



**Arc @ UNSW limited**  
**SRC MEETING AGENDA**  
**Thursday, 21 April 2022**  
**TEAMS**  
**6:00 pm**



**Present:** Nayonika Bhattacharya, Nick Palmer, John Nalus, Vihan Roy, Nadia Pandoulis in-part, Tristan Johnson, Pratham Gupta in-part, Luca Charlier, Mahin Zaman, Jiayang Wang, Aya Adel, Si Thu Zin, Keshia Kimber, Rosina Baumann, Cynthia Leung in-part

**In attendance:** Abhranil Hazra (Tharunka Sub Editor), Nadia Maunsell (Tharunka Managing Editor), Hannah Horton (UNSW Enviro), Joshua Karras in-part (PGC President)

**Apologies:** Zane Comarmond, Liora Hoenig, Samuel Pangilanan, Gina Elias, Peter Alexander, Reid Hou

**Absent:** Jennifer Lin, Jemma Lowinger, Paige Sedgewick, Jordan Bowling, Aadesh Kanda, Austin McDonald

**1. Meeting Opening**

The meeting opened 6:11pm

**1.1. Acknowledgement of Country**

Completed by the SRC President.

**1.2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Z. Comarmond, L. Hoenig, S. Pangilanan, G. Elias, P. Alexander, and R. Hou

**RESOLVED**

THAT the apologies received by Z. Comarmond, L. Hoenig, S. Pangilanan, G. Elias, P. Alexander, and R. Hou are accepted.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure**

V. Roy noted that he is an NUS delegate as well as being a member of SRC, considering the review for NUS affiliation.

**1.4. Previous minutes**

**1.4.1. Confirmation: 21 February 2021**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 21 February 2021 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

**CARRIED**

**1.4.2. Matters arising/ action list**

N/A

**1.5. Meeting administration**

**1.5.1. Items flagged for immediate discussion**

There were no items flagged for immediate discussion.

### **1.5.2. Selection of meeting observer**

A. Adel was appointed as meeting observer at the end of the meeting.

## **2. Matters for Decision**

### **2.1. The SRC endorses the Al-Nakba protests for Palestinian freedom and against apartheid Israel.**

Withdrawn, no longer considered.

### **2.2. The SRC supports the upcoming Sydney Free Education Protest – Staff and Students United in solidarity with striking USYD staff**

The paper was taken as read.

It was noted that SRC supports better education quality and staff conditions and that it is particularly important given enterprise bargaining by staff across multiple campuses this year. Therefore, the matter proves to be a critical aspect of the broader Sydney University activism beyond just UNSW campus.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC supports the upcoming Sydney Free Education Protest – Staff and Students United in solidarity with striking USYD staff.

**CARRIED**

### **2.3. The SRC demands the NSW Government restores the right to protest**

Withdrawn, no longer considered.

*N. Pandoulis left the meeting at 6:19pm.*

*N. Pandoulis joined the meeting at 6:21pm.*

### **2.4. The UNSW SRC seeks to remove the current Paddington Campus Representative for inadequate performance and lack of engagement**

The Paddington Domestic Officer raised that whilst working with the Paddington Campus Representative, they have not attended meetings or made regular communications, making work difficult to progress. It was suggested that someone else could make better use of the position.

A vote was carried, with the majority in favor.

#### **RESOLVED**

THAT the UNSW SRC seeks to remove the current Paddington Campus Representative for inadequate performance and lack of engagement.

**CARRIED**

### **2.5. The SRC will review their affiliation with the NUS via Arc, pending structural reform to accountability mechanisms within the NUS**

The paper was taken as read.

Even though the allegations are still only being investigated at the point, it was noted that the seriousness of the matter necessitates an immediate response and reactions from member campuses such as UNSW.

More clarification and information will be sought from the NUS, for which the President will make available to the SRC as soon as available.

It was mentioned that in the previous meeting, the motion was passed to join AISA, however SRC has not joined AISA entirely, which is still pending clarity on financial pathways. The President raised that she will not be approving any financial release to AISA until transparency is met. The SRC finances are to be prioritised and protected until clear actions are disclosed by NUS.

## **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC will review their affiliation with the NUS via Arc, pending structural reform to accountability mechanisms within the NUS.

**CARRIED**

### **2.6. Change to UNSW SRC Charter – Provisions relating to behaviour of external non-SRC members in council meetings**

The paper was taken as read.

