

VICE PRESIDENT – ACTIVITIES MID YEAR REPORT

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As the first Semester draws to an end, I can safely say I have walked out more equipped than what I had walked into this position with. It has been both challenging and rewarding so far.

I started the year off with the Welcome back Tropical Island themed Boat Cruise. This took several months to plan, with the help of all office bearers and tickets were sold out 2 weeks prior to the event. A great success; in terms of planning – it went as well as I could've predicted. The night was a hit and it really set the standard for the events to come.

This year I decided to stray away from the traditional VUSU Annual events. Taking away the Mid- Semester and End of exam parties, I instead opted for something new. Rather than our parties, I used \$3000 from the Events budget and spent it on the campuses. I planned to go around to each campus and give away free food and spread VUSU presence on all the campuses. However, due to man power this was cut short and not completed.

Upon the last week of the Semester, with the help of President – Jill Horman, I was able to go around to each campus and give away Free stationary, drinks and lollipops. It was a full week of traveling to each of our main campuses from Monday and ended with a Study revival on Thursday at Footscray Park. Having games laid out, free food and drinks, music, bean bags and other activities, we found all students wanted was a few hours of just having somewhere to chill on campus.

Planning and organising events takes a lot of man power and that is one thing I will be working on for the next Semester. I will continue to stray from the annual VUSU events, although this time around I will need to push for more volunteers and involvement of the Board.

There was not much collaborations for this Semester as it was hard to get college societies to be available and willing to travel to different locations, however that is another thing I am aiming for with the second Semester.

For this first semester, I was experimenting on what students want and need more of. There were definitely trials with this semester's events as It was a big risk to turn away from tradition. I will continue to stick to the concept of visiting all campuses, and taking activities and the events out to the students as it allows VUSU presence on each campus, making known who we are and what we do. I will work on different ways to approach this and create new ideas to reaching students and the types of events I can organise for next semester.

The events for this semester have been a learning curve and I walk away with confidence in planning and organising the events for second Semester.

My hours in the office vary depending on other commitments such as study and work.