

## **Agenda**

Central Committee Meeting #9 – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

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Time : 17:00

Venue : PAR-149-L1-107-William Macmahon Ball Theatre

### **1. Procedural Matters**

- 1.1. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners
- 1.2. Official Welcome
- 1.3. Attendance
- 1.4. Apologies
- 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

- 3.1. CCM #8

### **4. Proposals**

### **5. Reports**

- 5.1. Beyond Borders Sem 1 2025 Report
- 5.2. Food Adventures Sem 1 2025 Report
- 5.3. President's Report #2

### **6. Other Business**

- 6.1. Honoraria Update
- 6.2. Changes to Financial Regulation
- 6.3. OB Jackets

## 7. Next Meeting

### Unconfirmed Minutes

Central Committee Meeting #8 – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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Time : 17:00

Venue : PAR-166-L1-103-Lectorial Learning Space

#### 1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1. **Acknowledgement of Indigenous Owners**
- 1.2. **Official Welcome**
- 1.3. **Attendance and apologies**
  - Attendance – 27 members

#### Absent with Apologies

EXCO: Korakot SAINGAM (Kayden), Qi Evelyn WANG (Evelyn)

Directors: Shruthi Tharmia PRABHUSHANKAR

Officers: Isabelle HII, Kathryn WANG, Alyssa RESWARI, Olivia LIN, Pavitra RAVI, Shreeyukta ADHIKARI, Tiffany AUYEUNG, Shamika SHARMA, Jeasy CHUNN

#### Motion 1

Move that Standing Orders be adopted for CCM #8 at 5:21PM.

Mover : Raunak RAGHAVAN

Seconder : Suhas AGRAWAL

CARRIED without contention.

### **1.5. Adoption of Agenda**

#### Motion 2

Move that the **Agenda for CCM #8** be adopted at 5:22PM

Mover : Vinaya WIHARSA

Secunder : Winnie LAO

CARRIED without contention.

### **2. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

### **3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

#### Motion 3

Move that the minutes of CCM #7 be accepted and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Mover : Laavanya NEGI

Secunder : Kayven SATRIO

**Motion Carried.**

#### Motion 4

Move that the **UMSU International Website Hosting 2025 Proposal** be accepted.

Mover : Minh Daht NGUYEN (Damian)

Secunder : Chloe LIN

**Motion carried.**

#### Motion 5

Move that the **Night Market 2025 Proposal** be accepted.

Mover : Seoyoun KIM

Secunder : Ella LIANG

#### Motion 6

Move that the **ISA Recruitment February 2025 Report** be accepted.

Mover : Kaelyn MIRANDA

Secunder : Jasmine LOW

**Motion carried.**

#### Motion 7

Move that the **Summerfest Giveaway Semester 1 2025 Report** be accepted.

Mover : Aerizqa Rakhmadani

Secunder : Ashley OETOMO

**Motion carried.**

#### 4. Other matters

- Upcoming Elections
- Issues with CME
- Timetabling Delays
- Bonding Activity Ideas
- ISS Briefing

#### Motion 8

Move that **Standing Orders** be suspended at **5:55M**

Mover : Zhao He KOK

Secunder : Isaac HI

**Motion carried.**

#### Motion 9

Move that **CCM #8** be adjourned at **5:56PM**

Mover : Irina ANANDA

Secunder : Smruti MHALGI

**Motion carried.**

**Prepared by,**

**Qi Evelyn WANG (Evelyn)**  
**General Secretary 2024/25**  
**UMSU International**

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## Central Committee Meeting #9 – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

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### 1. Introduction

This report summarizes the Beyond Borders: Navigating Uni Journey 2025 which was held on the 6th of March 2025 and had the following objectives to address common:

#### 1. Finding Accommodation and Understanding Rental Laws

In collaboration with UMSU Legal, we will host an engaging trivia session to provide insights into rental laws and tips for securing accommodation.

#### 2. Essential Student Tips and Resource

Our team will deliver a presentation covering vital information on university services, popular study spots and restaurants, transportation options, as well as opportunities for socializing and networking.

#### 3. Insights from Senior Students

A panel discussion featuring senior students will offer practical academic advice and share their personal experiences to help newcomers navigate their studies successfully.

