



Arc @ UNSW limited
SRC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, 1 May 2023
Hybrid (UNSW CATS Room/TEAMS)
6:00 pm



Present: Paige Sedgwick, Reid Hou, Chiara Moore, Nadia Pandoulis, Mitch Battersby, Leo Hoang, Hannah Horton, Cherish Kuehlmann, Gina Elias, Shovan Bhattarai, Emma Terry, Daniel Mulia, Pepsi Sharma, Corwin Ollis, Dan Magee, Liora Hoenig, Jeremy Groh, Caleb Watts, Rosina Baumann

In attendance: N/A

Apologies: William Nguyen, Mya Thit Khet, Harrison Zheng

Absent: Estell Mathew, Tanvi Vakkalagadda, Michael Rahme, Junias Tjanaria

1. Meeting Opening

The meeting opened at 6:02pm

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies were received from W. Nguyen, M. Thit Khet, and H. Zheng.

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies received from W. Nguyen, M. Thit Khet and H. Zheng are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

M. Battersby declared a conflict of interest as a staff member of UNSW Accommodation.

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 3 April 2023

RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 3 April 2023 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2. Matters arising/ action list

The action list was noted.

1.5. Meeting administration

1.5.1. Trigger Warning Announcements

- Trigger warning was announced for Item 2.2, emergency housing discussions, which may include discussions of domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment, or other forms of harassment.
- Trigger warning was announced for updates from the Queer Collective regarding the Gendered Violence Steering Committee.

SRC members are encouraged to include trigger warnings throughout the SRC meeting.

1.5.2. Safer Spaces Policy Reminder

The Safer Spaces Policy was read, and key expectations reiterated to attendees of the meeting.

1.5.3. Selection of meeting observer

D. Mulia was appointed as meeting observer.

1.5.4. Items flagged for immediate discussion

N/A

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. Arc Regulation Changes

The paper was taken as read.

Against the motion:

- The issue with SRC voting is not about a change of the Regulation, but rather about how the Regulation has been interpreted.
- The SRC has consistently used the same Regulation interpretation and had no issues prior. The Regulation should remain unchanged.
- The harm in the new wording is that abstentions will still count towards the vote despite the forfeiting of right to vote. The change in Regulation will not resolve the issue of abstentions counting towards votes.

For the motion:

- The issue of different interpretations can be resolved through this motion. It should be passed for the issue to be cleared and for the SRC to move forward in its work.
- If the motion does not pass, the SRC will be continuing with the current voting rules, and abstentions will continue to work as they do.

It was clarified that the President was informed and interpreted the way of voting during her handover process and was also explained of the voting procedure through her communications with Arc.

An amendment was proposed:

Amendment:

8.9 a) A motion shall be passed by simple majority on a show of hands of Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

b) Abstentions shall not be counted in the majority vote.

c) Quorum is required for a motion to pass.

For the amendment:

- Abstentions should not count towards majority vote.

Against the motion:

- In the original motion, the word “abstention” is not included. It is a separate issue to be discussed and presented to the Arc Board.

A second amendment was proposed:

Amendment:

8.9 a) A motion shall be passed by simple majority on a show of hands of Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.

b) Abstentions shall not be counted in the vote.

It was noted that the SRC has issues with members not attending SRC meetings.

For the amendment:

- The amendment is appropriate as abstentions should mean that people are to abstain from voting and should not count towards the vote overall.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC agrees on the amendment to the Arc Regulation:

- 8.9 a) A motion shall be passed by simple majority on a show of hands of Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.
b) Abstentions shall not be counted in the vote.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC agrees to the amended motion of Arc Regulation Changes to be proposed to Arc Board:

- 8.9 a) A motion shall be passed by simple majority on a show of hands of Members present and entitled to vote at the meeting.
b) Abstentions shall not be counted in the vote.

CARRIED

2.2. UNSW SRC Supports the Redevelopment of Emergency Housing on Campus

The paper was taken read.

Students may resort to emergency housing options that are unsafe for them. It is important that the University makes it a priority to reinstate emergency housing on campus. It is not about providing long-term accommodation to students, but more so to provide short-term and emergency relief to students who are in the process of finding permanent accommodation.

For the motion:

- There are currently three beds provided by UNSW for emergency accommodation on campus. However, it is very limited for the number of students who may need it. There is also a need to raise greater student awareness about the service.
- While there was a large amount of emergency relief resources available during COVID, there has been a significant decline and lack of such services post COVID.
- It was noted that the SRC can put pressure on the University and Government regarding housing issues.
- There needs to also be considerations to the location of the housing options and needs of minority groups, as certain spaces may be unsafe.

The Environment Officer noted that SRC Office Bearers are invited to the next SDG meeting, and that it would be a good idea to connect the housing issue with SDG and provide feedback to the University.

RESOLUTION

THAT UNSW SRC Supports the Redevelopment of Emergency Housing on Campus.

