



MINUTES:

of the 1st special meeting of the 87th Council held on **Wednesday the 15th April 2015**. Meeting will held in the **Professorial Boardroom Quadrangle**.

Minutes: **Julia Robins**

A. Meeting Open

The meeting opened at 6:15 pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

Kyol Blakeney assumed the Chair as per SRC regulations.

Motion from the Chair that **Max Hall** be appointed Deputy Chairperson.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

B. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students' Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land (Sydney), the Cadigal people of the Eora nation. We stand on this land today as beneficiaries of an uncompensated and unreconciled dispossession that occurred over 200 years ago. Many of the descendants of those dispossessed live just down the road in abject poverty, and as young people it is important to recognise how this history of dislocation and disenfranchisement has contributed to the inequality we observe in modern society. We acknowledge both our privilege and our obligation to redress the situation as best we can: to remember the mistakes of the past, act on the problems of today, and build a future for everyone who now calls this place home, striving always for genuinely practical and meaningful reconciliation.

C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies

Madison Mclvor

Xiaoran Shi

Zoe Zaczek

Proxies

Elizabeth Li to Eden Faithfull

Christopher Donovan to Sean Nugent

Michael Elliott to Sean Tingcombe

Fiona Lieu to Cameron Caccomo

Arin Harman to Oliver Plunkett

Fahad Ali to Dylan Williams
Amy Knox to Isabella Brook
Jesse Seton to Alisha Aitken-Radburn
Suzzane Nassif to Robby Magyar (received at 5:30)

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

Before deciding on the EO's report they are checked by standing legal

Part 8 section 1: moved on block

CARRIED

Part 8 section 7 (e) up for discussion:

Kyol Blakeney read from the Electoral Officers Recommendations 9.2 with regards to the proposed changes to part 8 section 7 (e) of the regulations.

Riki Scanlan moved a motion that (iii) be struck from the report, on the grounds that they are the same thing only (iii) is more specific but does no more to address the problem than (i)

Moved: Riki Scanlan

Seconded: Paul Harrison

the motion was put and **CARRIED**

Motion to reject electoral officers report section 9.3's recommend changes to Part 8 section 7 (g) of the regulations

That part 8 section 7 g be struck.

Moved: Philippa Specker

Seconded:

Motion **CARRIED**

part 8 section 2 removed as unconstitutional

While recommendations of the electoral report were discussed and accepted the Report of the electoral officer was not accepted.

A procedural motion was moved by the chair to move to move to the first ordinary motion on notice. The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

MOTION #. 1

Honi Soit Casual Vacancy:

As per section s7 (f)(iii)(a) of the SRC Constitution, we the undersigned nominate **Samantha**

Jonscher to fill the casual vacancy left by the resignation of Lisa Xia as an editor of *Honi Soit*.

We ask that the Council use its powers under s7 (f)(iii)(b) to ratify this motion. (see attached signatures)

Formal Resignation from Lisa Xia:

Hello,

This is my formal resignation from being a student editor at Honi Soit. I was offered a scholarship at AFTRS (Australian Film, Television and Radio School) and I had to take it. I will miss Honi Soit a lot. The team was notified two weeks ago on my leave and agree with my decision unanimously, as I cannot commit to both things properly and I will not do Honi Soit justice if I am also doing AFTRS.

A formal announcement has been printed in the paper this week. Please take me off the pay roll.

Best and if there's any questions feel free to call or email me.

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Lisa Xia

Honi Soit casual vacancy
Moved: Peter Walsh
Seconded: Joanna Connolly

E1. Consideration of any resignations

Chris Garvin would like to resign from the Finance Committee and as Interfaith Officer.
Alice Strauss & Atia Rahim would like to resign from the position of environment officers.

Motion to accept the resignations:
Moved: Paul Harrison
Seconded Philippa Specker
the motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Liam Carrigan resign to Luciano Carment.

Motion: to accept the resignation.
Moved: Cameron Cacommo
Seconded: Riki Scanlan
motion was put and **CARRIED.**

F. Minutes

Minutes of the **1st** meeting of Council held on **4th March 2015** were circulated.

Minutes of the **2nd** Meeting of Council Held on the **1st April 2015** were circulated.

Paul: Can it be noted that people should be sending proxies or apologies to every meeting.

Pip: then they get kicked off council that's his fault

Motion: that the minutes of the **4th of March 2015** and **1st April 2015** be accepted signed and adopted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Tim Sullivan

The motion was moved and **CARRIED**

G. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

H. Question Time of fifteen minutes, which may be extended by resolution for a further fifteen minutes.

There were no questions.

I. Visitor's Business

There was no visitors business

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

There was no report from the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate.

K. Elections

K1. Election of one International Students' Officer

Jun Vincent Chang

I would like to be the representative I am interested and have represented students before

Madison: how have you represented before?

Vincent: I am a faculty rep in the faculty of arts.

He Lu would like to be elected and below is her personal statement.

