

Meeting open: 6:13pm

Present: Sophie Johnston (Chair), Edward Bartolo, Michael Murdocca, Axeris Sondyre, Aislinn Stein-Magee, Garren Keane-Robbins, Emma Donaldson, Mirachael Racela, Joseph Daher, Joshua Sun, Jocelyn Dracakis, Zara Khan, Sam Diamant and Konstantinos Koutroumpas.

In attendance: Edward Valenta, Cameron Cripps-Kennedy, Carrina Lee, Frank Cai, Remesha Abeyratne, Alexis Castro Robles, Toby Walmsley, Dylan Lloyd, Nick Gerovasilis and Rachel Lobo.

Apologies: Brad Hannagan, Tina Zhou, Nadhirah Daud, Nick Wilson, Alex Linker, Georgia Watkins and Isobel Blomfield.

Absent: Bridget Cama and Erica Longhurst.

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 Daud, N Wilson, A Linker, G Watkins and I Blomfield are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3 Conflict of interest disclosure

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation: 1 August 2016

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 1 August, 2016 is accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2 Matters arising/ action list

There were no discussions.

1.5 Meeting administration

1.5.1 Items flagged for immediate discussion

There were no items flagged for discussion.

1.5.2 Selection of meeting observer

A Stein-Magee was appointed as the meeting observer.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1 Student with Disabilities Officer Co-option

2.1.1 Edward Valenta

2.1.2 Cameron Cripps-Kennedy

2.1.3 Carrina Lee

E Bartolo was appointed the Returning Officer for the Student with Disabilities Officer, International Student's Officer and Councillor A and B co-options.

E Bartolo Chaired the meeting at 6:15pm.

E Valenta entered the meeting at 6:16pm.

E Valenta addressed the SRC.

E Valenta left the meeting at 6:20pm.

C Cripps-Kennedy entered the meeting at 6:20pm.

C Cripps-Kennedy addressed the SRC.

C Cripps-Kennedy left the meeting at 6:24pm.

C Lee entered the meeting at 6:24pm.

C Lee addressed the SRC.

C Lee left the meeting at 6:28pm.

A secret ballot was held. The Returning Officer advised that E Valenta was elected to the position of Student with Disabilities Officer.

RESOLVED

THAT E Valenta is appointed to the position of Student with Disabilities Officer.

CARRIED

2.2 International Students' Officer Co-option

2.2.1 Frank Cai

2.2.2 Remesha Abeyratne

F Cai entered the meeting at 6:35pm.

F Cai addressed the SRC.

F Cai left the meeting at 6:40pm.

R Abeyratne entered the meeting at 6:40pm.

R Abeyratne addressed the SRC.

R Abeyratne left the meeting at 6:45pm.

A secret ballot was held. The Returning Officer advised that R Abeyratne was elected to the position of International Students' Officer.

RESOLVED

THAT R Abeyratne is appointed to the position of International Student's Officer.

CARRIED

2.3 Councillor Co-option

2.3.1 Councillor A

2.3.1.1 Alexis Castro Robles

2.3.2 Councillor B

2.3.2.1 Toby Walmsley

2.3.3 Councillor B (must be filled by a woman)

2.3.3.1 Carrina Lee

A Castro Robles entered the meeting at 6:52pm.

A Castro Robles addressed the SRC.

A Castro Robles left the meeting at 6:56pm.

T Walmsley entered the meeting at 6:56pm.

T Walmsley addressed the SRC.

T Walmsley left the meeting at 7:00pm.

C Lee entered the meeting at 7:01pm.

C Lee addressed the SRC.

C Lee left the meeting at 7:05pm.

The candidates for Councillor A, Councillor B and Councillor B (position to be held by a woman) were accepted.

A Castro Robles returned to the meeting at 7:06pm.

RESOLVED

THAT A Castro Robles is appointed to the position of Councillor A, T Walmsley is appointed to the position of Councillor B and C Lee is appointed to the position of Councillor B (position to be held by a woman). **CARRIED**

E Valenta left the meeting at 7:06pm.

2.4 Support sacked CUB workers

The paper was taken as read.

A brief background was provided regarding the sacked maintenance workers at Carlton United Breweries (CUB). It was recommended for the SRC to show their support to the workers and urge those responsible for the university bars to switch off their CUB taps.

S Diamant raised a question as to how many UNSW students were directly affected by CUB's decision to sack their workers. A Stein-Magee responded that it was unlikely that students were impacted, although the SRC would follow suit with other university bars to persist with their message of support.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts option A to support the sacked CUB workers.

CARRIED

2.5 2017 budget decision

2.5.1 2017 SRC budget

The paper was taken as read.

It was stated that the review of the 2017 budget is decided by the SRC President, in consultation with the SRC.

A question was raised if additional funds were added to conferences and development for Office Bearers and Councillors. It was discussed that this year many of the seminars were locally available in Sydney however next year it is likely that the conferences may be held at further locations.

In response to a question regarding the short notice of the 2017 SRC budget, the SRC President stated that these changes are not required to pass through the SRC and therefore Officer Bearers are encouraged to raise any concerns that they may have with her by the end of next week (16th September). It was noted that issues raised with the 2017 SRC budget would be advocated to Board.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC withdraw the 2017 SRC budget motion due to insufficient notice, to a matter for noting.

CARRIED

J Daher left the meeting at 7:45pm.

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1 President

A verbal report was provided.

