



Arc @ UNSW limited
SRC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, 29 August 2022
TEAMS
6:00 pm

Present: Nayonika Bhattacharya, Nick Palmer, Nadia Pandoulis, Tristan Johnson, Pratham Gupta, Luca Charlier in-part, Mahin Zaman, Aya Adel, Si Thu Zin, Rosina Baumann, Paige Sedgewick, Gina Elias, Zane Comarmond, Reid Hou, Aadesh Kanda, Austin McDonald, Caleb Watts, Cynthia Leung, Daniel Mulia, John Nalus, Keshia Kimber, Zachary Morris

In attendance: Alex Neale (Tharunka), Dominique Nash (Tharunka), Cherish Kuehlmann, Pranav Sharma (Councillor B candidate), Bruce Zhao (Councillor B candidate), Joshua Chen (Councillor B candidate)

Apologies: Jiayang Wang, Liora Hoenig

Absent: Jordan Bowling, Jennifer Lin, Vihan Roy

1. Meeting Opening

The meeting opened 6:06pm

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies were received from J. Wang and L. Hoenig.

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies received for J. Wang and L. Hoenig are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

N/A

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 18 July 2022

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 18 July 2022 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

C. Watts was appointed as meeting observer.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. UNSW SRC supports the NUS Queer's Campaign: My Records, My Rights: Stop Deadnaming at Universities

Item 2.1 was amended to the title of Item 2.2. and the contents of 2.1 and 2.2 were combined. The papers were taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT UNSW SRC supports the NUS Queer's Campaign: My Records, My Rights: Stop Deadnaming at Universities.

CARRIED

2.2. The SRC opposes Labor's greenwashing Climate Change Bill and demands real climate action

The paper was taken as read.

G. Elias noted that Labor has been expanding coal and gas projects and that there needs to be greater focus on the greenwashing issue and identify what real climate action is. The Education Collective is organising rallies to continue the fight against coal and gas projects.

The Environment Officer noted that the climate bill is insufficient and that hopefully the Education Collective will also stand against the matter.

Point against:

- Opposing the government is needlessly ineffective. Whilst there can be demands against climate action, the SRC should identify ways to make actionable and focused changes at the university level.

It was replied that the SRC should always stand with issues people care about and that the bill is misleading instead of setting a standard. There have been no concrete plans from the government, while projects that increase global warming have been continuously approved.

L. Charlier joined the meeting at 6:24pm.

MOTION

THAT the SRC opposes Labor's greenwashing Climate Change Bill and demands real climate action
NOT CARRIED

2.3. The SRC opposes UNSW's Campus 2.0 restructure and commits to campaigning against it

The paper was taken as read.

Points spoken for the motion:

- The Education Collective has been opposing the ADA restructure and the decline of course quality in Term 2, with the potential for more ADA restructures to come.
- Students care about the matter and students are frustrated. Hence, the SRC should oppose the restructures.
- Management has not been focusing on education, but rather financial gains from the restructures.
- There is a potential move to abolish certain in-person lectures and considering some students have never been in an in-person lecture before, such action should be opposed.

A concern was raised that the wording of the motion, especially in regards to Key Notes 5, in that the leakage of information would lead to worse communication and transparency between management and the SRC.

G. Elias replied that SRC members should be accountable to students, hence it is against the interest to withhold any information.

The SRC President noted that student needs should always be prioritised and that discussion with student sources is required in order to understand the matter. It was also mentioned that a whistle blower policy should be in place to protect people from facing serious consequences when disclosing information.

It was clarified that Campus 2.0 is a campaign name. While the precise content is not known, a public statement should be raised about what is known.

MOTION

THAT the SRC opposes UNSW's Campus 2.0 restructure and commits to campaigning against it.

NOT CARRIED

2.4. Appointment of Councillor B Vacancy – Candidates to Address the Council

2.4.1. Pranav Kant Sharma

The paper was taken as read.

- P. Sharma raised his passion about increasing access to education, which stems from the decline in online lectures and tutorials availabilities for students post-COVID. Regional students have been suffering from the long travel hours, as well as the expensive funds to maintain the travel.
- P. Sharma noted that he has less courses to study in term 3, hence more time to dedicate to SRC work.
- Increasing visibility of collectives such as the Queer Collective can be made by promoting through students, the collective itself, as well as societies targeting specific groups of students relevant to the collective.