*C. Leung joined the meeting at 6:31pm.*

*J. Karras left the meeting at 6:32pm*

It was added that considering the complexity of issues discussed at meetings, everyone at the meeting should be giving their point of view in a constructive manner and upholding the appropriate values, making sure to not affect someone else's mental health.

## **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC approves change to UNSW SRC Charter – Provisions relating to behaviour of external non-SRC members in council meetings.

**CARRIED**

## **3. Matters for Discussion**

### **3.1. The UNSW SRC is concerned about UNSW ADFA's decision to teach an Explosives Ordnance Course and calls on the Academic Board to reconsider endorsing this course**

The paper was taken as read.

Two major issues include the impacts on First Nations communities and the environment itself.

Further discussions:

- Whilst the course is associated with UNSW, the university should move away from such association.
- Tharunka noted that ADFA would offer the course initially to Australian Defence Force personnel, with potential in the future to be offer to UNSW students. It was raised that manufacturing and usage of explosives will also be taught rather than purely disposal. Concerns were raised if the course is to open to civilians.
- Greater concerns associated with ADFA running the course on Indigenous land.
- The issue should be continued to be discussed to monitor any future unfoldment of situations.
- The President noted that the matter can be flagged with the Academic Board.

## **4. Office Bearer Reports**

### **4.1. President**

The report was taken as read.

### **4.2. General Secretary**

The report was taken as read.

### **4.3. Education Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

### **4.4. Environment Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

The Environment Officer mentioned that there are a few university student contingents, where they are working with other universities.

Demands on view include:

1. First Nation Justice, no mining or fracking on Indigenous land.
2. Shut down the fossil fuel industry, no to Morrison's gas field discovery.
3. 100% publicly earned renewable energy now.
4. Support communities adjust transition to green jobs, funding for essential workers.
5. Restore the right to protest.

Everyone was welcome to attend the events.

#### **4.5. Ethnocultural Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

Everyone was welcome to the events despite exams period.

#### **4.6. Indigenous Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

The President mentioned support is available for the work if needed.

#### **4.7. International Students Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

*P. Gupta left the meeting at 6:54pm.*

#### **4.8. Queer Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read. Participants were advised to reach out to the Queer Officer if any questions.

#### **4.9. Welfare Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read. Participants were advised to reach out to the Welfare Officer if any questions.

#### **4.10. Women's Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

Additional point included starting a feminist literature club, which will be meeting weekly.

Regarding the Queer Officer's Report, it was raised that a student reached out to both the Queer and Women's Collective, stating that they were unhappy with the lack of trigger warnings and sensitivity of the Gender Misconduct Training. A campaign has been started in collaboration with the Queer Collective, looking to speak to people who present that to fix the issue.

#### **4.11. Students with Disabilities Officer**

The President noted that the SRC will appoint a new Disabilities Officer, confirming that it has been requested by the current officer who is absent for personal reasons. The council will be advertising for this position.

#### **4.12. Paddington Domestic Officer**

The report was taken as read.

There has been work with Arc Creative, AD space and Kudos Space to find a central space for all Arc students on Paddington campus to attend events and build culture around getting students back on campus. Noting that there has been a loss of campus participation.

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

**5.1. Councillor reports**

All reports were taken as read.

**5.1.1. Tristan Johnson**

**5.1.2. Jennifer Lin**

**5.1.3. Pratham Gupta**

**5.1.4. Luca Charlier**

**5.1.5. Gina Elias**

**5.1.6. Austin McDonald**

**5.1.7. John Nalus**

**5.1.8. Peter Alexander**

**5.1.9. Paige Sedgewick**

**5.1.10. Jemma Lowinger**

**5.1.11. Jiayang Wang**

**5.1.12. Cynthia Leung**

**6. Business without notice**

N/A

**7. Meeting Finalisation**

**7.1. Meeting evaluation**

The meeting was quite successful, everyone was able to get through the discussion very respectfully, presenting opinions and arguments in a pragmatic way. It was helpful having the agenda posted beforehand, whilst the updated agenda was useful for everyone to follow through and make sure everything was held accountable and nothing was missed. Meeting participants were professional and announced when they left and arrived in the chat so that record can be kept. All clarification was also made in speech.

**7.2. Next meeting date: 6 June 2022.**

**7.3. Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 7:03pm.



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SRC President Signature

Date: 17/06/2022