



MINUTES

of the 4th meeting of the 87th Executive Committee, held in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices, on 17th February 2015.

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

Apologies: Madison Mclvor, Daniel Ergas, Georgia Kriz and Christopher Donovan.

In attendance: Melissa de Silva, Chitra Narayanan, Thomas McLoughlin

Minutes: Leeanna Spencer

Meeting Opened: 11:06am

[^]Joint position holders, counted together towards quorum.

Melissa de Silva entered the meeting at 11:06am.

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 received from Madison Mclvor, Daniel Ergas, Georgia Kriz and Christopher Donovan.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 6th February 2015 were circulated.

Correction: Item 5, Riki Scanlan's name spelt incorrectly.

Motion: that the minutes of the 6th February 2015 be accepted, signed and adopted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) President's follow up on Academic Board – do new dux entry scheme bridging courses require pass/fail or specific grade?

Academic board has not yet convened again.

- b) General Secretaries follow up on CET and SSAF, and CET eligibility for SRC services.

The General Secretaries said a decision should be held off until SSAF negotiations are concluded and it's known whether funding is available for an extra day for the legal service. There was a discussion with the other student organisations about the possibility of CET giving a contribution for use of services. In principle however, they believe CET students should have access to services.

c) General Secretaries' discussion with Interfaith Officers re. O-Week booth.

Chiara has discussed with Fatema other options for the hijab booth (if a booth extension breaches USU O-Wk exclusivity regulations), either negotiating an arrangement with the USU or booking a separate room.

d) President to provide Senate meeting dates to Education Officers.

This item was completed.

e) Review of SRC printing policies.

Kyol Blakeney reported: The current printing policy of the President being the sole signatory is an issue when the President can't be present. Will be proposing at the next Council meeting that a formal printing policy is added, there is currently nothing outlined except the legal matters regarding printing the SRC logo. The proposal is to change the policy so that paid executives or executive members can sign off on printing requests.

Laura Webster: this issue was discussed in the last year's executive, and issues were raised about one executive member potentially 'going rogue' and not abiding to budgets. 10 (signatories) is too many, but President & General Secretaries would be ok.

Max Hall: does the President check all printing content?

Kyol Blakeney: the President DPS's all content and checks for the logo.

Max Hall: Signatories would have to be someone with defamation training. Agreed with President and General Secretaries being delegated. Suggested the policy be written and implemented from now but moved as policy at the next Council meeting.

5. Correspondence

The Chair moved that the meeting go in camera.

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

In camera at 11:20am.

Ex camera at 11:25am.

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

Melissa de Silva gave a verbal report:

- Window frosting needs to be purchased for office windows, will be half height to allow for privacy yet allowing visibility if needed for fire or WHS emergency. President's blinds will be replaced with frosting.
Request that executive approve up to \$285.78 for window frosting (22 metres at \$12.99/m).

Melissa de Silva exited the meeting at 11:29am.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. President's Report

Kyol Blakeney gave a verbal report:

- Leaving tomorrow for Freedom Ride, along with Chiara and Max. Returning Sunday.
- SEG (ED) working group – James is writing a submission for Academic Board for essential health requirements re. students with disabilities. For more info, speak to James.
- Attended the Freedom Ride dinner on Friday, with many activists over 75 years old, and a few US civil rights activists. Amazing experience listening to so many left-wing, radical and well educated people of colour articulating their thoughts. It was spectacular and moving experience being in their presence, and the changes they made in the last 50 years.
- **Motion** that the Education and Women's officers be appointed as acting President for the duration of President's absence for the Freedom Ride (Wed 18th – Sun 22nd Feb).

Motion: that the report of the President be accepted including the motion therein.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

8. Vice Presidents' Report

There was no report of the Vice Presidents.

9. General Secretaries' Report

Chiara Angeloni and Max Hall gave a verbal report:

- SSAF Negotiations - The 2nd SSAF negotiations were held on Monday morning, discussions held with all the student organisations. Requests are all more than what the university has allocated, so we're now negotiating the division of funds. However we are hopeful of a resolution soon.
- Acquittal – will be submitted next week.
- O-Week – handbooks and showbag stuff is arriving. Will be looking for exec to help out at SRC stall. Main campus O-Wk is Wed-Fri. Con is on Monday and Cumbo on Monday. We'll be attending Cumbo O-Wk, yet to decide what times. Will be sourcing SRC reps to go hand out showbags and fliers, and get other campuses involved.
- Have contacted the coordinators for first year subjects, and faculty and school reps, to include SRC info in lectures and requested a formal email to be forwarded to students.
- Have put together a schedule for Honi OB reports. The General Secretary and Education Officer reports will be fortnightly and rotating, Women's will also be fortnightly with other collectives. This gives the opportunity for more regular reports for OBs. We've intentionally included more weeks for new collectives such as the Muslim Women's collective and the women of Colour collective. This should make the report pages more interesting.
- SCC met last week. Discussed lobbying the government for a train station at Victoria park and lifts at Redfern train station (ongoing campaign by the disability officers).

