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MINUTES of the 1st meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 16th in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Chloe Smith (Chair), Lachlan Ward*, Siobhan Ryan, Ilya Klauzner.

Apologies: Georgia Mantle, Monique Newberry, Michael Sun and Sean Tingcombe

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Chitra Narayanan, Melissa de Silva, James Campbell, and Thomas McLoughlin.

Meeting Opened: 1:08

*^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 Georgia Mantle, Monique Newberry, Michael Sun and Sean Tingcombe.

The apologies were accepted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 16th November were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 16th November be accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Workplace Health and Safety Report

The Work place Health and Safety report was held over until Melissa de Silva was available.

6. Report of the President

Chloe Smith: This will be a short report as I've only been president for two weeks and I've been away for two weeks. I just got back from NUS National Conference. At Academic Board on the 2 December there was a vote on simple extensions. There was a group of students there inclusion about half of the EAG. We were there to speak to the importance of simple extensions. There were a number of impassioned speeches in defence of simple extensions.

There was a vote in our favour and while this mean that there is more work to be done on the issues there was an in principal agreement to save simple extensions.

Lachlan Ward: What is going to be done with regards to simple extensions being put into place in all faculties?

Chloe Smith: There is a lot of work to be done there. It was not a unanimous vote and there were many heads of faculties who were not happy about the implementation of simple extensions.

Siobhan Ryan: I was concerned by the wording that it was at the discretion of the academic.

Chloe Smith: simple extensions have already been vague it's always been at the discretion of the academic hence the wide variance in time allowed. There will be some time fleshing out the policy to be clearer.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. Report of the Vice Presidents

There was no report from the Vice Presidents.

8. Report of the General Secretaries

Lachlan Ward: What has been happening is the Bookshop, which Chloe and I, and Georgia by correspondence, have been working on. Our lease with the USU has expired and they are claiming that they have had offers of 50,000 a year for the space, I find this hard to believe, at the moment we pay about \$10 a year in rent for the space. They have suggested that we use an online system, but talking to Julie at the bookshop and Chitra this would be very expensive. Looks like we could do some advertising for the USU to come to a compromise but the USU' treasure is being quite stubborn on the issue. Speaking to Chitra she thinks it will be hard to remove us as the university supports us there. We have asked that they ask for a little less SAFF, since they said they were not interested in an increase this year and we could use a little extra SAFF to pay them rent, though they have declined this.

O-week hand booking is coming along I would love help on it, it would be great if people responded to my emails about when we could meet up to get that working.

The University has been really slow in regards to SAFF so nothing will be happening there until next year.

Any questions?

Ilya Klauzner: Does the bookshop give us a profit?

Lachlan Ward: At the moment yes as it doesn't have rent costs, so it runs a slight surplus.

Ilya Klauzner: Is there a reason we get it so cheap?

Lachlan Ward: The Union has traditionally let us hold the space as we are another student union and are providing a service to students.

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

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

5. Workplace Health and Safety Report

Melissa de Silva entered the meeting at 1:28 and gave a brief out line of her role as Workplace Health and Safety Officer.

Melissa de Silva left the meeting at 1:30.

9. Report of the Administration Manager

Chitra Narayanan entered the meeting at 1:30

Chitra Narayanan: I don't have much to report but the circular I sent around about the casework data base has not yet been approved so I ask that we approve \$4525 for a new case work data base, we are using the same people who are doing SUPR's at the same time. The cost includes building the data base, installing it and training. That's all for the moment.

Chitra Narayanan left the meeting at 1:31.

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

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

10. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

James Campbell entered the room at 1:32.

James gave a brief over view of his role.

James Campbell: The main load of casework coming up will be show cause, if you are not aware of what this means it is where student have performed badly in three semesters in a row, that will keep us busy, the due date do take into account the university shut down period for the shut down will not effect the students. Other than that we had a planning day 2 weeks ago to talk about plans for the upcoming year. If you have any questions or need help knock on my door, if I'm busy I'll tell you to come back later but I'm happy to answer questions if you have them.

James Campbell left the meeting at 1:35

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

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

11. SRC Legal Service Report

Thomas McLoughlin entered the meeting at 1:36.

