



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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## **Agenda**

Annual General Meeting 2025 – Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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Time : 18:30

Venue : William Macmahon Ball Theatre

- 1. Attendance and Official Welcome of AGM**
- 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**
  - 2.1.UMSU International Annual General Meeting 2024
- 3. Executive Committee Final Reports**
  - 3.1. President's Annual Report
  - 3.2. Education and Welfare Vice-President's Annual Report
  - 3.3. Cultural and Social Vice-President's Annual Report
  - 3.4. Media and Marketing Vice-President's Annual Report
  - 3.5. General Secretary's Annual Report
  - 3.6. Treasurer's Annual Report
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. AGM Adjourns**

## **UMSU International President's Annual Report**

### **Annual General Meeting 2025 – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

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#### **Introduction -**

This annual report covers the period from September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, outlining the achievements of UMSU International, written in accordance with subsection 15.4(a) of the UMSU International Regulations.

Throughout my tenure, I have strived to advocate for and represent our international student community at The University of Melbourne, in topics relating to academics, well-being, culture, and many more. As the President role is both incredibly dynamic and diverse, this report will not be an exhaustive list of all the work I undertook, but aims to convey the highlights. I will start by discussing my work in stakeholder relations, then my key advocacy work, followed by other notable work.

#### **Stakeholder Relations -**

##### **Relationship with University of Melbourne Executives and Teams**

Over the years, UMSU International has strengthened its position in various university meetings and working groups. After familiarizing myself with these meetings and the people involved, I realized that naturally, given that most meetings have a predominant staff membership, it becomes easy for the student narrative and experience to get lost in bureaucracy.

Grateful for the positive relationships that my predecessors have built, I started my term with the goal of growing these relationships by placing the value of reflection at the center of my advocacy. I wanted to emphasize the personal and ensure that not only is a general international student voice present at these meetings, but that voices are heard as voices, and students are seen as people. I wanted to be a representative who is, first and foremost, a student.

Through extensive engagement in the last year, I have built a positive rapport with a variety of stakeholders, most notably the Vice-Chancellor, the Provost, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (People and Community), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous), Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education), Pro Vice-Chancellor (People and Equity), Director of Student Success, Director of Wellbeing Services, and the President of the Academic Board.

I believe that a testament to the strength of the relationships that I built was this year's Night Market, which was particularly unprecedented. The Night Market was formally opened by the Vice-Chancellor, with a majority of university senior executives in attendance.

Leveraging these relationships, UMSU International took a key role in a wide array of groups, namely at University Executive Meetings, Provost Advisory Committee, Enhancing Student

Connections Committee, ESOS Governance Group, Student Scam Working Group, Anti-Racism Action Plan Working Group, Assessments and Results Policy Review Working Group, Food Working Group, Campus Canteen Consultations, Respect Reference Group, Special Considerations Business Processes Reference Group, and the Health Promotion Program Advisory Groups. This is in addition to membership in the Academic Board and its committees, particularly the Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee and the Higher Degrees by Research Committee (HDRC). Starting this year, Xiao Jing Ong, a PhD Student at Peter MacCallum Cancer Center, serves as UMSU international's representative at HDRC.

In addition to the existing memberships, I endeavored to engage with and form relationships with the teams at Student and Scholarly Services (SASS), as they are crucial partners in improving services for international students. As a result, we now have regular engagements with teams such as the Careers and Employability team, Alumni Relations team, Student Life team, and Academic Skills team.

Through these various engagements with university executives and teams, UMSU International becomes better positioned to identify areas for improvement within university processes and SASS, to more efficiently align our events and initiatives.

### **Relationship with UMSU**

Throughout my term, I have met regularly with both the UMSU CEO and UMSU President and have generally been able to reach agreements on key issues. Beyond this, I am glad to continue my predecessor's commitment that UMSU International is open to working with the rest of UMSU through engaging more with UMSU Office Bearers (OBs).

As a culmination of the extensive work that my predecessors have undertaken to alleviate the historically strained relationship between UMSU International and UMSU, UMSU International executives, starting this 2024/2025 term, have started receiving honoraria. This represents a significant step toward recognizing the substantial workload and commitment of the UMSU International Central Committee.

Although this is positive progress, it is important to note that the President receives 40% whereas Vice Presidents (VPs), Secretary, and Treasurer receive 20% of the total honorarium, still much lower than that of UMSU OBs. In initial discussions, only the President and VPs were set to receive honorarium, but after negotiation with UMSU, this has been extended to the Secretary and Treasurer, with the caveat that the honorarium for Secretary and Treasurer comes from UMSU International's budget. There is still much room for improvement, a space that I hope my successors will be able to progress.

Moving forward, I hope that these increasingly positive relationships can continue, while ensuring that UMSU International's work is not undermined, whether directly or indirectly.

Though there is room for disagreements, I believe that much can be achieved through compromise, as steps need to be taken before leaps.

Regarding our relationship with UMSU staff in particular, there have been improvements in some departments and declines of support in others. Although this is an issue that has been raised, given the ongoing restructuring of UMSU as an organization, much of it has been left to time to improve. Hopefully, as the organization returns to a steady footing, said support could improve.

### **Relationship with GSA**

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) represents a crucial partnership for UMSU International, given the large population of international graduate students. Throughout my term, I have maintained strong working relationships with GSA executives and board members across various working groups, conducive when trying to present a united front to Chancellery.

In navigating the relationship between UMSU and GSA, UMSU International maintains its focus on what serves international students best, adhering to our own perspectives and priorities. Our unique position allows us to leverage UMSU staff support while remaining less entangled in broader bureaucratic structures, enabling us to be more hands-on in delivering events and initiatives directly to international students. This approach has proven to be effective.

### **Key Advocacy –**

#### **Assessments and Results Policy Review – Feedback to Students**

**Key Rationale:** Students at the university are probably familiar with the lacking opportunities for feedback through assessments. In most cases, students never know what their final exam marks are. As a result, everyone has become accustomed to reverse-calculating the final exam score based on the final cumulative score.

At times, some final project scores are released without feedback being provided. Some quizzes/formative assignments only release the grade, not including which questions each student got wrong. Beyond this, some students have reported being denied personalized feedback, where faculty cite large enrollment numbers as justification.

#### **University Executive Presentation**

I first presented about this to University Executive in November 2024, ahead of the 2025 Assessments and Results policy review. I outlined the key issues and emphasized how feedback that is meaningful should let students know which part of the content they need to improve in, how they can improve based on their performance, how they are progressing within a subject, and what questions they are getting wrong. For international students in particular, given the struggles of navigating a new educational system, many are unaware of their rights to feedback and grades.

### **TALQAC Presentation**

I then presented to the Teaching and Learning Quality Assurance Committee (TALQAC), focusing on feedback quality and assessment transparency.

The Committee acknowledged the insights and discussed the distinction between formative and summative feedback. They recognized that staff workload issues contribute to feedback problems but also noted opportunities to ensure faculty comply with existing policies. Most importantly, they confirmed that our recommendations will be considered in the policy review.

### **Assessments and Results Policy Review Working Group Discussions**

The ongoing working group has expanded discussions to cover scaling transparency, dedicated exam viewing times, and timely responses from faculty. I have also pushed for better handbook clarity and clearer expectations for discussion platforms like Ed. Key information sometimes emerges through these platforms, creating fairness issues for students who do not monitor them constantly.

### **Elected Reps Follow-up**

In response to the presentations mentioned, feedback was that much of the issues fall within the Office of the Provost's remit, as they are implementation issues, not policy. As such, I followed up regarding this matter through Elected Reps. There was some back-and-forth about who's responsible for what. The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education) did commit to reminding Associate Deans about exam viewing opportunities, which is already in the existing policy.

### **Moving Forward**

I will soon send a comprehensive submission to the Assessments and Results Policy Review Working Group, summarizing the previous discussions from TALQAC, the Working Group, and Elected Reps. The goal is to make sure the proposed changes are realistic and actually improve the student experience while being practical to implement.

### **English Language Support**

**Key Rationale:** Language barriers affect international students in ways that go far beyond just communication; they become the root cause of many other serious issues. Language barriers lead to disengagement during orientation, push students toward contract cheating services, and create hostility in group work settings.

Our 2024 International Student Survey found that 32% of students experience limited social interactions due to language barriers. The problem extends to employability, with major companies requiring recent English test results when applying for graduate roles, and increases the proportion of international students in academic appeals in recent years.



### **Academic Skills Consultation**

After researching at Stop 1, posing as a student enquiring about English language support, I enquired more about the topic of English language support at Academic Board. The Executive Director of SASS referred me to the manager of Academic Skills to continue these discussions.

The Diagnostic English Language Assessment (DELA) particularly stood out as problematic. Despite being included in the new student checklist, only 8% of new students completed it in 2023. The test requires 2 hours to complete and is conducted in-person. It is scheduled either during peak orientation periods or mid-semester breaks. Students may also fear that low scores could affect their enrollment.

Workshop participation has declined significantly post-COVID, and while Academic English tutorials are well received by attendees, they are underutilized and struggle with reach across the student population.

### **University Executive Presentation**

I presented this research to University Executive, taking a personal approach through the use of anecdotes. The presentation covered three specific experiences I have had, that shed light on the aforementioned issues. This approach was received positively by the executives.

### **Elected Reps Follow-up**

I followed up on this matter by enquiring about the status of previous reports: the English Language Support report from the Selection Procedures Committee Meeting in mid-2024 and the DELA Test Completion Results from October 2023. I did this to try and kickstart the work to be done to address the clear gaps in English language support, particularly in bettering preemptive measures.

### **Faculty of Business and Economics Meeting**

Since language barriers closely relate to contract cheating issues, particularly among international students, I organized a meeting with the Dean and Associate Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE). Results from our 2025 International Student Survey showed language barriers as a significant factor in students engaging with contract cheating services.

We agreed on joint efforts to raise awareness about contract cheating and explore future collaborations. With the support of the Media and Marketing team, reels about contract cheating are now available on our Instagram.

### **Moving Forward**

Due to consistent advocacy on this issue, an English Language Support in Teaching and Learning Working Group has been formed, consisting of associate deans from all faculties, Academic Skills, and other key stakeholders. UMSU International will contribute to this working group to ensure

that solutions address the real challenges international students face and move beyond current remedial approaches to create meaningful, preemptive support measures.

