

Monash Student Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

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

Meeting opened: 2.13pm

1. Attendance

President:	Matilda Grey	(chair)
Treasurer:	Caitlin Brown	
Secretary:	Jessica Stone	(minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	Juliet Steel	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Raphael Tell	
Activities:	Sean Glass	
Welfare:	Patrick Stephenson	
Indigenous:	Bryda Nichols	apology
Environment & Social Justice:	Jasmine Duff	
Women's:	Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe	
Queer:	Denise Atzinger	Proxy to Andrea Duval
Disabilities & Carers:	Nawama Green	
People of Colour:	Kapil Bhargava	Proxy to Jasmine Nguyen
MUISS:	Jason Nguyen	Proxy to Queenie Chung
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	apology
Clubs & Societies:	Glenn Donahoo	Proxy to Shreeya Luthra
Radio Monash:	Aleks Djukic	
General Representative:	Eve Ward	Proxy to Corey Rosevear
General Representative:	Sasha Brady	
General Representative:	Benjamin Caddaye	
General Representative:	Eleanor D'Ambrosio Scott	Proxy to Annabelle Ballard
General Representative:	Elizabeth Jackson	
Observers:	Daniel Taylor	
	Owen Pieper Hosking	
	Nicholas Virgo	
	Yen Zhi Ng	
	Aidan Ryall	
	Tess Dimos	
	Melanie Loudovaris	

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

Attachment 1

Motion #1:

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 1/17 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
Moved through the chair

For: 17
Against: 0
Abstentions: 2
MOTION CARRIED

5. Reports

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| 5.1. MUISS (for MSC 1/17) | Attachment 2 |
| 5.2. Radio Monash (for MSC 1/17) | Attachment 3 |
| 5.3. Lot's Wife | Attachment 4 |
| 5.4. Environment and Social Justice | Attachment 5 |
| 5.5. Queer | Attachment 6 |
| 5.6. Women's | Attachment 7 |
| 5.7. Welfare | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 5.8. Education (Academic Affairs) | Attachment 8 |
| 5.9. Education (Public Affairs) | Attachment 9 |
| 5.10. Indigenous | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 5.11. Disabilities and Carers | Attachment 10 |
| 5.12. People of Colour | <i>Not Submitted</i> |

Tess said that she thought the MSA had a great start to the year, and especially noted the great effort during O-Week.

Motion #2:

That this MSC accepts the submitted reports en bloc.
Moved through the chair
For: 19
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Yearly Goals

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| 6.1. President | Attachment 11 |
| 6.2. Treasurer | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.3. Secretary | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.4. Activities | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.5. Lot's Wife | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.6. Environment and Social Justice | Attachment 12 |
| 6.7. Queer | Attachment 13 |
| 6.8. Women's | Attachment 14 |
| 6.9. Welfare | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.10. Education (Academic Affairs) | Attachment 15 |
| 6.11. Education (Public Affairs) | Attachment 16 |
| 6.12. Indigenous | Attachment 17 |
| 6.13. Disabilities and Carers | Attachment 18 |
| 6.14. People of Colour | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.15. Clubs and Societies | Attachment 19 |
| 6.16. MAPS | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.17. MUISS | <i>Not Submitted</i> |
| 6.18. Radio Monash | <i>Not Submitted</i> |

Motion #3:

That this MSC accepts the submitted yearly goals en bloc.
Moved through the chair

For: 19
Against: 0
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion #4:

That this MSC notes that Caitlin Brown, Jessica Stone, Sarah Harris/Sean Glass, Patrick Stephenson/Nicholas Virgo and Robert Staunton/Emina Besirevic/Nick Bugeja/Sophia McNamara are in breach of the MSA Regulations for Office-Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies, for failing to submit their Yearly Goals on two consecutive occasions. In accordance with 17.4.3 of the regulations, this MSC directs the above listed persons to submit their yearly goals to the next MSC.

Moved through the chair

For: 17
Against: 2
Abstentions: 0
MOTION CARRIED

7. Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 20

8. Election of Divisional Representative to MSC Executive

Motion #5:

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 30th September 2017.

MOTION DEFERRED THROUGH THE CHAIR

9. Changes to MSA Regulations

9.1. Changes to Committee Regulations

Attached to email

9.2. Changes to Regulations for Office-Bearers and MSA Bodies

Attached to email

Jessica explained that the main changes to the Committee Regulations are to do with QuAC and Academic Affairs Committee. She said this was so the AAC's breadth of students was much wider from each school or faculty, including academic clubs as well. She said that QuAC's main changes were regarding the guidelines around how the committee replaces members that resign.

Caitlin explained that the changes to the regulations made them more streamlined and allowed for processes to become more democratic.

Motion #6:

That this MSC accepts the proposed changes to the Committee Regulations.

Moved: Jessica Stone

Seconded: Caitlin Brown

For: 15
Against: 0
Abstentions: 4

Jasmine Duff enters at 2.22pm

Jessica explained that the changes to the OB regulations introduce the People of Colour officers into the document. She notes it also removes the AAC.

Caitlin explained that the changes are well needed given the establishment of the POC office.

Juliet asked for clarification about the removal of AAC, with Jessica explaining the AAC was moved to the Committee Regulations making it easier for the committee to operate and change rules when needed.

Motion #7:

That this MSC accepts the proposed changes to the Regulations for Office-Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies.

Moved: Jessica Stone

Seconded: Caitlin Brown

For: 15

Against: 0

Abstentions: 4

MOTION CARRIED

10. Penalty Rates

Caitlin explained that the changes affected women disproportionately. She went on to explain that the Liberal Government has repeatedly attacked workers. She noted that Fair Work was introduced to protect worker's rights and that what has happened is shameful.

Juliet explained that the changes affected the lowest paid workers in the country hugely. She noted that economists have predicted that the changes will not have huge impact on the businesses affected by these changes, as the people spending money on the weekends are the ones hardest hit.

Tess explained that this is predicted to be the greatest wage cut since the depression. She said that many students, especially from working class backgrounds, rely on these penalty rates to get through university. She further explained that as a left union, making a stand against these cuts is incredibly important. She urged members to support the campaign against these cuts by being vocal, posting about it on Facebook and other measures. She stressed that the major political parties cannot be relied on to take action against these cuts, but rather the change should come from mobilisation on the streets.

Jasmine noted that small business owners profit off of these changes, and that as a union the MSA must pick the side of the workers. She reiterated that the working class must not rely on institutions, but rather take action in protests and rallies held.

Annabelle said that she agreed with the motion, and said that the cuts disproportionately affect students, as several she had friends who were personally affected. She explained that the NDA focus on these cuts was too broad, and that a separate rally should be held.

Andrea asked about the independence of the Fair Work Commission, and how intervention with that would protect workers. Caitlin said that the establishment of the Fair Work Commission by the government was to protect the working class.

Daniel explained that the lack of democratic accountability in the FWC was not acceptable. He said that the country's history of creating such courts or bodies favours bosses in most cases. He explained the best way to pressure the courts for change is through rallying through the streets, as such bodies have failed workers. He explained that the CFMEU and other trade unions had organised a rally on March 9 regarding this issue. He condemned the decision, especially given that the decision came one week before International Women's Day.

Jessica explained that she came from a background that relied on penalty rates, and without which wouldn't have had the opportunities for education and other things if they didn't exist. She said that people working these hours are giving up their time that would be spent resting, and that the cuts to

penalty rates for the reason that our society is a 24/7 one is a farce and that people still treat their weekends sacredly.

Daniel leaves at 2.40pm

Nikola explained that these cuts were atrocious, and that she had hoped for a rise in the minimum wage, but that the cuts are in the exact opposite direction of what she had hoped for.

Corey said that a slide has been sent through to the NTEU for lecturers to put before their lecture slides regarding education cuts and these penalty rate cuts. He emphasised that the cuts needed to be fought against alongside the education cuts with NDA, as how the women's marches against Trump were for a myriad of reasons.

Patrick said that some businesses might in fact suffer as they will likely have less customers who can spend as much money at their stores. He commended businesses like Lush who have vowed against getting rid of their penalty rates.