### 2. Event Details

Date	: Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 14:00-16:00 (Melbourne Time)
Venue	: Market Hall
Number of Attendees	: 44
Coordinators	: Linda LIU, Tiffany AUYEUNG, Momoka HONDA, Chloe LIN
Manpower	: 4 Committee Members & 6 ISAs
Budget	: \$ 1000

### 3. Event Overview

The Orientation Workshop consisted of three parts: the UMSU Legal Trivia, the Melbourne Starter Pack presentation, and finally the Student Speaker Panel. The first half of the event quizzed participants on their knowledge of rental laws and their rights as tenants. The second portion focused on life at the university by giving them tips and guidance. Finally, the senior student speakers provided advice to the participants based on their personal experiences in navigating their university journey thus far.

### 4. Event Timeline

Date	Activity	Descriptions	PIC
December 9, 2024	Open Teamwork	Contact CME	Linda
January 13, 2025	Make Proposal	Drafting the proposal and planning the event flow	Tiffany
January 14-24, 2025	Make a draft of guidebook and/or ppt slides	Prioritize making the slides then if topic needs to be more specified then we can add it in the guidebook	Edu Officers
January , 2025	Present Proposal	Present final proposal at eCCM	
January 20, 2025	Contact Panelists	Contact guests who will be the speakers. (Seniors from different faculties: Commerce, Science, Medicine, Arts, Architecture)	Linda & Tiffany
January 20, 2025	Contact UMSU Legal	Prepare Trivia Questions and Brochure	Momoka
January 27 , 2025	Contact M&M	Contact M&M to help out for publicity	Momoka
January, 27, 2025	Ticket Registration	Organize ticket registration with CME through TeamWork	Tiffany
February 3, 2025	Request ISAs	Requests 6 ISA with HR	Chloe
February, 5 2025	Create Feedback Form	Create feedback form questionnaire, print QR code	Chloe

February, 24 2025	Inform Panelists	Supervise the panelists with the event flow (Online)	Linda & Tiffany
Event Day			Tiffany, Chloe, Momoka
March 6, 2025	Set up the Venue	Bring the catering	
	Pick up Catering	Pick up food and drinks from the restaurants	
	Inform Panelists and ISAs	Briefly supervise the panelists and ISA with the event flow (30 mins before the event)	

### Pre-event

- Sort out the list of the panelists and the topic they will be covering
- Set up tables, chairs and snacks for participants

### Event Flow

Time	Activity	Details	PIC
First session (30 minutes)			
14:00-14:05	Introduction	Acknowledgement of country, introduce the speakers, UMSU International and the event	Tiffany
14.05- 14.35	UMSU Legal – Isabelle	Trivia about accommodation	Momoka
Break (5 minutes)			
Second session (45 mins)			
14:40- 14:50	Student Services Part 1: Stop 1, Academic Skills	Introduce all services from Stop 1  Introduce services from Academic skills such as Writing advice appointments	Tiffany



14:50-15:00	Student Services Part 2: Library, Career services	Introduce how to use library resources such as paid research sites  Introduce how career services extend their support such as resume checking, applying for internships	Chloe
15:00-15:05	Socializing & Networking	Importance of study groups and joining clubs and events  Promote the UMSU website for attendees to browse through all sorts of clubs offered in Uni	Chloe
15:05-15:15	Health Services	Unimelb Clinic, Special Consideration, OSHC  Talk about Special Consideration process	Momoka
15:15-15:25	Restaurants and Study Spots	Recommend restaurants around Unimelb, promote food social media pages  Study spots in University Libraries and outside of Uni	Momoka
Break (10 mins) - Serve snacks			
Panel Discussion w/ Seniors			
15:30-16:00	Panel Discussion	Divide the attendees into groups based on faculties and the Seniors will discuss the questions presented on the projector	Tiffany

**Post Event**

- Record ISA hours
- Packing up tables and chairs
- Send orientation slides to attendees

## 5. Reflections

### Publicity and Registration

- Event link Registration was opened on the 20th of February 2025 (14 days before the workshop) and published on social media on the th of February 2024. 90 people registered for the event, the maximum number of bookings we set was 100. We believe we were able to receive a large number of registrations due to promotions at the Summerfest Booth and posters being pasted around the university.

### Attendance

- A total of 44 participants attended the event on the day, with 22 walk-ins and 22 pre-registered participants. We sent automated reminder emails to the participants the day before the event. Slides were only sent to those who attended and filled out the feedback form.

