



Approved Minutes

SRC MEETING
Monday, 20 April 2026 @ 6.00pm
Hybrid (F10 June Griffith M11 /TEAMS)

Note: Due to technological issues, the SRC Meeting held on 20 April 2026 was partially recorded. The below minutes are the best record possible given the missing recording.

Present: William (Billy) Scharzenberger Moran, Louisa Chen, Lorenzo Nimmett, Forester Nguyen, Amelie Marquette, Avasa Bajracharya, Ana Dougenis, Tara Chen, Emma Terry, Seb Koelsch, Anais Williamson, Divya Nandyal, Sankalp Behara, Luke Cox, Alexandra Egan, Alisa Hsi, Eva Beaumont, Daniel Gulic

In attendance: Max Richter-Weinstein, Owen, Julia, Conroy Blood

Apologies: Natasha Brettell, Diya Sengupta, Jamie Tyers, Zack Hossain, Sathya Gururajan, Eugene Tang, Edward Zhong, Danielle Moutopoulos

Absent: N/A

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 6:07 PM.

1.1. Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies Apologies were received from N. Brettell, D. Sengupta, J. Tyers, Z. Hossain, S. Gururajan, E. Tang, E. Zhong and D. Moutopoulos

Proxies were received as follows:

- D. Sengupta to A. Dougenis
- J. Tyers to E. Terry
- Z. Hossain to E. Beaumont
- S. Gururajan to D. Nandyal
- E. Tang to T. Chen

RESOLUTION

THAT the apologies received from F. Ngyuyen, A. Dougenis, A. Egan, D. Moutopoulos, D. Gulic, N. Brettell and S. Gururajan are accepted.

CARRIED

1.3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Council Members were advised to disclose any conflicts of interest at the beginning of each motion.

1.4. Previous minutes

1.4.1 Confirmation: 23 March 2026

RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 23 March 2026 are noted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2 Matter arising/ action list



The action list was noted.

1.1 Meeting Administration

1.5.1 Trigger Warning Announcement

The President completed a trigger warning.

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

N/A

1.5.4 Items flagged for immediate discussion

N/A

2 MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Oppose Partnerships with Anthropic

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Anthropic has problematic connections to US and Israeli intelligence and military

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

Oppose any university partnership with Anthropic

CARRIED

2.2 MyPlan

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Actionable outcomes are required to help increase the number of administrative staff working for university student services such as The Nucleus.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

The UNSW SRC calls on UNSW to survey student experiences with myPlan and improve the software accordingly or replace it entirely with a more user-friendly and accurate system.

CARRIED

2.3 Fuel Crisis

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Current support mechanisms the government has put in place are not sufficient for the average working family.
- A point was raised regarding the strategic direction of the council with a call to action for increased activism and direct action to drive change.

RESOLUTION



The SRC demands our state Labor government and university implement real solutions to the fuel crisis.

CARRIED

2.4 Graduate Visa Fees

The paper was taken as read.

Discussion:

- The conversation regarding council strategic direction continued, centering on the effectiveness of activism in contrast to mutual aid strategies.

Against the motion:

- A point was raised that current issues many international students face at present are not necessarily fee related and so that efforts should be made to investigate and address other priorities.

RESOLUTION

UNSW SRC condemns the Federal Labor government's doubling of graduate visa fees.

CARRIED

2.5 NTEU Staff Strikes

The paper was taken as read.

Discussion:

- The conversation regarding council strategic direction continued, centering on the effectiveness of activism in contrast to mutual aid strategies.
- Service provision and community care were noted as strategies similar to university or Arc offerings and therefore the SRC should opt for a different approach.
- The importance of community care and mutual aid in reaching and supporting marginalized communities was emphasised. It was argued that both strategies can coexist as mutual aid efforts have significant and real impact on the immediate needs of the people whilst activism drives change over time.

RESOLUTION

UNSW SRC endorses NTEU staff strikes.

CARRIED

2.6 NDIS

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Cuts to the NDIS would harm the most vulnerable communities and people, emphasising the need for the council to stand actively against these changes.
- Criticism towards the government's failure to financially plan for the NDIS in its current form.

Discussion:

- In a continuation of the discussion above, a point was raised that mutual aid, whilst helping the community, does not effectively address structural issues.
- In contrast, mutual aid was argued to be a highly effective strategy in supporting marginalized and vulnerable communities and is crucial to supporting students.



- It was noted that mobility aids are now available in the Students with Disabilities space.
- It was argued that both mutual aid and activism are strategies that the SRC should and can apply rather than prioritise one over the other.

Against the motion:

- That the NDIS is currently in an unsustainable position and that cuts are necessary to ensure the scheme is able to continue.