Statement for election of international student representative

My name is He Lu, one of the councillor in SRC in 2015-2016.

As an international student from China, I am keen on representing all the international students and fight for the welfare of international students.

In this year, I decided to do things below:

- I want to meet some international students' societies, so that more international students could know about international student office. As a council providing services for international students, have more students get know about us is important at this stage.
- A book store would be replaced by legal services stall for international students, since legal services could be very emergent and important to students who are studying overseas at Sydney University.
- Fighting more of jobs for international graduates will be another important plan. I hope to contact with career fair to ask for more job information of both part time job and full time job for international students, especially on graduation career fair.

- Finally, mental health as a very key part of peoples' life, should be cared well. We do have CAPS as the mental health services, but few students know about it. We hope when there are some mental problems on international students, they do know we have the services to support them.

Thank you all for your reading.

A ballot was needed to determine who would be the international officer, this vote was held over while it was established if He Lu still wished to nominate.

L. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE AND PRESIDENT

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 17th February 2015 to 12th March 2015 were circulated.

Paul Harrison: just thought going to the minutes I've motived only half of the exec attended and why is that?

Madison Mclvor: Georgia and I worked full time, so it was hard to get to those meeting out of uni time:

Kyol Blakeney: since uni began again attendance has improved, we call people in when needed

The minutes were noted.

L2. Report of the Executive

The report of the executive from the 17th February 2015 to 30th March 2015 was circulated.

Motion: that the report of the Executive and the decisions and recommendations contained therein, be accepted, signed and adopted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Eden Faithful

The motion was put and

L3. Report of the President

Kyol Blakeney gave a verbal report.

Kyol Blakeney: Sine the 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 had 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. I will be writing about this again in Honi Soit. If anyone has received a letter from the university with regards to this please let me know, I will be writing more about this for Honi Soit.

Ridah Hassan: Do we know is any students are under investigation

Kyol Blakeney: Yes we do.

Ridah Hassan: are there many?

Kyol Blakeney: There are a number.

Motion: that the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Sean Nugent

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

M. Report of the Vice Presidents

Daniel Ergas and Madison Mclvor gave a verbal report.

Madison Mclvor: I'm starting a councillor accountability list, we are doing this by collective all the policy statements of the councillors from Honi and putting them together to help this years council focus in and address the issues it was elected on.

We've had an education quality assurance meeting and hoping to get the \$15 dollar cost of a printed copy of you're academic transcript and to move them online so you can access them for job applications without a cost to you, as well as the printed copy on your graduation. This would cost the university \$12,000 for the first year to transfer and \$6,000 for the following years.

Pip: in regards to the councillor accountability would this include councillor's attendance?

Madison Mclvor: It's not, but I think that would be a good thing.

Daniel Ergas: We're also looking into the Dux program and lecture recordings at SCC and admissions.

Tim Sullivan: Has there been anything else?

Kyol Blakeney: Those meetings only happen once a month like council so there is nothing more to report yet.

Alison Xiao: As much as we would like students to attend lectures there are situations where this is hard.

Ridah Hassan: The NTEU has a policy against lecture recordings as they are used to scab and make s the lecturers redundant. My political economy lecturer Lynne Chester used them to scab on the strikes.

April Holcombe: For those worried about accessibility aspect at UWS they use lecture recording and as a result there is lower funding for accessibility issues.

Tim Sullivan: what are they doing with regards to accessibility?

Kyol Blakeney: It is being discussed in terms of not only physical disabilities where people are unable to get to the lecture theatre but also mental health issues, such as anxiety and also other challenges such as funerals of special occasions such as weddings etc.

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Sarah Enderby

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Chiara Angeloni and Max Hall tabled a written report

Gen Sec Report to Council 1 Apr 15

Chiara Angeloni & Max Hall

Student Services and Amenities Fee Update

- All student organisations were given an extension to negotiate the SSAF funding pool and lodge their final SSAF application on March 13. No final resolution on the allocation of funds was achieved through negotiations by that date. As a result, the allocation of the SSAF will be decided by the SSAF Budget Allocation Committee, chaired by Professor Tyrone Carlin (Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Registrar)) and comprised of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) Professor Shane Houston, two Deans - Professors Peck and Rhodes, and the Director of Corporate Finance, Mr Matt Easdown.
- Once we know how much the SRC will be receiving from SSAF, we will start preparing the SRC's budget.
- We are coordinating another meeting of the student organisations to discuss a joint response to the University's role in the SSAF process this year. This should go some way to beginning discussions around securing the independence of the SSAF negotiations and ensuring that student's control the distribution of money to the greatest extent possible.

2015 SRC Budget

- We have contacted SRC departments to get an idea of how much they anticipate to spend over the year. Each department has been sent a template to apply for funding for the year. These will be due at the end of the week (Friday April 3 at 5pm).
- We would like to make our decisions for the budget after as much consultation with OBs, councillors and other interested parties as possible. If interested, OBs are invited to meet with us once the SRC's SSAF allocation has been confirmed, to discuss their application and how it will be reflected in the budget. Similarly, we encourage any Councillors or other students with any queries or concerns about the budget to get in touch.

