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Agenda

Annual General Meeting 2024 – Friday, 9th August 2024

Time : 17:30

Venue : William Macmahon Ball Theatre

- 1. Attendance and Official Welcome of AGM**
- 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
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UMSU International President's Annual Report

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Introduction

This annual report covers the period from August 25th, 2023, to August 9th, 2024, outlining the achievements of UMSU International, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(a) of the UMSU International Regulations.

As my term as President of UMSU International has come to an end, I can say with the greatest confidence that it has been an absolute privilege to serve the international student community at The University of Melbourne. The report won't be exhaustive as there are many things I'm not able to include and the role of President is incredibly varied in its tasks and responsibilities.

To advance and represent international students here at the University, my work comes under the main categories of: Stakeholder Relations, University Representation, and International Student Representation.

Stakeholder Relations:

University of Melbourne Executives

Following from the expansive work done by my predecessors, my aim was to solidify and expand UMSU International's relationships with the University as my knowledge has been that there have been meetings and working groups that did not have international student representation, and in some other cases, no student representation at all.

The key to having the university recognize international student voices and the international perspective was to have a seat on not just a few select tables, but to have as many seats as possible across different ones. As such, I strengthened my relationship with key University staff including the Vice Chancellor, the Provost, Deputy-Vice Chancellor (People and Community), Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic), Pro-Vice Chancellor (People and Equity), and the Director of Student Success among many others. Importantly, I've also started and maintained a really strong relationship with the Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Global, Culture and Engagement) Michael Wesley as I've recognized that he is an important stakeholder given the tumultuous times that

international students are facing across our university and I'm very pleased to have built positive rapport and a favourable relation between him and UMSU International.

These relationships helped UMSU International spearhead its work in many different working groups such as the ESOS Governance Group, University Executive Meetings, Enhancing Student Connections Committee, Student Scam Working Group, Anti-Racism Policy Working Group, Academic Integrity Policy Review Working Group, and the Health Promotion Grants Steering Group.

In my term as the President of UMSU International, this has been the first time that we, or any other student representatives, have been invited to present our work and speak at The University Executive meetings where high-level strategic decision making occurs at the University, and in attendance is Chancellery, including the Vice Chancellor, and Deans of all faculties. An important achievement as now the senior members of university are all acutely aware of the issues that international students face and the work that we do to combat it, which informs their decisions and stances towards issues in the future.

The insights gained by being in attendance and contributing to these groups in a meaningful way was helpful for our UMSU International committee to align our events and initiatives better with the plans set out by the University as well as ensuring that our constituents' concerns are heard by the right people who can make significant changes.

UMSU

Our relationship with UMSU over the past few years has been a culmination of a lot of difficulties, to say the least. In the beginning of my term, I wanted to make it clear that UMSU International is open to working with the rest of UMSU in achieving our collective goals and providing for students in their time of need.

It should be noted that a lot of the strife that comes between UMSU International and UMSU have been a result of past grievances and the fact that UMSU OBs are paid an honorarium to serve the student community, whereas UMSU International OBs are treated as volunteers without remuneration. Of course, with the output that UMSU International has, it is natural to feel some sort of discrepancy in our treatment. Successive UMSU International Presidents have tried time again to ensure UMSU International's ability to serve our constituents without being limited by pointless bureaucracy at times, and to ensure that our OBs are properly recognized, to no avail.

Fortunately, for most of my term as President, our relationship with UMSU has been beneficial for both parties involved, as we have been supported in some of our functions and initiatives by other UMSU OBs, which I am grateful for. With staff, our relationship has also been constructive in looking at what both parties can change for the process of making events happen for our students easier. I think amidst all the workplace politics that occurs, people can lose sight of what the purpose of a student union is, which is to serve the student body. Luckily, we can get past all of that for the betterment of the constituents.

GSA

The Graduate Student Association is an important stakeholder for us because a lot of international students are also graduate students, so it is essential that our interests align on a lot of things. In my term, along with UMSU OBs, the GSA has been collaborative in terms of aligning our initiatives to reach a common consensus, signaling to the university how important certain issues are for the student body. A notable example is our collective front towards holding the university accountable for their progress on making food more affordable for students on campus and the incumbent cost of living crisis.

This is a strategically important relationship to hold because if student associations have a more united front on larger issues across campus, the university is often quick to act, otherwise progress comes extremely slow, which diminishes the amount of benefits our students can obtain.

University Representation:

Elected Representatives Meeting

The highest priority meeting that I attend as the UMSU International President, the Elected Representatives meeting is a monthly meeting that student reps from UMSU International, UMSU and GSA have with university staff including some from Chancellery, Student Services and Academic Board in attendance.

The objective of these meetings is for the university to listen and act on the issues and concerns that are brought up by student members of the group. These meetings are chaired by the Deputy-Vice Chancellor (People and Community) Pip Nicholson and has membership of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Education, President/Vice-President Academic

Board, Director SASS, and members from The Office of the Provost are called in as guests depending on the meeting items.

Most outcomes that we have gotten from the university have been a direct outcome of raising it at Elected Representatives. If it is not directly handled by members in attendance, to which we follow it up in subsequent meetings if it is required, then we are put into contact with senior members of university staff who are the most relevant to achieving said outcomes.

Key outcomes that we have achieved as a direct result of Elected Representatives was improvements to the health appointment system on the student portal, speeding up Letters of Completion for students before the visa change deadlines, creating a new working group aimed at analyzing and preventing student scams from arising on campus and online, and getting the university to commit to more drastic measures in combating the cost-of-living crisis.

Academic Board

The Academic Board is one of the most senior decision-making bodies in the University's Governance Structure and has membership from many academics, including Deans of faculties, as well as senior members of Chancellery, including the Vice Chancellor as well as the Office of the Provost. As of my term, I am the fourth Umsu International President to attend and during my term, we have been given the opportunity at every single Board meeting to present issues that are currently facing international students and our body of work, to which I have used to present our Employability Summit, Night Market and International Students Survey Report.

The Academic Board is a complex meeting and is used historically as a last resort to fight against a change. Fortunately, in my term we have not had to use such measures. However, we have used the Board as an opportunity to hold some initiatives that the University has promised accountable, such as their commitment to combating the Cost-of-Living Crisis and the SEDS Policy Review and some Academic Integrity policy changes.

Throughout my term, I've taken the important work that myself and also my Vice President (Education and Welfare) to present at the Board because an important lesson to be learned is that a lot of academics and staff are too engrossed in their own portfolios and issues that the mire of international students usually go overlooked and underreported in many cases, so it's vital that we use this opportunity to expand awareness of international student issues.

From our presentations at the Academic Board, we have received important follow-ups that act as a catalyst for further events and discussions, such as a follow-up we have had with the Deputy-Vice Chancellor (Global, Culture and Engagement) as well as the Dean (International) of the Faculty of Engineering and IT.

Enhancing Student Connections Steering Committee

The Enhancing Student Connections Steering Committee was primarily used in my term to assess the efficacy of student programs that aim to connect students to university life. The main body of work this was used for was reviewing the Academic Advising and Peer Mentoring Program, of which I was the main student representative that contributed to these programs' reviews. Alongside that, I also worked with the program coordinators on developing the new systems of Academic Advising and Peer Mentoring, making sure that the design and communications are international student friendly. The program ethos was also redesigned to align its purposes along with what international students are facing.

The key idea is that students want long-term and regular connections to university life, but a lot of the current offerings are very ephemeral and don't provide substantial connections for struggling students. My hope is that with the revamped design, especially first year international students, can have a much better university experience than before.

Academic Integrity Policy Working Group

Every year the University does a landscape review of a set of policies regarding a particular topic as deemed by senior staff members. This year I had the privilege of working actively on the Academic Integrity Policy Review Working Group.

The review aims to refresh what I believe are slightly archaic processes in place for student academic integrity matters. It is vital that we do because this issue disproportionately affects international students, as we face many false accusations but also there needs to be transparent and clear communications regarding what is considered academic misconduct so that students are knowledgeable about it beforehand, preventing the likelihood of cases in the future.

My main contribution in this area was to provide a perspective from international students and what sort of norms they operate under, which may be different to that of domestic students. Inputting these perspectives has informed the policies to be fairer to international students but also put in place educative response measures that will inform, rather than admonish, students.

Anti-Racism Working Group

Another facet of major changes, given the context of many sociopolitical issues that we face as a generation, was reviewing the Anti-Racism policies the University has in place to prevent and to adequately respond to the incumbent racism on campus.

There was a lot of dialogue regarding the current issues that our university is facing, and I won't delve into the specific details about them here, but I will mention some important perspectives that I imparted as the President of UMSU International.

At its core, I wanted to ensure that the new Anti-Racism Policy addressed the nuanced forms of discrimination that international students faced, on top of the traditional definitions of racism. Specifically, xenophobia and ingroup discrimination is a subset of issues that the university previously had little knowledge in. I was fortunate enough to work with the Pro-Vice Chancellor (People and Equity) on providing further information on how to curb this issue and promote stronger student connections.

From this line of work, it is really apparent how important international student perspectives are because some issues that we face every single day are not even recognized, simply because a lot of people just do not know that these issues are even a possibility.

Other Notable Work:

UMSU International Strategic Direction

A secondary function that I perform as the President of UMSU International is to set the general strategic direction of UMSU International in my term. This means deciding on the general approach and themes to our events, to have a cohesive identity as an organization.

This is important because we are only able to make an impact in a dimension of student life if we can devote much of our resources to achieving this, spreading ourselves too thin I surmised, gets us nowhere. The work I've done here is minimal as the rest of my Executive team and the rest of the committee contributed most of the hard work and dedication that goes towards seeing this vision through.

International Student Employability

At the start of my term as President, the current framework providing international students with employability, as well as initiatives to get international students employment-ready at the university have been lackluster to say the least.

Previous careers fairs have been with companies and institutions that do not accept international students, which sends a stark message about how welcome we are in the job market in Australia, even though it is important that international students can be employed and stay employed.

With this strategic direction in mind, the Vice President (Education and Welfare) and his team sought out to deploy the International Employability Summit to remarkable success. Following on from that, we presented the work at university governance groups such as Elected Representatives and Academic Board, catching the attention of a lot of faculties. This demonstrates a demand from constituents for the university to improve on their offerings for international students.

Starting in mid-to-late 2024, a lot of the companies attending university careers fairs have been more international student friendly, although there is still work that needs to be done. In addition to that, a lot of club executives and university staff have reached out to me expressing their intention to commit to being more inclusive towards international students in their events.

Food affordability and the Cost-of-Living Crisis

The Cost-of-Living crisis is an ongoing body of work, initiated by my predecessor and the previous Vice President (Education and Welfare) and within my term at Umsu International, the issue has only become more pressing.

Through the work being done at Elected Representatives and other meetings, the University has committed to providing more affordable food options and more frequent food relief programs available to students, however, it is concerning the slowness of the programs' delivery.

Particularly, the university has put their commitment to constructing the Canteen effectively on the backburner, with concrete plans rolling out much later than we would like. In addition to that, we have also noted that the range of programs are not effective at combating this issue at large.

All other student organizations have been on a united front in tackling this issue, and it is a commitment I would strongly recommend future committees of UMSU International continue devoting their time and resources towards.

Government Visa and Policy Changes to International Students

Towards the end of my term as President, a significant shift in how international students are potentially perceived by the federal government have emerged. The reversion of the 485 Temporary Graduate Visa duration, alongside the recently announced International Student Caps introduced, has been concerning.

International students are vital to the cultural experience and the academic enrichment that makes The University of Melbourne such a world-class institution, and undoubtedly the best one in Australia. This kind of rhetoric, on top of the lack of knowledge people have on the complex relationships international students have with Australian tertiary education have been really damaging to the prospects of future students contemplating coming to Australia.

Political demagoguing and populist ideas have caused international students to be made scapegoats of issues that are barely relevant to us at all. The housing market that is inhabited by students are wildly different to the struggles that young families face across Australia, and certainly as I've said before, the job market is already tough as it is for international students, so I don't imagine us contributing any hardships for domestic students at this stage. Furthermore, this also presents malicious parties to use this as an opportunity to spread discrimination against international students given an opportunity to put their behaviour under the guise of 'facts.'

