

Monash Student Council

**CONFIRMED MINUTES**

Meeting 5/19 of the Monash Student Council is to be held in Room 141 in the Learning and Teaching Building at 1:00PM on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

**1. Attendance**

President	Henry Fox	(Chair)
Treasurer:	Helena Kalfas	
Secretary:	Jett Fogarty	(Minutes)
Education (Public Affairs):	David Power	
Education (Academic Affairs):	Cherie Fung	Proxy to Chloe Yeats
Activities:	Parker Brown	
CLA:	Shannon Brown	
Welfare:	Merjem Colan	Proxy to James McDonald
Indigenous:	Jessica Bennett	
Environment & Social Justice:	Santino Raftellis	Proxy to Harrini Ratnanesan
Women's:	Saskia Day	Proxy to Meg Wright
Queer:	Ellie King-Cain	
Disabilities & Carers:	Magdalena Kozlowski	
People of Colour:	Jenny Tran	Proxy to Priyanka
MUISS:	Ayusha Tarway	
MAPS:	Rebecca Doyle-Walker	Absent
Clubs & Societies:	Joshua Hanegbi	
Radio Monash:	Thomas Lindgerwood	
General Representative:	Hadi Saab	
General Representative:	Sophia Tan	
General Representative:	Ayushi Panjwani	Proxy to Bahe

General Representative:	Louise Blair-West	Proxy to Emily Griffith
General Representative:	Marie Iliadis	Proxy to Yen Zhi

**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.

**2. Confirmation of agenda order**

Confirmed

**3. Confirmation of previous minutes**

**MSC 4/19 Minutes**

**Attached to email**

**Motion #1:**

That this MSC accepts the minutes of MSC 4/19 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**Moved: Parker Brown      Seconded: Hadi Saab**

**For: 22**

**Abstentions: 0**

**Against: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Office Bearer and Divisional Reports**

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| a. Education (Academic Affairs) 5/19   | <b>Attachment 1</b>  |
| b. Education (Public Affairs) 3/19     | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| c. Education (Public Affairs) 5/19     | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| d. Welfare 5/19                        | <b>Attachment 2</b>  |
| e. Environment and Social Justice 3/19 | <b>Attachment 3</b>  |
| f. Environment and Social Justice 5/19 | <b>Attachment 4</b>  |
| g. Queer 5/19                          | <b>Attachment 5</b>  |
| h. Indigenous 5/19                     | <b>Attachment 6</b>  |
| i. Disabilities and Carers 5/19        | <b>Attachment 7</b>  |
| j. People of Colour 1/19               | <b>Attachment 8</b>  |
| k. People of Colour 3/19               | <b>Attachment 9</b>  |
| l. People of Colour 5/19               | <b>Attachment 10</b> |
| m. Lots Wife 4/19                      | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| n. Clubs and Societies 5/19            | <b>Attachment 11</b> |
| o. MAPS 5/19                           | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| p. MUISS 5/19                          | <i>Not submitted</i> |
| q. Radio Monash 5/19                   | <i>Not submitted</i> |

**Motion #2:**

That this MSC accepts the submitted office bearer and divisional reports en bloc.

**Moved:** Hadi Saab

**Seconded:** Josh Hanegbi

**For:** 22

**Abstentions:** 0

**Against:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion #3:**

“That this MSC notes that Education (Public Affairs) and Lots Wife are in breach of the MSA Regulations for Office-Bearers and Members of MSA Bodies, for failing to submit their reports on two consecutive occasions. In accordance with 17.4.3 of the regulations, this MSC directs the above listed persons to submit their reports to the next MSC.”

**Moved:** Helena Kalfas

**Seconded:** David Power

**For:** 21

**Abstentions:** 1

**Against:** 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **5. General Business**

Next meeting at 1pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May in Room 141, Learning and Teaching Building.

Meeting closed 1:23PM

# Attachment 1:

## **EDUCATION (ACADEMIC AFFAIRS) REPORT**

**MSC 5**

**CHERIE FUNG AND JOSEPH FRIEDMAN**

### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

- **Organised two meetings of the AAC**
  - AAC meeting 1/2019 was held on 12 April 2019 and AAC meeting 2/109 was held on 3 May 2019
  - The meetings have been well attended and have raised a range of issues across the university which we have planned out how to address where possible
  - We are currently organising meetings between the AAC representatives, the Associate Deans of Education for each faculty and ourselves
  - We are currently working with the AAC to help implement mid-semester SETUs for Semester 2, distributing our 'Exam Cheat Sheet' pamphlets' and seek nominations for the 2019 Teaching Awards
  - Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday 24 May 2019 and will be our last meeting for the semester
- **We attended the launch of Monash Education Innovation (MEI)**
- **We have assisted MEI with promoting a study they are doing on learning approaches**
- **We have attended the following meetings:**
  - Learning and Teaching Committee
  - Coursework Admissions and Programs Committee
  - Academic Board

### **GOALS**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Progress (Complete/Ongoing/Incomplete)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ensuring that students are well-informed about e-exams	<b>Ongoing.</b>	We have scheduled meetings with stakeholders to discuss how we can assist in ensuring that students are well-informed about any upcoming e-exams they may be sitting and are aware of the available resources to assist them in preparing for them.
Free downloadable PDF Unofficial Transcript	<b>Ongoing.</b>	We raised this at the Learning and Teaching Committee and received much support. The idea has been passed on for implementation.

