

# 2022

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# **UMSU INTERNATIONAL**

Care for, Stand for, Act for International Students

# **AGENDA**

**Time:** 17:00

Venue: Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room (Sidney Myer) / Zoom Meeting

- 1. Attendance and Official Welcome of AGM
- 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
  - **2.1.** UMSU International Special General Meeting 2022
- 3. Executive Committee Final Reports
  - **3.1.** President's Annual Report
  - **3.2.** Education and Welfare Vice-President's Annual Report
  - **3.3.** Cultural and Social Vice-President's Annual Report
  - **3.4.** Media and Marketing Vice-President's Annual Report
  - **3.5.** Secretary's Annual Report
  - **3.6.** Treasurer's Annual Report
- **4.** Amendment's to UMSU International Regulation
- **5.** Other Business
- 6. AGM Adjourns

# **Confirmation of Special General Meeting (2022) Minutes**

Special General Meeting 2022 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Time:** 16:30

Venue: Zoom Meeting

#### 1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.2. Official Welcome
- Attendance 76 Attendees (All confirmed to be members of UMSU International)
- Move that Standing Orders be adopted for Special General Meeting #1 2022 at
   4:33pm

Mover : Hans TSAI

Seconder: Teresa Tamika TJAHJADI

3. Move that the Agenda for Special General Meeting #1 2022 at 5:52pm

Mover : Hans TSAI

Seconder: Arshia ARORA

4. Move that all proposed changes to the UMSU International Regulations to be accepted.

Mover : Aaron Herbert JOHANNES

Seconder: Billy KWONG

Now let's move on to other businesses, are there any topics anybody wants to be addressed.

#### 5. Other business

Nil~

# 6. Move that Standing Orders be suspended at 4:44PM.

Mover : Riddhi AGARWAL

Seconder: Anthony NGADIYOTO

# 7. Move that SGM #1 2022 be adjourned at 4:48PM.

Mover : Christopher PRAWIRA

Seconder: Feline FENECIA

Prepared by,

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Secretary 2021/2022

**UMSU International** 

#### **UMSU International President Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2022 – Wednesday 24th August 2022

# 1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 until August 24<sup>th</sup> 2022, outlining the achievements of the President's portfolio in UMSU International, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(a) of the UMSU International Regulations.

Although a report won't be able to completely portray my time as the President of UMSU International, it will outline most of the work carried out during my time. The president's role covers a wide variety of duties and responsibilities, and this report will detail the majority of the work undertaken.

# 2. Key milestones

#### 2.1 Constitutional amendments

There were considerable concerns about the UMSU International constitution which was amended in the Special General Meeting on the 14th of April.

These foregoing sections had a negative impact on UMSU International, and the revised amendments contributed to making the constitution more equivalent for the international community. These modifications include, but are not limited to:

- a) Changes in the terminology defining media and communication to media and marketing to better express the roles and responsibilities of the department.
- b) Changes in the organisational structure to better accommodate the newly constituted UMSU International Graduate Director and Graduate Officer position. This is to ensure that graduate students benefit from increased representation from UMSU international in all our upcoming endeavours.

- c) The amendments also corrected the terminologies in section 8 in regard to the returning officer and makes the overall process more fair and transparent.
- d) The dispute committee also abolished which consisted of the Executive Committee and an electoral tribunal was added to maintain the process's integrity and for it to remain unbiased.
- e) Rectification of the constitution to provide greater opportunities for all international students limiting the PR and Citizens to run for positions giving more opportunities to the international cohort.

These seemingly minor modifications represent a step toward UMSU International establishing itself as a semi-autonomous and self-governing organisation. They help UMSU International be as transparent as possible, especially in the election process.

# 2.2 UMSU International Branding and Website

From the start of the term, a huge emphasis was placed on streamlining UMSU International branding, focusing on using the mascot, and coming up with a branding guide and brand pallet would be used.

With the backbone set by the committee of 2020-2021, an exorbitant amount of process was made in regards to the website. A tender was contracted in the middle of the term and the website development was one of the key responsibilities taken over by the Media and Marketing Department.

The newsletter was also reinstated for a few weeks where every two weeks, event, updates, and general awareness about the news was provided to students. This was also in continuation to increase the social presence of UMSU International and have a long-term database of all international students to better cater to the target audience.

In November of 2021, when there was a lot of confusion around vaccine awareness and return to Australia, we released a set of three update videos with all international students to shed attention to UMSU international fighting for the cause and giving it exposure when required. This also helped us heavily to improve UMSU international's social media marketing and reintroduce our youtube channel.

We are very excited about the launch of the new website and I am excited for it to be the one-stop shop for all international students and also a great advocacy platform to reach all international students.

# 2.3 Honorarium update for UMSU International Committee

Members of UMSU International have yet to see the honoraria programme implemented in any shape or form, despite promises of payment and extensive discussions on the topic, UMSU International's enormous contributions to the community are still to be acknowledged by UMSU.

It is clearly visible that UMSU International committee members contribute significantly to the broad portfolio of activities hosted at the University of Melbourne whether it is in collaboration with the university or UMSU, despite being obliged to take full-time studies as international students and not able to work part-time jobs, there has yet to be a sight acknowledgement on the administration's behalf.

With a base left by the previous exco, I was working extensively on the matter with the previous and the current UMSU's CEO, the UMSU general secretaries and the UMSU International executive team.

There were concerns raised regarding the legality of paying international students due to visa complications and work hour requirements while the international students in the same position at UMSU have been given an Honorarium. Due to us being semi-autonomous and not having the right to hire our own lawyers independently, we were forced to go with the advice given by UMSU's lawyer without doing our due diligence.

A motion was put forward to pass the honorarium in student council on the 26th of May 2022 but there were major setbacks regarding its legality and was pushed to be deferred and consequently withdrawn.

There was a major emphasis on pursuing the issue through the Constitution Regulation and Policy Working Group which has been passed over to the upcoming presidential and he will be attending the working group.

However, it is regrettable to note that the motion passed on 2nd September 2021 in the Students council shed light on the fact at UMSU International moved a motion requesting that the Student Council recognise the right for the UMSU International Central Committee to be re-compensated, to explore all possible avenues to ensure retrospective compensation, the commitment of action to set up relevant regulations, and the apology to UMSU International for the inability to resolve the issue in a timely manner and yet, nearly one year has passed and there is still no resolution or action plan for the same while we have been fighting for the cause for more than 3 years.

# 3. Representation

#### 3.1 Academic Board

The Academic Board is the peak decision-making body for all decisions relating to academic affairs at the University of Melbourne. The board is responsible for quality assurance in academic activities including maintenance of high standards in teaching, learning and research. It also acts as the final appeal board for students for grievances and other matters.

During my term, I served as the nominee for UMSU INTL to attend Academic Board meetings. These bi-monthly meetings have been critical in assuring adequate representation of the international student group. This was the second year UMSU international was given this opportunity and it became a key avenue in ensuring comprehensive representation of the international student population to the larger cohort.

# 3.2 Elected Reps

Meeting between the University and student representatives from UMSU, UMSUI, and GSA to discuss prominent and prevalent issues in the student community. These sessions serve as UMSU INTL's primary point of contact for raising any pressing issues directly with the university.

UMSU INTL has utilised the committee this year to express concerns regarding travel bans, Covid-19 related issues. This meeting also focuses on student welfare including the issues regarding the overload of the student service department and extra tolerance in special consideration due to unprecedented times.

Concerns also included the return of International Students and securing the welcome grant of \$4000 for all students arriving from January 2022. Advocacy regarding the continuation of dual delivery for overseas international students was also reinstated through this channel.

UMSU International was also able to fight for the advocacy of students as there were multiple complaints about wrong academic misconduct charges. We're also pleased to report that the university re-examined its present policy and revised it to reflect a more lenient approval for these examinations.

I just want to reiterate that this is a key channel in which we discuss increased representation for international students directly with the university and special thanks to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Student Life for these regular meeting.

#### 3.3 NSP Committee

The New Student Precinct Steering Committee (NSPSC) is the decision-making body for the Project. It overviews all decisions and reports concerning the construction of the New Student Precinct, its scope and major changes.

This forum was critical for ensuring that the University is constructing the precinct keeping students as the target audience. As UMSU International's nominee, I represented the International Student voice on the form and with a background in architecture and construction, I was able to provide a lot of insights from a perspective of an international student.

During my time, the committee was making its last decisions with the finalisation of retail contractors and food suppliers for the student pavilion and other buildings, the naming scheme of the various building and the overall projects were finalised and the continued approval of various construction contracts and progress reports were presented in the meetings.

# 3.4 Council of International Students Australia (CISA) relationship update

There was a sense of misrepresentation by the CISA executive board which was sensed at the end of last year because despite us not being active members of the Board, our name was still being used by them on their websites and reports.

This became fundamentally clear, closer to their elections when despite us wanting membership and providing with all necessary paperwork, there was a deliberate delay in the provision of the membership.

During their annual general elections, UMSU International was informed that a student was representing as a nominee for the president and was running on behalf of UMSU international. On the contrary, we had no contact with them or the student at that point in time.

After an extensive email thread and the decision by UMSU International's Executive Committee, we are officially no longer affiliated with CISA and I will recommend the upcoming committee contact CISA and make them remove our name from active members of the organisation's webpage.

#### 3.5 International Student Consultation

UMSU International had the opportunity to publicise and be a part of the International Student Consultations with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor International, Michael Wesley, on soliciting student advice on activities that may aid in a gradual return to campus life on the 14th and 16th December 2021. These activities were further used in the last semester's orientation week for all university students.

At this instant, the link between UMSU INTL and the University is stronger than ever. Maintaining this alliance is a wise strategic move for both organisations. It assists us in coordinating our ideas and collaborating on the welfare and opportunities of international students, and important topics to the student community. Many thanks to Sarah Wilson, Micheal Wesley, and Tim Brabazon for always being open to the idea of change for the welfare of the student cohort.

UMSU International also sits on various other committees as student representatives. Several of my committee members have been proposed to sit on various committees including TALQAC (a sub-committee for the academic board), Respect Task Force, FBE & MSD Faculty Committee. These are only some of the committees UMSU International has representing and giving an international student perspective

#### 3.6 COVID-19 Response

When I came into the role as the president of UMSU International, I never expected I would be offshore, and with the pandemic at its peak and lack of support from the government, everyone was confused about the next step.