### **Connectedness: Orientation and University Culture**

**Key Rationale:** International students face significant challenges with connectedness, particularly first-year students navigating a new country and educational system. Despite the university's wide range of services, many international students remain unaware of available resources. The current orientation program has barriers like mandatory registration that emphasizes sessions as optional. These connectedness issues directly impact their academics, mental health, and overall student experience.

#### **University Executive Presentation (August 2024)**

I presented findings from our 2024 International Student Survey to University Executive, highlighting the issue of low connectedness. The survey reveals that a large proportion of students are unaware of basic university services and support. This lack of awareness reflects deeper issues with how international students connect to university life.

#### **Provost Advisory Committee Presentation**

Building on the University Executive presentation, I delivered a presentation to the Provost Advisory Committee addressing low connectedness among first-year international students, specifically relating to the orientation program. I presented four key recommendations: expanding the orientation challenge through activity-based sessions from various university services, reducing registration barriers and centralizing communications to avoid information overload, increasing tables and complimentary meals to facilitate organic connections, and incentivizing and standardizing the MPMP program with more intergroup interactions.

#### **University Executive Follow-up (June 2025)**

In my final presentation to University Executive, I highlighted the issue of social connectedness, now supported by the 2025 International Student Survey findings: 94% of students reported a lack of opportunity to socialize, with 74% experiencing negative impacts. Besides these data, I again took a reflective, narrative approach.

I wanted this presentation to challenge the executives' views on our campus culture. For example, despite many events happening on campus, why do students still feel unable to socialize? How does culture affect international students' willingness to make connections? What motivates students to stay on campus beyond academics, when most do not live on campus?

I reflected on my exchange experience in the U.S., where various campus-wide events that have almost become tradition, similar to UMSU International's Night Market, create unifying moments that bring the campus together. Even in countries where most students commute, such as Indonesia, there is a campus spirit that unites everyone. An example of this is through massive inter-faculty competitions.



This highlights the need for a campus-wide cultural shift, such as rethinking how the university designs spaces, schedules events, celebrates achievements, and makes the university somewhere worth staying for.

This presentation received particularly high praise from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education), among others.

### **Collaboration with Faculties**

During my advocacy work, I discovered an existing event targeted towards new international students, run jointly by the Faculties of Science, Education, Business & Economics, and Engineering & IT. As there is significant overlap with UMSU International programming, I identified the opportunity for co-design. This is especially relevant considering that the event is not open to all international students, due to budget constraints.

I raised this duplication issue to the Director of Student Success and initiated discussions with the organizing team. After a previous meeting with the event's lead, I have been working to bring everyone together to explore collaboration opportunities and ensure efficient resource use while maximizing impact for international students.

### **Moving Forward**

There is a plan for a comprehensive meeting with all stakeholders to explore how to reduce duplication and create more targeted, efficient programming. The goal is to combine expertise from both university faculties and UMSU International to create a cohesive orientation experience that reaches all international students. This will better encompass existing events such as Beyond Borders, which features a student panel from a wide range of faculties.

### **Other Notable Work –**

#### **Elected Reps Meeting**

The Elected Reps meeting serves as the primary channel for raising any concerns or questions to Chancellery, where the relevant university staff are invited to attend. This meeting is now chaired by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education) and is regularly attended by the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (People and Community), President/Vice-President Academic Board, Director of Student Success, and student representatives from UMSU International, UMSU, and GSA.

I have leveraged this opportunity to understand the university better, as to some extent, there are no questions too small in this meeting. Often, these rather “trivial” questions led to interesting responses.

I highlighted the need to streamline special consideration processes, which then led to my close involvement with the Special Considerations Business Processes Reference Group, where I pointed out key touchpoints that could lead to confusion and undue stress. I also brought attention to employability-related issues, particularly inconsistencies at the All Degrees and STEM career fairs, where some companies are listed as accepting international students on the website when, in reality, they do not.

Following the Academic Integrity policy review last year, I also sought more clarity on what students should do when they encounter potential academic misconduct in group project settings. In extension, with the increasing prevalence of AI, I was interested in hearing the university's take on the emerging concerns of AI use in grading.

More recently, I started key discussions to address infrastructure and accessibility concerns, particularly in enquiring whether there are key performance indicators in place to determine the usage of the microwave space at the Arts and Cultural Building, as well as the possibility for 24/7 study spaces at peak times.

### **Campus Canteen**

UMSU International was involved in consultations to drive the direction of the canteen's development, led by the Director of Student Success. This includes providing ideas and input regarding the business model, price points, menu items, vendors, physical layouts, and many more.

The Campus Canteen has opened last semester in Parkville and this semester in Southbank, offering \$5 meals. We wanted to ensure that menu items are healthy but also culturally diverse. Layout-wise, we wanted to maximize seating but also make sure students feel connected and comfortable within the environment. The university estimates that through this pilot, a larger-scale canteen can be developed in approximately 5 years, pending the resolution of core issues impacting the carpark space below the South Lawn.

### **Scam Working Group**

Given that international students are a big target of scams, this working group is particularly important and was largely kickstarted by advocacy from the previous committee.

We continue to make active contributions by sharing information about scams that we encounter and hear about to the university. The aim is to try and raise awareness, identify what is effective in reducing scams, and get people to always be alert.

We will contribute to the University's Scam Awareness Week later this August, and we have started this advocacy on our Instagram page, thanks again to the Media and Marketing team.

### **International Student Survey**

This year, we engaged in co-design with Chancellery, particularly the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Pro Vice-Chancellor (People and Equity), senior data analysts at the university, and the Careers and Employability team. The outcomes of this co-design were standardizing the scaling used, standardizing wordings and semantics, and introducing a measure for students' priorities and which issues cause the most negative impact.

In addition, in response to high interest in identifying correlations between sections such as, for example, whether a student's financials impact their academics. I have advised the education department to include such analysis in the report and have provided preliminary guidance on how to do so.

### **Anti-Racism Action Plan Working Group**

The Anti-Racism Action Plan Working Group drives the university's response to institutional racism by setting priorities, directing initiatives, and ensuring accountability in addressing the history of racism in the institution, its legacies, and contemporary racism impacting students and staff.

Much of the discussion is dedicated to getting the right balance of action to decrease occurrences of racism, while also engaging in reflection and evaluation to ensure that actions lead to their intended outcomes. As racism can come in different forms, and people at times do not realize that they are experiencing racism, the issue becomes especially tricky.

Guidelines for teaching staff to respond to racism in classrooms towards international students have been nominated as the current priority, and a focus group will soon be launched to gauge the best way to create such guidelines. Once implemented, a survey would likely be released to students to measure if the guidelines lead to a positive outcome. To lessen the chances of survey fatigue and to perfect the wording of the survey, much work still needs to be done in this area.

### **Concluding Words -**

In mentioning anything about UMSU International's accomplishments, it would not be accurate without acknowledging the hard work, commitment, and care of all our committee members. I would like to thank all of you from the deepest part of my heart. I am incredibly grateful and honored to have had the opportunity to lead this committee and to have been able to grow together with everyone.

I started as an ISA in 2022, and I'm incredibly grateful that this is where the journey has led me. To say that this year has not been tumultuous, turbulent, and trying for all of us, given how often things go wrong, would be a lie. That said, I am grateful that we have made it through to the end, and I am happy that I have gone through all of this with all of you.



To the wonderful exco, that has stayed with me through this entire process. You have surrounded me with warmth, laughter, and kindness, more than I ever would have expected going into my term. Thank you for your support and for always believing in me, and for your time and dedication this past year. I also thank you for forgiving me for the mistakes that I've made and everything that I could have done better.

To Linda, I'm grateful to have gotten to know such a strong, determined, yet selfless soul. Thank you for your support and interest in my advocacy work, and for being patient with me when I get stressed and start yapping endlessly. To Zhao, who I have seen grow so incredibly much, both in your role and personally. Thank you for always brightening the room with your humor and for always showing up, your work ethic is genuinely unmatched. I hope you didn't regret taking on the role, because you did it so much better than I could have. To Kayden, who always comes out of nowhere and just makes things happen. Thank you for being so dependable and entertaining all of us with your old man hobbies. To Eve, the first friend I've ever made through UMSUI. It's crazy how everything has come full circle and you're already graduating now! Thank you for your hard work, especially considering how busy you are with everything else, and for your incredibly big brain that has led us to so many great decisions. To Youn, a beacon of positivity and kindness. Thank you for always keeping us grounded and for saving the day on various occasions.

To the rest of the committee, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes and contributed to our success in countless ways, thank you for your dedication, creativity, and passion. Each of you has brought something unique and valuable to our team, and UMSUI would not be what it is today without your contributions. I am really glad to have known you all, thank you.

A special thank you to the Media and Marketing team, of which I briefly held the Vice President (Media and Marketing) role, I am grateful for all that you have taught me.

To Aviya, thank you for your unwavering support. From when I started my role as president, you were always there for me when I was confused and needed advice. Thank you for all the work that you have put into UMSUI all these years and for your incredible expertise and wisdom, even beyond UMSUI. You have brought so much joy to all of us with your dad jokes and have kept us so grounded, no matter how uncertain or pessimistic things looked. I truly wish you and your family all the best in your future endeavors.

To the international students that I have had the privilege to represent throughout this year, I really hope that I have made a positive change through my work, no matter how big or small. Thank you for entrusting me with this role.

Lastly, to my family, friends, and everything in between, I am so incredibly thankful for being in my life, you all truly have kept me sane.

My hope is that this committee has been able to become a place of growth, where we've all uncovered positive qualities about ourselves and identified areas where we can continue to improve. I hope that the experiences we've shared—the late nights, the boring meetings, but most

importantly, the laughter that carried us through stressful times—have shaped us in ways that extend far beyond our roles in UMSUI.

Just as I began this term with the goal of ensuring that students are seen as people first, I hope that each of you, both the outgoing and incoming committee, can place people at the heart of your work. Whatever you do in the future, remember that there are real people on the other side of your actions; people whose lives will be affected by the decisions you make, the policies you shape, and the events and initiatives you lead. I hope you'll always take a moment to consider how your work affects those you serve and represent, and that you'll approach every challenge with the same empathy, accountability, and integrity that has guided our work together.

