

## Monash Student Council

### CONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting 11/16 of the Monash Student Council held at 2pm on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016 in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting opened: 2:05pm*

#### 1. Attendance

President:	Abby Stapleton	
Treasurer:	Matilda Grey	(Chair)
Secretary:	Glenn Donahoo	
Education (Public Affairs):	Sumudu Setunge	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Jessica Stone	Proxy to Daniel Ffrench-Mullen
Activities:	Katie Power	Proxy to Ben Parker
Welfare:	Tim Berenyi	Enters at 2:17pm
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	
Environment & Social Justice:	Kim Stern	
Women's:	Isabelle Willis	
Female Queer:	Amy Grimmer	
Male Queer:	Martinus Kraan	Proxy to Ellie King-Cain
Disabilities:	Viv Stewart	Proxy to Jessica Stone (minutes)
MUISS:	Karekhaa Nair	Absent
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	
Clubs & Societies:	Patrick Callanan	
General Representative:	Shreeya Luthra	
General Representative:	Kapil Bhargava	
General Representative:	Caitlin Brown	
General Representative:	Naish Gawen	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Yasemin Shamsili	Proxy to Jasmine Duff
Observers:	Michael Mitchell	
	Sulaiman Enanyatzada	
	Beth Jackson	
	Georgia Leng	
	Melanie Loudovaris	Enters at 2:06pm
	Naish Gawen	

#### 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. Change in Membership

Glenn Donahoo began his term as President of Clubs & Societies on October 1, 2016. As he already holds a vote on Monash Student Council in his capacity as Secretary, he is ineligible to also hold the vote of C&S for the remainder of 2016, pursuant to clause 16.8 of the MSC Standing Orders. Glenn Donahoo has nominated Patrick Callanan to hold the Clubs & Societies vote for this meeting of MSC.

Tess Freeman resigned from her position as a General Representative on Monash Student Council on October 4, 2016. In accordance with clause 54.2 of the Election Regulations, Caitlin Brown has been appointed to fill this position from the remainder of 2016.

**4. Confirmation of agenda order**

Confirmed.

**5. Confirmation of previous minutes**

**Attachment 1**

*Melanie Loudovaris enters at 2:06pm.*

**Motion #1:**

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 10/16 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved through the chair

For: 13

Against: 0

Abstentions: 5

MOTION CARRIED

**6. Reports**

**6.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/16)**

*Not Submitted*

**6.2. MUISS (for MSC 3/16)**

*Not Submitted*

**6.3. MUISS (for MSC 6/16)**

*Not Submitted*

**6.4. MUISS (for MSC 8/16)**

*Not Submitted*

**6.5. Education (Public Affairs) (for MSC 10/16)**

**Attachment 2**

**6.6. Welfare (for MSC 10/16)**

**Attachment 3**

**6.7. Disabilities (for MSC 10/16)**

**Attachment 4**

**6.8. President**

*Not Submitted*

**6.9. Treasurer**

**Attachment 5**

**6.10. Secretary**

**Attachment 6**

**6.11. Activities**

**Attachment 7**

**6.12. Lot's Wife**

**Attachment 8**

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.

Moved through the chair

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**7. Annual Reports**

**7.1. MAPS**

*Not Submitted*

**7.2. Clubs & Societies**

*Not Submitted*

**7.3. MUISS**

*Not Submitted*

**8. Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

**Attachment 9**

**9. John Medley Library**

Jayden talks about the renaming of the John Medley Library after discovery that John Medley was a member of the eugenics society, which justified the White Australia policy during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The renaming would involve the Indigenous Collective and Indigenous students at Monash. The

Collective and the Indigenous Officers would bring a name to MSC in the future, and will most likely be that of a prominent Indigenous Australian.

Glenn mentioned that the University of Melbourne Student Union was also running a campaign to rename buildings on campus that were named after figures involved racial discrimination and the like. The library is likely to reopen next year before orientation with the new name.

Naish raised the potential for changing the name of Sir John's Bar, according to similar reasoning that JML was being renamed. Glenn stated that Sir John's was named after Sir John Monash and the university and hence would likely stay with the same name.

Jasmine commended the change of name as a move away from memorialising colonialism and recognising atrocities of the past.