RESOLUTION

The UNSW SRC condemns the Labor Government's plans to make significant cuts to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

CARRIED

2.7 Free Higher Education

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Recent staff and course cuts at universities highlight the need for accessible education, and that mobilising students and staff is essential to advocate for this change.

Against the motion:

- Free education would disproportionately benefit wealthier students, reduce available places for disadvantaged groups, and be financially unsustainable given high enrolment rates.

Discussion:

- Further discussion on mutual aid and activism.

RESOLUTION

The UNSW SRC opposes the corporatisation of universities and demands free, publicly funded higher education.

CARRIED

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

2.12 Defend Palestine Activism

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Continued assertiveness to advocate for the Palestine movement is required.
- It was argued that the independence of the SRC and free speech must be protected.
- More transparency and clearer communication are required to ensure all relevant stakeholders are informed and able to respond. This would include Arc communicating directly to the relevant office bearer or Collective.
- It was requested that the President in their report, inform the Council of relevant changes from Arc, the Arc Board and UNSW that has potential to impact the Council.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

Defend Palestine activism from censorship



CARRIED

The President accepted the request for a Matter for Discussion to be tabled at the meeting.

3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Freedom of Speech

Discussion:

- Repression of freedom of speech has been identified as a persisting issue across all university campuses.
- It was raised that the SRC has the ability to challenge this issue and so should act on this.
- Discussion regarding changes to the UNSW Code of Conduct and Values where the Council requested that updates be communicated to them.
- It was agreed that a meeting will be held to discuss potential changes to the Code and how the SRC will interface with these changes.

2.9 Letter to the VC (Fuel Crisis)

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The Council agreed to send a letter to the Vice Chancellor requesting flexible attendance policies and other forms of immediate academic relief for affected students.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

The UNSW SRC endorses the letter sent to the Vice-Chancellor regarding academic relief during the fuel crisis and calls on the Vice-Chancellor to implement relevant measures.

CARRIED

2.8 Oppose Transgender Persons Amendment Bill

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Amendments to India's Trans Rights Protection Bill would restrict self-identification and require medical assessments, linking these changes to the attack on human rights which the Council and students should stand against.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

That UNSW SRC stands against India's anti-trans act aka The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill 2026

CARRIED

2.10 Rubric Operations

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:



- More support for students is required in the transition to and use of Rubric as many students have been met with challenges on the platform.
- A point was raised that several students were unable to vote in the 2026 Arc Board Elections due to membership issues on Rubric. This was noted to be a concern as the elections are a democratic purpose and students should have the right and ability to vote.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC recognises the necessity of having an unified system for all of Arc's operations understands the difficulty in transitioning and condensing several disparate systems into one platform and appreciates the work of Arc Staff in the transition calls for greater support to staff, clubs, volunteers, etc. in negotiating the transition especially regarding event fees for regularly-scheduled paid events calls for Arc to investigate hiring casual staff or creating a specialised support hotline to provide individualised Rubric support to ALL stakeholders

CARRIED

2.11 Vending Offerings

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The Council agreed that a vending machine in the Law Library would help improve access to refreshments for students studying in a high traffic, 24/7 space.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC calls for a vending machine offering snacks and drinks in the law library, and for the SRC President to work with Arc and UNSW to achieve this

CARRIED

3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

No further Matters for Discussion were raised at the meeting.

4 Office Bearer reports

All available reports were taken as read. Verbal reports were provided.

- 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 – N/A**
- 4.14. Paddington Representation Officer**

5 Councillors Reports



- 5.1 Seb Koelsch
- 5.2 Natasha Brettell
- 5.3 Anais Williamson
- 5.4 Divya Nandyal
- 5.5 Sankalp Behara
- 5.6 Luke Cox
- 5.7 Sathya Gururajan
- 5.8 Alexandra Egan
- 5.9 Alisa Hsi
- 5.10 Zack Hossain
- 5.11 Eva Beaumont
- 5.12 Daniel Gulic

6 Matters for Noting [Discussed only on exception bases]

7 Question Time – N/A

8 Meeting finalisation

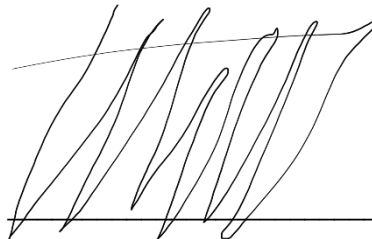
8.1 Meeting evaluation

The meeting was productive with key conversations about ongoing issues both globally and locally at the university.

8.2 Next meeting date: 1 June 2026

8.3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:00 PM.



Billy Scharzenberger Moran, SRC President

1/06/2026