BBQ budget
- Promoted Activities at Host Scheme camps

**List of goals for next report:**

- Organise Booze Cruise for next event
- Print posters for O'week events
- Secure venue for trivia
- Print tickets for trivia
- Organise O'Week last minute details

**Budget expenditure since last report:**

No expenditure has been made in the department.

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**ATTACHMENT 7 | MAPS Report MSC 1/17**

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	<p><b>REBECCA DOYLE-WALKER</b> <b>MAPS PRESIDENT</b> <b>Report to MSC 01/17</b> <b>30 January 2017</b></p>
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*Report covering 1/01/17 to 30/01/17*

**Key activities:**

**Updating Marketing Materials:**

Since November 2016 we have been working with the Marketing department to update the MAPS promotional materials. This has resulted in new bookmarks, pens and A5 flyers being designed and supplied.

**Orientation Day:**

Planning is well under way for the annual MAPS Orientation Day which will be held again on the Tuesday of O Week in the MAPS Lounge.

**O Week:**

The new MAPS Committee decided that they would like to be more involved in the O Week festival again so they will be manning a space in the MSA marquee and running some activities for new MAPS constituents.

**MAPSEC:**

Unfortunately, the Social Secretary has had to resign as she will not be studying at Monash this year. Due to the importance of the role it will need to be filled as a priority.

**Semester 1/17:**

MAPSEC are currently working on the social calendar for Semester 1/17

**New MSA Website:**

MAPSEC are currently refreshing the information we want posted on the new MSA website.

**Progress on assigned goals from last report:**

N/A

**List of goals to be completed by next report:**

**Goal #1 – Fill vacancy on MAPSEC:**

Appoint a new Social Secretary to MAPSEC as soon as possible.

**Goal #2 – Semester 1/17:**

Finalise the social calendar for Semester 1/17

**Goal #3 – MSA Website:**

Update MAPS information for the new MSA website.

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**ATTACHMENT 8 | C&S Report MSC 1/17**

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	<p><b>GLENN DONAHOO C&amp;S PRESIDENT Report to MSC 1/17 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2017</b></p>
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*Report covering 15/11/2016 – 30/1/2017*

**Key activities:**

**Awards Night Planning**

C&S is once again planning to host our Clubs Awards Night in Semester 2, 2017. After selling out our event last year, with over 340 attendees, we have had to look for a larger venue to accommodate an expected attendance of over 350 people. Along with the Support Officer we have made enquiries at a number of venues, to ensure we can provide a quality event for all attendees, at as cheap a cost as possible.

**Training Day**

Our Second Annual Club Training Day will be held on 9 February, when we will be able to hold a number of sessions to give information to the clubs about the changes to C&S in 2017, the requirements of any off-campus events, along with sessions on event planning and membership engagement. January has been filled with organising speakers at this day and also organising a venue and the BBQ Lunch we will provide on the day.

**Grants Manual**

Each year our grants manual is updated to advise clubs of the changes being made to how we give grants to each of the clubs. This year involves only minor changes to the amount clubs can get for camps and conferences, along with a new requirement to write a feature article for our website for any noteworthy events.

**Actions and achievements:**

- Chaired three meetings of the C&S Executive
- Archiving old files
- Finalised all club grants for 2016
- Wrote this report

**Goals for next report:**

**Goal #1:** Get clubs to begin updating their constitution in line with the new model constitution passed at our OGM.

**Goal #2:** Hold the Club Committee Training Day

**Goal #3:** Facilitate clubs involvement at the Orientation Festival and Zest Fest

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**ATTACHMENT 9 | C&S Annual Report 2016**

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**Clubs & Societies Annual Report 2016**

**1. Introduction**

The Clubs & Societies Council (C&S) is the governing body of over 100 student run clubs and societies at Clayton. It administers funding to clubs in the form of grants, conducts audits of club finances, ensures clubs are adhering to their own constitutions and the C&S Constitution and provides administrative and other support. C&S is run by its elected student Executive with the support of two permanent staff members, the C&S Support and Development Officers, and a team of three casual auditing staff.

**2. Major Accomplishments and Activities**

**Constitutional Changes**

A large number of changes were made to the C&S Constitution at the OGM in semester 2, many of which updated the constitution to reflect changes in technology and how clubs communicate with their members. Some of these changes also effect what must be included in each club's constitutions, so we will now be working with all of our affiliated clubs to update their constitution to reflect these changes.

**Financial Regulations**

The C&S Financial Regulations were updated to allow the receipt of payments by EFT, giving clubs a new option for members to pay clubs for any purchases necessary.

**Club Training Day**

The inaugural club training day was held in February 2016. This training day gave members of club committees the chance to learn new skills around event planning and membership engagement, along with information relating to changes in C&S that effected their clubs.

**New Clubs**

A new merit based system was implemented for the affiliation of new clubs, which was successfully used in first semester, and has now replaced the original first-in process. Four new clubs were affiliated to C&S in the first semester of 2016: Chemistry, Radiographers, Film and FABSOC. All of the new clubs are doing well, and have held some fantastic events for their members.

Two new clubs were affiliated to C&S in the second semester of 2016: Campbell Hall and Vegan. These clubs have both held their IGMs and are ready to hold events for their members in 2017.

**C&S Awards Night**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual C&S Awards Night was held on 18 August 2016 at Lincoln of Toorak, and was extremely successful, with over 340 attendees. Due to perpetual trophies being purchased in 2015, the costs associated with the awards has decreased, so a smaller subsidy from the MSA was required this year. In 2016 this event was also jointly held with the sports clubs from TEAM Monash. The feedback from clubs and office bearers so far has been extremely positive, although due to the event reaching maximum attendance we should choose a larger venue to hold the awards night in 2017.

**New Logo**

After many years with the old logo, it was beginning to look tired and out of date, so a new logo was created by the MSA Marketing department which will hopefully be used for many years to come.

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**ATTACHMENT 10 | Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

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M01/17	13-Jan-17	Staff Training	\$412.50
		Leave Loading Payment	\$1,000

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**ATTACHMENT 11 | Election of Divisional Representative to MSC Executive**

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**Draft motion:**

“That this MSC approves the election of [divisional representative] to the MSC Executive for 2017, elected pursuant to §24(1)(d) of the MSA Constitution, until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017.”

The Executive has five members and these are the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, a MSC General Representative elected from the five MSC General Representatives and a MSA Divisional Representative elected from the four Divisional Representatives on MSC. The President, Treasurer and Secretary for 2017 were elected at the MSA annual elections in September 2016.

The remaining members, the general representative and divisional representative have not yet been elected. Even though the quorum requirement of three for MSC Executive means that Executive can still meet it is not good practice and unfair not give the other members a chance to be elected so they can attend Executive meetings from the beginning.

Therefore, the draft motions concerning the election of the general representative and divisional representative can be deferred if need-be, but it would ideal if this election could occur at this MSC.

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**ATTACHMENT 12 | Investment Income Comparison**

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**Investment Income Comparison**

Total Investment	Actual Interest Received			Return @5%	Portfolio Fees	Net Return
	2014	2015	2016			
Approximately \$7 million	\$320,117	\$240,130	\$201,804	\$266,000	\$33,250	\$232,750

The return rate of 5% is the expected nominal return. Historical average return showed a higher rate of 8%. This means the net return will be higher if the portfolio performs better. Every one percent of

the increase in return will have our net return increase by approximately \$35,000. On the other hand, if MSA stays at status quo, the expected investment return in 2017 will be less than \$200,000 as interest rates are not expected to increase.