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MINUTES:

of the 7th regular meeting of the 87th SRC held on **2nd September**. Meeting held in the Professorial Boardroom, Quadrangle.

A. Meeting open at 6:30pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Laura Webster be elected Deputy Chairperson.
The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

B. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students' Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land (Sydney), the Cadigal people of the Eora nation. We stand on this land today as beneficiaries of an uncompensated and unreconciled dispossession that occurred over 200 years ago. Many of the descendants of those dispossessed live just down the road in abject poverty, and as young people it is important to recognise how this history of dislocation and disenfranchisement has contributed to the inequality we observe in modern society. We acknowledge both our privilege and our obligation to redress the situation as best we can: to remember the mistakes of the past, act on the problems of today, and build a future for everyone who now calls this place home, striving always for genuinely practical and meaningful reconciliation.

C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies were received from:

Madison McIvor
Tim Sullivan
Alison Xiao
Zoe Zaczek
Ivana Radix
Georgia Kriz
Christopher Donovan
Subeta Vimalarajah
Sarah Enderby
Jun Li

Harry Stratton
Daniel Ergas

Proxies

Madison McIvor to Kyol Blakeney
Zoe Zaczek to Cameron Caccamo
Georgia Kriz to Chloe Smith
Ivana Radix to Ilya Klauzner
Christopher Donovan to Robby Magyar
Sarah Enderby to Justine Amin
Harry Stratton to Oliver Plunkett

The apologies and proxies were noted.
motion to accept:
Moved: Laura Webster
Seconded: Philippa Specker
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

E1. Consideration of any resignations

Daniel Ergas to Eden Faithfull
Fahad Ali to Sean Nugent
Amy Knox to Isabella Brook
Arin Harman
Paul Harrison from Standing Legal Committee
Jun Li resigns her position as International Students Officer
Jun Li resigns from council

Moved: David Shakes
Seconded: Philippa Specker
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of 87th SRC Council held on 3rd June, 1st July, and 5th August 2015 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 3rd June, 1st July, and 5th August be accepted.

Moved: Laura Webster

Seconded: Robby Magyar

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

G. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business for this item.

H. Question Time of 15 minutes, which may be extended by resolution for a further 15 minutes.

I. Visitor's Business

There was no business for this item.

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

K. Elections

K1. 2 members of standing legal, one must be non-cis male

Nominated: Justine Armin: nominated unopposed

1 international Students Officer

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 11th June to 12th 2015

L2. Report of the Executive

Report of the executive from the 4th June to September 2015.

The report was circulated and noted.

The President deferred the Chair to the Deputy Chairperson.

L3. President's Report

Kyol Blakeney tabled a written /gave a verbal report:

Cameron Caccamo: with regards to the two new members of the SRC with a seat on academic board, you mention that it would be taken from general executive, on other campuses it come from the education officers, would that be a better option?

Kyol Blakeney: the reason we chose general exec is they don't have more on the job description and they work closely with the president and the staff that is necessary for keeping up the requirements of academic board

Motion to accept the report of the President, and the minutes of the executive meetings.

Moved: Philippa Specker

Seconded: David Shakes

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

M. Report of the Vice-Presidents

Madison McIvor tabled 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.

Eleanor Morley: Where are the vice presidents.

- it was clarified that Madison was at a conference of indigenous law students, and that Daniel Ergas was in the campaigning in the United states.-

Eleanor Morley: Will they make it back?

Kyol Blakeney: Seems unlikely

Eleanor Morley: Do you think it's responsible to elect someone who leaves half way through?

Kyol Blakeney: We didn't know he would.

Omar Hassan: Will he support warmongering Hillary if Bernie loses?

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

Moved: Robby Magyar

Seconded: Chris warren

Ridah Hassan voted against the motion.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Chiara Angeloni and Max Hall tabled a written report

Chiara Angeloni & Max Hall

July

SRC Legal Service

In early July, we updated the contracts of the solicitors at the SRC Legal Service to extend their working hours. These contracts have been signed by the solicitors, formalising this important change in the 2015 SRC budget.

