



Approved Minutes

SRC MEETING
Monday, 2 June 2025 @ 6.30pm
Hybrid (June Griffiths M11 /TEAMS)

Present: Diya Sengupta, Alyss Cachia, Ellena Cheers-Flavell, Anais Williamson, Edward Zhong, Zack Hossain, Conroy Blood, Jamie Tyers, Emma Terry, Brendan Tate, Ren Woodward, Louisa Chen, Joseph Bellia, Luke Cox, Avasa Bajracharya, Eva Beaumont, Daniel Gulic, Ethan Lin

In attendance: Mia Richter Weinstein (Noise, 365), Jimmy Wu, Owen Marsden-Readford, Julia Thamopoulous, Billy Scharzenberger Moran (Noise), Marcus Pepperell (Noise), Ellie Beck (Gamamari), Sankalp Behara (Gamamari)

Apologies: Jenna Harris, Danielle Moutopoulos, Alexandra Egan, Quinn Huang, Akash Nagarajan, Sam Lewis, Jacob Mulholland, Cora Yang

Absent: Brydie Zorz

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 6:33 PM.

1.1. Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies and proxies were received per below:

Apologies were received from Jenna Harris, Danielle Moutopoulos, Alexandra Egan, Quinn Huang, Akash Nagarajan, Sam Lewis, Jacob Mulholland, Cora Yang

Proxies were received as follows:

- A. Nagarajan proxies to L. Cox
- S. Lewis proxies to B. Tate
- J. Mulholland proxies to E. Terry

RESOLUTION

THAT the apologies received from J. Harris, D. Moutopoulos, A. Egan, Q. Huang, A. Nagarajan, S. Lewis, J. Mulholland, C. Yang are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Conflicts of Interest from guests in attendance were disclosed to the Council.

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation 7 April 2025 – deferred to next meeting

1.4.2 Matter arising/ action list

N/A

1.5 Meeting Administration

1.5.1 Trigger Warning Announcement

N/A



1.5.2 Safer Spaces Policy Reminder

The President reminded the Council and all in-attendance of the Safer Spaces Policy.

1.5.3 Selection of meeting observer

A.Cachia was appointed as meeting observer.

1.5.4 Items flagged for immediate discussion

Agenda order suspended by leave of the Council. The minutes reflect the meeting order.

2 MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.2. In-House University Childcare

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Condemning of the privatisation of childcare which should be a basic human right for all students and staff at UNSW.
- Accessible and free childcare is crucial for overcoming women's oppression, particularly for working class women.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC supports in-house university childcare.

CARRIED

2.1. Supplementary Exams

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Supplementary exams would ensure academic fairness for all students.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC calls on UNSW to implement two supplementary exam blocks per term for students who are approved for special consideration due to illness, misadventure, or unavoidable commitments.

CARRIED

2.12. Activism Against Labor Government

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards the Labor government for their lack of genuine support for students and those impacted by the cost-of-living crisis
- Criticism towards HECS increases, refusal to provide healthcare workers with a pay rise, and decrease of living standards for women under Labor party policies.
- Council members were encouraged to take a more active approach against the Labor Government such as through protest and rally participation



Against the motion:

- The SRC should be working with political parties, not against them. Whilst not directly campaigning for the party itself, the SRC should instead be campaigning for the policies and issues the party is promising to deliver that align with students' needs.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC recognizes and condemns the Albanese government for its right-wing agenda during its first term.

CARRIED

2.7. NSW Floods & Climate Action

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Condemnation of the Labor government's expansion of fossil fuel projects that will negatively impact the environment.
- Labor party funds are being allocated towards investors, developers and nuclear weapons when they should be given to emergency services to support flood and natural disaster-ravaged communities.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC demands action on the climate after NSW floods.

CARRIED

2.8. Worker's Compensation

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Reforms to workers' compensation will increase the threshold from 15% to 30%, disqualifying 95% of workers with psychological injuries from accessing this support.
- These reforms will deny workers from accessing a fair and equitable system.

The following amendment was made to the motion and key notes:

- Resolution: THAT the SRC opposes NSW Labor's attacks on workers compensation.
- Key Notes
 - The UNSW SRC condemns Daniel Mookey's proposed attacks against workers compensation.
 - The SRC supports the Unions NSW campaign against NSW Labor's proposed reforms that will restrict workers' access to workers' compensation.
 - The SRC encourages students to sign Unions NSW's petition.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC opposes NSW Labor's attacks on workers compensation.

CARRIED

2.10. Housing Crisis

The paper was taken as read.



For the motion:

- Criticism towards the Labor government for demolishing public housing and replacing it with private homes, exacerbating the housing crisis.
- The council was encouraged to attend protests and rallies as well as use their resources to advocate for better housing conditions for students and workers.

Against the motion:

- The current government has invested the largest amount historically by any state government into public housing, enabled 5% deposits to support first home buyers and increased supply of housing. Although further work can be undertaken, the motion overlooks these existing efforts and reforms.
- The SRC should be advocating for these initiatives rather than opposing the labor government.