During this time, the government had a travel ban prohibiting all students from travelling to and from Australia with no dates for confirmation of a return to the country. UMSU international had completely shifted online with the first semester having mostly online events.

Numerous events were organised by the Education and Welfare Department and the Cultural and Social Department, while the Media and Marketing Department led effective efforts to keep students engaged.

But at this stage, the University did not go far enough in its support of this cause. Students were required to handle their own problems, and the university did not take into account any comments from international students. The performance of UMSU was equally appalling, and they did very little to hold the University responsible.

It got a bit better when there were signs of different bubbles opening up for certain countries and study centres opening in others for online learning.

But with extreme pressure from the international community and people stuck overseas, the university promised all international students \$4000 as a welcome grant to pay for flights and isolation when they arrive in Melbourne after the January of 2022. This was a huge win for the student body as it helps all international students to settle back in Melbourne.

When the lift of the travel ban was announced by the government, the university also initiated flights and partnered with a travel agent to bring as many students back on campus. This was a collaborative effort from all the universities in Victoria resulting in us getting a very small cohort of students who were eligible to actually book these. But it was a start and a good initiative by the university as the email to apply to be on the flight gave a lot of hope to the stranded students and started the wave for students to come back to campus.

# 4. Concluding words

During my term as the president of UMSU International, each and every single one of you has sought to work toward the welfare of international students, working towards equal rights and fighting for international students.

Starting our term online and offshore came with a lot of challenges, everyone was divided and isolated but still, as a team, we worked together and continuously worked for the international body. We have had our ups and downs; disagreements and even heated arguments but we have always figured it out, keeping the international body as our number one priority.

Having seen these massive changes, each one of you has stood your ground and sought to create change and inspire others. Your efforts, enthusiasm, and support have encouraged me to continue fighting for international students and the values we hold dear. You all inspire me to do a better job and your support is always there when I need it. I feel incredibly honoured to have had the privilege of working with my team for the last year.

A special thanks to my executive committee, for the time and commitment you put into UMSU International, it's uncanny. I wouldn't have been able to do it without you guys. I know we didn't always see eye to eye on certain topics, but we always came out as one team. You guys have made significant contributions to the vision and mission of UMSU International. Each one of you worked incredibly hard, showed up every time, and gave everything you had. Without you, UMSU International would not have been what it is today.

I'd also like to thank Aviya for always being a strong supporter and mentor to me. I could always trust that UMSU International was in good hands with you. I've learned a lot from you, and I hope you enjoyed your time with our committee.

Above all, I'd also want to thank the international student body for providing me with this chance. I was humbled when I became President, and I leave honoured as my tenure comes to an end. Started with me wanting to become an ISA two years ago, to find lifelong friends in you all. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the international community. It was a pleasure and an honour to be the voice and represent such a vibrant and diverse group.

With a great deal of sadness, this annual report is my final formal submission as the President of UMSU International. I am proud to have served as your President, and I heartily welcome the new UMSU International committee. May you enjoy serving this lovely community and take UMSU International to the next level.

Prepared by,

Mohan Kwatra
President
UMSU International 2021/2022

# UMSU International Education & Welfare Vice-President Annual Report

Annual General Meeting 2022 – Wednesday 24th August 2022

# 1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 until August 24<sup>th</sup> 2022, outlining the achievements of the Education and Welfare portfolio in UMSU International, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(b) of the UMSU International Regulations.

# 2. Internal Projects

The following outlines all the events and projects that were carried out by both Education and Welfare Departments throughout the term of 2021/22.

#### **International Student Survey 2021**

The International Student Survey (ISS) is an annual survey conducted by the Education and Welfare departments to enhance our understanding of the problems and experiences of International Students enrolled in the University of Melbourne in 2021. The survey ran from September 1st until October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, collected 579 valid responses.

The ISS focuses on nine different areas: UMSU International Awareness and Perception, University Experience, Academic Experience, Health, and Safety, Cultural and Climate, Employment, Financial Situation and COVID-19 impacts on International Students. The consent statement at the beginning of the survey as well as at the start of some sensitive sections have been kept in order to continue to assure students of confidentiality. Through this report we were able to build connections with many clubs as we cross promote ISS in their channels. Moreover, we have applied novel marketing strategies to ensure that we capture the views of international students.

The report was completed and published on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. We have used a new concise and clear reporting format this year to ensure that the data we received can be utilized efficiently and effectively. I recommend the ISS 2022 to start as early as possible and be marketed more intensively including in-person channels. Through this, the data received in ISS can be further used for advocacy reasons. Additionally, consider modifying the questions to ensure that it would be relevant to the problems currently faced by international students. (Note that COVID19 impacts might be less now compared to 2021 when students were stuck overseas).

#### **Summerfest (Overseas Returning Students) Giveaway Pack 2022**

Since we have not done any giveaways in the past 2 years, we decided to have a special giveaway event for overseas international students who just returned to Australia. This giveaway was done to also introduce new students to UMSU International and our events. The giveaway successfully reached 846 participants and has significantly increased our social media presence.

The giveaway pack contained our UMSU international merchandise (umbrella, stationeries, water bottles, hand sanitizers, card holders), snacks and vouchers from our sponsors (obtained by the P&S department). This event has taken a total of 6 months of planning and had a very successful outcome. Overall, I believe these types of events should be done annually and utilized further to increase the awareness of UMSU international.

#### **Visibility Campaign**

With overseas students still unable to enter Australia due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the E&W Vice President and the President decided to release short videos to inform International Students on the latest information on academics and news of return to Australia. Moreover, the videos were also produced to increase the awareness and the advocacy activities performed by UMSU International As part of the campaign, the President and the E&W VP attended multiple meetings with University officials to get the most up to date information. To include more information, we have collaborated with the M&M department to include the links and useful information was also accessible in the captions of these short videos.

#### **UMSU International Marquee Acquisition**

Together with the Partnership and Sponsorship department, we have acquired two UMSU International themed marquees which were used on various events such as Mental Health Day, Sustainability Day and Exam Pack Giveaway.

# 2.1 Education Department

#### 2.1.1 Professional Mingle 2022

Professional Mingle is an annual career and networking event that happens in semester two that aims to provide students with insights into relevant industries and the opportunity to improve their networking skills. Invited alumni and professionals expected to share their personal experiences in the Australian Workforce and provide advice to the students.

This year we collaborated with the Design Student Society and had a workshop and networking event accompanied with refreshments. The Keynote speaker delivered their presentation clearly and it informed students about the importance and skills of networking. Moreover, we were able to be in contact with 6 professionals spanning in various industries from Finance, Accounting, Arts, Literature, Computer Science and Biomedicine.

#### 2.1.2 Sustainability Day

Sustainability day is a new initiative started by the 2021/2022 Education Committee to increase the awareness of sustainable products to the wider student community. The event was planned with the concept of a mini bazaar featuring products that will enable students to start a sustainable lifestyle. Beside the bazaar was a BBQ in collaboration with Alternative Protein Club. The event was held in Deakin court, and we set up UMSU International Marquees and Decorations for the venue. The event was successful and attracted around 200 participants. The giveaways and barbeque were both popular and students were satisfied with the event.

#### 2.1.3 Finance Workshop

This new workshop initiated by the 2021/2022 Education committee was started due to the high demand of financial support requested by international students as seen from the ISS and other surveys. The objective of this workshop was to educate and promote financial literacy among international students, inform students on ways of managing funds and the basics of investment accounts and ETFs and Outline the process of paying taxes. The workshop was done in collaboration with Melbourne Business School and The University Network for Investing and Trading (UNIT). The event had high participation rates and ratings from the feedback form.

#### 2.1.4 OSHC Information Workshop

This workshop was an information session intended for international students to learn more about their current health coverage (OSHC). We partnered up with VicWISE who brought an Allianz speaker to the workshop to talk more about the services which students could access with their OSHC plans.

#### 2.1.5 Career Workshop

This new workshop was done together with the Careers and Employability team of Unimelb. It was done to Help students prepare for job searching, introduce the latest techniques and platforms for job hunting and offer interview tips and strategies for online interviews especially for new students who are not familiar to the Australian job market. The event was a success with a high participation rate and high ratings according to the feedback form that was distributed.

#### 2.1.6 PR/VISA Workshops

Multiple online workshops ran to provide international students, particularly graduating students, with insights related to the process and pathways in obtaining a Permanent Residency and other available Visa/ migration options available to them. Thank you to YNJ migration consultants for their time and contribution to accommodate all the workshops throughout the year.

#### 2.1.7 Swot-Snacc 2022

Swot-Snacc is an event which provides space and refreshments for students in SWOTVAC, where libraries and study spaces may be full or crowded. It was held over 2 days with the intention of providing conducive study spaces along with an assortment of healthy snacks and refreshments to relieve international and local students of the pressures of finding a comfortable place to study. Each study session was approximately 9 hours in length and students were free to come and go throughout the session.

We managed to book 2 venues in the Alan Gilbert Building and each day was divided into sessions to reduce the workload done by the committee members. We also applied a novel registration system which divided students into different sections in regard to the University's COVID-19 safety policy. Overall, the event was very successful, reaching more than 100 students per day.

#### 2.2. Welfare Department

#### 2.2.1 Peer Support Network (PSN)

The Peer Support Network was designed as a safe space to help foster peer-to-peer support and community building among international students in Unimelb. This event was held online where peer leaders and participants can come together to share the ups and downs throughout the semester, to bond over common passions and interests, and to tackle any issues the students may encounter during their study. The student leaders were equipped with the Mental First Aid Training before this event series, and they brought different topics for each weekly session.

#### 2.2.2 R U Okay Day and Pick-Me Up Giveaway

This event was done together with the University's R U OK Day. The event was planned to have a Pick Me Up Giveaway of vouchers and a Questionnaire on Mental Health on Students, but we were not able to release the Questionnaire as it did not pass ethics approval. We finally decided to still head on with the Giveaway and further advertise our mental health events such as Mental Health Day and Peer Support Network.

#### 2.2.3 Sexual Health Initiative: Sex Education Videos

We released a series of short, educational, yet entertaining videos on sexual health. These aim to break down the stigma around sexual health among international students.

