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MINUTES

of the 11th meeting of the 87th Executive Committee, held in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices, on 11th June 2015

PRESENT: Kyol Blakeney (Chair), Daniel Ergas*, Max Hall^, Chiara Angeloni^, Laura Webster, Subeta Vimalarajah, Georgia Kriz by phone, Alison Xiao.

Apologies: Madison McIvor and Christopher Donovan

Minutes: Julia Robins

Meeting Opened: 11:13

*^Joint position holders, counted together towards quorum.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Cadigal people of the Eora nation. We pay our respects to the elders both past and present of the Eora nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Apologies were accepted

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 27th May were circulated.

Anna Hush

Motion: that the minutes of the 27th May be accepted, signed and adopted.

Moved: Subeta Vimalarajah

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

Meeting moved in camera 11:17.

Meeting moved ex camera 11:19.

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

For exec:

Just to let you know I've qualified for as a first aider. It's good for 3 years, apart from CPR, which needs updating each 12 months. I would also like to do asthma and anaphylaxis as a specialty course. It's \$80. I'd love it if you paid for it, but I'm doing it anyway.

Thanks
Mel

[Melissa de Silva has more to report in person at the meeting]

Mel: I did the first aid course it was really good. (I've not3ed this that it was good) there is a second one that is specifically for anaphylaxis and asthma. This is because you can die really quickly from that. Response times are fast but you can still die in the time it takes to get here, so having someone trained in what to do can be really beneficial in an emergency.

The meeting moved in camera: 11:25

The meeting moved ex camera: 11:30

Motion: that the report of the Workplace Health and Safety Officer be accepted with all included costs.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. President's Report

Kyol Blakeney: First, Ed McMahon USU director and I are looking at creating a file share service, it's a big project and we will probably put it on to someone else eventually. We're working on making sure it doesn't break the law or create issues regarding plagiarism, we're working on this with lawyers. I think the university will have some issues but it could be beneficial to them to change the style of sharing and fight some of the challenges about academic dishonesty they are dealing with that the moment.

I will be talking to Professor Shane Huston about looking into compulsory koori studies units in all degrees.

Did any one see the article in SMH about university political party donations? I'm going to talk about that to SCC.

Max Hall: six to seven universities have bans on political donations. We should ask them to adopt the policy.

Daniel Ergas: we should check out how they fund group of 8, and I know a lot of political money might be channel through group of 8.

Kyol: again if anyone wants to come to SCC it's on the 30th of June.

Two images were circulated for choice of images for acknowledgement poster. Poster 2 was chosen.

The last bit of my report is on academic standards meeting: we are now allowed the president and two other student representative's on academic board, I propose that we look how to put those position into our regulations so that we have the positions. There was a talk about electing them

separately but there is too much election fatigue on this campus already

Georgia Kriz: I think putting them in from exec is the easiest and best option.

Max Hall: I think we need policy nerd to go thought minuets and follow those things us. It's more likely we should get the people who are the most appropriate for the position rather than next in the faction al line.

Subeta Vimalarajah: I don't think there are policy nerds floating on campus who aren't already involved.

Daniel Ergas: I think it's really really important position and I think we need someone to follow through on these things at the same time and continue to contribute

Georgia Kriz: you're moving me around to that position. Let them nominate and then exec select the positions?

Max Hall: there is not really precedent form the SRC exec to appoint people to these positions? It's going to lead to factionalism as a point as well?

Kyol Blakeney: what's the harm in coming up with a few suggestions and letting council decide on how to do it?

Chiara Angeloni: I think I've noted that there is so much more scope for exec to do more than just attend fortnightly meeting. We have such an important role and wide scope so I think we should be getting them more involved in more specific things. I think continuity is important, so I think on a rotational basis we loose that continuity.,

Laura Webster: I agree with Chiara. I think that the fortnightly meeting also holds people to accountability?

Kyol Blakeney: so are we just going to get exec member? And take that to council?

Max Hall: shall we say that exec members are elected at preselection, and that two of those members will be jointly elected as the academic board members. So they have to be general exec members. So this means with quotas 1 of those positions will go to the majority and one will go to minority.

Daniel Ergas: I'm happy to take this to Peter McCallum, and I sell him this as how it will be done.

Kyol Blakeney: if you have any questions for Peter you should send them to Daniel Ergas.

Alison Xiao: I'm worried that people who would like to do this but don't want to be on exec.

