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MINUTES of the 16th meeting of the Executive Committee, 87th SRC, held on 25th AUG in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

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

Apologies: Christopher Donovan and Max Hall, no apologies from Georgia Kriz

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Blythe Worthy

Meeting Opened: 12:08

*^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 Christopher Donovan and Max Hall

The apologies were accepted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 12th August were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 12th August be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

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 received.

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

There was no report from the WH&S Officer

7. Report of the President

Kyol Blakeney gave a verbal report:

Since the last meeting there has only been academic board, we discussed simple extensions and special consideration. Simple extension are no longer in policy, there will be further discussions on this with SUPRA, Tyron Carlson and the VC to try and keep simple extensions in the policy. I moved an amendment to reinstate simple extension, the motion was lost 17 to 14 it was a very narrow margin so I think there is room to work with there. It will be discussed again at the 16th September meeting.

In regards to the Queen Mary building, there will look into subsidised rent for international students. The university seem keen to increase the number of beds. We are not confident that The Vice Chancellor will be interested in allowing subsidised housing for international students.

The university has been ranked 8/8 of the group of 8 universities for its student services, so we're right on the bottom of the list.

Madison Mclvor: Is there any capacity for other students to attend to the simple extensions discussion??

Kyol Blakeney: Yes it's at 1:30 tomorrow.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Madison Mclvor provided a written report

Georgia Mantle, current Indigenous OB and myself joined internal stakeholders relevant to student safety and security on a walkthrough of Main Campus to identify any issues and oversights earlier this week.

Bob Deacon, the Precinct Manager of the University was really positive about having Georgia and I along on the walkthrough: he was especially interested in "feeding these thoughts and priorities [that we identified] into how we spend our money."

We identified areas of lighting along roads and buildings that aren't currently working, thoroughfares near colleges that could do with extra lighting and were informed of plans for new pathways and buildings for the near future.

I was informed that the Transient Building is set to be demolished this Christmas, but perhaps more relevantly, you'll be happy to know that I've requested that students at Redfern station be able to ride the bus back into uni if that's where they're headed when the bus arrives at the station!

Head of Campus Security, Morgan Andrews was very open to allowing students who show their SID card to the bus driver to board the bus for a trip into uni, which is a very positive response to an issue many students have raised with me and makes great use of an otherwise empty bus on the trip from the station back to campus.

The University is looking into possibly adding another bus service (increasing the buses from 2 to 3) until 10:30pm on Main Campus, however, there are other bus-related priorities at present. A bus between SCA and Main Campus, finishing up at 8pm seems to be on the table! I did ask about their thoughts on a bus

between Cumbo and Main, but was informed that the walk from Main Campus Chemistry Building to Redfern is equivalent from the trip between Cumbo and Lidcombe, which meant that an inter-campus bus for that route wasn't a priority at this stage.

Georgia and I also looked into why exactly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags aren't being flown as promised during my term as Indigenous OB in 2014. Apparently, this is due to construction.

Lastly, I really wanted to work collaboratively with the University in regard to smoking on campus. I floated the idea of making more smoking zones which was not received well: there are cards showing where smoking zones on campus are, which I have requested for SRC distribution.

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

9. Report of the General Secretaries

We are still working on a number of projects including working with student OBs and bringing the information about resources borrowing to council.

We are getting a stall for open day and so if anyone wants to come along that would be great.

Also looking into transparency and keeping that clear, I've asked for the exec attendance and they are tabled here.

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

Moved: Madison McIvor

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

10. Report of the Administration Manager

There was no report from the Administration Manager.

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was no report from the Casework and Policy Manager

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was no report from the Legal Service

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Reimbursements

Alexi Polden [Honi]: \$96.00 NCAT appeal for GIPA application
Georgia Mantle [Indigenous]: \$11.85 paint for Indigenous banner
Blythe Worthy [Admin]: \$45.00 Batteries for Megaphones
Maushmi Powar [Enviro]: \$10 NUDA training
Lily Matchett [Enviro]: \$10 NUDA training
Naomi Jones [Enviro]: \$10 NUDA training
Jay Gilleatt [Enviro]: \$10 NUDA training
Marco Avena [Enviro]: \$10 NUDA training

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

1. Stop Taxing My Period Campaign - is dead, you suck Gladys.

2. Radical Sex & Consent Week

Lot's happening this week for Rad sex and consent day I encourage everyone to attend.

3. FEMPOWER Project

A principle is now running a workshop in Parramatta as a result of this project.

4. Uni Sexual Harassment Campaign

Jodi Aand Elizabeth Broderick, are working on a sexual harassment campaign UNSW has already started a similar project, and they want to work together but there seems to be an issues between the 2 vice chancellors. And we would loose a lot of the ground work that has been done if they get together but now that want to look into a all g8 universities set up. [this] means we loose all the formatting we built up. We are going to lose the student base and it's going to be more of a challenge to build up the ground.

5. Mon Droit/Nick Cater Saga

The Australian did an article on wom*ns collectives, it's awful, we are writing a sarcastic response to if for Honi but also, or looking into letter to the editor. We are looking into other publicist but were mostly going for Honi.

6. Rape & Domestic Violence Australia - Responding With Compassion Workshop

We are looking into getting a trauma workshop organized but it will cost a bit of money so we are looking into what the cost are and how we would do it, it looks to be \$600 but if we got about 50 people at \$10 per person it would only mean \$100 from out budget.

7. SULLS Sexual Assault Panel

looking to be an interesting and respectful event I encourage you to come along, Also it's exciting as we are getting the law foyer for free (normally super expensive) because SULLS is organizing it.

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

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

14.2. Report of the Education Officers

NDA, it was a really happy feels event, we had some really good speakers, but there was a real negative police presence.