### Speakers

- We invited 1 speaker representative, a lawyer from UMSU Legal. She was engaging when hosting the accommodation trivia session and the participants learned about different rental laws and rights that they may not have been aware of before. She also provided a list of resources in which we created a linktree to provide participants with easier access to them.

### Trivia

- We used the Quizziz free trial that accomodates up to 100 participants. We picked this over Kahoot due to their participant limit for the basic plan on the account.
- Quizziz gave time for the speaker to explain between questions.
- We handed out prizes for the top 3 scores, with the first prize being a Bluetooth Speaker, followed by a Wireless Power Bank, and lastly, a Bluetooth Mouse.

### Senior Student Panel

- We invited 12 student speakers who were committee members of degree-related clubs from different faculties: BCom, BArts, BMed, BSci, BDes and Master's in Nursing. They provided participants with tips regarding their major, as well as subject selections for both compulsory and breadth subjects, networking advice and socialising tips.

## 6. Feedback

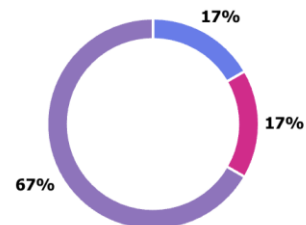
Feedback was collected through a feedback form post-event. In total, we have received 6 responses.

### Event Demographics:

The majority of the attendees were Graduate students (67%), along with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year undergraduate students consisting of 17% each.

1. Which year of study are you in?

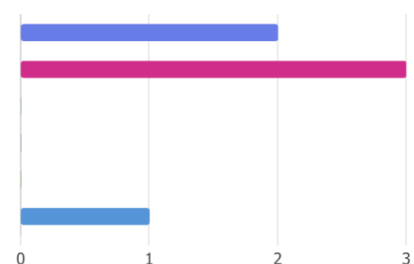
1st Year Undergraduate	1
2nd Year Undergraduate	1
3rd Year Undergraduate	0
Graduate	4



The participants were mainly from the faculty of Science, followed by Arts and Others

2. Which faculty are you in?

Arts	2
Science	3
Design	0
Commerce	0
Biomedicine	0
Other	1



**Event Satisfaction:**

Prior to the event, 50% of the participants were somewhat confident about navigating their University life while the other 50% were neutral.

3. How confident were you about navigating your uni life before the event?

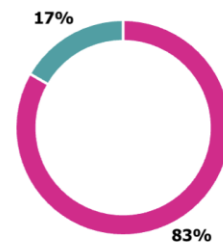
● Extremely confident	0
● Somewhat confident	3
● Neutral	3
● Somewhat not confident	0
● Extremely not confident	0



Upon completion of the event, 83% of the participants felt somewhat confident about navigating their University journey.

12. How confident are you about navigating your uni life after the event?

● Extremely confident	0
● Somewhat confident	5
● Neutral	1
● Somewhat not confident	0
● Extremely not confident	0

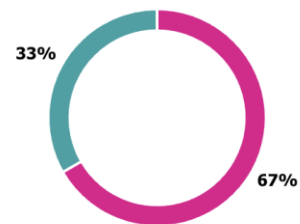
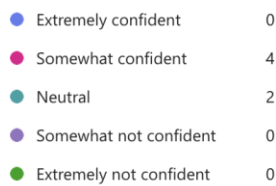


4 participants rated their satisfaction with the event a 5/5, while 2 participants rated the event a 4/5.



After the segment with UMSU Legal, most attendees felt somewhat confident about their knowledge on accommodation/rental laws.

6. How confident are you about your knowledge on Accomodation/Rental Laws after the trivia segment with UMSU Legal?



We received an average rating of 4.33 for how useful attendees found our Starter Pack presentation.

8. How useful was the UniMelb Starter Pack presentation? (1= not useful at all , 5= very useful)



We received an average rating of 4.5 for how informational the attendees found the Senior Student Panel.

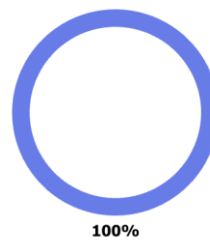
10. How informational was the Senior Student Panel segment in addressing your questions as a new student? (1= not useful at all , 5= very useful)



All respondents expressed that they would recommend this event to others.

