



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the 20th meeting of the Executive Committee, 87th SRC, held on Monday 5th November in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

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**PRESENT:** Kyol Blakeney (Chair), Madison Mclvor, Max Hall^, Chiara Angeloni^, Subeta Vimalarajah, Alison Xiao.

Apologies: Christopher Donovan, Laura Webster

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Thomas McLoughlin,

Meeting Opened: 11:10

\*^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, Laura Webster

The apologies of Laura Webster were accepted, the apologies of Christopher Donovan were not.

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 19<sup>th</sup> October were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 19th October be accepted.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Max Hall

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.

## **6. Workplace Health and Safety Report**

There was no report from the WH&S Officer

## **7. Report of the Acting President**

Laura Webster submitted a written report:

-EBA negotiations have been taking up most of my time as Acting President, We are currently in the process of meeting with staff and union representatives to discuss changes.

-Subeta and Luciano were elected to Academic Board for the 2015/16 term. They attended Academic Board last week and discussed changes to the Academic Honesty policy.

-1800 Respect stickers from Rape and Domestic Violence Australia have arrived and are in the front office and the Wom\*ns officers and Sexual Harassment officer's pigeon holes in the SRC office.

-Reviewing the induction handbook with casework and the Secretary to Council and have scheduled induction for 2016 Office bearers and councillors (25 Nov)

-Organised crisis management training for staff beginning in 2016 as there were unfortunately no courses available this year

-Working with publications managers regarding Honi Soit printing as we have been having some issues with the printer.

-Following up on Honi Soit awards night pricing as we seem to have been overcharged - will update exec when as I get more information.

-Chiara and I are conducting end of year consults which will be made available to next years President and executive

Subeta Vimalarajah: Could we follow up on Academic Board? They didn't have Luciano or myself on the list. We want to be able to vote on while the next chair will be.

Max Hall: Mine just came through; I got elected to Academic Board yesterday. It should come through soon, we should be able to vote on the chair.

Motion: That the report of the Acting President be accepted

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

## **8. Report of the Vice President**

There was no report from the Vice President.

## **9. Report of the General Secretaries**

Max Hall: I got elected to Academic Board yesterday; the specific PA system is yet to be decided.

Chiara Angeloni: In terms of White Boards we found a while bunch so buying more will not be necessary.

Max Hall: Chiara went to Academic Board.

Chiara Angeloni: There were discussions around a number of issues the main one was the definition of acknowledgement of sources within text. The value of reusing exams year after year was another.

Max Hall: The Memorandum is still being worked on, Thomas has been away so it has been delayed. We will get an updated version to Jordi Austin [Head of Student Support Services] by Wednesday next week. Did you want to talk about NUS?

Chiara Angeloni: We sent out forms to NUS delegates if they want to send an observer.

Max Hall: The final thing is handover, which will be determined by reps elect tonight.

Chiara Angeloni: Getting things together for OBs for induction and anything you have in mind for that.

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

Moved: Alison Xiao

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

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.

#### **Motion to move to point 13 moved from the Chair.**

#### **12. SRC Legal Service Report**

*The Legal service report was held over till the end of the meeting.*

#### **13. Approval of Payments**

##### **13.1. Invoices**

The Meeting move in camera at 11:37

The meeting moved ex camera at 11:40

Motion: To approve the cost of \$3,267 for the legal service for confidential expenditure.

Moved: Max Hall

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **13.2 Reimbursements**

Xiaoran Shi (ACAR)	\$145.75 for props, costumes and posters for ACAR revue \$515 venue hire for ACAR revue
Fatima Rauf (ACAR)	\$89 costumes props for ACAR revue
Radha Wahyuwidayai (ACAR)	\$34 costumes and props for ACAR revue
Chitra Narayanan (admin)	\$357.50 Survey Monkey renewal
Melissa de Silva (casework)	\$7 Facebook post boost
Mickie Quick (publication)	\$80.02 use of car next door for Honi distribution
Georgia Mantel (Indigenous)	\$300 payment for conference was paid to SRC not to Georgia
Tom Joyner (ACAR)	\$121.50 food for social event

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

## **14. Any Other Reports**

### **14.1. Report of the Ethno Cultural Officer**

Request for funding:

\$300 for Red Rattler

\$200 for hiring the RR for rehearsals on Wednesday 21st October

\$100 donation & security fee (RR has entirely volunteer staff & rely on donations)

\$90 for Tiger Flights/Verge

One of our poets (Abdul Hammoud from Melbourne) who came to perform at the ACAR Poetry Event, missed his flight on the day due to a system error with his online check-in. I've chased it up with Tiger & they're saying the system error is not their fault as the passenger should still show up 45 mins before his flight. But, the poet was under the impression that his online check-in had worked which, according to Tiger policy, means he can show up 30 mins before his flight. I would have paid him back out of our profits for the evening, but we had a small turn-out & just broke even. If there is room in the budget, I'd like to be able to reimburse him as he spent out of his own pocket to still come for the ACAR Poetry Event.

