

Meeting open: 6:15pm

Present: Sophie Johnston (Chair), Edward Bartolo, Michael Murdocca, Aislinn Stein-Magee, Emma Donaldson, Mirachael Racela, Joseph Daher, Edward Valenta, Toby Walmsley, Carrina Lee, Joshua Sun, Jocelyn Dracakis, Zara Khan, Nick Wilson, and Konstantinos Koutroumpas.

In attendance: Lulu Huang, Natasha Krikorian and Carla Zuniga.

Apologies: Brad Hannagan, Tina Zhou, Isobel Blomfield, Bridget Cama, Alexis Castro Robles and Remesha Abeyratne.

Absent: Erica Longhurst, Alex Linker, Georgia Watkins, Sam Diamant, Garren Keane-Robbins and Axeris Sondyre.

1. Meeting Opening

1.1 Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the President.

1.2 Apologies

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies from B Hannagan, T Zhou, I Blomfield, B Cama, A Castro Robles and R Abeyratne 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 September 2016

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 8 September, 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

The President informed the SRC that if members have an issue to raise, consultation should occur with the SRC President. It was noted that if members feel they are unable to approach the SRC President then they are to make an appointment to speak to Arc's Human Resource Manager.

1.5.2 Selection of meeting observer

J Daher was appointed as the meeting observer.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1 Councillor A co-option

2.1.1 Lulu Huang

2.1.2 Natasha Krikorian

E Bartolo was appointed the Returning Officer for the Councillor A co-option.

E Bartolo Chaired the meeting at 6:17pm.

J Dracakis entered the meeting at 6:17pm.

N Krikorian entered the meeting at 6:18pm and addressed the SRC.

N Krikorian left the room at 6:22pm.

L Huang entered the meeting at 6:22pm and addressed the SRC.

L Huang left the room at 6:26pm.

A secret ballot was held. The Returning Officer advised that L Huang was elected to fill the Councillor A vacancy.

RESOLVED

THAT L Huang is appointed to the position of Councillor A.

CARRIED

L Huang and N Krikorian left the meeting at 6:32pm.

2.2 SCA Strike Motion of Support

2.2.1 Proposed letter of solidarity

The report was taken as read.

It was stated that earlier this year the Sydney College of Arts (SCA) intended to merge with UNSW's Art & Design. The plans were defeated with the support of student activism at UNSW and through the actions of the SCA students strongly protesting against the move. It was stated that although UNSW's Art & Design is no longer under threat, the SCA is threatened with six percent of staff redundancies and the closure of roads to the SCA campus. There are plans to move the SCA to Sydney University's main campus with no clear future direction as yet.

It was noted that a strike was called after a student vote, for the 6th and 7th of October. T Walmsley mentioned that many other organisations, unions and community groups have put forward their support for the occupation, campaign and the strike and he feels that it is only appropriate that the SRC associate their support.

A question was raised on how the motion affects the interests of students at UNSW and that the SRC's interest should be focused on the UNSW students. In response it was stated that by supporting the SCA does affect the interests of students as the closure of one of the three major art schools in New South Wales (NSW) has a direct impact on the arts education in New South Wales in general, UNSW Art & Design's ability to operate and the National Art School (NAS).

C Zuniga stated that she is a member of the Art & Design Council and attends UNSW's Art and Design. It was stated that this is an ongoing issue amongst universities and art schools in NSW for a number of reasons, such as the 750 students will no longer have a viable campus and may have to relocate to NAS, UNSW Art & Design or Canberra School of Arts.

It was proposed that an additional letter be written to the state Premier of NSW to raise awareness of the funding of arts within society. S Johnston mentioned that she will work with J Sun to compose a detailed final letter that addresses fund raising for the arts.

Action:

J Sun and S Johnston to draft a letter to the State Premier for more funding of the arts.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accept to support the SCA strike with amendments to the formal letter, addressing funding of the arts.

CARRIED

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.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the General Secretary's report.

CARRIED

3.3 Education

The report was taken as read.