Correspondence with Faculty Reps

- We contacted first year lecturers and Unit of Study coordinators about distributing the SRC's contact information with first years. We received a very positive response and a significant number of students appear to have received the basic information.

Miscellaneous

- We still have copies of the 'How to Uni' guide left over to be distributed among students. If any Councillors or OBs are involved in collectives, societies or other organisations or initiatives with students who may be interested in the handbooks (particularly 1st year students), feel free to grab however many handbooks you need from the OB room.

Office Bearer Spending Update
(as of 27/3/2015)

Expenses – Executive Officers	\$698.45
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$698.45
Indigenous Students Department	\$18.80
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$18.80
Education Department	
Activities/Campaigns	\$566.95
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$1,831.80
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$2,398.75
Environment Department	
Activities/Campaigns	\$1,626.17
Affiliations/Contributions	
Conferences	
Special Events/Weeks	
Resources	
Postage	
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$105.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$1,731.17
Ethnic Affairs Department	\$157.60
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$157.60
Inter-Campus Liaison Department	\$27.60
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$27.60
International Students	

Activities/Campaigns	
Conferences	
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$78.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$78.00
Queer Department	
Activities/Campaigns	\$1,293.85
Conferences	
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$76.85
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$1,370.70
Welfare Department	
Activities/Campaigns	
Printing/Stationery/Copying	
<i>Subtotal</i>	
Interfaith	\$296.59
Women's Department	
Activities/Campaigns	\$1,150.20
Conferences	
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$441.40
<i>subtotal</i>	\$1,591.60
Student Housing	\$91.00
Honi Soit	\$64.00

Verbal report:

Max Hall: We have been given a 9% funding increase, we were hoping got a substantial increase and we have gotten one, we do have to be careful and not think of this as a permanent increase.

Alisha Aitken-Radburn: What are you thinking in terms of NUS affiliation

Max Hall: After staff costs we have \$140, 000 left over for collectives, legal services and NUS etc. it won't be as drastic as Melbourne university.

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

Moved: Paul Harrison

Seconded: Cameron Caccamo

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

N1. Report of the Standing Legal Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Legal Committee held on the 27th March 2015 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the Standing Legal Committee meeting be accepted.

Moved: Madison McIvor

Seconded: Riki Scanlan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O1. Report of the Environment Officers

Environment Officer's Report to Council Meeting 1 April 2015

The Environment Collective has built on our strong start in O Week to have a vibrant and active first few weeks of the semester. Our new organisational structure of dividing into thematically grouped working groups allows students to engage in a broad range of activities that interest them. In response, more students are engaging with the collective this year, resulting in a stronger and more diverse collective, and therefore, a stronger environmental movement on campus. All the activities of the collective in the last month would be too numerous to name, but I will describe some highlights.

We were honoured to have a stall at USU's Pride Week, giving us the opportunity to engage with the intersections of environmental and queer concerns. Our stall featured our spin on 'pin the tail on the donkey' game which will be 'pin the coal on tones/the Abbott'.

Following our campaign launch last week, Fossil Free USYD has been out campaigning with our new divestment petition and letting people know about the upcoming national day of divestment action at mid-day, outside the quad on the 22nd of April. If you would like to get involved come to our meetings at 11am on Wednesdays at the Manning Sunken lawns.

The collective has attended various environment-related talks and seminars together on and off campus, strengthening social networks amongst us and better informing our activism.

We had a very successful social dinner at Lentil as Anything to welcome old and new collective members.

Campus Sustainability Working Group are in the process of responding to the University's Campus Improvement Program to ask for better environmental policies. They have also held meetings with University management to represent concerns for a more sustainable campus.

The Community Garden has crafted new signs to brighten up the garden and are planning some very interesting and exciting gardening workshops.

Some collective members attended a skill share and social with other NSW uni environment collectives on March 21.

At our last collective meeting, we agreed to support the organisation SOS Blak Australia with a financial donation and explore other ways we might be able to support this movement supporting communities fighting removal from their land. This reflects our commitment to environmental activism that is in solidarity with First Nations peoples' fight for justice.

Communications is working on a new website and an online newsletter to facilitate better flows of information.

Frontline Action has made some banners and dropped them around campus and strategic locations in the city to raise the profile of environmental issues before the state election.

Collective members are raising the profile of the collective and supporting the Monster Climate Petition by promoting it on campus.

We appreciate the support of the SRC in providing the resources we need to undertake these important campaigns and are excited about the activism and vitality of the Collective this year.

Motion: that the report of the Environment Officers be accepted.

Motion: Daniel Ergas

Seconded: Luciano Carment

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Report of the Education officers:

Blythe Worthy gave a verbal report.