#### 2.2.4 Mental Health Day 2022

As the University had the Mental Health Day, UMSU International Welfare Department, together with the HR and P&S departments, decided to have a series of events. Mental Health Day aimed to raise awareness and facilitate conversations about our University's Mental Health services among international students. During this event, UMSU International had the Meet & Greet BBQ, Ice Cream Trucks, Wellbeing Board, Safe Space Lounge, and wellbeing dogs. We provided a range of different activities for students to be engaged. Overall, it was a successful event, with an estimated 730 students participating in this Mental Health Day despite the rainy weather and the sudden change of location to North Court (rather than South Lawn).

#### 2.2.5 Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week was a week-long initiative dedicated to promoting positive mental health and wellbeing, as well as debunking mental health-related myths and reducing mental illness stigma. During those times of uncertainty, the Welfare Department recognised the importance of increased awareness of self-care and care for others. To achieve our purpose, we held a self-care challenge and a Quiz regarding mental health. The winners of the self-care challenge and quiz were given rewards. This has been a successful event with positive reviews. However, it is recommended that this event will not be done near the end of the Semester in the future.

#### 2.2.6 Fresh Fruit Fridays

As an initiative to address the importance of a balanced diet, the Welfare Department, with the support of our volunteering ISAs, prepared and packed 50-150 portions of a variety of seasonal fruits each assigned week. This event aims to increase accessibility as well as exist as a debut to the Welfare Department's focus on food-related events. This novel initiative was indeed popular and gained a lot of traction from our student community. It is important to note that despite the simplicity of the event concept, it is technically and logistically very challenging to do. This was further challenging due

to the Food safety and COVID measures that our team has to ensure. Overall, the students were highly satisfied with the event and was keen to see similar types of events. The Fruit Giveaways are always given out fully each assigned week which further shows the success of this event.

#### 2.2.7 Get Certified!

To address employability and financial issues among international students, we decided to run an employability series to prepare international students for the holiday casual/ part time employment season. Throughout our term, we have run 2 Get Certified! Series provided subsidies for these hospitality certifications, such as Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), Responsible Service of Food (RSF), Mental Health First Aid Training, and Physical First Aid. We have received positive feedback from students. We hope for the future committee to maintain this program, since this has been helpful for students, especially for those who are seeking jobs. We would also hope to see a wider reach of students through wider distribution of this program in various marketing channels.

#### 2.2.8 Bollywood Queer Movie Night

This event was aimed to bring a sense of safety, awareness, and inclusivity towards our International Student demographic through the representation of queer people of colour. This event is in collaboration with UMSU's Bollywood Club.

#### 2.2.9 Pen Pals

Pen pals is a social welfare event that aims to assist students in creating new connections through the process of letters and emails exchanges where participants will be randomly paired up with their pen pal. As we had done it online and in lockdown, we gathered a considerable amount of participation, however (with the increasing number of international students returning to Australia), we do not recommend a repeat of this event specifically in this form. If this event was to be continued, modifications must be made to address the current concerns of international student's social welfare.

#### 2.2.10 Christmas Dinner - collaboration with Cultural & Social Department

In creating a supportive community for students, especially for those who used to celebrate Christmas, the Welfare and the Cultural and Social Department held the Christmas Dinner 2022. These celebrational events were also intended to promote cultural diversity and awareness among students. We have also ensured that overseas students were able to participate in these celebrations by starting a new Christmas cookie baking class initiative.

#### 2.2.11 Exam Pack Giveaway

The exam pack giveaway is an event done to ensure that students are receiving the support they need in the stressful exam period. Our giveaway packages include exam related necessities such as snacks, stationeries and UMSU international merchandise. In order to comply with COVID safety regulations, we have made a streamlined layout in which every item was distributed in different stations. Moreover, to further boost our sustainability practices, we decided not to distribute tote bags (as they might become waste). This event was also done with timed registration to prevent congestion of the event space and thus an unsafe space. Additionally, the giveaway was done in conjunction with SWOT SNACC to cross-promote these 2 events and boost each of the events' participation rates simultaneously. The giveaway was done remarkably, and we received numerous positive feedback on the event itself and the items we distributed.

#### 2.3 Cancelled Events

Due to timing, capacity, and budget limitations we were not able to have these events:

- a) The Summit 2021
- b) Driver's License Workshop
- c) Self-Defence Workshop

#### 3. Representation

The E&W VP has represented and advocated for the international students in committees within the University.

#### **Elected Representatives Group**

The E&W VP attended these monthly group meetings alongside the President to discuss the current issues that are happening at the university, and it is our duty to voice out international students' concerns. The monthly meetings are attended by the University Chancellery, the Academic Registrar and student representatives from UMSUI, UMSU & GSA.

These meetings enable student representatives to voice any concerns related to students' education, welfare & wellbeing to senior university officials, and advocate for services that benefit students. As the representative of UMSUI, some of the points we have successfully advocated for are:

- Advocated and organized the Return of International Students into Australia.
- Increasing leniency for international students applying for special consideration of assessments.
- Increasing CAPS and STOP1 range of services and capacity.
- Problems and challenges outlined in the International Student Survey.
- Availability of Women Hygiene Products on Campus.

These monthly meetings are ongoing and will be attended by the incoming appointed Executive Committee members.

#### **Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee (TALQAC)**

The 2021/22 E&W VP was nominated by the President to attend TALQAC Meetings on his behalf. This committee meeting is attended by teaching staff and student representatives to discuss any strategies, progress, or issues related to teaching and learning qualities at the university. This year some of the matters raised by the E&W VP were wrongful allegations of academic misconduct (especially on International Students) and review on the utility and participation of the End of Semester Subject Survey. Student Meetings occur monthly and are ongoing, which will be attended by the incoming E&W VP 2022/23.

#### **Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Governance Group**

The 2021/22 E&W VP was invited to the ESOS Governance Group as one of the Student representatives, alongside the other student representatives from UMSU and GSA. In this group, members were discussing the improvements and changes made in the

University to enhance overseas student experience in the University. This includes staff training to increase ESOS compliance, provide advice on the group around current international student challenges and University regulation changes.

# 4. Concluding words

To my E&W Team, my officers, and my directors, thank you so much for upholding your work and positions with perseverance and dedication. I am very grateful and proud of all the work we have done together this year. I am glad that we could navigate through all the ups and downs of everything that we've been through. I hope that each of you have grown together and take something from this to continue on achieving success in the future. We might have been drowned with tons of work but at the end of the day this experience is what matters, and it is something that we cannot take back and definitely something we should not take for granted.

To the Excos, thank you for your work in keeping international students' voices heard. I am glad that each of us could express ourselves and remain persistent throughout this term. It has been a pleasure working with you all and you have given me so many valuable experiences this year.

To Aviya, thank you so much for your guidance and help especially when situations get tough, and solutions seem to be out of reach. Also, a huge thank you to all the ISAs who have volunteered to be a part of UMSU International and continually pour out their dedication and energy in improving the lives of international students.

Lastly, to the incoming E&W VP, the education department, and the welfare department, Here I am passing a baton to you. You will go through so much throughout this time, it will be fun and tiring, but I know you all are capable of resolving anything that comes to you. Enjoy your experience, relationships, and work that you will have here but do not take this position lightly. From this moment forward, we, the international students, are in your care.

#### Prepared by,

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Education and Welfare Vice President 2021/2022
UMSU International

# UMSU International Cultural & Social Vice-President Annual Report Annual General Meeting 2022 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022

#### 1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 until August 24<sup>th</sup> 2022, outlining the achievements of the Cultural and Social portfolio in UMSU International, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(c) of the UMSU International Regulations.

# 2. Online Projects

The following outlines all the events and projects that were carried out online by the Cultural and Social Department throughout the term of 2021/2022.

#### 2.1 Home Connected Series

After a few years of lockdown, we wanted to help students reconnect with the community, as well as have a break from studies, so we decided to create a series of events called Home Connected centred around providing students the opportunity to socialize, have fun and get a taste of Melbourne. We found this series to be quite successful overall, as it attracted many participants and had a great response in terms of satisfaction and achieving its goal.

#### 2.1.1 Mini Carnival

The first part of the series was a carnival style game and socialising session, providing an opportunity for the students to have fun, relax & also meet others. Students were able to play different games and to compete with each other, to earn tokens for a chance to be able to win prizes. Overall, students really enjoyed it as they were able to get lots of adrenaline from winning prizes and participating in intense competitions.

#### 2.1.2 Escape Room

Not being able to do a physical escape room, this virtual one includes a series of puzzles/challenges to be solved. Groups are competing against each other on their finishing time, and they have a chance to win vouchers if they finish top two. Students really enjoyed it, as they could interact with each other to solve puzzles quickly.

#### 2.1.3 Explore Melbourne

The final event to the end of the series was a virtual tour for students stuck overseas, an opportunity to explore the main attractions around Melbourne CBD and the University of Melbourne campus. This would be guided by a tour leader, trivia as well as games. This is aimed to create a sense of inclusive community for international students. With Melbourne opening up, many students suggested they would love something like this, but physically. This can potentially be a good event for orientation in the future.

#### 2.2 UMSUI's Got Talent

With online learning, it has been difficult for students to find a safe space to express themselves and showcase their talents. There also has not been many opportunities for students to connect with others with similar passion and talents. Furthermore, with the strict government restrictions around the world, many students are stuck at home with minimal interactions with others which has taken a toll on their self-confidence. UMSUI's Got Talent was centred around providing students the opportunity to perform in a safe space, socialize and have fun. Despite some technical difficulties encountered during the session, many participants were impressed with the different talents' students had. I strongly suggest having another talent show, enabling students to showcase their hidden gems.

#### 2.3 Murder Mystery

Following the success of the Escape Room, the department decided to host another game event which involves untangling an unsolved murder mystery, giving them an opportunity to socialize and have fun with other students. The event ended really successful with receiving great feedback, however some improvements can be made

in order to create a better experience if a similar event were to happen in the future (Can be found in the report).

# 2.4 Culturography

With many talented students from our previous event, we decided to allow those with passion for photography to take part in Culturography, a photo competition which aims to allow participants to showcase their creativity and photography skills and win prizes. This event is based around the theme of culture. Overall, we had a number of great submissions, however, we found out that the criteria were too vague, and ended up having trouble selecting winners. This can be further improved for future events.

