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MINUTES

of the 7th meeting of the 87th Executive Committee, held in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices, on 9th April 2015.

PRESENT: Executive Committee: Kyol Blakeney (Chair), Daniel Ergas* (via phone), Max Hall^, Chiara Angeloni^, Laura Webster, Christopher Donovan, Subeta Vimalarajah (entered late), Alison Xiao (via Phone).

Apologies: Georgia Kriz, Madison Mclvor*

Minutes: Julia Robins

Meeting Opened: 11:05

*^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 received from Georgia Kriz, Madison Mclvor.

The Apologies were noted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the 23rd March 2015 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the meeting of the 23rd March 2015 be accepted, signed and adopted.

Moved: Max Hall

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence.

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

This week (ending Fri, 27 Mar 2015) some alcohol was found on the premises. As identified by Alexi this is not a breach of the swipe card access agreement which says "5. I will not consume alcohol...". While I believe there is no inherent problem with having alcohol on the premises, we have in past experienced massive problems with a person being intoxicated on the premises. As it is not possible to police who uses alcohol responsibly etc. I would like to propose that the usage

agreement be amended to read... "5. I will not have or consume alcohol at anytime with the SRC premises. Further I will not be affected by alcohol or other drugs while on the SRC premises."

Today (1st April, 2015) I spoke to the Admin Manager, Chits, who is experiencing some pain in her right wrist. She is consulting her doctor on Sunday. However in the meantime I have asked her to use her left hand for her computer mouse, and also to use talk to text software for the bulk of her typing.

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:

Since the last exec meeting there was a council meeting that didn't make quorum.

There has been an NDA and there was an action locking on to the quad before the university made a decision about its stance on de-regulation. I've been talking to Hannah Smith (National education officer) and Tom Nock about what to do if the (deregulation bill) is taken down at senate again and how to continue momentum with the education movement if this happens.

Since last meeting Julia Robins has been hired as the new Secretary to Council, there are also interviews happening soon for the Administration Assistant position, as Laura is going on maternity of leave. I've been looking into the Diploma of Law students having better

representation this was first looked into by David Pink, there is a problem with this as they do not fit in the universities structure like other undergraduates in terms of appeals systems and rights.

We've discussed handing out second hand bookshop flyers outside the co-op bookshop, as they are the main competition. Issues to do with Opal were attempted to be raised at the last SCC meeting, there was a presentation from Healthy Sydney Uni Mental Wellbeing, that took a long time so the rest of the agenda was rushed, but the issues of anti Semitism on campus was raised, I rejected the idea that the action of students were anti Semitic and that the issues in Palestine was not about race or religion but about freedom for the Palestinian people.

Thanks for Daniel for organising the lecture recordings forum I was sick and so unable to attend. Were there any questions?

Chiara Angeloni: to issues being raised were lecture recordings and the year 12 program. Do you think open letter in Honi about Lecture recordings will have an impact? And The Scots College diploma issues?

Kyol Blakeney: Scots will be raised at the next SCC meeting; there has been no admissions comity meeting since last exec meeting.

Max Hall: do diploma of law students pay SSAF?

Kyol Blakeney: I don't know, I'll need to look into that. All I know is they are not protected by the same appeals process as undergraduates.

Motion: that the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Christopher Donovan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Vice Presidents' Report

Verbal report: Daniel Ergas

Setting up the lecture recordings forum. Preparing for admissions committee meeting.

Also trying to access the regulatory documents of the SUSF about seeing if their governance is more open has been challenging that what I've been up to for the last week or so.

Laura Webster for Madison McIvor: Madison McIvor has been working on a spread sheet of all councillors and their policy statements.

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

Max Hall gave a verbal report:

We've been looking at the SSAF, the budget will be \$1,651,750.00 next year. There was an increase of \$40,000. The total pool of SSAF increased by 4.8%, USU got at 4.8% increase in funding and we got at 9% increase. We would appreciate input on how extra money could be divided, though most will be used up in ongoing running costs.