It was stated that the Board held an equity diversity inclusion meeting last week and the women's resource network has undertaken an audit within an unconscious bias campaign. S Johnston provided an update that Sandra Norris has released the disability action plan and it will be circulated amongst the SRC.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the President's report.

CARRIED

3.2 General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

Action:

S Johnston and E Donaldson to follow up with grand challenges.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts 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.

E Donaldson expressed her concerns for the light rail project and the issue that the light rail will not serve the students best interests. It was stated that the construction of the project is not being planned properly and this can be explained in a number of reasons. E Donaldson met with members of the community who advised of a public hearing into budget estimates, 2016-2017 Legislative Council, under the Transport and Infrastructure portfolio. A meeting occurred on Tuesday, 30th August and a question was raised to confirm whether the UNSW has signed the development agreement regarding the light rail project. In response it was stated that detailed discussions of items are being had with the University at this time. Clarification of further questions regarding the signage of the agreement and what the unresolved issues are of what might be blocking the University from signing the agreement. Both questions were taken on notice. It was noted that if one of the major stakeholders in the project have not signed and there may be potential issues that are unknown could be serious. It was stated that E Donaldson is attempting to participate in a meeting at FM Assist to gain an understanding of what the details of the issues may present.

It was noted that if students are keen to assist E Donaldson with the light rail project issues, they are encouraged to speak with her.

M Murdocca congratulated E Donaldson for being one of the only Office Bearers to work with the Welfare collective on multiple campaigns and she consistently presents new ideas and actions. Further mention was stated that E Donaldson is a model of how an Office Bearer should operate in the manner of which she engages with other Office Bearers.

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 Queer

The report was taken as read.

It stated that the Queer election were held today and the following Queer Officers were elected to the 2017 SRC; Mirachael, Jake, Pria and Anna.

Mirachael Racela mentioned that Queer Week will be held next week and the information regarding the events has been added to Facebook. It was noted that the SRC are encouraged to attend the workshops and night events.

A question was raised on the progress of the Queer space relocation. In response it was stated that the Queer space is currently on level 9 of the Chemical Sciences building which will be closed and knocked down in 2017. It was stated the J Daher is liaising with the University to find a new location and will advise the Queer Collective.

It was stated that initiating an outreach campaign may assist the University to understand the size of the Queer collective and the twenty four hour access and the many other considerations that are involved in the location of the space.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Queer Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.8 Welfare

The report was taken as read.

It was stated that it appears in the welfare report and on the SRC Facebook page that M Murdocca has claimed 'R U OK' day as a welfare collective initiative. Concerns were raised from Arc staff stating that M Murdocca has not consulted with Arc staff on the 'R U OK day' operations. In response it was stated that a staff member contacted M Murdocca directly due to the impressive welfare collective's engagement with the UNSW population on social media which resulted in a marketing staff member adding Arc onto the Welfare initiative's page. Additionally, it was mentioned that the issue was perhaps between the consultation of administration and the welfare's office bearer role.

It was stated that Emma Woods had a table allocated for the welfare collective at the 'R U OK' festivities and no one from the SRC appeared. In response it was stated that the stall was another example of misinformation that had not been communicated to M Murdocca. The intention of the welfare collective was to engage in direct contact with the students on campus, rather than speaking with students through a stall. It was mentioned consulting students directly was effective as part of the contact welfare created photos on whiteboards and handed out chocolates. It was noted that communication could be better achieved.

A question was raised regarding how many welfare packs have been distributed this year and whether the contents of the packs have expired.

In response it was stated that Arc Legal and Advocacy have advised that the packs are to be handed out through Arc, to monitor what goes on.

M Murdocca stated that he met with the stationery re-use centre to expand the welfare packs and mentioned that the packs now include information on how to access the stationery re-use centre.

In response it was noted that Arc has taken ownership of the welfare packs this year due to negligence of administering the packs, which has resulted in the items expiring.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Welfare Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.9 Women's

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

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

CARRIED

4. Matters for Discussion: N/A

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

5.1 Councillor Reports

5.1.1 Zara

The report was taken as read.

5.1.2 Georgia

No report was submitted.

5.1.3 Nadhira

No report was submitted.

5.1.4 Joshua

The report was taken as read.

5.1.5 Garren

No report was submitted.

5.1.6 Nick

No report was submitted.

5.1.7 Sam

No report was submitted.

5.1.8 Erica

No report was submitted.

5.1.9 Axeris

The report was taken as read.

A Sonyre provided an update regarding the Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) rally, held at Sydney University. The SCA campaign is related to the closure of Sydney University's art school and the school will merge with UNSW's art school. The protest was well organised and had significant attendees expressing solidarity. It was mentioned that during the rally members of political fracas decided to leave the rally and instigated a disturbance during the protest. It was noted that in line with the SCA rally, SRC students are working on an important trimester campaign and solidarity should be expressed absolutely without the need for contention.

A suggestion was raised for the Councillors who did not submit a report, to provide a brief verbal update on their activities.

S Diamant provided a verbal update of his Councillor report.

6. Meeting Finalisation

6.1. Meeting evaluation

It was stated that there were many issues that perhaps could have been addressed offline when heated discussions arise.

It was noted that in regards to the language used within the SRC meeting, in particular during contentions issues, members need to be mindful of what is being said; in the instance that members from the university were to review the minutes, may undermine the duties of the SRC.

6.2. Next meeting date: 6th October 2016

6.3. Meeting close: 8:34pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

Dated: __/__/__