# 2.5 Yours Truly, Anonymous

Yours Truly, Anonymous is a letter exchange project, where students can send in letters during Week 12 and in turn receive motivational letters during the SWOTVAC week. Students can choose to stay anonymous or give their contact information to the recipient, so they can interact and keep in contact with each other, potentially be study buddies and support each other during the stressful exam period. For the first time having this event, we could see the interest of many students who are willing to participate and could potentially be implemented again. Some suggestions would be recommending a word count so that people do know what to expect, and to be fairer with participants.

# 2.6 Meat and Chill (Summerfest 2022)

Meet & Chill was the online event, part of Summerfest 2022, catering to students who are yet to arrive back in Melbourne. This event was a perfect opportunity for students to make new friends, meet like-minded people, have fun, and relax. The first part of the event was some ice-breaking games for students to get to know each other and create a more comfortable atmosphere for bonding. The second part was speed-friending which allows students to talk to each other one-on-one. More interaction can be done to further improve the experience for students.

#### 2.7 Collaborative Events

#### **2.7.1 Vegan Recipes** – *UMSU Environment x UMSU International*

A collaboration between UMSU Environmental and International was held as a vegan recipe food contest where students would get the opportunity to take a break from exams and de-stress by showcasing their healthy vegan foods whilst maintaining a cultural element to the recipes. Despite being a great potential, it did not result really well. We don't recommend doing an event like this anymore, however, keeping a good relationship with UMSU Environment is recommended.

#### **2.7.2 Diwali Festival** – *Cultural & Social Department x Welfare Department*

Diwali is a celebration of lights that represents the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance. It is one of the most widely observed festivals on the planet. Onshore students have been away from home for two consecutive years and might be going through conflicted emotions. To promote inclusivity and establish the importance of community building, the Indian Graduate Student Society, Bollywood Club, and the Indian Food Society, in collaboration with UMSU International's C&S, and E&W conducted a giveaway to students. The event went really well with a lot of signups, however, events like this require a lot of ethical checks and communication with basecamp, so best to make it clear before any agreement that an early start is required to ensure that we deliver the best we can.

#### **2.7.3 Christmas Dinner** – *Cultural & Social Department x Welfare Department*

Christmas is one of the most festive times of the year. In order to celebrate the festivities, a Christmas dinner was held for students within Melbourne in order to create a sense of community and joy. This is especially important for students who were unable to celebrate with their family who are overseas. The dinner was held with lots of Christmas activities such as Secret Santa so that students can form meaningful bonds with other students and feel welcomed. With event preparations similar to Food Adventure, it was crucial that planning started very early in order to get ethical checks from basecamp, early contact and booking with the restaurants, and invoices. This will put less burden on the Treasurer to process payments, as this might require at least a week of approval from the finance team.

# 3. Offline Projects

The following outlines all the events and projects that were carried out offline by the Cultural and Social Department throughout the term of 2021/2022.

#### **3.1** Carnival Day (Summerfest 2022)

During UMSU's 2 days Carnival Open Day, we, as a student department, were allocated booths which allow students to come to get to know more about what we do and sign up for upcoming events (usually orientation). UMSU International merchandise is also given during this event. Every semester, this has always been a great opportunity to introduce UMSU International. We would recommend continuing this if possible, and always being prepared for the huge and expected turn out rates.

#### **3.2** Food Adventure (Summerfest 2022)

Food Adventure is an iconic UMSU International event, providing opportunities for students to explore Melbourne's culinary scene, while also having the chance to connect with their peers. We took students through 2 different routes: South Yarra and St Kilda and tried different cuisines that showcase Melbourne's diverse food culture. We suggested we start taking deposits for this event due to many last-minute cancellations, which prevented us from having a full attendance. Being a popular event, I recommend always having this as a flagship orientation event, and potentially allowing more registrations and attendance.

#### 3.3 UMSU International Night Market

After almost three years since our last Night Market back in 2019, in alignment with the changes to and easing of the government and university restrictions, we were excited to finally bring back the Night Market. This time around, our event aimed to celebrate the diversity and multiculturalism present in the university community, showcasing culture through performances, food and activities. We acknowledged the presence of many students who had not been able to go back to their hometown as well as many new international students who were adjusting to the Melbourne lifestyle away from their families. Hence, we created an event which enabled students to experience a Night Market that "Feels Like Home". We brought the traditional elements from their hometown into our own market to help students go through this

difficult period and help support and connect university students while creating memories that lasted forever.

Being a really large-scale event, we recommend planning to start months before the event, to ensure that there is enough time for all stakeholders (CME, Student Clubs, AVM and external providers) to complete all required tasks. Even though this event was really time consuming, and tiring, lots of fun memories were made, and most importantly warmed the hearts of a large proportion of the international student body. We really hope that you all will be able to experience a Night Market in 2023!

#### **3.4** Haunted House (Winterfest 2022)

As part of Winterfest 2022, Haunted House allowed students to come in as a group and explore 4 different thrilling-themed rooms and also get the chance to socialize and eat with other students and committee members. This provided an opportunity for them to connect with other students and create a friendly environment to start the university year off well. As we were not allowed to have any other satellite event, the attendance of this event went beyond our expectations which resulted in long lines and food shortage. However, many people still had a lot of fun, and we can potentially increase the duration of the Haunted House if possible.

#### 3.5 Food Adventure

Not being able to do Food Adventure during Winterfest, the upcoming committee took the initiative to host one early on the semester catering to 150 students. There were three routes which allowed students to enjoy a wide variety of Melbourne delicacies. The feedback from this event was really positive.

#### 3.6 Cancelled Events

#### **3.6.1** Amazing Race (Summerfest 2022)

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel the Amazing Race. We initially wanted to postpone it, however, with Night Market shifted earlier, it was not physically possible. Many participants were really interested and looked forward to the event. We suggest having it in the future if time permits.

# 4. Other Projects

#### 4.1 UMSU International YouTube channel

The UMSU International YouTube Channel was revived earlier during the term and had given the opportunity for both committee members to create content. Although, this was not followed up as there was not sufficient manpower to run it during Night Market Preparation. However, this can potentially be up and running again, as it can encourage more creativity within the committee and ISAs.

#### 5. Future Recommendations

#### 5.1 More collaboration with clubs

I have always believed that UMSU International could achieve so much more when collaborating with the UMSU Affiliated Clubs. From the events we have hosted in collaboration with them, I see that there is a lot of potential in creating really innovative and exciting events that will be beneficial to students. Moreover, I personally think that building a good relationship with clubs is also very important and must be maintained. Not only is it beneficial in fostering a good relationship, but it also allows for more exposure to our student union. Therefore, I do feel that it would be great for UMSU International to take part in more events with clubs.

#### 5.2 Social Media Infographics and Potential Cultural Celebrations

Cultural representation in UMSU International is very crucial and I personally feel that it was somewhat lacking. Although a small step, together with the Media & Marketing Department, the Cultural & Social Department has started to create social media infographics for some cultural celebrations. I definitely believe that it should be continued in the following years to come as means of creating awareness and cultural exposure. It would also be great to get the involvement of cultural clubs regarding the social media infographics.

#### 5.3 External Representation

I strongly believe that the representation of UMSU International externally can potentially enable us to communicate well with other International Student Representatives. This enables us to share important information regarding the common cultural issues present among international students, and represents ours in a bigger organization, creating a more significant impact for international students in Melbourne.

# 6. **Concluding words**

Coming to the end of my time in UMSU International, I would like to close by expressing the absolute pleasure I had of being able to be part of what I call family for the past 3 years. Coming in as an ISA during my first semester of University, then becoming part of the Cultural & Social department as an officer the following year, I would say I have been guided by really supportive friends.

I am humbled to be elected to the Cultural & Social Vice President role just over a year ago, and I would say, my whole experience was truly one of a kind. I am really thankful to have Mohan, Anthony, Fel, Hans and Chai as my fellow EXCOs. Really grateful that we are able to get through all the tough times together and for being really supportive friends who would always come up with solutions to make almost anything happen.

And of course, to my C&S Department, I am so grateful for each and every one of you. It was really a great feeling to see all of you grow in your unique ways from the start of the term towards Night Market. Thank you for trusting me as your leader and I apologize if there were ever difficult times where I was unable to help. Even though I don't express myself much, I want you all to know that the effort and sacrifices you all put in really means a lot to me, and I am beyond grateful for that.

Arya, I am really glad that we got to break the ice, even though it took a couple of months, it was all worth the wait. Honestly, I couldn't have done much without your support. You have been my other half throughout this whole term and thanks for always believing in me and giving me the push I need whenever I start getting behind.

Also, the C&S department wouldn't be able to produce any of our events without the help of HR, P&S and M&M. I know that I might have made your days really hard by being really last minute and would like to take this time to apologize and thank you all for keeping up with everything. Special apologies to Hermione, I know how much

pressure and stress I have given you, and from the bottom of my heart, I would like to really thank you for the hard work you have done.

Finally, I would like to take this moment to specially thank Aviya. You have been there ever since my very first day in UMSU International. Even though we did not really communicate much when I was an ISA. But I always knew you were someone who was passionate about helping the International Student Body. I really can't express how much you have done behind-the-scenes, and really hope that people would know that you are our backbone and support system who have always been there to answer any questions we have and always help us in every possible way. I am really grateful that we have gotten the chance to grow closer the past 2 years, and accomplish great things together, and hope that we can always keep in touch!

Thank you to everyone in the committee, it has truly been an honour to serve the student community alongside every one of you. If there was one thing I regretted during our term, it was that I wasn't able get to know you all better. Hopefully we can still do it in the near future!

For the incoming 2022/2023 committee - I would say taking this big step to become part of UMSU International says it all and I strongly believe that you all will make a huge impact towards the International Student Body.

Trinh and Aryan, you guys killed it during Haunted House, I have heard lots of great things about the event. The next few months will be an uphill battle, but I do believe you both are in the game to guide the C&S Department into new highs! Steph and Jodis, from Food Adventure last week, I have seen your true potential and am really proud and I do believe that things will only get better! Aurelia and Ayush, I have heard your awesome ideas and I am sure that your passion will deliver great things!