**Motion #3:**

That this MSC directs the MSA Secretary to work with the MSA Indigenous Officers to investigate the renaming of the John Medley Library, with a proposed name to be brought to a future MSC for approval.

Moved: Jayden Crozier

Seconded: Glenn Donahoo

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

**10. Bring Them Here Campaign**

*Tim Berenyi enters at 2:17pm.*

Georgia stated it was important to show solidarity with refugees on Manus Island and Nauru, and to promote resettlement within the community. She said the MSA plays an important role in campaigning on issues such as this, and is a good way to promote activism within the union and Monash community.

Kim said that the Environment and Social Justice Department were working on a photo campaign to pressure the Government to stop offshore detention. Kim suggested that this MSC participate in the photo campaign after the meeting closes to show solidarity.

Naish commended the motion and encouraged everyone to become involved in the campaign. He also said members present that were a part of organisations involved in offshore detention should reconsider their membership.

**Motion #4:**

That this MSC condemns the treatment of refugees and demands the government bring them here and let them stay. Reports of torture and sexual abuse in the Nauru leaks reveal the inhumanity of the Australian government's detention policy, and the desperate need for solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers.

This MSC supports the #BringThemHere campaign. The MSA will continue raising awareness of the treatment of refugees among staff and students and promoting refugee activism on campus, including printing posters and using the MSA online resources.

Moved: Jasmine Duff

Seconded: Kim Stern

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **11. Marriage Equality**

Beth mentioned that the issue of marriage equality is all over the media, and that the Liberal Government is delaying in instituting marriage equality. She encouraged progressive institutions such as the MSA to get involved in the campaign to show solidarity. She mentions the marriage equality rally taking place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October and encourages members present to attend.

Amy stated that the advertising around the plebiscite for both sides of the debate is potentially harmful and wasteful. She reminded Council that it was important to support the push against a plebiscite.

#### **Motion #5:**

The Australian government has delayed marriage equality again by insisting that it will hold a plebiscite on the issue. The equal marriage debate has gone on long enough and the right for all couples to be equal under the law is supported by the majority of Australians.

The Monash Student Association commits to promoting and attending the rally for Marriage Equality Now this Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October at the State library of Victoria.

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Amy Grimmer

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **12. General Business**

#### **Procedural Motion: To accept the Welfare Day of Action motion into General Business.**

Moved: Abby Stapleton

For: 19

Against: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kim Stern stated that the rationale behind the Welfare Day of Action on welfare was the Liberal Government's constant attacks on welfare. They mentioned the rhetoric around the welfare dependent generation of students and young people. Kim also said that the pressures of balancing study and work and the unavailability and inaccessibility of scholarships and support put many people in a vulnerable position. They also said that it was great to see the National Union of Students taking a stand against these cuts. They mentioned that the protest was in a few weeks and that the MSA should get on board and promote the rally alongside welfare based activities on campus.

Jasmine stated that the Liberals were determined to cut the rights of students, young people and pensioners. She also said that Pauline Hanson has shown support for the Liberals cuts to welfare support. She also mentioned the welfare card that was designed to limit individual control over welfare support payments, as was trialled in Indigenous communities. She was pleased that the student union was supporting this rally and encouraged the use of MSA services to advertise the rally.

Tess mentioned that the WDA was voted for at National Conference and impacts students across the country. She referred to the WDA planning meeting with the NUS Welfare Officer the previous night, to organise a central rally at the State Library. She encouraged members of MSC to attend to boost numbers.

Melanie mentioned ensuring there were accessible activities for those that were unable to attend the rally but wanted to show their support and solidarity.

**Motion #6:**

The Budget Savings omnibus bill 2016 saw \$1.3 billion cut from welfare, making it much harder for students to access the start-up scholarship loan. The Minister for Social Services Christian Porter has raised a four week waiting period on access to the dole, and the Youth Jobs PaTH (prepare-train-hire) program is still on the Liberal Party's agenda. It is important students and student unions oppose these measures and demand real liveable income support. This MSC supports the National Union of Student's Welfare Day of Action on Wednesday 19th October. The MSA should promote this action on campus by printing posters, handing out leaflets at MSA events, sending out emails to members, and attending the Welfare Day of Action.