Jasmine Nguyen explained that these industries are largely populated by students, and that the NDA is a good place to bring the issue up. She said that up to \$6,000 could be cut from penalty rates and that this needs to be fought against.

Tess commended the Education Public Affairs officers for organising a slide against this. She said that the NDA should be used as students unions don't have huge resources, but can maximise on the resources already acquired such as the NDA rally and the CFMEU rally. She explained that the cuts were a precursor to further cuts across the all industries. She said that it would be great to see industrial action across the board in response to penalty rate cuts.

Caitlin explained that the SDA has been a lacklustre union when it came to protecting the workers it represented. She emphasised that it's not just Sunday rates that are gone, but also holiday rates.

Raphael explained that company profits have increased over 12%, where wages have decreased, which is ridiculous. He said that this is alongside the government's cuts to company taxes by \$50 billion. He said that the best way to counteract these changes is to elect a Labor government to change the legislation surrounding this with workers' best interest in mind. He explained that the FWC could be counteracted by ensuring that the government that delegates the roles in FWC is a progressive one. He clarified that blanket statements against democratic institutions are unhelpful.

Matilda reminded speakers not to name previous speakers.

Andrea said that some students she knew did not get shifts on Sundays due to penalty rates and that this must be kept in mind.

Tess condemned institutions such as the FWC. She explained the political climate with the major parties regarding these changes.

Procedural motion to cut the speaking list.

Moved: Shreeya Luthra

For: 17

Against: 2

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Raphael explained that the FWC had consistently increased the minimum wage despite conservative governments. He commended the Labor party for establishing such an institution.

Queenie leaves at 3.01pm.

Jasmine criticised the establishment of the FWC. Jasmine went on to criticise the issue of arbitration, and politics long line of history with that.

Harini enters at 3.02pm.

Annabelle said that she didn't believe hijacking a rally was the way to fight against these cuts.

Motion #8:

On Thursday the 23rd of February, the Fair Work Commission handed down recommendations to cut Sunday penalty rates for hospitality, fast food, retail, and pharmacy workers. Sunday workers will see their wages cut by up to 50% in some instances, and will lose over \$6,000 dollars a year.

Penalty rates compensate labourers for working unsociable hours during weekends and public holidays. We are now seeing the decisions of those who have never worked a weekend in their life impact heavily on those who are forced into weekend work just to make ends meet. There is no standing in the claims from the conservatives of Australia that small businesses will profit from these cuts, or that more working hours will be available as a result of them.

This MSC condemns the recent changes to penalty rates, and recognises them as a clear class attack on the working class of Australia. This MSC calls on the government to support any legislation introduced to protect penalty rates, and directs the MSA President to issue a press release standing in solidarity with any workers who are battling these cuts. This MSC endorses the March 22nd National Day of Action as a means for students across the country to voice their strong opposition to the governments' attacks to penalty rates.

Moved: Caitlin Brown

Seconded: Juliet Steel

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

11. Striking Workers at Fletcher Insulation

Jasmine explained the site's history of industrial action, commending the workers. She said that management had offered a pay rise of 0% for the next four years, which is a pay cut, as well as the fact that casualization was increasing, all of these being various attacks on workers.

Nikola said that solidarity must be expressed with the workers.

Motion #9:

The Monash Student Association extends its fullest solidarity and support to striking workers at Fletcher Insulation in Dandenong South. The 90 employees at the plant have been offered a zero per cent pay rise over 4 years, an extension of the working week from 35 to 38 hours with no penalty rates, a massive retrospective reduction in redundancy packages, and an increase in the use of casual labour. These severe and unprecedented claims from management are a slap in the face for the workforce, many who have served Fletcher Insulation for decades. In response a stop work has been called by the Australian Workers Union with a 24/7 vigil outside the plant. This Monash Student Council stands alongside these workers in their strike action. When penalty rates for hospitality workers are under attack across Australia, it's more important than ever to support and take inspiration from workers and unions when they fight back. This MSC commends the AWU for assisting the strike and encourages students to donate to and visit the strike at 127 Frankston-Dandenong Rd, Dandenong South.

Moved: Jasmine Duff
Seconded: Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe
For: 17
Against: 0
Abstentions: 1
MOTION CARRIED

12. Rally Against Trump

Jasmine commended the recent movement of increasing protests throughout the world. She explained that the rise of the far right attacks several groups of people, and that this was a reason why many people were going to the streets. She explained that Trump was a personification of this, but also within Australia the cuts to penalty rates is a prime example of attacks on workers. She emphasised that as a student union, the MSA should be a leading institution to promote student engagement in these movements and protecting these minorities.

Beth noted that the cultural shift towards protesting was great. She noted the successes of previous protests against Trump, and encouraged support for the upcoming one.

Tess explained how several people who do not traditionally participate in rallies are being mobilised to participate and said that a woman from a rural suburb travelled to the CBD to come to a past Trump rally.

Andrea supported expressing solidarity with American protestors. She explained that Trump's regime was queerphobic and mentioned recent attacks on trans people. She suggested that the protests should be more targeted with a feasible goal.

Melanie said that ableism was another issue to take note of. She reiterated the targeting of these rallies at all groups they affected.

Annabelle explained that Trump should not be the main focus when Australian rallies are organised, and that targeting Australian figures would be far more effective. She agreed that consultation with relevant groups within the MSA was important.

Jasmine Nguyen reiterated the importance of consulting the People of Colour Collective and with targeting Australian figures. She stressed that these sort of motions should be consulted with the POC Department before being brought to MSC.

Tess explained that she did not check which groups are supporting these rallies, but rather chose to support it due to its general sentiment. She agreed about creating more specifically purposed rallies.

Procedural motion to cut the speaking list.

Moved: Raphael Tell
For: 16
Against: 2
PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Raphael explained that the lack of consultation with relevant groups was inappropriate. He said that foreign affairs should not take up a significant portion of the MSA's time and resources. He said that there were horrible things going on all around the world outside of purely topical ones such as Trump, which had taken up a huge amount of the council's time.

Jasmine Duff said that Trump's regime was having a huge impact on people all over the world. She emphasised the student union's role to take a stand in solidarity with resistances that need

to be supported. She reminded the council of a motion in solidarity with student protestors in the Philippines.

Procedural motion to limit speaking time to 1 minute.

Moved: Caitlin Brown

For: 16

Against: 2

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Nikola reiterated the importance of protesting around issues that directly affect Australian students.

Corey outlined the benefits of taking a stand against far-right movements. He noted that the point of contention is around whether this sort of motion is best moved through MSC or through collectives.

Shreeya emphasised that the endorsement of rallies by collectives would be far more effective, timely and inclusive than repeatedly bringing the same types of motions to MSC.

Tess explained that such motions in MSC are much more powerful. She further emphasised the importance of this motion.

Motion #10:

This MSC endorses the protest 'Rally against Trump: Say NO to racism and islamophobia' at 1pm, State Library, March 4th. The demonstration is in opposition to the far-right politics and racism of Donald Trump, as well as the barbarous refugee policy of the Australian government. This MSC recognises the importance of resistance to the Trump administration in the United States and the resistance to the far-right globally; and extends solidarity to the activists in America fighting against the racist, sexist, and anti-union policies of the Trump administration. The MSA commits to building the resistance that is essential in driving forward a progressive pro-refugee and anti-racist agenda, and in preventing the growth of the far-right that is growing both on campus and in broader society.

Moved: Jasmine Duff

Seconded: Elizabeth Jackson

For: 14

Against: 0

Abstention: 4

MOTION CARRIED

13. War on Drugs

Yen explained his involvement in Students for Sensible Drug Policy. He explained that the focus on harm-minimisation by the government was a misnomer, noting that 98% of resources go towards criminalisation of drug users and providers. He said that reagent testing of drugs would significantly reduce harm to drug users who are not sure of the contents of the substances they are planning to use, as well as prevent deaths or hospitalisations. He said that there is currently a movement against Australia's inadequate drug policies, including from health professionals.