13. Would you recommend this event to others?

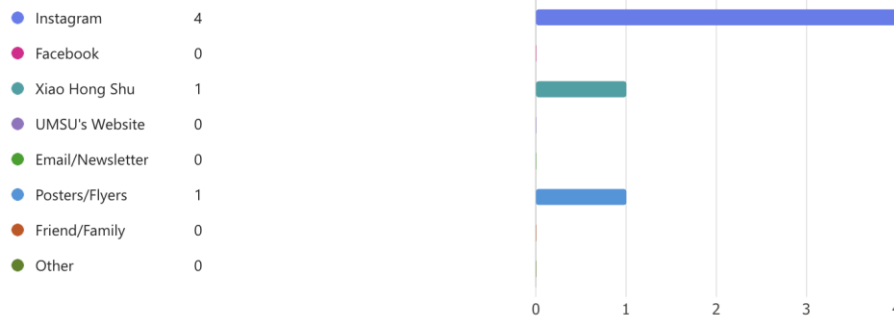
● Yes 6  
● No 0



### Event Promotion and Outreach:

Most students found our event through Instagram

16. How did you hear about this event?



### 7. Suggestions

- Host the event during Orientation Week, when people are actively looking for the information we provided.
- Limit the number of tickets each person can book, as someone booked 15 tickets without attending the event.
- If we intend to distribute prizes, do it towards the end of the event as people started leaving after we had given out the prizes for the trivia segment
- Create a clearer name for the event, as some people were unsure of what “Beyond Borders” entailed.
- Market the event to be inclusive to first and second-year students, instead of just targeting new students.
- Some attendees verbally mentioned that they already knew the information provided in the Melbourne Starter Pack Presentation, so it could be excluded in the future.
- The ratio of senior student speakers to participants in each faculty and major was imbalanced. We can ask for participants’ degrees on the registration form in the future to accommodate the speakers and attendees more accurately.
- The Senior Student Panel was generally well-received but finding participants from every faculty catered was challenging.
- The event could be rebranded into a Senior Student Panel only (excluding the trivia and presentation sections), and we could include each speaker’s specialisations in the post.
- The Partnerships and Sponsorships department could reach out to external clubs instead of the Education Department handling the contacts.
- Ensure that the event is promoted in both the UMSUi and UMSU newsletters.

### 8. Expenditure

A total of **\$1000** have been allocated for this event, and the total actual expenditure for this event is **\$834.95** with the breakdown as listed below:

Items	Quantity	Unit Cost (AUD)	Total Cost (AUD)

Gift Vouchers for Senior speakers	16	25.00	400.00
Snacks and drinks	80		157.00
Flip Essential 2 Portable Bluetooth Speaker	1	99.00	99.00
Cygnett 5k MagSlim Power Bank	1	69.95	69.95
Logitech M240 Silent Bluetooth Mouse	1	24.00	24.00
Event Banner	1	85.00	85.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>834.95</b>

## 9. Conclusion

This concludes our report for Beyond Borders: INTL Orientation Proposal 2024. Please do not hesitate to contact the Education Department should you have any queries.

**Prepared by,**

**Chloe LIN & Momoka HONDA**

**Education Department 2024/25**

**UMSU International**



## **Food Adventure Sem 1 2025 Report**

Central Committee Meeting #9 – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

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### **1. Introduction**

This report provides an overview of the Food Adventure 2025 which was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The event offers students a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in Melbourne's rich food culture while fostering social connections. Participants explore a variety of restaurants featuring diverse cuisines, allowing them to experience the city's culinary diversity and make new friends along the way.

### **2. Event Details**

Date	: Saturday, 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 [(11 am – 4 pm AEST)]
Venue	: Walking tour with 3 routes (Brunswick, South Yarra, Fitzroy)
Number of Attendees	: 135
Coordinators	: Kayden SAINGAM, Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN, Ynez WU, Shamika SHARMA, Xin Huai LEE (Aceline), Shreeyukta ADHIKARI
Manpower	: 12 OBs & 24 ISAs (including coordinators which consists of 3 Committee Members)
Budget	: \$ 5500

### 3. Event Overview

The students will be divided into 12 groups where each group will visit 4 restaurants at either Brunswick, South Yarra and Fitzroy.