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Jasmine Duff

For: 19

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting closed: 2:27pm*

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**ATTACHMENT 1 | MSC 9/16 Unconfirmed Minutes**

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**Monash Student Council**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

*Meeting opened: 3:05*

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**1. Attendance**

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Treasurer:	Matilda Grey	
Secretary:	Glenn Donahoo	(Minutes)
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Education (Academic Affairs):	Daniel Ffrench-Mullen	
Activities:	Ben Parker	Proxy to Nicholas Virgo
Welfare:	Brendan Holmes	
Indigenous:	Samantha Hyde	Proxy to Jayden Crozier
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	
Women's:	Melanie Loudovaris	Proxy to Isabelle Willis
Female Queer:	Amy Grimmer	
Male Queer:	Martinus Kraan	
Disabilities:	Viv Stewart	Absent
MUISS:	Karekhaa Nair	Absent
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	
Clubs & Societies:	Phyllis Pan	

General Representative:	Shreeya Luthra	
General Representative:	Kapil Bhargava	Proxy to Jessica Stone
General Representative:	Tess Freeman	Proxy to Sumudu Setunge
General Representative:	Naish Gawen	
General Representative:	Yasemin Shamsili	Proxy to Megan Guy
Observers:	Mali Rea	
	Rhyss Wyllie	
	Jake Humphreys	
	James Whitehead	

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**4. Confirmation of previous minutes**

**Attachment 1**

**Motion #1:**

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Moved through the chair

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Reports**

<b>5.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.2. MUISS (for MSC 3/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.3. MUISS (for MSC 6/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.4. MUISS (for MSC 8/16)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.5. President (for MSC 9/16)</b>	<b>Attachment 2</b>
<b>5.6. Education (Public Affairs)</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.7. Education (Academic Affairs)</b>	<b>Attachment 3</b>
<b>5.8. Welfare</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.9. Environment and Social Justice</b>	<b>Attachment 4</b>
<b>5.10. Women’s</b>	<b>Attachment 5</b>
<b>5.11. Female Queer</b>	<b>Attachment 6</b>
<b>5.12. Male Queer</b>	<b>Attachment 7</b>
<b>5.13. Indigenous</b>	<b>Attachment 8</b>
<b>5.14. Disabilities</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.15. Clubs &amp; Societies</b>	<b>Attachment 9</b>
<b>5.16. MUISS</b>	<i>Not Submitted</i>
<b>5.17. MAPS</b>	<b>Attachment 10</b>

**Motion #2:**

“That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.”

Moved through the chair

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Annual Reports**

- 6.1. Clubs & Societies**  
**6.2. MAPS**

*Not Submitted*  
*Not Submitted*

**7. Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

**Attachment 11**

Naish acts why \$3000 was spent on lanyards. Matilda explains that this will allow the MSA to restock lanyards for Host Scheme as well as for general use, but she notes that there are 3000 lanyards being purchased.

**8. Committee Regulations**

**Attached to email**

Glenn explains that due to the committees being removed from the constitution a new set of regulations were needed to cover the conduct and membership of the various committees of the MSA. He explains that the only changes from what was in the constitution is the addition of a member of MUISS sitting on the Academic Affairs Committee, and a section surrounding the standing orders that apply to each committee.

Rebecca notes a section on affiliated bodies are in the contents list but there is no mention of them in the regulations. Glenn explaining that on review that section was removed but was missed in the contents list and he notes that will be amended.

**Motion #3:**

“That this MSC adopts the proposed Committee Regulations, with minor amendments, on the proviso that the Student Referendum is passed at the 2016 Annual Elections.”

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Matilda Grey

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

MOTION CARRIED

**9. Review of MSA Election Regulations**

Glenn explains that the subcommittee is being called as is usual so that a review of the Election Regulations can be done following the Annual Elections. He notes that this will be an opportunity to review the changes made to the regulations this year.

Naish asks how the subcommittee will be advertised, with Glenn saying posters will be put up and an email will be sent to all members of MSC.

**Motion #4:**

“That this MSC establishes an Election Regulations Subcommittee, open to all students, to consider possible to changes to the MSA Election Regulations. The subcommittee shall be convened by the MSA Secretary who will present recommendations to a future MSC.”

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Jessica Stone

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

**10. Review of MSC Standing Orders**

Glenn explains that the Standing Orders haven't been amended since they were adopted by MSC, and that subcommittees have been held for each of the other regulations this year, so this will give an opportunity for any ideas of changes to be raised.