University Restructure

At the end of Semester One and over the July break, we were involved with the SRC's response to the first discussion paper ('*Developing a Distinctive Undergraduate Education*') issued by the University regarding its strategic plan for 2016-2020. We attended a focus group session coordinated by the University to discuss the paper, and the special Student Consultative Committee meeting with Vice-Chancellor Dr Spence and other student organisations which centred on the paper and the University's response to fee deregulation.

We are particularly concerned about the equity implications of the University's proposals, the lack of detail regarding plans for improving cultural competence at the University, and the repercussions of the proposals for staff. We will continue to keep an eye on the University's proposals regarding its 2016-2020 strategic plan and encourage other SRC members to do so too. The final discussion papers are being realised in the immediate future; focus groups and opportunities to make sure the university knows your view will follow.

SRC Shared Resources Pool

The SRC has purchased two megaphones for the Office-Bearers' shared resources pool. We also plan to purchase a badge maker and a number of small whiteboards for everyone's favourite photo campaigns. We had prepared a motion for the August Council meeting, in consultation with the Administration Department and SRC Executive, regarding official SRC policy for the loaning of these items. As this meeting was inquorate, it will now be considered at the September Council meeting.

We welcome any suggestions from Office-Bearers and SRC members in general for other items that ought to be a part of the shared resources pool.

SRC and Re-O Day

Following the SRC's successful presence at Orientation Week earlier this year, we wished to have a stall at Re-O Day in Semester 2. Unfortunately, the USU offered a price for a stall to the SRC which the Executive concluded was unaffordable. With contributions from various sections of the budget however, the Education Action Group were able to have a stall at Re-O Day to publicise upcoming actions and distribute SRC publications left over from O-Week (including the 'How to Uni' guide and the Counter-Course handbook). The Environment Collective was also present at the stall on the day.

August

National Union of Students (NUS)

On June 24, the NUS' Fee Review Committee approved the SRC's 2015 affiliation fee of \$63,000. This amount had previously been approved by Council at the SRC meeting in May.

We were also both present at the protest coordinated by the Education Action Group for the NUS' National Day of Action on August 19. The rally addressed important issues facing students and staff on campus (particularly the University's aforementioned plans to dramatically restructure undergraduate degrees) and beyond (with fee deregulation still on the Liberal Party's agenda).

SRC and the University of Sydney Open Day

We coordinated the SRC's stall at the University's Open Day last Saturday (August 29). Thanks to Kyol, Subeta, Georgia, Blythe and David for helping run the stall throughout the day. We spoke to many high school students who were keen to find out about the work of collectives, and distributed SRC flyers as well as the 'How to Uni', 'Growing Strong' and 'Counter Course' handbooks.

SRC Stipend Allocation

Since the mid-year Office Bearer consults, we have been working with Laura, Subeta and Kyol to develop an alternative Office-Bearer stipend allocation model. We are still developing this model in conjunction with relevant stakeholders in the SRC (including collectives and councillors) with reference to the ways stipends are allocated at student organisations comparable to our own. We welcome any questions, concerns or other comments from any student about this model.

Cross-student organisations collaboration

We have met with Kyol and the executives of the USU and SUPRA to begin discussions about better sharing of resources in the future. As always, we welcome any ideas from Representatives about ways they would like to see student organisations on campus working together.

Miscellaneous

A Reminder About Appropriate Use of SRC Resources

The SRC relies on revenue from the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) for its existence. The use of the SSAF is subject to various conditions. An important condition of SSAF expenditure is that it must not be used to support a political party (s 19.38 (2) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*). Further, SRC policy (under the 'Miscellaneous' section) reads: "No SRC resources shall be appropriated for the direct benefit of any political party or student political faction."

