

**Meeting open:** 6:07pm

**Present:** Aislinn Stein-Magee (Chair), Zack Solomon, Alex Linker, Mirachael Racela, Jacob Courtenay, Priya Gauchan, Anna Tran, Eric Xu, Ben McCoy, Amy Mills, Alannah Milton, Tamara Kenny, Lily Zhao, Dylan Lloyd, Yifan Lu, Cindy El Sayed, Toby Walmsley, Lizzie Butterworth, Natasha Hartanto, Harry Holbrook and Breana Macpherson-Rice.

**In attendance:** Sarah Garnham.

**Apologies:** Brad Hannagan, Tina Zhou, Nick Bosworth, Jack McNally and Alexandra Dickie.

## 1. Meeting Opening

### 1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the President.

### 1.2 Apologies

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the apologies from B Hannagan, T Zhou, N Bosworth, J McNally and A Dickie are accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 1.3 Conflict of interest disclosure

A Linker declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 2.3 Palestinian solidarity and protest.

*N Hartanto entered the meeting at 6:09pm.*

### 1.4 Previous minutes

#### 1.4.1 Confirmation: 6 October 2016

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 6 October, 2016 is accepted as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

#### 1.4.2 Matters arising/ action list

The following was noted:

1. Monthly budget, expenditure updates to SRC meeting agenda – the SRC budget is attached for the present meeting. The Executive Assistant will ensure this item is provided at each meeting. *Item to be removed from list.*
2. Office Bearer and Councillor reports included on the website – to be discussed as a MFD at the next meeting.
3. Office Bearers to collaborate on their collective spaces and code of conduct – equity collectives to discuss amongst each other the code of conduct and matters relating to the spaces. To elaborate at the next meeting.
4. Recycle bin to be added to the SRC mezzanine space – SRC members to utilise the blue, recycle bin located at reception. *Item removed from list.*

### 1.5 Meeting administration

#### 1.5.1 Items flagged for immediate discussion

There were no items for immediate discussion.

#### 1.5.2 Selection of meeting observer

A Mills was appointed as the meeting observer.

## 2. Matters for Decision

### 2.1 Appointment of x 2 Councillor A positions

It was stated that there have been two resignations from Council, both of which were held in electorate A. The two student resignations include, Wenbo Gong and Heather Edmonds.

It was noted that the process to fill the vacancies have been appointed via count back of the SRC election votes by the next eligible student. The successful candidates to hold the Councillor A positions are; Sarah Garnham (in attendance) and Francessa Nylas. It was noted that the appointments have been verified by the Returning Officer.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accepts the Councillor A appointments of S Garnham and F Nylas.

**CARRIED**

It was mentioned that the agenda item; 2.4 Condemnation of Trump would be addressed first and agenda item 2.3 Palestinian Solidarity discussion would follow.

### 2.4 Tabled: Condemnation of Trump

The paper was taken as read.

It was stated that the paper condemned the rhetoric of the Trump administration, highlighting the detrimental impact that Trump is having on people around the world, specifically those already marginalised such as Muslims, LGBTI people and women.

The paper is supporting all rallies around the country opposing Trump and encourages the UNSW SRC to support such rallies by attending the protests.

*T Walmsley, H Holbrook and B Macpherson-Rice entered the meeting at 6:12pm.*

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accept the actions to the motion in condemnation of Trump's right wing agenda and in solidarity with anti-Trump protests.

**CARRIED**

### 2.3 Tabled: Palestinian Solidarity and protest against Netanyahu

The paper was taken as read.

It was stated that the paper emphasized the illegal nature of Israel's blockade of Gaza and continued occupation of the Palestinian state. Solidarity was extended to Palestinians, and it recognised the continued oppression of the Palestinian people.

Additionally, it was noted that the UNSW SRC would encourage the attendance of UNSW members and support a student contingent to the planned protest to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> of February in opposing Netanyahu.

An amendment was moved by A Stein-Magee to "encourage" the attendance of Office Bearers to attend the protest as opposed to "ensure".

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accept the actions to the motion of Solidarity with Palestinians and the protest against Benjamin Netanyahu.

**CARRIED**

### 2.2 Tabled: Supporting NUS Education Campaign

The paper was taken as read.

It was stated the priority of the SRC in 2017 will be to support the education campaign as established at the National Conference in December 2016. It was noted that this year the SRC will be working across the national NUS campaign of, 'Make Education Free Again'.

The following amendments were made to the actions:

**Action 1.** – wording added to: UNSW SRC will assist the National Education Campaign through printing and producing as many materials as required “within reason for the Education Officer’s budget, subject to expansion at the President’s discretion”.

**Action 2.** – insertion of the wording: “and to strive” to attend all NSW Education Organising Meetings.

**Action 3. & 4.** – the following wording is to be added at the end of actions three and four: “having where possible to include allowances for disabilities and illness”.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accept the actions to Supporting the NUS Education Campaign, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**Action:**

***A Stein-Magee to arrange a working group for student engagement with Councillors.***

**3. Office Bearer Reports**

**3.1 President**

The report was taken as read.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accepts the President’s report.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 General Secretary**

The report was taken as read.