In regard to the NDA we feel it went really well, we are hoping to continue the momentum, we are working with NUS and the EAN. We also want to have an international students on campus campaign. The Refugee tutoring services program is coming along well, we are finalising the requirements and legal set up but it will be open to anyone who has a working with children check and will be run out of Parramatta library. We want to make sure the points we made in counter course are address and not forgotten.

Motion: that the report of the Environment Officers be accepted.

Motion: That the report of the Environment Officers be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Sean Nugent

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

P. Special Business

There were no items of special business.

Q. Motions of Notice

REGULATIONS CHANGE

MOTION # 1

Recommendations for amendments to SRC Regulations Part 8 (*Elections*) have been tabled in the Electoral Officers Report 2014.

See attached Electoral Officers Report 2014, Part B Section 9 "Electoral Officers Recommendations" p.9-12

These were noted and addressed during the Electoral Officers report.

MOTION # 2

Riki Scanlan: There are going to be more of these motions later there are more banal changes. There are some that aren't clear and we will change them as we go.

Secretary has ruled that any change to the regulations without two weeks notice is against the regulations, any change that is not already tabled in the amended versions given to council will have to be given to council with at least two weeks notice to be considered. The chair agrees with this interpretation of the regulations.

Preamble

This motion to amend Part 1 of the Regulations en bloc with the amendments detailed below is aimed at clarifying, updating, and restructuring this part.

NB: All mentions of regulations that are in [brackets] denote the new section number if previous amendments are passed, all other mentions of numbers outside of fully-written amendments denote the number given to the sections according to the previous regulations.

EN BLOC AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS: Part 1

The following amendments will have the effect of: Restructuring the Section so that it is renumbered into easily-read subsections

- That Part 1.14 be renumbered as 1.13.b and 1.15-18 be renumbered as 1.14-17

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.3

The following amendments will have the effect of: removing the position of the Director of Finance, removing the position of the Director of Operations, removing an outdated clause regarding the payment of affiliation fees to Council for membership (as no such fee currently exists), removing an outdated clause regarding the splitting of positions more than once, and significant restructuring of the Part in relation to these changes as well as general streamlining of the Part.

- That Part 1.3, subsections (a) through (d), be renumbered to 1.3 (b) through (e)
- That the preamble section of 1.3 be numbered so as to form the following 1.3(a), removing it as a preamble:
- 1.3(a): The following officers in addition to those established by the constitution shall be members of the Council:AT
 - (i) Two Welfare Officers
 - (ii) Two Ethnic Affairs Officers
 - (iii) Two Indigenous Students' Officers

- (iv) Two International Students' Officers
- (v) Two Environment Officers
- (vi) Two Global Solidarity Officers
- (vii) Two Inter-Campus Officers
- (viii) The Chairperson of the Standing Legal Committee
- (ix) Two Sexual Harassment Officers
- (x) The Women's Officers
- (xi) The Education Officer
- (xii) Two Queer Officers
- (xiii) Two Disabilities and Carers Officers
- (xiv) Two Mature-Age Student Officers
- (xv) One Director of Finance
- (xvi) Two Interfaith Officers
- (xvii) Two Social Justice Officers
- (xviii) Two Student Housing Officers
- (xix) Two Residential College Officers
- (xx) One Director of Operations
- That 1.3.xv [1.3.a.xv] be deleted and 1.3.xvi-xix [1.3.a.xvi-xix] be renumbered to 1.3.xv-xviii [1.3.a.xv-xviii]
- That 1.3.xx [1.3.a.xx] be deleted
- That 1.3.b [1.3.c] be amended to the following:
- 1.3.c: All Officers must be at the time of their election members of the student body.
- That 1.3.c. [1.3.d] be amended to the following:
- 1.3.d. All Officer positions may only be split once and shared between two members of the student body.
- That 1.3.d (1.3.e) be renumbered as 1.3.d.i

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.4

The following amendments will have the effect of: restructuring the Part, and updating a certain regulation that did not fully comply with other regulations

- That 1.4.b be amended to the following:
- Where an Officer position is split and shared between two members of the student body it shall only be considered held by a non-cis male, for the purposes of Part 1 Section 4 (a) of the Regulations, if both of the joining members of the student body do not identify as cis-males.
- That 1.4.g. be deleted and 1.4.h-k be renumbered as 1.4.g-j

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.6

The following amendment would have the effect of updating the positions that would hold *ex-officio* Member of Council status

- That 1.6 be amended to the following:
- The following persons shall be ex-officio members of the Council:
 - a. The Undergraduate Fellow of Senate
 - b. The Immediate Past President
 - c. The undergraduate student members of Academic Board

- d. The President of the Cumberland Student Guild
- e. Faculty Society Presidents

Alisha Aitken-Radburn: What about USU president?

Kyol Blakeney: You can add that as a regulations change is you want.

