



MINUTES

of the 12th meeting of the 87th Executive Committee, held in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices, on 3rd July 2015.

PRESENT: Kyol Blakeney (Chair), Max Hall[^], Chiara Angeloni[^], Laura Webster.

Apologies: Christopher Donovan, Daniel Ergas, Madison McIvor, Alison Xiao,

In attendance: Subeta Vimalarajah Georgia Kriz by phone.

Minutes: Julia Robins

Meeting Opened: 11:28

**[^]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

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 11th June were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 11th be accepted signed and adopted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received by the executive

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

Melissa de Silva entered the meeting at 11:32

Melissa de Silva: 2 things – 1 panic buttons - currently they are door bells, they are good but they are a little temperamental and will go off on their own sometimes. We've been trying to get the university to help us get actual panic buttons but it has been difficult to get them to do anything, however it does look like this will be happening now, the security response time if we get the panic button is around 4 minutes.

2 – However if we push a panic button after hours the response time would be a longer, this is why casework does not see students after 4 so there is minimal risk.

Security uses a swipe card system linked to the university, this logs who enters where and when, and is stored by the university's archiving system. Now if we were to adopt this system as an organisation there is a possibility that anyone who enters here can have their record of comings and goings after hours to the building accessed by the police, but it is unlikely they would, I've been told really it would only be for armed robbery or assault level charges that access would be asked for or granted, but you can't be sure. It is however good for security afterhours access.

If this was to be adopted it could be quite expensive.

Kyol Blakeney: where would the cost come from?

Melissa de Silva: Our in kind agreement with the university, this means they we have an amount of money available for us and we usually only use a little bit of that money.

Kyol Blakeney: I'm worried about the connection and access of security and their ability to come here as they please. These are the same people who often intimidate and harass our students during protests.

Melissa de Silva: here will have to be some sort of discussion and agreement made with the university security when negotiating this.

Melissa de Silva left the meeting at 11:40

Motion: that the report of the Workplace Health and Safety Officer be accepted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. President's Report

Kyol Blakeney gave a verbal report:

Kyol Blakeney: Just before I went on leave at last meeting we talked about academic board, we should sort this out as soon as possible to get it in before rep-select.

Laura Webster: Isn't too late for electoral changes?

- Clarification of the regulations found that it was the creations of new officers and therefore did not effect the regulations pertaining directly to elections, but part 1.3. Could have an impact on the running of rep-select-

Subeta Vimalarajah: I think accountability is the most important thing

Georgia Kriz: My biggest concern is accountability, and that they will have not be held to account by the executive if they are not apart of them in terms of regular reporting.

Max Hall: I think the selecting them from the general executive is good, but council should elect them.

Laura Webster: They should be from general executive, I don't think there should be other ballot, I think it should be chosen by the executive members at the first executive meeting.

Max Hall: that's not very democratic

Chiara Angeloni: I think that's not the matter, it is whether we will get someone who will do the work.

Subeta Vimalarajah: I reckon it should just be decided by executive, and follow the SRC elections and should be involved that way and so the executive should be the ones making the decision as they will be the most affected.

Georgia Kriz: I agree with Subeta.

Chiara Angeloni: Logistically you need 6 of 7 votes for executive? I think it's best decided by the executive.

Max Hall: I'm concerned that what we are doing is creating a precedent, that the exec makes these calls over the council?

Subeta Vimalarajah: That assumes that council will not somehow create a situation where someone who is going to do the job will be locked out for factional reasons but would otherwise be able to get the position.

Kyol Blakeney: so it should read

The two people that will sit on academic board next year will be from the general executive and elected by the executive.

Since I've been back I've been talking to James about engineering's academic compliance issues. There was essentially a situation where the whole year were brought into a lecture theatre and told 'this side was purposely plagiaristic and this side were negligent'. Which is not the proper procedure. We are looking into this.

The university's strategic plan: As far as I understand with the changes to the university, there looks like there will be a cut down and a lot of admin staff will be losing their jobs.

Max Hall: Do we know who they are?

Kyol Blakeney: not really yet, we will talk to the EAG with regards to what we should do about this. In terms of strategic plan discussion paper the next one will be out in possibly the next month.

Max Hall: Will we get to see the next draft?

Kyol Blakeney: Not sure we will look into this.

The idea of the discussion paper is to get feed back, in terms of staff cuts we don't have a figure and there was no time line given. [Vice Chancellor Michael] Spence is going to give me survey responses from the discussion paper so we can see if they are legit or not.

With regards to re-O Day stalls, I was talking to Alisha and they are going to be \$2000 each. A discussing about how much we are going to get needs to happen, and how much we can spend.

Georgia Kriz: We should just tell Alisha to get f**ked.

Max Hall: I agree we should remind them that we try not to pay for things where possible as we use our money to help students.

Motion: that the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Vice Presidents' Report

From Daniel Ergas:

- I've met with the Chair of Academic Board re: blind marking (ie. all students' work is marked without identifiers except their student number) – it's not currently in the academic policy and outlines, but he thinks it's a really important and good idea. We're meeting with the Deputy VC Education to work on this in the next couple of weeks.
- Will strategise with inter-campus [officers] for their policy work for the next semester.
- Will work with SRC caseworkers to do more promo work in ISL + multi-lingual handouts.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. General Secretaries' Report

Chiara Angeloni: Same as what we would have given at the council meeting, that was sadly inquorate.

I went to the focus group for the university discussion paper. And was also at SCC were it was discussed. We've been looking at the megaphones which brings us to getting a regulations written up for the next council meeting to lay out what the of borrowing form the pool of resources for office bearers would look like.