### 4. Event Timeline

Wk #	Date	Activity	Descriptions	PIC
<b>Pre-event Preparations</b>				
0	10/10/2024	Initial planning	Initial meeting to assign tasks	Kayden SAINGAM, Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	16/1/2025	Proposal	Begin writing the proposal	Ynez WU
0	25/1/2025	Finalise restaurant list	Identifying a list of possible restaurants along each route.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	8/2/2025	Teamwork Setup	Setting up team project with UMSU staff members	Kayden SAINGAM
0	12/2/2025	Contact MnM for Promotion materials	Coordinating the design of the posts/poster	Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	5/2/2025	Contact restaurants	Reaching out to the restaurants that are included in the finalized list to	Isaac HII, Damian

			collect the required information or documents.	NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	7/2/2025	Pre-order menu	Choosing a menu in advance.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	10/2/2025	Request invoice from restaurants	Requesting invoices from the restaurants well in advance after finalizing the menu for processing.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	14/2/2025	Creating Sign Up Sheets	Creating a signup sheet including attendees' dietary requirements.	Isaac HII
0	14/2/2025	Coordinate with HR for ISA signups	Coordinating with HR department to set up ISA volunteer document	Damian NGUYEN
0	19/2/2025	Marketing + Ticketing	Coordinating with M&C to promote the event on social media and opening registrations through the ticketing system.	Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	22/2/2025	Create travel booklets + briefing documents	Drafting three travel booklets (one for each route) for participants and organizing documents for briefing (converting them to PDF format for group chats for each route). Information will include: contacts for the person in charge.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	24/2/2025	OB + ISA group allocation	Allocating the OB & ISA volunteers to each of the groups	Damian NGUYEN

0	24/2/2025	Buying items for event	Any necessary materials such as wristbands or emergency equipment such as Epipens	Isaac HII
0	24/2/2025	Create feedback form	Setting up the feedback form that will be sent out at the end of the event	Raunak RAGHAVAN
0	28/2/2025	Emailing participants to confirm attendance	Sending out emails to all the people who signed up via the TryBooking and confirming their attendance	Isaac HII
1	3/3/2025	Allocate participants into groups	Allocating the final list of participants into groups	Damian NGUYEN
1	7/3/2025	Brief OBs and ISAs	Provide a briefing for both the ISAs and OBs on the day's event flow, the restaurants they will be visiting, and discuss their respective roles.	Isaac HII
<b>Event Day</b>				
1	8/3/2025	Set up check in table	Setting up at Amphitheatre or south lawn	Kayden SAINGAM, Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
1	8/3/2025	Briefing	Final brief for OBs and ISAs	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
1	8/3/2025	Event	The event will take place from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM	Coordinators, OBs, ISAs

1	8/3/2025	Feedback survey	Travel buddies will instruct their groups to complete a brief feedback survey after the event concludes.	OBs & ISAs
<b>Post Event</b>				
2	15/3/2025	Report	Writing up the report	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN

### Pre-event

- Research and select 4 restaurants per route (Brunswick, South Yarra, Fitzroy)
- Contact each of the restaurants and decide on a menu. Then, retrieve the restaurant's insurance policy.
- Coordinate the design of marketing material with UMSU Design Department and ticketing system with C&E.
- The ticketing system will have each attendee paying \$5 to participate in the event
- Work with the HR department to get 24 ISAs to help guide the groups.
- Before the event day, event coordinators will brief the OBs and ISAs about their duties.

### Event Day

- OBs and ISAs are to meet at the meeting point by 10:30am to undergo the final briefing. OBs should take attendance of the ISAs.
- Participants are to gather at the meeting point starting from 11:00 AM. Event coordinators will brief participants. ISAs are to take attendance of their group members.
- By 11:30 AM, all groups should be on their way to their respective restaurants assigned.

### Event Flow

Time	Activity	Details	PIC
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10:00 am - 10:10 am	Setting up check-in table	Event coordinators will set up the check in table at South Lawn	Kayden SAINGAM, Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
10:10 am - 10:20 am	Briefing OBs and ISAs	A final briefing will be held for OBs and ISAs, reminding them that they can depart once their group is complete.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
10:20 am - 11:00 am	Taking attendance	Attendance will be taken for all participants, and they will be assigned to their respective groups.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN
11:00 am - 11:40 am	Head to Routes	Participants will split into groups of 10 and follow their designated routes. Each coordinator, along with one OB, will proceed to their assigned route for supervision.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN, ISAs and OBs
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	First Restaurant	Groups should arrive at the first restaurant by 11:45 am. Timekeepers should notify all participants 5 minutes before it's time to leave for the second restaurant.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN, ISAs and OBs
12:45 pm - 1:30 pm	Second Restaurant	Groups should arrive at the second restaurant by 12:45pm.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN, ISAs and OBs
1:45 pm - 2:30 pm	Third Restaurant	Groups should arrive at the third restaurant by 1:45 pm.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN, ISAs and OBs
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	Fourth Restaurant	Groups should arrive at the final restaurant by 2:45 pm.	Isaac HII, Damian NGUYEN, Raunak RAGHAVAN, ISAs and OBs