It was noted that the trimester's event to be held next week has had over 37,000 views on social media. The university has agreed to take part in the event, to answer any questions students have.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Education Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.4 Environment

The report was taken as read.

An update was provided on the UNSW light rail project regarding the uncertainty of UNSW not having signed the agreement to approve the light rail within the university surroundings. It was noted that when the questions was asked as to why the university has not signed the agreement at the public hearing for transport and infrastructure budget, the answer provided was that there were issues and that the questions were taken on notice. It was stated that answers have been supplied to the questions put on notice, including the relocation of the UNSW stop to the entry of the west side. It was noted that this may pose real safety issues and that there should be an overpass or underpass for safe crossing. The response received was that the stop will not be moved and still be situated in the center of the road. E Donaldson has extensively tried to reach the University for a response regarding the potential issues and why students have not been consulted regarding the light rail project.

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, 10th October with Jason Coombs, the Director of Strategy, Office of the President and Vice Chancellor. E Donaldson encouraged any issues that the SRC would like advocated to be brought forward to her prior to the meeting.

It stated that E Donaldson was contacted by university management, requesting for E Donaldson to engage in a discussion on climate change grand challenge.

A question was raised regarding the noise interference with instruments at the Wallace Wurth building, if this still poses as a problem. In response it was stated that E Donaldson consulted engineers and is satisfied with the action that will be taken to mediate the noise pollution.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Environment Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.5 Ethno-cultural

The report was taken as read.

It was noted that an honour student contacted the ethno-cultural officer, to raise awareness on language preservation. The ethno-cultural collective are going to work with the student on this project to preserve the dialogue of cultures.

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.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Queer Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.9 Welfare

The report was taken as read.

It was noted that the student focus group on mental health will be held weekly, on Thursday mornings and SRC members are encouraged to get involved in the initiative. The meetings will be held in the careers and employment building.

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.

It was stated that due to timing issues, the disability awareness week will be held in collaboration with the newly elected officer. E Valenta mentioned that a meeting will be held next week with the manager of the disabilities unit to discuss ongoing student issues.

It was noted that an automatic entry door to the SRC spaces at Baxter College has recently been implemented.

RESOLVED

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

CARRIED

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 SRC spaces and collective rooms

It was stated that the spaces provided to the SRC by the university are a privilege and it is important to keep the collective rooms and the space outside the SRC President's office organised and tidy.

A suggestion was made that during each semester perhaps a rotating schedule should be created of SRC members, to inspect the SRC spaces on a fortnightly basis. It was noted that a matter for decision will be brought to the following meeting.

The President noted that the matter of keeping the spaces clean appears to be an ongoing issue over the entire year and attempts have been arranged for members to clean up the areas. It was recommended that a set system is to be instigated.

Action:

S Johnston to email the SRC for suggestions of items needed to keep the SRC spaces clean.

E Donaldson to bring a recycling bin to the mezzanine SRC space.

It was noted that the large meeting table in the ethno-cultural collective room has been removed and replaced with a smaller table. It was noted that students holding meetings in the collective rooms should be discarding of their rubbish after meetings have concluded.

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 Joshua

The report was taken as read.

5.1.4 Garren

No report was submitted.

5.1.5 Nick

No report was submitted.

5.1.6 Sam

No report was submitted.

5.1.7 Erica

No report was submitted.

5.1.8 Axeris

No report was submitted.

5.1.9 Carrina

The report was taken as read.

5.1.10 Alexis

The report was taken as read.

5.1.11 Toby

The report was taken as read.

5.2 2016 budget – year to date 31 August

There were no discussions held.

6. Meeting Finalisation

6.1. Meeting evaluation

It was stated that a great meeting was held with credit to all members and in particular, special mention was provided to T Walmsley and E Valenta for presenting great matters for decision and discussion at their first meeting.

It was noted that an email will be sent within the coming weeks, with instructions to prepare the Office Bearer handover reports. The President stated that the reports are to contain significant detail for the incoming officers' transition.

6.2. Next meeting date: 7th November 2016

6.3. Meeting close: 7:20pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

Dated: __/__/__