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.6A

The following amendment would have the effect of: ensuring Affirmative Action minimums are enforced for the Orientation Committee, making clear the provision that the President shall be the Deputy Chair of the Committee, and removing the unused regulation regarding a possible stipend for the Committee

- That 1.6A.c be amended to the following:
- At least half of the members of the Orientation Committee must not identify as cis-males.
- That 1.6A.e be amended to the following
- The Orientation Committee shall be chaired by the General Secretary. The President shall be the deputy chair.
- That 1.6A.g and 1.6A.h be deleted

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.7

This amendment would have the effect of: adding two more Council Meetings throughout the year in February and July, and having a limit on Meeting length for the sake of mental health and transport options for Members of Council

- That 1.7.a be amended to the following:
- Ordinary Meetings of Council shall be held once every month, excepting December and January.
- That 1.7.b be amended to the following:
- No new agenda items shall be discussed after midnight.

Chiara Angeloni: The issue that arose in standing legal committee was that it removed special meetings but this has since been fixed so it is now constitutional.

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.8

The following amendments would have the effect of: stipulating that Notice must be in working days, and ensuring that Notice of any Meeting, including regulation changes, will be posted on the SRC Website instead of *Honi Soit*

- That 1.8.a be amended to the following:
- At least five (5) working days notice in writing of the meeting of the Council shall be given to each member thereof and the notice shall indicate the nature of the business intended to be brought forward at such meeting, provided that where in the opinion of the President it is expedient shorter notice may be given.
- That 1.8.b be amended to the following:
- The time and place of each meeting of the Council shall be advertised in the Honi Soit and on the SRC website. All motions of which due notice has been deemed to have been given under Section 13 of Part one of the Regulations shall be posted on the SRC website. These tasks shall be the responsibility of the Vice-President.

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.10

The following amendments will have the effect of: streamlining the proxy process for Meetings, and ensuring no one person can carry more than one proxy

- That 1.10.a be amended to the following:
- If a representative cannot attend any meeting or part thereof of Council, they may, by notice in writing to the Secretary to Council or Chairperson, appoint a proxy for that meeting.
- That 1.10.b-c be renumbered to 1.10.c-d
- That 1.10.b be added, reading as the following:
- A proxy is any person who would be eligible for election as representative, but cannot be an elected councillor. Proxies may only carry one vote.

Philippa Specker: This is just neatening up the wording

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.15

The following amendments will have the effect of: clearing up the process of signing into Meetings, determining who can be deemed absent from a Meeting, and enforcing new rules regarding punishment for not attending Meetings

- That 1.15.d be amended to the following:
- A member shall be deemed to be absent, unless they have signed the attendance book within thirty (30) minutes of the meeting being declared open; and
- That 1.15.g be amended to the following:
- A member who is deemed to be absent at two (2) consecutive normal meetings of council or three (3) meetings across their term shall be eligible for dismissal from Council according to Section Three, 5. h. (ii) of the Constitution.

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.16

The following amendments will have the effect of: Restructuring the Section so that it is broken down into easily-read subsections

- That 1.16 be numbered as follows:
- a. Members of Staff shall have full speaking rights at Council meetings.
- b. All members of the Student Body shall have full speaking rights at Council meetings.
- c. Visitors may be granted speaking rights by leave of the meeting.
- d. All members of the student body shall be entitled to move or second motions and/or amendments to motions.
- e. Only representatives or their proxies on Council shall be entitled to voting rights.

AMENDMENTS: Part 1.17

The following amendments will have the effect of: Restructuring the Section so that it is broken down into easily-read subsections

- That 1.17 be numbered as follows:
- a. Smoking shall not be permitted in the Council chamber during Council meetings.
- b. No alcohol shall be permitted in the Council chamber during Council Meetings, except for the final scheduled meeting of the current council.

Motion to accept the amendments to the regulations

Moved: Riki Scanlan

Seconded: Cameron Caccamo

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

MOTION # 3

The SRC has a strong commitment to inclusivity of identities, including trans, nonbinary, and other genderqueer folk. These amendments to the regulations reinforces this principle. We will also be following in the path of other Student Unions and Representative Councils (e.g. UMSU SRC). A list may be provided of proposed changes.

Action points

- The SRC regulations shall be amended such that all pronouns are neutral (they/them/their).
- The SRC regulations shall be amended such that all instances of “woman” or “women” become “wom*n”

Philippa Specker: I understand the wom*n’s collective want to defer it, the whole point is that is would like to reflect the wom*n’s collective.

Riki Scanlan: I understand that we can’t add changes but I can retract them, I would like to remove the second part of the motion till the wom*n’t collective have decided.

Motion was amended to remove point 2 of the amendment:

“The SRC regulations shall be amended such that all instances of “woman” or “women” become “wom*n””
This part of the motion will be tabled until the Wom*n’s collective has established their stance with their members.

Mover: Riki Scanlan

Secunder: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was moved and **CARRIED**

MOTION #4

Preamble

This motion to amend Part 2 of the Regulations en bloc with the amendments detailed below is aimed at clarifying, updating, and restructuring this part. There will be a full version of both the current and updated regulations at the very end, to show the changes.