Raphael explained that the plan was to give the kits out for free so that they are accessible to students of all backgrounds, where students would only be able to get them from the MSA reception desk after taking a workshop around the responsible use of drugs and the kit. He commended the policy, and said that a large portion of the population takes drugs and that this is much better than the current government policies.

Tess commended the motion, condemning the huge police presence used to criminalise large portions of students and other drug users, explaining that the police tend to target minorities such as people of colour.

Mel asked if people who are most at risk would be targeted when giving out kits. Yen responded that in order to keep anonymity this would be difficult to enact.

Motion #11:

This MSC recognises that the Governments harm minimisation strategies predominately focuses on reducing supply and demand of illicit substances which have been ineffective in reducing the associated harms to those who still chose to take illicit substances and in some circumstances causing more harm to the individual. This MSC recognises that a large proportion of university students have tried and will continue to use illicit substances despite current legislation prohibiting use of these substances. This MSC also recognises the implementation of harm reduction initiatives is essential in reducing associated harms of illicit substance use and preventing unnecessary deaths within our student cohort. Therefore this MSC will direct the MSA to distribute harm reduction packages, free of charge, to students containing harm reduction resources and pill testing kits.

Moved: Juliet Steel

Seconded: Raphael Tell

For: 17

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

14. General Business

Procedural motion to accept IWD Rally motion into General Business.

Moved: Tess Dimos

For: 17

Against: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Procedural motion to accept Harini Kasthuriarchchi as a late proxy for Nikola Guzys-McAuliffe.

Moved: Jessica Stone

For: 17

Against: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nikola leaves at 3:56pm.

Nawama enters at 3:57pm.

Beth commended the motion, expressing support for the rally. She outlined trends in women's rights and explained that things were getting worse for women and plenty of other marginalised groups.

Sasha leaves at 3:58pm.

Procedural motion to accept Melanie Loudovaris as a late proxy for Sasha Brady.

Moved: Jessica Stone

For: 17

Against: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Shreeya explained that the focus on Women internationally is great, especially given her background in India being a main factor for her embracing feminism.

Tess explained her support of the rally, bringing up further reasons around Trump's regime and the rise in far-right politics as an incentive to attend. She mentioned the organisation of the alt-right on Monash campus, and says this is further reasoning for the MSA to support this.

Ben leaves at 4.04pm.

Procedural motion to cut the speaking list.

Moved: Juliet Steel

For: 14

Against: 2

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Melanie expressed her support of the rally especially with focus on women globally. She stressed that this rally included not just cis women.

Procedural motion to limit speaking time to 1 minute.

Moved: Jessica Stone

For: 14

Against: 2

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED

Nawama noted that previous sentiments referring to women's media or blogs as trashy is problematic and counterproductive to the motion's purpose.

Beth explained instances of sexism on campus, and people proudly identifying as alt-right on stalkerspace.

Motion #12:

This MSC supports the International Women's day rally on the 8th March. The rally recognises the continuing fight for equality among men and women and between intersectional groups of women. This MSC encourages members to attend and support actions around the rally.

Moved: Elizabeth Jackson

Seconded: Shreeya Luthra

For: 16

Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Procedural motion to accept the Queer Affairs Committee motion into General Business.

Moved: Andrea Duval

For: 17

Against: 0

PROCEDURAL MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Andrea mentioned that the new member was to replace a former member of QuAC that had to withdraw from the committee. She noted that this needed to happen as soon as possible to continue proper operation of the Queer Department.

Motion #13:

That this MSC accepts the appointment of Fran Driver to Queer Affairs Committee.

Moved: Andrea Duval

Seconded: Nawama Green
Andrea Nawama
For: 14
Against: 0
Abstentions: 3
MOTION CARRIED

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MSC will be at 2pm on Thursday the 30th March.

Meeting closed: 4:11pm

ATTACHMENT 1 | MSC 1/17 Unconfirmed Minutes

Monash Student Council

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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16. Attendance

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Treasurer:	Caitlin Brown	
Secretary:	Jessica Stone	(minutes)
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Activities:	Sarah Harris	
Welfare:	Nicholas Virgo	Proxy to Pat Stephenson
Indigenous:	Jayden Crozier	Proxy to Bryda Nichols
Environment & Social Justice:	Tess Dimos	
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	Jesse Clifton	
	Chris di Pasquale	
	Jake Humphreys	
	Jasmine Duff	

17. Acknowledgment of traditional owners of land

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18. Confirmation of agenda order

Confirmed.

19. Confirmation of previous minutes

19.1. MSC 13/16

Attachment 1

19.2. MSC 1a/17

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

20. Reports

20.1. President

Attachment 3

20.2. Treasurer

Attachment 4

20.3. Secretary

Attachment 5

20.4. Activities

Attachment 6

20.5. MUISS

Not Submitted

20.6. MAPS

Attachment 7

20.7. C&S

Attachment 8

20.8. 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

21. Annual Reports 2016

21.1. 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

22. Summary of Executive Financial Motions

Attachment 10

23. 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 30th September 2017.”

MOTION DEFERRED THROUGH THE CHAIR

24. Investment Policy Proposal

24.1. Investment Policy (Final)

24.2. Investment Income Comparison

**Attached to email
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

25. MSA Digital Screen Upgrades

Attached to email

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

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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 been 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

30. 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 3rd 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

31. General Business

32. Next Meeting

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

ATTACHMENT 2 | MUISS Report to MSC 1/17

Monash University International Students Service (MUISS) report

For 2017, MUISS has many aspirations for our committee. Our vision statement is: "2017 MUISS aims to be an inclusive body that advocate student's interest. We will focus on professional development and social outing, while supporting cultural integration."

What we have achieved so far

- Ran a successful booth for Orientation and Enrolment weeks
- Ran an information and games booth for Wominjeka Monash
- Planned our events and projects for this year
- Recruited all general committee members

What we hope to achieve by next report

- Run our first professional engagement program PLACE (Program for Leadership And Careers Engagement)
- Train our committee members
- Run welfare services such as free breakfast and games night

ATTACHMENT 3 | Radio Monash Report to MSC 1/17

Key activities:

Relaunching Radio Monash brand for 2017

Following our rebrand of 2016, our marketing team with the support of MSA Marketing has been developing a strategy to relaunch in 2017 with a new space, greater accessibility for the student body to engage with the brand, as well as improving our online presence on social media and our content on the website

Official Media Accreditations

Over the summer break, Radio Monash has attained several media accreditations which will be revealed alongside our relaunch for 2017.

Space Upgrade:

Radio Monash has been awarded SSAF funding to update the space and our audio technical equipment. Over the break the majority of updates occurred while the remainder of updates will occur with the support of Project Coordinator Meaghan McDonnell.

O Week:

Myself, our marketing and community teams are in the process of organising an O Week stall and activity.

Committee:

The committee of 19 has successfully worked over the summer break in anticipation for 2017. We hosted an all day workshop and our first committee meeting last Sunday.

Events:

Our events team is in the process of planning our Relaunch Party and is in communication with Campus Community Divisions regarding Summerfest. The Events team is also working on an events schedule for the year.

Live Music:

Our live music portfolio has successfully booked upcoming Hump Day gigs as well as collating a database of live acts for Radio Monash to utilise.

Technical, Programming & IT:

Our technical team is upgrading our reporter system and music database. The committee has also transitioned to a new communication system (Trello) to increase accountability and productivity.

Journalism:

Our journalism team has successfully built a portfolio of articles over the summer break which is traditionally our quietest period.

Progress on assigned goals from last report:

N/A

List of goals to be completed by next report:

Goal #1 – Finalise O Week plans

Work with MSA to finalise plans for O Week (stall, etc.)

