



Arc @ UNSW limited
SRC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, 5 June 2023
Hybrid (UNSW CATS Room/TEAMS)
6:00 pm

Present: Paige Sedgwick, Reid Hou, Chiara Moore, Nadia Pandoulis, Mitch Battersby, Leo Hoang, Hannah Horton, Gina Elias, Shovan Bhattarai, Emma Terry, Daniel Mulia, Pepsi Sharma, Corwin Ollis, Dan Magee, Liora Hoenig, Jeremy Groh, Rosina Baumann, William Nguyen, Michael Rahme, Junias Tjanaria, Estell Mathew

In attendance: N/A

Apologies: Harrison Zheng

Absent: Cherish Kuehlmann, Caleb Watts, Mya Thit Khet, Tanvi Vakkalagadda

1. Meeting Opening

The meeting opened at 6:12pm

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apology was received from H. Zheng.

RESOLUTION

THAT the apology received from H. Zheng is accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

N/A

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 1 May 2023

RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 1 May 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

Attendees were reminded to announce trigger warnings throughout the meeting where needed.

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

M. Rahme was appointed as meeting observer.

1.5.4. Items flagged for immediate discussion

Item 5.1 was raised as item for immediate discussion.

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

5. Matters for Discussion

5.1. Housing Campaign at UNSW

The paper was taken as read.

Discussions:

- Housing and high rent continue to be a critical issue for students. Many of the accommodations provided to students are not on-campus.
- The Education Collective is planning to extend the Get-a-Room housing campaign and create a campaign to target UNSW Management, demanding rent decreases and more emergency accommodation for students.
- UNSW has three emergency beds, however, there is a lack of general awareness among students regarding this.
- Emergency housing on-campus is not monitored, therefore it is challenging for students with mental health issues to access them. There needs to be better staffing of the emergency accommodation on-campus.
- The SRC may be invited to student consultations as the University works on housing issues and seeks to increase the amount of scholarships for low SES students. It is important that the SRC makes its demands clear to UNSW.
- It is important that students unionise to create power in fighting against UNSW Management.
- The demands need to highlight the hardships students face as they are expected to work part-time hours to be able to pay living expenses and balance full-time study.
- There is a market for University accommodation. The key is to make the accommodation affordable for low SES students. In the process, the SRC also should be respectful of college students who are able to afford to live there.
- It is important that low SES, regional and international students are all able to receive access to affordable housing. Whilst there are accommodation scholarships for such demographic students, many students are unaware of it.
- There will be an Education Collective organising meeting on 6th June to create a broad campaign and discuss concrete demands. The SRC should fully support the campaign and promote it on social media.
- The SRC should also work to provide recommendations for policy changes to ensure sustainable and long-lasting change.
- The Queer Officers seek to encourage a campaign about crisis accommodation. Regular long-term housing is important.

The General Secretary reminded the SRC that they will be trialling BrightPoll for voting at the next SRC meeting.

2. Matters for Decision

N/A

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

The report was taken as read.

The SRC President advised Officer Bearers to contact her if they require any information or interested in attending any meetings.

3.2. General Secretary

Updates:

- The General Secretary was involved with organising O-Week.
- The General Secretary attended the Student Leadership Group meeting.

3.3. Education Office Bearer

Updates (provided by C. Ollis in place of the Education Officer):

- The Education Collective has been preparing for strikes and has posterized throughout campus.

3.4. Environment Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

The Environment Officer raised that the SRC should focus on building its strength as a union.

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 updates:

- The Queer Collective has been addressing various student crisis with Arc and UNSW Psychology and Wellness.
- The Queer Collective has launched “Queer Writes”, in collaboration with Tharunka and Unsweetened, and will be holding a Queer writing competition for the Pride event.
- There are discussions with Arc Paddington about having a Pride event at the Paddington campus.
- GVRN is working with the Queer Collective in gathering student feedback.
- The Queer Officers are working with UNSW Estate Management in advocating for a new Queer space.

3.9. Welfare Office Bearer

N/A

3.10. Women’s Office Bearer

Updates:

- UNSW will be trialling free menstrual products within ten bathrooms on-campus, including one at the Paddington Campus. It is hoped that the program will continue in 2024 after the trial period. Information about the toilets with free menstrual products will be included in maps.
- The Women’s Collective will be holding their first meeting of T2 on 5th June.
- A number of Women’s Societies from other universities have contacted the Women’s Officer to hold a collaborative event at the Roundhouse.
- The Women’s Officer has been in contact with Arc’s EDI Officer regarding Respect Week. The Women’s Collective will be holding an activity for Respect Week to endorse inclusivity and expression.

3.11. Students with Disabilities Office Bearer

The paper was taken as read.

Further updates:

- Disabilities Pride Month will be held in July. It will be Sydney's and the University's first Disabilities Pride Month.

3.12. Paddington Domestic Officer

The report was taken as read.

3.13. Paddington International Officer

Updates:

- The Paddington International Officer has been working with the Paddington Representation Officer on organising Paddington free toast.
- The Paddington International Officer is planning for Collective meetings in T2.
- There have been discussions with legal centres, UNSW departments and other external organisations to collaborate on future events.

3.14. Paddington Representation Officer

The report was taken as read.

The Paddington Representation Officer offered to help with the Disabilities and Queer Collective events.

4. Councillor Reports

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

The report was taken as read.

4.11. Nadia Pandoulis

N. Pandoulis raised for members with queries or suggestions for the new SRC space to contact her.

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

N/A

6. Meeting Finalisation

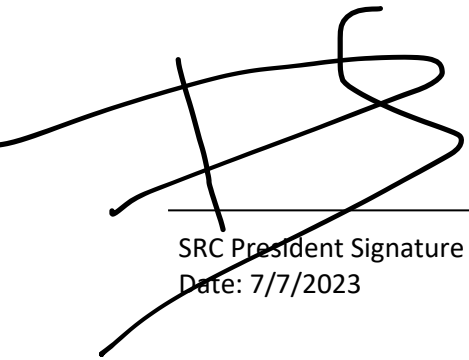
6.1. Meeting evaluation

The meeting was successful and involved good cooperative discussions. There was a general agreement within the SRC around matters.

6.2. Next meeting date: 3 July 2023

6.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 7:14pm.



SRC President Signature – Paige Sedgwick
Date: 7/7/2023