NB: All mentions of regulations that are in [brackets] denote the new section number if previous amendments are passed, all other mentions of numbers outside of fully-written amendments denote the number given to the sections according to the previous regulations.

AMENDMENTS Part 2

- That 2.4 be renumbered as 2.2
- That 2.3 be added with the title General Secretary (note: 2.2 and 2.3 are, in a later part of this motion, folded into the President's duties i.e. 2.1)
- That 2.5, 2.5A, 2.6 be deleted
- That 2.7-2.8 be renumbered as 2.4-2.5
- That 2.9 be deleted, taking effect 1 December 2015
- That 2.10 be renumbered as 2.6
- That 2.12 be renumbered as 2.7
- That 2.14 be renumbered as 2.8

AMENDMENTS Part 2.1

The following amendments will have the effect of: updating and clarifying the role description for the President,

- That 2.1.c be sectioned into numbers and amended as follows:
 - to consult regularly with the following, drawing to the attention of the Council matters of concern to the Council:
 - i. the Vice-Chancellor and other officers of the University,
 - ii. the Staff Association,
 - iii. SUPRA,
 - iv. the University branches of the NTEU and the CPSU, or any other unions of academic or non-academic staff
 - v. student members of the Senate, the Academic Board, and the Faculties
- That 2.1.f be amended to the following:
 - to attend all meetings of the Council and the Executive, and to be concerned with the activities of the Council and its Committees in all areas;
- That 2.1.j. be amended to the following:
 - to ensure that resources and information are provided to all relevant sections of the University such that students receive accurate information about the SRC via University publications. Such publications may include the University Calendar and Student Mail.
- That 2.1.l. be subdivided as follows:
 - to maintain an overall supervision of the administration and finances of the Council, by
 - i. acting as a joint signatory for the Council's monies
 - ii. consulting with the General Secretary in the preparation of the Annual Budget
 - iii. consulting with the general Secretary in the selection of investment opportunities for the Council's finances
 - iv. negotiating, in consultation with the General Secretary and any other relevant officer, any commercial contract involving the Council and to report such negotiations to the Executive and Council
- That 2.2. be deleted and its contents added into 2.1 as 2.1.w. as follows:
 - 2.1.w. The President shall be entitled to be a member ex-officio of any Committee or subcommittee of the Council, and shall have a deliberative vote on every such committee
 - (i) The President shall act as a Deputy Chair for the Orientation Committee
 - (ii) An exception to this regulation is that the President shall not be a member ex-officio of the Staff Committee.
- That 2.3 be deleted, and its content be 2.1 as 2.1.x as follows:
 - 2.1.x: In the circumstance the President is unable to fulfill the duties listed in these regulations;

- (i) The President may at any time delegate to the Vice-President, and in exceptional circumstances to any other member of the Executive or Council, any or all of the duties and functions of the President.
- (ii) In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, and where a by-election has been called in order to fill that vacancy, Council may elect an Acting President to fill the office of President until declaration of the results of the by-election. At least five days notice in writing shall be given of any meeting of the Council at which an Acting President shall be elected

AMENDMENTS PART 2.4 (2.2)

The following amendments will have the effect of: updating and clarifying the role description for the Vice-President

- That 2.4.a be amended to the following:
 - 2.4.a. to liaise with the Faculty Societies
- That 2.4.l be added, reading as the following:
 - to periodically review the job description of all Officers of Council as set out in the policies of Council and provide recommendations to council for their revision;
- That 2.4.m be added, reading as the following:
 - to be a signatory to all SRC bank accounts (See: 5.2(a))
- That 2.4.n be added, reading as the following:
 - to be a member of the following Committees:
 - i. Publications Committee
 - ii. Intercampus Committee
 - iii. SLS Committee
 - iv. Standing Legal Committee in an *ex-officio* capacity
- That 2.4.o be added, reading as the following:
 - to ensure that *Honi Soit* publicises the time and of any meetings of Council (See 1.8.b)

AMENDMENTS PART 2.3

The following amendments will have the effect of: updating and clarifying the role description for the General Secretary. Note that rather than specifying individual parts, the entire section has been re-proposed. The majority of it is the same as the previous version; however, due to some structural complications in the old document, it's easier to do it this way.

- That the General Secretary part reads as follows:

The duties of the General Secretary shall be:

- a. to report to Council on meetings of standing and ad hoc committees at which the Secretary to Council is not present
- b. to assist the President and Vice-President in such matters as they may deem fit
- c. to ensure that office bearers are briefed on the operation of the Front Office and SRC facilities
- d. to use any other means to acquaint Officers of the Council with the SRC at the discretion of the General Secretary.
- e. to liaise with the Secretary to Council regarding provision of due notice of meetings, correspondence of the Council and maintenance of the Constitution and Regulations
- f. to oversee arrangements for General Student Meetings as required

