

Meeting Open: 6:06pm

Present: Edward Bartolo (Chair), Michael Murdocca, Nick Wilson, Emma Donaldson, Nadhirah Daud, Axeris Sonyre, Georgia Watkins, Ben Heenan, Bridget Cama, Mirachael Racela, Zara Khan, Jocelyn Dracakis, Alex Patterson, Joseph Daher, Erica Longhurst, Joshua Sun, Jordan Daly.
Emma Purintanawut, Sam Diamant, Garren Keane-Robbins and Fahad Ali (via teleconference).

In attendance: David Loonam

Apologies: Sophie Johnston, Tom Morrison, Brad Hannagan, Charlotte Amelia, Alex Linker, Aislinn Stein-Magee and Isobel Blomfield.

Absent: Kate Cranswick, Dylan Lloyd and Jack Harkness.

1. Meeting Opening

The meeting was chaired by the General Secretary.

1.1. Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the General Secretary.

1.2. Apologies

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies from S Johnston, T Morrison, B Hannagan, C Amelia, A Linker, A Stein-Magee and I Blomfield are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

There was no conflict of interest disclosed.

1.4. Previous Minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 7 March 2016

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes of the SRC meeting held on 7 March, 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

B Heenan was appointed as the meeting observer.

S Diamant and G Keane-Robbins entered the meeting via teleconference at 6:15pm.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. SRC Charter review

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It was noted in 3.6.5. Councillor's Reports amendment states Councillors are required to submit reports per meeting. A grammatical change was noted, to remove the word and at the end of point a) and to replace it at the end of point e).

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the SRC Charter, as amended and recommends the Charter to the Board. **CARRIED**

2.2. SRC monthly meeting times

It was stated that there are SRC members who aren't able to attend the scheduled monthly meetings and if there is a possibility that meeting dates can be reviewed in consultation with all members. In response it was stated that the meeting dates will remain unchanged for semester one and next semester a poll will be conducted to determine dates/ times that would be suitable for most of the SRC.

Action:

A resolution of SRC monthly meeting times is to be discussed further at the commencement of semester 2.

2.3. UNSW diversity toolkit

It was noted that recently a major newspaper published an article about UNSW diversity toolkit and the terminology used specifically to Indigenous Australians. Racist remarks were made in the media as a result of this newspaper article which provides an example of institutionalised racism that still exists in Australia for Indigenous Australians.

It was mentioned that there are a number of SRC members in support of this motion. A recommendation was made for a link to be included next time to the toolkit, to enable everyone to view the content.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the UNSW diversity toolkit and will implement the recommendations of the toolkit. **CARRIED**

2.4. Call to halt Randwick light rail

In the process of the construction of the light rail, there have been 20,000 to 30,000 Aboriginal artefacts found. The findings have indicated that they are not from the area of Randwick, which demonstrates the importance of halting the process to observe what the origins of the site actually were.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the call to halt Randwick light rail. **CARRIED**

2.5. SRC higher education motion

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the higher education motion. **CARRIED**

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

The report was taken as read.

A question was raised of the budget updates that were agreed at the first SRC meeting, to be provided to monthly SRC meetings. It was noted that this information would be passed on to S Johnston. A second question was raised regarding the mental health policy, if there would be consultation with the SRC. In response it was stated that this policy is currently being developed by the Board, however a recommendation request will be made to the Board to consult with the SRC.

A point was raised in reference to F Ali's resignation that it should be endorsed by the collectors or if a co-option may occur. In response it was said that procedurally, due to the resignation timeframe occurring in less than 6 months, a count back vote for the next candidate whom received the highest votes will be consulted for the position. F Ali's resignation is effective as of the 14th April; advice has been sought from Human Resources as to the correct process to follow.

F Ali entered the meeting via teleconference at 6:40pm.

Action:

**Edward to follow up on the count back process of the Ethno-cultural Officer position.
S Johnston to provide monthly budget expenditure updates to the SRC meeting agenda.**

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the President's report.

CARRIED

J Dracakis and J Daher entered the meeting at 6:42pm.

3.2. General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the General Secretary's report.

CARRIED

3.3. Education

A Stein-Magee spoke to the report.

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.

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.

It was noted that on the 17th May, an event for International Day against homophobia will be held.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the Queer Officer's report.

CARRIED

3.9. Welfare

The report was taken as read.

It was noted that a great response of volunteers from the Welfare collective and the student minds group have been fantastic in their volunteers. The free breakfasts date has been altered to Wednesdays, with the vision to extend the program, however this may be achieved through SRC involvement. Attendance is required for a minimum of an hour at a time with the ability to commit for a few weeks, which would enable the breakfast initiative program to operate. It was suggested if a procedural document can be written for the breakfast program.

An update was provided regarding the sleeping spaces, further negotiations with University contacts are imminent although progress is moving well.

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.

A question was raised regarding the accessibility audit, if this is the collective auditing itself or if this is completed through an external body. In response it was stated the Vice Chancellor has undertaken this as part of the disability action plan with the potential to expand to other bodies.

RESOLVED

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

CARRIED

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1. David Loonam: guest speaker

D Loonam addressed the SRC regarding his role at Arc and how legal and advocacy resources are available to the SRC.

4.2. SRC event registration and communication

E Barolo spoke of event registration, providing an example form and instructing how to complete. The form is to be in operation, effective today. Office Bearers are to fill in the registration form of events they are running in the following week. The due dates and times are to be confirmed. The event registration is to be completed for everything besides collective meetings.

4.3. Monthly SRC OB and Councillor meetings

Office Bearer and Councillor meetings are to be held fortnightly at 6:00pm. These meetings are not compulsory to attend. It was stated that conducting these meetings would create valuable discussions and time to develop ideas. It would provide time to look at policies prior to SRC meetings, enabling effective use of time.

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

The report was taken as read.

5.1.3. Nadhira

The report was taken as read.

5.1.4. Alex

The report was taken as read.

5.1.5. Garren

No report was submitted.

5.1.6. Nick

The report was taken as read.

5.1.7. Kate

No report was submitted.

5.1.8. Erica

No report was submitted.

5.1.9. Axeris

The report was taken as read.

5.1.10. Sam

No report was submitted.

5.1.11. Joshua

The report was taken as read.

5.1.12. Jack

No report was submitted.

Action:

S Johnston to review quorum on the SRC Charter.

Tabled: BWN – Standing in solidarity with sex workers

It was noted that this matter for decision was brought to the attention of J Dracakis today and an anti-sex work conference will occur on the 9th and 10th of April. This is an urgent matter and it is important that the SRC take a stance that does not discriminate against sex-workers and lend support to students' who fall victim to discrimination. The motion presented is that the SRC stand in solidarity with the sex-workers at RMIT and across Australia, to condemn the conference and make a statement to that effect. A protest will take place at the conference and if a statement to ascertain is to be made, it would have to be effective during the protest.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC accepts the standing in solidarity with sex workers motion.

CARRIED

6. Meeting Finalisation

6.1. Meeting Evaluation

B Heenan stated that a great effort was made from everyone asking questions. It was suggested when reading Office Bearer reports days in advance, it might be easier to send an email with questions, rather than during the meeting.

6.2. Next meeting date: 5th May 2016

6.3. Meeting close 7:54pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

Dated: ___/___/___