Kyol Blakeney added to the report:

- SCC also discussed concession Opal cards. The deal between the university and NSW trains comes at the cost of privacy. NSW Trains is able to keep track of students, monitoring travel if you take another route other than between university and home address. We are pushing Spence for a meeting with myself, the USU and NSW transport to lobby for changes so that students have the option to not register cards as you can with adult cards. It is unacceptable that Spence didn't consult students before the deal was made. Am happy to take other recommendations and will continue to lobby.

Alison Xiao asked about the SRC rebranding and new logo plans.

Max Hall answered that the plan is to take the proposal to the first council meeting.

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

Moved: Alison Xiao

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Chitra Narayanan entered the meeting at 11:45am.

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Chitra Narayanan gave a verbal report:

- **Request** for approval of up to \$250 for the Secretary to Council job advertisement.
- Need one more exec member for the selection panel in addition to Kyol. Laura Webster nominated, and was unanimously approved.
- All Honi computers have been wiped, and Pubs and Honi updated with the latest version of Adobe. Computers in the OB room have been installed.
- Apparently there is only \$10,000 left in renovation budget, suspect this is incorrect so will ask for the budget breakdown.

Laura Webster noted that the front doorbell is broken.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Chitra Narayanan exited at 11:50am.

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was no report of the Casework and Policy Manager.

Thomas McLoughlin entered the meeting at 11:50am.

12. SRC Legal Service Report

Thomas McLoughlin gave a verbal report:

- At the staff meeting yesterday talked about the concept that the SUPRA and SRC Legal Service could be restructured into one. Ingrid is the sole solicitor at SUPRA and often refer matters to each other in instances of conflict of interest/ specialised cases. Idea is good in theory, however it was raised that the university may have ulterior motives for supporting

such a case, as it reduces the power of the two student organisations, paves way for merger. Not sure if that's the case, nonetheless this is an interesting initiative to consider. Thomas can provide a memo to the legal board about potential implications.

- Safety & Security on campus – following recent terrorism arrests there is a possibility that campus security may become harsher and work more closely with police on campus.
 - Last Friday some students were attending protest in the city where police used capsicum spray and caused suffering to protesters. There have been no arrests and no requests for legal advice, however we can anticipate harsher public order and control. May be worth asking the VC at the next SCC what his thoughts are regarding security on campus and whether he foresees a change in harshness.
 - Recent incident on campus involving a mature age Middle Eastern student trying to engage Chinese students on university tour at the Quad. Campus security marched the student off campus informing him not to engage others. Example of security being overzealous in managing that space and changing the dynamic of lawful university activities.

Kyol Blakeney requested the written report on that incident if available.

Kyol asked for Thomas' views regarding the issue of CET and the legal service workload.

Thomas replied the extra day is needed if the funds become available. Helen Swartz from the VC's office called requesting stats for international and CET students. Redfern Legal Centre made a pitch to the university for funding because of their number of cases involving advice for international students (23). The university wanted to know why the SRC wasn't taking these cases. The total SRC legal service stats were 190 short cases and 80 full file cases, with 65% of those being international students, which is a lot more than the RLC is handling. SUPRA often refer urgent international matters to SRC and RLC, could explain those numbers.

Max Hall raised issue that the yellow legal service form for students has a binary gender category. Requested the form be changed to option for preferred gender and that Queer collective give advice as to what the update should be.

Thomas agreed with the proposal.

Thomas McLoughlin exited the meeting at 12:04pm.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Reimbursements

a) Reimbursement of \$157.50 to Thomas McLoughlin (Legal Service Director) for Law Society of NSW liability scheme fee.

b) Reimbursement of \$66.00 to Thomas McLoughlin for Legal Service Law diary.

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Subeta Vimalarajah

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Other Reports

There were no other reports

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Sharon Maher: TIL, 6/2/15, 7 hrs.

Melissa de Silva: Annual leave, 6/2/15, 2.5 hrs.

Melissa de Silva: Annual leave, 30/3/15 to 31/3/15, 14 hrs.

Sharon Maher: Annual leave, 27/4/15 to 1/5/15, 35 hrs.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Subeta Vimalarajah

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Meeting closed at 12:07pm.