Goal #2 – Preparation for Semester 1/17

Finalise social events calendar, organise journalism teams, finalise space upgrades, finalise plans for Relaunch party and online, finalise upgrade of reporter system and music base, finalise plans for training of new presenters in time for Week 1

ATTACHMENT 4 | Lot's Wife Report to MSC 2/17

MSC Office Bearer Report - Lot's Wife

In late November we made a Facebook event called "Join the Lot's Wife Team 2017". We made a link to a google form on the event so people could apply for the positions of sub-editor, columnist, general contributor, graphic designer, illustrator, campus reporter or web officer. We had 59 applications which were generally of very high quality. Since then, we have selected official positions such as sub-editors and designers to do the magazine layout. This was done via interviews we held to vet the applicants. On top of these 59 applications, we have had a lot more interest in the form of emails and Facebook messages, especially as we asked communication/design lecturers at Caulfield to email their students and invite them to get involved with Lot's Wife.

Similarly, we created new sections of the magazine and re-named some in order to broaden the scope of the sections. We have introduced letters to the editor, a news section and a gossip column which will feature in each edition of the magazine.

We finalised our printing deal with Print Graphics and have gone for uncoated A4 paper, and 2500 copies for O-Week and 2000 copies for subsequent editions. We held several meeting with the MSA staff, such as with Michele from advertising and Kate. Nick wrote an article about the National Union of Students and a satire piece on the downfalls of masculinity.

Sophia has been in charge of art and design and has been working closely with graphic designer Hana Crawl to complete the formatting of the magazine. Rob has been in charge of advertising and has put together a professional advertising kit to send out to clients. Rob has also been doing extensive market research in order to ensure we are offering competitive rates for advertising. We have already secured a number of advertising deals for the year and are aiming to make as much money from advertising as we possibly can. Nick is responsible for writing the content list and collaborating with writers. The quality of pitches and articles were impressive for such an early stage of the year. Emina is in control

of working with the sub-editors -- to ensure that the whole Lot's Wife team is on the same page.

As the sub-editors are only just beginning, we gave writers lengthy feedback ourselves and are confident that we have secured high quality content for our first edition. We have made a timeline for when each edition is going to be released, with edition 1 due for release on February 20th. The other five editions will be spread out across the rest of the year.

Edition 1 advertised to advertise and promote the National Day of Action, as a part of our plan to promote the National Union of Students and their initiatives more through the form of student media.

Edition 1 was released on 20 February, 2017. It has been met with a great reception; with many readers happy with the cover art and the content of the magazine. So far, Lot's Wife has been running successfully.

Prior to its release, we have had meetings with the sub-editors, editing sessions and close collaboration with the graphic designer to iron out any errors or inconsistencies in the magazine. To celebrate Edition one going to print, we held a Launch Party at Sir John's, which had a great turnout.

For Edition two, we have reached out for articles, illustrations and advertising partners. This has been going smoothly, and we expect Edition 2 to be put out without issue.

Our goals for the year are to continue to produce a good-quality magazine, which we seek to do by using effective processes in terms of collaboration, focus and effort. We hope to maximise student involvement in the magazine, and this will mainly be done by holding writers meetings, launch parties and making ourselves available to students.

ATTACHMENT 5 | Environmental and Social Justice Report to MSC 2/17

ESJ MSC report:

The Environment and Social Justice department has been working in overdrive since taking office. With the election of Donald Trump in America, giving confidence to the far-right globally and the racism of the Australian government, we have been organising resistance and activism at our fullest capacity. Alongside the resistance to the rise of the far-right, we have been continuing to organise ongoing progressive campaigns and organising forums and meetings for social justice oriented students newly enrolled at Monash University.

Orientation Week:

- For orientation week we produced hand outs with information about our department, including what our political orientation to the department is, what events we were putting on for students to attend, what we can do to assist students with social justice concerns on campus, and information about upcoming social justice protests and events off campus.

- We promoted a series of upcoming demonstrations ('Make Education Free Again', 'Rally against Trump: No to racism and Islamophobia'; 'International Womens Day march') to encourage newly enrolled students to be involved in active resistance to social injustice and the far-right.

- We promoted our two open forums in Week 1 to encourage discussion of social justice questions and encouraging the organisation of resistance.

Resistance to Donald Trump, the rise of the far-right and for refugee rights:

- Assisting in the organisation, promotion and attendance of the Women's March against Donald Trump's inauguration on January 21st. At the demonstration, the ESJ department attempted to promote ongoing resistance and organisation against far-right politics by leafleting the crowd for upcoming actions and meetings; including the March 22nd 'Make Education Free Again' demonstration.

- Assisting in the organisation, promotion and attendance of the protest against Donald Trump's Muslim ban and Islamophobic policies in Australia on February 3rd. We are also extremely proud to have moved a motion at Student Council to endorse the demonstration, and show that the MSA sits on the left/progressive side of an incredibly polarising issue.

- Assisting in the organisation, promotion and attendance of the protest against Corey Bernadi and the fascist Q society on 10th February. This was an extremely successful protest that involved people in actively confronting the far-right, and received extremely wide and favourable media coverage demonstrating to the broader public that people are willing to stand up to organised fascism and racism in Australia.

- Assisting in the organisation, promotion and attendance of the protest against Donald Trump's Muslim ban and Australia's racist immigration policy on February 18th.

- Promoting the March 4 protest against Donald Trump's deportation orders and Australia's racist border policies to student during Orientation week, through online promotion, postering, flyering, etc.

Political and social justice forums for discussion amongst Monash students:

- Organising a forum on 'What Do Socialists Stand For'. This provides a forum for discussion of the ever more popular form of politics broadly defined as 'Socialism', which interrelates with the various social justice and environmental campaigns that are growing across the world and provides a worldview that encapsulates all of these concerns. Social justice concerns of climate change, refugee rights, Islamophobia, health care cuts, student debt, police racism and violence, etc. are being dominated by discussions of socialism.

- Organising a forum called 'Resist: the global movement against Trump'. This provides a forum for students wanting to discuss the developments in the global political situation including the election of a far-right bigot who is escalating attacks on Muslims, women, LGBTI people, workers, trade unionists, immigrants and refugees; learn about the resistance in America including what has been most effective, and be a part of organising resistance to the far-right in Australia to come together for a group discussion.

Education/student rights campaigning:

- The ESJ department has been very active in assisting with the organisation and promotion of the National Union of Students 2017 education campaign, 'Make Education Free Again'. We attended the NUS conference in December 2016 where the campaign policy was adopted and discussed at length on conference floor and separately amongst States. Since the conference, we have attended numerous VEAN meetings, assisted in producing material and designs for the campaign, assisted the MSA Education officers in organising MEAG meetings and working bee's for the protest, organised numerous poster runs of the campus in the lead up to Enrolment Information sessions and Orientation Week, and heavily promoted the demonstration and campaign in Orientation week through leafleting the bus loop, leafleting students attending lectures, discussing the campaign on the ESJ stall, having volunteers hand out leaflets for the rally around the MSA tent, etc. This heavy promotion of the student campaign in orientation week was crucial for engaging students in the campaign and student activism as soon as they stepped on to campus, and we are extremely happy to have worked with other departments to ensure the campaign was adequately promoted during the week, especially in having education activists roaming to promote the NDA.

- participating in the January 27th stunt out the front of Centrelink, in protest against the automated debt recovery system and for liveable welfare payments for students

Union solidarity:

- The Environment and Social Justice members and officers visited a picket line at VIP packaging in the lead up to and during Christmas. We are proud to note the MSA sent a Pizza delivery to the striking workers in a show of solidarity and support for the workers and for strike action.

- The Environment Social Justice members and officers have visited the AWU picket line at Fletcher Insulation to provide support from the MSA to striking workers. These workers were striking as a result of a 0% pay rise (below inflation) and significant cuts to redundancy packages in a factory where most workers have been employed for over 20 years. The workers were extremely grateful for any support. The ESJ department attended as part of an orientation of absolute support for trade unions, and active encouragement of militant unionism.

Other activities:

- Attending and promoting the demonstration on December 6 to 'Stop the Massacre In Aleppo' and stand against the counter-revolution in Syria.

- Attending the Invasion Day rally against the genocide of Indigenous Australians and against the annual celebration organised by the Australian State of the initiation of this ongoing crime.

- Attending and promoting the Unemployed Workers Union protest against the outlawing of homelessness to stop the further abuse of people forced to live on the streets, as police have disgracefully been given extra powers and encouragement by the Mayor of Melbourne and the Murdoch press to 'move on' people living on the streets.