**With gratitude,**

**Jesslyn Andriono**  
**President 2024/25**  
**UMSU International**

## **UMSU International Education and Welfare Vice President's Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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### **1. Introduction**

This annual report covers the period from 9th August 2024 until 7th August 2025, 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 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 having these workshops.

##### **2.1.2 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.

#### 2.1.3 Personal Finance Workshop

The Personal Finance Workshop aims to improve financial literacy amongst international students by focusing on personal finance management methods and investment.

The workshop was well-structured and informative, covering key personal finance topics such as TFNs, saving, debt management, investing, and superannuation, with good engagement through interactive questions and relatable examples. While the content was valuable, it could be improved by making explanations more interactive, shortening certain sections, and incorporating a short break or mid-session Q&A to maintain participant focus. For future events, consider collaborating with UMSU Financial Counselling.

#### 2.1.4 OSHC Workshop

The OSHC Workshop aimed to help international students better understand their Overseas Student Health Cover and how to navigate the Australian healthcare system. The event featured two informative sessions—one from a BUPA representative and another from Stop 1 regarding Special Consideration—followed by dedicated Q&A segments to address common questions and concerns.

The workshop was well-received, with attendees finding the content clear, informative, and useful. It successfully created a space for students to gain practical knowledge about their health insurance rights and services.

For future improvements, allocating more time for Q&A sessions, offering a wider variety of food options, and providing clearer directions to the venue would help enhance the overall experience.

#### 2.1.5 Beyond Borders

Beyond Borders: Navigating Uni Journey was an orientation event that combined accommodation workshop and international Orientation Workshop, designed to support international students as they settle into university life. The event aimed to provide essential knowledge on accommodation rights, university resources, and academic success strategies through a mix of interactive and informative sessions.

The structure included a trivia session on rental laws run by UMSU Legal, a "Melbourne Starter Pack" presentation on useful student services and tips, and a panel discussion with senior students from various faculties sharing their personal academic and social experiences.

Overall, students found the sessions informative, especially the trivia and the panel, and appreciated the opportunity to ask questions and hear from peers. To improve turnout and engagement in the future, the event could be held during Orientation Week when student interest is highest, and prize incentives could be given towards the end of the event to encourage participants to stay throughout.

#### 2.1.6 Employability Summit

The Employability Summit was the Education Department's flagship event. 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. A total of 14 booths were present at the event that included:

1. Black Magic Design
2. Gwen
3. Cenitex
4. Stantec
5. Heidi Health

6. The Florey
7. ACCA Global
8. Chartered Accountants
9. Voyage
10. Australian Disability Network
11. Numensa
12. Give a grad a go GG
13. Students @ Work
14. Career and Employability team Unimelb

There were 3 speaker sessions on the day:

1. Panel Discussion - Networking & Personal Branding
2. Interview session – Startups
3. Panel Discussion – Career pathways

#### 2.1.6 International Student Survey

The International Student Survey is an 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 with directions 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 will be presented at various university meetings attended by university staff and will help them understand the difficulties that international students face and how they have to be addressed.

## 2.2 Welfare Department

### 2.2.1 International Brekkie

The International Brekkie is UMSU International's flagship initiative aimed at supporting international students facing food insecurity, with a focus on offering meals from a diverse range of cuisines. With many students struggling to meet their daily needs, including access to affordable food, it is essential that this initiative continues until the University provides more accessible and affordable food options on campus.

The success of the initiative has been driven by the collective efforts of the entire UMSU International Committee, along with dedicated volunteers from the International Student Ambassador Program. Together, they have consistently distributed food every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning for the past two and a half years.

Over the past semester, several improvements have been introduced. These include offering a wider variety of cuisines while maintaining a thoughtful balance between quantity and quality. In response to concerns from students who queued but did not receive food, the current committee implemented a number plate system, which has significantly improved the experience. With support from the MnM Department, we also began posting the weekly Brekkie menu in advance, allowing students to plan their day accordingly. Shout out to the MnM team for designing the number plates. Additionally, we've made ingredient lists available each day via both printed Excel sheets and a QR code that students can scan while waiting in line.

These enhancements have made the International Brekkie more efficient, inclusive, and responsive to student needs.

### 2.2.3 Sports Carnival

Sports Carnival was a three-day event aimed at encouraging students to stay active while building connections with others who share a passion for sports. The event promoted physical wellbeing and fostered a strong sense of community through friendly competition and teamwork.

We partnered with MU Sports for this initiative — they kindly provided BBQ ingredients and staff to referee the matches across all three days. Each day highlighted a different sport, with dedicated spaces booked for basketball, badminton, volleyball, table tennis, and futsal. Students had the option to register in teams or be allocated into teams, ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to participate.

The Welfare team invested significant effort into planning and running this event, and I'm incredibly proud of the turnout — especially as it marked the first large-scale event organized by the Welfare department.

#### 2.2.4 Charm & Chats

The Welfare Department hosted an event featuring keychain-making, cupcakes, “How Are You Feeling?” jars, and a whiteboard activity. The goal was to create a welcoming space where students could connect with one another and engage in meaningful conversations. It also aimed to raise awareness of mental health among international students and help them feel more comfortable discussing the topic.

Despite a last-minute venue change, the event was a success. The bracelet-making session, paired with the “How Are You Feeling Today?” prompt on the whiteboard and decorated jars, helped create a warm and supportive atmosphere for all attendees.

## 2.2.5 Sexual Health Week

Sexual Health Week was a new event from the Welfare department that focuses on the sexual health of international students. Aimed to raise awareness amongst students, SHW gave away stickers, sexual health packs, and sexual health resources through a booth that was placed near the Brekkie booth. Also, a game of sexual health true or false was provided for students to learn more about this topic and win extra prizes.

The event went well with a lot of foot traffic from brekkie, and we had a good time collaborating with HPP.

## 2.2.6 Exam Pack Giveaway

Exam Pack Giveaway (EPG) has been held during SWOTVAC over the past two semesters to support international students in their exam preparation. The packs include useful items such as stationery, snacks, energy drinks, and more. For the past two semesters, we were excited to partner with Hungry Panda to provide free boba tea to students — a collaboration that proved to be a major success.

A big thank you to the PnS Department for securing EPG sponsors like Hungry Panda, Sulbing vouchers for our past two EPG events, and our regular partners such as Red Bull.

With approximately 800 attendees at each event, the feedback we received has been insightful. Students suggested including more nutritious snacks, providing pencils for written exams, and adding welfare items such as tissues and wipes to future packs.

## 2.2.7 Buddy Up

Buddy Up Program aim to address the issue of loneliness among students by creating spaces for genuine social connection. Events were held every three weeks, offering opportunities for students to meet and build friendships through engaging activities such as a picnic, voguing workshop, paint-and-sip session, and letter-writing event.



Rather than assigning students to groups, we encouraged organic interactions by allowing attendees to mingle freely, with our team on hand to facilitate conversations and ensure a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Each event was intentionally kept small to create a more intimate environment, fostering deeper connections and encouraging lasting friendships beyond the event itself.

Given the consistently strong turnout and positive feedback, the future committee could consider hosting additional sessions in the future to meet growing demand.

### 2.2.8 Earth Week

Earth Week was a two-day event aimed at raising awareness about environmental conservation and the impacts of climate change. We hosted two engaging activities: a flower arrangement workshop and a fun, interactive trivia night centered around environmental themes.

The flower arrangement workshop received positive feedback. While the small group format allowed for personalized instruction, there's potential to open more spots in future sessions and provide prompts to encourage greater engagement and greater access to more students. For the trivia night, we collaborated with the SMART Consumer Club to deliver sustainability education in an enjoyable and interactive way. This have added value to the event by making learning about environmental issues both accessible and entertaining.

### 2.2.9 Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week featured a series of events designed to support students in caring for their mental wellbeing. Activities included a yoga session led by MU Sports, a Dax Gallery tour, and visits to the Cat Café.

We also partnered with the Health Promotion Program for our Brekkie, where the staff member facilitated interactive activities like “Draw Your Feelings.” These activities

encouraged open conversations about mental health while also raising awareness of available services and support.

Overall, the week's events were well-received and provided students with meaningful ways to manage their mental health. MU Sports also expressed interest in future collaborations with the Welfare Department, particularly around wellness and physiotherapy sessions to educate students—especially international students—on physical health and the services available to them.

### **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, the Cultural and Social Vice President and 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.

#### **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 2024/25 term, I was appointed as the 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 Campus Canteen Consultation Group

Campus Canteen was an initiative originally proposed by the UMSU International Committee 2022/23, in response to feedback from the International Student Survey, which highlighted the lack of affordable food options on campus.

Thanks to the continued efforts of previous committees, UMSU International, along with UMSU and the GSA, was invited to join the consultation group. Discussions focused on key aspects such as canteen layout, vendor selection, opening hours, and other operational details to ensure the space met student needs. The Campus Canteen officially opened at the beginning of 2025 and has since received generally positive feedback from students.

### 3.4 Student and Education Forum

The Student and Education Forum I attended primarily focused on the effectiveness of in-person lectures and explored ways to better engage students during these sessions. There were also discussions around teaching quality and the academic factors that matter most to students.

These forums are open to all students, and staff actively encourage participation, as they provide a valuable platform for sharing insights and gathering feedback directly from the student cohort.

### 3.5 Student Communication Network

I was nominated to represent UMSU International in a meeting with the Student Communications Team, with the aim of helping them gain a better understanding of our work and exploring how we can collaborate more effectively to communicate with international students.

They were particularly interested in the International Student Survey (ISS) Report and the data we had collected, as it provides valuable insights into the needs, challenges, and

preferences of international students. During the session, I highlighted key areas UMSU International focuses on—such as welfare, community engagement, and advocacy—and discussed how targeted, culturally aware communication can enhance outreach and support.

### 3.6 MU Sports

The Welfare team and I provided feedback on their current offerings from the perspective of international students—highlighting what is working well and identifying areas for improvement.

MU Sport also expressed interest in expanding collaboration with us, particularly to offer physiotherapy sessions and share important health-related information that international students can benefit from under their overseas health insurance—such as access to free physiotherapy services.

## 4. Acknowledgements

Before I step down from this role, I want to thank the entire UMSU International 2024/2025 Committee for your hard work and dedication in supporting and advocating for international students throughout the past year.

