



Arc @ UNSW limited
SRC MEETING AGENDA
Monday, 9 January 2023
TEAMS
6:00 pm



Present: Paige Sedgewick, Reid Hou, Caleb Watts, Cherish Kuehlmann, Chiara Moore, Dan Magee, Emma Terry, Hannah Horton, Jeremy Groh, Junias Tjanaria, Mya Thit Khet, Pranav Sharma, Harrison Zheng, Rosina Baumann, Nadia Pandoulis

In attendance: Lachlan Magrath, Louisa Chen

Apologies: Estell Mathew, Daniel Mulia, Mitch Battersby, Leo Hoang, Michael Rahme, Gina Elias, Corwin Ollis

Absent: Liora Hoenig, Shovan Bhattarai, Tanvi Vakkalagadda, Polytra Liufalani

1. Meeting Opening

The meeting opened at 6:10pm

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies were received from E. Mathew, D. Mulia, M. Battersby, L. Hoang, M. Rahme, G. Elias and C. Ollis.

RESOLVED

THAT the apologies received from E. Mathew, D. Mulia, M. Battersby, L. Hoang, M. Rahme, G. Elias and C. Ollis are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflicts of interest disclosure

P. Sedgewick declared that she is a Labor Party member.

C. Watts declared that he is a Labor Party member.

D. Magee declared that he is a Labor Party member.

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1. Confirmation: 19 December 2022

It was raised an amendment be made to the minutes to include Leo Hoang's presence and that he joined the meeting at 6:25pm.

RESOLVED

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 19 December 2022 with the amendment to include L. Hoang's presence 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. Selection of meeting observer

E. Terry was appointed as meeting observer.

1.5.2. Items flagged for immediate discussion

Item 2.2 was flagged for immediate discussion.

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

The council voted upon a request to adopt an alternative format of debate to allow additional speakers to debate for and against for each motion.

MOTION

THAT SRC adds an additional two speakers each for and against for the duration of the meeting.

NOT CARRIED

2. Matters for Decision

2.2. The SRC supports the upcoming Invasion Day rally and condemns Black deaths in custody

For the motion:

- Indigenous oppression has exacerbated over the recent years.
- There are a number of Indigenous issues that need action including Indigenous land rights and black deaths in custody etc.
- Invasion Day is celebrating the ongoing resistance to the issues and the SRC should promote and encourage students to attend.
- The Indigenous issues here represent a wide racism issue present in Australia. The only efficient way to address issues is by protesting.

The Indigenous Officer raised to amend motion to focus solely on Invasion Day, rather than including other Indigenous issues as well. There are too many issues to work on at one time and while they are continuing issues, they should be worked on throughout the whole year. This would prove to be more efficient, and the promotion would be clearer to the target audience.

Suggested amendment resolution: The SRC Supports the upcoming Invasion Day Rally.

Against the amendment:

- Part of the Invasion Day is to acknowledge Black deaths in custody as a key issue. All the issues are connected and should be kept in one motion.
- The same institutions are responsible for the different Indigenous issues.
- Separating the issues will be more confusing for people.
- The SRC needs to fight against the wider effects of racism and casual racism as a key point of the issue, not just Invasion Day.

MOTION

THAT the SRC supports the upcoming Invasion Day rally.

NOT CARRIED

RESOLVED

THAT the SRC supports the upcoming Invasion Day rally and condemns Black deaths in custody.

CARRIED

2.1. The UNSW SRC will be part of the Climate National Day of Action organised in March 2023

Points for:

- The Labor Party is responsible for the climate crisis and is destroying the environment and climate for profit.

- Climate is a key issue that students care about and which NUS is a part of fighting against as well. While other student organisations around the nation is supporting the fight, this council is not.
- Although there is a conflict of interest with being a Labor Party member, the motion is about having the SRC as a whole support the fight against climate issues and make a statement in the interest of students.

The motion failed at the previous SRC meeting on 19 December 2022 and it was brought to the Council's attention that there is no difference between this and the previous motion. Hence the question arises as to why the Council would vote differently this time.

Response provided noted while the motion has not changed, the previous motion was not passed due to wording issues, and that such reasoning is illogical. The Council should focus on the concept of the motion in supporting the fight against climate issues, and not fixate on the wording to think that the SRC should devote all its time and resources into the issue.

MOTION

THAT the UNSW SRC will be part of the Climate National Day of Action organised in March 2023.

NOT CARRIED

3. Office Bearer Reports

3.1. President

The report was taken as read.

The President is also helping SRC members with organising events and following up on matters raised at the SRC Planning Day, including connecting Officers with relevant people.

3.2. General Secretary

The report was taken as read.

The General Secretary is also hoping to contact Arc about possible training and upskilling, such as Mental Health First Aid training.

