



Arc @ UNSW limited
SRC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, 3 April 2023
Hybrid (UNSW CATS Room/TEAMS)
6:00 pm



Present: Paige Sedgewick, Reid Hou, Chiara Moore, Nadia Pandoulis, Mitch Battersby, Leo Hoang, Michael Rahme in-part, Hannah Horton, Cherish Kuehlmann, Gina Elias, Shovan Bhattacharai, Emma Terry, Daniel Mulia, Pepsi Sharma, Corwin Ollis, Dan Magee, Harrison Zheng, Mya Thit Khet, Liora Hoenig, Tanvi Vakkalagadda in-part, Jeremy Groh in-part

In attendance: N/A

Apologies: Caleb Watts, Estell Mathew

Absent: Rosina Baumann, 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 C. Watts and E. Mathew.

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies received from C. Watts and E. Mathew are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

P. Sedgewick, D. Magee and C. Moore declared that they are members of the Labor Party.

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 6 March 2023

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 6 March 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

None were flagged.

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

H. Zheng was appointed as meeting observer.

1.5.4. Items flagged for immediate discussion

Item 2.2 was flagged for immediate discussion.

Order was suspended with leave of the Council. The minutes reflect the meeting order.

2. Matters for Decision

2.2. The UNSW SRC Supports and Advocates for UNSW's Investment and Financing of Disability Pride Month

The paper was taken as read.

The Student with Disabilities Officer consulted students with disabilities to determine the goals and outcomes of the event.

The President has been working with the Students with Disabilities Officer and EDI on the matter. It is also important that the University is held accountable for ensuring accessible and safe spaces for all students.

J. Groh joined the meeting at 6:17pm.

T. Vakkalagadda joined the meeting at 6:18pm.

It was noted that the SRC will be moving to voting on motions via Teams as a formal channel versus using Facebook Messenger.

RESOLVED

THAT the UNSW SRC Supports and Advocates for UNSW's Investment and Financing of Disability Pride Month.

CARRIED

2.1. The UNSW SRC endorses the protest against Tanya Plibersek and the Santos Gas expansion in the Surat Basin

The paper was taken read.

For the motion:

- There are numerous projects to allow fossil fuel to expand in Australia. The SRC should support the protest using social media and uniting students to fight against the issue.
- Labor students across campus have supported the protest and helped promote it. Members should not use conflicts of interest as an excuse to not fight against climate crisis.

An amendment to the motion was proposed to be updated to the below:

Resolution: The UNSW SRC endorses the protest opposing the expansion in the Surat Basin on Tuesday the 4th of April at 12pm.

Key Notes:

1. The UNSW SRC endorses the protest on Tuesday 4th April 12pm that is against the decision to allow Santos to expand the Surat Gas Basin in QLD.
2. The UNSW SRC will share material made by SRC Members on its social media pages once this content has been approved by the President as per regulations.

For the amendment:

- Environmentalism is a pressing issue. Coal and gas expansion should not be supported.

Against the motion:

- The amendment removed mentions of the Government carrying out policies of expanding coal mines. The Government should be explicitly mentioned as they are responsible for the issues.

It was raised that meetings should be held in-person only, for them to be democratic, as not all attendees are included in the Teams chat. In response, it was noted that the Council will divert back to using Facebook voting if Teams voting is not possible.

MOTION

THAT the UNSW SRC endorses protest opposing the expansion in the Surat Basin on Tuesday the 4th of April at 12pm.

NOT CARRIED

As the amendment failed, it was emphasised that the original motion is a criticism of the Government. The SRC should represent students and their interests to criticise the Government.

MOTION

THAT the UNSW SRC endorses the protest against Tanya Plibersek and the Santos Gas expansion in the Surat Basin.

NOT CARRIED

2.3. That the UNSW SRC endorses to the university the need for menstrual products in all UNSW bathrooms

The paper was taken as read.

Having free menstrual products available in UNSW bathrooms is especially critical in times when the cost of living is challenging for students. The Women's Officer has been working on the matter for a long time and has had recent progress with UNSW agreeing to review the costs associated.

An amendment was proposed by the Queer Officer to the motion paper to have sections with "female-identifying students" to be updated to "people who menstruate".

It was raised that the President should not be able to vote, for which the President noted that as a member of the SRC, they can vote.

RESOLVED

THAT an amendment is made to the motion paper for sections with "female identifying students" to be updated to "people who menstruate".

CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the UNSW SRC endorses to the university the need for menstrual products in all UNSW bathrooms.