I'd also like to extend a special thank you to Aviya, who has been an incredible support when it came to policies and regulations within UMSU International, as well as supporting the Executive Committee. Your help made our transition into these roles so much smoother, and I truly appreciate it.

To my fellow Executive Committee members — thank you for all the effort you've put into UMSU International. It's been a journey leading such a large committee, and I hope we've all learned more about our leadership styles and taken away something valuable that we can carry with us in the future.

To Jess, thank you for being so consistent with your work and giving us endless support and guidance throughout the term, you are willing to give me feedback and keep me

grounded. I love it when we are on tune a lot of times, yet you look at things in a more logical manner, which gives me a new way of looking at things and I learnt so much from you. And I genuinely admire your ability to keep calm and always find a solution to all the issues we face. I wouldn't choose anyone else to be my president.

To Kayden, thank you for bringing fun and sometimes, shocking ideas to our exco meetings. Your presence has been making our "serious" exco meetings more lighthearted and thank you for putting all the work throughout your term. But please don't poison yourself again, we still want you to be with us.

To Zhao, thank you for putting all the work behind all our events, especially Education and Welfare events could be a lot on your plate. Thank you for your efficiency, always open to change the small details of design and all of your hard work.

To Evelyn, we have come all the way, from being welfare officers and now as excos. I have seen you grow so much, and you are consistent and professional with your work. I really admire that. And not to mention, I am always looking forward to our exco meeting when I know you baked something, it was always so good, and you know, not too sweet.

To Youn, another girl I met when I was a welfare officer. Thank you for being such a warm presence in exco and thank you for putting up my last-minute order request and being such a hard worker throughout. And thank you for being on my side and understanding when I need someone to talk to.

To my directors, Tiffany and Aeri — I'm so grateful to have had you both by my side. I honestly don't know how I would have managed without you. To Tiffany, who's always light-hearted and jolly — thank you for putting together all the documentation and I was amazed by how organized and detailed each of them were. Your organization, efficiency, and the quality of your work have always been something I could rely on. Thank you for sharing the weight when things got hectic, and for offering your advice along the way — it meant a lot. To Aeri, the girl who always wears pink and tries to incorporate bows into her outfit — thank you for your endless hard work, sweat and blood and tears and labor for the Welfare Department. I'll always remember the spontaneous ideas we came up with and how we always tried to make them happen.

To the Education Officers — Chloe, Momo, Irina, Olivia, and Pavitra. I'm so glad I had the chance to work with all of you. The effort and dedication you put in was truly remarkable.

- Chloe — thank you for always being chill and supportive. Even though you don't express yourself much, I could always count on you to get the work done, and the quality was always chef's kiss.
- Momo — thank you for always bringing fun ideas and creative solutions to the issues we faced. You were proactive, voiced your opinions, and were always down to help whenever you could.
- Irina — thank you for being such a hard worker and approaching everything with steady focus. You always brought practical insights to our events and showed genuine curiosity about how UMSU International works — I really appreciated that.
- Olivia — thank you for joining us as a co-opt officer and being super-efficient, hardworking and grounded, even when things got stressful. I admire your resilience, the calm energy and can-do attitude you brought to the team.
- Pavitra — thank you for also joining us as a co-opt officer. You always came in clutch when things got chaotic. Your laid-back yet ready-to-go attitude brought a steady core to the team when we needed it most. I am excited to hear about your journey as education director.

To the Welfare Officers — Cornel, Qawiemah, Kat, Isabelle, Jeasy, and Daaksha. Thank you for making our weekly 2–3 hour meetings more bearable and for all your efforts behind the scenes.

- Cornel — thank you for making sure the small things were done right, like putting the ingredient list in the Brekkie trolley before your shift. I know it hasn't always been easy, but I want you to know you did great as a Welfare Officer — you're amazing for pushing through your ups and downs.
- Qawiemah — thank you for your hard work and commitment to delivering things with quality. I admire your determination and resilience, and I love you approach things with softness and kindness.



- Kat — thank you for bringing so many laughs to our meetings and adding wholesome touches to our events. And of course, shoutout to the glovy stickers you designed, and any last-minute request, you always served, and your work was just iconic.
- Isabelle — thank you for always voicing your opinions and suggesting practical solutions. And thank you for being our Uber driver for Brekkie pickups — you really kept us going!
- Jeasy — thank you for being on top of everything and for bringing fantastic ideas to our events. Your ability to handle tasks and coordinate events is seriously impressive. I know I can always count on you.
- Daaksha — thank you for identifying ways we could improve our events. I appreciate your eye for detail and your initiative. I appreciate your attitude seeking improvements and I can't wait to see what you have in hold for welfare departments in the upcoming year.

## 5. Final Words

To the incoming Education and Welfare teams — I wish you all the best of luck. I'm excited to see the amazing ideas you'll bring to UMSU International and the positive impact you'll make.

To Irina — there will be tough moments ahead but remember to hold onto the purpose of joining UMSUI in the first place and let it guide you through the challenges. I promise, when you look back, you'll realize just how much you've grown and learned in this role. You're going to do great.

To wrap everything up, I just want to say that I have no regrets about joining UMSU International. From starting out as an ISA in my first semester, not knowing anything, to becoming a Welfare Officer, and eventually stepping into the role of Education & Welfare Vice-President — I am incredibly grateful for all the opportunities I've had. Thank you to every single one of you for trusting me and supporting me throughout this journey.

I came to Australia when I was 16 and have since navigated life as an international student. That experience showed me just how important it is to build a welcoming and supportive community for others like me. I'm so thankful to have found UMSU International — and to have met so many of you whom I now proudly call friends.

Throughout this journey, I've learned so much about myself — my work style, my leadership style, and how I communicate with others. As this term comes to an end, I'll definitely miss organizing events (and having access to the lounge!), but I'm also looking forward to enjoying my free time... and finally getting a break from the UMSU International thoughts that used to keep me up at night.

**Prepared by,**

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## **UMSU International Cultural and Social Vice President's Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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### **1. Introduction**

This annual report covers the period from August 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 to August 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 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 an honor to be the Vice President of UMSU International, this role has been one of the hardest but most rewarding that I have done. Although it is not possible to record everything that has happened in this position, 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 2024/25.

### 2.1 Winterfest Giveaway

Winterfest Giveaway is an event we did as part of Winterfest 2024. The objective is to raise awareness of UMSU International's program and activities to new 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.

### 2.2 Symphonies of Nations

Symphonies of Nations was an event we took over from the Welfare department in collaboration with the Apollo Music Society. 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 Cultural and Social department helped with the production schedule, audio, lighting and front-of-house, while Apollo Music Society was in charge of the different ensembles performing on the day.

As a result, the event turned out to be a success reaching over 206 attendees (92% attendance), with feedback requesting for more similar events in the future.

### 2.3 Food adventure

This event is a continuation of the previous committee's initiative, where we bring students together to enjoy food from multiple cultures for just \$5. This year's Food Adventure was designed with three routes, different for each semester: Carlton, South Melbourne, and South Yarra (vegan) for Semester 2, 2024, and Brunswick, Collingwood, and Fitzroy (vegan) for Semester 1, 2025. It was one of our most challenging events, as restaurants often have the tendency to be difficult when it came to providing their Certificate of Currency and making reservation for a big table on the weekend. However, this event gave UMSU International a chance to engage with restaurants and create a relationship with them. A total of 23 restaurants partners with us in this event throughout both semesters. Here is the list of restaurants that we partner with

- Firebox Pizza South Melbourne
- Bricklane Bagels
- BAMBU Asian Eating House
- Lukumades
- Gelatissimo
- Aperitivo Bar Ristorante
- Seasalt Kitchen
- The Peacock South Yarra
- Sam's Cali Catina
- Campos Coffee
- Rock Pho
- Barkly's Kitchen
- Mokum
- Luther's Scoop
- Bagels & Co
- Vegan Heaven
- Vegie bar
- Radhey Chai Bar
- L'Arte Della Gelato
- Burgerlot
- Xe Om Vietnamese
- Parco Ramen
- CHAISHAI

The event turned out to be a huge success in both semesters, with all tickets selling out and students expressing strong interest in future Food Adventures. For this, I thank you everyone that was in charge of the event.

#### 2.4 Meat and Greet (Carnival day)

This event is a collaboration between Cultural and Social with Human Resource departments. On our side, 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 the games and can collect tickets, which can be traded for plushies, merch, and other small prizes.

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, you are the reason this event turned out to be successful.

#### 2.5 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 dig deeper into this as my tasks was contacting transportation and help writing up the proposal.

## 2.6 International Expo

The event was previously called international week, but I changed it since it doesn't make sense because the event is only 1 days. 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 8 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 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 500 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

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.

For the giveaway aspect of the booth, we packed snacks inside paper bags and students got a chance to pay our game to win one extra merchandise. The choices made available was water bottle, tote bag, umbrella and cutlery set. 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. Although, there was an unexpected incident due to the heat, the department will learn from that mistake and pass on the knowledge to the future committee.

## 2.8 Night Market – Once Upon a Time

Night Market, the biggest 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 12 food stalls, 13 performances, and plenty of large decoration pieces scattered around the location, this event was the most successful event by the department with over 7000 attendees. This year, we implemented a traditional costume perk, where if the attendees are the first 200 people to arrive in a traditional costume of their country, they get 10 dollars voucher from us, which can be used at any Night Market food stall. This was a huge success as we ran out of the initial 200 vouchers within the first 2 hours.

Given the scope of the event, the Cultural and Social department started the event planning all the way from Late December 2024/early January 2025 to ensure that everything is planned properly. There were major challenges in planning this event with other events to plan, budget constraints and the departure of Aviya. 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 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 amazing idea to have a world map and sticky notes for the attendees to stick where they are from.

I would also like to use this chance thank every committee member that helped out in this event. Since it was such a large-scale event, we truly could not have achieved it without everyone's help.



### 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. Development of the New Canteen

#### 3.2. Anti Scam Working group

#### 3.3. Winterfest/Summerfest steering committee

#### 3.4 Elected Student Representative

### 4. Concluding Words

It has been my greatest honour to serve as a Vice President for UMSU International for the past year. Starting from my role as an ISA to becoming the Vice President, I have met so many amazing people and through this found the people who I can call my friends.

