



**Approved Minutes**

**SRC MEETING**  
**Monday, 30 June 2025 @ 6.30pm**  
**Hybrid (June Griffiths M11 /TEAMS)**

**Present:** Diya Sengupta, Akash Nagarajan, Jamie Tyers, Emma Terry, Brydie Zorz, Ellena Cheers-Flavell, Conroy Blood, Alyss Cachia, Ren Woodward, Brendan Tate, Louisa Chen, Anais Williamson, Jenna Harris, Joseph Bellia, Luke Cox, Alexandra Egan, Eva Beaumont, Daniel Gulic

**In attendance:** Jimmy Wu, Kieran, Owen

**Apologies:** Cora Yang, Edward Zhong, Danielle Moutopoulos, Quinn Huang, Avasa Bajracharya, Sam Lewis, Ethan Lin, Jacob Mulholland, Zack Hossain

**Absent:** N/A

**1. MEETING OPENING**

The meeting opened at 6:41 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 Cora Yang, Edward Zhong, Danielle Moutopoulos, Quinn Huang, Avasa Bajracharya, Sam Lewis, Ethan Lin, Jacob Mulholland, Zack Hossain

Proxies were received as follows:

- S. Lewis to E. Terry
- E. Lin to J. Wu
- J. Mulholland to B. Tate
- Z. Hossain to J. Tyers
- A. Bajracharya to L. Chen
- E. Zhong to D. Sengupta
- D. Moutopoulos to A. Cachia

**RESOLUTION**

THAT the apologies received from C. Yang, E. Zhong, D. Moutopoulos, Q. Huang, A. Bajracharya, S. Lewis, E. Lin, J. Mulholland and Z. Hossain are accepted.

**CARRIED**

**1.3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

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

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

**1.4. Previous minutes**

**1.4.1 Confirmation 7 April 2025**

**RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 7 April 2025 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

**NOT CARRIED**



#### 1.4.2 Confirmation 2 June 2025

##### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 2 June 2025 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

**NOT CARRIED**

#### 1.4.3 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

B. Tate 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.*

*Several new motions were tabled by Office Bearers for consideration of the council. These motions were permitted at the discretion of the President.*

## 2 MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 2.10 NUS National Day of Action for Palestine

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- It is crucial that the UNSW SRC stands in solidarity with the NUS and with other student bodies across Australia for a strong campaign front against weapons companies on campus and in support of the BDS movement.

There were no speakers against the motion.

The following amendment was made to the motion:

- Financial resources to be drawn from the August Shared budget line.

##### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the UNSW Student Representative Council (SRC) declares its full support for the National Union of Students (NUS) National Day of Action for Palestine, taking place on Thursday, August 7.

**CARRIED**

## 3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

### 3.1. Actions for National Day of Action

The paper was taken as read.

Discussion:

- Visibility and clear communication are key to making the activation successful. Plans to utilize the entirety of the quad space with large signage. Additionally, active poster and handing out leaflets on campus, promotion on social media and pop-up stalls were suggested in the lead-up to the event.



- Engaging with students through information stalls, cultural activities and discussions to raise awareness and participation.
- Suggestion to form a working group with delegations from each faction to coordinate the activation.
- NUS branding to be used as a show of solidarity nationwide e.g. stickers, shirts, banners, posters
- Distribution of recognition badges, flags, free food and potential raffle or bake sale to raise money and awareness.
- Discussion to get clubs involved in activations and pop-ups leading to event.
- Suggestion for an open letter to be drafted to the VC to allow students to attend the rally without course penalization for non-attendance to class.
- Budget prioritization was discussed. Councillors were advised to contact the President as soon as possible if their activation will be using SRC budget lines.

### **ACTION**

THAT a working group is formed from all factions of the SRC to mobilise plans for the National Day of Action.