Creating 'Exam Cheat Sheet' pamphlet	<b>Ongoing.</b>	We have created a small pamphlet to be distributed from Week 10 onwards which contains study tips as well as contact details for a range of relevant support services. The pamphlet is currently in the final stages of proofing to be printed.
Teaching Awards Night	<b>Ongoing.</b>	We have begun initial planning for the Teaching Awards Night to take place at the end of the year. We will be collecting nominations for awards in both semesters.
Mid-Semester SETU pilot for Semester 2, 2019	<b>Ongoing.</b>	We are working with the AAC to identify units in which we can pilot mid-semester SETUs for Semester 2, 2019

## Attachment 2:

### **Welfare report**

The welfare department has been busy every Monday in wholefoods with Free Food Mondays (FFM) with our numbers staying steady at approx. 210-250 plates served each week. We are currently looking into improvements in the service and have been gathering feedback. We will attempt to improve FFM whilst also keeping the cost sustainable and ensuring good quality.

The planning for de-stress fest has kicked into gear and in the coming weeks we will be releasing further details. The aim of this event is to allow students opportunities to relax and de-stress during what is a very stressful time for students. The welfare committee is working hard to organise and plan the running of the events during the fest and we are collaborating with the mental health and resilience committee to help ensure the event meets the aim.

Welfare on wheels is also creeping up and we're sorting through feedback from last semester and planning accordingly. The libraries have expressed how successful the initiative is and are excited for it to start up again in week 12.

The welfare department is excited to finish of the semester with a bang and spend three weeks working hard for the students at Monash Uni Clayton.

## Attachment 3:

### Environment and Social Justice MSC 3/19 Report

ESJ has completed a number of phenomenal events in the last month.

- (1) We hosted a fantastic environmental policy speaker panel which saw a turnout of around 40 students listen to representatives from government, lobbying and non-governmental organisations. The event came in under our rough budget and was a great turnout on last year.
- (2) Monash students attended the Change the Rules rally in the city under the stewardship of the ESJ and EdPub Officers to advocate for changes in Australian industrial relations laws.
- (3) ESJ department ran a movie afternoon in Week 7 which was a great opportunity for students to unwind and relax before mid-semester and exam season. The movie was a documentary called Accelerate which discussed climate change.
- (4) ESJ has begun a weekly newsletter, detailing all the events, news and memes of the week. This gives ESJ a new opportunity to engage with students at Monash who deeply care about ESJ issues.

The department is on track to finish the semester strongly with a handful of events planned for the rest of this semester and semester two.

# Attachment 4:

## Environment and Social Justice Department Report for MSC 5/19

Prepared by Jessica Garcia – caretaker ESJ Officer on 6/05/19

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### **Jessica**

On April 18, I discussed with Jas the possibility of her running a workshop on personal divestment at an upcoming ESJ event and she is accordingly making plans.

On May 2, I discussed with Ali and Admir the possibility of them giving talks or running workshops about empathy / how to engage others with the refugee crisis / how to effectively help and they both seemed interested.

#### **Santino**

No correspondence of note.

### EVENTS

#### **April 18 – Accelerate Documentary Screening and Food**

Following the previous MSC meeting, we hosted a screening of the short documentary “Accelerate”, featuring the founder of the organisation [350.org](http://350.org) Bill McKibben. The event was set to begin at 4:30pm but the Campus Centre cinema had been double-booked: we arrived to set up and the Society for Anime and Manga Appreciation (SAMA) was already in there screening an episode. We consulted the attendees at our event and subsequently decided to wait. People enjoyed refreshments until the club had finished their event, and then Santino started the documentary. It ran for just over 30 minutes and was followed by a brief speech by Jas Walker about [350.org](http://350.org), and discussion about how to reduce our impact on the planet on individual and societal scales.

#### **May 2 – With Refugees: A Panel Discussion**

The Monash People of Colour Department ran an amazing event, with panellists Ali Shirzad (2018 Recipient of the Monash Asylum Seeker Scholarship), Nhu Hoang (Representative of the Vietnamese Community in Australia), and Admir Bajrami (Portfolio Manager of Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs of World Vision Australia) talking about their lives and experiences and engaging with audience questions surrounding the treatment of asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants in Australia. Santino helped Jenny to set-up, and I attended/assisted at the event and helped pack-up.