- g. to be co-signatory (with the president) to any contract, deed or other document, which is to be signed on behalf of the Council, provided always that approval for such signature has previously been given by Council
- h. to present both a written and verbal report to each ordinary council meeting
- h. to be a signatory to the following SRC Accounts:
 - i. The Secondhand Bookshop Account
 - ii. The Bursary and Assistant Fund Account
 - iii. All other general SRC Bank Accounts
- i. to present both a written and verbal report to each ordinary council and Executive meeting
- j. to ensure the implementation of motions adopted at Executive or Council
- k. to accede to the [SRC Legal Service Directors Agreement] and act as a Director of the SRC Legal Service, where it is operational
- l. to attend to all duties and responsibilities as requires of the General Secretary from time to time as set out in the [SRC Legal Service Directors Agreement]
- m. to direct and supervise the keeping of proper books of account of the finances and property of the Council
- n. to direct and supervise the receipt and payment of all monies payable to and by the Council, to supervise the collection of outstanding monies due to the Council, to supervise the prompt banking of monies received and the prompt payments of accounts by the Council
- o. to present to each ordinary meeting of Council one or more financial statements which shall indicate:
 - a. the total cash flow for each month since the last such statement was presented;
 - b. the income and expenditure for the current Council compared to the Council budget, for each month since the last such statement was presented.
 - c. the accumulation of previous months' totals to provide year-to-date figures
- p. to supervise preparation each year by the Auditors of a Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for inclusion in the Annual Report
- q. to prepare each year, in consultation with the President for submission to Council:
 1. for the first ordinary meeting of each Council, a provisional Appropriation to allocate and regulate finances until the annual budget is adopted, covering the period December till the meeting of Council after the completion of SSAF negotiations; and
 2. for the first ordinary meeting of Council after SSAF negotiations, a draft Annual Budget stating the basis on which it is prepared and including detailed estimates for the year December to November, compared with actual expenditure and income for the previous year.
- r. to ensure that Portfolio Officers are briefed on the respective budget allocations to each portfolio.
- s. With the Vice-President and Education Officer, help to promote campaigns from the National Union of Students.
- t. to liaise with staff and help with the organisation and promotion of campaigns, events and services.
- u. to promote and publicise the SRC and its services for undergraduate students by collating information and coordinating a publicity campaign for the SRC over the year.
- v. to provide information and support to the President and all other SRC officers around marketing and membership issues.
- w. to liaise with other student organisations, including the Unions, the Sports Union, and organisations on other campuses around membership and marketing issues.
- x. with the President, Vice-President, Education officer and Women's officer organise SRC week and its activities.
- y. with the President, Vice-President, Education officer and Women's Officer, liaise with Officers of Council and amalgamated colleges to co-ordinate the work of the Council.

- z. with the Vice-President, Education officer and Women's officer, assist and deputise for the President in any other matter requested by the President.
- aa. with the Vice-President, to be one of the core organisers for the SRC's Enrolment and Orientation Week activities each year.
- ab. to be a member of the following committees:
 - i. The Staff Selection Committee
 - ii. The Publications Committee
 - iii. The Inter Campus Committee
 - iv. The SLS Committee
 - v. The Standing Legal Committee
 - vi. The Orientation Committee, as Chair
- ac. with the President, oversee the distribution and placement of offices within the SRC
- ad. with the Education Officers, organise and edit the SRC Counter Course Handbook (see 6.11)

AMENDMENTS PART 2.7 [2.4]

The following amendments will have the effect of: updating and clarifying the role description for the Wom*n's Officer.

- That 2.7 [2.4] be amended to read:
- The duties of the Women's Officer shall be to:
- That 2.7.h [2.4.h] be amended to read:
- convene the Wom*n's Collective and maintain a contact list of wom*n students interested in the collective and wom*n's issues
- That 2.7.n [2.4.n] be amended to read:
- lobby around wom*n's issues in the areas of education, security and safety on campus, and "Right to Choose" campaigns
- That 2.7.v [2.4.v] be amended to read:
- That 2.7.x [2.4.x] and 2.7.z [2.4.z] be deleted from record
- That 2.7.y [2.4.y] be renumbered to 2.7.x [2.4.x] and amended to
- To deliver reports to all SRC Executive meetings

This amendment has been deferred till the wom*n's officers have conferred with the Collective.

AMENDMENTS PART 2.8 [2.5]

The following amendments will have the effect of: updating and clarifying the role description for the Education Officer

- That 2.8.i [2.5.i] be amended to:
- to help promote national campaigns, where applicable
- That 2.8.m [2.5.m] be amended to:
- Attend University Senate Meetings and write a report for Council and Honi Soit about any changes that affect students or staff.
- That 2.8.t [2.5.t] be amended to:
- To deliver reports to all SRC Executive meetings

- That 2.8.u [2.5.u] be added, reading as follows:
- Organise and edit the SRC Counter Course Handbook (see 6.11)

AMENDMENTS PART 2.10+2.11 [2.6]

The following amendments will have the effect of: making the structure more sensible

- That the current clause of 2.10 be renumbered as 2.10.a
- That 2.11 be moved into 2.10 as 2.10.b

AMENDMENTS PART 2.12 [2.7]

The following amendments will have the effect of: returning the regulation to standard form

- That 2.12.c be amended to the following:
- Where the Women’s Officer position is shared between two persons, they shall jointly receive a stipend which shall be 2/3 of the President’s stipend.