- Promoting the International Women's Day march on March 8 through postering, flyering, and online promotion.

Goals for next report:

1. Involve first year activists in promoting demonstrations and other forms of activism
2. Organise a campaign against the far-right at Monash University to demonstrate the campus stands against racism and fascism
3. Continue promoting and attending anti-Trump demonstrations and using these demonstrations to draw attention to the racist (and other) policies of the Australian government
4. Continue to find ways of extending solidarity and support to activists in America resisting Trump
5. Hold weekly public forums that provide a space for students to discuss key social justice questions of today and historically
6. Assist off campus groups where appropriate in organising demonstrations, activism, forums and other events around social justice questions
7. Continue to support the striking workers at Fletcher, and extending solidarity to other union actions that emerge

8. Continue to build support for and attendance of the March 22nd student protest

ATTACHMENT 6 | Queer Report to MSC 2/17

Midsumma March and Picnic

Midsumma March took place on the 29th of January 2017. We tied in a picnic. MQD advocates for all queer students, and as such we expressed our support of those protesting as well as those marching. Picnic afterwards was successful and proved to be a good way for students to meet up again before the beginning of the University year. Snacks were provided by the department

QuAC

One of our valued QuAC members has rescinded their position. We are currently in the process of searching for a replacement.

Badges

We have spent many hours making badges to fundraise for department using previously purchased supplies from last year. It is currently being sold for \$2 per badge in MSA store. Future plans include involving members of the department in the design of future badges.

O-week

Planning and prep for O-week began well in advance. We updated a lot of information and tried to make the information more aesthetically pleasing. We also included a map and other resources geared towards welcoming new people to the lounge. Although we left showbags to last minute, we found a local supplier for a reasonable price. O-week itself worked well, the fact that there was an MSA tent could have contributed to more people feeling safe enough to approach us but sadly did not bolster ticket sales for Trivia Night. In future, planning and preparation for big events will take place significantly earlier.

Trivia Night

Decided to continue with last years Trivia Night event. Ticket sales have been slow so far but hoping to speed up once university begins fully. Created an event and shared within the secret group page as well as on the public page. Going to go into full advertising mode in the upcoming week. Wholefoods will also be marketing the event.

Karaoke

An art-work request is in the works. We are also preparing to promote this event heavily. Sir John's has been booked.

MUISS

Our meeting with MUISS was very productive. We discussed how we could help one another in terms of visibility of Queer within international student communities as well as how best to direct queer international students towards the Queer Department. Also currently in talks about how to integrate Around the World Festival with Queer week. We will consider including a stall on queer culture around world.

NUS LGBTI+, Australian Queer Student Network

Met with NUS Igbt+ Officer as well as AQSN co-convenor (our QuAC member Theodore). We discussed direction of future national campaigns and how best to keep finger on pulse of queer student community. Considering a Victoria wide or at least multi-uni pride ball.

Radio Monash

Met with Radio monash and will be helping and contributing to their safer spaces policy as well as providing speakers in order to raise awareness of queer issues

Wholefoods

Met with wholefoods and spoke on various collaborations and ways in which to bring the departments together. We agreed to market each other's events and use Wholefoods for more workshops.

The Lounge and Student Integration

The Lounge can be an exclusive space for many different students for a large variety of reasons. We have made a few introductory icebreaker sessions for the first few weeks in order to help welcome new students. There appears to be a lot of interest from discussions in O week.

Short term goals

- Continue promoting and planning for Trivia Night
- Continue working on Karaoke night which will include finding a Karaoke machine.
- Fill the open space in QuAC
- Prepare marketing for karaoke night well in advance
- Organise Autonomous groups and who shall lead them and catch up times for Week 2
- Organise Queer Ball theme in Collective
- Promote the badges and include members the of the Queer Department in the designs to come
- Promote the NDA and begin looking at creating Queer lounge protest infrastructure. Will seek advice from the Disabilities and Carers Department for accessibility.

Long term goals

- Monitor badge sales, move on to T-shirts.
- Continue to foster the lounge as a safer space as well as a space for learning and socialising and thus make it more accessible to different student demographics.

- Broaden MQD's reach beyond the Lounge and make it clear that one doesn't have to be a part of the lounge in order to attend our other events.
- Begin planning for Queer Collaborations. This includes making information available in order to begin building a Monash Contingent.

ATTACHMENT 7 | Women's Report to MSC 2/17

Women's Department report:

The Office:

The office is currently still being sorted through and organised, including getting rid of out-of-date resources and archiving unnecessary files to make more space for relevant information. As part of this process, we have rearranged the furniture in the office and have managed to collect two armchairs.

The Women's Room:

The Women's Room has also been tidied, and some of the furniture has been rearranged. We are currently accepting donations of furniture and decorations, and are in the process of hiring an artist to paint a mural on one of the walls in order to make the room more welcoming. The pads/tampon supplies have been replenished, through both sponsorship by Moxie and free pads and tampons handed out during O-Week. Wholefoods has agreed to let us use their washing machine to clean the bed sheets, which will allow us to provide students with more comfortable naps more easily.

Abbey Rich, a Melbourne based feminist artist, has agreed to paint a mural in the women's room on Friday 3rd March, as well as repaint the women's office. This comes well needed, as the women's office is where many meetings of the committee and with relevant university liaisons and officials occur. In addition to adding culture and vibrancy to the women's room, the women's department will be operated out of a more official and well kempt space. After negotiations regarding prices, a central funds application is being submitted this week to seek funding for this project. In the next report, the progress will be documented and reported on.

O-Week:

O-Week was reasonably successful for the women's department. We prepared 150 show-bags for the week, but gave almost all away on the first day, so had to buy more show-bags last minute and make more on Tuesday morning with the help of our volunteers. Traffic and interest declined as the week progressed, although interest for Dissent did spike on Wednesday. We had mostly new students, but some returning students who showed interest in what the department is doing this year. We had many students who didn't know about the Women's Room and most of showed interest in attending the Tour and Tea to get to know the department better. Due to student interest in the Women's Industry Night, we are expecting it to be a large and successful event. Some students specifically requested their field be represented by the panel, further demonstrating the need for this kind of event.

Social Media:

The number of views of our Facebook page rose during O-Week. Several students liked our Facebook page throughout the week and some requested to join our discussion group. We hope to expand the information currently available about the Women's Department on the MSA website to include history on the foundation of the Women's Department, other wins for women at Monash, the history of Dissent and online archives so that students have access to past editions of Dissent online.

Dissent:

Submissions for Dissent are currently open, as we are intending to publish by the end of first semester. However, due to such a small budget, we are investigating alternative publishing options including collaborations with Lot's Wife and online publishing. As previously mentioned, Nikola has been researching Dissent's history and collating all editions in preparation for scanning and uploading onto the MSA website.

Sexual Assault on Campus:

The women's officers have met with staff from Safer Communities Unit, where we outlined our year goals, any queries about our operations and functioning and acquainted ourselves for a year's worth of collaboration ahead.

Correspondence with the National Union of Students Women's Officer, Abby Stapleton, has been strong, and the planning for the campaign this year stands currently at that first semester will be focused strongly on identifying individual issues and tangible, achievable goals, and second semester will be when the campaign will be made public to students, and action against the university will be focused around this time.

Women in Male Dominated Industries:

The major event for semester one for the women's department is the Women's Industry night. This night is focused towards women in male dominated industries, and will be used to introduce women students to relevant and successful women in their fields to provide insight into how to become successful in your field despite several barriers that women face in these areas. Their struggles and their perseverance will be on showcase here, and women students will be able to use this night to network and find pathways into their desired field regardless of the stronghold men have in many of these areas.

So far, some details have been confirmed for this night, such as that it will held in the Green Chemical Futures foyer from 7pm, 13th April. Guest speakers are currently being contacted, as well as clubs and societies for collaboration.