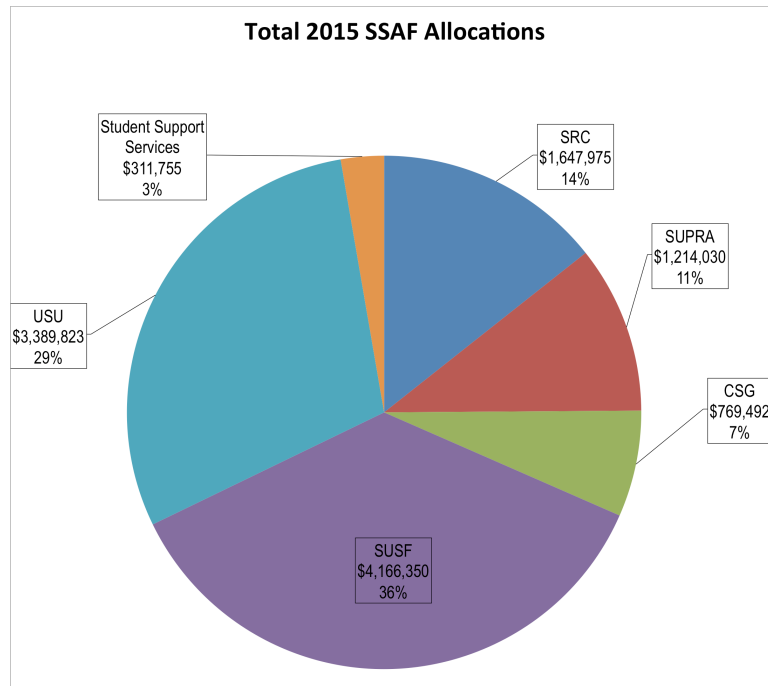
Various Office-Bearers, Councillors and SRC members are members of student political factions and/or political parties. However, it is never acceptable for the SRC's SSAF revenue to be spent to support any political party or organisation, or student political faction. In the spirit of supporting student unionism, especially since the implementation of Voluntary Student Unionism, it is incumbent upon all members of the SRC - regardless of factional affiliation or party membership - to ensure its resources are used appropriately.

Honi Soit is the SRC's official journal, as per s10 of the SRC Constitution. It is funded almost entirely by the SSAF, except for advertisements paid by external organisations. The *Honi Soit* stands, located across University of Sydney campuses, are purchased by the SRC using the SSAF for the promotion of the SRC's official journal and for this purpose only. In 2015, there have been four instances of material published by a political organisation and distributed primarily by a student political faction found in *Honi Soit* stands.

We remind Office-Bearers and SRC members that the *Honi Soit* stands are for the promotion and distribution of *Honi Soit* only. The SRC will immediately remove any material promoting a faction or political party found in *Honi Soit* stands.

2015 Allocation of the SSAF

The University has finally published the 2015 allocation of the SSAF. The allocation is as follows:



Source: The University of Sydney 2015, accessed 2 August 2015, <<http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/student-representation.html>>

Ideally the level of detail about the allocation of the SSAF prior to 2015 on the website will be restored. We will ask the Registrar and University communications people about this. It is important that this information be publicly available, both for transparency and the ability of student organisations to effectively negotiate SSAF.

YTD Office-Bearer Spending Update - as of August 31

REPRESENTATION	87th Budget	YTD 31.08.15
President/Executive/Council		
Shared Resource pool	\$3,000.00	\$1,416.36
Expenses – Executive Officers	\$6,000.00	\$1,380.17
Legal Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$181.82
Subtotal	\$11,000.00	\$2,978.35
Indigenous Students' Department	\$8,000.00	\$4,506.47

Education Department	\$15,000.00	\$8,852.10
Environment Department	\$9,700.00	\$4,381.20
Ethnic Affairs Department		
ACAR		\$561.52
CRAC		\$1,156.51
Total	\$6,544.00	\$1,718.03
Global Solidarity Department	\$750.00	\$199.50
International Students' Department	\$900.00	\$200.73
Queer Department	\$6875.00	\$5508.72
Welfare Department	\$3650.00	\$33.54
Women's Department	\$3990.00	\$2372.57
Social Justice	\$-	\$355.00
Mature Age	\$ -	
Intercampus	\$1,200.00	\$27.60
Sexual Harassment	\$500.00	
Student Housing	\$100.00	\$97.50
Interfaith	\$2,000.00	\$384.24
Disabilities	\$2,000.00	

* This amount includes \$1100 of the \$2000 that the SRC donated to the Redfern Aboriginal Tent Embassy. The Executive has approved \$350 from the Environment Department and \$550 from the Indigenous Department towards this amount (which has been added to their budgets), leaving \$1100 of the donation yet to be distributed between other departments. If any Office Bearers would still like to contribute to this donation please send your request to secretary.council@usyd.edu.au for consideration at the next Executive meeting.

