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MINUTES of the 18th meeting of the Executive Committee, 87th SRC, held on Wednesday in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Kyol Blakeney (Chair), Madison Mclvor, Chiara Angeloni[^], Laura Webster, Subeta Vimalarajah, Georgia Kriz (phone in), Alison Xiao.

Apologies: Max Hall and Christopher Donovan.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Georgia Mantle, David Shakes.

Meeting Opened: 1:05

**[^]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 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, Alison Xiao and Christopher Donovan.

The apologies of Max Hall and Alison Xiao were accepted. The Apologies of Christopher Donovan were not accepted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 9th September 2015 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 9th September be accepted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

There was no report from the WHS officer.

7. Report of the President

Kyol Blakeney: A New Caseworker position will be appointed, I'm going through the applications and will give James a short list by close of business. The next discussion of the strategic plan has been released we will be sending feedback on that by close of business today.

The Election of student members of faculty boards has been done. There are still a few vacancies, 3 in business, 1 in dentistry which I thought was post grad only but they have an undergraduate position, 2 in engineering, 1 in law, 2 in Nursing, and 2 at the SCA.

Members of Academic Board, we suggested these be appointed at representative select, but apparently they need the names of the 2016 members by the 28th October, before we have rep select. We can send out a letter to the 87th & 88th councils to decide who it would be, or executive could appoint the persons. We don't have time to put what we discussed to this council.

Subeta Vimalarajah: I would be interested in the positions, but I don't want to get it just because I'm on the current executive.

Chiara Angeloni: If it's always going to be before rep select what we discussed isn't viable.

Laura Webster: I feel better with them applying rather than getting randomly appointed.

Max Hall: We are happy to but ... that the Academic Board members would be from the executive.

Subeta Vimalarajah: I think that the fact they will be involved in the SRC, could be a councillor or executive member, means there will be vested interest.

Meeting moved in camera 1:17 pm

Meeting moved ex camera 1:20pm

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Madison McIvor: Not much to report most will be in my council report. Other than that I'm still working on handover documents, and input welcome.

Kyol Blakeney: I know Daniel was working on this could you follow up what was happening with the diploma of law students?

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Chiara Angeloni: We are still working on stipend changes. We are going to the university with a memorandum on how SSAF could be more transparent in terms of how it is decided.

Max Hall: We are working on that with the USU and SUPRA on that. We are also looking into Blind marking but I think Subeta is better placed to talk about that.

Subeta Vimalarajah: I've just met with Anna and we've been through the G8 universities policies and there is no clear blind marking policies. In the 90s the UK's NUS [National Union of Students] ran a huge campaign on blind marking. So there's that information. We are working on an article for Honi, there are two people that are interested, Anna is going to get a quote from them.

Georgia Kriz: Subeta if you want any help with students who have been effected by non- blind marking let me know.

Subeta Vimalarajah: I've mentioned that some cases are easier than others it would be good to have as many people on board as possible.

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

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Kyol Blakeney: No report from Chitra Narayanan, the only thing is the doorbell at the front will be replaced. We will have panic buttons in all the rooms except the OB room and Honi office. There will be a procedure laid out on what to do when the bell rings, the admin staff will walk up and down the corridor to make sure everyone is ok and will contact security if needed. It went off earlier this week and no one responded.

There was no report from the Administration Manager

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

No report from the Casework and Policy Manager

12. SRC Legal Service Report

Thomas McLoughlin entered at 1:30

Annie has just taken on a case, a bunch of students fees were advertised as being one level and then they are being charged at a higher rate. It looks like a consumer law case.

Madison Mclvor: Is it just isolated?

Thomas McLoughlin: Don't know we are meeting later.

Madison Mclvor: Would be great to know numbers

Thomas McLoughlin: We would need to get consent from the students to promote the case.

Motion: that the report of the SRC Legal Service be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Madison Mclvor

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

13. Approval of Payments

13.1. Reimbursements

Xiaoran Shi (Wom*n's): \$20 – Food for collective campaign workshop.

Anna Hush (Wom*n's): \$23:00 paint and material for banner used at vigil.

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

13.2 Requests for funding

The Welfare Officers have agreed to donate \$500 to the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy [RATE].

I (Kavya) would like to request \$200 from the Ethnic Affairs budget for ACAR's second semester campaign. This campaign is an online awareness resource campaign with UNSW to cater to providing a platform for students to readily access articles, blogs and literature pertaining to critical race studies. Upon consultation with Amanda from the Publications department, building a wordpress website will be the best platform for the resources that will be collated.

