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MINUTES of the 14th meeting of the Executive Committee, 87th SRC, held on 28th July 2015 in the Gosper Meeting Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Kyol Blakeney (Chair), Madison McIvor*, Daniel Ergas*, Chiara Angeloni^, Laura Webster, Subeta Vimalarajah, Georgia Kriz (phone in), Alison Xiao.

Apologies: Max Hall, Christopher Donovan

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance:

Meeting Opened: 12:23

*^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 Gadigal 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. Apologies

Apologies were received from Max Hall and Christopher Donovan

The apologies were accepted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 14th July 2015 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 14th July 2015 be accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Moved to casework and policy:

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

James Campbell: Quick update on semester 1

Case numbers (potential issues) have gone up about 9%, might have been lower than we expected but it was still a significant jump as the trend has been 2% per year- the break up of work has changed up a bit, we have a busy show cause letters period and that tends to be bigger at the start of semester especially semester 1.

We aim to provide a caseworker out at Cumberland sometimes. It has worked in the past but sometimes it doesn't. We feel having a presence on the ground would help, but we think there is a good need for us to be there. So we thought we would trial that on a Tuesday. We were hoping to do reconnaissance there but the caseworkers we were going to send are unwell today. Priority remains with the main office of the SRC.

Some staffing issues more to do with funding. We put increase from past years budgets and included a little more; we aim to use this to create a fixed term position. We hope to use the rest for a related project. In one of the projects we are looking into financial counsel. This is tricky to set up but we will hopefully be able to offer the service to a limited number of people to start with, and liaise with the legal service people, as there is often a cross over in this area. It would also involve developing a range of resources – the plan would be for six of the 8 weeks to allow Sharon to work on that project.

Also we are working on how to document the casework process. If you aren't working with someone who has done it much it might not be clear enough. It's looking like 2 weeks of work on developing that, it would be a public document explaining what it is we do. I ask you to approve the advertising for a person fixed term of essentially 8 weeks to allow us to work on these projects and also find someone to train for casual work, is a challenge, this means we can work on training them at the same time over those 8 weeks and hopefully have a casual who can help when people get sick or go on leave. What I would be asking from exec is to approve that, and for a member of executive to nominate someone to go on that selection committee

Finally Mel has now worked here for 15 years since Sunday, can we write a letter for her, thanking her for her dedication and time.

Motion: that the report of the Casework and Policy Manager including all expenditure be accepted.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The executive member for the selection committee will be Alison Xiao and Madison Mclvor if Alison can't make it.

12. SRC Legal Service Report

there was no report from the Legal Service

13. Approval of Payments

13.1. Reimbursements

Annie Zeng (SRC Legal): Travel costs for barrister meeting \$4.20
Travel costs for Newtown local court \$2.10
Travel costs for Downing street hearing \$4.20
Subeta Vimalarajah (Wom*n's): Food for wom*n's verge preparation event \$68
Food for feminist education workshop (FEW) \$119
Resources for activism part of FEW \$63
Laminating for FEW \$77.26
Kitty-Jean Laginha (Wom*n's): candles and rope for an action \$17
Melissa de Silva (Casework): Courier to real estate and NCAT \$33
Cab to and from NCAT \$45
Blades to scrape James' window \$4.95
Facebook boost post \$7
Amy Davis (QuAC): Petrol and food supplies for Queer Collaborations \$155.90
Monique Newberry (QuAC): Prizes for trivia fundraiser \$39.94
Marco Aversa (Enviro): Flights for students to attend SoS conference in Adelaide \$1080

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.2 Invoices

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15.1 Staff Leave

Sharon Maher: Time in lieu, 03/08/15 – 03/08/15, 1 day, 7 hours
Breda Dee: Annual and time in lieu, 30/07/15 – 21/08/15, 17 days, 119 hours
Melissa de Silva: Annual, 15/07/15, - 15/07/15, 1 day, 7 hours
Annual, 17/07/15 - 17/07/15, 1 day, 7 hours
James Campbell: Long service leave, annual leave and leave without pay (see letter)
From 01/07/16 – 30/06/17, 1802 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received by the executive.

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

There was no report from the workplace health and safety

7. Report of the President

Kyol Blakeney: The last two weeks have been hard as I have been sick and have had a death in the family. I have been working with casework and the legal service on a submission for the Universities complaints process. I have an SCC meeting in 2 weeks on the agenda will be the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy, student cards and a SCA bus.

Georgia Kriz: I would like to come to that.

Kyol Blakeney: Sure we can do that I can take two people with me.

Georgia Kriz: Subeta you should go to

Subeta Vimalarajah: I would like that

Kyol Blakeney: ok also I have an Academic Standards Committee meeting tomorrow, on the agenda we will be arguing for university wide Discontinue Not Fail [DNF] and that students can still apply for DNF after week 7.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Daniel Ergas

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Madison McIvor: Before you hear the content of this report I'd just like to say how much we have enjoyed being on exec and how great this exec has been to work with.

Georgia Kriz: you make it sound like some one is dying.

Daniel Ergas: first of all I'm not dying. I am deferring this semester to go to the U.S and work on Bernie Sanders campaign.

excited screaming

Georgia Kriz: what are you doing are they sponsoring you?

Daniel Ergas: I'm a field organiser in Iowa, so I'm going away in two weeks. I loved working on exec I'll miss you!

Madison McIvor: Thankfully this is coming at an ok time for us, Daniel Ergas is just finishing up most of his projects for the year and I'm getting my semester two projects underway.

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Chiara Angeloni: Max [Hall] and I are staying in Sydney, we will be finalising policy for loaning items out to OB's at the next council.

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

Moved: Georgia Kriz

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

Just a few dot points for the Wom*n's Report today!

1. fEMPOWER Workshops - share feedback, outline next steps, Honi article
2. Verge Workshop
3. Rape & Domestic Violence Australia - Honi article, meeting, panel/film screening
4. Radical Sex & Consent - debate
5. Stop Taxing My Period - rally, outlook for CFFR
6. Library (Xiaoran)

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14.2. Report of the Education Officers

We've been focusing on building the august 5 and the august 19 rally. We're working with the NTEU and have an activist rep coming to the EAG at 2 today. It's on the new law lawns please come. I want to get around \$100 of material I bought last minute for the two working bees we had last week approved for reimbursement, as well as a further \$500 to spend on promotional material for the rally, including a vinyl banner with a slightly amended version of the design attached (I want to add an SRC logo). I think that's all for this week as well as the invoices I sent through for the game hire.

Also can I ask if the loudspeakers will have arrived for the upcoming rallies?

David

Motion: that the report of the Education Officers be accepted, including all expenditure pending the inclusion of the SRC logo

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

A quick report: we have the database up and running it's making life so much easier it will save Paulene almost 4 days of work as it can reformat the data into different ways depending on what we want. The server will go live tomorrow as planned; we expect a couple of glitches as with any new technology but not expecting anything serious.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Georgia Kriz

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Other Business

15.2 Any Other Business

Laura Webster: If everyone is ok with this I'd like to talk to Micky and Amanda about the sudden rebranding to orange everywhere, if there is going to be rebranding it needs to come through exec and while the website is still a mess the colour scheme has been changed, it's all orange the like USU and I don't like the idea that the organisations can be conflated, this should not have happened without exec approval.

Everyone expressed agreement with Laura Webster discussing the rebranding with Micky and Amanda.

The meeting was declared closed at 12:54.