



Arc @ UNSW limited
SRC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, 6 March 2023
TEAMS
6:00 pm



Present: Paige Sedgewick, Reid Hou, Chiara Moore in-part, Nadia Pandoulis, Estell Mathew, Mitch Battersby, Leo Hoang, Michael Rahme, Hannah Horton, Cherish Kuehlmann, Gina Elias, Liora Hoenig, Rosina Baumann, Shovan Bhattarai in-part, Emma Terry, Junias Tjanaria, Daniel Mulia, Caleb Watts

In attendance: Alex Neale (Tharunka), Theo mangoes, Brendan Tate, Louisa Chen, Heath Marsden, Lachlan Magrath

Apologies: Jeremy Groh, Pepsi Sharma, Corwin Ollis, Dan Magee

Absent: Polytra Liufalani, Mya Thit Khet, Harrison Zheng, Tanvi Vakkalagadda

1. Meeting Opening

The meeting opened at 6:08pm

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies were received from J. Groh, P. Sharma, C. Ollis, and D. Magee.

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies received from J. Groh, P. Sharma, C. Ollis, and D. Magee are accepted.

CARRIED

S. Bhattarai joined the meeting at 6:09pm.

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

N/A

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 13 February 2023

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 13 February 2023 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2. Matters arising/ action list

The action list was noted.

1.5. Trigger Warning Announcements

There are contents related to being arrested and police presence.

1.6. Meeting administration

1.6.1. Safer Spaces Policy Reminder

The Safer Spaces Policy was read, and key expectations reiterated to attendees of the meeting.

1.6.2. Selection of meeting observer

C. Kuehlmann was appointed as meeting observer.

1.6.3. Items flagged for immediate discussion

No items were flagged for immediate discussion.

C. Moore joined the meeting at 6:14pm.

2. Matters for Decision

2.1. The UNSW SRC Education Collective condemns the SRC Executive

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The SRC Executives have not defended C. Kuehlmann and should justify their reasons.
- The immediate response should not have been to private message C. Kuehlmann, but rather to publicly raise awareness about the matter.
- Student unions around the country are in support and have signed the petition. The SRC should also use its power to support C. Kuehlmann.
- The SRC should stand and support its students, no matter what their political affiliations may be.

Against the motion:

- While it is understandable, the motion should not be an attack on the SRC Executive, which is not a productive way to resolving the matter.
- The arrest was relatively peaceful
- Systems and laws are in place to ensure that the country runs in a certain way.

An amendment was proposed:

- That the resolution be changed to *“That the UNSW SRC supports the Drop the Charges against Cherish Kuehlmann campaign”*.
- That the last key note, *“The SRC agrees to allow the Education Officer to produce materials surrounding her arrest and the campaign to drop all charges without censorship”* is removed.

For the amendment:

- The removal of the last keynote was due to all SRC materials requiring approval to ensure alignment with campaigns supported by the SRC.
- There are services through Arc which can help C. Kuehlmann, and the President has directed C. Kuehlmann on several occasions to the support available.

Against the amendment:

- The amendment is seeking to hide the actual issue.
- The SRC needs to stand for democracy.
- By condemning the SRC Executives, it allows them to rectify their behaviour.
- Amending the motion changes the content. The SRC should never block C. Kuehlmann’s actions or try to disassociate her actions from her position.

MOTION

THAT the UNSW SRC supports the Drop the Charges against Cherish Kuehlmann campaign.

NOT CARRIED

MOTION

THAT UNSW SRC Education Collective condemns the SRC Executive.

NOT CARRIED

2.2. All alterations, by the president, to requests made by SRC representatives must be approved by the original requester

The paper was taken read.

For the motion:

- As activists, it is important that the printing materials are in their original form.
- There should be retribution for when printing materials are altered.
- While the President may also have a political affiliation, Officers should still be able to run activist campaigns in their original forms.
- The Environment Officer should not need approval to print any form of 'climate' posters, and the Education Officer should not need approval to print any form of 'rental crisis' posters.

Against the motion:

- The President apologised for the alteration of the poster and acknowledged that the process should be followed. Where printing materials are not aligned, they would not be approved rather than being altered.
- The President was democratically elected by UNSW students, and they are allowed, as well as by their position to approve or not approve printing materials.

It was noted that the estimated time of arrival of the new printer will be by 17th March. There is an allowed overspend in the interim within the printing limit of the SRC printer. UNSW printers will be more costly if used.

Agenda item 2.2 and 5.1 was combined. C. Kuehlmann proposed an amendment to the motion that 1000 sheets printing materials do not require President approval.

MOTION

THAT the 1000 printing allocation for office bearers do not require President approval.

NOT CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT all alterations, by the president, to requests made by SRC representatives must be approved by the original requester.

CARRIED

2.3. Solidarity with University of Sydney activists suspended for protesting Malcolm Turnbull

The paper was taken as read.

It was clarified that the students' suspensions were prompted by protesting Malcolm Turnbull speaking for a Law Society at the University of Sydney. The students protested at the event with a megaphone. Students at the event were as a result feeling afraid and the meeting could not be continued due to the protest.

For the motion:

- Students should be able to speak out against and protest whomever they desire and should not be disciplined because of their actions.
- The SRC needs to stand in solidary with other activists. It is a tactic of intimidation that those in power use to suppress activists. The focus of the matter is not about those students who felt afraid by the protest, but rather supporting the activists.
- Media has supported the two students who were suspended. Being disruptive is a basic democratic right.
- Malcolm Turnbull has destroyed communities that people live in, and members of SRC are not stopping any of the issues.