## **2 MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **2.1. No War on Iran**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards the Labor Party for supporting US actions in Iran. The council was encouraged to advocate for a more anti-war position.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the ceasefire, noting the history of broken ceasefires in the Middle East and the need for the SRC to remain vigilant and vocal against potential future conflicts.

Against the motion:

- The ceasefire is currently holding, making the motion less relevant presently.
- The Labor government is not blindly supporting the US. Examples can be seen through the refusal to increase defense spending despite US demands.

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC says No War on Iran and endorses the National Union of Students statement opposing war on Iran.

**CARRIED**

### **2.2. National Convergence on Canberra**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The film screening and participation in the National Convergence on Canberra will be effective lead-up events to the National Day of Action. It is a good way to raise awareness and increase student participation in all related.
- Importance of cross-factional support for the convergence, emphasizing unity within the SRC in advocating for Palestinian rights.

There were no speakers against the motion.

The following amendment was made to the motion:

- Financial impact amended to be \$150 from Welfare budget line and \$50 from Shared budget (July), totaling \$200



### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC endorses the Students for Palestine screening of 'The Settlers' and the National Convergence on Canberra for Palestine.

**CARRIED**

### **2.3. Assault on Immigrant's Rights**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Mass protests have historically had an impact on changing the political landscape, showing the power of collective action.
- The motion is highly relevant to Australia's current social and political landscape, especially regarding the treatment of immigrants.

There were no speakers against the motion.

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC stands in solidarity with anti-ICE and anti-Trump protesters in the US.

**CARRIED**

### **2.4. Abolish Border Detention**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards current policies on border detention that perpetuate poor living conditions, inhumane treatment of refugees and denial of basic human rights.
- The SRC have a responsibility to take a stand and advocate for the rights of refugees.

There were no speakers against the motion.

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC supports the abolishment of border detention.

**CARRIED**

*The council agreed to take a short recess at 8:00pm.*

*The council reconvened at 8:10pm.*

### **2.11. SEC Picket & Solidarity with Hannah Thomas**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motions:

- Push for accountability from the NSW Police regarding the attack on Hannah Thomas.
- People have the right to feel safe accessing their places of worship without harassment from police or authorities. Anti-protest laws do not protect minority groups.
- Criticism towards the increase in police power under Chris Minns.

Against the motions:

- Anti-protest laws and Places of Worship Bill were not actioned in the SEC Picket incident, making associated sections of the motion not relevant to the matter.
- The proposed motions condemn protest laws that are currently in place to create space access zones around places of worship.
- Current laws were made in consultation with and with the support of religious communities.

The following amendments were made to the key points of motion 2.11:



- That the UNSW SRC
  1. Acknowledges the legal and moral right to protest, and affirms this extends non-violent direct action on crown footpaths
  2. Condemns SEC Plating for their involvement in the production of F35 fighter jets, used by the Israeli Defence Force to bomb Palestinian civilians
  3. Condemns the well documented and recorded actions by NSW Police Force's actions on the 27th of June at around the SEC Plating Factory in Belmore, including
    - a. Arresting protestors merely protesting on crown footpaths
    - b. Choking protestors, and throwing them against fences
    - c. Tripping and elbowing a protestor, leading to her hospitalisation and potential loss in vision
  4. Condemns Chris Minns and the NSW Labor Party for creating the Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025, which emboldened police to take this action,
  5. Calls for the Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025 to be scrapped
  6. Calls on the charges against the protesters to be dropped
  7. Contributes \$100 to a care package for the arrested protestors,
  8. Encourages students to contribute to supporting the arrested protesters through care packages
  9. Commits to supporting any actions outside of the Bankstown Local Court, or elsewhere regarding the ongoing court case
  10. Solidarity photo for Hannah Thomas and public oppose the anti-protest laws.

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC condemns police violence at SEC Plating Picket.