CARRIED

2.4. The SRC commits to supporting the Queer Collective in campaigning for gender neutral bathrooms at UNSW

The paper was taken as read.

It was noted that the gender separated bathrooms will not be removed, and that the motion is to advocate for further gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC commits to supporting the Queer Collective in campaigning for gender neutral bathrooms at UNSW.

CARRIED

2.5. Appointment of Nhat Minh (William) Nguyen to the position of Paddington International Officer

The paper was taken as read.

RESOLVED

THAT the appointment of Nhat Minh (William) Nguyen to the position of Paddington International Officer is passed.

CARRIED

The Education Officer requested to move a motion from the floor as below, due to disagreement with the current method of voting:

SRC Procedure on Voting:

1. This SRC recognises, as written in the SRC charter, a motion will be passed by a simple majority of members present in the meeting and entitled to vote. This is basic democratic practice for meetings.
2. The SRC will seek to rectify the outcome of previous motions in 2023 according with this interpretation where possible.

It was noted that the motion will be discussed at the next SRC meeting as the matter will need to be reflected upon further, and that any SRC Charter changes, if necessary, need to be passed at Arc Board.

The President had circulated an email in late March to the SRC explaining the voting method within SRC meetings and referred Officers who were in confusion to review the email, which advised that the SRC will be utilising the current voting system until further progress is made.

The Education Officer expressed dissatisfaction with the Chair, and proposed that the Council vote to remove the President as the Chair of the meeting. In response to the raised dissatisfaction in the Chair, the President handed the chairing of the meeting to the General Secretary for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

The report was taken as read.

3.2. General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

3.3. Education Office Bearer

- The Education Officer has been attending meetings with the Branch President of NTU.
- Current University staff have voted to take industrial action at the beginning of T2, showing that there is an appetite for staff to fight and challenge those in power. The SRC should help build student awareness on the matter and support University staff.
- The Education Officer will be speaking on 4 April at the Tanya Plibersek rally regarding the issues of police oppression and climate activism.
- The Education Officer restated her disagreement regarding the SRC voting method and using email as a formal channel of communication. The Education Officer noted that she seeks ongoing discussions regarding having more democracy in SRC.

3.4. Environment Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

3.5. Ethnocultural Office Bearer

The Ethnocultural Officer has engaged with students from Clubs & Societies and is compiling a report to distribute for those who may be interested.

3.6. Indigenous Office Bearer

N/A

3.7. International Students Office Bearer

The International Collective held the “UNSW World Cup” on 17 March, where various cultural Clubs attended. The intention was to unite international students and build rapport with current cultural Clubs.

The International Students Officer is planning to hold more Collective meetings in T2 and start a campaign for international student concession travel cards.

3.8. Queer Office Bearer

A trigger warning was raised for gendered violence content.

- The first Gendered Violence SteerCo working group meeting was held. There was a focus to develop a UNSW-wide consent campaign.
- There were meetings with UNSW Conduct & Integrity to develop and co-design their SpeakUp campaign.
- The Queer Officer worked towards the Trans Day of Visibility and co-hosted the rally.
- The Queer Collective held a picnic during Flexibility Week.
- The Queer Officer is seeking to present the gender-neutral bathroom campaign to UNSW Estate Management and the Science faculty before delivering it UNSW-wide.

M. Rahme left the meeting at 7:22pm.

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

The report was taken as read.

3.12. Paddington Domestic Officer

The report was taken as read.

3.13. Paddington International Officer

N/A

3.14. Paddington Representation Officer

The report was taken as read.

4. Councillor Reports

All councillor reports were taken as read.

4.1. Tanvi Vakkalagadda

N/A

4.2. Emma Terry

4.3. Dan Magee

N/A

4.4. Chiara Moore

N/A

4.5. Gina Elias

4.6. Jeremy Groh

4.7. Shovan Bhattarai

4.8. Junias Tjanaria

N/A

4.9. Corwin Ollis

4.10. Mitch Battersby

4.11. Nadia Pandoulis

N/A

4. Matters for Discussion

N/A

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

N/A

6. Meeting Finalisation

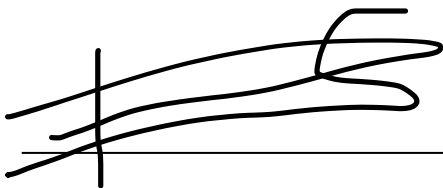
6.1. Meeting evaluation

The meeting was attended relatively politely from all parties.

6.2. Next meeting date: 1 May 2023

6.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 7:26pm.

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SRC President Signature – Paige Sedgwick

Date: 17/05/2023