Robby Magyar: So fantastic that the budget and affiliation went through, has affiliation been paid

yet?
Max Hall: it has been paid, in 4 instalments in the last month.
April Holcombe: the affiliation is less from last year, what is the rational in reducing it?
Chiara Angeloni: that is something you could as all the councillors who unanimously voted it through.
Also it was all we could afford
April Holcombe: Obviously not.
Chiara Angeloni: it went towards increasing our collectives budgets and giving the Honi editors a pay rise.
April Holcombe: so it went towards paying Honi editors so no on we could read the paper?
Chiara Angeloni: it was 9,000 less, and it went to expanding the collectives budgets.
April Holcombe: the point is the budget is higher than last year, you could have expanded without cutting the NUS funding.
Kyol Blakeney: it should be considered the fairly large amount of internal costs that are confidential to do with staff. The budget was voted up, and by those who support unionism, but I want going to put more into it and supporting the cases that matter to me and areas that I saw being over looked at NUS to make sure they had the support that union was not going to give them.

Eleanor Morley: Why were you in the SRC in the morning filling out SRC affiliation forms instead of supporting the NDA?
Max Hall: I was in Carslaw in the morning
Eleanor Morley: not what education officers said
Max Hall: Blythe was mistaken

Luciano:
Chiara:

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries be accepted.
Ridah Hassan voted against the motion
Moved: Laura Webster
Seconded: Robby Magyar
The motion was put and **CARRIED**

N1. Report of the Standing Legal Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Legal Committee held on the ____ 2015 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the Standing Legal Committee meeting be accepted.
Motion: Riki Scanlan
Seconded: Eden Faithfull
The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O. Report of Committees and Officers

O1. Report of the Education Officers

Blythe Worthy: Had the NAD a few weeks ago, student response was really good, I had to stay back a bit to pack things up. But the police presence was really negative. We've been working with the disabilities and carers collective, for disability awareness week, next week. There is a cross campus picnic with UTS this week, if you want to get involved in the EAG and we are hoping to help then please come along and show support during disabilities awareness week. As well as this we are also looking into the restructure.

David Shakes: the NAD was a success there was a lot around the restructure and the deregulation. It was nice to see so much solidarity between the SRC, NTEU, SUPRA and teachers union. The restructure is my main focus at the moment. The USyd marketing campaign happening at the moment, they are using social reformists to encourage new students to enrol, so it really important to show solidarity with staff as their jobs are being threatened and the university spends money on marketing. I think it's really important that people in this room know what it is about and we are hoping to have a town hall style meeting drawing attention to the restructure, and more the that information about the model gets out there and what it means for students.

Ridah Hassan: I agree that the fascist campaign from the university is pretty weird creepy and appalling. This is about selling a product, and this comes out of student and staff conditions. We need to make this a real priority. How can we do that when there are actually students who are a part of that campaign, it's pretty disgusting that the women's officer is featured in that campaign.

Philippa Specker: that was done without consent.

Ridah Hassan: I think it's a disgrace. Why hasn't she done anything about it, and then, I think the general secretary coming to EAG meeting and encouraging people to engage with the universities meetings on the restructure is also pretty disgusting.

Blythe Worthy: that's how you find things out [going to meetings]

Ridah Hassan: The VC doesn't care about students' views so why should students engage with the issue.

David Shakes: I have talked to Subeta about [the universities campaign] and she was not consulted about her image being used. In terms of the general secretary coming to the meeting and encouraging member to attend the SCC it's was months ago that the EAG went to consults and shouted down the VC.