\$150 for Revue Participants (for the purchase of \$50x3 gift cards).

Radha, Xiaoran & Fatima were the key people who pulled the revue together - both behind the scenes & on-stage. Given they are not ACAR OBs and did all of the work in getting the revue done, I'd like to be able to reward them for their efforts and have them feel appreciated for their contribution to our first ever revue.

Kyol Blakeney: There seems to be some overlap between the reimbursements and the requested form Ethno Cultural Officers.

Subeta Vimalarajah: the request came through first.

Kyol Blakeney: I'm happy to pay the reimbursements and leave the request till later are there any other queries? I say we approve the \$90 request.

Motion: that the report of the Ethno Cultural Officers be accepted.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

#### **14.2. Report of the Wom\*n's Officers**

Not much to report back. Most exciting thing has been FEmpower we've had two at Penrith, one at North Sydney Girls, and one at Leichhardt. We will have one of 150 girls at Balmain. In Victoria news just came up about a feminist curriculum which is an exciting development. Our aim is to create the workshop as connected to Wom\*n's collective but a separate entity. Also a lot of the feedback we are getting from students is they would like a camp, we're looking into the possibility of this.

Anna [Hush] was preselected Wom\*n's Officer unopposed, we have also preselected a Sexual Harassment Officer which was exciting.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Alison Xiao

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

#### **14.3. Report of the Education Officers**

Hi guys, welcome back to Kyol. We've recently had our last EAG meeting and have wound down with the end of semester but still have work to do and things we'd like to achieve in our last month. We've concentrated recent efforts into allocating our remaining budget so all reimbursements can be in by the 16th of November. The Education Department has a bit of work to do to spend the last of its budget, but I'm confident that we're on track to spend it in full. As of the last figures, we have \$5,450 to spend of our \$15K total.

The first major expenditure we are seeking approval for is travel to and from and registrations for NatCon, on December 7-11. I think it's important we fund education activists to attend the annual conference of the National Union of Students (held again at Monash University in Melbourne) because the Sydney University EAG has a lot to contribute to the conversation. We request up to \$3500 in funding, as requested by our EAG, as we've received a lot of responses already to our EOI form. We're funding people who've been to two EAG meetings this year. Registration for unofficial delegates costs \$200 and we're looking at donating a further \$250 in flight reimbursements to students in financial need. At the moment about 10 people have requested funding, not all of whom will be able to be covered. We can get invoices for the registrations and will try to make sure that all flights are bought by the end of next week so they can be reimbursed by the 16th of November.

We're also requesting funding for \$500 to go to an Activist Training Camp partly run by SEARCH foundation held in late November, which will allow them to drop the price of registration. EAG members will be attending, it's got workshops on 'the neoliberal education factory' and it's attracted a crowd from across the country. Facebook event is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1504529736535461/>

On top of that, for our anti-restructure, counter-university marketing propaganda campaign, printing 10 B0 self-adhesive posters would cost \$1000 from Officeworks, so we request the remaining \$1450 to go towards printing for

that. I've found various quotes for A0 printing but am also looking into B0 self-adhesive printing as well as pull-up banners and more long-lasting options. I feel like that's a reasonable amount to spend on a combination of the above. I've also attached the last set of posters Mickie came up with - we're going to tweak them slightly according to recommendations from Thomas but the general gist will remain. We want to see these plastered over existing posters in a hardhat style fake construction worker stunt before the end of the year. Hope you like them :)

Please approve the above allocation of the remaining budget so we can spend it before Chitra goes on leave. Sorry I couldn't be there today but I hope you all enjoy your last month of tying up loose ends.

Best,  
David

Subeta Vimalarajah: How much again?

Kyol Blakeney: It's \$1000 for 10. The Executive suggests that this be done during O-Week.

Max Hall: I feel Office works isn't the cheapest.

Chiara Angeloni: even with photos or video now it might be good.

Kyol Blakeney: Do we Approve it?

Subeta Vimalarajah: Approve the first two. I believe we support is with the comments added.

Max Hall: I approve this with comments passed on.

Motion: that the report of the Education Officers be accepted with included cost provided that the suggestions are taken on board.