Thank you very much UMSU International, it has been a great 3 years, singing off right now, peace!

#### Prepared by,

Aaron H. Johannes
Vice President (Cultural & Social) 2021/2022
UMSU International

# UMSU International Media and Marketing Vice-President Annual Report Annual General Meeting 2022 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022

#### 1. Introduction

This report covers the period of 3rd September 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022, summarizing the performance and achievements of the Media and Marketing portfolio of UMSU International, written in accordance with subsection 15(4)(d) of the UMSU International Regulations.

# 2. Media and Marketing Projects

# 2.1 Event Publicity

For every UMSU International event held during the term, the Media and Marketing team liaised with the UMSU design team to produce the media and caption necessary for publicity. The posters will then be publicized on Instagram story and feeds, Facebook story and event along with UMSU's event calendar. For bigger events that require more publicity, Instagram and Facebook advertisements were utilised to boost the posts and reach larger audiences.

To strengthen UMSU International's branding, we used the light blue colour with the hex code 74CCE1 for the base of all our posters for the first half of our term. We then transitioned to different shades of blue and are currently using a pastel colour palette. We also included more Glovey elements in our posters to strengthen awareness of our mascot and reinforce our branding.

# 2.2 Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Bi-weekly newsletters were introduced from 13<sup>th</sup> August to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022. We stopped implementing it as we were not getting the level of reach we were hoping for.

The Meme Yourself project was introduced with the aim of improving engagement. We however were still not seeing improvements in the level of engagement and so we decided to stop it. This decision was also due to the lack of manpower considering the high volume of projects that we were managing around that time.

# 2.3 Monthly YouTube Videos

The Cultural and Social department requested there to be monthly videos be posted on our YouTube channel. Content would be created either by the Central Committee or the ISA content creator team. We produced a total of three videos, namely A Day in the Life of a Committee Member, Recipes Around the World part 1 and part 2. We stopped the implementation of this scheme as it required high levels of labour from all parties involved in the project.

#### 2.4 Cross-cultural promotion guideline

As the volume of cross-club publicity requests increased, we produced a promotional guideline to aid in the acceptance or rejection of the request. It states that we would only promote their project on our story if the promotional material is an event that specifically targets international students and would benefit their welfare, education, social or culture. The event participation cannot be exclusive to certain nationalities and there is a limit of three promotional posts per club each semester.

#### 2.5 Merchandise

During the term, we ordered a total of \$56,000 worth of merchandise for the events Holiday Pack Giveaway, Overseas Pack Giveaway, Summerfest Giveaway and standardised merchandise to be readily available in the lounge. The merchandise items include umbrella, coffee cup, tote bag, face mask, hand sanitiser and many more.

To further strengthen our brand identity, we chose a blue base colour for every item that offers it. We also ensure that every item that enables us to print pictures on them to has at least one Glovey.

#### 2.6 Central Committee Hoodie

We designed and ordered 36 units of hoodies to be distributed among the central committee.

#### 2.7 Marquee and Banner

With the very big help of our treasurer, Hans, we ordered Marquees and Tear Drop Banners to further strengthen UMSU International's branding in offline events.

# 2.8 2021/2022 Committee Photoshoot

We held the committee photoshoot on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 from 12 to 6pm. The theme that we chose was the vintage brown of campus, hence we held it in South Lawn. Both group and individual pictures were taken and committee members were requested to dress in white.

The pictures were then used to build the committee tree for the website. They were also printed to be pasted on the committee board in the UMSU International lounge.

#### 2.9 Autonomous Website

Creating a new, autonomous website was the goal of the previous committee that was unachieved due to time constrain. We were able to outsource our website through a web developer which has previously worked with UMSU called the MSL. With a set-up fee of \$13,000 and an annual maintenance fee of \$2800, they completed developing the website in March. Content population, structure fixes and domain purchase were not complete until the end of July.

Due to time constrain and the unavailable media to publicize the website, we have not announced the launch of the new website. We however have assigned the upcoming committee the task of liaising with basecamp to create the proper media and publicize the launch of the site. This is a good practice and practical introduction to their roles in the department.

#### 2.10 Brochure

To further strengthen our physical brand presence, with the help of UMSU design, we designed and printed 1500 units of three-fold brochures. It outlines who we are, what we do, our recruitment programs and ways to contact us. It is meant to be handed out in events that allow walk-ins to ensure that participants are aware that the event is held by UMSU International, building on our brand awareness. As we did not have any more events after the brochures became ready, it can be used by the upcoming committee in future events such as Summerfest.

# 3. Key Milestones

# 3.1 Strengthen branding

We strengthened UMSU International's brand identity by implementing a strong blue theme, a consistent colour palette and the increased usage of our mascot Glovey.

Early during our term, we decided that UMSU International should have a signature shade of blue and we chose the light blue with the hex code 74cce1. The strong blue theme and Glovey usage is reflected not only on our social media but also on our merchandise choices, marquee, banner and brochure designs.

Although immeasurable, we believe that implementing a strong blue theme and using more Gloveys strengthened our brand identity by connotation of the colours and mascot to UMSU International, which is likely to have greatly increased brand recognition and awareness.

#### 3.2 Website creation

As mentioned before, we were able to develop an autonomous website with the help of MSL. This is a big milestone for M&M as it took the whole term to set up for it to be ready for launch.

# 3.3 Department title change

We changed our department title from Media and Communications to Media and Marketing as we thought the title is better suited to the role and task that we were undertaking.

# 3.4 Increase in social media engagement

We also saw an increase in social media engagement, particularly on Instagram. As of 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2022 from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, we increased our follower count by 140% with a final count of 4,671 followers.

# 4. Recommendations

#### 4.1 Launch the website

We have developed a website that is ready for launch and we recommend the upcoming committee liaise with basecamp to create the proper media and publicize the launch of the site.

#### 4.2 Re-introduce the newsletter

We think that it will be great if the upcoming committee can re-introduce the biweekly newsletter as it is a good means of promotion if it reaches the right target audience. The problem is that our newsletter currently do not reach enough of the target market. We recommend re-implementing the Meme Yourself scheme and publishing this scheme on social media with the readily available poster in the attempt to enhance reach and engagement.

#### 4.3 Continue to strengthen branding

We also recommend continuing the implementation of the strong blue theme along with the increased usage of Glovey. In this way, we hope to strengthen our brand identity, improving brand recognition and awareness.

## 5. Concluding words

As the first Media and Marketing vice president, it is an honour to be able to serve alongside my team that I am utterly grateful for.

I firstly would like to express my gratitude to my director Kimie Megan as without her, M&M would not be half of what it is now, we would not have succeeded in half the things that we did. Her positive, can-do attitude encouraged the team to believe that we can achieve great results. Her active initiative took charge of responsibilities that is beyond her job description. Her kindness and understanding made it enjoyable to work with her and also made conflict within the department as minimal as there is. She went above and beyond for M&M and for that I am very grateful for her. I really could not have asked for a better director.

I would also like to thank Billy, the webmaster as without him, our early ages of inhouse designs would not have been as good and without his knowledge in website development, our website would not have been possible. I would like to thank noa for his can-do attitude who helped us when no other officers were able to. I wish you all the very best in your role as director and I believe you will achieve great results. Janice's designs are ones that are superb, she really has a talent for it.

Mohan and Chaital have dealt with both internal and external issues better than anyone else could have. Anthony has guided me in the early stages of our term, the times when I was lost and confused about the structure and system of UMSU International and for that, I am grateful. I would like to thank Aaron, the person who introduced me to all of this. Without him, I would not have heard about UMSU International, I would not have been the M&M vice president and I would not have met some of my closest friends. Thank you for believing that I am suited for the role. Hans really has the best organising skills among everyone that I know. The fact that he always knows everything and replies to texts almost instantly have helped me in a lot of instances.

Lastly, I would like to thank Chris for not only being an amazing officer, but for continuing as the role of M&M VP. Not only did you make the handover so easy, but there is also not a single person better qualified at the position than you are. Knowing your skillset, your work ethic and your attitude, I know you and Noa are going to push the limits and lead your team to achieve great results.

I am truly honoured to have been able to serve as your Media and Marketing Vice President, and with great faith, I welcome the new Media and Marketing department.

Prepared by,

Feline Fenecia Media and Marketing Vice-President UMSU International 2021 - 2022

## **UMSU International Secretary Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2022 – Wednesday 24th August 2022

## 1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 until August 24<sup>th</sup> 2022, outlining the achievements of the Secretary portfolio in UMSU International, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(e) of the UMSU International Regulations.

## 2. Aims and Objectives of UMSU International

The aims and objectives of UMSU International shall be to:

- Represent all international students in all matters arising in the University and in any matters as deemed necessary or desirable by UMSU International;
- Promote, protect, develop, and assist the interests of International Students with regards to financial, social, educational, professional, cultural and welfare matters and to encourage interest groups and clubs and societies for International Students on campus;
- Foster a common bond amongst all International Students in the University;
- Work towards the goal of fostering goodwill between International Students and Non-International Students;
- Implement all such activities as may deemed conducive to any of the objectives of UMSU International;
- Assume responsibilities to organise and direct activities as may deemed appropriate for furthering the aims and objectives of UMSU International aforementioned;
- Be represented within UMSU, cooperate with Departments of UMSU, contribute to the specified aims and objectives of UMSU; and

• Afford a recognised means of communication between International Students, Non-International Students, and authorities of the campus, the University, the community at large and other organizations of students.

## 3. <u>UMSU International Membership</u>

In accordance with sub-section 6.1 and 6.3 of UMSU International Regulations, the Members of UMSU International shall be:

- a) International students enrolled in a higher education course at the University; and
- b) Any student granted Honorary Life Membership of UMSU International under section 7 of the UMSU International regulations.

## 4. <u>UMSU International Committee 2021/2022</u>

The official date that the UMSU International Central Committee 2021/2022 started their office term was Friday 3rd September 2021.

For the UMSU International Central Committee 2021/2022, there was one recruitment session for selecting co-opted officers. The interviews were conducted by the Executive Committee Members and the director of the respective department. Successful candidates were selected based on the list of criteria and skill sets that were predetermined by the UMSU International Executive committee and Directors and interview performance.