I would also recommend doing the same if you want to find out more about it. I realised it was shit, but I was finding out information about the restructure and what they want to do. There have a very

different structure in place, I wouldn't recommend people go to it but it was worth while.

Philippa Specker: Subeta did not consent to that and she has contacted them about that.

Chiara Angeloni: If there are students who's strength is in and who want to go and talk tot the VC and argue that way, or take to the street in action, I support them, if we are fighting for the same things they way they go about it shouldn't be the issue it's where they stand on the topic.

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

Motion: Luciano Carment

Seconded: Cameron Caccamo

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O2. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

1. Radical Sex & Consent Week – went really well, a lot of members of the collective helped out. I helped organise the student debate and the sexual assault/gendered violence panel – both went well.
2. Responding With Compassion Workshop – we're working with the Law Society (who have given us a lot of funding) to facilitate a workshop by Rape & Domestic Violence Australia about how to respond when someone discloses an experience of sexual assault. The workshop is paid for and confirmed, we're registering attendees at the moment. Please come – all excess funds go to the Full Stop Foundation and it's non-autonomous.
3. Stop Taxing My Period Campaign – is over. After the CFFR meeting where NSW refused to agree to removing the tax, there is not really anywhere for the campaign to go. We had a really successful rally and I'm proud of everything we achieved, even if we did not get the legislative change we were hoping for.
4. Feminist Education Groups – have started contacting schools with students who attended the first workshop. Meeting the principal of Penrith High School this Friday and currently making plans to go to North Sydney Girls High School to pitch the workshop. Have also sent e-mails to contacts at Killarney Heights High and Leichhardt High, which also have interested teachers/students.
5. USYD Sexual Harassment Campaign – went to a meeting with Elizabeth Broderick, Jordi Austin (from USYD Student Services) and Sophia Barnes (Project Manager) and managed to get Elizabeth on board to help oversee the survey and campaign. Going to the SEG meeting on Thursday morning to report back on the progress so far. Campaign should be launched this semester.

1. FUNDRAISER FOR THE FULL STOP FOUNDATION

Following on from my last report for council, all the details for the fundraiser have been finalised and the Facebook event for the event is live. It will be held on September 17 at The Settlement, a neighbourhood centre promoting Indigenous services in Redfern, starting at 6pm. The fundraiser will involve a screening of 'Black Panther Woman,' a documentary by Rachel Perkins about the life of former Black Panther Marlene Cummins, who is now a musician and prominent advocate against gendered violence. This will be followed by a panel discussion with Marlene herself, Karen Willis (the Executive Officer of Rape & Domestic Violence Services), Dr Mehreen Faruqi (Greens MP and portfolio holder for the Status of Women) and Moo Baulch (CEO of Domestic Violence NSW). As it is a fundraising event, entry will be \$10 waged, \$5 unwaged. However, we will endeavour not to turn anyone away if they would like to attend but cannot afford it as it will still be an educational evening where people can learn vital information about gendered violence and how to end it. For context, we are raising money for the Full Stop Foundation because it is the organisation used to fund and resource Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia. R&DVSA in turn is responsible for operating vital services such as the Hey Sis! network — the only sexual assault service specifically for Indigenous women in Australia — which is now at risk of closing down.

2. ANTI-STREET HARASSMENT WHEATPASTING CAMPAIGN

Following on from my last report, the preliminary wheatpasting workshop at Stucco went really well. We were lucky enough to have Mini Graff, a veteran street artist come in and share her skills with us. We created original anti-street harassment posters using stencils before wheatpasting them around Newtown. The next step in the campaign will be the legal workshop, to be held next Wednesday, and which will be focusing on the legal grey area that wheatpasting sits in and how to negotiate around this. The legal workshop will be led by Wenny, a solicitor who has worked with numerous other activist groups in the past. For context, this campaign sprang out of casual wheatpasting runs I have been doing with friends for years using anti-street harassment posters. I posted about a wheatpasting run a friend and I did recently in the WoCo group and there was considerable interest from members in getting involved. From there, we've assembled a taskforce of about 20 wom*n who are interested in doing street art and reviving mainstream awareness of street harassment. Five amazing wom*n from the collective put their hands up to make original feminist art that can be used as posters for this new anti-harassment campaign. Mini Graff, the street artist who led the first workshop, has also contributed her own poster design for the campaign.