CARRIED

2.3. All UNSW Accommodation Must be Affordable and Not for Profit

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Affordable housing for students is a pressing issue. Low socioeconomic students should be prioritised for affordable housing options.
- The SRC should collectively create a campaign regarding the housing issue. The Education Collective will protest, demanding affordable rent and other issues, and will be involved in the NUS campaign, "Get a Room". SRC members interested are welcome to attend the Education Collective meeting.

Amendment to section 2 of the keynote was proposed to the below:

Amendment:

2. Why student accommodation is not considered affordable at UNSW.

For the amendment:

The availability of UNSW scholarships has contributed to the enrolment of low socioeconomic students. However, some of the students are only receiving funding to pay for basic living needs, and many students of low socioeconomic status do not receive a Government allowance. There is a need for equity. To assume that UNSW accommodation is not affordable is denying the need for equity. Hence the amendment has added the word “considered” into the sentence.

The President agrees to the amendment of the Keynote.

RESOLUTION

THAT all UNSW Accommodation Must be Affordable and Not for Profit.

CARRIED

2.4. The SRC supports the NTEU Strikes at UNSW

The paper was taken as read.

Key issues being addressed by the strike are about Management, who have not met staff demands in terms of pay and workload etc. The Education Officer will be meeting with staff voting in favour of taking strike action. SRC members are invited to attend the Education Collective meeting to plan the staff strike. The Education Officer will send information about the strike, demand, claims etc. to the SRC.

It is important for all SRC Collectives to gather and set aside their individual work to collectively work together on such issues.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC supports the NTEU Strikes at UNSW.

CARRIED

2. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

Updates:

- Housing continues to be an issue; the President has been meeting with UNSW Management regularly to continually advocate for affordable housing.
- UNSW has recently agreed to run a pilot program on the launch of menstrual products, which will start soon. The menstrual products will be placed in both female and gender-neutral bathrooms. The ten buildings that are part of the pilot program are not yet confirmed. Students are encouraged to attend the NTU strike.
- The President welcomes SRC members to reach out to her for direction of various issues when unsure of who to contact.
- The SRC printer is working, and Officer can use it.
- The President is yet to inspect the new SRC space on-campus. There is continuous work with Estate Management regarding setting up a Paddington campus SRC space.

3.2. General Secretary

The General Secretary will be organising a working week plan and will distribute to the Council during the University break.

3.3. Education Office Bearer

Updates:

- The Education Officer is planning for T2 strikes and is involved in the “Get a Room” housing campaign.
- There are discussions around Science Degree mergers, and the University is keen to have student consultations regarding the matter.

3.4. Environment Office Bearer

The forum organised by the Environment Collective will be postponed until T2. Events have been planned for during the University break.

3.5. Ethnocultural Office Bearer

N/A

3.6. Indigenous Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

3.7. International Students Office Bearer

N/A

3.8. Queer Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

Further points:

- The Queer Office held an event with Sapphosoc, which saw approximately 80 attendees.
- The Queer Collective Space is now unavailable for 24-hour access, to ensure the safety of students.

3.9. Welfare Office Bearer

Updates:

- The Welfare Officer is collaborating with Arc Wellness to create a free breakfast program.
- There is an upcoming meeting regarding additional SSAF funding.

3.10. Women’s Office Bearer

N/A

3.11. Students with Disabilities Office Bearer

N/A

3.12. Paddington Domestic Officer

N/A

3.13. Paddington International Officer

N/A

3.14. Paddington Representation Officer

The report was taken as read.

There have not been any updates regarding the Food Hub at Paddington campus. The Paddington Representation Officer will continue to follow up with Arc Paddington.

4. Councillor Reports

All councillor reports were taken as read.

4.1. Tanvi Vakkalagadda

N/A

4.2. Emma Terry

N/A

4.3. Dan Magee

N/A

4.4. Chiara Moore

N/A

4.5. Gina Elias

N/A

4.6. Jeremy Groh

N/A

4.7. Shovan Bhattarai

N/A

4.8. Junias Tjanaria

N/A

4.9. Corwin Ollis

N/A

4.10. Mitch Battersby

4.11. Nadia Pandoulis

N/A

5. Matters for Discussion

Item 5.1. UNSW SRC Supports the Redevelopment of Emergency Housing on Campus was taken as a Matter for Decision Item 2.2.

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

N/A

7. Meeting Finalisation

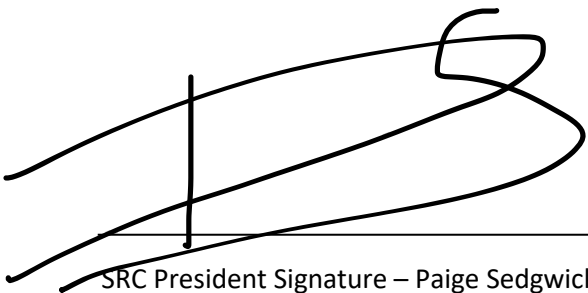
7.1. Meeting evaluation

This meeting has been more productive than the last few meetings. It is hoped that the motion passed regarding the SRC voting procedure can be implemented soon.

7.2. Next meeting date: 5 June 2023

7.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 7:16pm.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paige Sedgwick', written over a horizontal line.

SRC President Signature – Paige Sedgwick

Date: 22/06/2023