## 4.1 Co-Option timeline – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

- 1) Application Submission duration: 30th August 2021 17th September (including 4 days deadline extension)
- 2) Shortlisting of Candidates: 18th September 2021 19th September 2021
- 3) Interview period: 22nd September 2021 26th September 2021
- 4) Announcement of results: 28th September 2021
- 5) Official commencement date of officers: 1st October 2021

One (1) Education Officer, One (1) Welfare Officer, Two (2) Cultural and Social Officers, Two (2) Media and Marketing Officers, One (1) Human Resources Officer and One (1) Partnership and Sponsorship Officers were recruited.

However, prior to the co-option, we had 2 UMSU International Committee Members that were no longer involved, therefore, we had to co-opt 2 extra members. Below is the final structure and members of the UMSU International 2021/2022 committee per the AGM 2022:

#### **President**

Mohan KWATRA

#### **Education & Welfare Vice-President**

Anthony NGADIYOTO

#### **Cultural & Social Vice-President**

**Aaron Herbert JOHANNES** 

## **Media & Marketing Vice-President**

Feline FENECIA

## Secretary

Chaital VASTA

#### **Treasurer**

Hans TSAI

#### **Education Director**

Sophia Marguerite YAP

#### **Welfare Director**

Sarah Wooi Ern LIM

## **Media & Marketing Director**

Kimie MEGAN

#### **Cultural and Social Director**

## Arya KUSHWAHA

## **Human Resources Director**

Hermione Wing Laam TO

## **Partnership & Sponsorship Director**

Nadine CHANDRA

## **Education Officers**

Jegath KRISHNMURTHY
Liqiong HUANG
Matthew Kuncheria CHEMPUMTHARA
Vijeta BHATIA

#### **Welfare Officers**

Teresa Tamika TJAHJADI Riddhi AGARWAL Zheng (Liz) ZENG Mayvelynn NURIMBA

## **Cultural and Social Officers**

Elsa PUTRI
Yuet Sum (Jocelyn) WONG
Arshia ARORA
HUI Ping (Michelle) CHENG
Zifei MENG
Elsa DAI
Jessica SUHENDRA

## **Media and Marketing Officers**

Billy KWONG

Noa LEE

Janice Emrys INDRADJAJA

Christopher PRAWIRA

## **Human Resources Officers**

Vu Hoang (Spencer) LE

## Hsin-Ting (Ella) LEE

## **Partnership and Sponsorship Officers**

Emma YAN Ngoc Anh DANG

## 5. UMSU International Central Committee Structure

The UMSU International Central Committee consists of 6 Executive Committee members, 6 Directors and 23 Officers. These 35 Central Committee members who are part of UMSU International 2021/2022 - elected through the Annual General Elections 2021 and recruited through Co-Option, are required to attend the Central Committee Meeting held fortnightly, are given voting rights during the meetings and work towards the aims and objectives of UMSU International.

## 6. Administration

#### 6.1 Staff

Mr. Aviya Bavati's role as Project Manager of UMSU International includes administration, giving guidance and assistance to the UMSU International committee with the various projects undertaken. Aviya has been very helpful to not only me, but also to the rest of the committee members. He has assisted us in making UMSU International's events successful, ensuring the welfare of the committee, and giving us guidance and advice when working with technical and bureaucratic conflicts. The UMSU International Committee 2021/2022 would like to express our gratitude for his continuous support and professionalism he has provided.

## **6.2 Executive Committee Meetings**

The UMSU International Executive Committee had weekly meetings to examine and discuss the direction of UMSU International, to ensure that performances and operations of UMSU International across the departments are well aligned to UMSU International's aims and objectives. The Executive Committee also discussed issues concerning the education, welfare, and social matters of international students at the

University, including internal and external matters. Meetings also focused on the wellbeing of the Committee members as a whole, department events and the work ethic of the department. The Executive Committee put emphasis on working with their department team to assist the interests of international students and to foster a positive working relationship within the Central Committee Members.

## 6.3 Central Committee Meetings (CCMs)

Central Committee Meetings (CCMs) are formal meetings that are held every fortnight for all Central Committee Members. Central Committee members are required to submit any proposals of events and budgets to be approved, and reports of undertaken events. During the meeting, discussions are carried out in order to raise concerns or objections, and potential recommendations are carried forward for the event to be more successful the next time. The Central Committee also approves changes in the internal procedures and raises issues concerning international students. Additionally, Grant Applications assessment and the approval of the Grant Applications from clubs and societies is carried out during the CCM.

A total of 16 CCMs (inclusive of Emergency CCMs) were held, all of which met the quorum of at least half the voting Central Committee Members. Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the online and in-person transition period between the incoming committee members of 2022/2023 and outgoing committee members of 2021/2022, an additional two CCMs were conducted with the presence of the newly elected members of the 2022/2023 members as the period of which these CCMs were occurring was prior to the 2022 Annual General Meeting. All motions passed in the CCMs are detailed in the meeting minutes, together with the proposals, reports and other businesses discussed. All proposals, reports, meeting minutes of the CCMs are recorded as electronic copies on the UMSU International electronic database and online on the UMSU website –

https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/communities/international/meetings-reports/.

- The dates for the CCMs conducted with only members of the UMSU International Committee 2021/2022 are as follows:
- 1) CCM#3: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Zoom Meeting
- 2) CCM#4: Friday 1st October 2021 Zoom Meeting
- 3) CCM#5: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Zoom Meeting
- 4) ECCM#1: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 Zoom Meeting

- 5) ECCM #2: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Zoom Meeting
- 6) CCM #6: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 PAR-Union-House-230 (Private Dining Room)
- 7) CCM #7: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 PAR-Union-House-230 (Private Dining Room)
- 8) CCM #8: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 PAR-Glyn Davis (MSD)-B120 (Singapore Theatre) and Zoom Meeting
- 9) CCM #9: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 PAR-Old Arts-129 (Theatre B) and Zoom Meeting
- 10) ECCM #3: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 Zoom Meeting
- 11) CCM #10: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 PAR-Old Arts-129 (Theatre B) and Zoom Meeting
- The dates for the CCMs conducted with members of UMSU International Committee 2021/2022 and the newly elected Committee 2022/2023 are as follows:
- 1) ECCM #4: Friday 8th July 2022 Zoom Meeting
- 2) CCM #11 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 PAR-Old Arts-129 (Theatre B) and Zoom Meeting
- 3) CCM #12: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 PAR-Old Arts-129 (Theatre B) and Zoom Meeting

## 6.4 Special General Meeting (SGM) 2022

The UMSU International Special General Meeting was held on 14th April 2022 via zoom to amend the UMSU International Regulations and policies. A total of 76 attendees were present at the SGM, who were confirmed to be members of UMSU International. A summary of the amendments made is as follows:

- 1) Changing of the name "Media and Communications" to "Media and Marketing";
- 2) Introduction of the Graduate Director position to the UMSU International Committee (including duties, powers and eligibility for the position);
- 3) Introduction of the Graduate Officer position to the UMSU International Committee (including duties, powers and eligibility for the position);
- 4) Under section 8, appointing an external returning officer for the Annual General Elections;

- 5) Under section 10, allowing all international students to be eligible to run for all UMSU International positions, Australian Permanent Residency or New Zealand Citizenship to run for Director and Officer positions only, and Australian citizens to run for Officer positions only.
- 6) Under section 13, disputes related to the Elections will be referred to the Electoral Tribunal
- 7) Under section 15, the Annual General Meeting cannot be held earlier than seven days after its notification to Members.
- 8) The removal of the UMSU International Dispute Committee.

## 6.5 Annual General Election (AGE) 2022

The Annual General Election 2022 was held from 18th April 2022 to 20th May 2022 to elect the 2022/2023 UMSU International Central Committee. The election was conducted online and in-person due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, as well as, campus reopening in 2022 with arrival of international students back to Australia. The election was dual-delivery to ensure continuity that this body remains functional in supporting International Students during this difficult period. For most of the electoral process, the Annual General Election was solely operated by an external returning officer.

# The appointed Returning Officer of UMSU International Annual General Elections 2022:

Gavin RYAN (from OGL Group)

A Candidate Information Session was held on Thursday 21st April via Zoom Meeting to allow candidates who are either overseas or on-shore in Australia to attend and obtain better understanding of the roles and duties of a Central Committee Member, as well as the timeline and regulations of the election. The Executive Committee and Directors of the Committee 2021/2022 were required to give a short presentation of their role and their responsibilities, where candidates were also able to gain more insight and ask questions. Thereafter, candidates submitted their nominations from 18th April to 2nd May 2022.

On 12th May 2022, a Policy Speech session was held from 3:30PM to 7:30PM via zoom meeting to allow the election candidates offshore and onshore Australia to present for the position they were running for. Executive Committee and Director candidates were required to present their policy speeches followed by a short Q&A session, and officers were given a Q&A session. The Policy Speech Session was hosted by the external returning officer and the recording of the session was later made available to all international students online via YouTube.

All candidates were provided with the opportunity to provide their own campaigning material to the Returning Officer to be approved, for it to be uploaded to social media as a publicity and promotion material.

All International students of the University of Melbourne were eligible to vote by presenting their student ID during voting sessions. The student number of each voter was verified with the international student number list retrieved from Student Support Services (SSS). The voting was held online and in-person - Voters could either vote online through a unique voting link via email or at a polling station near the UMSU International Office located on Level 2 at Union House.

The votes were counted using the preferential voting system, and this was monitored by the external returning officer. The results of the UMSU International Annual General Elections 2022 were released at the discretion of the external returning officer.