3. WOM*N'S LIBRARY

The collection of books in the Manning Wom*n's Room has not been updated since they were first bought in 1999. The Wom*n's Room is important because it functions on campus as a locus for feminist organising as well as an autonomous space for wom*n, non-binary and trans people, and thus, it is important for the Room to stay well-maintained and stocked with timely, relevant

resources. In particular, the establishment of a well-serviced and up-to-date wom*n's library with texts by non-cis male authors and specifically related to wom*n's issues is crucial because I believe there should be a dedicated wom*n's space on campus that allows for easy access to feminist literature, promotes wom*n's work in the arts and fosters a wom*n's literary community. I have been in touch with Spinifex Press (one of the few independent feminist publishers in Australia), Jura Books and The Women's Library in Newtown about this project, and they have all been very generous to donate books from their collection. We had a working bee on Friday where we sorted through the existing collection, removed any irrelevant or inappropriate books and added the donated books to the collection. The next step is buying new books for the library and cataloguing them so that a sustainable borrowing system can be established. Members of the collective have been adding their suggestions for books they'd like to see in the library over the past few months and I will commence buying these books to add to the library once we have finished receiving donations to ensure there is no overlap. I have also visited a number of second hand bookshops to see if any of the suggested books can be bought cheaply, but as many of the books were published recently, this hasn't yielded much success. There will be a launch event for the library once the collection has been properly updated and catalogued.

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

Motion: Laura Webster

Seconded: Philippa Specker

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

03. Report of the Indigenous Officers

1. Redfern Tent Embassy.

Firstly, I wanted to thank everyone here who has and continues to show their support to RATE. The support from students has been phenomenal and greatly appreciated.

After the supreme court verdict that the Redfern Tent Embassy occupants were trespassers a verdict that by its very nature the Indigenous Collective rejects as it is not possible to trespass on one's own land. While the occupants have been evicted Jenny Munro has said that the Embassy has had great success. While affordable aboriginal housing was put on the back burner as the sites focused on other businesses and housing which would be extremely expensive and out of reach for Aboriginal people. The federal government accounted a \$5 million grant to the Aboriginal housing Company on the condition that they build affordable aboriginal housing at the same time as the commercial development rather than after. The Aboriginal Housing Company has signed a commitment to guarantee that housing for Aboriginal families will be built as part of the redevelopment of The Block

While this is a clear victory for Aboriginal communities it the fight for affordable housing and basic human rights. I think it is important to remember that this fight isn't over with Australian's history of colonisation and racism. We need to keep up to date with this issue and be ready to fight back if the government changes their plans of funding or if the Aboriginal Housing Company breaks there commitment.

2. Student Action Group.

With the assistance of Andy Mason the Indigenous Collective has established an action group, 'Students Support Aboriginal Communities', this group is for both indigenous and non-indigenous students. This action group stood in solidarity with Aboriginal communities as the Student Contingent at the Rally Against Forced Closures of Aboriginal Communities. The action group had a working Facebook, which anyone interested, is welcomed and encouraged to join, 'Students Support Aboriginal Communities'. We have also sent up an email: students4aboriginalcommunities@gmail.com for contact purposes.

'Student's Support Aboriginal Communities' have begun organising a Freedom Rides Re-do! After the amazing experience of the Freedom Riders earlier this year a number of students through that it would be a good idea to do another similar trip so to not lose the connections that were formed in the trip earlier this year. If anyone is interested in partaking in this trip I recommend you join the 'Students Support Aboriginal Communities' Facebook page of send an email to the email address mentioned above.