I am grateful and relieved to hear that the entire senior management within The University of Melbourne and the Victorian Government is opposed to these new changes towards international student caps. In my discussions with a lot of senior staff, the University is committed to ensuring that students feel welcomed and ensured of their future here at the institution without it being jeopardized by fickle policies as such. They have committed to intensive lobbying against the government regarding this policy and ensuring that the University of Melbourne will have the best outcome for its international students.

Concluding Words

This report aims to provide a report on the work I do personally, but there has never been a moment where I have neglected the contributions put forward by my committee, especially my fellow Executives. There are no words to describe the gratitude that I feel in my heart, and the immense amount of respect and admiration I have for all of you.

The work that we do affects everybody at the University, and we have always been a group of people just looking to make the campus a better place for people like us. I am happy to report that it looks like we have achieved that purpose, as a committee. Our new events show people that we understand what students want exactly, and that we can put our money where our mouth is. Events that we run every single year have broken record number of attendances and have received accolades and praise from places where we would never have expected it. The reports and the perspectives that we bring to the table to the University are always listened to with respect and are always acted on with consideration. The detractors that we have are unable to make any false claims about our significance to the community, because frankly without us, the university would be a much drabber place to be at.

Everybody joins UMSU International with different purposes and goals in mind, and for a lot of us, that was to create meaningful change for those that we care about the most. Always being self-assured, I thought I had a good grasp on what I wanted to do, and who I wanted to do it for. The people that I have met during my time as President have really shaped me as a person, and I'm immensely grateful for that. Seeing all the blood, sweat, and tears that everyone contributes for the committee renders my heart full. I take it that most people have only ever seen me wear black but believe me when I say that I tend to be a sentimental person. Witnessing your

dedication, your tenacity and your support has made me realize that I only do what I do because of you all. Without your support and your belief in me as Richard Ha the person, I could have never been Richard Ha, the President. I am deeply honored and grateful that you have given me the privilege to be your President, and there is no other committee I could have wished for.

To my executive team, who carried out the vision of UMSU International that we sought to achieve and upheld the principles of what makes us so unique. Rob Indradjaja, the most capable Education and Welfare Vice President I could have ever asked for, the benefits that we provided to international students could have never been achieved without your sense of duty and dedication. To Christian Valerian, the man who has seen me in my lowest, without your bubbly personality and relentless support in holding us together we would have never made it on top of history's most successful Night Market. To Jeslyn Tandyajaya, our reliable treasurer, thank you for keeping our finances from being in shambles so that the rest of us can run our most successful events, but also for giving levelheaded advice to all of us when we needed it most. To Maddy Sutanto, thank you for putting up with me giving you last-minute requests and being a comrade in being late to our executive meetings, and for also being an incredible manager of all our designs and communications. To Ethan Lim, the silent but deadly secretary, thank you for always putting up with me sending you my reports and other business the night before the CCM and also for ensuring that everyone in our committee is held accountable (including myself), we would've been without discipline if it weren't for your stern and hard work.

As always, this is obvious that I am deeply grateful for every single international student that I serve, and every single person that I have come across because of this role. Everyone has a unique perspective and experiences that informs the decisions that I make, and the shots that I call. I came away from my term recognizing just how diverse and incredibly strong the international student community here is, and I am gratified to be able to represent your voices and your wishes when it mattered the most.

I started my journey with UMSU International as an ISA in the beginning of 2022, when I was looking for opportunities to contribute to the wider student community. After seeing the immense work that we do, I decided to become the Director of Sponsorships and Partnerships, after which I was catapulted into the position that I am speaking to right now. Besides all the technicalities that I have learned in terms of leadership, stakeholder relations and all the other



LinkedIn buzzwords I wanted to mention the most important thing that I have learned in this whole journey—thanks to you all, I have learned to become a better person.

Few of you know my background, but for most of my life, I tend to shoulder all my burdens myself because I did not feel the need to express myself to others, because I lived with the fear of not being understood. But throughout the time that I have spent with you all, I learned an important lesson—it does not matter if we understand each other fully or not, what matters is that we are there for one another throughout any of life's challenges, no questions asked. It was the moment that I realized that many of you are willing to share these burdens of mine, without expectation and without prejudice, that I recognized a goal that's bigger than myself, the goal of becoming a person who is worthy of being your President—because seeing your smiles and enjoyment means more than any form of recognition to me.

I look forward to seeing all the amazing work that the incoming committee is going to do, and I hope that you all will raise UMSU International to standards never seen before and carry on this mission with your head high. Given that statement, it is with a heavy heart, as with all other Presidents before me, that I hereby submit this annual report as my final report for my term as the UMSU International President.

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President 23/24

UMSU International

Education and Welfare Vice-President's Annual Report

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1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from 24th August 2023 until 9th August 2024, 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 are projects involving the Education and Welfare departments held over the last year.

2.1 Education Department

2.1.1 International Student Career Networking

The International Student Career Networking event was a joint collaboration with Stint, an international student organization, and the university's Careers and Employability team. The event was aimed at helping international students understand more about finding employment after they graduate and connecting them with professionals in their field. The first session consisted of a panel talk consisting of 3 former international students who have secured employment post-graduation in Australia. Students got the chance to hear about their experiences and ask questions as well. Afterwards, students got the chance to talk with other professionals from different fields while grabbing refreshments.

The event was successful as over 100 students attended on the day. However, the space chosen on the day was rather limited. A lot of things were learned from this event and it served as the basis for the Employability Summit event.

2.1.2 PR Visa Workshop

There were 2 PR Visa Workshops held over the past year, one in each semester. These workshops have been a long-running event held by UMSU International as it serves to educate students on the different graduate visas available to them, migration policies as well as how they can obtain points to become a Permanent Resident in Australia. With the uncertainty involving visas amidst the changes adopted by the government, it is even more important than ever to continue on having these workshops.

The workshops were led by Mr. Michael from RACV, and he has been very helpful to students with his presentations.

2.1.3 SWOTSNACC

SWOTSNACC is an event held bi-annually during the SWOTVAC week that aims to provide students with study spaces on-campus to prepare for their exams while providing them with snacks and drinks to accompany their study. This is because students have mentioned about the lack of available study spaces on-campus, especially during exams season where everyone is preparing at the same time. We held two SWOTSNACC events this year, each of them lasting three days. We offered a variety of snacks and drinks to students.

2.1.4 Accommodation Workshop

During the summer break of 2023-2024, we held our first Accommodation Workshop. We understand that students often face difficulty in finding housing, especially ones that are more affordable, and so we held this event to provide them tips and advice in securing housing, as well as educating them on their rights. The event was held online as it was assumed that many international students might have went back to their home country during the break. There was not much attendance for this event, but it is highly suggested to still hold this event in the future.

2.1.5 International Orientation Workshop

The International Orientation Workshop was another new event by the Education Department that was held on the Monday of Week 1 in Semester 1, 2024. This event was aimed at educating first-year international students about the different services that they can utilize to ensure a smooth transition to university life, and to hear about the experiences of other international students. The event was held in Market Hall and it had a strong attendance considering that many of the students attending had not heard about UMSU International the week prior.

The event was split into 2 main sessions. The first session involved presentations from the Education Department, University Library Team and Academic Skills team. The committee members were involved with various topics, including general tips on transitioning to university life, how to navigate the different university websites, and even giving suggestions on restaurants. The university teams presented about the different ways they can help students.

The second session involved three current international students at the university. Attendees engaged with the students in conversation and learned about more tips from them that were more faculty-specific.

This event serves as a stepping stone for a much-larger orientation event for next year where UMSU International will hopefully collaborate with the University's Orientation Team to provide a targeted orientation session for international students involving more university services and how they can help international students.

2.1.6 International Student Survey

The International Student Survey is a very integral initiative from UMSU International as it provides us with necessary information to advocate for the needs of students as well as to provide us a direction for the events we hold. The survey contains various sections targeted at understanding more about the different issues that international students face and this includes academic experience, financial situation, accommodation, employment opportunities and more.

After the survey concluded, we filtered through the data and produced a report highlighting the different issues students faced. We also provided different recommendations that the university can consider to improve the situation of international students. This report was presented at various university meetings attended by university staff and helped them understand the difficulties that international students face and how they have to be addressed.

This time, the Education Department single-handedly delivered the survey unlike previous years where both the Education and Welfare Departments were involved. Only 1 survey was conducted this year in semester 1 and this is recommended instead of running 2 separate surveys like last year.

2.1.6 Employability Summit

Employability Summit was the Education Department's flagship event. The event itself is new but took elements from an older event called The Summit. This event was aimed to help international students in securing employment by connecting them directly with companies as well as industry professionals. The event consisted of two main aspects: a career expo involving companies that provide opportunities to international students, and different speaker sessions involving topics that were catered towards helping international students in securing employment. The Employability Summit also featured a LinkedIn Photobooth where attendees could get a headshot taken for their LinkedIn profile, and refreshments were made available as well.

A total of 10 booths were present at the event that included:

1. Cenitex
2. EY
3. HEX
4. Sequoia Financial Group
5. Deckle
6. Calvary Health
7. Internmatch
8. Students@Work
9. NTMY
10. Stint

There were 4 speaker sessions on the day:

1. Panel discussion and networking session
2. Skills for success
3. Intro to startups
4. Visa and pathways

The event was a huge success with over 400 students attending on the day. The venue, Melbourne Connect, was greatly helpful as they provided the venue for free and was a suitable location for the event.

The Employability Summit has huge promise and much room for improvement. It is suggested that the event should be shorter, and that more companies are invited, including lesser known companies and more startups.

2.1.7 Personal Finance Workshop

The Personal Finance Workshop is a revamp of a similar event held the year prior with the aim of helping international students in managing their personal finances and making smart saving/investment decisions. With this workshop, a new speaker was chosen to replace the previous speaker as he was more qualified to speak on the matter. The workshop also had a higher attendance rate as it was labelled as “personal finance” rather than just “finance”.

2.2 Welfare Department

2.2.1 International Brekkie

The International Brekkie is UMSU International’s primary initiative aimed at helping international students who are dealing with food insecurity with a focus on providing

foods from many different cuisines. As many students struggle to fulfil their daily needs including food, continuing to run this initiative until the university provides more affordable food options on campus is a must. The initiative was successful due to the involvement of the entire UMSU International committee as well as the volunteers from the International Student Ambassador program, who have helped give out food on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings for the last 1.5 years.

Over the past semester, improvements to the initiative have been made, including sourcing more affordable food options as well as having a larger variety of cuisines. The new committee has also started to implement the number of portions available each day to address the concerns of unsatisfied students who waited in line and did not receive a portion, which has been very helpful.

2.2.3 R U OK Day

The Welfare Department held a friendship bracelet-making workshop as part of the university's R U OK Day event. The event was aimed to help students who are struggling with mental health by holding a fun event to destress and make new friends. Students were welcome to sit down at a table and make friendship bracelets and were provided cupcakes as part of the event.

2.2.4 International Queer Film Night

This event aims to promote a safer and a more inclusive environment for queer identifying international students and allies. For this event, one short film and one full-length film was shown with both films have a queer theme to it. We initially planned to hold the event outdoors and the films would be played on an outdoor screen. However, due to rain, we were forced to move the event indoors and the movies were played on a projector. This also affected the attendance of the event.

In the future, other events to support queer-identifying students should be considered as movie screenings might not advocate for them enough. If this event is to be held again, it is suggested to find lesser-known movies with better messages.

2.2.5 Get Certified

Get Certified is an event where UMSU International subsidizes different education courses for students to help them in obtaining employment, as these courses can be rather expensive. Two Get Certified events were held, one in each semester. The courses subsidized were Responsible Service of Alcohol, First Aid, and Barista. Students were asked to still pay a small fee for each course, ensuring students come on the day as they have paid a deposit.

2.2.6 Exam Pack Giveaway

Exam Pack Giveaway is held during SWOTVAC in the past two semesters to provide international students with various items to help them prepare for their exams, including stationery, snacks, energy drinks, and more. This time around, we were able to provide students with stationery from Muji as many wanted better quality items. We also partnered with Redbull for the Semester 1, 2024 event to provide energy drinks for students. Overall, each event had over 800 students collecting items, and most were very pleased with the quantity and quality of items given out.