**Post Event:**

After 3:30 PM, each ISA leader should share a link or QR code for the feedback survey with their group members. Leaders must ensure that students complete the survey before they leave, after which they can head back.

**5. Reflections**

**Attendance:**

- Attendance was excellent, with nearly full participation (around 150 tickets sold and approximately 109 feedback responses collected, indicating strong attendance and engagement).
- Group allocation was smooth overall, with effective management of group sizes, though handling specific friend-group requests remains challenging.

### **Restaurant Choices:**

- **Brunswick:** Feedback indicated high satisfaction, with special appreciation for “The Pasta” and “Bagel & Co.”
- **South Yarra:** Generally positive responses were noted, with several mentions of good experiences. No significant concerns raised.
- **Fitzroy (Vegan):** “Veggie Bar” was highlighted frequently as a participant favorite, reflecting strong satisfaction with vegan restaurant choices.

Participants mostly felt food portions were adequate, though about a quarter felt the portions were slightly too much, suggesting a minor adjustment for future events.

### **Feedback**

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A total of **109 feedback responses** were received.

- **98.3%** (average rating: **4.92 out of 5**) participants indicated they would join an event like this again.
- **Overall enjoyment** of the event was very high (average rating: **4.92 out of 5**).
- Favorite restaurants identified included:
- **Vegie Bar**
- **XE OM Viet Street Food (Collingwood)**
- **Gelato**

Participants' comments included:

- "It's a really good event—loved the experience and got to make new friends as well!"
- "A great initiative for students who want to explore new places 😊"
- Requests for similar events to be held more frequently to explore different areas of Melbourne.

## 6. Suggestions

Based on the feedback received and prior event experiences, the following suggestions are recommended:

7. **Regularity:** Increase the frequency of the event to accommodate the high demand and explore additional neighborhoods, particularly areas like South Yarra.
8. **Portion Adjustments:** Slightly reduce portion sizes or allow customizable portion options during registration to reduce waste.
9. **Enhanced Grouping:** Introduce an optional feature for participants to request pairing with a limited number of friends during sign-up, balanced with the event's aim to promote socialization.
10. **Promotional Partnerships:** Strengthen collaboration with student organizations (e.g., Vegan Club) to enhance visibility and targeted participation, particularly for specialized routes like vegan options.
11. **Communication Channels:** Maintain active group chats for each route during the event for efficient communication and management of time-sensitive situations.



## 12. Budget

A total of **\$5500** have been allocated for this event, and the total actual expenditure for this event is **\$4850.66** with the breakdown as listed below:

Items	Total Actual Cost (AUD)	Allocated Budget (AUD)
Brunswick Expenditure	1888.33	1833.33
Fitzroy Expenditure	1888.33	1833.33
South Yarra Expenditure	1824.00	1833.33
Ticket	(750)	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4850.66</b>	<b>5500</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>649.34</b>

## 13. Conclusion

This concludes our report for the Food Adventure 2025. Please do not hesitate to contact the Cultural & Social Department should you have any queries.

**Prepared by,**

**Shamika SHARMA**

**Cultural & Social Department 2024/25**

**UMSU International**

## **President's Report #2**

Central Committee Meeting #9 – Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

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### **1. Introduction**

This report summarizes the work done by the President, which covers the period of March 2025.

### **2. Summary**

During said period, I attended 25 external meetings (excluding internal meetings with departments or exco meetings), accumulating to a total of approximately 22 hours and 45 minutes.

### **3. Notable Updates**

#### International Student Survey

To prepare for the International Student Survey (out now – please tell your friends to fill it and get a \$15 Ida Bar voucher), we aimed to identify points of improvement from the last survey and explore new areas of interest. Among others, the people we (Edu and I) consulted were Prof. Gregor Kennedy (DVC Academic), Prof. Elaine Wong (PVC People and Equity), the University Data Team, and Marnie from the Careers and Employability team.