Kyol Blakeney: this position requires close working with the president, so they need to be available and aware of responsibilities they can't just be anywhere before a meeting.

Chiara Angeloni: I know there are a lot of people who would be interested in this position but there is nothing to stop communication between these people and those who get the positions.

Kyol Blakeney: that's it for my report, any questions?

Chiara Angeloni: have you heard about uni study guides.com? It's specifically for UNSW so it's worth looking into as it been pretty successful there.

Subeta Vimalarajah: you probably need an incentive to get students to upload their notes

Max Hall: on a slightly different note, Andrew Passarello and I have had a conversation about counter course with education department. A lot of the information is out of date or repeated and not getting enough out to students and I think we could set up a website for students to directly upload their thoughts on the course.

Daniel Ergas: we could get the evaluations up online? Where people can submit what they want?

Max Hall: here is basically what we want – reviews, textbooks, and eventually build a timetable.

Kyol Blakeney: ok I want to get this [data base] started, let's not get ahead of ourselves.

Motion: that the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Vice Presidents' Report

Daniel Ergas: Cumberland love you Kyol. The Cumberland officers have a Facebook group and quoting them "we love Kyol, max is good too".

I've talked about the marking with Peter McCallum things that Subeta Vimalarajah said last meeting.

I'm talking to international students and meeting up with them next semester looking to do more things with ISL (international students lounge)

Motion: that the report of the Vice Presidents be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. General Secretaries' Report

Fun note from before there are 3956 courses offered by the university.

Now for our report:

General Secretaries' Report to Executive - 11.6.15

- **Visit to Cumberland campus** – Main two things were trying to get library hours extended slightly and improving the use and frequency of the shuttle bus to Lidcombe station.
- **Legal Service** – held a board meeting on Tuesday.
 - The board adopted a formal policy for the handling of case materials and
 - have begun to formalise the practice's policy on hosting interns and volunteers with a view to consistently having Sydney University students acquiring some practical training with us.
 - The board formally changed the "sex" question on the client form to "preferred gender".
 - We are following up on getting the practice access to the University subscriptions to legal databases.
 - Have discussed working with Thomas and an external barrister who does pro bono work for refugees to find some students who are willing to do paralegal type work on these matters.
- **SSAF**
 - The breakdown of the allocation for this year is yet to be published. This is slightly odd given arbitration and the final amounts were finalised over two months ago.
 - Have been in touch with the Registrar to clarify when this will happen and additionally request that the details of how the Capital Sinking Fund has been published be publicly available.
 - Have prepared a draft Memorandum of Understanding to circulate to the other Student Organisations. This is intended to formalise the principles that have informally guided SSAF negotiations in the past.
- **The Conservatorium** – communicating with Mary Osborne from the Con Students' Association about some issues they've had with their faculty.
- **Political donations made by the University** – have made a GIPA application for details of political donations made by the University. This application also includes a request for the details of what lobbying the University did (and is doing) on deregulation, including how much this lobbying has cost.

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries be accepted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Chitra Narayanan: update on the elections database. I've got some people coming into to have a look at what to do, they will let us know what the best course of action is they are ones we trust so

hopefully I'll have a recommendation for you next exec meeting.

The meeting moved in camera 11:24.

The meeting moved ex camera 11:30.

Motion: that the report of the Administration Manager be accepted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

Melissa de Silva: Once a year we have a conference, that conference will probably happen at the end of this year. It's cheaper when we host it. We are looking at fixing the database; file maker is the new programme and will build [the data base]. It will cost us about \$40 per person per year much cheaper than other options. I am going to fix up the e-news it shut down before because so much of our data was out of date but we're fixing that up.

We are about a year behind in filling. It's good because we are getting more students but but we are also getting more complex cases and so we have having to work a little of self care plan as we are getting some very challenging and heavily issues.

We are going to be updating our pamphlets they are very popular online, we are getting a few randoms sending us some questions which is cool, but also can be a challenge as we are not here for them, if the issue is simple and we know the answer of the top of our head we give it and if it is hard we let the know we can't help as we are a specific service. We are looking at setting up text reminders, but there are issues and costs around that so we are still workshopping that idea. There is an sms service on the Internet which is \$100 for 1000 texts? We can talk about that

Max Hall: there is some election trick you can set up your phone to the computer.

Melissa de Silva: I'm going to talk to you about that soon.

Motion: that the report of the Casework and Policy Manager be accepted.

