



Approved Minutes

SRC MEETING
Monday, 4 August 2025 @ 6.30pm
Hybrid (June Griffiths M11 /TEAMS)

Present: Diya Sengupta, Akash Nagarajan, Jamie Tyers, Emma Terry, Ethan Lin, Alyss Cachia, Conroy Blood, Edward Zhong, Louisa Chen, Joseph Bellia, Jenna Harris, Alexandra Egan, Avasa Bajracharya, Daniel Gulic

In attendance: Michael Petrilli, Harrison Ledger, Sebastian Koelsch, Aaizah Tahir, Catherine Nuala McDermott Fitzpatric, Jimmy Wu, William Scharzenberger Moran, Hanna Jaireth (in part)

Apologies: Luke Cox, Cora Yang, Jacob Mulholland, Sam Lewis, Ellena Cheers-Flavell, Eva Beaumont, Zach Hossain, Anais Williamson, Danielle Moutopoulos, Brendan Tate, Brydie Zorz, Ren Woodward, Quinn Huang

Absent: N/A

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 6:38 PM.

1.1. Acknowledgment of Country

Completed by the SRC President.

1.2. Apologies

Apologies were received from L. Cox, C. Yang, J. Mulholland, S. Lewis, E. Cheers-Flavell, E. Beaumont, Z. Hossain, A. Williamson, D. Moutopoulos, B. Tate, B. Zorz, R. Woodward, Q. Huang

Proxies were received as follows:

- L. Cox proxying to H. Ledger
- J. Mulholland proxying to S. Koelsch
- S. Lewis proxying to A. Tahir
- E. Cheers-Flavell proxying to A. Cachia
- E. Beaumont proxying to A. Bajracharya
- Z. Hossain proxying to E. Terry
- A. Williamson proxying to L. Chen
- D. Moutopoulos proxying to E. Zhong
- B. Tate proxying to J. Tyers
- B. Zorz proxying to C. Nuala McDermott Fitzpatric

RESOLUTION

THAT the apologies received from L. Cox, C. Yang, J. Mulholland, S. Lewis, E. Cheers-Flavell, E. Beaumont, Z. Hossain, A. Williamson, D. Moutopoulos, B. Tate, B. Zorz, R. Woodward and Q. Huang 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 7 April 2025

RESOLUTION

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

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.

CARRIED

1.4.3 Confirmation 30 June 2025

RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 30 June 2025 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.4 Matter arising/ action list

The action list was noted.

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

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

2.5 Our Unis, Our Future Campaign

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Concern regarding job cuts in several NSW universities (other than UNSW) and their negative impact on students' education
- The Council and all attendees were encouraged to sign the NTEU petition in support of the campaign.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the SRC supports the NSW Division of the NTEU's statewide Our Unis, Our Future Campaign.



CARRIED

2.1 End Gaza Blockade

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The SRC needs to take a more active stance in lobbying the government to cut ties with Israel.
- The Harbour Bridge March for Palestine and the media coverage it received demonstrates the effectiveness of mass movements to bring to attention crucial issues.
- The council was encouraged to continue their participation in events to support Palestine.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the SRC demands that the Albanese government:

1. Sanction Israel.
2. Cut Australia's economic, diplomatic and military ties with Israel, including expelling the Israeli ambassador to Australia.
3. Ban the sale of weapons and security components to Israel by corporations in Australia.

CARRIED

3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1. Student Strike – National Day of Action (NDA)

Discussion:

- The Council was encouraged to activate their Collectives to share posts, organise events and bring members out to the NDA.
- Activities for the NDA include bracelet making, banner painting, Clothing Hub, a bake sale, a raffle and free food giveaways.
- Volunteers were sought to assist with leafletting, pin distribution, managing stalls and engaging students. A roster will be sent out shortly after the meeting.
- Donations to The Palestine Fair Trade Emporium was encouraged.
- Potential for an event of a similar nature and scale to be held in T3.

2 MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.2 Oppose Jillian Segal

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The plan to introduce anti-protest legislation is an attack on the right to protest and on the freedom of speech.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the UNSW SRC oppose Jillian Segal's plan for Trumpian authoritarianism.

CARRIED

2.3 Defend Mehreen Faruqi



The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Criticism towards the Labor Party's response to Senator Mehreen Faruqi's protest.
- Senator Faruqi's actions were a necessary confrontation to pressure the government to make real change rather than only offer statements.

Against the motion:

- That Senator Faruqi's actions disregarded the rules of the Senate and that such actions do not serve the Palestinian cause.
- Advocacy to distance Senator Faruqi and the Greens from the Palestine movement.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the UNSW SRC defends Mehreen Faruqi against sanctions imposed by Labor for peacefully protesting for Palestine.

CARRIED

H. Jaireth left the meeting at 7:30pm.

The Council took a 10-minute recess at 7:33pm and resumed at 7:43pm.

2.4 Foodhub

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Foodhub has proven time and time again to be a critical resource for students, providing staple food and nutritious groceries for free to students who are otherwise forced to skip meals due to financial hardship.
- Increasing demand for not only food but also household appliances such as vacuum cleaners has led to the introduction of a Borrowing Centre, another critical service for students.
- The SRC must advocate for Foodhub as a non-negotiable service on campus, especially in the face of pressures for campus space.

There were no speakers against the motion.

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

- That the SRC notifies UNSW Estate Management of the outcome of this resolution.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the SRC affirms its support for a strong Food Hub and recognises the need for a permanent home.

CARRIED

2.6 DART2252

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Ethical concerns were raised about the course. Generative AI 'trains' by drawing from artists' work, often without proper consent, credit or compensation. This undermines the value of students' creative work.
- Environmental concerns regarding energy consumption to run and train the AI program.



There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the SRC calls on UNSW to stop the DART2252 – “Generative AI for Artists” course from being run.

CARRIED

2.7 Parramatta Campus

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The Council agreed on the need for accessible quiet study spaces, acknowledging that not all university students have the ability to study at home.
- Suggestion for more activities to be held on Parramatta campus to build a sense of community and for resources on how to book study spaces to be made more readily available.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the SRC calls on the University to open UNSW Parramatta Campus on weekends.

CARRIED

3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.2. UNSW's Muslim Students' Association (MSA) Upper Campus Prayer Space

Discussion:

- Suggestion to allocate timeslots for the MSA to use the Ethnocultural Space as a temporary prayer space.
- Suggestion that the SRC maintain a database of current campus spaces used by the SRC and related groups. This record can be updated to reflect any space closures, length of closure, if sufficient communication was provided to students.
- Suggestion to reach out to the faculty of the building in which the current prayer space exists to support.

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

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

N/A

8 Meeting finalisation

8.1 Meeting evaluation

The Council was praised for a productive meeting and are looking forward to as much participation as possible for the NDA.

8.2 Next meeting date: 22 September 2025

8.3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:16pm.

Diya Sengupta, SRC President

29/09/2025