



Arc @ UNSW limited
SRC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, 13 February 2023
TEAMS
6:00 pm



Present: Paige Sedgwick, Reid Hou, Cherish Kuehlmann, Chiara Moore, Emma Terry, Hannah Horton, Jeremy Groh in-part, Pranav Sharma, Harrison Zheng, Nadia Pandoulis, Estell Mathew, Mitch Battersby, Leo Hoang in-part, Michael Rahme, Gina Elias, Corwin Ollis, Liora Hoenig, Rosina Baumann in-part, Shovan Bhattarai in-part, Tanvi Vakkalagadda in-part

In attendance: Alex Neale (Tharunka)

Apologies: Caleb Watts, Mya Thit Khet, Daniel Mulia, Dan Magee, Junias Tjanaria

Absent: Polytra Liufalani

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 C. Watts, M. Thit Khet, D. Mulia, D. Magee, and J. Tjanaria.

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies received from C. Watts, M. Thit Khet, D. Mulia, D. Magee, and J. Tjanaria are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

M. Battersby declared he is a staff member at UNSW Hall.

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 9 January 2023

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 9 January 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. Selection of meeting observer

P. Sharma was appointed as meeting observer.

S. Bhattarai joined the meeting at 6:07pm.

The President spoke through the Safer Spaces Policy and emphasised its importance in SRC meetings.

Q&A:

What if views are harming people?

S3.8 of the Safer Spaces Policy was quoted in response. Other sections of the policy can be also referred to.

Who defines if something hurts someone and what is the definition of harm?

The definition is determined by the person themselves, as it is the individual who defines whether they feel uncomfortable or not.

1.5.2. Items flagged for immediate discussion

No items were flagged for immediate discussion.

R. Baumann left the meeting at 6:12pm.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. The UNSW SRC will support the Environment Collective to host the Climate National Day of Action on March 3rd 2023

The paper was taken as read.

J. Groh joined the meeting at 6:13pm.

T. Vakkalagadda joined the meeting at 6:15pm.

Discussions:

- While the last two motions surrounding climate actions were not passed, it is good that the matter is proposed again.
- The SRC needs to protest and actively campaign against climate issues.
- The Environment Officer noted that the paper should be taken to the entire Environment Collective rather than just herself, before submitting to the Council.

RESOLVED

THAT the UNSW SRC will support the Environment Collective to host the Climate National Day of Action on March 3rd 2023.

CARRIED

2.2. The SRC will support the Ed collective campaign around affordable student housing

The matter was amended to be a matter for decision rather than discussion.

Discussions:

- Students have been keen and interested in campaigning for affordable rent and putting pressure on the University to lower rent.
- Pressure should be placed on receiving more assistance and using UNSW resources to fight affordable housing.
- There will an organising meeting on 14 February in Sydney to organise an action. Members of SRC are welcome to attend and get involved.
- It is encouraged that Officers share the campaign on social media and sign the open letter.
- The current housing situation is challenging, and other universities have started to increased rent prices for students. It would be more effective to pressure the University rather than building a policy. The Education Officer welcomed feedback and demands from other SRC members.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC will support the Ed collective campaign around affordable student housing.

CARRIED

S. Bhattarai left the meeting at 6:33pm.

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

The report was taken as read.

O-Week was successful, and the President thanked everyone for their help. The SRC managed to broaden its presence within the student community.

The President attended gender violence trainings, which have been resourceful. There will also be a sexual violence support group starting at USNW in the next two weeks. The President is working with the Women's Officer and Survivor Hub, an external company, to run a session for SASH survivors.

There have been meetings with the Vice Chancellor around key areas of actions for the year. The President also received advice and directions from the Vice Chancellor regarding various issues.

E. Terry left the meeting at 6:35pm.

3.2. General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

3.3. Education Office Bearer

The Education Officer has been working on housing and climate issues. She will also be staying alert of any course cuts throughout the year and trying to increase her social media skills as an Officer.

3.4. Environment Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

The Environment Officer has been preparing for the National Day of Action. SRC members were welcome to complete the poll for handing out flyers in the coming weeks.

3.5. Ethnocultural Office Bearer

The Ethnocultural Officer has contacted members of different faculties. Discussions regarding EDI will commence from 27 March. The Ethnocultural Officer is currently organising meetings with members from cultural Clubs and beginning recruitment for the Ethnocultural Collective.

3.6. Indigenous Office Bearer

N/A

SRC members with questions can contact the Office Bearer via email.

3.7. International Students Office Bearer

N/A

SRC members with questions can contact the Office Bearer via email.

3.8. Queer Office Bearer

- The Queer Collective held a stall at Paddington Campus during O-Week and had a successful week overall. There was a combined event with SapphoSoc and QSiS, with the aim of creating a wider Queer Collective on campus. Many students have registered and are interested in becoming involved in the Collective.