The Council agreed to discuss the motion further as a Matter for Discussion at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the UNSW SRC condemns the Labor Governments Housing Policies for being inadequate to address the housing crisis.

NOT CARRIED

2.9. Free Education

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards the Job Ready Graduate Program which has seen significant fee increases despite no improvement in quality of education.
- Criticism towards corporate interest, which sees grants given to property developers rather than towards education.
- Education as a basic human right should be free.

Against the motion:

- Work can be done to make education more affordable and accessible, however universal free education is not feasible in the current Australian climate.

RESOLUTION

THAT a 20% cut to HECS is not enough: we need free education.

CARRIED

The Council agreed to discuss and vote on items 2.4 and 2.5. en bloc.

2.4. Campaigns against Course & Staff Cuts

2.5. Transition to Semesters – Course & Staff Cuts

The papers were taken as read.

For the motions:

- As an issue that impacts universities across Australia, the council was encouraged to stand in solidarity with students and staff through campaigning, protests and rallies.



There were no speakers against the motions.

RESOLUTION

THAT the UNSW SRC endorses campaigns against course and staff cuts across Australia and;

THAT the SRC demands no cuts in the move back to semesters.

CARRIED

2.3. Arc Constitutional Changes

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Proposed changes to the Constitution will make it more difficult for students to hold Arc's Board of Directors accountable, reducing the effectiveness of student advocacy.
- The proposed threshold is much higher in comparison to other student-led organisations at other universities.
- Members of Meetings are not called frequently enough to become a burden on the organisation's resources.

Against the motion:

- The proposed change is proportionate to Arc's growth since its inception in 2007, hence making the change, 1% of 50,000 members, within reason.
- Frequent calling of Meetings of Members for minor issues gathering less than 500 signatures is an inefficient use of Arc's resources and time.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC opposes the requisition changes to Arc's Constitution at its Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

2.6. Cut Ties with the US

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Australia's alliance with the US is leading to increase militarisation, making Australia a target in potential conflicts.
- The money Australia spends in shows of support towards the US should be allocated to fixing domestic issues such as education and housing.

Against the motion:

- The motion promotes fear mongering towards China which jeopardises student safety, especially for Asian and Chinese Australian students.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC demands Australia cuts ties with the US.

CARRIED

2.11. Spending Transparency

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:



- Quarterly reporting on spending will support transparency to students and allow the council to more effectively determine budget distribution.
- Reporting will also allow the SRC to keep an accurate record of spending to advocate for increased budgets in future if necessary.

The following amendment was made to the second point of the motion:

- “Commits to publishing data on what office bearer *budgets* are spent on at the end of each quarter”

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC

- Recognises the importance of transparency of information, to hold individuals to account, create discourse to encourage better decision making, and improve trust
- Commits to publishing data on what office bearer budgets are spent on at the end of each quarter

CARRIED

2.13.Meeting Accessibility

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Meetings need to be a safe space where students are respected and have the right to be heard. They should facilitate discussion and opportunities for dissent without compromising another students' freedom of speech.
- A proposal was made to open a review of the Safer Spaces Policy to improve meeting accessibility.

Against the motion:

- Concern was raised that the Safer Spaces Policy can be used to limit speech.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC

- Notes that accessible communication entails that individuals take turns when speaking, and that interrupting people, or multiple speaking concurrently is not aligned with principles of accessible communication
- Notes that if individuals wish to critique points raised by students in debate, that they can raise objections during their own speeches, or through a question during reports
- Conducts a review of the safer spaces policy to ensure it is aligned with modern accessibility standards, particularly with regards to conduct during debate.

CARRIED

2.14. Kumanjayi White

Paper deferred to next SRC meeting.



3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1. Eastgarden Assault

Discussion:

- The council discussed the resources available to students who experience discrimination and/or race related issues, noting that a Psychological Wellness and Conduct & Integrity portal exists.
- Suggestions to improve translation and accessibility services in high frequency areas to better support students.

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 Question Time

The following questions were asked to the Office Bearers in relation to their proposed motions and/or reports.

- What is the scale in terms of these cuts (ties with the US)? (2.6)
- What is the aim of the Good Riddance Dutton campaign? What is the end goal? (2.12)



- This criticism of the Labor Party is valid, but isn't the suggestion that they are promising nothing unfair? Is this motion made in good faith? (2.12)
- (In relation to the EGM held in November 2024). Is it, or is it not true that you (J. Tyers) were willing to use the quorum policy for your own benefit by stacking your own faction on the EGM? Is that the reason for your opposition (to the Arc Constitution changes)? (2.3)
- How transparent is transparent? How are you (the SRC) planning to publicise this? (2.11)

8 Meeting finalisation

8.1 Meeting evaluation

The meeting was time efficient despite many items on the agenda. A wide range of topics were discussed effectively.

8.2 Next meeting date: 30 June 2025

8.3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.



Diya Sengupta, SRC President

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