## 6.6 UMSU International Central Committee 2022/2023

Below are the combined results of the UMSU International Annual General Elections 2022. The Central Committee members will formally take office as the UMSU International Central Committee 2022/2023 on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022:

#### **President**

Sanskar AGARWAL

## **Education & Welfare Vice-President**

Yee Hang Shea LAW

#### **Cultural & Social Vice-President**

Thi Ngoc Trinh NGUYEN

#### Media & Marketing Vice-President

Christopher PRAWIRA

#### Secretary

**Angeline Cassie GANILY** 

#### **Treasurer**

Jacqueline MARSHIELA

#### **Education Director**

Robertus INDRADJAJA

#### **Welfare Director**

Elsa DAI

## **Graduate Director**

Chiawei YU (Andy LAO)

## **Media & Marketing Director**

Noa LEE

## **Cultural & Social Director**

Aryan GOSWAMI

#### **Human Resources Director**

Ella LEE

## **Partnership & Sponsorship Director**

Richard HA

## **Education Officers**

Rio FIERIS Khai Fung LEE Tarish KADAM

## **Welfare Officers**

Pok Wing (Audrey) CHEUNG Felice ALEXANDRA Ojas CHOPRA

## **Cultural & Social Officers**

Aurelia ISKANDAR
Ayush KUMAR YATI
Stephanie Daniella HARTONO
Jodis TJUNTORO

## **Media & Marketing Officers**

Khanh Chi LE Yu Man (Samson) CHEUNG Geraldy CHANDRADINATA

#### **Human Resources Officers**

Jeslyn TANDYAJAYA

## **Partnership and Sponsorship Officers**

Phuong Anh (Alison) TRAN

## 7. Representation

## 7.1 Sexual Misconduct/Harassment Working Group

The Sexual misconduct/harassment working group consists of various departments, internal and external, of UMSU. The purpose of the group is for defining and pushing forward to achieve the objectives of diminishing Sexual assault and sexual harassment in the community of University of Melbourne. The workshops/meetings were attended by me where collectively with the rest of the departments, we reviewed and raised concerns relating to the exposure of international students in relation to sexual misconduct as well.

#### 7.1.1 Zero Tolerance for Zero Action

The Zero Tolerance for Zero Action was a campaign launched in 2021 in regard to getting the university to develop a university-wide action plant that is victim-focused and trauma-informed, where the university only committed to its first release of the Sexual Misconduct Policy. After the release of the National Student's Safety Survey (NSSS), the survey highlighted that there is lack of effective care towards procedures in relation to the Sexual Misconduct Policy and Women's reps emphasized that sexual misconduct occurrences on campus is due to personal space and power dynamics.

We hope to relaunch this campaign in order to review the University's Sexual Misconduct Policy, develop an effective investigative process, appropriately train all staff of the University of Melbourne, and publish clear reporting and administration guidelines in multiple languages.

I hope in the near future, as we continue working hard, UMSU International will work towards ensuring the Safety, wellbeing and representation of International Students at the University of Melbourne.

## 8. <u>Human Resources Department</u>

The following outlines all the events and projects that were carried out by the Human Resources Department throughout the term of 2021/22.

## 8.1 Committee Appreciation and Bonding Trip

The Committee Bonding and Appreciation trip took place on Friday 1st July 2022 to Sunday 3rd July 2022. We were to have our bonding trip in January 2022, however, due to the transition period for the committee from online to in-person, multiple committee members being off-shore due to the closure/reopening of borders and some to arrive mid-semester of Semester 1 2022, we decided to move the trip after the examination period of Semester 1 2022.

We travelled to Mount BawBaw in Victoria, where the committee took part in multiple activities which enabled us to bond, get to know each other and forge a connection with those who were away for the first seven months of our term. Activities included inter-department cooking competition, gift exchange, snow activities and card/board games. Some of the difficulties we came across were high prices due to the trip happening during school holidays period, limited activities as it was winter, and effective cleanliness of the lodge we had booked.

For the next committee appreciation and bonding trip, I would recommend having the trip during the summer as this will give you a more variety of destinations with various bonding activities. Also, make sure you have planned at least 3 months in advance with cooperation from the committee, have strong COVID-19 protocols from your side and the trip destination team, and ensure everyone in the committee is enjoying the trip.

#### 8.2 International Student Ambassador (ISA) Program

The International Student Ambassador (ISA) Program is a volunteer program that serves to provide UMSU International with the required volunteer base to ensure events and activities are successful and effective, where international students at the University of Melbourne are able to gain insight to the organisational practices of UMSU International. Not only do student volunteers contribute towards the welfare and experience of international students, but they are also given opportunities to gain skills, in terms of, networking, leadership and project management, as well as be able to make new friends and be involved in the University experience.

The ISA program runs each semester, where the program is available to all students at the University of Melbourne and applicants are selected based on their response to an initial questionnaire when they first apply, and thereafter, their performance in an informal group interview held afterwards. The interviewers comprise of the Human Resources Department, the Executive Committee and Directors. Volunteers onshore in Melbourne are required to complete 30 hours of volunteer work, and volunteers overseas are required to complete 20 hours of volunteer work in order to complete the ISA program. Typically, approximately a total of 60 to 75 students are accepted for the program per semester:

#### **Semester 1 2022:**

- February 2022 intake → 36 ISAs
- March intake → 37 ISAs

#### Semester 2 2022:

- July intake → 37 ISAs
- August intake → On-going

The International Student Ambassadors form a vital part of the community at UMSU International through their effort, creativity, and diverse personalities. Not only have they contributed their time and wonderful ideas at UMSU International, but they have also helped UMSU International reach where we are today. The UMSU International Committee 2021/2022 would like to say thank you to our ISAs for their contribution, and we hope you had and continue having a wonderful journey together with UMSU International.

### 8.3 Meat and Greet BBQs

The Meat and Greet BBQ, often hosted twice per semester, serves as an opportunity for UMSU International to promote who we are, what we do and how we can help students at the University of Melbourne. Unfortunately, we had planned on having a Meat and Greet BBQ in Semester 2 2021, however, because of COVID-19 and lockdown, we could no longer proceed with the event.

In semester 1 2022, we had two BBQs where registration for both the BBQs was done online due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

#### 1) Meat and Greet BBQ

The Meat and Greet BBQ was considered to be successful, having approximately 400 participants where feedback given by participants, officers and ISAs included that there should be more variety of food and drinks, and that they were overall happy with how the event went.

## 2) Mental Health Day - collaboration with Welfare Department

The Mental Health Day was an event catered for students to come to a safe space to focus on their mental health, socialise and make new friends, and take a break from studying during the heavy period of the semester. In order to create an engaging event, we hired an Ice-Cream truck, interactive well-being boards for students to express encouraging thoughts and feelings, and Wellbeing dogs to have a comfortable and warm space. We had approximately 730 attendees, however, due to the rain we did have difficulties with the Meat and Greet.

## 9. Concluding words

My journey with UMSU International for the past approximately two years has been a learning and delightful experience. I first began as an ISA in the beginning of 2021, where from learning more about UMSU International, experiencing the wonderful events and being able to make new friends, thereafter, I then continued on to become the Secretary. This has not only enabled me to grow as a person, but I also leave with an achievement of contribution of being part of a committee which works towards the wellbeing and benefit of international students.

Through a bumpy ride, I was able to meet hardworking and amazing friends, and learnt wonderful things about different people. I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work and contribution to producing amazing events, whether small or huge, and always pulling through when things got difficult. Your effort and time towards UMSU International have and will always be appreciated. I hope we all gained valuable experiences and good memories through this one year of a rollercoaster, and I wish you all the very best.

I would also like to express my gratitude for my fellow ExCos – Mohan, Anthony, Aaron, Feline and Hans – It has not been easy, but we always did our best, and in the end, we

have managed to get through difficulties with each other's support. To the amazing HR department, it has been wonderful working with you and thank you for the work you have always done. On the behalf of the rest of the committee, I want to say we are thankful for always making our ISAs feel at home with UMSU International. Lastly, thankyou Aviya for always being a supportive pillar of UMSU International. You have always been there to guide me when I was lost, given me advice in difficult situations and it has been delightful getting to know you.

To the incoming Committee 2022/2023, you all have just begun, and I have already seen a team full of aspirations and joy, and I wish you all good luck. You will all do a phenomenal job, and continue taking UMSU International to new heights.

Prepared by,

Chaital Vasta
Secretary 2021/2022
UMSU International

## **UMSU International Treasurer Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2022 – Wednesday 24th August 2022

## 1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022 on the financial performance and expenditure of UMSU International and the achievements of the Partnership and Sponsorship portfolio, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(f) of the UMSU International Regulations. The impact of COVID-19 on financial performance and expenditure of UMSU International would be addressed separately.

## 2. Fund Allocation for 2021 and 2022

UMSU International gains funds as a department of the Student Union, which gains funds from the University of Melbourne. A portion of which is derived from the Student Services & Amenities Fee (SSAF).

UMSU International was budgeted by the Student Council to receive \$281,281.77 and \$290,193.00 in 2021 and 2022 calendar year respectively.

## 3. Partnership and Sponsorship Department

## 3.1 Heads of Clubs (HOC)

The Partnership and Sponsorship Department has successfully hosted the Heads of Clubs event, to which 50 executives from different clubs and societies had attended. Through this, we were able to onboard clubs to partake in the Night Market for our food stalls and performances.

## 3.2 Sponsors

The Partnership and Sponsorship Department was able to acquire new sponsors during our term. The sponsors stated below have engaged with us by providing giveaways and/or vouchers in one or more UMSU International events during the course of the 2021/22 term.

EVENT	ITEMS
World Sexual Health Week Semester 2 2021	Unimelb Health Promotion Program (200 sachets/items each of Condoms, Lubricant, Female Condoms, and Dental Dams from Glyde Health)
SummerFest Giveaway Semester 1 2022	<ul> <li>GLYDE Health (Condom Tins and Sheer Glyde Dams)</li> <li>The Vege Chip Company (140 packets of Vege Chips)</li> <li>Naröcha Premium Tea Room (10% off Discount Vouchers)</li> <li>Hardrock Climbing (20% off Discount Vouchers)</li> <li>National Gallery of Victoria (20% off Discount on NGV 1 Year Concession/Student Memberships)</li> <li>Nene Chicken (Buy 1 Get 1 Free 6pcs Wingettes and Drumettes Promo Vouchers)</li> <li>Fjällräven (20% off Discount Vouchers)</li> <li>Token Toasties (\$20 Toastie Vouchers and 10% Student Discount Vouchers)</li> </ul>
Night Market Semester 1 2022	<ul> <li>JBL (5 x Bluetooth Earbuds)</li> <li>Strike (5 x \$40 Family Deal Game Passes)</li> <li>Cinema Nova (10 x Movie Tickets)</li> <li>Lucky B and Sons (15 x ½ hour Game Passes)</li> </ul>

## 3.3 UMSU International Marquees and Banners

Together with the Education and Welfare Vice President, we have acquired two UMSU International themed marquees which were used on various events such as Sustainability Day and Meat & Greet.