As the Cultural and Social department Vice President, the work that I had done over the year has taught many things. 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.

Let me take this opportunity to mention the people who became 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 jokes never cease to amuse me during exco meetings. I am sorry that you had to leave, but I hope you and your family stays safe and healthy.

To Shreeyukta, as your role as a “shadow director”, I have seen great potential from you as a leader. I truly believe you'll bring your team together even more effectively than I did. Thank you for always helping me out with my last-minute requests and tell me not to stress out. You have seen what I have done right and wrong so I hope you use those experiences and adapt to your visions and you will be fine. Now it is

my turn to tell you not to stress out too much, but if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask me, I will just take up to 3 business days to answer.

To Damian, today will be the last day that I am technically still your boss. So, I will use today to abuse you as much as I can (for legal purpose this is a joke). Other than that, thank you for all your hard works and your clutches. I never had to worry about anything when I gave you a task because I knew you would dominate it. Thank you for choosing this department over MnM (Although you did not at first) and I thank you for being one of my closest friends here.

To Isaac, thank you for all the hard work you have done, especially for the performances during Night Market. I have never doubted your choices (unless when it comes to what restaurants to eat at). And thank you for always speaking your minds because it sometimes gives me a new perspective that is straightforward. I know you will excel at everything you do so I do not have to wish you good luck for that. But I will wish you good luck to not get cancelled for speaking out your minds.

To Raunak, thank you for joining the department, you were a good addition to the team and thank you for your passion to support everyone in this department. Your effort to attend most of our meetings despite your clashing schedule will be something I always remember. You were always able to lighten the mood and cheer everyone up, and for that I thank you again.

To Aceline, thank you for all of your support in getting the job done and getting us the giant night market decorations and being so creative despite the time pressure and lack of manpower. Your constant ability to meet the deadlines and to take initiatives to get the job done has always impressed me.

To Ynez, thank you your dedication to your tasks and again for the amazing decorations in Night Market, though your taste in photobooth backdrop is little bit debatable. Sorry for being a little bit too harsh on you at the start. Know that your efforts were seen and appreciated.

To Shamika, your dedication to the team despite the high and the low is something that I admire. Even when things got stressful you stayed and committed. I hope you continue to bring that calm strength and steady presence wherever you go. Never doubt the impact you've made here.

Now it's time to thank you the people who have supported me throughout my term, my exco.

To Jess, you have always been so calm, and you never let emotions get the better of you. I respect you for that. Thank you for being our parents and always solving

different conflicts we had. Thank you for always being entertained by using exco bonding as a fishing trip suggestion. And thank you for being such an amazing president

To Evelyn, thank you for always being there for me. I can always count on you to support me even when I am stressed or panicking. You are the main reason that I did not quit because I enjoy spending my time and working with you. You helped me stay sane, laugh through the chaos, and remember why I cared so much in the first place. I'm incredibly lucky to have had you by my side through this journey. Thank you for being my anchor, and my closest companion throughout this experience.

To Zhao, thank you for helping me make sure my events get the best design possible. And thank you for all the late-night poker sesh that keeps me relaxed after a hard day. You have been not only a talented designer but also a good friend who helped me stay grounded.

To Youn, thank you for always helping me process last minutes payments (believe me there were a lot of them) and thank you for always being so cheerful and calm at the same time. I am genuinely grateful for your reliability and willingness to help, no matter how tight the deadline.

To Linda, thank you for always sharing your opinion (especially when I didn't have any of my own to offer). You give a lot of useful insights to the Exco and me. Thank you for being a steady voice of reason and for contributing so much to our shared work.

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 apologise if I offend anyone in anyways, I never intended to. This is because sometimes I do not think a lot. But overall, I believe I had a good year with all of you, and I hope you guys feel the same.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work. That is all from me.

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**UMSU International**



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*Care for, Act for, Stand for International Students*

## **UMSU International Media and Marketing Vice President's Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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## **Introduction**

This report covers the period of August 9th 2024 to August 7th 2025, summarizing the performance and accomplishments of the Media and Marketing department, written in accordance with subsection 15(4)(d) of the UMSU International Regulations.

## **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. Graphic borders for story posts were introduced initially to communicate what event a story corresponded to, but were eventually rolled out as we realized that the effort to reward ratio was not satisfactory.

Utilizing vouchers as an incentive garnered vastly increased support at the Night Market event, where a large number of students showed up in their cultural attire, improving the ambiance and atmosphere of the event. The International Student Survey has garnered 1864 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. There has been a move towards internal designs, due to certain constraints on the end of the UMSU design team. We also utilized 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.

Another social media platform, Xiao Hong Shu, catered towards providing translated information to Chinese International Students. This platform has reached a growth of 1365 followers and has been effective in providing greater accessibility and relays the promotional material straight to our specific target demographic, who remains a large portion of the international student population.

### 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 30,000 AUD worth of merchandise for Summerfest and Winterfest giveaway. These products included a tote bag, cutlery sets, post-it notes and umbrellas. Quarter zip 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.

We also updated the website with new pictures of the outgoing committee from the photoshoot. These pictures were accompanied with descriptions and provided insights into the amazing personalities that make up the UMSUi committee.

## **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, such as Night Market and ISS.

### 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. Trends drive engagement for content on social media, and it is crucial to make use of them in a timely manner.

Many 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.

### Concluding Words

I started out as an ISA in early 2024, and I would have never expected to be standing here, giving a speech as an executive committee member of UMSU International at this very moment. I will admit that my journey has been a unique one - I'm not sure how many people can say that they've progressed through the ranks of UMSUi this quickly. I'm extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to lead the Media and Marketing team, especially after I had only been an officer for about three months. I'm also very thankful to everyone else for helping me ease into the role and feel accepted, not only as an executive committee member, but as a friend.

Being here has been an amazing experience that has had a significant positive impact on my personal growth and skills. As someone who initially pursued marketing because it was related to my degree, psychology, I've grown to love and pursue marketing as a field. This role has taught me so much about the mechanisms of marketing, and working in a team, and I am constantly using the skills I've learnt from UMSUi in my everyday life. Throughout the term, I learnt how to lead a team and be accountable for my decisions. I am not perfect and still have a lot to learn, but I am genuinely so grateful for the constant support from the central committee and my department.

There are many people that I must thank. Without these individuals, I would never have been able to complete my journey. Firstly, I want to thank Aviya, who left the UMSUi committee a while ago, for the guidance and assistance he's given me. Despite what a lot of people might say, I believe that Aviya was an amazingly positive presence in UMSU International, and I'm grateful for his support and knowledge.

Next, I'd like to thank every member of the Media and Marketing department, for sticking with me despite my antics, and being friends with me throughout it all. To

Winnie, our amazingly multitalented multilingual marketing director, thank you for being patient with me, responding to my messages immediately, helping me out with the photoshoot, and having our funny little talks about camera gear. To Vinaya, the best copywriter in the history of the world, and the trendiest, most indie member of the department, thank you for always helping with everything I throw at you without complaint, from newsletters to designs to videos. To Ashley, the coolest and funniest kid on the block, thank you for expressing so much interest in UMSU International, and acclimating to our vibe so quickly. Our meetings would not be half as funny without your presence. To Alyssa, the graphic design specialist of the team, thank you for always delivering exceptionally on your assigned work no matter how you're feeling, and making us laugh unintentionally with your lack of general knowledge. Thank you to every member of the Media and Marketing department. All of you have been crucial in helping me move towards our marketing goals for UMSU International, and I couldn't have asked for a better team - thank you for always making me laugh. Also, how could I forget Jess? Thank you for being such an amazing friend and previous Vice President. Without your guidance and support, I would not have been able to put up the performance I did throughout my term. I appreciate all the conversations we've had, whether they've been about work or not. Thank you for always being grounded, honest, supportive and understanding, and for always keeping me in check.

I have to extend my gratitude to the rest of the executive committee as well, who welcomed me with warm arms after my impromptu promotion to Vice President. Linda, thank you for everything. I've made mistakes, and I promise that I'm working on them. I truly wish you the best in your journey. Kayden, thank you for being a great friend and advisor, as well as the only other guy in the EXCO. Our friendship has grown a lot in only 1 year, and I look forward to taking your money in the future. Evelyn, thank you for always handling the logistics behind every single internal event we have. I might not express it, but I'm grateful for your help, as well as patience in dealing with my funny questions sometimes. Finally, to Youn, thank you for always being a ray of sunshine in the EXCO, and for your patience in dealing with my MnM invoices. I know that being treasurer isn't easy, so I want to thank you for your hard work.

I would also like to say thank you to the entire central committee as well. I would have never imagined that I'd be good friends with so many of you here. However, we're here, and I'm grateful to have you guys here with me. From the bottom of my heart, I appreciate all the lovely conversation we've had in the lounge and around, and I look forward to more yap sessions with every one of you. Thank you guys for dealing with

me throughout the term, and I hope to meet you guys again in the future - not as fellow committee members, but as friends.

Finally, to Iris, who will be taking over my role. Your journey may not be a smooth one, but it will be a rewarding and satisfying one. I believe you will be able to elevate the Media and Marketing team to the next level. I wish you and the rest of the department the best of luck. To Phoebe, Eris and Allison, thank you for stepping up to your roles and taking up your responsibilities. I look forward to seeing what the department posts throughout the next year.

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

Prepared by,

Zhao He KOK

Media and Marketing Vice President 2024/25

UMSU International

## **UMSU International General Secretary's Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2025 – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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### **1. Introduction**

This annual report covers the period from August 9<sup>th</sup> 2024, to August 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, 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 2024/2025**

The official date that the UMSU International Central Committee 2024/2025 started their office term was on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

#### **4.1 Co-option 2024**

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:**

Week 4 (Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August) – Week 5 (Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August)

###### **2) Shortlisting of Candidates:**

Week 5 (Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August) – Week 6 (Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> Aug)

###### **3) Interview period:**

Week 6 (Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August) - Week 7 (Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sep)

###### **4) Announcement of results:**

Week 9 (Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September)

5) Official commencement date of co-opted officers:

Week 10 (Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September)

#### ***4.1.2 Number of Co-opted Positions per Department***

Two (2) Education Officers, One (1) Welfare Officer, Two (2) Cultural and Social Officers, Two(2) Media & Marketing Officers, One (1) Human Resources Officer, One (1) Partnership and Sponsorship Officer, and One (1) Graduate Officer were recruited. A total of 10 co-opted officers were appointed.