International Women's Day:

The women's department has been collaborating with MUISS to hold an international women's day movie night. The women's department intends to increase collaboration with MUISS as the women's department aims to represent women and non-binary students of all backgrounds, avoiding falling into the trap of representing toxic and ignorant white feminism. The MSA women's department has also been collaborating with the NUS women's department to hold an international women's day breakfast on the morning of Zest Fest.

Education (Academic Affairs) MSC Report 2/17

 <p>msa monash student association</p>	<p>Harini Kasthuriarachchi and Raphael Tell Education (Academic Affairs) MSC Report, 2/17</p>
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Key Activities:

Academic Progress Committee (APC) Hearings

Academic Affairs has had the primary responsibility of organising student representation on APCs. We played a crucial role in the coordination of the APC hearings by recruiting over 20 students for the role. We updated the Student Rep Training Manual at the start of the year to reflect key changes in APC policies, alongside creating some useful resources for students to be able to engage with the process and have confidence in their position on the panel. At the conclusion of each hearing we contacted every student representative individually and spoken with them regarding their experience. We are currently compiling a list of recommendations to submit to the annual APC forum, which is tasked with making changes to APC policies and guidelines.

Monash-Warwick Alliance

We have been in close contact with the Warwick Student Union President Luke Pilot. We are currently exchanging experiences and ideas to benefit both of our student unions. Warwick SU has been pioneering innovative campaigns to combat sexual assault on their campus, and we will be working closely to add to our own campaign in the MSA. Harini also attended a meeting with various Monash Academics who are involved with the Warwick Alliance and gained insight into the projects run between the universities. Moreover, we were both invited to take part in the Monash-Warwick Alliance Steering Committee which is sitting later month.

Student Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting

We have been invited to participate in the SAG meetings and we both look forward to attending the first meeting in March.

Academic Affairs Committee

We're in the process of establishing our committee. We have identified key candidates who we wish to be part of the committee however we are yet to contact them but we hope to do that this coming week. We have also asked that students who would like to seek membership to the Committee contact our office.

O-Week Stall

Academic Affairs had a very successful O-Week speaking to students about the range of services and support the MSA offers to students during their time at Monash. We discussed the role of our department as well as key Academic Processes that students should be clued into. We had a lot of interest in the National Day of Action happening on March 22nd, and encouraged students to join the Monash Education Action Group. We also made students aware of the various Free Food initiatives run out of the Welfare Department.

Goals

Goal	Status (Complete/Incomplete/Ongoing)	Comments
Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)- Meeting	Ongoing	To create the committee
Monash-Warwick Alliance - Warwick Students Union	Ongoing	Correspond with the President and Education Officer at Warwick Student Union about composite campaigns.
Monash Warwick Alliance Steering Committee	Ongoing	Committee is yet to meet.
Meetings with Academics and Student Rights Officers	Ongoing	Schedule regular meetings with the Vice Provost of Learning and Teaching at Monash to raise issues or concerns relevant to students. Meet with the Student Rights Officers regularly to collaborate on changes to Monash's Academic Procedures
Withdrawn Incomplete	Ongoing	Research this issue further and recommend changes to ensure comity in faculty interpretation of the policy.

Budget Expenditure:

Will inform at the next MSC

Meeting no.	Date	Description	Amount	Line-item	Comments

ATTACHMENT 9 | Education (Public Affairs) Report to MSC 2/17

COREY ROSEVEAR AND JULIET STEEL EDUCATION (PUBLIC AFFAIRS)
Report to MSC

26/02/2017

Report covering 01/12/15-28/02/16

Key activities:

ENROLMENT STALLS

Both Education (Public Affairs) Officers spent many hours on the enrolments stall, talking to students about joining the MSA. We used this opportunity to promote the department as well as educating students on the importance of free education and how to get involved in the NUS campaign. We showed students the value of the Student Made Unit Guide.

STUDENT MADE UNIT GUIDE

This summer we spent a lot of our time working to go through all the submissions we received for the Student Made Unit Guide (Formally Counter Faculty Handbook). We started by making an online and physical survey for individual units and shared them online. We also held stalls on campus, put surveys throughout different areas of campus and allowed students to fill in surveys while engaging in stress less week at the end of last semester. The Student Made Unit Guide is now moving towards being both an introduction to classes as well as a space for Office Bearers to write articles about their experiences at university and how the MSA enhanced those. We spent weeks entering the data from the paper surveys, totalling just short of 1000 copies and started putting together the individual reviews and scores and creating the final summaries and suggestions. We also sourced articles about current issues for Monash students from other office bearers and members of the Education Action Group. With hard work and dedication from the MSA Marketing Department, the handbook will be published online soon and we had a whopping 650 copies printed for o-week. We will also distribute it by sharing the link to the online copy on social media, giving out flyers with the link and giving out the physical copy on magazine stands next to Lots Wife. The handbook also includes a poster for the March 22nd NDA on the back to further promote this campaign for the year.

MONASH EDUCATION ACTION GROUP

We've had two MEAG meetings since the beginning of the year. The intention for this year is to broaden the range of students engaged in education policies. During these meetings we discussed techniques that could be employed to make the NUS education campaign more successful. We also planned coordinated poster runs and flyering and suggested a working bee which we plan to have in week 3. We mainly planned o-week movements around the National Day of Action campaign and set tasks for both us and other members of MEAG to achieve for o-week.

NATIONAL TERTIARY EDUCATION UNION

We met with the NTEU to discuss ways in which we could collaborate both for the upcoming NDA as well as other campaigns throughout the year. It was a productive meeting where in we were able to grasp possible avenues of collaboration between our two departments. Particularly through the the period of the year where the NTEU will be negotiating their EBA, we think it is important to collaborate as much as possible in order to support them in their endeavours as they do ours.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

With the Welfare Department, we have convened two SAC meetings where in on our end we were able to discuss funding for the Student Made Unit Guide as well as passing money for National Day of Action Campaign. We also had an expressions of interest sign up sheet which generated a lot of interest

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

For the NDA on April 13th we have printed the NUS authorised posters as well as currently have stickers and flyer being designed in preparation for o-week. We also have planned to do stalling once a week in campus Centre to further promote the NDA. We will be doing poster runs weekly and hope to have the campus saturated in posters. We aim to also piggyback onto the other department's events during first semester to further for the NDA. We have also briefly spoken with the Disabilities and Carer's officers to discuss how to make the NDA as accessible as possible. We have booked busses and are looking into more ways to generate interest on campus.

ATTACHMENT 10 | Disabilities and Carers Report to MSC 2/17

Disabilities & Carers Report 2/17

In the aim of understanding the needs and desires of students within our department, we have been consulting with our collective that is encompassed by our Facebook group, though we do wish to eventually move to a more formal, elected collective. We have been asking what it is they want from the university in terms of accessibility, what issues they are currently facing and what kind of activism efforts they would like to see. In doing so we have also tried to build networks amongst the students, encouraging sharing of ideas, tips, critiques etc. We have also utilised Facebook live, but are hoping to do so more and more frequently, perhaps at other MSA events or rallies. As semester has not properly stated yet, most of this has been online, but it has helped us connect to students and engage them in our work, what we are doing and our goals and objectives.

We also survived o-week, where we had a stall where students could make slime, something that seemed to be enjoyed. In the lead up to this, we consulted with the DSS, who had a support worker each day for students to ask questions, as well as talking to the planners of o-

week to work out accessibility issues that had arisen in the past in regards to o-week. Beyond this, we will also be at Zest Fest, doing something similar.

We have converted the office into a bit of a lounge, with a more accessible and open layout of furniture that should enable students to have a place to sit/chill if needed. This was in response to people asking for a lounge previously, and we felt this was a happy compromise for the time being. It will likely be used to host small or autonomous events/discussions. In the room we also have what is known as a ‘stim station’ or sensory stimulation station that has a collection of fabrics, colouring, and other sensory tools for students to utilise. These can be helpful to many students and we will look to expanding it or seeking contribution of ideas for it.

We are working towards establishing some department events like discussion groups, online discussions, afternoon teas as well as looking at working with other departments, particularly in regards to accessibility of activism efforts. We are hoping to write a guide to study and/or a best practice for accessibility of events to help MSA departments, clubs and societies and hopefully beyond.