Draft policy is:

- a) The SRC Administration Staff may approve a request from an Office-Bearer to borrow a resource from the Office-Bearers' resources pool.
- b) The Office-Bearer will have to complete a Resources Loan form.

- c) The Administration Staff will maintain a record of the state of the resource(s) before and after the Office-Bearer borrows it.
- d) The resource(s) must be returned to the SRC for assessment before being subsequently loaned by the SRC to another Office-Bearer.
- e) The Executive shall specify the period of time in which a resource will be loaned out to an Office-Bearer.
- f) If the resource(s) is lost or damaged while under the care of the Office-Bearer, the funds to replace or repair the resource(s) will come out of that Office-Bearer's budget.

It's that last point that is tricky one, should it come out of the pocket of the officer bearer and not the budget? This is what is currently is for all other things.

When we are looking at things like megaphones and PA systems cost so much more money.

If a OB talks out a megaphone at the end of the year and doesn't return it, the next exec would struggle to get the money out of the individual or the departments budget.

Subeta Vimalarajah: I think it's tricky if things get damaged by accident it's a little harsh to make them pay, also chasing them up is going to be challenge

Max Hall: I think that for people who have a proclivity for stealing things, it's important to keep it as coming out of the office bearers pockets, but then it's up to exec's discretion to follow through with that.

Max Hall: On Wednesday we had a meeting about what we want to do for the remainder of the year. And we have about 21 projects we are going to try get done. One is getting SSAF published publicly online we're yet to hear back from Tyrone about that. I have been working with Melissa de Silva to get a texting reminder system up and running for the casework department. We heard back that there were no political donations being made by the university. Tim Sullivan and Subeta Vimalarajah and I talked at council about putting forward a submission to extend library hours during Stu-vac as there are many students studying in the cold when fisher shuts down for 3 hours. We've sent off the renewed contract to Annie and Thomas.

Kyol Blakeney: Annie Zeng has signed and returned her contract; we are just waiting on Thomas McLoughlin.

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Georgia Kriz

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Chitra Narayanan enters at 12:10 and asked to move in camera

It was seconded by Laura Webster,

The meeting moved in camera at 12:11

The meeting moved ex camera at 12:36

Subeta Vimalarajah left the meeting while in camera.

Chitra Narayanan: With the ATO. I need an AUSKey. They need something from an exec meeting say that the contact person should be [Chitra Narayanan] and everyone else should be deleted. The people holding those positions are the president and general secretaries.

I'm requesting \$400 for key card access for the storeroom and the front door (to the admin office). And update on the elections data base, they've had to rebuild the elections data base as it was too damaged to salvage, I've sent around a circular explaining that, it will be online this month so we'll be testing that out to make sure there are no glitches.

We need to be up to date with the ACNC, they just need Kyol's information as a director but none of that is publicly accessible other than his name. Apart from that I've applied for a masters of IT, I'm only applying for it so nothing confirmed yet but I'll need 5 hours study leave as per our EBA, should I be successful. For those of you who don't I was doing accounting before and it never really affected my work here.

Kyol Blakeney: Can we talk about the swipe cards after the meeting?

Chitra Narayanan: Sure

Max Hall: Can we get a doorbell at the front?

Chitra Narayanan: Yeah, good idea, for security reasons.

Chitra Narayanan left the meeting at 12:44

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was no report from the Casework and Policy Manager

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was no report from the legal service

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Reimbursements

Alexi Polden (Honi Soit) - \$15 GIDA application.
Alexi Polden (Honi Soit) - \$72 GIDA and Company information requests for story.
Peter Walsh (Honi Soit) - \$107 mid semester reporter drinks.
James Campbell (Casework) - \$23.68 locks for quad display case.
Sharon Maher (Casework) - \$45 taxi to concord hospital for meeting with student
Joyleen Sloane (Admin) - \$7.70 band aids for first aid kit
Subeta Vimalarajah (Wom*n's) - \$200 reimbursement for NOWSA conference
Samual Brazel (Indigenous) - \$1962.40 uniform supplies for Indigenous Games

13.2 Invoices

\$500 to Roger Green for video shoot at The University of Sydney for Vivid festival.
\$500 to Julian Myron Neill, Graffiti Artist, for Performance Cost.
Both from Indigenous Collective's budget.

Motion: that the reimbursements and invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Other Reports

14.1 Wom*n's Officers

Exec Report - Wom*n's Collective

1. Contingent for Forced Closures Rally on Sunday - RENT visit w Julia
2. Feminist Education Workshops - volunteer groups & chasing up schools
3. Holiday working group - organise/ finalise all bags
4. Alisha & Sarah grievance - closed
5. Stop Taxing My Period campaign - state treasurer focus, parody video
6. Verge Festival
7. Rad Sex & Consent
8. Sexual Harassment Campaign

Motion: that the report of the Wom*n's Officer be accepted

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Julie Harrison: Annual, 29/06/15 – 02/07/15, 4 days, 32 hours

Mickie Quick: Annual, 29/06/15 – 07/07/15, 4.5 days, 31.5 hours
Sharon Maher: Time in lieu, 21/08/15 – 12/08/15, 1day, 7 hours
Time in lieu, 03/07/15 – 03/07/15, 1 day, 2.5 hours
Annual, 16/11/15 – 20/11/15, 5 days , 35 hours
Julia Robins: Annual, 17/06/15 – 17/06/15, 1 day, 4 hours.
Annual, 23/06/15 – 23/06/15, 1 day, 4 hours
Annual, 22/07/15 – 24/07/15, 3 days, 13 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Meeting closed at 12:49.

APPENDIX