- Plans are starting to organise social events for World Pride and Mardi Gras, in collaboration with the Indigenous and Paddington Collectives.
- There has been work with GVRN to develop a student working group.
- The Queer Collective has created a website and will be distributing monthly newsletters. There have been approximately 200 new sign-ups, approximately 90 of which came from the Paddington Campus.
- The first Collective meeting will be held this week.
- The Queer Officer is also working with Ally UNSW.
- Campaigns are happening in the background regarding deadnaming on campus.
- There are discussions with University of Sydney and University of Technology Sydney in organising a joint event for the year.

3.9. Welfare Office Bearer

N/A

SRC members with questions can contact the Office Bearer via email.

3.10. Women's Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

3.11. Students with Disabilities Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

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.

SRC members with questions can contact the Office Bearer via email.

4. Councillor Reports

All councillor reports were taken as read.

4.1. Tanvi Vakkalagadda

4.2. Emma Terry

4.3. Dan Magee

N/A

4.4. Chiara Moore

N/A

4.5. Gina Elias

N/A

4.6. Jeremy Groh

4.7. Shovan Bhattacharai

4.8. Junias Tjanaria

4.9. Corwin Ollis

N/A

4.10. Mitch Battersby

4.11. Nadia Pandoulis

N/A

4.12. Polytra Liufalani

N/A

5. Matters for Discussion

5.1. A general approval of the 'Minds of All Kinds' Neurodiversity seminar to be planned, created, and run by the SRC SWD Officer.

The paper was taken as read.

The Students with Disabilities Officer delivered a PowerPoint presentation: Minds of All kinds Understanding Neurodiversity Conference.

The seminar is planned to be held at Roundhouse as a full day event. The goal of the seminar is to not only equip student knowledge and but also the knowledge of student-facing staff at the University.

Discussions:

- The currently proposed date is 2 July, within Disability Pride Month. Times are to be confirmed.
- The President has raised the seminar with NUS and noted that they are keen to be involved and to transform the seminar into a bigger event, so it can be attended by different universities and the wider student community.
- The Students with Disabilities Officer noted that there is opportunity to collaborate with the Queer Officers as a large proportion of the Queer community at UNSW experience neurodiversity.
- Help from other SRC members will be needed with advertising and promoting the event.

5.2. GVRN SteerCo members request the advice of the SRC on proposals for the next meeting

The paper was taken as read.

A question was raised regarding the purpose of GVRN Steering Committee meeting.

Discussions:

- GVRN works on practical aspects to resolve gender violence issues, such as lighting. As well as quantitative and qualitative research to better understand the problem.
- The Steering Committee resulted from the NSSS, National Student Safety Survey. The University is seeking to make changes, and with SRC members being on the Committee, it allows student voices to be heard and incorporated within decisions and actions of the Committee.
- New trainings are being developed for both students and staff. Dealing with the issue within the University starts through education, creating consistent policies, managing cases, creating better services and spaces for victims.
- One of the main purposes of GVRN is to build a proactive approach to resolving gender violence issues.

The Environment Officer disagreed and raised that the Steering Committee meetings cannot stop assaults from happening and that students will not be feeling safe.

Further discussions:

- While not every incident of sexual assault and harassment can be stopped, it is still critical to minimise the occurrences. The Committee is tackling prevention, for which education and creating policies are important components of the prevention process.
- UNSW owned and operated Colleges were delivered a new training in gender violence, which was an improvement on the old program. Both students and staff were engaged, with a combination of online modules and in-person sessions.
- There is also work in having student Societies participate in training. Education remains a critical piece of work.
- SRC members are welcome to attend the Committee meetings and propose ideas.

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

N/A

7. Meeting Finalisation

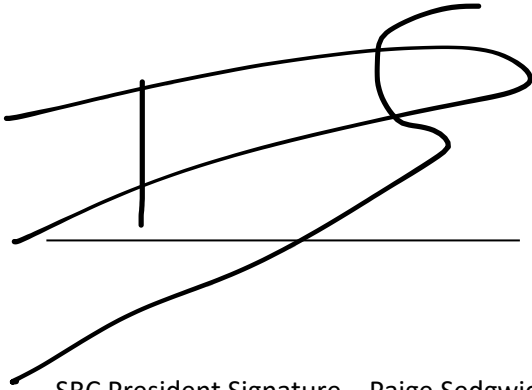
7.1. Meeting evaluation

The meeting went well overall with some productive discussions. It was good that members of SRC were in consensus about one of the initiatives proposed.

7.2. Next meeting date: 6 March 2023

7.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 7:14pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical line intersecting it.

SRC President Signature – Paige Sedgwick
Date: 9/3/2023