2.2.7 Symphonies of Nations

Symphonies of Nations was a new event organized by the Welfare Department in collaboration with the Engineering Music Society (EMS). The event is a musical performance consisting of multiple ensembles where the audience can enjoy a wide range of music from many different countries. The Welfare Department helped with the production schedule, audio, lighting and front-of-house, while EMS was in charge of the different ensembles performing on the day.

The event was a huge success with over 160 attendees, despite tickets having a small fee. Symphonies of Nations has since been passed over to the Cultural and Social Department where the aim of the event fits in better with the department's portfolio.

2.2.8 Buddy Up Program

The Welfare Department organised the Buddy Up Program which was designed to help tackle the issue of loneliness by creating events for people to make friends. Every few weeks, we organise an event for people to get together and meet new people including a picnic, scavenger hunt, movie night, and boardgame night. Students were put into groups with people that have something in common with each other to facilitate easier conversations.

The initiative was not as successful as we hoped for, as attendance was rather low for a majority of the events, as a number of people who signed up never even attended the first event. A lot of improvements will need to be made if the initiative is to be run again.

2.2.9 Sports Carnival

Sports Carnival was a 4-day event where we provided students with the opportunity to play different sports. Each day, we booked a space for students to play one sport that included basketball, badminton, volleyball, and table tennis. This event was designed to encourage students to take care of their physical health while also allowing them to

make friends with people who share a similar interest in sports. While badminton was very popular, the other sports had lower attendance rates.

2.2.10 Earth Week

Earth Week was an event stretched across 2 days that aims to educate students on the importance of caring for the environment and understanding the issues of climate change. The first event we held was a pot-painting session. We provided students with small pots that they could paint themselves and afterwards, we gave them a plant. The second event was a trivia night centered around climate questions. During this week, we also ordered food from vendors who could provide the food in non-plastic containers in an effort to reduce plastic waste, while also ordering food from a vegan vendor for Monday.

2.2.11 Mental Health Week

Mental Health week consisted of a number of events to help students take care of their mental health. The events consisted of a friendship-bracelet making session, mental wellbeing workshop, paint and sip night, and journal decorating session. We also partnered with the Health Promotion Program team for Brekkie where Peer Health Advocates provided some gifts for students while also promoting mental health services and events. Overall, the events were well-received and helped students manage their mental health.

3. International Student Representation

3.1 Elected Student Representatives Meetings

As part of our mission to advocate for international students, the elected student representative meetings is the main place to do so as the meetings are designed for office bearers from different student organizations to voice the concerns of students. Over the past year, myself, the President, and the Media and Marketing Vice President attended these meetings on behalf of UMSU International, where communicated recommendations to benefit international students to various university staff.

Throughout these meetings, UMSU International has consistently addressed and deliberated upon crucial matters, particularly using data acquired from the International Student Survey. We provided various recommendations on many issues and these have resulted in further talks with the university, specifically on matters regarding discrimination at the university.

3.2 Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee (TALQAC)

TALQAC serves as a committee that includes teaching faculty, University staff, and student representatives from student unions. Its purpose is to engage in discussions

about strategies, advancements, and challenges concerning the quality of teaching and learning within the University. In the 2023/24 term, I was appointed as the sole representative from UMSU International to attend these meetings. In the next TALQAC meeting, we will be presenting the results of the International Student Survey that relate to teaching and academics and will be providing recommendations as well.

3.3 End of Semester Subject Review 2023

This working group was mainly focused on improving the participation rate of students in filling out their end of semester subject surveys as many subjects have very few survey responses from students. I was invited to become a student representative, particularly regarding possible incentives that would increase student participation in the surveys.

3.4 Victorian International Student Sport Festival (VISSF) Project Working Group

This working group focuses on preparing for the Victorian International Student Sport Festival which was a sport festival that aims to invite international students from many universities in Victoria to participate in a sports competition. The Welfare Director and I were asked to voice insights from an international student perspective which included providing input on fees, incentives, and increasing engagement.

3.5 MU Sport

The Welfare Director and I had discussions with the team at MU Sport as they were looking for feedback from international students on things that they are doing well and things they could improve. We provided insight on how students have had difficulties in booking courts for casual play due to the limited space, as well as the rising costs in memberships and fees. We also gave suggestions on how to promote free events better to international students and have been promoting some of them to UMSU International's followers.

4. Acknowledgements

Before I step down from this role, I would like to thank the entire UMSU International 2023/2024 committee for their hard work and dedication in their work to support and advocate for international students for the past year. I would like to extend that thanks to Aviya and Josh, who have been of great help in the success of UMSU International with their support and help.

To my fellow members in the Executive Committee, what a year it's been. I can't believe how close we've gotten and I'm so thankful to have you all in my life. The work you've done over the last year was tremendous, and UMSU International would not be where it is today without the sacrifices you have made. I really hope that you look back at this time as proudly as I will in the future.

To Richard, for never a dull moment (derogatory) and his randomness that sometimes drives people crazy. Thank you for always being on top of everything. There's been countless times where I can just come to you to ask for something and you have an answer ready. Your work in advocating for international students has been nothing short of remarkable.

To Christian, for always being there to take care of everyone, including myself. Thank you for being the glue, for always wanting to hang out and being the reason everyone is close. Everyone knows how hard-working you are and just how impressive it is that you just overcome all the issues thrown your way. Your energy is infectious and I genuinely consider you to be the toughest person I know.

To Maddy, for always having to put up with my impromptu requests and sudden Instagram stories for events. Thanks for always being patient with me even though I sometimes don't deserve it, and for always being so reliable. I don't know where E&W would be without you.

To Ethan, and his ability to always remain calm and stable in any situation. Thanks for always putting up with our unserious selves. For all the sacrifices you do behind the scenes that might not get as much acclaim because the work is more internal, but it is no less important.

And last but not least to Jeslyn, who is always trustworthy and independent. It always feels like you know what to do and we never have to worry about you ever. For working out all the tedious budget accounting that I could never do. Just like Ethan, I want you to know that all the effort you've put in is recognized and is just as important.

To my directors, Andrea and Dani. I'm so thankful to have you guys as directors because I don't know how I would have managed without you guys. If it sometimes felt like I put a lot of work on you guys, I do apologize but it was also because I knew how dependable you guys were. I could always trust you guys and I hope you think of me as highly as I will always think of you both.

To the Education and Welfare officers, to Natasya, Gia, Rachel, and Tiffany in the Education department, and to Planet, Linda, Ella, Youn, and Evelyn in the Welfare department, I'm so glad I got to have you guys as E&W officers. It's been a fun ride, from all the events we've done to the hangouts and dinners we've had, I want to say that I really value each and every one of you, and for the hard work you have done for UMSU International.

5. Final Words

To the incoming Education and Welfare teams, I wish you all the best of luck. I'm looking forward to seeing the great ideas you have in store for UMSU International. To Linda, the times ahead will be tough, but I assure you the reward will be greater. I know that you'll thrive in your role as VP because of your passion and your kindness.

To wrap everything up, I just want to say that I have zero regrets for ever joining UMSU International. From starting off as an ISA in my first semester without any knowledge, then becoming the Education Director and then moving on to becoming the E&W VP, it has just been so much fun, and I will look back on this as one of the best decisions of my life. While I will most definitely miss organizing events, having access to the lounge, and having a committee to hang out with, I'm also looking forward to the free time I have dearly missed, to playing sports on a random weekday afternoon, and to having no thoughts about UMSU International that keep me up at night.

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Cultural and Social Vice-President's Annual Report

Annual General Meeting 2024 – Friday, 9th August 2024

1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from August 25th 2023 to August 9th 2024 outlining the achievements of the Cultural and Social department, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(a) of the UMSU International Regulations.

It has been my greatest privilege to be the Vice President of UMSU International, this role has been one of the hardest but most rewarding that I have had so far. I wish to express that there is no way to record everything that has happened in this position. However, I will attempt to summarize everything and highlight the important work that we have done in the last year.

2. Internal Projects

The following outlines all the events and projects that were carried out by the Cultural and Social Department throughout the term of 2023/24.

2.1. Roller Disco Night

As part of Winterfest 2023, Roller disco night offered students the chance to participate in a roller-skating experience with music playing in the background. Additionally, attendees had the opportunity to grab refreshments and socialize with fellow students in the hangout area. This initiative aimed to facilitate connections among students and foster a welcoming atmosphere at the beginning of the university year.

This event came as an opportunity for UMSU International as other UMSU departments did not have enough budget to cover the cost and manpower to execute it. It was the first event by which the 2023/24 Cultural and Social department execute flawlessly. The event's turnout exceeded our expectations, resulting in people being put on waitlists and a whole night of fully booked sessions. Although the event itself turned out great, there was an issue with it being publicized as UMSU event and not UMSU International event. Moving forward, credit and publicity should be discussed beforehand and we should have an agreement in writing to ensure credit is given where it's due.

2.2. Merry Giveaway

Merry Giveaway is one other event we did as part of Winterfest 2023, the objective is to raise awareness of UMSU International's program and activities to international students in the University of Melbourne while creating connection between the organization with the students. As an attempt to do so, we had informational flyers and gift bags filled with merch, snacks, and other freebies.

Students who approach our booth will be greeted by our ISA and OBs and asked to follow our social media pages. This resulted in hundreds of new followers and participants in many of our events. We also used this opportunity to promote and support other upcoming events to ensure the event is a success.

2.3. Haunted House

Haunted House was originally planned to be a part of Winterfest 2023. However, we had to move it back due to the production schedule. This event is an attempt to let students experience something different and unique. To bond over fear or to test their courage, countless students came and queue to experience this year's haunted house. Although we had many difficulties in planning, executing, and cleaning the area afterwards. Students enjoyed the events with many screams and tears which became a medal to the work that Cultural and Social department did for this event.

After their scream and tears session, we directed the students to the hangout area where we provide refreshment in the form of light snack. This area was designed for students to share their experience with other students and connect through their fears. It was a successful event overall, and this is also the event where I met my co-opted officer who dressed up as a ghost eating bugs.

2.4. Bonding Trip

As part of being on the executive committee, I was given the opportunity to assist the other exco in planning and executing bonding trips. I will not delve too deeply into this as other exco will do it. I was assisting with games and executing the plans during the trip.

The games I designed were in the hope that it will get people closer and talking to each other. With some games being a day long mission and some are shorter such as mafia, I hope it was a successful way to bring everyone together. It is one of my biggest achievements so far to make Ethan and Richard sing and dance to Barbie Girl. As much as I wish I could play the video for everyone right now, I do still want to keep my friendship with them. Therefore, I will restrain myself from doing that.

2.5. Meat and Greet (Carnival Day)

This event is a collaboration between Cultural and Social with Human resource departments. On Cultural and Social work, we designed 7 carnival games for students to engage in after they get their food. This is an attempt to let students relax and have some fun during their break from studies. Students who have won enough games and collected stamps will be given a prize, from plushies, cups, and other prizes. We had hundreds of students playing and competing which resulted in a lack of prizes although we had ordered more than 200 prizes.

This signifies the work the Cultural and Social's officer has done. Each of them has planned, rehearsed and even designed some of the games and assets themselves. To those officers who worked hard for this event, I thank you from the bottom of my heart and thank you for making it such a successful event.

2.6. International Week

This event is a new event that was created during my term. The objective of this event is to gather students to experience games from different cultures and allow cultural clubs in the university to engage with UMSU International. We had 7 clubs participating as vendors and hundreds of students came into the event. This event also incorporated other activities such as stamp collection with prizes, photobooth, food trucks, and performance from other clubs and external hire.

UMSU International gave a \$580 grants budget to each club to create and host games with prizes as vendor. This resulted in high engagement and satisfaction from both clubs and students, with over 350 students coming and participating.

With many aspects of International Week and Night Market overlapping, it was a good and effective way to train and rehearse for the Night Market. The Cultural and Social department took this opportunity to identify talents and improve upon both soft and hard skills. This event became a pivotal point for the Cultural and Social department in working with each other and externals.