3.3. Education Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

The Education Officer will be attending the cross-campus climate rally organising meeting during the week. She raised that other SRC members should also attend the meeting or reach out for more information about the climate rally.

3.4. Environment Office Bearer

N/A

Updates:

- The Environment Officer is contacting old Environment Collective members to gather more members for the year.
- Brainstorming ways to link the Climate Day of Action and the campus to bring more awareness and participation.
- Building resources for reading groups and social events.

3.5. Ethnocultural Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

The Ethnocultural Office Bearer further asked for SRC members interested in joining the working groups (which involves being part of a UNSW policy, education and organisation working group) to email him.

3.6. Indigenous Office Bearer

N/A

3.7. International Students Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

The International Students Office Bearer will also meet with Arc Sport to discuss upcoming sports event planning for T1.

3.8. Queer Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

Further points:

- Engaging with Arc for the Funner Summer Program and Mardi Gras.
- Working to get a delegation from UNSW or the Queer Collective to attend the Sydney World Pride.
- Planning for a Pride in STEM event for later in the year.

3.9. Welfare Office Bearer

The report was taken as read.

The Welfare Officer is also working on building resources to distribute at O-Week, including key mentoring programs from across UNSW and Arc to provide to first year students. He will be meeting with members of UNSW and Arc to discuss welfare programs and to start building the psychology & wellness services campaign. With SHAC, the Welfare Officer is awaiting the confirmation of a new SHAC Chair, meanwhile he is working with D. Magee and SHAC with supporting welfare services.

Discussions regarding the Welfare Officer's conflict of interest and voting on matters for decision, in particular climate issues.

- The Welfare Officer believes in the missions of the Labor Party and does not see his membership to hinder his ability to carry out his duties to fight student welfare at UNSW.
- The Welfare Officer understands student concerns around climate issues but also noted that concerns from the council were not taken into consideration when bringing agenda item 2.1 back for voting.
- In response to being questioned about his stand on some of the Government's actions and being asked to put pressure on the Labor Party, the Welfare Officer raised that rising interest rates are controlled by the Reserve Bank, while changes to age and welfare payments is an ongoing campaign which the Welfare Officer supports NUS with.

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

4.1. Councillor reports

4.1.1. Tanvi Vakkalagadda

N/A

4.1.2. Emma Terry

E. Terry noted that she has been reading about debates in the 1800s regarding industrialisation and compared it to the situation today where people are affected by the climate crisis.

Question was posed as to whether the SRC is allowed tables to hand out leaflets to students for O-Week. The President replied that two tables will be available, one for Collectives to promote themselves (where they may hand out leaflets) and the other for general SRC promotion. Office bearers have been encouraged to contact the President with plans of their promotions for O-Week.

4.1.3. Dan Magee

N/A

4.1.4. Chiara Moore

N/A

4.1.5. Gina Elias

N/A

4.1.6. Jeremy Groh

N/A

4.1.7. Shovan Bhattacharai

N/A

4.1.8. Junias Tjanaria

The report was taken as read.

J. Tjanaria is also planning on collaborating with the Students with Disabilities Officer.

4.1.9. Corwin Ollis

The report was taken as read.

4.1.10. Mitch Battersby

The report was taken as read.

4.1.11. Nadia Pandoulis

The report was taken as read.

N. Pandoulis further noted that climate issues motions have always passed at SRC meetings during her time on the Council, while this time it did not.

4.1.12. Polytra Liufalani

N/A

5. Matters for Discussion

N/A

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

N/A

7. Meeting Finalisation

7.1. Meeting evaluation

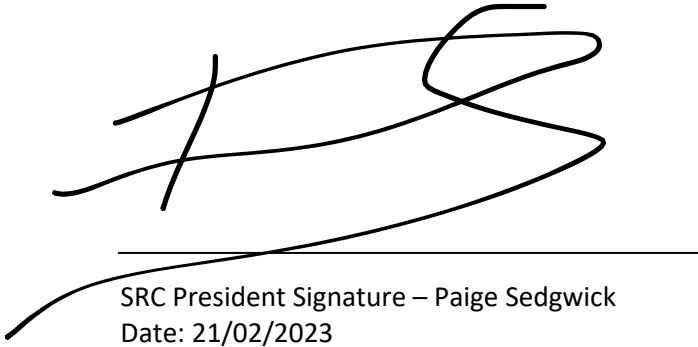
The meeting was a mix of both good and bad. It was raised that it was appalling when SRC members abstained from voting for agenda item 2.2. Despite being Labor Party members, SRC members will still need to take a position on the issue at a certain point in time. It was good

however that the Invasion Day motion was passed by the council. Also, SRC members should submit more motions in the future and commit to the Climate Day of Action.

7.2. Next meeting date: 6 February 2023

7.3. Meeting close

The meeting closed at 7:42pm.

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SRC President Signature – Paige Sedgwick
Date: 21/02/2023