#### ***4.2 Members of UMSU International 2024/2025***

Prior to the co-option period, there occurred a dismissal of the president through a Vote of Confidence. Following 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.

The positions of President and Media & Marketing Vice-President were subsequently filled through a By-Election.

Below are the final members of the UMSU International 2024/2025 Committee per the AGM 2025 and By-Election:

##### **President**

Jesslyn Alexis ANDRIONO

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

Yuxuan LIU (Linda)

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

Korakot SAINGAM (Kayden)

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

Zhao He KOK (Zhao)

**General Secretary**

Qi Evelyn WANG (Evelyn)

**Treasurer**

Seoyoun KIM (Youn)

**Education Director**

Tiffany AUYEUNG

**Welfare Director**

Aerizqa Aisyah RAKHMADANI

**Graduate Director**

Shruthi Tharmia PRABHUSHANKAR

**Media & Marketing Director**

Winnie (Wanying) LAO

**Human Resources Director**

Kayven Claus SATRIO

**Partnership & Sponsorship Director**

Ella Jiayu LIANG

**Education Officers**



Momoka HONDA

Yin-Xi Chloe LIN

Irina Gabriella ANANDA

Olivia Tzy-Jun LIN\*

Pavitra RAVI\*

### **Welfare Officers**

Isabelle Hung Ching HII

Kathryn WANG

Jeasy CHHUN

Cornellius SALIM (Cornel)

Jasmine Qawiemah Matakim LEONG

Daakshayani NEGI (Daaksha)\*

### **Graduate Officers**

Smruti Jitendra MHALGI\*

### **Cultural & Social Officers**

Xin Huai LEE (Aceline)

Shreeyukta ADHIKARI

Ynez WU

Isaac Hung Nguong HII

Shamika SHARMA

Minh Dat NGUYEN (Damian)\*

Raunak RAGHAVAN\*

### **Media & Marketing Officers**

Made Vinaya WIHARSA

Alyssa Nathania RESWARI\*

Ashley Audilia OETEMO\*

### **Human Resources Officers**

Suhas ANGRAWAL

Kaelyn MIRANDA

Jasmine LOW\*

### **Partnership & Sponsorship Officers**

Lavaanya YADAV\*

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

### ***4.3 Structure of UMSU International 2024/2025***

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 2024/2025 (either elected through the Annual General Election 2024 or recruited through Co-Options) 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 12 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 meeting the 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 2024

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

- 1) CCM #1: Monday, 29th July 2024
- 2) CCM #2: Monday, 12th August 2024

Location: Masson Theatre, Chemistry Building (Building 153)

- 3) CCM #3: Monday, 26th August 2024

Location: PAR-133-B1-B120-The Singapore Theatre

- 4) CCM #4: Monday, 6th September 2024

Location: PAR-155-B1-B25-Theatre 2 (92) Old Geology

- 5) CCM #5: Monday, 30th September 2024

Location: Latham Theatre, Redmond Barry

- 6) CCM #6: Monday, 14th October 2024

#### Semester 1 2025

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

- 7) eCCM #1: Tuesday, 4th February 2025 (Zoom)
- 8) CCM #7: Tuesday, 4th March 2025

Location: Public Lecture Theatre 122, Old Arts

- 9) CCM #8: Tuesday, 18th March 2025

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

- 10)CCM #9: Tuesday, 1st April 2025

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

- 11)CCM #10: Tuesday, 15th April 2025

Location: PAR-263-L2-217-Flexible Learning Space (Kwong Lee Dow)

- 12)CCM #12: Tuesday, 6th May 2025

The date for the CCM conducted with members of UMSU International Committee 2024/2025 and the newly elected Committee 2025/2026 are as follows:

#### Semester 2 2025

Location: Zoom

- 13) ECCM #2: Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025

### **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 27 Executive Committee Meetings were held during the term of 2024/2025 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: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024
- 2) EXCO Meeting #2: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024
- 3) EXCO Meeting #3: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- 4) EXCO Meeting #4: 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- 5) EXCO Meeting #5: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024
- 6) EXCO Meeting #6: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- 7) EXCO Meeting #7: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- 8) EXCO Meeting #8: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- 9) EXCO Meeting #9: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- 10) EXCO Meeting #10: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024
- 11) EXCO Meeting #11: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- 12) EXCO Meeting #12: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024
- 13) EXCO Meeting #13: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Zoom
- 14) EXCO Meeting #14: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Zoom

### Semester 1 2025

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

- 15) EXCO Meeting #15: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Zoom
- 16) EXCO Meeting #16: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- 17) EXCO Meeting #17: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- 18) EXCO Meeting #18: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- 19) EXCO Meeting #19: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- 20) EXCO Meeting #20: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025
- 21) EXCO Meeting #21: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- 22) EXCO Meeting #22: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- 23) EXCO Meeting #23: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- 24) EXCO Meeting #24: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- 25) EXCO Meeting #25: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- 26) EXCO Meeting #26: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025
- 27) EXCO Meeting #27: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Zoom

## 6. Amendments to UMSU International Regulations

### 6.1 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 2024.

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

A detailed summary is elaborated as below:

#### 12.3 Campaigning is not permitted:

- (a) Anywhere within the same room of the polling station
- (b) Anywhere close enough to a person to see their vote
- (c) Anywhere that makes 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 (i.e. Candidates may not campaign jointly or for one another)

- (i) 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 Resharing and liking of campaigning material on social media by any individual (non-registered campaigners and non-candidates) shall be regulated by the returning officer).



12.8 Candidates and/or their representatives are only to campaign while wearing and official lanyard (to be provided by the returning officer) with their valid student ID on display.

### 12.9 Candidate Responsibility for Unregistered Campaigning

- (a) A candidate shall be held responsible for all campaigning activities conducted on their behalf, regardless of whether such activities are conducted by registered representatives or unregistered individuals.
- (b) If any person campaigns for a candidate without being a registered representative of that candidate, the candidate may face penalties up to and including disqualification, subject to the Returning Officer's discretion.
- (c) It is a ~~defense~~ defense to liability under subsection (b) if the candidate can demonstrate on the balance of probabilities that they: (i) took reasonable steps to prevent the unregistered campaigning; and (ii) immediately upon becoming aware of such activity, took steps to cease it and reported it to the Returning Officer.
- (d) Candidates have a continuing obligation to monitor and prevent unauthorized campaigning on their behalf.\
- ✓ (e) The responsibility under subsection (a) shall not apply where: (i) the Returning Officer reasonably suspects the campaigning was conducted with intent to harm the candidate being promoted; or (ii) the campaigning contains obviously false, defamatory, or damaging content about the candidate being promoted; or (iii) the timing, manner, or content of the campaigning is inconsistent with the candidate's established campaign strategy or messaging.
- (f) Any candidate found to have engaged in false flag campaigning to disadvantage an opponent shall be immediately disqualified, unless the Returning Officer decides otherwise.
- (g) For the purposes of this section, "campaigning" includes any activity that could reasonably be perceived as promoting a candidate's election.

### 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.
- (g) Interfering with teaching environments (e.g. Tutorials, lectures, practicals) in a manner that disrupts teaching, learning and research.



### ~~UMSU International Graduate Director~~

UMSU International Cultural and Social Director

UMSU International Media and Marketing Director

UMSU International Human Resources Director

UMSU International Partnership and Sponsorship Director

UMSU International Education Officer (multiple positions)

UMSU International Welfare Officer (multiple positions)

### ~~UMSU International Graduate Officer~~

The latest amendment was passed by UMSU International 2024/2025 by the Executive Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

## **6.2 Amendments to UMSU International Regulations**

The UMSU International Regulations were amended to reflect changes in the electoral regulations detailed above. The full regulations can be found on our website:

(<https://intl.umsu.unimelb.edu.au/about/regulationsandpolicies/>)

~~8.14 Notwithstanding subsections 8.1 and 8.5, only Members who are Graduate Students may vote for the positions of Graduate Director and Graduate Officer in the Election.~~

~~9.12 Notwithstanding subsection 9.5, only Members who are Graduate students may vote for the positions of Graduate Director and Graduate Officer in the By-Election.~~

~~10.12 Notwithstanding subsections 10.1-10.4, only Members who are Graduate Students may be the nominator or seconder for candidates contesting the position of Graduate Director and Graduate officer.~~

~~10.13 Notwithstanding subsections 10.1, only Members who are Graduate Students may be the nominator or seconder for candidates contesting the position of Graduate Director and Graduate Officer~~

~~One (1) UMSU International Graduate Director~~

One (1) UMSU International Cultural and Social Director

One (1) UMSU International Media and Marketing Director

One (1) UMSU International Human Resource Director

One (1) UMSU International Partnership and Sponsorship Director

Three (3) UMSU International Education Officers

Three (3) UMSU International Welfare Officers

~~One (1) UMSU International Graduate Officer~~

#### 21.5 UMSU International Secretary

The UMSU International Secretary shall:

- (a) Take charge of the administration and correspondence of UMSU International;
- (b) Keep all records of UMSU International;
- (c) Organise and summon the Annual General Meeting, General Meeting, Emergency General Meeting, CCM and ECCM;
- (d) Prepare and keep the minutes of the meetings;
- (e) Record and chronicle any motion, policy and standing resolution that is passed by the UMSU International Central Committee, all its subcommittees, the Annual General Meeting, General Meeting(s), and Emergency General Meeting(s) for the year;
- (f) Be the representative of the Human Resource sub-committee and the ~~Graduate sub-committee~~;
- (g) Coordinate, supervise and be responsible for all the affairs and performance of the Human Resource sub-committee and the ~~Graduate sub-committee~~;

#### 21.16 ~~UMSU International Graduate Officer~~

~~The UMSU International Graduate Officer shall:~~

- ~~(a) Be members of the UMSU International Graduate sub-committee;~~
- ~~(b) Assist the UMSU International Graduate director and UMSU International Secretary on issues and activities related to the education, welfare, social status and rights of Graduate Student Members;~~
- ~~(c) Assist in handling all general affairs of UMSU International;~~
- ~~(d) Take up special assignments when so entrusted by the UMSU International Central Committee; and~~

#### 21.9 ~~UMSU International Graduate Director~~

~~The UMSU International Graduate Director shall:~~

- ~~(a) Assist the UMSU International Secretary on issues and activities related to the education, welfare and rights of graduate International Members;~~
- ~~(b) Promote the education, welfare and social status of Graduate Student Members;~~
- ~~(c) Supervise and be responsible for the performance of the Graduate subcommittee;~~
- ~~(d) Propose to the UMSU International Central Committee and carry out activities related to sub-sections 21.9(a) and (b) during the course of his/her term;~~
- ~~(e) Regulate financial usage and report directly to the UMSU International President or the UMSU International Treasurer whenever requested;~~
- ~~(f) Prepare, present, or otherwise delegate the preparation or presentation of action reports, event proposals, and final reports for the UMSU International Central Committee Meetings on ongoing or completed activities undertaken by the department;~~

## 6. Annual General Election (AGE) 2025

The Annual General Election 2025 was held from Friday, 11 April 2025 to Wednesday, 30 April 2025 to elect the 2025/2026 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 2025, with Patrick Clearwater as the Returning Officer and Stephen Luntz as the Deputy Returning Officer.