**Motion #5:**

"That this MSC establishes a Standing Orders Subcommittee, open to all students, to consider possible to changes to the MSC Standing Orders. The subcommittee shall be convened by the MSA Secretary who will present recommendations to a future MSC."

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Sulaiman Enayatzada

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3

MOTION CARRIED

**11. Equal Marriage Rights**

Kim notes that the protest for equal marriage rights will be really good and students can have an effect on government policy by mobilising on the streets. He notes there is majority public support for equal marriage, but the parliament still hasn't passed it. He notes that the protest should be promoted as far as possible to get more students to attend.

Martinus notes that the Queer department is excited that there will be a marriage equality rally.

Naish explains he isn't supportive of the motion or the rally as this is giving attention to a conservative tradition, which marriage is. He explains that left-wing groups should be promoting liberation rather than equality, which is a bourgeois principle, and we should instead be criticising marriage.

Megan notes that equal marriage rights are something that are being demanded by society, and the original changes to the Marriage act made by the Howard government were homophobic attacks.

**Motion #6:**

"This MSC calls on the 45th parliament of Australia to pass a bill to legalise same sex marriage. There have been too many delays and excuses for not granting this basic right. This MSC opposes the proposed plebiscite on marriage equality. This is just a delaying tactic to further put off same sex marriage, which every national survey, poll, and study indicates overwhelming majority support. We demand marriage equality now.

This MSC supports the upcoming marriage equality rally hosted by the National Union of Students LGBTI department on Wednesday 14th and encourages all departments to promote it."

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Martinus Kraan

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**12. CUB**

Kim explains that it was great that a large number of members of MSC were present at the rally supporting these sacked workers, along with a number of ETU members and CFMEU members who were pulled off sites in the city to attend. He notes that if these workers are re-instated it will be a big win for the union movement. He also notes that student unions should work towards supporting trade unions and their fights.



Kim moves an amendment to fix the spelling of sacked in the first line and to change the number of weeks to 13 weeks as time has progressed since the motion was submitted to the agenda. This amendment is acceptable to the seconder.

Matilda explains that it was great that so many people attended the protest earlier in the day, noting that Sir John's Bar is now boycotting all CUB products.

Isabelle asks what the \$300 in the motion is for, with Abby explaining it is for food for the workers.

**Motion #7:**

"13 weeks ago, 55 skilled electricians and fitters were sacked without notice at Carlton & United Breweries. They were offered their old jobs back, on terms that would result in a pay cut of 65 percent. CUB wants to scrap the 35-hour week and the workers' rostered day off. The new employment contracts are individual, to push the union out of agreements.

The Electrical Trades Union and the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, who represent the workers (the CUB 55), have been running a campaign to reinstate them. This has included boycotting CUB beers which are currently being produced with scab labour, industrial action at the brewery and a call to all unions to support them. This MSC sends our solidarity to the sacked workers and their fight to keep their wages and conditions.

This MSC directs Sir John's Bar to boycott CUB products to show support for the union movement and raise awareness on campus. This MSC directs the MSA executive to donate \$300 from central funds to the sacked workers. This MSC encourages all departments to support any upcoming actions in the campaign by promoting on campus with their department's resources."

Moved: Kim Stern

Seconded: Matilda Grey

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. General Business**

**Procedural Motion: To accept the Sir John's Bar Equipment motion into General Business**

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

For: 18

Against: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Glenn explains that Sir John's Bar needs a new hot cupboard as the current one is requiring a large amount of maintenance and is not very large. He explains that the new hot cupboard will allow the Bar to expand its catering ability and will also reduce the need for money to be spent on maintenance.

**Motion #8:**

"That this MSC authorise the expenditure of up to \$5938 for the purchase of a hot cupboard for Sir John's Bar, to be withdrawn from central funds."

Moved: Glenn Donahoo

Seconded: Matilda Grey

For: 18

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**14. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Conference Room, Campus Centre.

*Meeting closed: 3:23pm*

**ATTACHMENT 2 | Education (Public Affairs) Report to MSC 10/16**

Sumudu Setunge and Sulaiman Enayatzada  
Education (Public Affairs)  
Report to MSC  
08/09/16  
Report Covering 14/08/16 - 08/09/16

**Key Activities:**

**National Day of Action:**

We successfully had the August 24<sup>th</sup> National Day of Action. The Monash contingent had the most numbers which was a testament to the hard work that the Monash Education Action Group did in the lead up to the protest.

