



Approved Minutes

SRC MEETING
Monday, 29 September 2025 @ 6.30pm
Hybrid (June Griffiths M10 /TEAMS)

Present: Diya Sengupta, Akash Nagarajan, Jamie Tyers, Emma Terry, Ethan Lin, Alyss Cachia, Conroy Blood, Ren Woodward, Louisa Chen, Jacob Mulholland, Anais Williamson, Joseph Bellia, Luke Cox, Sam Lewis, Avasa Bajracharya, Zack Hossain, Eva Beaumont, Daniel Gulic

In attendance: Amelie Marquette, Souad Khan (MSA), Owen

Apologies: Edward Zhong, Jenna Harris, Ellena Cheers-Flavell, Danielle Moutopoulos, Brendan Tate, Alexandra Egan, Cora Yang

Absent: Brydie Zorz, Quinn Huang

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 6:36 PM.

1.1. Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies were received from E. Zhong, J. Harris, E. Cheers-Flavell, D. Moutopoulos, B. Tate, C. Yang & A. Egan.

Proxies were received as follows:

- E. Cheers-Flavell proxying to A. Marquette
- B. Tate proxying to J. Tyers
- A. Egan proxying to L. Cox.

RESOLUTION

THAT the apologies received from E. Zhong, J. Harris, E. Cheers-Flavell, D. Moutopoulos, B. Tate, C. Yang and A. Egan 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: 4 August 2025

RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 4 August 2025 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2 Matter arising/ action list

The action list was noted.

1.8 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

J. Tyers 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

2.9 Students for Palestine Town Hall

Item 2.9 was withdrawn.

2.8 Australian Students Stand with Palestine

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Largely successful Referendum for Palestine demonstrating that student mobilisation is an effective strategy for change.

There were no speakers against the motion.

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

- The SRC calls for no confidence in the Australian government for its complicity in the genocide in Gaza.

RESOLUTION

Australian Students Stand with Palestine.

CARRIED

2.1 Oppose the Thriving Kids Program

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Cuts to the NDIS will leave many young Australians without early intervention and support.
- Criticism toward the changes to the NDIS which are framed by generic categories and are not needs-based. Support should be given to those who require it rather than the individual needing to meet a 'threshold'.
- Criticism towards the language used by the Labor government as ableist.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

Opposing Labor's attacks on young people with Autism.

CARRIED

2.2 Beach Safety & Swim Program

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:



- Agreement that students across all UNSW campuses should receive the same access to programs and opportunities, particularly those related to health and safety.
- Due to the popularity of beaches, especially heading into summer, it is crucial to provide students with the opportunity to learn crucial safety skills.

There were no speakers against the motion.

The following amendment was made to the motion:

- That the SRC pushes for UNSW to extend the UNSW Water Safety Program to rural campuses including Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour campuses to be delivered in O-Week.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC pushes for UNSW to extend the UNSW Water Safety Program to rural campuses including Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour campuses to be delivered in O-Week.

CARRIED

2.3 Rising Tide People's Blockade

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Climate Assessment Risk Reports have predicted an increase in heat-related deaths and increased coastal displacement, putting more pressure on communities already facing the cost of living, housing and medical crisis.
- Support for Rising Tide's approach to activism as a learning opportunity on nonviolent protest.

Against the motion:

- Questions raised regarding the effectiveness of Rising Tide's actions.
- Suggestion that universities should increase focus on STEM education to reduce carbon emissions.

RESOLUTION

UNSW SRC endorses the Rising Tide Peoples Blockage of the Newcastle Port.

CARRIED

2.4 Democratise SRC Elections

The motion was taken as read.

The following amendment was made to the motion:

- Key Notes: Adoption of a system similar to the ANU, allowing students to wear a lanyard identifying that they do not wish to be engaged with. Engaging a student wearing a non-engagement lanyard will constitute an election offence.

For the motion:

- In-person voting will increase transparency and confidentiality as well as increase voter participation.
- Online voting presents a barrier to students who are unable to access the voting link via their email.
- Clarification that the motion is to advocate for change to Arc, not a motion for implementation. A detailed plan will be researched, discussed and distributed should the motion pass.

Against the motion:



- The current proposal lacks a detailed implementation plan, including lack of detail toward polling logistics, regulations and campaigning changes, posing a significant challenge for rollout.
- In-person voting presents an accessibility barrier to students who are unable to be on campus and does not mitigate intimidation as exclusion zones often prove ineffective. Online voting allows increased accessibility.
- An individual's political party membership should not have an impact on student elections.
- Concern regarding the regulation process of proposed changes.

RESOLUTION

Democratise SRC Elections

NOT CARRIED

The council took a 15-minute recess at 7:23pm and reconvened at 7:38pm.