Thomas McLoughlin: Hi everyone, to anyone I don't know I'm Thomas and I'm the chief solicitor of the SRC legal service. A few Statistics we have about ___ open cases at the moment these are inflated slightly as 20 of them are vet students who have a claim for being over charged, this is between 10-15,000 each so about 200,000 total, this is being handed mostly by our other solicitor Annie. We have been working with the former student rep for the SCA students association about breaches in the smoking policies of the university on the campus and concerns for students' health there. This has been received but the administration there positively as there will continue to raise awareness around the issue but everyone seems pretty responsive to the concerns and happy to up the anti on that issue. Out of interest we've had a few minion drug possession charges and the most recent got with a 6 month good behaviour bond, it was lighter than I expected considering what has happened at stereo-sonic, and the governments reaction, it seems not to have filtered down to the court system yet which was good for our client.

We sometimes take on cases for supra where there is a conflict. SUPRA's legal service is a subsidiary of the Redfern Legal Centre. This means that if they have given advice to someone that has involved this person they are conflicted out, and it will come to us. We refer students to them when we are conflicted out. We became our own legal service and there were some tensions with Redfern after that, part of the reason was it was cheaper for the SRC then to pay for the contract out to them. Though the relationship is amicable now. We are not formally a community legal centre, we are the next step up as we are a bigger service than a CLC as we are able to go into greater depth. This isn't to say that they don't have a lot of expertise.

Also so you are aware I'm not the immigration agent that is Annie Zeng.

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

Moved:

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

12. Approval of Payments

12.2 Reimbursements

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| Chitra Narayanan (Admin): | \$29.70 Business cards for Chloe. |
| Adam Adelpour (CRAC): | \$27 fabric paint |
| | \$128 T-shirts |
| | \$52.40 Screen-printing pains and accessories e.g. card and applicator |

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bl

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

13. Any Other Reports

13.1. Applications for After Hours Access

Aparna Balakumar – Ethno Cultural
 Matthew Campbell - Welfare
 Liam Carrigan - Education
 Cameron Hawkins – Councilor
 Steven Kwon – Refugee Rights
 Lily Matchett - Environment
 Elizabeth Mora – Ethno Cultural
 Aya Mustafa – Inter-Faith
 Michelle Picone – Environment, Global Solidarity, Social Justice and Sexual Harrasment
 Maushmi Powar - Environment
 Lorena White – Sexual Harassment and Social Justice
 Angel Zhao – International Students

Motion: that the applications for after hours access be accepted on bloc

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Other Business

14.1 Staff Leave

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| Breda Dee: | Sick, 27/10/15, 1 day, 7 hours. Sick, 05/11/15 – 06/11/15, 2 days, 14 hours. TIL, 07/11/15, 2 hours. Sick, 12/11/15 – 13/11/15, 2 days, 14 hours. Sick, 23/11/15, 4 hours. TIL, 15/12/15 – 18/12/15, 4 days, 28 hours. |
| Julie Harrison: | Annual, 26/11/15, 1 day, 8 hours. Annual, 04/01/16 – 07/01/16, 4 days, 32 hours. |
| Mickie Quick: | Annual, 14/12/15 – 16/12/15, 2.5 days, 17.5 hours. Annual, 04/01/16 – 06/01/16, 2.5 days, 17.5 hours. |
| Hani Bawazir: | Annual, 17/12/15, 1 day 7.5 hours. |
| James Campbell: | Annual, 04/01/16 -08/01/16, 5 days, 35 hours. TIL, 29/01/15, 1 day, 7 hours. |
| Joyleen Sloane: | TIL, 10/12/15, 1 day, 7 hours. Leave without pay, 11/12/15, 1 day, 7 hours. |
| Amanda LeMay: | Annual, 25/09/15, 1 day, 8 hours. Annual, 20/11/15, 2 hours. |

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Chloe Smith

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15.2 Condoms

Request for \$236 to be spent on Condoms for the SRC free stuff box and O- week.

Moved: Siobhan Ryan

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

15.3 ACAR Room on campus.

Lachlan Ward: I was asked to bring this to Exec by Aparna, I'm not sure how much we can do. ACAR would like to have an ACAR room on campus, they are talking to the USU but would like the SRC to be proactive about this.

Chloe Smith: I'm in support of this, the USU has more space for this. I'm not sure what they would like us to do?

Siobhan Ryan: I support this but I don't know how to go about this.

Chloe: I think if they need something more specific we can help with but I'm not sure there is anything we can do at the point.

The meeting was declared closed at 2:00pm.