2.7. Summerfest Giveaway

As part of Summerfest 2024, the Cultural and Social department created an information and giveaway booth in order to engage with new students and spread awareness about UMSU International programs. Few highlights of this year's booth is that we were promoting Symphonies of Nations, Night Market, and International brekkie heavily. We also managed to gather 800 new followers in a few hours.

For the giveaway aspect of the booth, we packed snacks inside internally designed tote bags and students could choose one extra merchandise to take home. The choices made available was water bottle and playing cards. This event became our platform to spread our branding across the university and it was deemed a success with many students wearing tote bags around the university and outside university.

2.8. Food Adventure

This event is a continuation of the previous committee's event where we bring students to enjoy food from multiple cultures for \$5. This year's food adventure was designed with 3 routes, north Melbourne, south Melbourne, and vegan route in Fitzroy. This event is part of our orientation week event in the hope that we can introduce students to restaurants options

across Melbourne. This event was a huge success with most students anticipating and wanting to join the next food adventure.

This event gave UMSU International a chance to engage with restaurants and create a relationship with them. A total of 12 restaurants partners with us in this event. Here is the list of restaurants that we partner with

1. Lukumades
2. Nahm Tao Thai Kitchen
3. Pondok Rempah
4. Cielo Gelateria
5. Dessertopia
6. Hector's Deli
7. Hunky Dory Fish and Chips
8. Brick Lane Bagels
9. Mile End Bagels
10. Radhey Chai Bar
11. Nico Sandwich Deli
12. Vegie Bar

2.9. Amazing race

Amazing race is also part of the orientation event the Cultural and Social department did in 2024. This event allows students to participate in a series of challenges across different landmarks in Melbourne. This year's amazing race had lesser people than expected and it will be the last time we did this event. Although there was enthusiasm in previous years, the trend of orientation event has changed, making this event obsolete.

Moving forward, the department should still implement a couple of orientation events but should reformat the event itself following the trend amongst new students. Whereby, we should restrain from making games and activities of the sort.

2.10. Just Dance

Just dance is a new event from the cultural and social department in 2024 where we invited external hire and internal clubs to teach dances from various backgrounds to students. With a heavy bias and guaranteed not objective comment, this event was the most exciting for me. This event became another hub for UMSU International to collaborate with clubs and societies and tap into different cultures from another aspect.

This event was held over a couple of weeks with students and ISAs participating. Some of the sessions were successful since they coincided with the students' interest while other are less popular. Overall, the premise of the event was good, but improvement could be made with the day and timing of the event.

2.11. Night Market – Stories of Us

Night Market, the event of the year for the cultural and social department. This year's night market is extremely special as it promotes students to remember their roots, stories, and explore the lane of nostalgia throughout the night. Students who came to this event engage in a variety of culinary delights, performances, scenic spots, and cultural activities thereby celebrating the multicultural essence and bolstering community inclusivity. With 14 food stalls, 14 performances, and plenty of large decoration pieces scattered around the location, this event was the most successful event by the department with over 8300 attendees despite the weather conditions.

Given the scope of the event, the cultural and social department started the event planning all the way from late November or early December 2023 to ensure that everything is planned properly. There were major challenges in planning this event with some support staff being on leave, other events to plan, and budget constraints. However, due to the substantial amount of effort, time, and coordination invested by the department, the work was done in the best way possible

There are 3 major aspects of this event, food, performances, and decorations. The food team in this year's night market focuses on increasing the number of vendors and quality of the food. The food team work tirelessly, complying and working with the council regulations, external suppliers, internal club vendors, external vendors, and arranging countless meetings with stakeholders. They also worked together with professional chefs to ensure that the food sold at the event was of the highest quality possible while complying with health regulations.

Performances this year were designed to be engaging and bringing in more interactive activities, with many popular in demand performances from various cultures, giveaways, and audience interactions. The performance team has worked closely with external stakeholders for stage management, lighting, emcees recruitment, and other audiovisual equipment. They have shown their creativity and ability to work under pressure which was nothing short of impressive.

Last but not least, the decoration aspect of the event. The décor team has shown amazing creativity and thinking outside of the box with their work this year. Their work with their main décor piece, hand painting everything or suddenly coming up with an idea to have a giant poster for the night market will be something I always admire. Your effort to not only just do your work but support other team during the night market has shown your ability to work in teams, solidarity, and your kind heart.

3. External representation

In relation to external representation, the executive committee have been dedicated to foster constructive dialogue and collaboration with external stakeholders, focusing on matters that hold the potential to impact not only our organization but also the wider community.

External representation encapsulates our engagement with key external parties, with particular emphasis on our involvement in critical discussions through various initiatives. This term, we have seen engagement within:

3.1. *Melbourne Student Forum*

3.2. *Respect*

3.3. *Winterfest/Summerfest steering committee*

4. Future Recommendations

4.1. More collaboration in our event portfolio

The cultural and social department has always been the hub for collaboration with internal and external cultural community. Our previous collaborative events have been met with major success leading to a wider reach of the audience and exposure to new students. Therefore, this holds potential for growth and impact; not only fostering robust beneficial relationship, but also improving UMSU International visibility and influence.

Therefore, the cultural and social department should create more collaborative events with other clubs and societies to ensure this trend of growth continues.

4.2. Maximizing reach through choice of scale and format

To further enhance our initiatives', reach and impact, it is important to assess the scale and format of our events. By amending and adapting current and new events to its specific goals, we can create more focused and immersive cultural experiences for participants. By scaling, the department could experiment with different event formats, such as smaller initiatives with some hands-on activities for specific culture celebration to larger festival for broader cultural exposure.

The department would also benefit from formatting the event where it is a continuous event for a couple of weeks rather than having only a one-day event. Through this, the department could maximize the efficiency of their budget. Other formatting that could work is to amplify the events whereby there are online and offline components such as giveaways, engagement interactions, or remote participation. This would attract many students to come to the event to pick up their prizes and for other students, to get a chance to win prizes.

5. Concluding Words

In conclusion, the Cultural and Social department has been blessed with so many opportunity, growth, and learning experiences. It is and always will be my greatest honor to have served UMSU International for the last one and a half years. Starting from an ISA to becoming the Vice President, I have been blessed to meet so many amazing people and through this found the people who I can call my own.

As the Cultural and Social department vice president, continuing and improving the work that has been done over the year has taught and changed me for the better. I have learned how to

become a better leader, a better friend, and a better person and this was all thanks to everyone in this committee. Working under constant pressure I have tried my very best to be remembered as a good leader and a good friend.

My final task as your Cultural and Social Vice President is to report to everyone of how amazing this department is and with that, I hope I did a good job. Although, I am sure that when I read this my tears will be flowing out like a river, I hope all of you here still can understand me.

Even with all the stress, constant thought of resigning, and many other challenges that broke me down... my experience here in this committee will always be something that I held close to my heart. In saying that, let me take this opportunity to mention the people who became my anchor, my reason to stay, and the reason I became a better leader and person.

To our project manager Aviya, thank you for your continuous support and advice. Your help in many projects and in leading my department have helped me to be a better Vice President. Thank you for everything.

To our Josh Davis, although your stay as our project manager was brief, you have helped me so much in running and executing so many events. Your continuous support and sacrifices ensured every event was a success. I still remember how much you work for Night Market, to the point of staying so late in campus, will always be something look up to. Thank you for everything and I hope you are doing well in your new position.

Now, to my cultural and social team, allow me to take this opportunity to give you your final feedback and my last word as your Vice President.

To Aksh, your effort to stay on as much as you can showcase your dedication to the team. You tried your best to keep up with endless work in this department and for that let me thank you. Thank you for staying and not letting me continue my term without a director.

To Christopher, hyung-nim, I will miss your chaos so much. Your constant jokes and chaotic energy became one of the reasons why our team is the way they are right now. You were always able to lighten the mood and cheer everyone up, and for that I thank you. Thank you for also putting up with my jokes and thank you for working your hardest, 1000%, on everything I assigned you to.

To Jason, underling #1, congratulations cause today will be the last day I call you that. You work so hard to support me, to help me despite your busy schedule and to cheer me up when I am down. Your dedication to the team despite the high and the low is something that I admire. Thank you for being an amazing officer, but I thank you more... for being one of my closest friends here.

To Vicky, the girl with 3 names, thank you for everything you have done for the committee. Your dedication to our department, your shocking and jaw dropping quirky ideas, and your

effort to attend most of our meetings despite your clashing schedule will be something I always remember. Thank you so so much for all your restaurant recommendations and being such an amazing officer. But please, no more giant scissors idea, once was enough for a lifetime.

To Shifa, our psychoanalyst, your bluntness and honesty, your hardwork and dedication has always been something that inspire me throughout my term. You keep on reminding us to rest and party, to get a break from work while throwing yourself to work was honestly funny but understandable. Thank you for getting us the giant night market decorations and being so creative despite the time pressure. I have only one final remark for you, you slay so hard during this term.

To Rebecca, our sound effect machine, today will be the last time you can call me boss so please don't call me that again from tomorrow. Thank you for joining the department and thank you for your never-ending desire and passion to support everyone in this department. Your constant kindness in offering help to me was shocking at first but it was welcomed. Thank you for always giving your attention and making all these sound effects whenever someone shares anything, it made us all feel welcomed.

To Yashvi, thank you for all of your support in getting the job done. To attend hours and hours of training and meetings for night market, to deal with hard situations presented by the food trucks staff, and to always make time for the department despite your work and study commitments. I thank you for all of that and more that I could not say today. Know that your efforts were seen and appreciated.

Lastly, to Sol, our unnie, thank you for putting up with my suspicious activities with Christopher. I apologize for all the lost appetite and thank you for being such a good person. Your constant ability to meet the deadlines and to take initiatives to get the job done has always impressed me. The department would not be as successful as it has been without you in it. For that, I thank you.

Now... to the people who have constantly supported me throughout my term. My Exco. Let me take this opportunity to thank you and show my gratitude.

To Richard, AKA richeese, thank you for being such an amazing president. Thank you for being a good friend, for being there when I need someone, to support me and giving me advice on how to lead my department. Thank you for always giving us a reason to laugh and smile despite your own struggle. Thank you for being the person that you are and thank you for being one of my closest friends

To Robertus, AKA boba, thank you for your constant help and company. To answer my call in the middle of the night, to being someone who I can confide in without any worry. Thank you for spending time with me in the lounge so much and for introducing me to scrabble. Lastly, thank you for always listening to me yap about my life.



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To Maddy, AKA madmad, I know we spent a lot of time to figure out how to survive in UMSU International. But honestly, you probably grow the most out of any of us. I really admire your persistence and ability to work behind the scenes even if no one knows it. Thank you so much for staying and going through this term with us.

Lastly, to Ethan, AKA ethanol, I would never guessed that our term in UMSU International would be the reason why we became best buds. Thank you for taking care of me, listening to me, and helping me to learn how to be honest. I really admire your discipline and honestly, thank you for getting attached to us Exco. I am looking forward to more time spent with you.

I would also want to give special mentions to the people who helped me one way or another. Thank you to Planet, Youn, Linda, Andrea, Cherry, Danielle.

To my successor, Kayden and next exco, Youn, Linda, Jesslyn, and Evelyn, I sincerely wish you all the best and I know you will do well in your term. Remember that there are many before you who have struggled in a similar way and able to learn and grow. I know that you can do the same. I know that we leave knowing that UMSU International is in good hands.

And for everyone else in the committee, thank you for your constant effort to make UMSU International the best it can be.

To everyone, I apologize if there is anything I did wrong during my term. Know that it is not my intention to wrong you. And thank you for tolerating my loud voice and yells. I hope we all stay connected and will cross paths in other places one day.

That is all from me. Signing off for now. Thank you.

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Media and Marketing Vice-President's Annual Report

Annual General Meeting 2024 – Friday, 9th August 2024

1. Introduction

This report covers the period of August 25th 2023 to August 9th 2024, summarizing the performance and accomplishments of the Media and Marketing department, written in accordance with subsection 15(4)(d) of the UMSU International Regulations.

2. Projects and Key Milestones

2.1 Event Publicity

Branding is an important aspect to allow students to easily identify UMSU International, our events and merchandise. We aimed to include our logo, a consistent theme and our mascot, Glovey in every digital and physical asset we design. The introduction of our weekly “Brekkie Menu” for Welfare’s International Brekkie has been useful to inform students of the food choices, time and location each week. It has reduced the number of direct messages and disappointment of students who have dietary requirements for the food provided each day.

