



**Arc @ UNSW limited**  
**SRC MEETING AGENDA**  
**Monday, 6 June 2022**  
**TEAMS**  
**6:00 pm**



**Present:** Nayonika Bhattacharya, Nick Palmer, Nadia Pandoulis, Tristan Johnson, Pratham Gupta, Luca Charlier, Mahin Zaman, Aya Adel, Si Thu Zin, Rosina Baumann, Paige Sedgewick, Liora Hoenig, Jemma Lowinger, Gina Elias, Zane Comarmond, Reid Hou

**In attendance:** Alex Neale, Harrisen-John Leckenby, Emma Terry, Brendan Tate, Ruby Pandolfi, Kim Stern

**Apologies:** Vihan Roy

**Absent:** John Nalus, Jiayang Wang, Jennifer Lin, Jordan Bowling, Aadesh Kanda, Austin McDonald, Keshia Kimber, Cynthia Leung

**1. Meeting Opening**

The meeting opened 6:09pm

**1.1. Acknowledgement of Country**

Completed by the SRC President.

**1.2. Apologies**

Apology was received from V. Roy.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the apology received for V. Roy is accepted.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure**

N. Palmer noted that he is a member of the Labor Party.

R. Baumann noted that she is a casual employee of ADA Faculty.

A. Adel noted that she is a member of the ALP.

T. Johnson noted that she is a member of the ALP.

**1.4. Previous minutes**

**1.4.1. Confirmation: 21 April 2022**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 21 April 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**

G. Elias was appointed as meeting observer. N. Palmer was appointed as the secondary meeting observer.

## **2. Matters for Decision**

### **2.1. UNSW SRC bids good riddance to Morrison – time to fight the Labor Government**

The paper was taken as read.

External members provided below discussions:

- Whilst it has been great that Liberals were voted out, the SRC should not be cheer for Labor. The Labor Party have not protected the rights of students. The Labor government should not change anything about the orientation of SRC to have to stand up to government.
- The SRC should debate about the meaning of the new government for workers, ordinary people, and students. The actions or non-actions of the government impact students.
- As it is a meeting of student union, the SRC should fight for student right and oppose any incoming attacks on education or quality of life. Hence, there is a point in debating what attitude the SRC should have.

The General Secretary raised that it is not an effective use of SRC's meeting time to debate the democratic federal election outcome. It should not be about persuading anyone to be for/against the Labor Party. As it is an SRC meeting, everyone should have the free will to vote and the General Secretary would not direct the student body to vote a certain way.

### **RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC bids good riddance to Morrison – time to fight the Labor Government

**NOT CARRIED**

### **2.2. The SRC opposes the ADA restructures and commits to actively building the campaign against them**

The paper was taken as read.

Points raised by external members from Education Collective:

- Management is profiting from course and staff cuts, as they are running the University as a business.
- The Education Collective has been trying to spread the information to students.
- There are many ways the SRC can fight the cuts including promoting on social media, using stalls and welcome days to speak to students, emailing students, joining in Education Collective activism, having class announcements, and attending Education Collective meetings.

The external members accused the President of being aware of ADA cuts via a private meeting, and not subsequently notifying the SRC or student population.

The SRC President noted that she and the General Secretary were made aware of changes at the same time as Tharunka, after which they published an article, further adding that there was no private meeting or consultation meeting at any point. The SRC being a large student body with many issues, the SRC President cannot necessarily attend to everything at once. The SRC has been messaging in the SRC chat, speaking to students in the ADA faculty and telling students during O-Week and Welcome Week, as well as sharing stories and posts on social media. Despite informing students, some may not necessarily want to attend if it does not appeal to them. It was raised that G. Elias did not want to attend the SRC stall and that was a personal choice. The SRC does not hold any student email list and will not be able to access any due to privacy issues. The SRC was asked to access a list of student emails from the Arc team. This request was denied by the President on account of privacy concerns and that students would have to opt in before being emailed.

The SRC President encouraged the Council to join the rally, noting that she and the General Secretary will not be able to due to personal commitments.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC opposes the ADA restructures and commits to actively building the campaign against them.

**CARRIED**

**2.3. The UNSW SRC condemns the threat of legal action in response to a motion passed at a meeting passed at a meeting of the UMSU**

The paper was taken as read.

The University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) faces legal action after passing a motion. The whole case has been to erase or have the UMSU potentially face bankruptcy from legal actions. A council member sued the UMSU. It should not be tolerated, and it is important for the SRC to show support.

G. Elias spoke for the motion, stating that it is important for student unions to continue to have the right to make statements and hold protests.

Kim Stern spoke for the motion that student unions around the country should support Palestine. However, noting that Labor right faction students are leading the motion, to have UMSU rescind their support for Palestine, emphasised the poor acts of Labor Government.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the UNSW SRC condemns the threat of legal action in response to a motion passed at a meeting passed at a meeting of the UMSU.

**CARRIED**

**2.4. The SRC approves the appointment of Daniel Francis-Alexander Mulia as the Paddington Representation Officer**

The paper was taken as read.