Goals to be achieved by next report:

- Host event e.g. discussion group
- Have continued engagement on the Facebook group/page
- Establish calendar/timetable for department
- Start looking for department week ideas
- Connect with other Disabilities officers in Australia
- Continue to work on support/study guide
- Continue to work on accessibility guide

ATTACHMENT 11 | President’s Yearly Goals

President – Yearly Goals

MSA Internal

- Achieve membership of 12,000 or above
- Work with and assist all departments to ensure their own yearly goals are achieved, and encourage cross-department collaboration around campaigns where appropriate
- Investigate how we might be able to provide more employment opportunities to students within the MSA
- Improve student engagement with MSA services, events, campaigns, branding and spaces.
- Involve a broader range of students in our activist campaigns to ensure all are represented
- Ensure all departments are engaged with their NUS equivalents and rolling out NUS campaigns as appropriate
- Work with the Welfare department to offer greater resources and opportunities for students who are refugees or asylum seekers
- Work more closely with divisions, particularly MUISS, to offer an exchange of resources and coordinate a strong international student campaign under their direction and guidance
- Investigate how we might be able to generate further revenue from the bar and ensure it is a vibrant and popularly utilised space

- Gain feedback directly from students regarding the MSA's current services, campaigns, events and spaces, and how we can improve on them or establish others

MSA External

- Build relationships with other Monash campus presidents to ensure collaboration across NUS campaigns, and to present a united student voice when approaching meetings with the university
- Collaborate with NUS on the Clayton campus, and ensure that their campaigns are being rolled out effectively through their respective MSA departments.
- Lobby the state government to improve transportation services to Monash, including further development of the Huntingdale railway and bus services
- Lobby to improve student welfare, including repealing cuts to Centrelink and penalty rates
- Collaborate with the newly elected student representative on University Council to ensure the voice of the MSA is heard during meetings
- Continue to lobby the university to ensure greater student equity and a quality and affordable education
- Alongside MUISS, lobby the university and the state government for an International Student Concession Card
- Address the increased cost of parking tickets, as well as oppose the \$75 carpooling fee.
- Organise an increase of consistent meetings with the Vice Chancellor in order to raise student concerns and interests.

Expansions:

- Continue to expand the services that the MSA pop up shop provides
- Develop and promote the Household Goods Service to ensure its utilisation
- Revisit events with diminishing success rates such as second semester AXP, and develop them to suit a shifting student culture
- Broaden Members Week and Stress Less Weeks to further engage students with the MSA and cater to the student interest
- Work with Sir John's bar to develop and expand the catering service
- Expand current free food events to ensure there are free food opportunities available every day of the week
- Since Radio Monash came on board as a division, engage the departments with them and investigate how we might be able to expand and improve their functions
- Expand Hump Days to cater to more people and make them more appealing
- Expand the service of 'Vancora,' the MSA's Welfare van

New Programs:

- Launch a strong and proactive campaign around sexual assault on campus in collaboration with NUS, all relevant departments and divisions, the university, and state and national government bodies
- Continue work done to implement the Workers Advice Service, working closely with the Young Workers Centre.
- Establish an international student program to foster greater integration of international students with the local environment and population
- Continue work done around introducing a free legal service for students regarding matters such as housing and parking disputes
- Provide an advice program detailing nearby rental properties, tenant and landlord expectations and standards, and bringing together students looking for housing and students with available rooms
- Continue to fight for more 24-hour study spaces at Clayton
- Look into ways to start a Centrelink drop-in service
- Establish a charging station in the new MSA pop up shop

- Organise and run a successful new music festival event in collaboration with the Activities department and the faculty clubs, with the aim of engaging a broad population of students, showcasing both student and widely recognised performers

ATTACHMENT 12 | Environment & Social Justice Yearly Goals

Yearly Goals ESJ 2017

GENERAL AIMS

- To involve a broad layer of Monash students in progressive activism around social justice and environmental related issues
- To train up the next layer of social justice activists and campaign organisers, through the involving them in organising and promoting our key campaigns
- To build organised resistance to the far-right politics of Donald Trump, the expression of far-right politics in Australia, and particularly the expression of far-right politics at Monash University
- To establish and/or build on campaigns that combat oppression and injustice, including human and environmental destruction.
- To provide forums for discussion of progressive campaigns and key political issues for the Left
- Having flexibility in the campaigns that we run, and jumping on new developments in progressive campaigns and issues concerning students and the left, so that we don't miss any major opportunities
- To work with other departments, clubs, collectives, etc. (both on and off campus) in achieving these aims

CAMPAIGN WORK

Campaign work will be the main role of the ESJ department in 2016, and is the main area department resources are allocated to. This will involve:

- Supporting, promoting and taking Monash contingents to progressive campaigns organised off campus, as well as assisting the off campus organisers in planning and promoting these campaigns. These include, but are not limited to,
 - The 'Australia Says No To Trump' campaign against the rise of the far-right
 - The Campaign Against Racism and Fascism

- The campaign for refugee rights, and the removal of detention centres for asylum seekers
- The campaign against attacks on penalty rates
- The Equal Love campaign for marriage equality
- The movement for political and economic action on climate change
- Other actions and campaigns associated with Indigenous Rights, against welfare and health care cuts or other anti-poor governmental measures, the rights of trade unions, workers rights, women's rights, Palestinian rights, anti-Islamophobia actions, and other progressive issues.

• Giving these campaigns an on campus presence. This will include but is not limited to:

- postering
- sticker campaigns
- working bees
- lecture announcements
- stunts and actions on campus
- public forums
- information stalls

DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS

The ESJ department aims to foster debates and discussions around political issues confronting students and the left. This will include forums and discussion of both national and international issues and developments, including but not limited to:

- The rise of the far right in Australia and globally, particularly around the election of Donald Trump
- The orientation of the left in light of the emergence of mass support for anti-establishment politics
- The treatment of refugees in Australia, Europe and globally
- Sexism in the 21st century

- Theoretical and historical questions in light of the ongoing demonstrations of the failures of modern capitalism since the Global Financial Crisis
- Social movements and activism of the past

This aim intends to involve as many students as possible in forming opinions on environmental and social justice issues, including:

- How we can lend solidarity to students, activists and social movements in Australia and overseas
- what kind of change we need and how to achieve it in the long term
- what the next steps are to take movements and campaigns forward.

We aim to do this through:

- Holding public forums on campus
- Holding information stalls to discuss these issues with students
- Supporting, promoting and assisting students attendance to off campus events, forums, seminars and conferences discussing and work shopping progressive activism and political issues concerning students and the left

WORKING WITH OTHERS

The purview of the ESJ department overlaps somewhat with other MSA departments, on and off campus collectives and organisations, and some clubs and societies. We aim to collaborate with them as closely as possible in 2016 to ensure maximum impact, and assist other departments, collectives, clubs and organisations in activism, campaigns and discussions relating to social justice and environmental concerns.

ATTACHMENT 13 | Queer Yearly Goals

Yearly Goals

- Increase revenue sources for department campaigns and events: sponsorship for queer ball, sell t-shirts and badges at Monash shop, budget early and budget well
- Use the department to empower those with marginalised identities, provide information, encourage self-care, prepare for employment and/or activism

- Further develop the autonomous groups: provide resources, encourage members to provide workshops, etc...
- Improve departmental, cross-campus and cross-uni relationships
- Run some kick ass Queers Balls and increase promotion and attendance (we need to market early)
- Organise more guest speakers to attend.
- More events at Sir John's (Karaoke Night) and Wholefoods (trivia, talent show, performance night, etc...)
- Address the clique nature of the lounge: encourage QuAC and QO to introduce themselves to new members, introduction sessions
- Introduce afternoon hangouts (video games, boardgames, films, etc...) as an alternative non-alcoholic events for all the nerds
- Not let the pet fish in the office die.