**CAMPAIGN FOR A PEOPLE OF COLOUR DEPARTMENT**

The ongoing campaign for a people of colour department has been very productive. The Monash People of Colour Collective has convened 3 times since it's formation, and have set a clear trajectory for the campaign for a people of colour collective. We have been promoting the protest as much as possible, and plan to continue this promotion through various avenues (posters, stalling, banners, video etc.)

**List of goals completed since last report:**

Goal #1: Formed a People of Colour Collective

Goal #2: To get as many people to the NDA as possible

**List of goals to complete by the next report:**

Goal #1: To have the referendum pass and form a People of Colour department

Meeting	Amount	Line-item	Description
	\$660	Projects	Payment for buses to take students from Clayton to NDA protest in the city.

	\$150	Projects	BBQ to promote the August 24 <sup>th</sup> NDA.
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**ATTACHMENT 3 | Welfare Report to MSC 10/16**

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**MSC WELFARE DEPARTMENT REPORT 10/16**

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**Previous Goals:**

- Free Food Mondays
- Welfare Week Planning
- Yoga

**Current Update:**

- Free Food Mondays
- Welfare Week
- Coffee Van
- RU OK Day Planning

Free Food Mondays is still going very strong with approximately 150 meals going out every week. Volunteer turnout has been low this semester however the vollies we do get are extremely good and wish for them to get more recognition.

Welfare Week Planning is well underway with brainstorming sessions over Soy Lattes taking place daily. Hoping to have some solid activities every day of the Week with Monday having a more extravagant FFM event (including increased budget and live music), Tuesday we will have Gravity come and run a Yoga session followed by a BBQ, Wednesday a craft tent (with help from a Resilience Team from Monash Global Challenges), and Thursday our Welfare ‘Avin A Ball Ball.

Coffee Van has been going swimminly every Friday Morning up at Old Res. Feedback is extremely positive and everyone greatly appreciates a caffeine hit to get them up and about after a long week. Hoping that this can continue next year (we will be strong proponents for that).

R U OK Day Planning (for Week 8) has been greatly aided by Kate Pullen which we owe many ideas to. The plan is to have a ‘Friendship Craft Tent’ set up to incouage people to take a break, do something creative, and chat to new people. We were successful in securing funding from R U OK Day for the event which is very good news.

**Goals for Next MSC:**


- Free Food Mondays
- Welfare Week Undertaken
- R U OK Day Complete

**Expenditure:**

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**ATTACHMENT 4 | Disabilities Report to MSC 10/16**

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	<p><b>DENISE ATZINGER VIV STEWART DISABILITIES AND CARERS OFFICER Report to MSC 10/16</b></p>
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*Report covering 5/08/16 - 8/09/16*

**Actions & Achievements:**

**Door**

We have a functioning fully automatic door! While it at first seemed like a false start as the locks needed replacing due to how the door worked, the D&C office is finally accessible in terms of its door. Now there stands a glorious automatic double-door that can be adjusted in terms of speed and which side opens. We were very very happy when we got it, thank you Lowen for your help with this :)

**Expand DSS knowledge**

Denise and Viv have spent a fair amount of time in the past few weeks talking to the Disabilities Support Services about disabilities that aren't very well known and how they could potentially provide help for those as well. We've had the privilege of meeting students with various forms of lesser known disabilities and being able to talk to them about how the current university system impacts them and what forms of support would help them proceed with their studies as easily as possible. We've been liasoning with the DSS on behalf of these students to try and both expand the DSS's area of expertise and to figure out a way to be able to set up structures

for students who don't have common conditions. We've run into some ableism in terms of a lot of university staff not believing these conditions are real or not seeing how they would impact the students, but we've been making progress in combatting these opinions. Slowly.

### **Extensions**

Particularly as exam period is around the corner, we've had a lot to do with the topic of extensions and assessment tasks. One thing we discovered is that there still is a very alarming lack of knowledge and understanding amongst students in terms of when and where they can receive special considerations, let alone how they could begin applying for it. We found that many students were never informed of the process or whether they were eligible and as such never considered applying for it. We've spend a lot of time simply talking to students and informing them that they can get extensions and that there are support mechanisms in place for them. We've also guided many students through the process or acted as support systems in helping them apply for spec con.

