



Approved Minutes

SRC MEETING Monday, 7 April 2025 @ 6.30pm Hybrid (June Griffiths M11 /TEAMS)

Present: Diya Sengupta, Akash Nagarajan, Alyss Cachia, Ellena Cheers-Flavell, Anais Williamson, Jenna Harris, Alexandra Egan, Edward Zhong, Zack Hossain, Conroy Blood, Jamie Tyers, Emma Terry, Brendan Tate, Ren Woodward, Louisa Chen, Jacob Mulholland, Sam Lewis

In attendance: Mia Richter Weinstein (Noise, 365), Billy Scharzenberger Moran (Noise, 365), Marcus Pepperell (Noise), Shimi Srinivasan, Owen Marsden-Readford (SAlt), Julia Thamopoulous (SAlt), Lachlan McGrath (SAlt), Luke Levett, Ellie Beck (Gamamari), Sankalp Behara (Gamamari, Together Again), Ishika Mahajan, You Wei Chung, Zane Comarmond

Apologies: Joseph Bellia, Brendan Tate, Danielle Moutopoulos, Alexandra Egan

Absent: Luke Cox, Quinn Huang, Cora Yang, Brydie Zorz

1. MEETING OPENING

The meeting opened at 6:34 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 J. Bellia, B. Tate, D. Moutopoulos and A. Egan.

The following proxies were advised:

- B. Tate proxying to E. Terry
- A. Bajracharya proxying to J. Tyers
- D. Moutopoulos proxying to E. Zhong

RESOLUTION

THAT the apologies received from J. Bellia, B. Tate, D. Moutopoulos and A. Egan 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 24 February 2025

THAT the minutes from the SRC meeting held on 24 February 2025 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

1.4.2 Matter arising/ action list

N/A

1.5 Meeting Administration

1.5.1 Trigger Warning Announcement

The President completed a trigger warning announcement. Discussions will include

- War and the military



- Rape and Gendered violence
- Mental health and academic stress
- Islamophobia and Anti-semitism

1.5.2 Safer Spaces Policy Reminder

The Safer Spaces Policy was read, and key expectations reiterated to attendees of the meeting.

1.5.3 Selection of meeting observer

E. Terry was appointed as meeting observer.

1.5.4 Items flagged for immediate discussion

The President spoke briefly toward the SRC Charter changes.

2 MATTERS FOR DECISION

2.1 Protest UNSW's Climate Crimes

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Climate change continues to stand as an important issue to students.
- Criticism was voiced towards the university's 'greenwashing' attempts.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC supports the 9th April 'Protest UNSW's Climate Crimes' Speak-out.

CARRIED

2.2 SimSchool Fee

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Students should not have to pay additional fees for their education/qualifications on top of existing university fees, especially in the face of the cost-of-living crisis.
- By voicing strong opposition towards this newly introduced fee, a good precedent can be set for students to stand against further fee introduction.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC endorses the 'Reimburse mandatory \$80 SimSchool fee for student teachers' petition.

CARRIED

2.3 Oppose Rise in Global Militarism

The paper was taken as read.

- An amendment was made to the key points of the resolution
 - Addition of: The SRC condemns Right Wing Pro War events on campus. University campuses should not be a place to celebrate militarism and death.

For the motion:

- Promotion of militarism on campus can make students feel unsafe
- Criticism was voiced towards 'silent' stances on militarism



There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC opposes the global rise in militarism.

CARRIED

2.4 Labor Inaction on Cost-of-Living Crisis

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- The Labor party was criticized for not taking meaningful action to address the cost-of-living crisis and its prioritization of major companies over the working class.
- Support was voiced for measures such as rent caps, building more affordable housing and an increase in welfare payments.

Against the motion:

- The Labor party has provided a progressive budget in comparison to the past 15 years which has supported the working class, enabling, for example, fully funded public education. The Council was encouraged to consider the Opposition's budget which would include cuts to Medicare and essential services.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC condemns Labor's inaction on the cost of living crisis.

CARRIED

2.5 Standardised Assessment Timing

The paper was taken as read.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC will advocate for the introduction of standardised assessment due times across all courses.

CARRIED

2.6 Caps on Final Assessment Weighting

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Capping final assessment weighting to 40% and introducing smaller tests throughout the term would provide a low-cost solution that would benefit students' wellbeing and mental health.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC will advocate for the introduction of a 40% cap on final examination weighting across all courses.

CARRIED

2.7 Extension System on Assignments

The paper was taken as read.



For the motion:

- A standardised extension system would reduce pressure and mental load on students to prepare documentation for an extension application during an already stressful period.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC pushes the university to adopt a universal short extension system.

CARRIED

2.8 Oppose Islamophobia and anti-Semitism on Campus

The paper was taken as read.

- An amendment was made to the key points of the resolution
 - Removal of 'The SRC opposes the presence on campus of any individual who spreads hateful rhetoric or seeks to justify violent acts and war crimes.'

RESOLUTION

THAT the SRC opposes the rise of Islamophobia and anti-Semitism on our campus and communities.

CARRIED

2.9 KU Leuven

The paper was taken as read.

For the motion:

- Lack of disciplinary action towards a guilty conviction sets a dangerous precedent for future cases and further discourages victims to speak up.
- Unanimous concern was raised for student safety as UNSW is a part of an exchange program with KU Leuven.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION

THAT the UNSW SRC supports demands for KU Leuven to take disciplinary action against medical student found guilty for rape.

CARRIED

2.10 Open Letter for Free Speech in the US

The paper was read to the council.

For the motion:

- Freedom of speech is an international issue, so it is crucial that the SRC supports this motion to set a standard and make their stance clear.

There were no speakers against the motion.

RESOLUTION:

THAT the SRC support the open letter for free speech in the United States.

CARRIED



3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1. Improve Estate Management

Discussion:

- The Council highlighted numerous instances of issues with Estate Management including
 - Lack of follow-through on initiatives such as the Free Period Products campaign
 - Removal of postering in breach of UNSW postering policy
 - Continued lack of permanent space for FoodHub
 - Lack of response towards push for increased accessibility on campus
- A working group will be formed to present a cohesive campaign to Estate Management

4 Office Bearer reports

All available reports were taken as read.

4.1. President

4.2. General Secretary

4.3 Education Officer

- The Education Officer spoke to the upcoming Federal Election, the NUS and the Labor Party in addition to their report.

4.4 Environment Officer

- The Environment Officer spoke to a need for increased activism on campus to raise student awareness of ongoing critical issues such as the Election, anti-Trump campaign and environmental concerns.

4.5 Ethnocultural Officer

- The Ethnocultural Officer noted that they would like to participate in the working group to improve Estate Management, citing lack of air conditioning and wi-fi in buildings across campus.

4.6 Indigenous Officer

The Indigenous Officer provided a verbal report:

- Organisation of NAIDOC alongside Collectives who have offered to support
- Creation of new social media platforms for the Indigenous Collective
- Continued work on the report regarding issues Indigenous students have faced at UNSW
- Acknowledgement of the Bring Them Home report anniversary

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 Meeting finalisation
7.1 Meeting evaluation

The meeting was engaging with lots of good discussion on each of the motions. The council was encouraged to investigate and discuss disagreements further so that the Council can arrive at a position that represents the interests of the student body,

7.2 Next meeting date: 2 June 2025

7.3 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:47pm.

Diya Sengupta, SRC President

04/08/2025