### **7.1 Nominations Period**

Nominations Open: 9AM, Friday, 11 April 2025

Notice of Provisional Nominations: 5PM, Monday, 28 April 2025

Final close of Nominations: 5PM, Wednesday, 30 April 2025

### **7.2 Candidate Information Session**

A Candidate Information Session was held on Monday, 28 April 2025 from 4PM – 5PM in the Masson 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 2024/2025 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 Monday, 4th May 2025 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. Candidates were also provided with the option to submit their policy statements and a picture to be included in the voting ballot to ensure 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 17th June 2025. The results, and the full count sheets can be found here (<https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/pageassets/make-difference/elections/umsuinternational/UMSU-Intl-2025-Declaration-of-results.pdf>).

### **7. UMSU International Central Committee 2025/2026**

Below are the combined results of the UMSU International Annual General Elections 2025. The Central Committee members will formally take office as the UMSU International Central Committee 2025/2026 on Thursday, 7 August 2025:

#### **President**

Vinayak KAPOOR

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

Irina ANANDA



**Cultural & Social Vice-President**

Shreeyukta ADHIKARI

**Media & Marketing Vice-President**

Jingtong LI

**General Secretary**

Kaelyn MIRANDA

**Treasurer**

Dhruv RANA

**Education Director**

Pavitra RAVI

**Welfare Director**

Daaksha NEGI

**Cultural & Social Director**

Shamsul Arham AKHAND

**Human Resources Director**

Suhas AGRAWAL

**Partnership & Sponsorship Director**

Whitney YEUNG

**Education Officer**

Nivetha SANKARASUBRAMANIAN

Sirong LIU

Corlynn TNG

**Welfare Officer**

Meghna MALLIK

Jane CHEN

Zejun (Amanda) LI

Elaine YE

Yifan (Roger) CAO

**Graduate Officer**

Taoyang LIU

**Cultural & Social Officer**

Bhavya MIDDHA

Raunak RAGHAVAN

Tejna Saravana KUMAR

Neeya Ann SIBU

Jonathan SONG

**Media & Marketing Officer**

Phoebe CHAN

Eris YEE En Ning

Allison GOH Ai Jin



## **Partnership & Sponsorship Officer**

Keyur GOHEL

## **Human Resources Officer**

Aliya HAFIZ

Kirsten ABUSTAN

## **8. 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 2024/2025 to bond and form relationships, thus ensuring better work relations. As the camp was held one week after the finalization of Co-Option 2024, there was insufficient time to include the co-opted officers in the camp. This was also due to budget restraints and abiding by UMSU's Financial Regulations by using an invoice only payment system, all bookings had to be done well in advance. A total of 28/29 elected committee members participated in the camp.

The 3 Days and 2 Nights Committee Bonding Camp took place from Saturday, 21 September 2024 to Monday, 22 September 2024 during the Mid-Semester Break. The committee traveled around the Mornington Peninsula and Phillip Island, and took part in multiple activities to foster relationships and teamwork within UMSU International. Some activities include a day tour, sightseeing, exploration and beach activities.

We booked Kanasta Caravan Park as our accommodation, which is in the middle of Rye, Mornington Peninsula, making it convenient to travel around different destinations. Each caravan had a capacity of 3 or 5 people to accommodate 29 participants.

We travelled to our destinations in Phillip Island using charter buses, which was included in the One-day trip package by Sightseeing Tours. On the last day, we travelled back to the CBD via another coach hire company.

Due to the feedback and concerns that have been raised in meetings with UMSU regarding abiding by financial regulations, we will be refining the format and intent of future bonding camps by introducing more formal training aspects to them. This is to

ensure that the budget is allocated responsibly to target personal development of committee members.

For the upcoming and any future committees, here is a compilation of the feedback and suggestions arising from Bonding Camp 2024:

1. Inviting external speakers or undergoing a training course during the duration of the bonding trip.
2. More team-building activities would be ideal in fostering relationships and improving communication between committee members.
3. Ensure that planning is done as early as possible due to the possibility of unforeseen circumstances arising at the last minute.

## 9.2. Bonding Dinners

The Central Committee Bonding Dinner is set as a bonding event for all Committee Members to strengthen their connections and bond outside of committee work.

One bonding dinner was held for this committee, and the details are outlined below.

Bonding Dinner	Venue	Date	Number of People
1	Father's Office Speakeasy Bar and Restaurant	Wednesday, 16th October 2024	34/38

Due to budget constraints and discussions with UMSU regarding the financial regulations, bonding dinners were abolished after Bonding Dinner #1 and for future committees.

## 9.3 Central Committee Meeting Catering

Central Committee Meeting Catering is a new incentive in replacement of Committee Bonding Dinners, whereby an amount of budget is allocated for biweekly catering after Central Committee Meetings to promote light-hearted conversation over small bites.

A total of 5 CCM Caterings were held for this committee, and the details are outlined below.

CCM Catering #	Vendor	Date
1 – CCM #8	Devour It Catering	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
2 – CCM #9	Devour It Catering	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
3 – CCM #10	Ida Bar	15 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
4 – CCM #11	Guzman y Gomez	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
5 – CCM #12	Black Truffle Catering	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### **9.4 Committee Graduation**

The Committee Graduation 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 24/25 Committee Graduation will also include appreciation for our International Student Ambassadors (ISAs) and will be open to all International Students if they would like to participate. This event is set to tentatively occur in Semester 2 2025.

### **9. Human Resource Department**

The following outlines all the events and projects that were carried out by the Human Resources Department throughout the term of 2024/25.

#### **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 2024/25:

#### Semester 2 2024

- July Intake → 33 ISAs (out of 122)
- August Intake → 43 ISAs (out of 217)

#### Semester 1 2025

- February Intake → 31 ISAs (out of 146)
- March Intake → 29 ISAs (out of 150)

### **10.1.2 ISA Incentives**

ISA Incentives were introduced into the ISA program to incentivise and to express our gratitude for their hard work and time in ensuring our events run smoothly. Incentives such as mugs and merchandise were awarded to the top five volunteers who contributed the most hours over the course of each month, encouraging participation and gratitude among the ISA community. This program promotes regular involvement in ISA activities in addition to recognizing hard effort.

### **10.1.3 ISA Graduation Night and Winning House Dinners**

The International Student Ambassador (ISA) Graduation Night and Winning House Dinner were 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 Graduation Night and Winning House Dinner for ISAs graduating within UMSU International 2024/25 period:

#### February & March 2024 Intake:

	ISA Graduation Night	ISA Winning House Dinner
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Date	14th October 2024	17th October 2024
Venue	Cha Ching	Ronnies
Number of Attendees	22	11

#### July & August 2024 Intake:

	ISA Graduation Night	ISA Winning House Dinner
Date	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Venue	Kan Eang by Thai Culinary	Robata
Number of Attendees	43	16

Due to concerns regarding the previous name of the event (ISA Appreciation Night), we have rectified the name to Graduation Night to better reflect the nature of the event. As ISAs are an integral part of the Human Resource Department and UMSU International as a whole, it is important for us to recognise our volunteers' efforts through such an event and it should be continued in the future.

#### **10.1.4 Words for ISA from UMSU International 2024/25**

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 been vital in helping UMSU International reach where we are today. The UMSU International Committee 2024/25 would like to sincerely thank all our ISAs for their contributions, and we hope you had and will continue to have a wonderful journey together with UMSU International.

#### **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 2024***

One Meat and Greet Carnival was conducted in Semester 2 2024 in collaboration with the Partnership & Sponsorship (P&S) Department and the Cultural & Social (C&S) Department. Held on Thursday, 19 September 2024 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 613 attendees for the day. This event gave students the chance to socialise and make new connections, providing a safe and engaging platform for students to enjoy fun games and food.

### ***10.2.2 Meat and Greet 2025***

Held in Semester 1, 2025, this Meat and Greet was ran by HR and P&S. It was held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Amphitheatre, attracting 650 attendees. This event consisted of BBQ, Popcorn and Brownies for students to enjoy. We also gave out ice pops which melted in the heat, thus it is advisable to give out other forms of sweets in future events.

### ***10.3 ISA After Event Feedback***

ISA feedback has always been integral to improving communication and encouraging open conversations between committee members and ISAs. A customized feedback form was used to actively collect feedback from ISAs, which was then sorted and brought to the respective departments of concern.

It is highly recommended that this practice be continued, as I believe it is necessary to have a platform for ISAs to share concerns or positive feedback so we can improve as a committee together.

## **2. Graduate Department**

### ***11.1 International Hangout Semester 2 2024***

International Hangout was held with the purpose of collecting feedback and data from the Graduate cohort, as an attempt to gauge the general interest to tackle the underrepresentation of graduate students. This event was held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in Market Hall to account for weather conditions. Banh Mi and drinks were served, and it attracted roughly 250-300 participants, with 230 unique feedback collected.

### ***11.2 Snack and Seek 2025***

Snack and Seek was a new event proposed by the 24/25 graduate department aiming to connect international students through cultural games and snacks. This event was held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and garnered around 200 attendees, with 175 filling out the feedback form. The overall feedback was largely positive and the majority of participants were Graduate students, as intended.

