

Meeting open: 6:04pm

Present: Aislinn Stein-Magee (Chair), Zack Solomon, Mirachael Racela, Jacob Courtenay, Anna Tran, Eric Xu, Ben McCoy, Amy Mills, Lily Zhao, Dylan Lloyd, Cindy El Sayed, Toby Walmsley, Lizzie Butterworth, Natasha Hartanto, Harry Holbrook, Breana Macpherson-Rice, Alexandra Dickie, Nick Bosworth, Jack McNally and Francesca Nyilas.

In attendance: John Seroukas, Gene Brownlie and Jamie Whitford.

Apologies: Brad Hannagan, Tina Zhou, Priya Gauchan, Alex Linker, Yifan Lu and Tamara Kenny.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the President.

1.2 Apologies

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies from B Hannagan, T Zhou, P Gauchan, A Linker, Y Lu and T Kenny are accepted. **CARRIED**

1.3 Conflict of interest disclosure

D Lloyd stated that they would abstain from voting at agenda item 2.3 *Funding the trimonster campaign* due to their position as Education Officer.

1.4 Previous minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation: 6 February 2017

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 6 February, 2017 is accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2 Matters arising/ action list

The following was noted:

1. *Office Bearer and Councillor reports included on the website* – A Stein-Magee will prepare a matter for decision paper about including Office Bearer & Councillor reports on the website. It was noted that SRC members will have a month to review their papers and advise of matters that would like to be discussed in-camera.
2. *Collective spaces and code of conduct* – completed. *Item to be removed*
3. *Student engagement working group* – in progress; will be completed by the April SRC meeting.
4. *Arc policy for speaking on behalf of the SRC* – completed. *Item to be removed.*
5. *Fundraising for the Education campaign* – completed. *Item to be removed.*
6. *Lead of the Mardi Gras float* – completed. *Item to be removed.*
7. *Queer collective float on UNSW's LGQBTBI* – matter has lapsed. *Item to be removed.*
8. *Review of existing Safer Spaces policy* – in progress.

1.5 Meeting administration

1.5.1 Items flagged for immediate discussion

It was noted that the appointment of J Seroukas will be tabled as agenda item 2.3.

1.5.2 Selection of meeting observer

T Walmsley was appointed as the meeting observer.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1 Penalty rates

It was stated that the motion reflects the recent changes to penalty rates ruled by the Fair Work Commission and acknowledges the adverse impacts that this decision imposes on students. The paper recommends actions that the SRC can take to oppose the changes in a variety of ways including; encouraging students to join their union, by supporting Trade Unions rallies, for the SRC President and General Secretary to reach out to outlets operating on campus, particularly those that are open on weekends to determine whether they will pay their employees fair penalty rates.

A suggestion was made to amend the recommendation, option A, point 5, to strike the “political parties and” wording to then state; “Support movements by unions...”. It was noted that the amendment was applied to ensure the SRC supports university campaigns rather than political parties’ campaigns.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts option A, to actively campaign for the restoration of penalty rates.

2.2 Funding the trimonster campaign

D Lloyd stated the motion presented for extra funding, will be utilised to Stop the Trimonster Campaign. It was mentioned that the campaign has raised awareness of the SRC profile on campus and will also strengthen student interest within the way that Arc advocates for student interest. It was stated that the funding will be applied to the long-term management of the campaign.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC recommend Funding the trimonster campaign to the Arc Board via the Student Development Committee.

An abstention was noted from D Lloyd.

2.3 Tabled: Appointment of Councillor A position

It was stated that in relation to A Milton’s resignation, that J Seroukas has been appointed via count back to the position of Councillor A.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accept the Councillor A appointment of J Seroukas.

CARRIED

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1 President

The report was taken as read.

A Stein-Magee stated that she met with Bill Kefalas; Director of Health Services at UNSW. It was noted that B Kefalas would like to set up a student advisory Board for health services. It was mentioned that the student Board process would operate where student concerns would be raised to the student Board, to contact the relevant bodies, eliminating university management outsourcing services and the potential threat of privatising health services.

It was noted that A Stein-Magee and D Lloyd attended the Student Representative Forum where interesting discussions took place surrounding the trimester debate. Detailed feedback was provided from various faculties, such as specific problems they are to encounter with trimesters and the actions and contrasting perceptions from the different schools was also discussed.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accept the President's report.

CARRIED

3.2 General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

It was mentioned that the SRC are to note the events and important dates marked in the central calendar of which was circulated recently, particularly for Office Bearers to ensure attendance at events and to enable access to all collective events to support members. It was mentioned for the SRC to contact Office Bearers of Collectives that members are interested in engaging with.

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.

It was noted that C El Sayed will meet with the Cultural Diversity and Equity Board to obtain a position on the Board.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Indigenous Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.7 International

The report was taken as read.

A question was raised to Y Lu to provide a response following the meeting, if the changes have been announced to the immigration list, or is it yet to be published.

A second question was raised, if the career employment opportunities assess graduation students regarding international students, to expand to include worker's rights for current university students.

Action:

- C El Sayed, T Walmsley, N Bosworth and F Nyilas to assist Y Lu in providing a report on how the concession for international students' campaign is proceeding.

- Y Lu to respond to the above questions.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the International Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.8 Queer

The report was taken as read.

It was mentioned that planning has commenced for IDAHOT and the Queer collective are hoping to engage the PGC, the Art and design council and other societies.

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.

It was noted that L Butterworth is presently an organiser for the annual contingent to the International Women's Day launch.

L Butterworth & A Stein-Magee to complete a press release on international women's day about cuts to women's services.

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 SRC standing orders

The paper was taken as read.

It was explained that standing orders provide a framework to assist in the general understanding of meeting regulations. It was stated that standing orders will hold the future of SRC meetings to a higher standard regarding democratic decision making.

It was noted that the purpose of the discussion is to establish if the SRC like the idea to have a working group to develop a standing order. Following, a decision paper would be submitted in semester two to have a standing order policy for the rest of the year and for future meetings.

Action:

J McNally, T Walmsley, N Bosworth and D Lloyd to formulate a document on standing orders in reference to any previous policy that the SRC may have, to be provided by D Lloyd to Z Solomon and A Stein-Magee.

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 Jack

The report was taken as read.

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.

5.2 2017 budget – year to date 31 February

It was noted that the budget will be added to Dropbox each month to assist with timing requirements of generating the SRC report and the date the SRC meetings are held.

Action:

A Stein-Magee to investigate the possibility of Arc requesting the university to provide more poster boards or alternatively, to purchase additional boards.

6. Meeting Finalisation

6.1. Meeting evaluation

T Walmsley stated that many questions were raised, with great answers provided. It was noted that an hour and a half for the estimated meeting duration is better suited for SRC meetings.

6.2. Next meeting date: 3 April 2017

6.3. Meeting close: 7:27pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

Dated: __/__/__