

Meeting open: 6:06pm

Present: Aislinn Stein-Magee (Chair), Zack Solomon, Anna Tran, Alex Linker, Ben McCoy, Lily Zhao, Dylan Lloyd, Harry Holbrook, Mirachael Racela, Breana Macpherson-Rice, Cindy El Sayed, Natasha Hartanto, Francesca Nyilas, Priya Gauchan and Eric Xu. Lizzie Butterworth and Jacob Courtenay (via teleconference).

Apologies: Tamara Kenny, Amy Mills and Toby Walmsley.

Absent: Jamie Whitford, Remesha Abeyratne and Nick Bosworth.

In attendance: Georgia Watkins and Berna Ekan.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the President.

1.2 Apologies

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies from T Kenny, A Mills and T Walmsley are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3 Conflict of interest disclosure

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

1.4 Previous minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation: 8 May 2017

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 8 May 2017 is accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2 Matters arising/ action list

The following were noted:

1. International students' concession campaign – is contingent upon the International Officer's appointment.
2. Standing orders – in progress.
3. Poster boards – on track. The matter for decision paper will be presented at the next Board meeting.

1.5 Meeting administration

1.5.1 Items flagged for immediate discussion

The following were noted:

- G Watkins, a student from UNSW Art & Design is to present a sex education workshop at the present SRC meeting.
- Appointment of two new members of Council from previous resignations.

1.5.2 Selection of meeting observer

F Nyilas was appointed as the meeting observer.

The training presentation was held by G Watkins.

The President noted the resignations of both the International Officer and Councillor A occurred within six months of the most recent election and that the vacant positions are to be appointed by the next student via count back.

It was stated that the Returning Officer verified that Remesha Abeyratne was the next student in line for the International Officer position and Ashley Cain-Grey was confirmed as the next Councillor A member.

It was noted that no questions were raised.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the appointments of R Abeyratne as International Officer and A Cain-Grey as Councillor A.

CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.1 Removal of Councillor

The President stated the amended motion should state, 'Removal of Councillors' to include two Councillor resignations of John Seroukas and Alexandra Dickie.

The President confirmed that the Regulation's strictly specifies the conduct of Officers and Councillors who miss two meetings without approved leave from the SRC shall be deemed to have resigned their positions at the conclusion of the second meeting. It was noted that the President brought the matter to the Council for the purpose of transparency.

A Stein-Magee noted that she contacted both Councillors on several occasions to confirm there were no extenuating circumstances. A response was received from one of the Councillors confirming that they may be interested in resigning, however no resignation was received. It was stated that the President invited the Councillors to attend this meeting, although the Councillors did not attend.

The following amendments were added to the paper:

Option A: That the SRC deem John Seroukas and Alexandra Dickie to have resigned their positions, effective 8 May 2017 meeting.

Option C: The removal of John Seroukas and not of Alexandra Dickie.

Option D: The removal of Alexandra Dickie and not of John Seroukas.

It was stated that the removal of both Councillors is the recommended option, given that neither Councillor have submitted a formal resignation nor have presented to Council the reasons for not fulfilling their Council duties.

A question was stated that the motion should recognise that the Councillors have abandoned their positions as of the previous meeting due to the count back timeframe.

No further questions were raised.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC remove John Seroukas and Alexandra Dickie from their Councillor positions as per the Regulations; 9.6 (b).

CARRIED

2.2 Proof of Identity for Name Change

It was stated that when a student requests to change their name, UNSW have mandatory document requirements consisting of, a Change of Name Certificate and Primary form of photographic I.D reflecting the new name. To acquire the I.D document incurs time and unnecessary costs to the students that may restrict accessibility to change their name at the University.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC endorses and actively seeks a change to the requirements for proof of identity for a name change.

CARRIED

2.3 MFD - Safer Spaces Policy

2.3.1 SRC Safer Spaces Policy

2.3.1.1 Current Safer Spaces Policy

It was stated that the paper depicts that the SRC spaces, events and forums are moderated to ensure that they are safe for everyone, to exclude neglect. It was noted that the amended updates to the paper is an expansion of the 2014 approved Safer Spaces policy.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC adopts the updated Safer Spaces policy.

CARRIED

E Xu entered the meeting at 6:28pm.

2.4 USYD NTEU Motion

B Ekan spoke to the motion.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC support the motion passed at the recent USyd SRC meeting in solidarity with the NTEU.

CARRIED

2.5 Supporting the campaign to save WUSA

The paper was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC support the campaign to save the Wollongong University Students' Association.

CARRIED

2.6 Special exam provisions privacy

The paper was taken as read.

It was stated that Exam Central inform students of where their examinations will be held by placing a list of student names with a disability in the quadrangle. It was noted that this method of informing students is a breach of privacy as students may not wish to disclose to other students that they have a disability. It was stated that students should be privately notified of their examination room by form of email or by allowing this information to be accessible through their online student account.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC endorses a change to how students with special provisions for final exams are informed of the room in which their exam is to be held, to protect student privacy.

CARRIED

L Butterworth exited the meeting (via teleconference) at 6:40pm.

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1 President

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accept the President's report.

CARRIED

3.2 General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accept the General Secretary's report.

CARRIED

3.3 Education

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Education Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.4 Environment

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Environment Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.5 Ethno-cultural

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Ethno-cultural Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.6 Indigenous

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Indigenous Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.7 International

No report was submitted due to the vacancy of the International Officer position.

3.8 Queer

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Queer Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.9 Welfare

The report was taken as read.

It was noted if A Mills could provide a response to the questions raised at the previous meeting.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Welfare Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.10 Women's

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Women's Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.11 Students with Disabilities

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Students with Disabilities Officer's report.

CARRIED

4. Matters for Discussion

There were no discussion items.

5. Matters for Noting [discussed only on exception basis]

5.1 Councillor Reports

5.1.1 Eric

The report was taken as read.

5.1.2 Harry

The report was taken as read.

5.1.3 Francesca

The report was taken as read.

5.1.4 Natasha

The report was taken as read.

5.1.5 Lily

The report was taken as read.

5.1.6 Toby

The report was taken as read.

5.1.7 Ben

The report was taken as read.

5.1.8 Nick

The report was taken as read.

5.1.9 Jamie

The report was taken as read.

6. Meeting Finalisation

6.1 Meeting evaluation

F Nyilas stated that it was an effective meeting, noting that matters discussed flowed onto subsequent agenda items through the Council members' efficiency.

6.2 Next meeting date: SRC planning day will be held on Sunday, 23 July at 10:00am to 4:00pm.

6.3 Meeting close: 6:55pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

Dated: __/__/__