### **3. 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. Health Promotion Program: Healthier Relationships Advisory Group
2. Special Consideration System Business Reference Group
3. OB Budget Meeting

### **4. Concluding Words**

It feels so surreal that I am standing here now at the end of my term as General Secretary, and it feels like yesterday when I was sitting as an officer in the audience and nearly dozing off during the AGM. From being an ISA to a co-opted Welfare Officer and now stepping down as Secretary, I have met so many people in UMSU International at every stage of my university life that I am so grateful for and will always hold close to my heart. While there have been too many times where things have gotten rough and I have sunk into periods of self-doubt, I emerged from them as a better Secretary and a better person.

To my HR department, I could not thank you guys enough for making my term so fun and worthwhile. There is so much work that goes into ensuring the committee and ISA program runs smoothly, and each one of you has contributed your own strengths and efforts to improving UMSU International as a whole. On the behalf of the committee members, ISAs and any students that have received help from us, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the amazing job you guys have done.

To Kayven, the best HR Director I could ask for and my favourite non-alcoholic drinking buddy, thank you for taking up this role and being such a strong pillar of support to me. I understand how tough your job can be and because of your hard work, you have saved me so much grief and I really appreciate you for everything you have contributed to the committee.

To Kaelyn, my successor and my favourite yapper, you have grown so much as an officer through your term and I am so happy that I will be handing over my responsibilities to someone as capable as you. There will be hard times ahead, but there is also so much fun to look forward to in your role as Secretary and I believe that you will achieve amazing things in your term too. Also do not worry as I will always be one text away if you need help (unless it is IT related, please ask Suhas!). I hope that you will look back at your term in a year's time and think fondly of all the things you have accomplished.

To Suhas, our all-rounder officer and designated IT expert, thank you so much for your hard work as an officer. You have been so fun to work with and I am sure the ISAs will agree with me that you are always open to communicating and ensure things go smoothly. I hope that you bring this energy into your term as the new HR director and all the best to your new HR department.

To Jasmine, our lovely co-opt and a ray of sunshine, you have contributed so positively to the department despite your shorter term, and I have loved working with you. I hope that you won't get any busier than you already are and wish you all the best in your studies and everything else.

To the Graduate Department, Shruthi and Smruti, thank you for being positive and innovative in your term and developing new initiatives for graduate students. I understand that you are all busy with your course work as graduate students, so thank you for your time and effort that you have contributed to UMSU International.

I would also like to thank the 2024/2025 Central Committee. All of you contributed to the success of UMSU International, and each of you had made an impact on my life some way or another. Whether you are still studying or stepping into the workforce, I wish nothing but the best for all of you and hope you will continue to connect with each other. Unfortunately, you will no longer receive Messenger reminders and emails from me, which is very saddening but you guys got this! Please hesitate to contact me on Messenger in the future.

I would first like to thank Aviya, who is not here today but will always be an integral part of UMSU International. Your guidance and support has helped me persevere in my role and I am grateful for all the hard work and dedication you have dedicated to bettering UMSU International.

To Jess, the face of UMSUi and the best president we could ask for, I still remember our first meeting at Food Adventures in Year 1. It's so crazy that we ended up working together in EXCO and I am so glad that we have been able to experience this together. Out of everyone in EXCO, you probably have the most yapping to do and that is so stressful, so thank you for taking on that responsibility. There is so much hard work that you do behind the scenes that people might not acknowledge and notice, but I just want





to thank you for all your efforts and wish you all the best for the rest of your UMSUi-free degree.

To Linda, our other designated EXCO yapper, you have been so lovely to work with. I appreciate the work you have done to ensure two departments are thriving, and you have always been so hardworking and open to ideas. Thank you so much for being the other person who gives opinions during EXCO meetings, so I don't seem like the sole yapper.

To Kayden, who might be my favourite EXCO member, thank you for keeping me sane during my term and being there for me through everything. Most of you see the put-together version of me because he unfortunately has to deal with my crash-outs. Night Market was such a success because of you and your department's hard work, and I am very proud of everything you have achieved in your term.

To Zhao, our unfiltered VP, thank you for always being so real and also knowing when to lock in. You have always been so understanding of our last minute design requests (sorry...) and ensure everything is done so efficiently. All the best in the future and I hope you continue to win in poker.

To Youn, our smiley Treasurer, thank you for being so lovely and also always tolerating our last minute requests (so sorry...) You also do so much work behind the scenes and I want to acknowledge and thank you for your hard work. Congratulations on being free and I hope you will always stay happy and well!

Last but definitely not least, to the ISAs that I have befriended and to lovely Ella, Shreeyukta, Winnie, Damian and more... thank you for making my term so much better and supporting me as the Secretary.

Thank you again to everyone who has been supporting UMSU International and I hope you will continue to participate and engage with our events and committee, and I look forward to seeing what UMSU International will achieve in the future.

**Prepared by,**

**Qi Evelyn WANG (Evelyn)**

**General Secretary 2024/2025**

**UMSU International**

## **UMSU International Treasurer's Annual Report**

Annual General Meeting 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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### **1. Introduction**

This annual report covers the period from 9 August 2024 to 7 August 2025, 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 2024 and 2025**

UMSU International gains funds as a department of the Student Union, which gains funds from the University of Melbourne.

UMSU International was budgeted by the Student Council to receive \$352,950.00 in the 2025 calendar year.

### **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 2024 and Semester 1 2025, to which 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.

#### ***3.2 Partnerships & 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 2024/25 term.

- Romanello
- Hungry Panda
- Red Bull
- Sulbing

### **4. Representation**

#### ***4.1 Respect at Melbourne Reference Group***

The 2024/25 Treasurer was nominated by the President to attend the Respect at Melbourne Reference Group together with other executive members 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) Applications

UMSU International has allocated a fixed budget of of \$4,000 for the 2024 calendar year and \$2,500.00 for 2025 for grants. This budget will be awarded to UMSU-affiliated and non-affiliated clubs, societies, and organizations within the University of Melbourne.

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.

Below are the approved and processed grants to the following clubs, societies, and organisations:

Clubs/Societies	Events	Amount
Language Exchange Club	Literature Night	\$400.00
AIESEC	Paths to Passion	\$204.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$604.00</b>

## 6. Financial Statements

The following P&L summary outlines expenses and income recorded as of May 31, representing the financial overview for Semester 1.

Account No.	2024			YTD		Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
			Actual	Budget	Variance	2025	2025

		<i>Income</i>					
1901	\$3,895.45	Service/Event Income	\$4,918.28		\$4,918.28		(\$4,918.28)
	\$3,895.45	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>4,918.28</i>		<i>4,918.28</i>		(4,918.28)
		<i>Less Cost of Goods Sold</i>					
	\$3,895.45	<i>Gross Margin</i>	<i>4,918.28</i>		<i>4,918.28</i>		(4,918.28)
		<i>Expenditure</i>					
		<i>Salaries &amp; Wages</i>					
		<i>Other Operating Expenses</i>					
3231	(\$3,816.67)	Promotion expenses	(2,857.58)	(550.00)	(2,307.58)	(1,200.00)	1,657.58
3531		Grants		(1,250.00)	1,250.00	(3,000.00)	(3,000.00)
3713	(\$39,712.50)	Printing - External	(3,017.75)	(20,350.00)	17,332.25	(40,700.00)	(37,682.25)
3774	(\$1,236.19)	Subscriptions & literature	(1,383.92)	(1,083.31)	(300.61)	(2,600.00)	(1,216.08)
3776		Publications		(500.00)	500.00	(1,200.00)	(1,200.00)
3801		Repairs & Maintenance		(416.65)	416.65	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
3802		Asset Expense		(416.65)	416.65	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
3839	(\$9,466.71)	Programs	(11,037.51)	(1,999.99)	(9,037.52)	(19,000.00)	(7,962.49)
3840	(\$154,840.65)	Events	(128,847.21)	(159,033.33)	30,186.12	(254,600.00)	(125,752.79)

384		AGM Costs				(700.00)	(700.00)
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	(\$209,072.72)	Total Expenditure	(147,143.97)	(185,599.93)	38,455.96	(325,000.00)	(177,856.03)
	(\$205,177.27)	Total Surplus / Deficit	(142,225.69)	(185,599.93)	43,374.24	(325,000.00)	(182,774.31)

## 7. Concluding Words

With this final report, my journey at UMSU International comes to an end. It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown—it feels like just yesterday that I arrived in Melbourne and began as an ISA. Now, over two years later, I find myself writing this with deep gratitude and a full heart. Being part of this family has truly been a privilege and an honor.

To my amazing department—the Partnership and Sponsorship team—Ella and Laavanya, thank you both for your dedication, support, and constant teamwork throughout the year. Working alongside you has been an absolute pleasure.

To our wonderful EXCOs, thank you for your unwavering support and for always giving your all. It's genuinely inspiring to see how much time, care, and effort you've put into UMSU International while balancing your own studies.

To Jess, thank you for constantly leading our team so effectively—your dedication and sacrifices have undoubtedly made a lasting impression on many international students. I also truly admire your leadership skills. To Linda, thank you for always bringing warmth to us with your bright smile—you might not even realise how lovable you are; I'm forever grateful for your love and for leading two departments this past year. To Kayden, thank you for leading the biggest event which is night market, so successfully—I'm genuinely grateful for your hard work. Also your random jokes during EXCO meetings always made me laugh. To Zhao He, Thank you for being such an amazing MnM VP—creativity is one of the hardest things, and your fast, thoughtful responses and efforts to accommodate every request meant the world to us. To Eve, I'll never forget your kindness—your calm, thoughtful, and responsible leadership is something I deeply admire, and it's still hard to believe we've gone from co-opt officer to EXCO together.

To all the committee members and ISAs I've had the pleasure of working with—thank you for always doing your best. I know there were tough days along the way, times when you were tired or overwhelmed, but even then, your commitment never wavered. Watching you continue to show up with passion and dedication has truly moved and inspired me.

To Dhruv, our incoming Treasurer, and to the new committee—wishing you all the best in your time ahead at UMSU International. I hope it brings you as much growth, joy, and unforgettable memories as it did for me.

Thank you so much, everyone!

**Prepared by,**

**Youn Kim**

**Treasurer 2024/25**

**UMSU International**

#### 4. Other Business

4.1 Changes in electoral regulations and regulations

4.2 25/26 President introduction

#### 5. AGM Adjourns