Moved: Alison Xiao

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

12. SRC Legal Service Report

Thomas McLoughlin:

Kyol will be aware, we consolidated the amendment with the past constitutions, which is nice in that the current board members get to have their names on the constitution. The other thing to mention is I haven't gone through in detail the external examiners report of the trust accounts yet, he has billed us \$700, I'll have more to report when I've been thought it in more detail.

Motion: that the report of the Legal Service be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni
Seconded: Laura Webster
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Alison Xiao left the meeting 12:00

13. Approval of Payments

13.2 Reimbursements

Julia Robins (staff) - \$10 taxi home from council
Chitra Narayanan (staff) – \$23.40 Laminating
Max Hall (exec) - \$15 GIPA Application fee for University Political Donations
Subeta Vimalarajah (Indigenous) - \$44.76 food for Indigenous and Wom*n's Honi launch
Julia Readett (wom*ns) - \$192.10 food and drink for Indigenous and Wom*n's Honi launch
Georgia Mantle (Indigenous) - \$222 drinks for State of Origin event (27th May)
Clodagh Schofield (Enviro) - \$64 transport to ASEN swarm

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Laura Webster
Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Other Reports

14.1 Environment Officers

Dear Chiara and Max,

The Environment Collective would like to give the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy \$350 from our collective's budget.

Kind regards,
Callista Barritt and Marco Avena
Environment Collective Finance Officers

Motion: that we accept the report and all included expenditure.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni
Seconded: Daniel Ergas
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14.2 Queer Officers

Just a couple of events:

Name of event:	Queer Collaborations conference - accommodation
Details of event (place, time, date, etc):	Tuesday 7 July 2015 - Monday 13 July 2015
Date submitted for Executive approval:	9 June 2015
Description of event:	Queer Collaborations is the national queer students conference and this year it is being held at the ANU in Canberra. This is an opportunity to attend workshops on queer politics, activism, intersectionality and other issues relevant to queer students, as well as connect with other queer students across the country. The deposit of \$1296 was paid around 6 May 2015 and the balance of \$2160 is due on Tuesday, 16 June 2015. We had originally requested only \$3000 from our budget be put towards QC as we had been assured that the USU had allocated \$5000 towards funding QC. We were very recently advised that the amount approved by the USU was only \$1000 and we are currently fundraising the shortfall for accommodation and rego. In the meantime we'd like to put a little more of our budget towards QC to ensure that our members get access to this invaluable opportunity.
Aims and objectives of the event:	Educate, facilitate and build community
Are you requesting assistance from the SRC front office?	Only to pay the invoice
Financial breakdown	\$2160 (invoice attached)
When do you need items provided by?	16 June 2015

Also

Name of event:	Trivia Night fundraiser for Queer Collaborations conference
Details of event (place, time, date, etc):	Saturday 4 July 2015, 6-11pm STUCCO Hall
Date submitted for Executive approval:	9 June 2015
Description of event:	Trivia Night Fundraiser
Aims and objectives of the event:	Raise money for collective members to attend Queer Collaborations conference
Are you requesting assistance from the SRC front office?	No

Financial breakdown	\$100 - snacks & decorations \$100 - raffle prizes
When do you need items provided by?	4 July 2015

Motion: that we accept the report and all included expenditure.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Women's report:

Wom*n's Exec Report (11.06.15)

1. Stop Taxing My Period Campaign - meeting with Mehreen Faruqi and Larissa Waters
2. Verge Festival - putting together creative works for a Wom*n's Collective performance night

Meeting moved in camera: 12:35 pm.

Meeting moved ex camera: 12:40 pm.

Motion: that we accept the report.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Chitra Narayanan: Annual, 6th, 7th and 9th July, 3 days, 21 hours

Time In Lieu, 17th June, 1 day, 7 hours

Joyleen Sloane: Annual, 16th June, 1 day, 7 hours

Time In Lieu, 5th June, 1 day, 4 hours

Melissa de Silva: Annual, 18th June, 1 day, 7 hours

Julia Robins: Annual, 5th June, 1 day, 5 hours

Julie Harrison: Annual, 9th June, 1 day, 8 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15.2: money for RATE

Chiara Angeloni: Various groups offered to donate so far we've only received a formal offer from the environment collective.

Kyol Blakeney: So we fund this through getting Chitra sending the \$2000 and then collective can transfer that money from their budgets back to the SRC and the remainder will be from the discretionary fund

Meeting closed at 12:44.