2.4.2. Bruce Zhenhao Zhao

The paper was taken as read.

- B. Zhao raised his interest in various social issues.
- The position would allow him to work alongside like-minded people, whilst gaining new experience.
- B. Zhao raised that he is interested in activism and the reason for applying at this point was that he only found out about the existence of SRC later in the year.
- B. Zhao does not deem SRC work as a burden and would balance study and council work by treating SRC work as a leisure activity.
- Instead of politically active, B. Zhao clarified that he is political aware, as he has not in reality been engaged in any physical events as such.

2.4.3. Jackson Alexander William Johnson

The candidate did not attend to speak to their nomination.

2.4.4. Joshua Hai-Rei Chen

- J. Chen raised his desire to make a difference in social change and be politically active. Matters that he is interested in involves making the university more inclusive to diverse students, advocating for better learning environment, and solving issues relating to degree changes.
- As council work will be matters that J. Chen holds important, he would make it a priority as much as his university studies.
- As an executive on societies, J. Chen clarified that he would like to seek Arc funding available to support societies that can help attract more students to the societies.
- There is no interest in any specific collective currently.

The SRC voted to appoint the above position.

RESOLVED

THAT UNSW SRC appoints Pranav Kant Sharma as a Councillor B in the 2022 SRC.

CARRIED

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

The report was taken as read.

The SRC President raised that help is needed from anyone with available time to organise the NUS Ethnocultural Conference and the Meet and Greet event in September.

3.2. General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

3.3. Education Office Bearer

N/A

3.4. Environment Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

There will be meetings held about the rally for climate action, which will be posted on the Environment Collective Facebook page.

3.5. Ethnocultural Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

It was noted that help is needed with organising SHAC and the NUS Ethnocultural Conference.

3.6. Indigenous Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

3.7. International Students Office Bearer

Current work in progress:

- Working with the International Officer from University of Queensland Student Union on delivering a workshop on the Myanmar Student Movement at NUS Ethnocultural Conference. A survey has been running, which will be shared on the International Collective social media page and is welcomed to be promoted by other collectives.
- Working and strategising with the collective in delivering social events for term 3 and a webinar on visa.
- Launching International Students of UNSW online campaign on the social media.
- Assisting in the delivery of different SEXtember events, including the consent panel, international students health hub x Tharunka writing competition.
- Assisting with different student queries, with a large intake of international students and study abroad students coming in term 3.

3.8. Queer Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

3.9. Welfare Office Bearer

N/A

3.10. Women's Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

3.11. Students with Disabilities Office Bearer

Current work in progress:

- Joining UNSW DIAP (Disability Inclusion Action Plan) and working through it.
- In contact with ALS and getting feedback from students, taking in consideration that many students with disabilities are not in the collective and therefore will need to find a holistic way to gather feedback.
- Working out a strategy to solve accessibility issues around campus.

It was raised that consultations should be made with the Disabilities Officer in consideration of accessibility if organising an event.

3.12. Paddington Domestic Officer

N/A

3.13. Paddington International Officer

The report was taken as read.

3.14. Paddington Representation Officer

The report was taken as read.

4. Councillor Reports

4.1. Councillor reports

All reports apart were taken as read.

4.1.1. Tristan Johnson

4.1.2. Jennifer Lin

4.1.3. Pratham Gupta

4.1.4. Luca Charlier

4.1.5. Gina Elias

4.1.6. Austin McDonald

4.1.7. John Nalus

4.1.8. Caleb Watts

4.1.9. Paige Sedgewick

4.1.10. Jiayang Wang

4.1.11. Cynthia Leung

5. Matters for Discussion

N/A

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

N/A

7. Meeting Finalisation

7.1. Meeting evaluation

The meeting went well, and it was good to see engagement with the Councillor B candidates.

7.2. Next meeting date: 26 September 2022.

7.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 7:32pm.



SRC President Signature – Nayonika Bhattacharya

Date: 13/10/2022