2.11 MSA Letter

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The letter will be strengthened through a co-signing by the SRC and its collectives, making the letter a coalition effort.
- The letter aligns with much of the SRC's current activism and advocacy efforts.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

The SRC endorses the MSA's letter to management.

CARRIED

2.5 Solidarity with Nepal's Gen Z Revolution

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The revolution in Nepal is reflective of the power of students and youth in taking direct action to propel change and advocate on issues that impact them. It is crucial that as students, the SRC understands and supports this motion in solidarity.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

Solidarity with Nepal's Gen Z Revolution.

CARRIED

2.6 Solidarity with Indonesian Protests

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Similar to the motion regarding the revolution in Nepal, it is crucial that the SRC stands in solidarity with international issues impacting students and youth.

There were no speakers against the motion.



RESOLUTION

Solidarity with Indonesian Protests.

CARRIED

2.11 Mobilise Against the Far Right

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards political and media framing of the recent March for Australia as a demonstration by victims of the housing crisis, concealing the anti-immigration and racist nature of the march.
- Criticism towards the 'both-sides' rhetoric and normalisation of racist sentiment through mainstream politics and media.
- Encouragement to the SRC to commit to a counter protest in response.

There were no speakers against the motion.

The following points were made by those abstaining from the vote:

- The left should engage with concerns that draw people to these marches rather than isolating them so that issues can be addressed constructively.

RESOLUTION

The Far-Right have no 'legitimate concerns'.

CARRIED

2.7 Migrants Not To Blame for Housing Crisis

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism toward the Labor party for legitimising racist sentiment regarding the housing crisis.
- Rejection of the narrative that migrants are to blame for the housing crisis. The real issue lies in government inaction.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

Migrants are not to blame for the housing crisis.

CARRIED

2.10 Oppose the Far Right

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Opposition toward the far right cannot be achieved by suggestions to 'stay home and stay safe' as this strategy only reinforces fear.
- The council was encouraged to champion collective resistance and an active approach.

RESOLUTION

The far right in Australia must be stopped.

CARRIED

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2.12 UNSW Library

The motion was taken as read.

For the motion:

- UNSW students should have priority access to study spaces which they are paying for through amenities fees.
- Not all university students are able to study at home, making the library a crucial space that should be readily available.
- The motion specifies swipe access restrictions to study spaces during a specific time frame, therefore not having an impact on general access to resources.

Against the motion:

- The council should be advocating for increased study spaces on campus rather than the restriction of spaces.
- Swipe access requirements will create barriers for university and high school students as well as the general public who are wishing to study or access information.
- Public resources and information should not be restricted.

The following amendment was made to the motion:

- Clarification that restrictions are to be placed on specified levels and/or sections of the library while ensuring that general public access is not impacted.

RESOLUTION

Restrict high schoolers from the UNSW library.

CARRIED

3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

N/A

4 Office Bearer reports

All available reports were taken as read.

4.1. President

D. Sengupta provided a verbal report.

- Ongoing conversation with UNSW Management to organise a Town Hall
- Ongoing work with Arc Clubs regarding club grants
- Wrap up on the Referendum for Palestine
- Working with the Women's Collective to increase awareness on gendered violence, including activations during Diversity Week.
- Ongoing conversation with Estate Management regarding relocation of the Queer Space.

4.2. General Secretary

4.3 Education Officer

4.4 Environment Officer

4.5 Ethnocultural Officer

4.6 Indigenous Officer – N/A

4.7 International Students Officer – N/A

4.8 Queer Officer

A. Cachia and R. Woodward provided a verbal report.

- Queer Collective continues to look for a new space due to EM rollback of proposed space.

4.9 Welfare Officer

4.10 Women's Officer

4.11 Students with Disabilities Officer

C. Blood spoke to the report.

- Ongoing work to rebuild the collective



- Ongoing conversations with S. Higginson and A. Boyd regarding weapons divestment, the antisemitism crisis, UNSW transition to semesters

- 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

L. Chen spoke to the report.

- Encouragement for the council to attend the October 12th rally for Palestine.

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

L. Cox provided a verbal report.

- Worked with the council in support of the Referendum for Palestine.

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

D. Gulic provided a verbal report.

- Worked with the council in support of the Referendum for Palestine
- Continued engaging with students to gain insight into issues that concern them

5.12 Sam Lewis

6 Matters for Noting [Discussed only on exception bases]

N/A

7 Question Time

N/A

8 Meeting finalisation

8.1 Meeting evaluation

The meeting was successful with the council showing solidarity on many of the proposed motions.

8.2 Next meeting date: 27 October 2025

8.3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Diya Sengupta, SRC President

3 November 2025