Utilizing an online and offline giveaway as an incentive has garnered 420 comments and over 2,100 students tagged for the Night Market event, facilitating the increase of attendance at the event. The International Student Survey has garnered 2407 responses compared to last term due to the usage of lucky draw prizes that motivated responses. Both events had a collaboration with both the UniMelb and/or Student Life media teams that further increased our target audience views.

The Media and Marketing department creates our own custom designs and collaborates with UMSU design team to produce content for publicity. UMSU’s E-news and UMSU International’s bi-weekly newsletter to further increase promotion. Paid advertising on Instagram and Facebook have been particularly successful in reaching a wider range of target demographics beyond our existing followers.

2.2 Social Media

We initiated the production of trendy video reels to promote our larger scale events and have garnered 10,000 to 50,000 views per reel. This has been effective in capturing interest beyond our following list and invokes interest for students to interact within the platform.

We introduced a new social media platform called Xiao Hong Shu, catered towards providing translated information to Chinese International Students. This platform has reached a growth of 423 followers and has been effective in providing greater accessibility and relays the promotional material straight to our specific target demographic.

2.3 Bi-weekly newsletter

We increased and maintained the frequency of sending newsletters every two weeks with a list of all upcoming events. There is an estimate of 3000 open clicks per newsletter sent out in the past year. Promotions from other clubs and the university were also included upon request to maintain good external relations.

2.4 Merchandise

Ordered and designed 40,000 AUD worth of merchandise for Summerfest and Winterfest giveaway. These products included a tote bag, bottles, mint cards, playing cards and brochures. Varsity Jackets were also designed and produced for the committee's visibility and fostering unity between the committee members.

2.5 Website

We've utilized the website to promote our events and attempt to increase traffic by linking those events using our social media. The website contained a consistent update of every new event occurring, committee information and a new International Student Ambassador Program information page to further motivate new students to participate in the international student community.

3. Future Recommendations

3.1 Branding

Maintain the usage of harmonious fonts, always including our logo in our designs and whenever possible, using shades of light blue to maintain brand recognition and visual consistency. Using unique graphics in our promotional assets have proven to gain more likes and engagement across our social media platforms, Nonetheless, I would suggest utilizing a more specific identifiable element such as color, font, or style to create a coherent page on our social media.

3.2 Collaborations

I would recommend story collaborations with Chinese clubs to increase Xiao Hong Shu's account awareness. Collaborating with the University's media team is also strongly recommended, particularly for our larger events such as the Night Market. The next committee should also reach out to other clubs to promote important events.

3.3 Reels

Creating short and funny reels help capture viewers' attention and have a better likelihood of going viral, allowing a rapid spread of awareness for the event. I encourage recreating current trends that are visually appealing yet still surrounding the theme of international students.

A lot of students are not aware of what happens during our events, I would suggest showcasing a compilation of clips of the event's atmosphere and excitement to drive future attendance.

3.4 Physical Promotion

Sticking posters around bulletin boards and handing out flyers to students around campus is effective for events like the International Student Survey and should also be done for the Night Market.

3.5 Website

The website is a very useful platform for students to gain detailed information surrounding UMSU International and how we can help them. I would suggest creating new pages on the website filled with information about our key events and providing solutions to common issues international students face.

3.6 Giveaways

One of the key factors that motivates students to engage with our events is giveaways. I would recommend purchasing big prizes that can be won through lucky draws or attending UMSU International's event when more student engagement is needed.

4. Concluding Words

Starting out as a timid and lost ISA over a year ago, I would have never expected to be standing here giving this speech as an EXCO at UMSU International at this very moment. Although I was honestly aiming for the director role, I am still very grateful to be given the chance to lead the Media and Marketing team. Being here has been a profound experience that shaped my personal growth and skills. I got to experience so many unique challenges from, daily direct messages from students and having an unusual fear of accidentally posting my selfies on UMSU International's Instagram story. Throughout this term, I was continuously learning how to lead a team and to make responsible decisions. I was not perfect and still have a lot to learn but am so grateful for the constant support from the central committee.

There are a lot of people that I must thank because without them, I would never have been able to complete this term in one piece. First, I want to thank Aviya and Josh for giving me plenty of guidance and assistance.

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Once again, thank you everyone for attending this AGM, to our lovely ISAs and to every central committee member for making a huge impact on my year at UMSU International.

Prepared by,

Madeline SUTANTO
Media and Marketing 2023/24
UMSU International

General Secretary's Annual Report

Annual General Meeting 2024 – Friday, 9th August 2024

1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from August 25th, 2023, to August 9th, 2024, outlining the performance and achievements of UMSU International's General Secretary, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(e) of 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. UMSU International Membership

In accordance with subsection 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 students granted Honorary Life Membership of UMSU International under section 7 of the UMSU International Regulations

4. UMSU International Committee 2023/2024

The official date that the UMSU International Central Committee 2023/2024 started their office term was on Friday, 25th August 2023.

4.1 Co-option 2023

Co-Option serves as a pathway for University of Melbourne students to join as the committee of the UMSU International family. This committee only conducted one recruitment for co-opted officers, with the interviews being conducted by the Executive Committee Members, Directors and Officers of the respective departments. Successful candidates were selected based on the criteria and skill sets that were predetermined by the departments.

4.1.1 Timeline

1) Application Submission:

Monday, 21 August 2023 – Monday, 4 September 2023 (week 5 – 7 Semester 2 2023)

2) Shortlisting of Candidates:

Monday, 4 September 2023 – Thursday, 7 September 2023 (week 7 Semester 2 2023)

3) Interview period:

Friday, 8 September 2023 – Monday, 11 September 2023 (week 7 – 8 Semester 2 2023)

4) Announcement of results:

Friday, 15 September 2023 (week 8 Semester 2 2023)

5) Official commencement date of co-opted officers:

Monday, 18 September 2023 (week 9 Semester 2 2023)

4.1.2 Number of Co-opted Positions per Department

One (1) Education Officer, Three (3) Welfare Officers, One (1) Cultural and Social Officer, One (1) Media & Marketing Officer, Two (2) Human Resources Officers, and One (1) Graduate Officer were recruited. A total of 9 co-opted officers were appointed.

4.2 Members of UMSU International 2023/2024

Subsequent to the co-option period, there occurred a voluntary resignation of 1 officer, and 1 director was dismissed from their position via a Vote of No Confidence during a Central Committee Meeting.

Below are the final members of the UMSU International 2023/2024 Committee per the AGM 2024:

President

Richard HA

Education & Welfare Vice-President

Robertus Jonathan INDRADAJA

Cultural & Social Vice-President

Christian VALERIAN

Media & Marketing Vice-President

Madeline SUTANTO

General Secretary

Yhi Zhen (Ethan) LIM

Treasurer

Jeslyn TANDYAJAYA

Education Director

Andrea MAKATITA

Welfare Director

Ying Yu (Danielle) Chen

Graduate Director

Hiranmayi RAMESH

Media & Marketing Director

Tanveen KAUR

Human Resources Director

Wun Tung (Cherry) Lum

Partnership & Sponsorship Director

Xinyuan (Cynthia) Wang

Education Officers

Natasya Jestine WARAAATMAJA

Rachel ZHOU

Zijia (Gia) ZHOU

Tiffany AUYEUNG *

Welfare Officers

Yuxuan (Linda) LIU
Soudaphone (Planet) SITTHIXAY
Seoyoun (Youn) KIM *
Jiayu (Ella) LIANG *
Qi Evelyn WANG *

Graduate Officers

Asawari Sahebrao SIRSAT
Mansi RAWAT *

Cultural & Social Officers

Yashvi NARULA
Chenxi (Vicky) SONG
Yoonyoung (Sol) KWON
Yuen Jie (Jason) NG
Christopher MINN
Shifa NATHANI
Rebecca CHRISTOPHER *

Media & Marketing Officers

Coby CHEUNG
Christie DEANDRIA
Jesslyn ANDRIONO
Megan Zouves WIRANTO *

Human Resources Officers

Hien Tam LUONG
Kayven Claus SATRIO *
Gurshan Singh NANDA *

Partnership & Sponsorship Officers

Angelina PENG

[*] indicates a member of UMSU International who holds the position of a co-opted officer.

4.3 Structure of UMSU International 2023/2024

The UMSU International Central Committee consists of 6 Executive Committee Members, 6 Directors and 26 Officers. The 38 Central Committee members who are part

of UMSU International 2023/2024 (either elected through the Annual General Election 2023 or recruited through Co-Option) are required to attend the Central Committee Meeting held fortnightly, are given voting rights during the meetings and collectively work towards the aims and objectives of UMSU International

5. Administration for Meetings

5.1 Central Committee Meetings

Central Committee Meetings (CCMs) are formal meetings that are held fortnightly that guide the operation of UMSU International. 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 for any concerns, objections, and potential recommendations that will be carried forward to future events. The Central Committee also approves changes in the internal procedures and raises issues concerning international students. Additionally, assessment and approval of Grant Applications from clubs and societies are also carried out during the CCM.

A total of 11 CCMs and 2 Emergency CCMs (eCCMs) were held, all of which met the quorum of at least half the voting Central Committee Members. 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 and published as electronic copies on the UMSU International website (<https://intl.umsu.unimelb.edu.au/about/meetingminutesandreports/>).

All CCMs (excluding eCCMs) were conducted on-campus, with Zoom meetings option granted to committee members who had been granted excusal.

The dates for the CCMs conducted with only members of UMSU International Committee 2023/2024 are as follows:

Semester 2 2023

Location: PAR-Arts West North Wing-556 (Lectorial Room II)

- 1) CCM #3: Monday, 28 August 2023
- 2) CCM #4: Monday, 11 September 2023
- 3) CCM #5: Monday, 2 October 2023
- 4) CCM #6: Monday, 16 October 2023

Semester 1 2024

Location: PAR-Biosciences 2-122-L1-124-Turner Theatre, unless specified otherwise

- 5) eCCM #1: Saturday, 27 January 2024 – Zoom
- 6) CCM #7: Monday, 3 March 2024 – PAR-128-G-G16-Jim Potter Room
- 7) CCM #8: Monday, 18 March 2024

- 8) CCM #9: Monday, 8 April 2024
- 9) CCM #10: Monday, 22 April 2024
- 10) CCM #11: Monday, 6 May 2024

The dates for the CCMs conducted with members of UMSU International Committee 2023/2024 and the newly elected Committee 2024/2025 are as follows:

Semester 1 2024

Location: PAR-Biosciences 2-122-L1-124-Turner Theatre

- 11) CCM #12: Monday, 20 May 2024

Semester 2 2024

Location: PAR-Biosciences 2-122-L1-124-Turner Theatre, unless specified otherwise

- 12) eCCM #2: Monday, 8 July 2024 – Zoom
- 13) CCM #1: Monday, 29 July 2024

5.2 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 both internal and external matters, such as the International Students caps, and the recent visa changes.

The Executive Meetings also focused on the wellbeing of the Committee members, department events, and the work ethic of each department. The Executive Committee put great emphasis on working with their respective departments to assist the interests of international students and to foster a positive work relationship within the Central Committee.