**CARRIED**

### **2.5. Anti-Protest Laws (Victoria)**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Concern expressed over increased power given to the police with proposed law changes. Introduction of new laws threatens the people's right to protest and participate in activism, freedom of speech and civil liberties.
- Concern raised over bans on face coverings and masks which could impact immunocompromised individuals looking to participate in protests and activities.
- Visibility and public awareness are key elements to protesting. The proposed laws seek to hamper the effectiveness of protesting at its core.

Against the motions:

- Disruptive protests impact negatively on the lives of working people, including students. It is illogical for activists to attempt to increase traction for their cause by making everyday activities such as commuting to work and school or visiting places of worship more difficult for the average citizen.
- Additional concern over the disruptive nature of protests on paramedics, putting unnecessary pressure on first responders.
- Face coverings are banned in most public spaces already.



### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC oppose the Victorian Labor government's anti-protest laws.

**CARRIED**

### **2.6. North West Shelf Gas Project**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Expansion of this project will have significant roll-on impacts on the environment as the gateway to gas exploration in the north-west region.
- Concern over the tripling of Australia's carbon emissions and ramifications on the environment, for example, triggering of mass climate disasters.
- Impact on Indigenous sites and artwork. Indigenous land and rights should be protected.

Against the motion:

- Export of LNG, which produces 50-60% less CO<sub>2</sub> than coal, helps reduce reliance on coal.
- Recognition that Australia's key trading partners are largely coal-reliant countries. Exporting LNG to these countries will help reduce their reliance on coal and aid in the transition to renewable energy sources.
- The expansion project serves as an important part of regional WA's economy.

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC opposes the North West Shelf gas project extension.

**CARRIED**

### **2.7. PALM Scheme**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The scheme was criticized for the deplorable working and living conditions of Pacific Islanders and its denial of basic human rights.

Against the motion:

- The scheme is beneficial to the regional economy and is key in strengthening Australia's economic relationships.
- Critical that the council stands with the trade union to ensure a fairer and more just PALM scheme that will put workers first and be beneficial to the economy rather than advocating for its abolishment.

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC acknowledges that the PALM scheme is modern slavery and supports its abolishment.

**CARRIED**

### **2.8. Course & Staff Cuts**

The motion was not taken to a vote.

**NOT CARRIED**

### **2.9. Kumanjaji White – Independent Inquiry**

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Multiple recent deaths in police custody highlights the injustice faced by Indigenous peoples in the current system.



- Despite numerous enquiries and royal commissions, recommendations to prevent these deaths have not been implemented, leading to continued loss of life.

There were no speakers against the motion.

*Amendments to the motion were circulated to the council.*

### **RESOLUTION**

THAT the SRC

- acknowledges the recent deaths in custody across the country;
- supports the calls for independent inquiries into the deaths; and
- will endorse an open letter - written by the SRC - to the federal minister and relevant NSW minister for Aboriginal affairs, calling for independent inquiries and condemning inaction on the 1991 Royal commission recommendations

**CARRIED**

#### **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**

*J. Wu spoke to the report on behalf of E. Lin.*

##### **4.6. Indigenous Officer**

*B. Zorz provided a verbal report.*

##### **4.7. International Students Officer**

##### **4.8. Queer Officer**

##### **4.9. Welfare Officer**

##### **4.10. Women's Officer**

##### **4.11. Students with Disabilities Officer**

*C. Blood provided a verbal report.*

##### **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 proposed motions and/or reports.

- How does the Labor faction of the SRC reconcile with the Day of Action when their party is arming Israel to commit genocide and blindly supporting the US on their war path in the Middle East? (2.10)
- How 'open' is an open meeting for the NDA later in the term? What's the organising process? (4.3.)

## **8 Meeting finalisation**

### **8.1 Meeting evaluation**

The meeting was productive, particularly in the opening section on the National Day of Action. The council was praised for its collaborative efforts to solidify plans for the event.

**8.2 Next meeting date:** 4 August 2025

### **8.3 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 9:18pm.

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Diya Sengupta, SRC President

04/08/2025