ATTACHMENT 14 | Women's Yearly Goals

Yearly Goals:

- Redecorate Women's Space
- Run Women's Industry Night
- Hold regular collective meetings/discussion groups
- Revive Q² (queer and questioning women's collective)
- Hold semi-regular events with collaboration with MUISS, Radio Monash, Clubs & Societies, etc.
- Sexual Assault Campaign
 - Research university's sexual assault procedures
 - Gather anecdotal evidence as well as data (from surveys released this year)

- Identify clear, measurable goals to lobby or campaign against the university for
- Raise awareness around consent on campus
- Lobby for better training of staff and student leaders around consent
- Contact other universities and organisations to discuss actions around sexual assault on campus
- Contact creator of sexual assault survivors and support group in University of Wollongong to see if there is merit in establishing similar group here
- Release resource booklet in Week 6
- Establish Women's Department branding with marketing
- Support national campaigns
 - Education campaign: you're worse off as a woman
 - Axe the tampon tax
 - Centrelink campaign
- Update safer spaces policy to make more uniform across departments
- Ensure Q² and WoC hold regular collective meetings and semesterly parties
- Etc.

ATTACHMENT 15 | Education (Academic Affairs) Yearly Goals

	<p>Raphael Tell and Harini Kasthuriarachchi</p> <p>Education (Academic Affairs)</p> <p>2017 Yearly Goals</p>
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Academic Hearings and Progress Committees

- Revising APC training guide.
- Run APC training for all student volunteers.
- Provide student volunteers with a written reference and provide volunteer points for volunteers.
- Thank all volunteers at the conclusion of the APC hearings
- Source students to fill all APC dates.

- Follow up after APC hearings to ensure that procedure was followed and that volunteers did not face any issues

MSA Peer Support Program

- Support the facilitators of the Peer Support Program where necessary.
- Actively and widely promote the Peer Support Program.

Academic Committees

- Organise 8 meetings across 2 semesters
- Seek membership on the Learning & Teaching Committee, Course Admissions and Programs Committee, Academic Standards Committee.
- Chair Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) and run in accordance with regulations; advertise application procedure for AAC in MSA spaces and on MSA notice boards and Facebook page.

ATTACHMENT 16 | Education (Public Affairs) Yearly Goals

Education (Public Affairs) – Yearly Goals

The main issues we aim to focus our campaigning efforts on are as follows

- The Make Education Free Again campaign: working with the National Union of Students to campaign for more accessible education, fighting against deregulation and funding cuts, and working with this new proactive approach
- Tying in the Centrelink debacle/welfare campaigns with education, as a high number of students rely on government assistance and it can have a huge impact on their education
- Issues around women in education

Activate Monash Leadership Program

- Inviting new and old students to participate in a new program that will educate them in activism, campaign skills, give them access to guest speakers, and provide them with a certification from Trades Hall
- Having weekly workshops, some with guest speakers, and some where they will try out some practical activism skills such as poster-making and banner-painting
- In second semester, having the students trained up enough to run their own campaign
- Creating a structure that will be able to carry on to the next year

National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) – Monash branch

- Providing them with information on the NDA, so that their members can be informed appropriately
- Working with them and assisting in any way possible on their campaigns, including the upcoming Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

Student Affairs Committee (SAC)

- Having organised and structured meetings on a regular basis, in collaboration with the Welfare department
- Getting the committee involved in our campaigns and events

Monash Education Action Group (MEAG)

- Holding regular meetings to discuss ideas around the Education campaign and build for the NDA
- Opening up the group to new members as a way of introducing activism to new students and creating a strong, reliable group
- Opening up the discussion to outside of the NDA to come up with other ways of activating/informing students and building the campaign

ATTACHMENT 17 | Indigenous Yearly Goals

Yearly goals

1. Run a successful Indigenous week throughout both semesters.
2. Maintain relationships with the University Indigenous Advisory Council, the Yulendj Indigenous Engagement Unit and other relevant
3. Assist with the preparation and facilitation of the Monash National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games' team.
4. Maintain and further improve relations between Indigenous students and the MSA- further advertise what we do and work with the committee
5. Work more closely with the Panel of Representatives for Indigenous Students at Monash (PRISM, formerly Monash Indigenous Student Committee)
6. Engage with the National Union of Students' ATSI department in running campaigns and other initiatives relevant to Indigenous students in higher education.

ATTACHMENT 18 | Disabilities and Carers Yearly Goals

Disabilities and Carers Department Yearly Goals 2017

Overarching Goals and Ideas for 2017

- Maintain a safe, welcoming and engaging space for all students with a disability and those who are carers
- Work towards raising visibility of department, with events, campaigns, online engagement and student interaction
- Engage with the MSA divisions and relevant organisational units of the university to work towards creating and improving policy regarding the students of our department
- Increase engagement with the running of the department through actively encouraging participation
- Work to set up a formal collective to help guide the department
- Ensure the MSA is free from ableism

Visibility Goals:

Maintaining and improving the visibility of the department is key in making sure that the department can reach and involve as many students as possible. We specifically aim to do this by:

- Maintain a strong and consistent online presence through social media ie. The autonomous Facebook ‘group’ and the public Facebook ‘page’
- More widely publicise the existence of meetings regarding development of ideas/actions as well as MSC, encourage attendance and participation
- Maintain a regular presence in Lot’s Wife with contributions from either officers or the collective

Event Goals:

Events are a key part in reaching the overall goals for this year. They build a sense of community between the collective and ensure the department engages with students in a fun and collaborative way.

- Increase attendance to events through stronger advertising across different
- Take a contingent to the Disability conference
- Fundraise sufficient funds to subsidise the cost of the conference for delegates through fundraising and contributions from the university
- Hold regular events both in and outside the D&C lounge:
 - Discussion groups, creating a space for students to engage, discuss and critique
 - Afternoon teas build a sense of community
- Host a department week
 - Ensure a range of workshops/speakers on offer
 - Have members of the department host events
 - Work with other MSA departments to make sure that their collective is represented
- Increase involvement in activism by encouraging participation in rallies and other events as well as developing ‘parallel campaigns’
- Ensure the safety of participants through prioritising self-care and briefing participants before events

Campaign Goals:

- Make sure campaigns reach across multiple platforms
- Run a visibility and awareness campaign around the importance and role of the department
- Ensure students are aware of the definitions of ‘carer’ and ensure they know they can/how to register with DSS
- Do campaigns fighting stigma attached to disability, mental and chronic illnesses
- Work to ensure campaigns and other events run by the MSA or other departments are as accessible as possible and are free of ableism

Policy Goals:

- Lobby the university for increased lighting on campus and that the campus will be accessible during times of construction
- Push for recording of all lectures

- Push for subtitles of recorded lectures/videos/audio recordings used for teaching
- Demand content warnings for all units

Administrative Goals:

- Work to revamp Safer Spaces Policy and formalise grievance procedures for the department

Ensure all policies are easily accessible, including hard copies in the lounge and soft copies online

ATTACHMENT 19 | Clubs and Societies Yearly Goals

	<p>GLENN DONAHOO C&S PRESIDENT Yearly Goals 27th February, 2017</p>
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1. Orientation Week

Ensure all clubs are encouraged to attend the orientation festival, and are able to sign up as many members as possible.

2. Affiliation of New Clubs

Affiliate up to six new clubs throughout 2017.

3. Ease the audit process for clubs

Investigate and implement the use of online accounting packages that will reduce the paperwork and administrative burden on clubs and our auditors.

4. Hold Clubs Awards Night

Hold the 3rd Annual Clubs Awards Night at a new, larger venue.

5. Club use of EFTPOS

Ensure the necessary changes are made to our finance regulations to allow clubs to receive payments through EFTPOS.

ATTACHMENT 20 | Summary of Executive Financial Motions

M02/17	8-Feb-17	Office Bearer T-Shirts	\$589.88
		Orientation Festival	\$500
		MSA Member's Week	\$5,000
		Make Education Free Again Banner	\$55
M03/17	16-Feb-17	JML Power Point Installation	\$1,314.10
		Honor Board	\$165
		Polymer Clay Workshop	\$100
		Staffing	\$7,227
		MSA Member's Week	\$1,000