Still waiting on budget proposals from different departments. Working with Chitra and the OBs as to how the money should be spent, also happy to hear from as many people.

Hoping to get quorum to get the budget passed this year.

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Welcome to Julia who is our new secretary to council. Interviews for Laura's (admin Assistant) position will be happening tomorrow. Telstra used to be phone provided there was an accident and one of the phone lines remained open and the bill has been being sent to the USU the bill is \$3000 but we've been using it for 2 years so we should pay it. My old computer is dying so I need to get a new one Kyol has approved this.

The university not giving us a new printer to our specifications, due to the fact we can have a number of confidential documents I do not think it will be appropriate to have a shared printer like is used in the libraries for this reason I would like to request for \$500 for an Honi printer with a

scanner attached. This is a pretty decent price for a proper printer.

Meeting moved in camera at 11:25

Meeting moved ex camera 11:29

Motion: that the report of the Administration Manager be accepted including the requests therein.

Moved: Max Hall

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was no report this meeting from the Casework and Policy Manager.

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was no report from the Legal Service Manager.

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Reimbursements

- a) Erima Dall (Campus Refugee Action Collective) \$120 for A-Frame
- b) Erima Dall (Campus Refugee Action Collective) \$13 for A1 printing and laminating
- c) Leeanna Spencer (secretary to council) \$27.41 for taxi fare home after council meeting
- d) David Shakes (Education Action Group - EAG) \$82.04 food and drink for anti-fee deregulation BBQ snap action
- e) Andy Zephyr (EAG) \$237.95 for chalk materials, paint, cups, plaster and buckets
- f) Riki Scanlan (student housing) \$36.67 locks and chains for Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy
- g) Jethro Braico (Indigenous department) \$42.60 supplies for R.A.T.E
- h) Nathan S Anderson (Indigenous department) \$28.00 supplies for R.A.T.E
- i) Eden Caceda (Autonomous Collective Against Racism) \$195 Catering for O-Week event.
- j) Riki Scanlan (EAG) \$113.94 chains and padlocks for an action.

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.2 Requests for funding

Indigenous Officers:

The Indigenous Department requires \$600 from their budget to pay for the registration of the four office bearers to attend the ATSI Student Conference. Attached below is the brief for the event.

Kind Regards,

Georgia Mantle
Indigenous Office Bearer

Motion: motion to accept the request
Moved: Laura Webster
Seconded: Chiara Angeloni
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Other Reports

14.1 Publication Managers Report

Report to Exec: 2/4/2015

RE: New Honi Soit Stands - follow-up report

Last week I presented a report to exec regarding purchasing new stands for Honi Soit, However, I totally underestimated the cost of delivery and have had to go back to the drawing board to find a reasonably priced supplier for what we are after. I got quotes from local manufacturers which came to approx. \$1000 for 4 stands including delivery and many international suppliers required freight forwarding services to arranged by us. Eventually I've located an international supplier of a pre-made unit that will suit. The stands will be \$50 each (slightly larger than the one pictured) and delivery will be \$250.

Four stands are required:
1 or 2 stands for Eastern avenue/Carslaw
1 stand for Wentworth
1 stand for Holme
1 spare stand

TOTAL BUDGET = \$450 -\$500 (depending on final delivery cost)

Amanda LeMay & Michael Hender
SRC Publications Managers

Motion: To approve accept the pub managers report with the expenditure
Moved: Max Hall

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

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Melissa de Silva: Annual, 24/03/15 to 24/03/15, ½ day, 2 hours.

Sharon Maher: Time in lieu, 30/03/15 to 30/03/15, 1 day, 7 hours.

Julie Harrison: Annual, 02/04/15 to 02/04/15, 1 day, 8 hours. Time in lieu, 07/04/15 to 07/04/15, 1 day, 8 hours.

Chitra Narayanan: Time in Lieu, 20/04/15 to 24/04/15, 5 days, 35 hours – this is changing leave from the 30th March to the 20th April.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Meeting closed at 11:33.