# Attachment 5:

## **Headings for MSC reports:**

### **Introduction**

We started semester strong with O week. We were extremely popular this year. We've had major events running with our weekly events. We've also increased our visibility dramatically by utilising our social media more this year and have had greater reach by making MQD a closed group instead of secret on Facebook.

### **Key Activities**

#### **Queer Ball**

Queer Ball is our biggest social event of semester one and is held twice a year.

This year saw one of the biggest and most successful Queer Balls that MQD has held to date with the theme of Floral. There were many new faces especially more people of colour attending, probably due to our increased advertising for the event starting during o'week. Over 160 people attended the event at Sir Johns Bar.

#### **Queer Lounge**

General upkeep of the lounge as supplies are being used during the day-to-day activities of the Queer Lounge. With people requesting basics such as sugar, tea, cereal, personal sanitary items, etc.

#### **Queer Week**

Week 6 proved to be very busy for MQD as it was full of student-run workshops all week long ending in MQD's biggest event for semester 1, the Queer Ball. Overall it was very successful as it showed the community's interest in sharing their interests and areas of expertise with other members of the Queer Lounge, thus increasing community involvement. For the future, we should advertise Queer Week a week earlier than we did to provide ample opportunity for workshop-runners to prepare.

#### **Queer Conference**

We have received many applications to attend QC, and will begin vetting delegates and finalising organisation. MQD has taken on the responsibility of also organising QC for MONSU Caulfield and Peninsula. We will be sending around 19 delegates this year to QC held in Deakin Warrnambool.

QC is a national queer conference where students are invited to collaborate and contribute for 3 major areas: queer advocacy and concerns, workshops and autonomous groups (similar to Queer Week), and social events where queers can meet other like-minded people.

**Inclusive Gym & Swim Night**

This event was headlined by Monash Sport, Inclusive communities, Transgender Victoria, and MQD.

An inclusive gym and swim night serves to be a safe and inclusive environment where people of all different body types especially those transitioning can feel comfortable using services which can typically be intimidating or discriminatory.

The event was largely successful and will most likely be a bi-annual event occurring each semester.

**LGB-Morning Tea & Queer Beers**

Weekly events still garner much attention and love and help foster a community for MQD. Many find that weekly and casual events are an easy way to catch up with friends as well as enter the Queer Lounge for the first time and using the weekly events as an opportunity to make friends.

**Actions & Achievements**

- Sell out event (Queer Ball), we smashed forecasted targets as well as had the largest turnout to a Queer Ball ever

**Budget expenditure**

Date	Description	Amount (\$)	Line item	Comments
12/04/19	Queer Ball	\$3500	Social Function	Week 6, very successful

# Attachment 6:

**Stephanie Ward & Jessica Bennett**

## **INDIGENOUS REPORT**

**MSC 5/19**

*Report covering 27 March - 6 May 2019*

### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

Steph and Jess have been busy doing smaller scale events at Yulendj. They have hosted a number of pancake breakfasts and dinners before and after the weekly netball game. They are working mainly now organising the team that will be attending Indigenous Nationals in Perth over the semester break, which has included making hotel and bus bookings and running training sessions.

### **GOALS**

<b>Goal</b>	<b>Progress (Complete/ Ongoing/Incomplete)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Increase Indigenous student engagement at Yulendj.	Ongoing.	This is our main goal for 2019. We hope to achieve this by offering a range of events that appeal to different people that are centred around culture.
Planning and coordination for Indigenous Nationals.	Ongoing.	Steph and Jess will be working with Yulendj to coordinate a team to attend Indigenous Nationals in Perth in June.

## Attachment 7:

The past two months have been mostly taken up with individual student needs in the form of advocacy and supporting emails, advice, and helping students get connected with DSS and health services. We're in contact with the organization 'Wheels in Motion' regarding potential for them to have a presence on campus. We continue to grow the autonomous divisions of the department, and are also ready to start work on a longer project involving exciting and creative film making and student engagement. Email [magdalena.kozlowski@monash.edu](mailto:magdalena.kozlowski@monash.edu) if you're interested in hearing more or getting involved with the videos!

# Attachment 8:

## **People of Colour Report for MSC 01/19**

Thursday 21st of Feb

### **Summary**

Nakiso and Jenny have been discussing about yearly goals and planning events for the year ahead. Jenny represented PoC at Student Leaders Retreat (31/01 – 01/02) and networked with clubs and societies. They hope to have more collaborations with cultural clubs this year and get them more involved in the PoC community. Jenny also met up with Rany on January 23th and discussed PoC plan for this year. Jenny has been in contact with CCD to coordinate SummerFest Cultural Food Night in week 4.