In addition to that, the Media and Marketing Vice President and I have acquired two UMSU International themed pull-up banners and six UMSU International themed teardrop banners which were used on various events such as Professional Mingle, Queer Bollywood Film Night, Night Market, Mental Health Day, SWOT-SNACC, and Exam Pack Giveaway.

#### 3.4 Executive Committee and P&S Department Business Cards

Business cards were also made for the Executive Committee and the Partnership and Sponsorship Department to be given out to potential collaborators, sponsors and partnerships with external organisations.

## 4. Representation

#### 4.1 Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Consultative Committee

The 2021/22 Treasurer was nominated by the President to attend the Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Consultative Committee on behalf of UMSU International. This committee meeting is attended by the academic and professional staff of both the Faculty of Business and Economics and Melbourne Business School, and three students from those faculties. In those meetings, we discuss the faculty's key strategic projects, which tackles the issues within the faculty. Meetings occur biyearly and are ongoing.

#### 5. Grants Received

Over the course of the 2021/22 term, UMSU International has not received any grants for our events. However, grant income is expected for the following initiatives: \$22,000 for Night Market, \$19,000 for Festival of Nations, \$10,000 for Film Festival, \$1,000 for Diwali Festival, and \$2,000 for Summit. The grant income of the Night Market of \$22,000 was not received, but the University was the one who paid for most expenses during our Night Market.

## 6. **Grants Applications**

UMSU International has allocated a fixed budget of \$1,600.00 for the 2021/22 term for grants to be awarded to UMSU affiliated and non-affiliated clubs, societies, and organisations within the University of Melbourne, of which they will be eligible for up to \$400 per application.

The aim of the grant is to benefit organisations within the University of Melbourne and enable them to conduct and carry out events and services which benefit international students on a larger scale.

Approval or rejection of grant applications is carried out by the Executive Committee in a preliminary examination and a final decision would be made during the Central Committee Meeting by all UMSU International Committee Members.

There were no grant applications received for events during 2021 Semester 2 due to the COVID-19 lockdowns in Melbourne, in which most clubs and societies have decreased the number of events hosted and there has been a tendency to shift to online events which are cheaper or free.

During the 2021/22 term, UMSU International has received and approved grants for events in 2022 Semester 1. Below are the approved and processed grants to the following clubs, societies, and organisations:

CLUBS/SOCIETIES	EVENTS	AMOUNT
Melbourne University Indonesian Student Association (MUISA/PPIA)	Tempe Doeloe	\$6,500*
University of Melbourne Myanmar Student Association (UMSA)	Thingyan Fundraiser	\$761.95
TOTAL		\$761.95

<sup>\*</sup> Tempo Doeloe was a cancelled event, which does not contribute to the total amount of grants given.

## 7. <u>Financial Statements</u>

## 7.1 Expenditure in Semester 2 2021

Expenditure	Amount
PERMANENT SALARY/WAGES & ON-COSTS	\$72,668.75
SUPERANNUATION	\$8,254.00
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	\$ -
ORIENTATION EXPENSES	\$ -
GENERAL PUBLICITY	\$69,202.76
INTERNATIONAL WEEK & FESTIVAL OF NATIONS	\$ -
STATIONERY	\$ -
GRANTS & SPONSORSHIP	\$ -
LEASE A/G - FAX/PHOTOCOPIER	\$1,478.00
PHOTOCOPYING/PAPER COSTS	\$200.00
PRINTING	\$100.00
TELEPHONE	\$900.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS & LITERATURE	\$164.99
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ -
EQUIPMENT	\$ -
SUNDRY EXPENSES	\$ -
SPECIAL PROJECTS/EVENTS	\$24,324.72
ELECTION EXPENSES	\$ -
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$ -
EDUCATION & WELFARE EVENTS	\$7,639.74
TOTAL	\$184,932.96

The following is the breakdown of the relevant accounts:

Account Number	Expenditure	Event	Amount
	GENERAL PUBLICITY	WinterFest Merchandise	\$15,193.75
3232		ISA T-Shirts	\$5,043.50
		UMSUi Merchandise	\$48,965.51
		Central Committee Subsidy	\$194.75
		Business Cards	\$154.00
		Co-Option	\$210.01
		Newsletter Meme Yourself	\$30.00
		COVID-19 Executive Update Video	\$87.99
	SPECIAL PROJECTS/EVENTS	Exam Resources Video	\$112.20
		Central Committee Hoodies	\$1,804.00
		UMSUi Website	\$7,455.00
		ISA Application	\$110.17
		ISA Appreciation Night	\$4,538.49
3839		ISA Winning House Dinner	\$419.00
		Universe Beyond Zoom	\$60.00
		Hopin Online Booth	\$164.00
		Amazing Race	\$620.00
		Mini CarniVirtual	\$255.00
		Escape Room (Home, Connected Series)	\$240.00

		Explore Melbourne (Home, Connected Series)	\$60.00
		UMSUi's Got Talent	\$370.00
		Murder Mystery	\$450.00
		Yours Truly, Anonymous	\$90.00
		Diwali Festival	\$4,556.93
		Culturography	\$350.00
		Christmas Dinner	\$1,793.18
		Vegan Recipes Collaboration with UMSU Enviro	\$200.00
		PR/Visa Workshop	\$150.00
3857 EDUCATION & WELFARE EVENTS		World Sexual Health Week	\$189.54
		Overseas Student Survey	\$60.00
		International Student Survey	\$3,208.70
		R U OK? Day	\$1,500.00
	EDUCATION & WELFARE EVENTS	Get Certified!	\$1,501.50
		Peer Support Network	\$375.00
		Finance Workshop	\$100.00
		OSHC Information Session	\$105.00
		Mental Health & Wellbeing Quiz	\$150.00
		Self-Care Challenge	\$240.00
		Pen Pals	\$60.00

## 7.2 Expenditure in Semester 1 2022

Expenditure	Amount
PERMANENT SALARY/WAGES & ON-COSTS	\$75,344.00
SUPERANNUATION	\$8,558.00
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	\$10,884.80
ORIENTATION EXPENSES	\$2,774.53
GENERAL PUBLICITY	\$649.00
INTERNATIONAL WEEK & FESTIVAL OF NATIONS	\$26,777.12
STATIONERY	\$ -
GRANTS & SPONSORSHIP	\$761.95
LEASE A/G - FAX/PHOTOCOPIER	\$1,478.00
PHOTOCOPYING/PAPER COSTS	\$200.00
PRINTING	\$100.00
TELEPHONE	\$900.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS & LITERATURE	\$384.00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$ -
EQUIPMENT	\$ -
SPECIAL PROJECTS/EVENTS	\$27,073.45
ELECTION EXPENSES	\$ -
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EXPENSES	\$ -
EDUCATION & WELFARE EVENTS	\$11,702.62
TOTAL	\$167,587.47

The following is the breakdown of the relevant accounts:

Account Number	Expenditure	Event	Amount
3161	TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	Food Safety Handling Courses	\$1,295.00
		OB Camp	\$9,589.80
3163	ORIENTATION	SummerFest Giveaway	\$621.49
	EXPENSES	Food Adventure	\$2,153.04
		Central Committee Subsidy	\$1,139.71
		UMSUi Marquees	\$4,834.60
		Business Cards	\$77.00
		Committee Bonding Night	\$909.00
		Future Female Conference 2022	\$52.99
		UMSUi Banners	\$2,842.00
		UMSUi Trolleys	\$78.00
		Committee Appreciation Night	\$5,087.50
		OB Camp	\$3,894.49
	SPECIAL PROJECTS/EVENTS	Committee Photoshoot	\$193.32
3839		UMSUi Website	\$106.00
		Heads of Clubs	\$1,165.83
		ISA Recruitment Advertising	\$211.10
		ISA Appreciation Night	\$3,028.57
		Meat and Greet	\$712.26

		Christmas Dinner	\$641.43
		Christmas Baking Class	\$30.00
		Food Adventure	\$1,357.00
		Amazing Race	\$487.65
		Meet and Chill	\$225.00
		Sustainability Day	\$1,889.32
		Fresh Fruit Fridays	\$996.00
		Get Certified!	\$936.72
3857	EDUCATION & WELFARE EVENTS	Professional Mingle	\$1,378.46
		The Safe Space Project	\$306.01
		Mental Health Day	\$2,725.40
		SWOT-SNACC	\$158.10
		Queer Bollywood Film Night	\$279.00
		Exam Pack Giveaway	\$3,033.61

## 7.3 Impacts from COVID-19

During the first half of my term, most events of UMSU International were online due to lockdowns in Melbourne and to boost the participation of students in our online events, we had made use of giving free items such as gift cards to attract our audience in attending them. Comparing 2021 Semester 2 and 2022 Semester 1, our expenditure was greater in the former because we had more events as everything was online, which made planning and execution of events easier for the committee.

## 8. <u>Concluding Words</u>

To summarise my journey here in UMSU International, all I can say is that this was such a roller coaster ride, with all of its ups and downs. I remember like it was just yesterday when I became an ISA and now I am giving my report as the outgoing Treasurer. UMSU International has given me the opportunity to meet friends that I can call family and these people will always be in my heart forever.

I would firstly like to thank my department, the Partnership and Sponsorship, namely Nadine, Emma and Anh. Our department was not able to do a lot compared to other departments, but for me these were great achievements of ours and I am truly grateful for each and every one of you.

I would also like to thank my fellow EXCOs - Anthony, Aaron, Feline, Chaital and Mohan. Without each and everyone's contribution towards the betterment of international students in the university, we wouldn't have made it to where we are right now.

Who would forget about our project coordinator, Aviya. Thank you for trusting me in doing my own things as Treasurer and being there for me whenever I needed help and guidance.

To the new Treasurer, Jaqueline, I wish you all the best and I hope that you do far more greater things than what I have accomplished in my term. The future of UMSU International together with your EXCO are now in your hands.

Thank you very much UMSU International Committee 2021/2022. Signing off with love.

Prepared by,

Hans TSAI
Treasurer 2021/2022
UMSU International



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