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MINUTES

of the 9th meeting of the 87th Executive Committee, held in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices, on 14th May 2015

PRESENT: Kyol Blakeney (Chair), Madison Mclvor*, Daniel Ergas*, Max Hall^, Chiara Angeloni^, Laura Webster, Subeta Vimalarajah.

Apologies: Christopher Donovan, Georgia Kriz, Alison Xiao.

In attendance: Kyol Blakeney, Madison Mclvor, Daniel Ergas, Max Hall, Chiara Angeloni, Laura Webster, Subeta Vimalarajah.

Minutes: Julia Robins

Meeting Opened: 11:08 am

*^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: Christopher Donovan, Georgia Kriz, Alison Xiao.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the 24th April were circulated.

Corrections Scott's to Scots, fix add to ad. 14. 2 and .3 need to be capitalised.

Motion: that the minutes of the 24th April be accepted signed and adopted.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

5. Correspondence

Dear Kyol Blakeney,

My name is Shahan, I am a student at USYD. I would like to submit a proposal to start an ongoing publication with SRC support. I was wondering if we could arrange to meet to discuss details of the proposal to see if it may be of interest to SRC.

The publication is intended to be an A4 sized, approximately 30-40 page publication that has focus on current political and social issues relevant to students and the general public.

It is intended to be an 'A political' platform for regular contributors and aspiring writers to submit articles based on specific themes as set out by the publication and notified of in advance, as well as a space for contributors to write on topics that they deem of interest themselves. It is intended to give a range of views on a specific issue and as such would offer articles that support a particular stance, whilst the next article would offer a case against that particular stance. An example may be 'the case for fee deregulation' and 'the case against fee deregulation'.

This is of course a short summary of the outline of the article as I see it.

If you feel this publication may have some value and would like to discuss more then I would welcome a meeting and would be available toward the end of this week or beginning of next. If so, could you tell me what you require of me to get the most out of the meeting.

Thanks for your time, I hope to hear back from you soon.

Shahan Garroun
 Bachelor of international and Global Studies
 SID 440325561

Kyol Blakeney: we will kindly reject the application as we already have Honi Soit, and don't have the funding for new publications, we wish them all the best in their future student journalism and ask if they would like to write for Honi Soit.

6. **Workplace Health and Safety Report**

Incident Reported By:	Melissa de Silva
Reporters Contact No:	9660 5222
Person Affected:	Guaxin Alicia LIN (0478 809 488)
Job Position:	Student – was walking past the SRC
Place & Time Of Incident:	Approx 3:30pm, Mon 4 th May, 2015. City Road outside the SRC
Date of Report:	4 th May, 2015
Occurred During: (Delete As Appropriate)	Normal work time – not an employee or SRC rep
Describe Accident And Injury:	Alicia was walking down the footpath while looking at her phone. She tripped and fell on her hands and knees.
Preventative Measures: (Delete As Appropriate)	Other (specify) – help student to realise importance of watching where you are walking
Details: (Include Treatment Giver)	Breda Dee used alcohol swabs to wipe grazes, then Melissa de Silva took student to the University Health Service where nurse cleaned wounds then doctor checked for other damage.

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. President's Report

Kyol Blakeney gave a verbal report:

Last meeting I had was SEGED, here we discussed the pilot program to make available the student feedback on courses, this will be opened from 2016 and then will be reassessed at the end of the year. We are thinking about making them public, but for privacy reasons it would be numerical data and not comment driven in order to protect students anonymity. You will need a unikey to access them.

Max: would we be able to push for a timeline? And shouldn't we make them totally publicly available then for future students? If it's anonymous why not?

Kyol Blakeney: I'll have to look into that.

I'm off to Sydney College of the Arts, there has been an issue about the busses not showing up and there being limited space. There are discussions about this but there is more to be done and I'm worried that students aren't able to get to class. I don't think a bigger bus is going to do it, there needs to be a bus with more frequency.

Other than that Chiara Angeloni and I are doing staff consults today tomorrow and Monday.

Motion: that the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Daniel Ergas

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Vice Presidents' Report

Madison McIvor: Just working on all the projects that we have been reporting on so nothing new there

Daniel Ergas: We are meeting with the cumbo student's guild this week to talk about issues at Cumberland like the ones mentioned by Kyol.

Chiara Angeloni: did you go to the academic standards meeting? Did they discuss 100% exams?

Daniel Ergas: They did. They seem to have decided that they weren't against policy but there would be an optional assessment to get feed back on before 100% exams. But there are clearly a lot of inconsistencies in the policies.

Max Hall: If you do the other assessment does it go towards your final marks?

Daniel Ergas: As far as I understand it is optional but not compulsory, you can choose for it not to go towards your final mark. It's not very clear

Kyol Blakeney: How's the diploma of law going.

Daniel Ergas: drop the ball on that one this week, getting back onto in the next few weeks.

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

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. General Secretaries' Report

Chiara Angeloni: **WE PASSED OUR BUDGET UNANIMOSLY!**

Max Hall: Pundits say it is the best budget in SRC history.

Subeta Vimalarajah: when I think about that budget it makes me so happy.

Max Hall: There are actually a couple of things that need to come out of that. I need to add to my report that from the budget exec needs to approve the increase in the stipend for Honi Soit so I'm adding a motion to that effect in this report.

Motion: That the executive accept a rise of the stipend of Honi Soit Editors from 40,000 to 44000.

I also have another motion that needs approval

Motion: That an account be created on the OB room computers for use of the members of the Campus Refugee Action Collective.

The only other thing is a little follow up work on the budget and such, we have started looking at what else we are going to do for the rest of the year, there is more than we can possibly get done but the major ones are rebranding work and looking at policy work.