### **General aims**

- To make people of colour feel welcome, included, supported and represented
- To raise awareness about the issues faced by people of colour at university
- To combat prejudice and racism surrounding people of colour and their sub-communities
- To celebrate cultural diversity

### **Key activities**

**Please find the attached “Yearly Goals 2019 - PoC” below for a detailed plan of the year**

1. Trivia Night
2. SummerFest – Cultural Food Night
3. Cultural Food Fair x CLA x Activities
4. MUISS One World Festival x PoC Flag Your Country
5. PoC Discussion Series:
  - a. Refugees Panel Discussion
  - b. Anti-racism Workshop
  - c. Stereotypes and Misrepresentations of PoC
6. Social Media Campaign – Humans of PoC
7. PoC Got Talent
8. International Art Festival x CLA
9. Lot’s Wife – PoC Edition

### **Expenditures**

- Nothing has been spent on yet

# Attachment 9:

## **People of Colour Report for MSC 03/19**

Thursday 4th of April

### **SUMMARY**

PoC have had a few busy weeks getting into the year. We networked with clubs and societies during O-Week and marketed our department by talking to different groups of people at the MSA tent. We had a second collective meeting in week 2 where Nakiso and Jenny discussed with collective members their visions and plans for the year ahead. A Facebook group was created for cultural clubs for more interactions and to keep everyone in the loop with PoC's and other cultural clubs' upcoming events

On 21st of March, SummerFest Street Food Market was held by CCD with the assistance of PoC department and culture clubs. There was a variety of food from different parts of the globe and entertainments provided by culture clubs: Free Bachata Dance Workshop, Tinikling Dance, Live Mariachi Band, and Lion Dance.

PoC hosted a Trivia Night on 27th March with around 10 attendees. The theme was around multiculturalism in Australia, geography, holidays, and entertainment.

PoC kick-started our 'new year' online by regularly posting issues affecting PoC community such as the recent Christchurch shooting. We hope to get on 'Human of PoC' soon and start sharing these stories to the wider public

# Attachment 10:

## **People of Colour Report for MSC 05/19**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of May

### **SUMMARY**

The PoC Department, in collaboration with Creative Live Arts Department ran a Wednesday Session x Cultural Food Fair in week 7. The event was well-received with 9 cultural clubs serving a variety of food and drinks. Learning from last year, we asked clubs to increase their serves and we ran out of food within an hour. The turnout was great, and the lines were good. In terms of finance, some clubs spent more than their allocated budget. In the future, we will try to encourage clubs to keep the cost per serve equal or less than \$1.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the PoC Department, together with ESJ, Vgen and World Vision ran a Refugee Panel Discussion with panellists: Admir Bajrami (Portfolio Manager of Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs of World Vision Australia), Ali Shirzad (Recipient of the 2018 Monash Asylum Seeker Scholarship), Nhu Hoang (Boat person/Representative of Vietnamese Community in Australia) and was moderated by Jenny. The event was designed to educate the wider community about issues pertaining to refugees/asylum Seekers and Australia's aid policies by discussing refugee reality and dispelling general misconceptions. The turnout was not as great as last year's with 25 attendees.

The PoC Department, Women's Department and Indigenous Department have been planning for a Goodies and Talk session on Intersectional Feminism in week 9. The event aims to be a discussion space for students to get a better understanding of different kinds of feminists.

Jenny has been in contact with Whitney of Inclusive Communities for a potential collaboration on Anti-Racism workshop. The workshop is likely to be held during the Diversity and Inclusion Week in Semester 2.

# Attachment 11:

## **CLUBS & SOCIETIES REPORT**

### **REPORT TO MSC 5/19**

**JOSHUA HANEGBI**

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#### **KEY ACTIVITIES**

##### **OB Catch Up at Sir Johns (7 March)**

C&S hosted an OB Catch Up on Thursday 7 March at Sir John's Bar from 4-6pm. Approximately 20 club office bearers attended, ate food and had a great time! We look forward to our next social event.

##### **Sponsorship/Partnership Workshop**

C&S and MSA hosted a Sponsorship/Partnership Workshop facilitated by Josh Farr from Campus Consultancy. The session ran on 4 April from 4:30-7pm. Feedback from this event was exceptionally positive.

##### **Co-option of General Representative**

Following the resignation of James Whitehead, the C&S Executive called for applications for the vacant position of general representative. At C&S Executive meeting 11/19, held on 29 April, the C&S Executive resolved to co-opt Kiri Giannakopoulos as general representative. We are excited to welcome her to the team!

#### **GOALS**

##### **Continued Training of New General Representative**

C&S needs to continue teaching our new general representative about C&S processes.

##### **OGM**

C&S needs to pick a time and run an OGM before the end of semester one. This will include the by-election of a general representative to the C&S Executive.