A total of 31 Executive Committee Meetings were held during the term of 2023/2024 Committee. The dates for the meetings are as follows:

Semester 2 2023

Location: Building 168 - UMSU International Lounge, unless specified otherwise

- 1) EXCO Meeting #1: Friday, 21 July 2023 – Zoom
- 2) EXCO Meeting #2: Tuesday, 25 July 2023
- 3) EXCO Meeting #3: Tuesday, 1 August 2023
- 4) EXCO Meeting #4: Tuesday, 8 August 2023
- 5) EXCO Meeting #5: Thursday, 17 August 2023
- 6) EXCO Meeting #6: Sunday, 27 August 2023 – Zoom
- 7) EXCO Meeting #7: Tuesday, 29 August 2023

- 8) EXCO Meeting #8: Thursday, 7 September 2023
- 9) EXCO Meeting #9: Tuesday, 12 September 2023
- 10) EXCO Meeting #10: Tuesday, 19 September 2023
- 11) EXCO Meeting #11: Tuesday, 3 October 2023
- 12) EXCO Meeting #12: Tuesday, 10 October 2023
- 13) EXCO Meeting #13: Thursday, 19 October 2023
- 14) EXCO Meeting #14: Tuesday, 24 October 2023 – Zoom
- 15) EXCO Meeting #15: Friday, 15 December 2023 – Zoom

Semester 1 2024

Location: Building 168 - UMSU International Lounge, unless specified otherwise

- 16) EXCO Meeting #16: Monday, 22 January 2024 – Zoom
- 17) EXCO Meeting #17: Wednesday, 24 January 2024 – Zoom
- 18) EXCO Meeting #18: Thursday, 1 February 2024 – Zoom
- 19) EXCO Meeting #19: Wednesday, 21 February 2024 – Zoom
- 20) EXCO Meeting #20: Thursday, 29 February 2024
- 21) EXCO Meeting #21: Thursday, 7 March 2024
- 22) EXCO Meeting #22: Thursday, 14 March 2024
- 23) EXCO Meeting #23: Thursday, 21 March 2024
- 24) EXCO Meeting #24: Thursday, 28 March 2024
- 25) EXCO Meeting #25: Thursday, 11 April 2024
- 26) EXCO Meeting #26: Thursday, 25 April 2024 – Zoom
- 27) EXCO Meeting #27: Wednesday, 1 May 2024
- 28) EXCO Meeting #28: Thursday, 9 May 2024
- 29) EXCO Meeting #29: Wednesday, 15 May 2024
- 30) EXCO Meeting #30: Thursday, 23 May 2024

Semester 2 2024

Location: Building 168 - UMSU International Lounge

- 31) EXCO Meeting #31: Friday, 26 July 2024

6. Amendments to UMSU International Electoral Regulations

The Electoral Regulations provide guidance to the UMSU International Annual General Election (AGE). The Electoral Regulations shall take effect during all relevant periods of the AGE including, but not limited to, the nomination period, the policy speech session, the voting sessions, voting counting, the declaration of results and any period in between.

The amendment to the Electoral Regulations aims to provide transparency and consistency to the UMSU International's Regulations, following the amendments passed in AGM 2023.

Full document on UMSU International Electoral Regulations can be found in our website (<https://intl.umsu.unimelb.edu.au/about/regulationsandpolicies/>).

A detailed summary is elaborated as below:

6. Eligibility to Stand

- 6.1 Under subsection 10.2 (Part II - UMSU International Regulations), International Students are eligible to stand for any position in the AGE.
- 6.2 Under subsection 10.3 (Part II - UMSU International Regulations), all non-International Students who hold an Australian Permanent Residency or New Zealand Citizenship are eligible to run for Director and Officer positions only.
- 6.3 Under subsection 10.4 (Part II - UMSU International Regulations), Australian Citizens are eligible to run for Officer positions only.
- 6.4 Under subsection 10.5, (Part II - UMSU International Regulations), any students who are not able to complete their full term as a Central member within the duration of their course are not eligible to run in any UMSU International Annual General Election or By-Election(s).
- 6.5 Under subsection 10.15, (Part II - UMSU International Regulations), any students going on exchange during their full term as an UMSU International Central Committee member are not eligible to run in any UMSU International Annual General Election or By-Election).

11. Withdrawal of Nominations

- 11.1 A candidate may withdraw their nomination at any time **before close of polling**.
- 11.2 Withdrawal must be in a written form with the signature of the candidate.
- 11.3 The withdrawal takes effect upon receipt of the withdrawal by the Returning Officer(s).
- 11.4 If a candidate withdraws, the Returning Officer(s) must proceed as if that candidate had never been nominated.

12. Campaigning

12.1 Each candidate is allowed to appoint up to two (2) **student representatives** to assist in the campaign.

- (a) Representatives are bound by the same campaign rules as candidates.
- (b) Representative(s) can take turns assisting with physical and virtual publicity.
- (c) Candidate representative list must be declared by the Returning Officer along with final candidate list
- (d) The candidate(s) and representative(s) are ~~considered to be~~ campaigners.

12.2 Candidates and/or their representative(s) are only to campaign on actual days of voting sessions. A campaign is deemed to be any ~~organised~~ course of action to arouse public interest in any candidate(s) that may include, but is not limited to, the use of:

- (a) Written material (Campaign Leaflets, Fliers);
- (b) Posters;
- (c) Internet (Social Media, Email, Blogs, Websites);
- (d) Phone (SMS, Call networking).

Candidates campaigning on non-voting days may be disqualified from the election, subject to discretion of the Returning Officers.

12.3 Campaigning is not permitted anywhere within the same room of the polling station, or close enough to a person to see their vote or make a person feel that their vote might be seen.

12.4 Candidates are not to form groups or parties to run their campaign as a team

- (a) Groups that candidates are not permitted to receive support from include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Political Tickets
 - (ii) Club endorsements
 - (iii) Organisational endorsements
 - (iv) Group Campaigns

12.5 Candidates may not campaign jointly or for one another but are permitted to like and share posts by other candidates on social media.

12.6 The impact of subsection 12.4 does not extend to preventing candidates or elected Central Committee Members from having personal affiliations or being members of political parties.

12.7 All publicity materials are to **have a copy registered with** the Returning Officer(s) prior to distribution. Any doubts as to the accepted avenues of campaigning should be brought up to the Returning Officer(s) prior to campaigning.

(a) Any publicity materials, election campaign leaflets, fliers, or any other form of written material directly or indirectly related to, or may be related to, the campaign of any of the election candidate(s), **are only to be distributed, posted, or given out in any other way, by the candidate which the material supports or by the candidate's representatives.**

(b) Candidates **and their representatives** are **not** allowed to distribute any material besides paper leaflets or flyers. Incentives such as gifts or sweets are not to be given out.

(c) All campaign materials must not contain the UMSU International logo or the UMSU International motto (i.e. Care for, Stand for, Act for International Students). However, the words "UMSU International" and "University of Melbourne Student Union International" may be used.

(d) The use of mailing lists and public online forums by any candidate(s) and/or representative(s) of the candidate(s), and/or any club(s)/society(ies)/entity(ies) for campaign purposes is not permitted.

12.8 If any of the candidate(s), or representative(s) of the candidate(s), are found to be in breach of section 12, by the Returning Officer(s) and/or Election Officer(s), the said candidate(s) may be disqualified from the election without prior warning by the Returning Officer(s). The Returning Officer(s) also has/have the authority to apply penalties including warnings, suspension from campaigning, suppression of candidates' publicity and exclusion from all or part of the campus.

a) With regards to section 12, the decision(s) of the Returning Officer(s) is/are final.

b) Appeals against the results of the election may be made directly to the Electoral Tribunal as per section 18.

13. Prohibited Conduct

13.1 Candidates are prohibited from engaging in conduct that is dishonest, deceptive, or misleading or likely to mislead or deceive.

13.2 Candidates are responsible for the conduct of their representatives.

13.3 Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to the following:

a) Interfering with the act of voting or with the secrecy of the ballot;

- b) Attempting to vote or to encourage others to vote more than one time at the same election;
- c) Making false or defamatory statement;
- d) Unfairly interfering with a candidate's publicity;
- e) Physically or verbally harassing or bullying;
- f) Using the resources of UMSU, UMSU International or the University for the purpose of their campaign, other than resources that are generally available to all students.

13.4 If any of the candidate(s), or representative(s) of the candidate(s), are found to be in breach of section 13, by the Returning Officer(s) and/or Election Officer(s), the said candidate(s) may be disqualified from the election without prior warning. The Returning Officer(s) also has/have the authority to apply penalties including warnings, suspension from campaigning, suppression of candidates' publicity and exclusion from all or part of the campus.

- a) With regards to section 13, the decision(s) of the Returning Officer(s) is/are final.
- b) Appeals against the results of the election may be made directly to the Electoral Tribunal as per section 18.

14. Policy Statements and Speeches

14.1 Candidates running for executive and director positions are encouraged to prepare and present a policy statement for each position for which they are nominated at the designated Policy Speech Session.

14.2 All candidates running for non-executive or director positions are encouraged to attend a Question and Answer Session as part of the designated Policy Speech Session.

14.3 All candidates are encouraged to submit a photo and a statement limited to 250 words, which will be published by the returning officer(s).

The latest amendment was passed by UMSU International 2023/2024 at Central Committee Meeting #7 on Monday, 3 March 2024.

7. Annual General Election (AGE) 2024

The Annual General Election 2024 was held from Monday, 9 April 2024 to Friday, 10 May 2024 to elect the 2024/2025 UMSU International Central Committee. The election was carried out through both online and in-person methods, with 2 Returning Officers overseeing the process.

Per regulation requirements, the AGE was operated and oversaw by external Returning Officers. Above Quota was appointed for the UMSU International Annual General

Election 2024, with Patrick Clearwater as the Returning Officer and Stephen Luntz as the Deputy Returning Officer.

7.1 Nominations Period

Nominations Open: 9AM, Monday, 9 April 2024

Notice of Provisional Nominations: 9AM, 22 April 2024

Final close of Nominations: 5PM, Wednesday, 24 April 2024

7.2 Candidate Information Session

A Candidate Information Session was held on Wednesday, 17 April 2024 from 4PM – 5PM in David Wood Theatre. This session was held to provide candidates with a better understanding of the roles and duties of the various positions within the Central Committee, as well as the timeline and regulations of the election. The Returning Officer (RO) gave a detailed explanation on the procedures and policies of the AGE, where candidates were able to gain insights on what is to be expected. Following the presentation from the RO, the Executive Committee and some other members of the Central Committee 2023/2024 engaged in discussions and Q&A with the candidates regarding the roles of the different positions. The recording of the session was then uploaded on the election website for public viewing

(<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/make-difference/elections/umsuinternational/>).

7.3 Policy Speech Session

An in-person Policy Speech session was held on Thursday, 2 May 2024 from 5PM – 8PM in Sunderland Theatre. Candidates running for Executive or Director positions were required to present their policy speeches followed by a short Q&A session, in which all Officer candidates were required to engage in a Q&A session. The RO was in charge of moderating the session and enforces strict timeframe for each speech & Q&A to ensure smooth progression. The recording of the policy speeches was uploaded on the election website for public viewing

(<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/make-difference/elections/umsuinternational/>).

7.4 Campaigning Materials

All candidates were provided with the opportunity to provide their own campaigning material to the Returning Officer to be approved, for it to be used as promotional material for both in-person or for social media. Following the amendments of the Electoral Regulations, we have also provided candidates with the option to submit their policy statements and a picture to be included in the voting ballot. This change was made so that any international students will have a chance to review the candidates prior to submitting their votes.

7.5 Voting System

All International students at the University of Melbourne were eligible to vote in the AGE through the unique voting link sent to their student email address. The votes were counted using the preferential voting system, and everything in relation to voting was monitored by the Returning Officer. Any complaints or concerns raised during the voting period will also be supervised by the Returning Officer, and they have the discretion to inflict any penalties they deem fit on the candidates that breached the regulations.

7.6 Results

The final election results were declared and confirmed at 5PM on 10 May 2024. The results, and the full count sheets can be found here

(<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/pageassets/make-difference/elections/umsuinternational/UMSU-International-2024-Provisional-Declaration-of-Results.pdf>).