As the Rally moved on I had to make sure I returned the PA system to the union. I was disappointed that there were paid OBs filling in SRC forms when the rally moved to UTS.

David and I have started preparing a handover document with a whole bunch of different bits of information, and I think we've been writing things up about the different external networks and recommendation for communications which can be

We are looking into the next NDA, and we are really looking into the restructure. We've had to put on hold the refugee reading program, we've really had to put our passion projects on hold while this is happening but where we can we are combining them like the international students campaign.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

14.3 Report of the Publications Managers

The report of the Publications Manager is attached to this document.

Is there any way we can improve letting Honi and when pubs are away? Honi were trying to contact them and didn't know they were away.

Laura Webster: All brandings need to be approved but they haven't been approved. So we need to look into why it's changed. I've checked the minutes and the executive this year or last year never approved it.

Madison Mclvor: What would the complications of changing it back be?

Laura Webster: The only think that will be a little tricky is the elections web page but that can be fixed.

Kyol Blakeney: I'll ask that the administration team find a way to let the Honi know when Pubs are on leave.

Motion: that the report of the Publication Managers be accepted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Madison Mclvor

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Amanda leMay: Annual, 20/08/15 to 21/08/15, 2 days, 16 hours.

Lorna Pringle: Study Leave, 14/08/15 to 17/08/15, 2 days 14 hours.

James Campbell: Annual and Time in Lieu, 24/08/15, 07/09/15 to 09/09/15, 4 days 28 hours.

Melissa de Silva: Annual, 09/11/15 to 16/11/15. 6 days 42 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Madison Mclvor

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15.2 Office Bearer Consults

Laura Webster:

So Subeta Vimalarajah and I have finished office bearer consults, thank you to Madison Mclvor, Chiara Angeloni, Kyol Blakeney and Max Hall for their help in completing them.

Couple of things I want to flag, most of the OBs were really good at getting back to us we saw almost everyone. Georgia Kriz couldn't make any of the times over the 4 weeks we had, but she emailed a response to our questions. Most people we were happy to do the consult and they were productive. Christopher Donovan never got back to us. But we discussed putting the consults in the regulations to do every year, in terms of the paid OB's it was more about exec and being able to approach them. Unpaid OB's wanted to look into stipends. We've been talking about that for about 3 weeks.

Michael Elliot, is going to submit a small report on the Queen Mary building, and he was 45min late for his consult because he was doing factional materials, I am not impressed by this behaviour. Everything else is tabled here.

Evaluation of Process

1. Difficult to get all OB's to attend due to unresponsiveness and lack of availability – most consults only had half the OB's present
 - a. Questions have been sent to OB's who did not attend
2. Those OB's that did turn up provided really valuable feedback – would probably recommend this process be adopted every year
3. Committed OB's seemed happy/fine with the process – there was some confusion/apprehension about the purpose/outcomes of the process

Broad Suggested Reforms

1. Revise and re-write/write duty statements for all departments – especially smaller departments
 - a. Although some OB's (e.g. Education) said that their role was less conducive to a prescribed duty statement
2. Mandate a proper handover – some OB's did not have a handover at all, those that did said that it was insufficient in some ways
 - a. Prescribing the handover for some departments might be helpful e.g. Gen Secs did not feel they had enough information about how to negotiate for SSAF

3. Ensure that Exec communicates more with departments throughout the year – having a member of Exec at handover who can be the point of contact for that Department throughout the year
 - a. Most OB's who felt comfortable navigating the SRC acknowledged that was because of friends on Exec/with experience of the SRC who could assist them
4. Information about processes needs to be made widely available – flow chart/diagram that helps people understand photocopying/reimbursements etc.
5. Suggestions for a general pool of other resources so OB's do not double up from year to year
 - a. Education suggested a list of trusted businesses that the SRC uses for t-shirt printing, badges etc.
 - b. ACAR suggested having a Collective grievance policy/information about moderating Collectives
6. Streamlining of some OB positions – some OB's clearly had done no work in their portfolio, or specifically did not see the value in their portfolio
7. Exec meetings and other meetings of relevance (Academic Board, SCC) should be posted about on the SRC Councillors Facebook group
 - a. Exec minutes should be summarised and e-mailed to councillors and OB's

Specific Reforms

1. College Department - Tim Sullivan believes that the College Officer position should only be available for someone who lives at a College, as otherwise there is little that can be done with the position
 - a. Have a better system for reporting on the workload balance of OB's – no specific system was suggested
2. Ethnic Affairs – were particularly concerned about OB's not doing their share of work – requested that Deeba be asked to resign
3. Education – noted that Exec meetings are difficult to give reports at – that there should be a procedural at the beginning of every meeting so that reports can be given first
 - a. Also that Honi Soit/Exec members should be mandated to attend EAG meetings
4. Interfaith – some departments need to be given more of a profile by the SRC

Other General Comments

The culture of council & Exec is not always very welcoming for OB's

15.23 Executive Attendance Update

Chiara Angeloni: I would like to note concern that Christopher Donovan has only attended 3 of the 16 meetings we've had this year including this one.

Laura Webster: I would like to note that exec meetings are on a fortnightly basis, the poll is open for all exec members to see, and I pick the day most people can attend, it not arbitrary. Also when contacted Christopher Donovan said he couldn't make it as he worked full time for the ALP, I find it disappointing that he would nominate for such an important role knowing he has full time work commitments and would not be able to attend meetings, and if he didn't know why he wouldn't resign so someone who can attend could fill his position. We can't have these meetings after business hours. Why it can't happen after hours is for WHS reasons and the secretary needs to be able to be there and shouldn't be working after hours.

The meeting was declared closed at 12:50.