Against the motion:

- There are international and regional students that attend universities around Sydney who are triggered when attacked with megaphones, causing them severe fear responses.
- From a student safety and wellbeing perspective, these actions cannot be supported. While in a democratic society, people are able to make their own decisions, they have to deal with the consequences.

The President reminded the Council that a trigger warning is required when discussing triggering topics.

MOTION

THAT SRC stands in solidarity with University of Sydney activists suspended for protesting Malcolm Turnbull.

NOT CARRIED

2.4. The SRC objects to attacks on the right to protest and calls for the dropping of charges against the Education Officer

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- It is appalling that the SRC President is allowed to disapprove or deny printing materials.
- The case saw widespread media coverage, and the motion should be supported by SRC.
- People can protest without notice, so the actions of the police necessitate condemnation from the SRC. It is also an effective way that has been demonstrated to be successful.
- Activism is how student unions fight and win for the working class.
- Activists should be allowed to use megaphone freely.

Against the motion:

- From a student with disabilities perspective, megaphones are jarring to students who experience sensory overload, e.g., students with autism and neurodiverse conditions. It is a point to consider in future protests in that it does not cause harm or distress to students.

MOTION

THAT the SRC objects to attacks on the right to protest and calls for the dropping of charges against the Education Officer.

NOT CARRIED

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

The report was taken as read.

Further points:

- The SRC has been allocated an enclosed space for its use. It can be used as a meeting space in the future. Details and the exact location are not yet known.
- Printing requests need to be submitted in a timely manner. The President does regularly check emails but does not work 24/7.
- C. Kuehlmann questioned how the President will help her with her arrest and heavy fine. The President noted there is no need to explain one's personal decision.

The President reminded C. Kuehlmann to abide by the Safer Spaces Policy.

3.2. General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

C. Kuehlmann questioned whether the General Secretary will sign her open letter. The General Secretary noted that they can discuss it after the meeting as it is his personal decision and matter of choice.

3.3. Education Office Bearer

The Education Officer has been protesting for the cost of housing crisis and has asked the Council to sign her open letter regarding her charges for it.

3.4. Environment Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

The Environment Officer noted that she has been fighting the President and is unappreciative of the SRC's actions. Appreciation was noted for the Education Officer's protests.

3.5. Ethnocultural Office Bearer

N/A

3.6. Indigenous Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

Further points:

- Funding has been sought for events.
- Events are catered to the non-Indigenous community as well, so that all students can engage and celebrate.
- Campaigns have been organised.
- The Indigenous Officer is available to collaborating with other Collectives.

3.7. International Students Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

3.8. Queer Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

Further points:

- There have been conversations with Tharunka about organising a Pride Month queer writing competition.
- There is continuous work on the Gender Violence Steering Committee. The student working group is in motion and has seen a number of people sign on. The Queer Officer has reached out to other Officers who may wish to join the group.

3.9. Welfare Office Bearer

Points:

- The Welfare Officer has organised a panel with unions to discuss rights to work.
- Recruitment activities for the Welfare Collective has been underway.
- The Welfare Officer has participated in the GVRN Steering Committee discussions.
- The Welfare Officer has assisted the Students with Disabilities Officer and International Officer with their planned campaigns.

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.

Further points:

- The Students with Disabilities Officer has been engaged in ended violence meetings discussing education and policies etc.
- Continuous focus on raising the awareness of students with disabilities.

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.

Further points:

- The Paddington Representation Officer has been focusing on understanding the needs of students and has been using the budget to fill the need for free ceramic clay materials.
- The Paddington Food Hub is not yet complete and remains an ongoing matter.

The President offered help in speaking with the ADA Board regarding providing free materials to Paddington students and the Food Hub regarding Paddington Food Hub.

4. Councillor Reports

All councillor reports were taken as read.

4.1. Tanvi Vakkalagadda

4.2. Emma Terry

Upcoming events/key actions:

- Protesting at the AFR Business Summit
- Attending the University of Sydney Strike fighting for higher pay and better work conditions
- Protesting against Posie Parker
- Standing in solidarity with Violet Coco
- Protesting the Day of the Unborn Child
- Protesting the far-right.

4.3. Dan Magee

N/A

4.4. Chiara Moore

N/A

4.5. Gina Elias

4.6. Jeremy Groh

4.7. Shovan Bhattarai

N/A

4.8. Junias Tjanaria

4.9. Corwin Ollis

4.10. Mitch Battersby

N/A

4.11. Nadia Pandoulis

N/A

4.12. Polytra Liufalani

N/A

5. Matters for Discussion

5.1. A general Access to 1000 sheets printing for office bearers through the library until a printer is supplied to the SRC again

The paper was taken as read. Item 5.1 was merged with item 2.1.

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

An issue was raised around free internships for medical students. It is unfair that students undergo full-time hospital placements without pay.

7. Meeting Finalisation

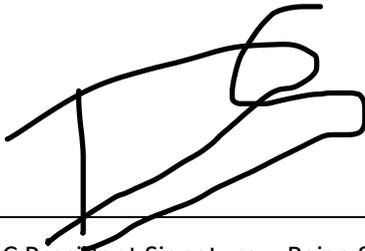
7.1. Meeting evaluation

It has been a disgraceful meeting. There was no student solidarity shown with unionists under attack by police and university management around issues that concern students. C. Kuehlmann expected the Council to understand the basic principles of solidarity and was appalled that the motions failed.

7.2. Next meeting date: 6 March 2023

7.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 8:04pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paige Sedgwick', written over a horizontal line.

SRC President Signature – Paige Sedgwick
Date: 18/04/2023