D. Mulia provided brief points to his nomination and stated some concern at the Paddington Campus:

- Oppose the ADA degree and staff cuts
- Return of free Tuesday lunches for students
- Student representation
- Relocation of library without consulting students or library staff
- New click & collect system at the library limiting the choices and waiting time to borrow.
- Return of specialty librarians
- Subpar courses due to sup-bar tutors

The SRC voted to appoint the above position.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the SRC approves the appointment of Daniel Francis-Alexander Mulia as the Paddington Representation Officer.

**CARRIED**

**3. Office Bearer Reports**

**3.1. President**

The paper was taken as read.

There is a significant degree of uncertainty with ADA faculty cuts and no public information available. SRC members can attend rallies and campaign either online or offline.

The SRC President raised for anyone who is a student in the Disabilities Collective to be in contact to discuss Special Considerations, as the SRC will address emerging issues in the upcoming weeks.

B. Tate raised that the SRC should commit to mobilising the mass of students.

The SRC President will be releasing a statement on SRC channels. However, students have their own free will. There are concerns with the way that the rally is run, in that it has not been made accessible to everyone, especially considering students with disabilities.

### **3.2. General Secretary**

It is concerning that the SRC was not consulted on the ADA cuts. Whilst having campaigns and actions in place against the cuts is good, it is also important to do so in an appropriate manner. The critical point is in making SRC a peak student body and deliver a political argument effectively.

An external member from the Education Collective posed question as to what SRC is a peak student body means.

The SRC stands for Student Representative Council. It is not necessarily a student union, and there is no student 'unions' at UNSW.

### **3.3. Environment Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

More details will be sent around the Environment Collective supporting National Day of Action and the upcoming Friday morning tea.

### **3.4. Ethnocultural Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

The Ethnocultural Officer welcomed any advice or information regarding the events from the Ethnocultural Collective.

### **3.5. Queer Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

The Queer Officer encouraged councilors and collectives to promote any pride month related information or events.

New members have joined the collective at the first meeting, and there is optimism to grow the community across campuses. In addition, there is work in progress with Wear It Purple Day fundraising.

Question was posed by an external member from the Education Collective as to whether the Queer Collective would help promote the rally held by Community Action for Rainbow Rights to oppose Labor.

The Queer Officer requested that the Education Collective share the information so they can ensure the event is a non-political, safe space, taking into consideration physical and mental wellbeing of students.

Further question was raised as to whether the Queer Officer can commit to supporting a protest against homophobia and how a rally of young people fighting for queer liberation is unsafe.

The SRC President re-emphasized that the information can be sent to the Queer Officer for their consideration and the conversation can be carried on offline and that disseminating information to the Collective is the responsibility of the QO, including prioritising their social safety.

### **3.6. Indigenous Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

There will be a fundraiser for Indigenous students attending the Indigenous Nationals. The Indigenous Officer advised Collectives to contact herself if anyone wants to engage in NAIDOC Week.

Question was posed by an external member of the Education Collective, S.Bhattarai and by SRC Councilor G.Elias as to whether the Indigenous Officer would share the rally for justice of Kumanjayi Walker event on social media to promote to students. The Indigenous Officer replied that being an event outside of the University, many students know about it already. The Indigenous Collective is still in progress of developing a platform, hence it would not necessarily reach a wide audience. In addition, the Indigenous Officer whilst supportive, is cautious of sharing such information as students may find it confronting or unsafe and she did not want impact their comfort and safety.

### **3.7. International Students Office Bearer**

The report was taken as read.

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

The report was taken as read.

The Women's Officer is looking to collaborate with the Queer Collective in promoting the affirmative consent laws. Contact has been made with the Women's Legal Service at Redfern for data to promote on social media.

### **3.9. Paddington Domestic Officer**

The report was taken as read.

It was advised that meeting attendees contact the Paddington Domestic Officer if any questions regarding the report.

## **4. Councilor Reports**

### **4.1. Councilor reports**

All reports apart from Gina Elia's report 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**

G. Elias has been standing up for student interest by postering and handing out leaflets and is looking forward to engaging in more activism around campus. G. Elias noted that more officers should be doing the same, especially considering that their positions were elected to represent students and that they receive honoraria. G. Elias continued to criticise the SRC President for ignoring communications and allegedly withholding information from the SRC.

G. Elias concludes that genuine officers like herself and the Education Collective want to stand for student rights, while the President and General Secretary reports show that they want the SRC to serve University management.

#### **4.1.6. Austin McDonald**

- 4.1.7. John Nalus
- 4.1.8. Peter Alexander
- 4.1.9. Paige Sedgewick
- 4.1.10. Jemma Lowinger
- 4.1.11. Jiayang Wang
- 4.1.12. 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**

G. Elias noted that overall, the meeting was bad and shameful, and that debates have been shut down. The SRC should stand for student rights, be critical of Labor and represent other issues important to students, stating the SRC was in denial. G. Elias further noted that it has been appalling those Councillors like herself asking the SRC to change matters were denounced for making events unsafe.

**7.2. Next meeting date: 18 July 2022.**

**7.3. Meeting close**

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "NA Yorinika". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The "NA" is on the left, and "Yorinika" is on the right, with a horizontal line underneath the "Yorinika" part.

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SRC President Signature  
Date: 22/07/2022