Moved: Subeta Vimalarajah

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

## **15. Other Business**

### 15.1 Staff Leave

Melissa de Silva: Annual, 02/11/15 – 3/11/15, 2 days, 14 hours.

Annual, 06/11/15, 1 day 7 hours.

Heather Mabry: Annual, 27/11/15, 1 day, 7 hours.

Mickie Quick: Annual, 23/11/15 – 2/12/15, 6 days, 35 hours.

Julie Harrison: Time in Lieu, 22/10/15, 1 day, 8 hours.

Chitra Narayanan: Study, 01/12/15 – 02/12/15, 2 days, 14 hours.

Joyleen Sloane: Leave without pay, 30/10/2015, 1 day 7 hours.

Julia Robins: Annual, 23/10/15 and 16/10/15, 2 days 10 hours.

Annual, 06/11/15, 1 day, 5 hours.

Annual, 10/11/15, 1 day, 5 hours.

Annual, 12/11/15 – 13/11/15, 2 days, 10 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **15.2 Special Business:**

### **NUS National Conference Observers and Media Applications.**

Motion to accept the Observer Applications on bloc.

Applications attached at the end of this document.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

Abstentions: Max Hall and Subeta Vimalarajah

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

### **Staff Requests**

Dear Exec, I write in support of Breda's request in her email below. I think it is justified in the difficult circumstances she faces. I understand that she will likely make a specific request with particular dates before the end of this year.

Kind regards

James Campbell

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Dear Exec,

I am seeking the executive committee's approval for me to have leave without pay to be taken in the near future. The period I am requesting would be for 6 months. I cannot give an exact date here due to the uncertainty of my sister's health status in her battle with cancer and the effects of the treatment. I have previously very kindly been given leave without pay for the period 14/8/14-6/2/15 following my sister's diagnosis of a cancer to provide care for her. It is unfortunate that I need to make this further request. I have the support of my manager, James Campbell in making this request.

My sister lives in the UK and so there is no option of visiting her for shorter periods of time. I am making this request now as I wish to give as much notice as possible to allow for planning by the organisation.

Thank you,

Breda Dee

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Dear Exec,

I am seeking the executive committee's approval for me to obtain the Certificate 1V in Training & Assessment. The training is nationally recognised. This training has been discussed at previous Casework Department meetings and has the support of James Campbell, my manager. This course will be very useful for my work which has a training component and I have both experience in and an interest in this area. I have included in this email 3 x training course

options with costs for the committees' consideration. My preference would be to do the Southern Cross (Sydney), this is a class based option run over a 5 or 7 (weekdays) intensive course are run monthly throughout the year. My preference would be for the 5 day course.

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If exec approval is given, I would commence the course at an agreed time with my department manager for planning purposes.

**Costs for Certificate 1V in Training and Assessment:** all are accredited.

Southern Cross (my preference)	\$1,290
OTEN	\$1,960
TAFE	\$4,400

Thank you,  
Breda

Kyol Blakeney: Everyone happy with these?

Max Hall: This is in line with what we provide for training and is a reasonable request.

Motion to accept Leave without pay and training costs:

Moved: Subeta Vimalarajah

Seconded: Max Hall

The Motion was put and **CARRIED**

## **12. SRC Legal Service Report**

Thomas McLoughlin entered the meeting at 12:04

Thomas McLoughlin: I'm not sure how many more exec meeting there will be. I wanted to thank the executive for their support of the legal service.

I had a carry on case from before I started here WAZRH was the case. There SRC has little to do with the case but we were getting printing done here for about \$280, SRC will get that back as the minister was forced to pay legal costs. 5 judges were attacking the ministers barrister, if I'd stayed in a dingy city law firm I would not have had the opportunity to do this, we won but who knows what that will mean in the long term.

The legal service will have handover for directors soon. Most recently we had the Education Action Group posters looked at in terms of legal implications. I thought we should add 'deceptive', the reason I thought that is it would be good as [the university] are selective over who they chose to promote as alumni.

Kyol Blakeney: [In relation to the John Howard poster] how likely would it be we could face legal action for this?

Thomas McLoughlin: It's a judgement call, it's hard a one. One might say he is persona non grata in public life to a lot of people.

Kyol Blakeney: In Honi I understand why we couldn't, but we are not Honi, we are supposed to stand for something.

Thomas McLoughlin: I suggested it be changed to "Invaded and destroyed Iraq based on lies" so it doesn't say who lied but it remains there.



Subeta Vimalarajah: It's nice about your case.

Thomas McLoughlin: Yeah it was exciting.

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

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

*The meeting was declared closed at 12:16*