**Action:**

***Z Solomon to investigate the current Arc policy on who may speak on behalf of the SRC.***

**RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accepts the General Secretary’s report.

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Education**

The report was taken as read.

**Action:**

***D Lloyd to research fundraising for the education campaign.***

**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**

The report was taken as read.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accepts the International Officer's report.

**CARRIED**

### **3.8 Queer**

The report was taken as read.

#### **Action:**

- *The Queer collective to report back at the next meeting on the extent to which the Mardi Gras float was student lead as opposed to management lead.*
- *The Queer Officers, D Lloyd and B Macpherson-Rice to investigate with the Queer collective the possibility of using the float to draw attention to UNSW's attack on LGQTBI students through the implementation of trimesters.*

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC accepts the Queer Officer's report.

**CARRIED**

### **3.9 Welfare**

The report was taken as read.

#### **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**

### **4.1 Safer spaces policy**

It was stated that there is an existing safer spaces policy, although it was mentioned that there is a problem with previous carry over SRC policies. The existing policy will be circulated upon review.

#### **Action:**

*D Lloyd, A Linker and the Queer Officers to review the existing 'Safer Spaces' policy.*

### **4.2 SRC Space Maintenance**

It was stated that currently the SRC equity spaces are not consistently being kept clean and tidy. It was suggested that an online form might be a good idea for the Councillors to volunteer to assist in maintaining the spaces.

It was noted that signage will be implemented for student knowledge of where the equity spaces are located on campus.

A Mills stated that she and A Linker cleaned the welfare and disability space over a period of three weeks. It was stated that the whole Council should be held accountable for the ongoing maintenance of the equity rooms, rather than just the Office Bearers. It was suggested to implement a roster schedule. Alternatively, it was noted that the outcome of last year's roster system, wasn't quite successful. In turn it was recommended that on a monthly basis a proper clean-up is to occur and that Office Bearers are to manage the space each week.

#### **4.3 Whitehouse Australia Day celebrations**

It was stated that there are controversial issues well known to the SRC in celebrating Australia day. It was noted that the significance of protest on this day is important for indigenous activism.

It was mentioned that Arc's Whitehouse establishment held an Australia Day event which was felt to be insensitive and that it conveys mixed messages represented from the student organisation. T Walmsley clarified the purpose of the paper; to discuss with Arc not to hold such events on future Australia days and to raise awareness of this issue to align with a consistent message of the student organisation that the SRC inadvertently does not support Australia Day.

Additional students showed their support of discontentment for Australia Day events, confirming support for the discussion paper. It was mentioned that the day is seen by many as 'invasion day' and this year represents 229 years of colonialism dispossession and that the SRC should oppose the paper and call on the Whitehouse to alter their intention to celebrate future Australia day events.

It was stated that in lieu of the discussion paper, due to the strong representations of the paper, that it was conceded to move a recommendation; THAT the SRC submits a motion to Arc Board that Arc does not celebrate any Australia day events, including that of Arc's assets.

The idea of moving the paper to a motion was endorsed by members of the SRC that rather than privately taking a stance it was suggested that the stance of Arc should be promoted to publicise what Arc and the SRC exemplifies. It was recommended to represent the paper publicly in the following year, on 26 January to increase its effectiveness.

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

#### **5.1 Councillor Reports**

##### **5.1.1 Alannah**

The report was taken as read.

##### **5.1.2 Harry**

The report was taken as read.

H Holbrook expressed his concern in relation to some Councillors' lack of effort in planning, strategizing and organising over the holiday period. It was mentioned that although the summer holidays are a time where students take a break, it was stated that from the term commencement date to present has consisted of two significant months of key planning time for the SRC. H Holbrook noted that it would be great to see the Council making a renewed commitment to working hard from here on.

##### **5.1.3 Wenbo**

No report was submitted.

##### **5.1.4 Heather**

No report was submitted.

##### **5.1.5 Natasha**

The report was taken as read.

##### **5.1.6 Lily**

The report was taken as read.

##### **5.1.7 Toby**

The report was taken as read.

##### **5.1.8 Ben**

The report was taken as read.

##### **5.1.9 Nick**

The report was taken as read.

##### **5.1.10 Alexandra**

The report was taken as read.

**5.1.11 Eric**

The report was taken as read.

**5.2 2017 budget – year to date 31 January**

There were no discussions held.

**5.3 *Tabled:* Funding for Fossil Free Convergence**

The paper was taken as read.

**6. Meeting Finalisation**

**6.1. Meeting evaluation**

A Mills stated that the meeting had proceeded over time and to be mindful of the guided times, set on the agenda. It was noted that good political discussions were had and it is a great start moving forward on the SRC.

**6.2. Next meeting date:** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**6.3. Meeting close:** 7:40pm

Signed by the Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_