Money will be needed to purchase the theme and extra features for the wordpress website and possibly buying a domain name. I have requested an extra amount for a potential launch event for the website

Kyol Blakeney: This one confuses me [referring to the first request] RATE doesn't exist anymore.

Chiara Angeloni: The donation we made earlier in the year of \$2000, OB can contribute to that, while we paid it at the moment they can contribute so the money goes back into the resources pool.

Kyol Blakeney: Ok.

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Education Officers

David Shakes: We are working with pubs on posters they are going to be guerrilla campaign art style, which is fun. As well as that we are organising for actions at Malcolm Turnbull's office and to the new education ministers (state and federal) we will be having a meeting about that here tomorrow.

It was really great to see all tickets opposing the restructure at the SRC elections. We are hoping to buy out our own giant jenga set as it's cheaper than renting it and it's a popular way to draw attention to issues, we would like \$300 for the purchase of a giant jenga set.

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

14.2. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

1. Responding With Compassion
2. Elections Regulations
3. Candidates Info Session
4. femPOWER Workshops
5. WoC Pre-selection Policy
6. Verge Event

Subeta Vimalarajah: we had a really good workshop with SULLS on domestic violence, it was packed, we raised \$605 not including the \$300 raised we have a good relationship with SULLS we would like to maintain.

We want to propose a regulations change to get active consent while campaigning, also that the SRC provide stickers that say that people have voted with disclosing a vote.

I'm running some workshops with Laura in the lead up to autonomous collectives elections of their OBs. We are doing this to help them learn the bureaucracy of the SRC.

The Fempower workshops we've got 2 at Parramatta and Leichhardt after school. We are also having one at Killarney high school. One on the Wom*ns Officers will be elected by the Wom*n Of Colour Collective.

Meeting moved in camera: 1:46

meeting moved ex camera: 1:50

Kyol: with the stickers – they are a good thing especially the voted ones I'm worried that the not talking one will have a number of effects, like in lecture bashing.

Subeta Vimalarajah: This is in my capacity as Wom*n's Officer, as a hack I understand these concerns. I think we need to find a solution though.

Madison McIvor: I agree you don't want to lose the involvement but at the same time issues could be something to the D&C collective.

Kyol Blakeney: I think that a good idea.

Chiara Angeloni: I wanted to add on the stickers this year they started asking for campaign managers, we should organise meeting with them also when is the collective workshop?

Subeta Vimalarajah: 8th October 4:30 to 5:30

Kyol Blakeney: I have to leave talk about 15.2 but I trust Subeta.

Kyol Blakeney resigned the chair to Laura Webster, Kyol Blakeney left at 1:54

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

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

14.3. Report of the Publications Managers

Motion: that the report of the Publications Managers be accepted with included expenditure.

Moved: Subeta Vimalarajah

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Chitra Narayanan: Annual & Study, 12/10/15 – 16/10/15, 5 days, 35 hours.
Time in Lieu, 21/9/15 – 02/10/15, 19.75 hours across that time.
Annual, 29/09/15 – 19/09/15, 1 day, 7 hours.
Melissa de Silva: Annual, 18/11/15 – 18/11/15, 1 day, 7 hours.
Special 18/09/15 – 18/09/15, 1 day, 7 hours.
Annie Zeng: Annual & Time in Lieu, 22/09/15 – 22/09/15, 1 day, 7 hours.
Sharon Maher: Annual, 12/10/15 – 14/10/15, 3 days, 21 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Madison Mclvor

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15.2 Flatmates Legal Guides

Subeta Vimalarajah: Flatmates have helped put together a housing information guide for us to distribute, this is not a full copy. The deal is they will print them for us for free. The only thing is the amount of advertising, is every one ok with it?

Laura Webster: They have done all the work for us.

Subeta Vimalarajah: Just if you want to change it let me know.

15.3 Honi Chairs

Laura Webster: Sorry I wasn't here last meeting I was sick. I want to bring up the Honi chairs, I'm concerned we would not have rejected that for casework or legal or admin. I would like to put that they are lying on the ground it's so bad.

Madison McIvor: I agree that should not have been bypassed. We are making a distinction between student elected staff and the 'real world' staff. Everybody should be given the same treatment.

Max Hall: I think we have the money, but I don't think we should spend that money but I see the issue.

Chiara Angeloni: I think we have the money; Chitra would not put this through to us if we didn't.

Max left the meeting at 2:07.

Motion to fund \$3000 for new chairs for the Honi Office.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

Motion was put and **CARRIED**.

The meeting was declared closed at 2:07