Chiara Angeloni: with the budget we had added some discretion funding that was to go to the Mega Phones, with regards to this there are a few things for how we would loan these out.

Draft policy -

Up to two megaphones may be lent out to an SRC Office-Bearer for up to 48 hours.

The Administration Staff may approve a request from an Office-Bearer to loan out up to two megaphones for a specific purpose. The Office-Bearer will be required to leave their University of Sydney student card (or another appropriate form of identification) with the Administration Staff for the duration of time when the megaphones are lent out. If the megaphone(s) is lost or damaged under the care of the Office-Bearer, the funds to replace or repair the megaphone(s) will come out of that Office-Bearer's budget.

What do people think? What should the protocol be around how many and how much we lend out at a time?

Kyol Blakeney: In terms of things being broken if that officer bearer takes it out and it's gets broken that is their responsibility. We should be checking before and after it gets lent out to make sure we know the condition it is taken out and returned in.

Subeta Vimalarajah: If there is a repair necessary then I agree we should take it out of their budget.

Daniel Ergas: Should it be the collective's liability? Shouldn't it be on the office bearer?

Subeta Vimalarajah: As it is, the collective gets punished if and OB gets it wrong, the collective can decide about the outcome if the OB needs to pay the collective back or not when things go wrong.

Max Hall: A 24 hour loan is a simple thing and keeping the systems we have in place, a rally the size we would like to be having would need to have at least 2 out at a time anyway. If there is a reason that the regular system doesn't work they can get in touch with exec via secretary to council.

Chiara Angeloni: I was thing along the lines of what if there is more than one rally in different places or something?

Max Hall: Then First come first served, they can negotiate between themselves.

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries be accepted with included motions:

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Every year we have a bunch of loan we right off, this is because we can't get back, usually we are not going to get them back as they are from international students who have left and it's been too long to make them recoverable.

TO : SRC Executive

CC : Chitra Narayanan

DATE : 6/5/2015

FROM: Hani Bawazir

SUBJECT: Financial Year-End Adjustment B & A Fund

I hereby submit a report to executive regarding the suggested provisions for doubtful debts and the proposed write-offs of bad debt of the B & A Fund for the financial year ended 30/11/2014. If approved, these journal entries will be recorded into the accounts of the 87th Council.

I am requesting the current executive authorise to approve on behalf of the 87th executive the write off of \$1,450 for bad debts, which is made up of 27 emergency loans and authorise a provision of \$710 represents 15 emergency loans. All the before-mentioned loans have been categorised as delinquent due to the borrower's refusal to honour their loan contracts.

The period that we are writing off this bad debt is from 2009-2011. See attached for the details.

So we are asking for some snap poster frames for the front office and we would like 15 A3 snap poster frames and one foyer stand. The Total is \$736.45 we would also like to replace our beloved trolley, which was lost in the renovations it's \$158.

We are meeting about the left over money from the renovations, looking into signage and looking at getting a little more sound proofing between the rooms as the ceiling panels are very thin and sound carries which is not good for casework or legal, so we would be looking into getting some sound insulation.

Max Hall: is there a time frame of when we need to spend the money from the renovations?
Chitra Narayanan: we need to spend it by the end of this year

Signage is probably only going to cost us \$350- form the renovations fund

Honi want Adobe premier pro, It's only \$16 but expires on the 25th June, but Honi really only need it for a couple of weeks, so if we could approved that it would be good.

Finally it turns out the printer in the Honi room is fine and they actually need a scanner. It's less than the printer will only cost \$250 including shipping.

The meeting was moved in camera 11:45

The meeting moved ex camera 11:47

Motion: that the report of the Administration Manager be accepted including motions and expenditure.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was no report form the Casework and Policy Manager

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was not report form the Legal Service

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Invoices

Environment Officers have requested 10 tickets for the Students of Sustainability Conference to be taken out of their conference budget. Cost is \$1100 invoice attached.

Motion: that the invoices be approved.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.2 Reimbursements

Trelby O'Connor (Enviro Collective) - \$95.41 for Materials for Divestment day action.

Jay Gilleatt (Enviro Collective) - \$40.00 for food for divestment day.

Subeta Vimalarajah (Wom*n's Collective) - \$14.90 postage, letter of support to Purvi Patel

Astha Rajvanshi (Honi 2014) - \$300 Honi App Launch and Reporter Drinks

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Mickie Hender: Annual 05/05/15 to 05/05/15, 1 day, 7 hours.

Annual 12/05/15 to 12/05/15, 1 day, 7 hours.

Lorna Pringle: Annual 11/05/15 to 11/05/15, 1 day, 2 hours.

Annual 15/05/15 to 15/05/15, 1 day, 5 hours.

Hani Bwt: Annual 29/04/15 to 29/05/15, 1 day, 7.5 hours.

Sharon Maher: Annual 27/04/15 to 30/04/15, 4 days, 28 hours.

Time in Lieu 25/05/15 to 25/05/15, 1 day, 7 hours.

Melissa de Silva: Time in Lieu 18/06/15 to 18/06/15, 1 day, 3 hours.

Annual 29/04/15 to 29/04/15, 1 day, 7 hours.

Laura Kitsos: Annual 18/05/15 to 20/05/15, 3 days, 21 hours.

Maternity Leave 21/05/15 till end of maternity leave (TBC by Hani)

Annual leave from End of maternity leave to 16/05/16.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Other business 15.2

Suzanne Nassif has sent in her resignation, she would like her position go to a Wom*n's collective member, we just need to pass this onto the collective and remind them that the candidate needs to have been on the Ballot.

Meeting was moved in camera 11:54

Meeting closed at 12:02.

APPENDIX
