



Approved Minutes

SRC MEETING
Monday, 2 December 2024 @ 6.30pm
Hybrid (SRC Meeting Room/TEAMS)

Present: Diya Sengupta, Akash Nagarajan, Ethan Lin, Alyss Cachia, Ellena Cheers-Flavell, Anais Williamson, Quinn Huang, Jenna Harris, Alexandra Egan, Luke Cox, Edward Zhong, Zack Hossain, Brydie Zorz, Joseph Bellia, Conroy Blood, Jamie Tyers, Emma Terry, Alexandra Egan, Brendan Tate, Ren Woodward, Danielle Moutopoulos, Cora Yang, Louisa Chen, Jacob Mulholland, Avasa Bajracharya, Sam Lewis

In attendance: Ishika M., William M., Luke L., Mia R.

Apologies: D. Gulic, E. Beaumont

Absent:

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 6:37 PM.

1.1. Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies and proxies were received per below:

The following proxies were advised:

D. Gulic proxy to A. Nagarajan

E. Beaumont proxy to B. Tate.

RESOLUTION

THAT the apologies received from D. Gulic and E. Beaumont are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflict of Interest Discourse

N/A

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1 N/A

1.4.2 Matter arising/ action list

N/A

1.5 Meeting Administration

1.5.1 Trigger Warning Announcement

1.5.2 Safer Spaces Policy Reminder

1.5.3 Selection of meeting observer

J. Tyers was appointed as meeting observer.

1.5.4 Items flagged for immediate discussion

N/A

2 MATTERS FOR DECISION



2.1 Staff & Course Cuts

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- That the SRC utilizes its resources to take a more active role in opposing the staff and course cuts across universities through organization of campaigns and protests.
- To take a more proactive stance in the face of existing changes to UNSW's higher education system including introduction of trimesters, reduction of Arts courses and staff cuts.
- To ensure that critical information affecting students is made available and transparent.

Against the motion:

- Whilst there was agreement that the SRC needs to oppose the staff and course cuts, reminders were raised of the responsibilities of the SRC in terms of codes of conduct, confidentiality agreements and responsible disclosure practices.
- Acting in an adversarial manner towards university management could be counterproductive in furthering the goals of the SRC. It was highlighted that working with, not against, university management could result in better advocacy for students.

Discussion:

- Questions raised regarding the SRC's responsibility for confidentiality whilst also being transparent to students where information is relevant to education, safety and welfare.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC supports a fighting SRC to defeat attacks on students.

CARRIED

2.2 Students for Palestine

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards UNSW's disciplinary action towards Students for Palestine.
- Crackdowns on student activism and protesting on campus as an act against students' right to protest.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC defends Students for Palestine UNSW.

CARRIED

2.3 Woolworths Strike

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards the lack of transparency from Woolworth's management regarding price rises.
- Support for the public, especially students, in receiving information that affects their lives in the face of the cost-of-living crisis.

Against the motion



- Support for motion. However, it was raised that SRC funds should be allocated towards student needs and priorities first.

Discussion

- Question on whether monetary contributions made by the SRC will be allocated to specific groups/branches of Woolworths workers or other ways in which the money will be distributed. Erskine Park distribution center was identified as the primary recipient of support from the SRC. Potential to support other distribution centers flagged.

Amendment to the motion:

- THAT the SRC supports and provides programs for mutual aid outreach for striking Woolworths workers.

RESOLUTION (amended)

THAT the SRC supports striking Woolworths workers.

That the SRC provides programs for mutual aid outreach for the striking workers.

CARRIED

2.4 Lockers

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Importance of being able to securely store confidential information and/or expensive equipment.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC writes to Arc proposing to introducing lockers in the SRC Members space.

CARRIED

2.5 Minutes

The paper was taken as read.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC

(1) Notes its dissatisfaction that SRC Minutes have not been taken since June 2024

(2) Notes that SRC will impose higher expectations on this year's General Secretary.

CARRIED

2.6 Invasion Day

The paper was taken as read.



For the motion:

- Criticism towards the celebration of genocide of Indigenous peoples on January 26, continued high incarceration rates of Indigenous peoples, especially youths
- Criticism towards Australian political sentiment moving towards the Right since the failure of the Voice.
- That the SRC should take an active stance in supporting Indigenous peoples in opposing celebrations on January 26 and in other Indigenous-led initiatives.

There were no speakers against the motion.

Amendment to the motion:

- Key notes:
 - Ensure the contingent remains Indigenous led and Indigenous students have autonomy over the contingent and activities surrounding it

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC endorses the student contingent to the Invasion Day Rally.

CARRIED

2.7 Rising Tides

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Increased frequency and severity of climate events globally and the impact on these events on people's lives.
- Criticism towards the Australian Labor government on its approval of more fossil fuel related projects.
- Minor disruptions for greater environmental action against climate change.

Against the motion:

- Rising Tide is a rouge activist group whose disruptive actions endanger lives and the economy without significant impact to the cause.
- Not against protesting, however, noting that protesting that causes disruptions such as roadblocks can endanger the lives of ordinary people and thus becomes problematic.
- The SRC should not be in support of individuals or groups who have broken the law.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC stands in solidarity with climate Rising Tide activists arrested for demonstrating at Newcastle Coal Port.

CARRIED

2.8 Land Forces Activists

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:



- Police crackdowns towards protesters and activists, especially students, is an attack on civil liberties.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC opposes the repression of Land Forces activists.

CARRIED

2.9 Concession Cards

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- All students should have equal access to concession Opal cards. The tiered system is unfair, particularly to international students in the face of course fees and the cost-of-living crisis.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC calls on the NSW Government to extend Opal card concession eligibility to include all students, regardless of enrolment status or citizenship.

CARRIED

3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Discord

The paper was taken as read.

Discussion:

- Server moderation and security issues flagged.
- SRC Newsletter as potential alternative.
- Social media policy reminder.
- How would a Discord server be differentiated/stand out from already existing platforms of communication – what niche would it fulfill and who would be interacting with it.

4 Office Bearer reports

All available reports were taken as read.

4.1. President

4.2. General Secretary

4.3 Education Officer

4.4 Environment Officer

4.5 Ethnocultural Officer

4.6 Indigenous Officer

4.7 International Students Officer

4.8 Queer Officer

4.9 Welfare Officer

4.10 Women's Officer

4.11 Students with Disabilities Officer



- 4.12 **Paddington Domestic Officer**
- 4.13 **Paddington International Officer**
- 4.14 **Paddington Representation Officer**

5 Councillors Reports

All available reports were taken as read.

- 5.1 **Louisa Chen**
- 5.2 **Jacob Mulholland**
- 5.3 **Anais Williamson**
- 5.4 **Joseph Bellia**
- 5.5 **Jenna Harris**
- 5.6 **Luke Cox**

- 5.7 **Eva Beaumont**
- 5.8 **Alexandra Egan**
- 5.9 **Avasa Bajracharya**
- 5.10 **Zack Hossain**
- 5.11 **Daniel Gulic**
- 5.12 **Sam Lewis**

6 Matters for Noting [Discussed only on exception bases]

N/A

- 7 **Meeting finalisation**
- 7.1 **Meeting evaluation**

The meeting was productive, with all the motions passed and good discussion. Members were encouraged to continue to attend meetings in person to facilitate further debate and discussion.

- 7.2 **Next meeting date:** 24 February 2024

7.3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 9:21pm.

Diya Sengupta, SRC President
24/02/2025