AMENDMENTS PART 2.13

The following amendments will have the effect of: making the structure more sensible

- That 2.13 be moved into 2.10 [2.6] as 2.10.c [2.6.c]

All accept AMENDMENTS PART 2.8 [2.5],

Moved: Riki Scanlan

Seconded: Cameron Caccamo

were put and **CARRIED**

ORDINARY MOTIONS

Motion # 2:

Motion in solidarity with Jake Lynch

Preamble:

On the 11th of March 2015, associate professor Jake Lynch and members of Sydney Staff for BDS attended a lecture on campus featuring Colonel Richard Kemp. Colonel Richard Kemp is on record as saying that “No other army in the world has ever done more than Israel is doing now to save the lives of innocent civilians in a combat zone”. This despite the fact that during Israel’s last war on Gaza the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs documented that at least 2,200 Palestinians were killed, 69.1% of whom were civilians, including 521 children.

Sydney Staff for BDS decided to have a non-disruptive protest at the event, handing out leaflets and registering their disapproval passively. A few minutes into the speech a group of students came in and peacefully disrupted the meeting. Security and more vociferous supporters of Israel in

the crowd could not accept this act, and decided to begin physically and verbally attacking the students, and removed them within minutes. Jake Lynch himself was assaulted more than once for the non-crime of filming the events.

As a result of his involvement in the Sydney Staff for BDS protest – which was unconnected to the peaceful student protest - Jake Lynch has come under attack from the right-wing media, from pro-Israeli newspapers, and is under investigation by the University. There are polls on Zionist websites inviting the public to vote on whether or not he should be sacked.

Motion:

That the University of Sydney SRC notes:

- That Jake Lynch is a tireless advocate for peace and justice in Palestine.
- That staff should not be punished by the university for holding progressive political views.

That the University of Sydney SRC believes:

- That peaceful protest is a valid tactic to be used in fighting for progressive causes
- That accusations of anti-Semitism are spurious in this case, and part of a long tradition of vilifying pro-Palestine activists in order to discredit the Palestinian cause.
- That false accusations of anti-Semitism serve to discredit instances of genuine prejudice that do exist, both against Muslims and Jews.

That the University of Sydney SRC be directed to:

- Publish a solidarity statement on our website,
- Write a letter to Michael Spence outlining our position on this matter.

Ridah Hassan spoke to the motion

Ridah Hassan: For those who may not be away there staff for BDS went to a lecture and protested at this meeting they has water thrown at them and Jake Lynch was attached and security were very heavy handed. There are now investigations against the students and Jake Lynch has had Zionist group calling for him to lose his job. This is an important motion as it is stands against the long tradition of attacking pro-Palestinian protestors, and there has never been any investigation into attacks on Muslim students.

Pip Specker: I have been hearing about this and it does look like they are investigating this and they have listed that there are people who could lose their jobs. I'm in favour of this motion, this is not a good precedent to have people lose their jobs in a peaceful protest.

Tim Sullivan: I was outraged that they are going to such an effort to call this anti-Semitism and raise awareness on campus when there is so much more anecdotal evidence of islamophobia and nothing has been done to raise awareness and address the issues around that.

Moved: Ridah Hassan

Seconded: April Holcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Motion # 3:

Preamble: The Sydney University SRC condemns the Abbott and Barnett Governments' moves to forcibly close over 150 Aboriginal communities in WA. This is only the latest attack in the ongoing displacement, land theft and genocide that successive governments have been committing for over 200 years.

The Australian political class has demonstrated once again its commitment to the profits of mining magnates and its willingness to further smash up Indigenous communities in the process.

Indigenous communities in WA and around the country have initiated an inspiring campaign of resistance in response to this. There have been mass rallies in all the major cities, as well as a 3hr street occupation in Melbourne under the slogan "if you shut down our communities, we'll shut down your city".

The ACTU and many of its affiliate trade unions have lended their political support to the campaign. The CFMEU has already pledged to respect any picket lines set up by the communities.

Motion:

- The SRC reaffirms its support for the ongoing struggle for land rights and self-determination
- The SRC will endorse and promote the May 1 rally in Belmore Park and any future campaign events, including:
 - Compelling all office bearers to attend the rally and promote it to their respective mailing lists/collectives
 - Dedicating printing resources for posters and leaflets
 - Advertising on the SRC Facebook on the website and on the back cover of Honi Soit.

Riki Scanlan: I like the last part about making OBs attend I'm in support of it but is it enforceable?
Kyol Blakeney: No, it's not enforceable.

Moved: April Holcombe

Seconded: Kyol Blakeney

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

R. General Business

There were no items of general business

The meeting was declared closed at 8:14