### **Exam Preparation**

With Exams coming up we've begun preparing to help students get through them. This is both by having more materials about deferring exams available and trying to make students more aware of them, as well as broadcasting positive well being and mental health supports. We've discussed whether to provide some other form of mental health support or to simply direct students to various resources when exam period arrives and we have looked into how best to guide students through the process of deferring exams or applying for special considerations for exams. Exams are stressful.

### **Further Achievements:**

- Building more awareness of university services as they relate to disabilities

- Disseminating information on mindfulness programs and mental health plans
- Building more awareness of Disability services and how to access it
- Providing more resources as they relate to upcoming exams

**Goals from last Report:**

- Continue working with Monash Health to improve counselling services - nothing significant to report on that yet
- Liaise with DSS - has continued happening
- Continue growing department - yep, that's still going :)
- Create a -bigger- poster to hang on office door outlining the difference between the DSS and the D&C department - hasn't happened yet, both Denise and Viv are not especially gifted in the creative poster department
- Continue advertising the department as well as the autonomous facebook group - as per usual, still happening
- Establish weekly discussion groups - we have had discussion about having this biweekly as the attendance has been very limited
- Establish a formal committee - Really need to formally get on this
- Continue establishing D&C Office as a Quiet Room - speak to security, etc - We're trying

**Goals until Next report:**

- Going to be VERY exam oriented:
  - Help people and prepare resources for studying/exams
  - Prepare for influx of students needing help with deferred exams

- Prepare information on night exams - how students can navigate this
- Broadcast office as a quiet space, specifically during these times as library is stressful and other places quite noisy
- Prepare office as a de-stress area, provide snacks and de-stress items
- Continue to brainstorm on how to address students with rare disabilities and how we can integrate DSS into this
- Formally establish a committee
- Add more to D&C office

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**ATTACHMENT 5 | Treasurer Report to MSC 11/16**

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**Key activities:**

Managing the finances  
Budget Submissions  
Planning to divest MSA reserves

**Actions & Achievements:**

**Budget 2017**

This month I have been primarily focused on preparing and distributing budget packs to departments and divisions. With Radio Monash coming on board as a new division and a People of Colour department being established since the passing of the referendum during the MSA elections, I have been working particularly to organize the structure of their budget for 2017. I have also been assisting other departments and divisions with their budget submissions. The budget subcommittee will be meeting during week 12 to deliberate over these submissions.

**Finance subcommittee meetings and divesting the MSA reserves**

I have also been busy planning to divest the MSA reserves into an ethical and diverse portfolio. Alongside our finance manager and executive officer, I have attended meetings with several companies that specialize in dealing with not for profit organizations to best manage their finances so that they may meet ethical standards including divesting from fossil free accounts, investing in institutions that employ an

equal number of women to men in their workplace, and divesting from alcohol and tobacco. The next step will be for another finance subcommittee to meet and discuss whom we want to work with to draw up a comprehensive divestment portfolio, and present our research and proposal to the next MSC.

### **Planning for Stress Less Week**

In the last couple of weeks, I have been working with the secretary and office bearer support officer to plan Stress Less Week – a week of events for students to be held in week 12. We have lots of free food, animal visits and entertainment planned, so look out for us if you're around during the last week of semester!

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

- Run another finance subcommittee meeting to discuss divestment plans and the reorganisation of the MSA payment system: **Completed**
- Continue to assist departments with the running of their events and campaigns: **Completed**
- Continue to run through budgets with departments in preparation for the budget: **Completed**
- Distribute budget packs to departments and divisions for the 2017 budget: **Completed**


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

- Call and run another finance subcommittee meeting
- Collate research and information around divestment options to present to MSC
- Run Stress Less Week
- Finalize budget submissions, meet with the budget subcommittee and return our proposals to departments and divisions

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**ATTACHMENT 6 | Secretary Report to MSC 11/16**

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	<p><b>GLENN DONAHOO</b> <b>SECRETARY</b> <b>Report to MSC 11/16</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> October, 2016</b></p>
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*Report covering 23/08/2016 – 4/10/2016*

### **Key activities:**



### **Constitutional Change**

The Constitutional Changes that were taken to MSC 9/16 were declared carried by the Returning Officer at the MSA Annual Elections. The General Meeting to officially adopt these changes has been scheduled for week 12 of semester, after which the changes will officially take effect. Once these changes are officially made the inaugural People of Colour Office-Bearers will be able to be appointed by MSC.