8. UMSU International Central Committee 2024/2025

Below are the combines results of the UMSU International Annual General Elections 2024. The Central Committee members will formally take office as the UMSU International Central Committee 2024/2025 on Monday, 12 August 2024:

President

Damien Wei Hao TOH

Education & Welfare Vice-President

Yuxuan (Linda) LIU

Cultural & Social Vice-President

Korakot (Kayden) SAINGAM

Media & Marketing Vice-President

Jesslyn Alexis ANDRIONO

General Secretary

Qi Evelyn WANG

Treasurer

Seoyoun (Youn) Kim

Education Director

Tiffany Au Yeung

Welfare Director

Aerizqa Aisyah RAKHMADANI

Graduate Director

Shruthi Tharmia PRABHUSHANKAR

Cultural & Social Director

Harshwardhan PATEL

Media & Marketing Director

Winnie (Wanying) LAO

Human Resources Director

Kayven Claus SATRIO

Partnership & Sponsorship Director

Ella Jiayu LIANG

Education Officer

Momoka HONDA

Yin-Xi Chloe LIN

Irina Gabriella ANANDA

Welfare Officer

Isabelle Hung Ching HII

Kathryn WANG

Jeasy CHHUN

Cornellius SALIM

Jasmine Qawiemah Matakim LEONG

Cultural & Social Officer

Xin Huai LEE

Shreeyukta ADHIKARI

Ynez WU

Isaac Hung Nguong HII

Shamika SHARMA

Media & Marketing Officer

Ishita SHARMA

Zhao He KOK

Made Vinaya WIHARSA

Human Resources Officer

Suhas AGRAWAL

Kaelyn MIRANDA

9. Committee Bonding Activities

9.1 Bonding Camp

The Bonding Camp, with the help of my Executive Committee, was planned and arranged two months prior to the scheduled trip. The camp was an opportunity for the Committee 2023/2024 to bond and form relationships, thus ensuring better work relations. As the camp was held one week after the finalization of Co-Option 2023, there was insufficient time to include the co-opted officers in the camp. This was mainly because at that point in time, UMSU had recently abolished reimbursement, and moved into an invoice only payment system, so all bookings had to be done well in advance. A total of 28/31 elected committee members participated in the camp.

The 3 Days and 2 Nights Committee Bonding Camp took place from Sunday, 24 September 2023 to Tuesday, 26 September 2023 during the Mid-Semester Break. The committee traveled around the Mornington Peninsula and took part in multiple activities to foster relationships and teamwork within UMSU International. Some activities include sightseeing, exploration, stargazing, the iconic face mask session, and the crowd favorite – game night.

We booked Iluka Retreat as our accommodation, which is in the middle of Mornington Peninsula, making it convenient to travel around different destinations. Iluka Retreat provided us with the Warrawong Lodge, which comes with an exclusive Kitchen Dining Lounge which can accommodate up to 60 people.

We chartered a 33-seat standard coach bus from Coachhire as our main transportation throughout our camp. The bus and driver stay with us throughout the 3D2N camps and is given separate accommodation and allowance for meals.

For the upcoming and any future committees, here is a compilation of the feedback and suggestions arising from Bonding Camp 2023:

1. More team building activities, as our camp was centered around sightseeing and travelling. More bonding games would be ideal in fostering relationships.
2. Explore the options of an Airbnb, or a camp with specialized activities. Idea is to have the camp centered around bonding activities, instead of travelling.
3. Ensure there is sufficient food at the restaurant. It may be tricky due to pre-ordering, so it is advisable to buy slightly more than estimated.

9.2. Bonding Dinners

The Central Committee Bonding Dinner is set as a bonding event for all Committee Members to meet and strengthen their connections after Central Committee Meetings. A total of three bonding dinners were held for this committee, and the particulars are outlined below.

Bonding Dinner #	Venue	Date	Number of People
1	HongDae Korean Restaurant & Bar	Monday, 28 August 2023 (CCM #3)	28/31
2	Secret Kitchen	Monday, 2 October 2023 (CCM #5)	32/40
3	D'Penyetz Carlton	Monday, 18 March 2024 (CCM #8)	35/39

9.3 Appreciation Event (Farewell Party)

The Committee Member Farewell Party is an annual appreciation event for UMSU International to celebrate and acknowledge the exceptional hard work, time, and effort that the Central Committee have invested in advancing the mission of UMSU International throughout their term. This event is dedicated to expressing sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions made by the Central Committee, recognizing their significant role in driving the organization's success.

The Farewell Party is scheduled to take place on Friday, 23 August 2024. The event will be held on a cruise (Citrus Lady) provided by Party Boat Cruises. It is their newly renovated floating oasis, featuring the only complete open-air rooftop in Melbourne. The cruise will pick up and drop off from Harbour Esplanade Docklands, then head downstream of the Yarra River taking in the views under the Bolte Bridge through the Ports of Melbourne and under the Westgate Bridge to Hobson's Bay-Williamstown. The returning trip to Docklands capturing Melbourne's stunning city views.

10. Human Resource Department

The following outlines all the events and projects that were carried out by the Human Resources Department throughout the term of 2023/24.

10.1 International Student Ambassador (ISA) Program

10.1.1 Overview

The International Student Ambassador (ISA) Program is a volunteer initiative that supports UMSU International's events and activities with dedicated volunteers. It allows University of Melbourne's students to grasp UMSU International's organizational practices, while contributing to their peers' welfare and experiences. Student volunteers could also gain valuable skills like networking, leadership, and project management, fostering new friendships and enhancing their university involvement.

The ISA program runs per semester, open to all University of Melbourne students (Domestic & International). Selection involves an initial questionnaire and informal group interviews with representatives from Human Resources, the Executive Committee, and Directors. Volunteers are expected to complete 30 hours of volunteer service to fulfill the ISA Program. Approximately 80 to 90 students are accepted for the program per semester. Below show the number of ISAs intake for UMSU International 2023/24:

Semester 2 2023

- July Intake à 40 ISAs (out of 111)
- August Intake à 45 ISAs (out of 113)

Semester 1 2024

- February Intake → 33 ISAs (out of 141)
- March Intake → 51 ISAs (out of 203)

10.1.2 ISA Strikes System

Following the introduction of the ISA Strikes System by Committee 2022/2023, we have made further amendments to ensure transparency and consistency with UMSU International's disciplinary procedures. The details of the Strikes System are as follows:

Event Day

Circumstances	Actions
Late for > 5 minutes during the event without informing event coordinators in the event group chat	1 Strike will be given
Late for > 15 minutes during the event with invalid reasons even though the event coordinators have been informed	1 Strike will be given
Late for > 30 minutes during the event with invalid reasons even the event coordinators have been informed	2 Strikes will be given
Late for > 1 hour during the event with invalid reasons even the event coordinators has been informed	2 strikes and a warning will be given
Not showing up during the event and/or no notice of cancellation	3 strikes will be given

2.3 The list of penalty thresholds and corresponding penalties are as follows

<i>Penalties</i>	<i>Total strikes</i>
2 event hours deduction	2
Warning and another 2 event hours deduction	4
Second warning and another 4 event hours deduction	6
Expelled from the ISA Program	8

As it has only been 2 years since the implementation of this strikes system, it is highly advisable for future committees to continue to review and improve the particulars. Be pro-active in seeking feedback from our ISAs and try to incorporate it into our culture.

10.1.3 ISA Appreciation Night and Winning House Dinners

The International Student Ambassador (ISA) Appreciation Night and Winning House Dinner were the events to celebrate graduating ISAs (those who has fulfilled the 30-hour requirement) by inviting them to dinner, as a reward and appreciation from the Human Resources (HR) department for their help and volunteer effort throughout their terms.

Below are the summary of ISA Appreciation Night and Winning House Dinner for ISAs graduating within UMSU International 2023/24 period:

February & March 2023 Intake:

	ISA Appreciation Night	ISA Winning House Dinner
Date	Monday, 23rd October 2023	Thursday, 26th October 2023
Venue	East Imperial	Pepe's Italian and Liquor
Number of Attendees	63	19

July & August 2023 Intake:

	ISA Appreciation Night	ISA Winning House Dinner
Date	Tuesday, 23rd May 2024	Thursday, 25th May 2024
Venue	Yum Sing House	Thai Tide
Number of Attendees	26	10

Starting from the July & August 2023 Intake, Central Committee other than the HR Departments are no longer invited to attend the ISA Appreciation Night. This decision was made because past appreciation nights had been dominated by committee members, taking away the significance of the event for ISAs. Following the decision, a significant positive shift can be seen from ISAs' receptiveness to the event, as ISAs were no longer shadowed and were able to celebrate their contribution to UMSU International. For incoming and future HR departments, it is our job to pass down this lesson, and be firm in our position even if the rest of the committees are begging to attend the event.

10.1.4 Words for ISA from UMSU International 2023/24

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 2023/24 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.

For many of you who are continuing your journey in UMSU International, I sincerely wish you the very best. I hope you continue to have fun and bring UMSU International to an even greater height.

10.2 Meat and Greets

The Meat and Greet aims to provide UMSU International with a platform to showcase our identity, activities, and the ways in which we support University of Melbourne students.

10.2.1 Meat and Greet Carnival 2023

One Meat and Greet was conducted in Semester 2 2023 and it was a collaboration with the Partnership & Sponsorship (P&S) Department and the Cultural & Social (C&S) Department. Held on Monday, 18 September 2023 at Market Hall & Amphitheatre, the event consisted of Barbeques and Mini Carnival games. The HR Department was mainly in charge of the Barbeques and reached a total number of 713 attendees (an increase of 231 attendees from previous M&G Carnival) for the day. This event gave students the chance to socialise and make new connections, providing a safe, engaging platform for students to enjoy fun games and food.

10.2.2 Meat and Greet 2024

Held in Semester 1, 2024, this Meat and Greet was ran by HR and P&S. It was held on Thursday, 2 May 2024 at the Amphitheatre, attracting 487 attendees. This event

consisted of BBQ, Popcorn and Hot Chocolate for students to engage in. Hot chocolate was used as a replacement for cotton candy as the UMSU cotton candy machine has historically been unreliable. Unfortunately, the hot chocolate machine ended up malfunctioning as well. So a better selection of supplier is advisable.

10.3 ISA-OB Bonding

ISA-OB Bonding is an initiative started in the 2023/24 term in hope of fostering friendship and connection between ISAs and OBs. This event includes multiple minigames that require coherent teamwork between ISAs and OBs, along with a leisure “picnic style” activity with food and drinks. All OBs, ISAs from Semester 2 2023 and Semester 1 2024 were invited, and 68 participants attended.

Following the positive response of this initiative, we are looking into holding more bonding activities between ISAs to improve their volunteering experience. This is a work in progress and will be executed by the HR Department 2024/25.

10.4 ISA After Event Feedback

Building on our bonding initiative, we also recognized that not enough attention had been paid to how ISA felt while volunteering. A customized feedback form was used to actively collect feedback from ISAs, which will then be sorted and brought to the respective departments of concern.

It is highly recommended that this practice be continued, as I believe that helping our ISAs have an enjoyable experience is key to the success of UMSU International.

11. Graduate Department

11.1 International Hangout Semester 2 2023

International Hangout was held with the purpose of collecting feedback and data from the Graduate cohort. It was an attempt to gauge the general interest to tackle the underrepresentation of graduate students. Held on Friday, 8 September 2024 at Amphitheatre and Market Hall due to weather conditions. Coffee and gelato were served, and it attracted roughly 550 participants, with 499 unique feedback collected.

The original purpose of International Hangout has been fulfilled, so it is recommended that the budget be allocated to another initiative for graduate students.

11.2 Employability Summit

In collaboration with the Education Department, Employability Summit was aimed to help international students in securing employment by connecting them directly with companies as well as industry professionals. The event consisted of two main aspects: a career expo involving companies that provide opportunities to international students,

and different speaker sessions involving topics that were catered towards helping international students in securing employment.

12. External Representation

Each member of the Executive Committee was appointed to represent UMSU International in various working groups and steering committees.

During our term, I was involved in the following external engagement:

1. Melbourne Student Forum
2. Health Promotion Program: Healthier Relationships Advisory Group
3. Student Academic Integrity Engagement Project

13. Concluding Words

Before I step down from my position and lose my privilege to the lounge, I would like to take this opportunity to prove that I do have emotions :D. The last two years had been memorable, it has some of the brightest and darkest moments of my life. I experienced emotions and feelings that I never thought would have been possible. I found comfort in the mountain of work as I shut people out of my life. But beyond that, I have learned and grew as a person. I have gained experience and memories that will follow me for the rest of my life. And most importantly, I met a few random people on a random Tuesday, who ended up becoming such an important part of my life. UMSU International has given me friendships that I am extremely grateful for and will forever hold within my heart.

To my HR department, thank you for the amazing effort and dedication you guys have made during our term. I understand that it can get challenging, since despite all the work you have done, you hardly get recognition for being a core pillar of UMSU International. I, on behalf of all the committee members, ISAs, and even students that benefited from us, would like to give you our sincere gratitude for your amazing job.