Overall, a big point of improvement was to standardize the scaling used. This was because in the previous survey, some questioned used a scale of 0-7 and some 0-5. This year, we have decided to use 1-5 across the survey. In addition, we tried to maintain as similar wording and semantics as possible within the questions to ensure the validity of the answers.

In general, we realized that this survey is an important opportunity to gauge the current state of international students, to be able to identify pain points and better advocate to the university to address these issues, with the support of data. This reflection came from one of our meetings, where we were notified of the high proportion of international students facing sexual harassment/abuse.

As such, I really hope everyone can help in promoting the ISS because it's super important and a once-a-year opportunity.

### University Executive Meeting

I gave a presentation titled “Language Barriers: In Context” at the University Executive meeting last Thursday, 9am (27 Mar 2025). Although the issue of language barriers seems like an unavoidable or natural phenomenon for international students, it is important to acknowledge how fast it could branch into other issues. I framed my presentation around 3 personal experiences I’ve had in the last month, from when I was volunteering at orientation, during lecture, and at a workshop for class. This format was quite effective in keeping the execs engaged.

In extension, I highlighted the resources that are already available at the university and how some programs such as the English Language Workshops struggle with engagement in the post-covid era. To ensure that I conveyed accurate information, I conducted research from two fronts. First, I contacted Stop 1 as a student to enquire about what services are available if I am struggling with English. Second, I talked to Jo Ligauris (Executive Director, SASS and Academic Registrar) about my interest in the issue, who connected me to Ariana Henderson (Manager, Academic Skills) who had extensive experience heading the English Language Development program. I also read up on previous reports presented at Academic Board and the Selection Procedures Committee about early intervention, the Diagnostics English Language Assessment (DELA), and the 2021-2023 student appeals report.

Overall, everything was well received. Several people including Prof. Paul Kofman (Dean – FBE), Prof. David Shallcross (Academic Board President), and Prof. Gregor Kennedy expressed interest in the topic and corroborated the issue that I raised.

### Elected Reps

Keeping it short, there was a good discussion that we raised about the different ways through which the university is hoping to increase student engagement in class. They are hoping to do a pilot during semester 2 to see which components—adding/removing attendance hurdles, participation marks, making changes to recordings—will impact engagement.

Bailleu is getting a renovation, to support its Special Collections redevelopment. Pilot spaced will start popping up this semester, if not already.

We are now added to the Special Consideration Reference Group. Special Consideration platforms and processed should be more seamless and standardized following the Student Services Transformation Project.

In the upcoming Elected Reps meeting, I will raise the following agenda items:

- Determining KPIs for the microwave space at Arts and Cultural
- Following up on the previous SPC reports I read for my UE presentation
- Companies changing to AU/NZ citizens only last minute at Uni Grad Fair.

### Farrago

I wrote a little tidbit introducing UMSU INTL and our goals for the year in the OB Reports section for Farrago's 100<sup>th</sup> edition. Feel free to check it out !

### English Language Development

Uni actually has quite a lot of resources to support English Language Development, see [here](#). Notable ones include workshops, popular topics are:

- Speaking Clearly
- Improve your English in 10 minutes a day
- Reading club

Academic English Tutorial (9-week program for grad students, 2000 participants annually).

DELA, assesses where your English skills are at and provides early intervention/suggestions if at a concerning level. Online resources, available any time.

### HDRC Nominee

We now also have a seat in the Higher Degrees By Research Committee, for PhD students. XJ, a PhD international student doing cancer research—also UMSU INTL alum who was previously MnM Director—will be our representative.

### Academic Board

AB is interested in doing a restructure, less members, to hope for more engagement. Also, big discussion topic is potentially shifting WAM weightings, so that first year subjects have lower if not no weighting towards the overall WAM. Let me know thoughts.

## 4. **Conclusion**

This concludes my report for President's Report #2. If interested in other meetings I discussed in Report #1 that I didn't get to talk about this time, feel free to reach out. Please

do not hesitate to contact [president-umsuintl@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:president-umsuintl@union.unimelb.edu.au) should you have any queries.

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## 6. Other Business

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- Honoraria Update
- Explaining financial regulation changes
- OB Jackets

## 7. Next Meeting

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CCM #10

Date : Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (17:00)

Venue : PAR-160-G-G03-Evan Williams Theatrette