### **Committee Regulations**

The newly created committee regulations have now been passed by MSC, and will come into full effect once the General Meeting of the MSA is held in week 12. These should be reviewed part way through next year to determine if any other changes should be made to these regulations.

### **Annual Elections**

I assisted the Returning Officer, Gavin Ryan, in a number of aspects throughout the election period, including working with the University to obtain the electoral roll and venues for the election to be held. After the Hargrave-Andrew Library foyer, which is meant to be a remote polling place, became unavailable due to building works I worked with the Returning Officer to obtain a new venue for this polling place, with the Green Chemical Futures foyer used as an alternate venue. This should be reviewed into the future as a possible remote polling location, especially if the Hargrave-Andrew Library becomes unsuitable due to the new retail area.

### **Office-Bearer Training**

The Office-Bearer Training day for this year is currently being organised, with a day and a provisional schedule created for the day. More work will be done on this with the incoming executive to ensure that the training provides all the necessary skills and knowledge that the new Office-Bearers will need.

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

1. Assisting the Returning Officer to ensure the smooth running of the Annual Elections.  
**Complete**
2. Ensure constitutional changes are put into effect if the referendum is passed.  
**Complete, General Meeting scheduled for 19 October to make the changes**
3. Begin reviewing the Standing Orders to determine if any amendments should be fine.  
**Subcommittee meetings called to investigate changes**
4. Begin reviewing the Election Regulations to determine if any new changes need to be made after it was amended this year.  
**Subcommittee meetings called to investigate changes**

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

1. Investigate the renaming of the John Medley Library with the Indigenous Officers
2. Organise Office-Bearer Training with the incoming executive
3. Complete handover with the new Secretary
4. Appoint the 2017 People of Colour Officers
5. Provide food from Vancora at Night exams during the Semester 2 exam period



**Key Activities:**

**Oktoberfest**

Oktoberfest as an event ran successful for the patrons. The event ran as a massive loss due to multiple reasons - mainly not collaborating with German club which was their decision.

This decision is not a prolonged or permanent decision. Next year's German club and Activities OBs will decide on next year's decision.

**AXP**

AXP happening again! It'll be at the same venue but nothing else has been organised yet. The event has been launched and will sell on the 05/10/16.

**Actions and achievements**

- Ran Hump Days with various foods
- Finalised AXP invoices
- Finalise AXP II preparations

**List of goals for next report:**

- Run a successful AXP
- Continue the trend of populated Hump Days
- Launch AXP

**Budget expenditure since last report:**

Not up to date!

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**ATTACHMENT 8 | Lot's Wife Report to MSC 11/16**

Lot's Wife has been going well and we are beginning to wrap up our year as editors. This past month we have been working with our team of writers and illustrators to finish up the final edition of Lot's Wife. We are also working with the women's department to put together their zine, Dissent, which has been super fun!

Evaluation of previous goals:

- hold events during our department week: successful! Including working with the Women's department to create Dissent zine.
- continue to improve our digital presence: successful! Regularly scheduled FB posts have increased traffic and community engagement.
- improve our submission and feedback process: in progress. We have increased frequency of communication with Sub-Eds, and have been using Google Docs more.
- Put together and print the Edition 6 – Successful!

Goals for next MSC:

- Help the womens department put together and print Dissent
- Bind all 2015 and 2016 copies of Lot's Wife for the archives
- Upload all articles online

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**ATTACHMENT 9 | Summary of Executive Financial Motions**

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M28/16	13-Sep-16	Staff advertising	\$500.00
		Promotion of NDA	\$441.00
		Staff Computers	\$4,881.34
		OB Computers	\$1,816.47
		New Computers	\$619.30
		Bus for NSA	\$660.00
		Bus for Equal Marriage Protest	\$330.00
M29/16	16-Sep-16	Wholefoods equipment	\$3,512.88
		Education Banner	\$174.60
		Election Guide	\$616.00
		Mental Health First Aid	\$2,000.00