To Cherry, the best HR Director that I could ask for, thank you for carrying the weight of the department while I was juggling my role as Secretary. Not to be cliché or anything, but I probably would not make it here without your help :>.

To Tam, an unexpected friend I have made, from our time together as co-opts, to our badminton sessions in MSAC. Thank you for carrying the weight together with Cherry in the beginning, and for always initiating hangouts within the department.

To Kayven, the up-and-coming HR Director, congrats and good luck with your term. I am sure you will do a fantastic job, but if you ever need assistance, be sure to ask the incoming Secretary for help.



To Gurshan, I want to thank you for being the idea giver. Your input has helped the HR department take a step in the right direction. I respect your desire to gain diverse experience, I wish you the best in the remainder of your study.

To my Graduate Department, Hiranmayi, Asawari, and Mansi. As this was only the second term we had a graduate department, I understand that it was hard to kick start any events or initiatives due to the lack of guidance. I also understand that you are all busy with your course work as a graduate student, so thank you for your time and effort that you have contributed to UMSU International.

I would also like to thank the 2023/2024 Central Committee. All of you contributed to the success of UMSU International, and each of you had made an impact on my life. I wish all of you the best, whether you are still studying, or finishing up soon. For those looking for a job, I can't help you with that but good luck :D. For those that already have a job lined up for you, please refer me :)). With our term ending, you guys will no longer be getting messenger notifications from me, I am sure you are all sad and devastated by this, but stay strong, you can do it!

To Richard, the yappermaxer, you have fulfilled your destiny as a yapper, and I would say you did an okay (great) job! I still remember our first interaction when I was a co-opt, during the EPG at Deakin Court and how you introduced yourself to me. It is saddening to see what happened to that guy :(Anyways, as much as you are brain-rotted, I still have great respect for you. None of us could truly understand how much you were carrying on your shoulders, and yet, you always try to give joy to those around you (even though the methods are questionable). I am happy to call you my friend, and I am glad that you could put your trust in me. Good luck with your master's and thank you once again for not only being a respectable President, but also a friend.

To Rob, the international Uniqlo ambassador, and my previous boss. From my time as your officer, I always felt that you are an extremely hardworking and respectable person. Words cannot express how grateful I am to have you as the Vice-President (Education & Welfare). Anyone that has worked with you could clearly see the passion and love that you have for UMSU International. You never hesitated in helping others even when you have no obligation and have made a positive impact on many people's lives. I am sure your tenacity and willingness to help will shine through even in your job. I will be waiting for the treat after your first paycheck!

To Christian, the undisputed workaholic, I know you have ambition and reasons to be a workaholic, but you need to learn to relax every once in a while. From not talking at all in Trinity, to seeing you almost every other day in UMSU International, I am glad to call

you one of the closest friends I have made. When you first started as the Vice-President (Cultural & Social), you were given a big shoe to fill in a very short notice. Not only did you fill that shoe, but you also expanded the shoe size for your successor (my condolences Kayden). Anyway, that is enough praise for you, try to take things slow even if you do not want to, this does not apply to just work.

To Maddy, the only normal person between the six of us (in a good way), thank you for all the help you have given me with some of my secretary's work, even though I could never help you with yours. I have respect for you as a person, you always take action to meet any goals that you have set for yourself, and you are always open to try out new experiences. Good luck with your master's, I am sure you are going to achieve great things there as well!

To Jeslyn, the closet dark humor girl, and my head of house while I was an ISA (who I was actually scared of at that time :D). However, once we started working together, I realized that you are a fun and easy-going person. I want to thank you for the support you have given me during our JEC era, it really meant a lot to me at the time. Thank you for always being there to help regardless of whether it is related to finances. You are one of the smartest individuals I have met, I am looking forward to seeing what you will achieve in the future!

Lastly to Evelyn, I am proud to have you as the incoming secretary. You are both capable and a fast learner, I am confident that you will do a great job in your term. Your journey will not be without obstacles, but that is where the learning lies, so experience it to the fullest. If things ever get too tough, I will always be available to help. I genuinely hope that you will enjoy the UMSU International experience as much as I did, and I hope in a year's time that you will look back and be proud of what you have accomplished.

Prepared by,

Yhi Zhen (Ethan) Lim
General Secretary 2023/2024
UMSU International

Treasurer's Annual Report

Annual General Meeting 2024 – Friday, 9th August 2024

1. Introduction

This annual report covers the period from 25 August 2023 to 9 August 2024, outlining 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 UMSU International Regulations.

2. Fund Allocation for 2023 and 2024

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 \$305,404.00 and \$339,461.95 in the 2023 and 2024 calendar year respectively.

3. Partnership and Sponsorship Department Portfolio

3.1 Heads of Clubs

The Partnership and Sponsorship Department has successfully hosted the Heads of Clubs Event in Semester 2 2023 and Semester 1 2024, to which 60 executives from different clubs and societies had attended. Through this, we onboarded clubs to participate in the Night Market for our food stalls and performances, promoted UMSU International's grants, and encouraged collaboration between clubs and UMSU International. During the event, we also gave out UMSU International merchandise.

3.2 Sponsors

The Partnership and Sponsorship Department was able to acquire new sponsors during our term. The sponsors below have engaged with us by providing giveaways and/or vouchers in one or more UMSU International events during the 2023/24 term.

- Carte Crepes has provided 300 coffee vouchers for the International Student Survey.
- Ho Ho's Express has provided 200 coffee vouchers for the International Student Survey
- Red Bull has provided 480 cans of their product for the Exam Pack Giveaway

4. Representation

4.1 Respect at Melbourne Reference Group

The 2023/24 Treasurer was nominated by the President to attend the Respect at Melbourne Reference Group together with the Cultural and Social Vice President on behalf of UMSU International. This working group is attended by Pip Nicholson, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Tim Brabazon, the Director of Student Services, and various academic professionals, staff and student representatives from the University of Melbourne. As part of the reference group, we discuss the University's approach on Sexual Misconduct, its processes and publications. Meetings occur quarterly and are ongoing.

5. Grant(s) Received

Over the course of the 2023/24 term, UMSU International has not received any grants for our events. However, we have received \$3,829.09 in service/event income for Night Market.

6. Grant(s) Applications

UMSU International has allocated a fixed budget of \$4,400 for the 2023 calendar year and \$4,000 for 2024 for grants. This budget will be awarded to UMSU-affiliated and non-affiliated clubs, societies, and organizations within the University of Melbourne, with each eligible to receive up to \$1,200 per application.

The purpose of the UMSU International grant scheme is to encourage clubs and societies to organise events and programs beneficial to the International Student community.

For Tier 1 Grants, the final decision of approval or rejection of the applications is carried out by the Executive Committee. For Tier 2 Grants, 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.

During the 2023/24 term, UMSU International has received grants for events in Semester 2 2023 and Semester 1 2024. Below are the approved and processed grants to the following clubs, societies, and organisations:

Clubs/Societies	Events	Amount
Embrace Education	Coffee Catch Up	\$128.00
Total		\$128.00

7. Financial Statements

7.1 Expenditure in Semester 2 2023

Expenditure	Amount
Promotion Expenses – Website	\$180.00
Promotion Expenses – All Org	\$110.89
Grants	\$128.00
Merchandise	\$9,229.40
Programs – Exam Support	\$14,010.62
Programs – Access & Inclusion	\$7,824.19
Events – General	\$50,690.03
Events – Campaign	\$36,343.50
Events – Orientation	\$14,498.89
Events – Food & Beverage	\$4,272.73
Total Expenditure	\$137,399.13

The following is the breakdown of the relevant accounts:

Code	Event	Amount
3231	Website Maintenance	\$180.00
	ISA Recruitment Advertising	\$125.77
	Co-Options Advertising	\$96.00
3531	Grants	\$128.00
3713	OB Merchandise	\$4,318.00
	ISA T-Shirts	\$4,911.40
3839	Exam Pack Giveaway & SWOTSNACC	\$14,010.62
	Queer Film Night	\$7,824.19
3840	Get Certified	\$6,949.00
	International Student Career Networking Night	\$727.95
	PR/Visa Workshop	\$100.00
	R U Ok Day	\$469.55
	International Week	\$18,397.16
	Mini Carnival	\$1,095.90
	Meat and Greet	\$2,716.10
	ISA Appreciation Night	\$5,108.60
	Heads of Clubs	\$833.80
	Bonding Camp	\$11,629.34
	Bonding Dinners, Committee Appreciation	\$2,042.63
	Banner Production	\$320.00
	Speaker Hire	\$300.00
	International Brekkie	\$36,343.50
	Haunted House	\$10,698.89
Winterfest - Roller Disco	\$3,800.00	
International Hangout	\$4,272.73	
Total Expenditure		\$137,399.13

7.2 Expenditure in Semester 1 2024

Expenditure	Amount
Promotion Expenses – Website	\$2,700.00
Promotion Expenses – All Org	\$1,116.67
Merchandise	\$39,712.50
Subscriptions & literature - Periodicals	\$1,436.19
Programs – Exam Support	\$8,075.01
Programs – Peer Support	\$1,271.57
Events – General	\$120,793.63
Events – Campaign	\$33,053.63
Events – Activity Weeks	\$478.33
Events – Food & Beverage	\$731.67

Events – Orientation	\$2,361.82
Total Expenditure	\$211,730.02

The following is the breakdown of the relevant accounts:

Code	Event	Amount
3231	Website maintenance	\$2,700.00
	Event advertisements	\$1,116.67
3713	Merchandise giveaway	\$39,712.50
3774	Newsletter subscription	\$1,286.20
	Design software subscription	\$149.99
3839	Exam pack giveaway & SWOTSNACC	\$8,075.01
	Buddy-Up Program	\$1,271.57
3840	Personal Finance Workshop	\$300.00
	PR Visa Workshop	\$200.00
	International Student Survey	\$5,070.20
	Employment Summit	\$8,153.04
	Get Certified	\$9,992.92
	Sports Carnival	\$736.37
	Symphonies of Nations	\$5,313.10
	International Orientation Day	\$342.80
	Night Market	\$71,577.14
	Food Adventure	\$4,027.65
	Amazing Race	\$435.36
	UMSUi Dances	\$1,029.00
	Meat and Greet	\$2,124.24
	ISA Appreciation Night	\$4,410.74
	Survey Monkey Subscription	\$349.09
	Heads of Clubs	\$1,089.47
	Bonding Dinners, Committee Appreciation	\$1,686.52
	Speaker Hire	\$200.00
	Trolley Purchase	\$129.98
	Ramadan Event	\$1,000.00
Sunscreen	\$2,625.00	
International Brekkie	\$33,053.63	
Mental Health Week	\$478.33	
International Hangout	\$731.67	
Summerfest	\$2,361.82	
Total Expenditure	\$211,730.02	

8. Concluding Words

With this report, my journey at UMSU International has come to an end. It has been a great privilege and honor to have been part of this family for over two years. It feels just

like yesterday when I arrived in Melbourne and began as an ISA, and now I am submitting my final report.

I would first like to thank my department, the Partnership and Sponsorship team – Cynthia and Angelina, for all your work and dedication throughout the year. To our wonderful EXCOs, thank you for your unwavering support over the past year. It is truly inspiring to see the time and effort you have invested in both UMSU International and your studies.

Richard, I truly appreciate how you have always looked out for us and represented us in the best way possible. Your leadership is irreplaceable for us all. Rob, your dedication, support, and empathy have been invaluable; your enthusiasm has made a significant impact on each and every one of us. Christian, our source of energy and positivity, always lifting up our spirits with your kind and friendly nature. Maddy, thank you for being such a reliable support and always being there for me. Ethan, I genuinely commend your steadfast reliability and integrity; your efforts to help all of our committee bond is truly priceless.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Aviya, Josh, and all other UMSU staff for your assistance and support over the years. To the other committee members and ISAs, thank you for your hard work and dedication this past year. I also want to sincerely apologize for any shortcomings I may have in your experience working with me. Youn, as the incoming Treasurer, and to all the incoming committee, I wish you all the best in your journey at UMSUi!

Prepared by,

Jeslyn TANDYAJAYA
Treasurer 2023/24
UMSU International

4. Other Business

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5. AGM Adjourns



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