3. National Union of Students, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Conference.

In the last week of our break a number of Indigenous Students from the Collective attended the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Conference held at UTS. I was unable to attend but my fellow office bearer Nathan spoke of the experience being enlightening and providing a platform to discuss issues relating to Indigenous students with other students and office bearers from across the country. The conference allows those involved discussing the strengths and weaknesses of the service, support and experience universities across the country provide for their Indigenous students.

4. Upcoming Plans and Projects.

- a) Promotion of safe sex and positive sexuality focusing on Indigenous Young People.
I wanted to create a health promotion campaign in the Koori Centre to address the disparity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in regards to sexual health issues. I have sent a proposal to Family Planning NSW requesting resources and support

for this project and am currently awaiting a reply.

b) An Indigenous Publication.

After looking into the great work of the Wom*n's collective and their publication 'Growing Strong' I thought that this University could really use a similar publication but coming from the Indigenous Collective. I wanted this to be a tool of learning and development for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students answering questions about culture to create a better understanding about culture and help in creating a safer university for Indigenous students while also encouraging non-indigenous students to learn more about Indigenous ways of life. As I continue to brainstorm how this publication could look I would really appreciate if any non-indigenous people could talk to me about questions they have had or have about Indigenous culture or misconceptions that they have had at any time. This would of course be judgement free and used as a tool to further education and understanding. I am also looking into how this publication could be apart of an o-week bag similar to what the wom*n's collective gave out. This would be a great way to further promote the collective and engage students in Indigenous culture.

c) Indigenous Film Screening

We have discussed having a film night showcasing Indigenous talent this semester, which would be open for all students. My fellow Officer Bearer Nathan is looking into what movies could be shown at this event.

Hey Sis.

Hey Sis Australia's only sexual assault network for Aboriginal Wom*n run by Aboriginal wom*n is closing because private funding has run out and the program receives no funding from the Government which we think is appealing considering the statics that show Aboriginal wom*n are more likely to be victims of sexual and physical assault in comparison to their non-indigenous counterparts.

Through the help of the Wom*ns Collective we have contacted the organisation to get word as to if what is needed is fundraising or just help with a campaign to get government funding for this organisation? After hearing back from Rape and Domestic Violence Australia they have suggested that the best way for us to help would be through fundraising. An organising body has arranged for a film screening of, 'Black Panther Women' directed by Rachel Perkins who is allowing us to screen this film for free. This event will also include speakers who will discuss the reality of sexual assault and gendered violence, this event will be held on Thursday September 17th, at 'The Settlement', a facebook event has been created for this, 'Anti-sexual violence fundraiser, Black Panther Women screening and panel' I encourage you all to attend what I am sure will be a wonderful event.

Subeta, Julia, Laura and I decided to get the ball rolling by starting on the ground fundraising. My mother volunteered her time and energy by hand making crochet flowers for us to give out to people who made donations over \$5. We began collecting at SALS event on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This was very successful and we were able to talk to a number of people about Hey Sis and really promote awareness. We also fundraised at Subeta's 'Stop Taxing My Period' Dance party, which once again was met with support and success. The Indigenous Collective hopes to continue it's work with the Wom*n's collective in fundraising for this incredible organisation.

Indigenous Officer Georgia Mantel.

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

Motion: Riki Scanlan

Seconded: Josh Han

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

04. Report of the Social Justice Officers

I started a Facebook page for the social justice department as a forum for diverse campaign organising. I'll be sharing rallies, meetings and relevant articles through the page.

Some of the campaigns I've been involved with so far this year are:

Campaign against fee deregulation

I've attended several campus and state EAG meetings and staffed the EAG stall. After a sluggish start, the campaign meetings have turned around in the last few weeks with some good ideas in terms of creative promotions. I was happy to hear there was general support for combining the issue of on-campus staff cuts with fee deregulation, as that was a galvanising approach in staff-student campaigns and industrial action in 2013.

I'll be attending the NUS Education Conference to work with education activists from across the state to plan for the next NDA.

NTEU campaign against restructure

This campaign along with the ongoing fight against fee deregulation should be a priority of every single department in the SRC. I've been in touch with staff I know on the branch committee of the USyd NTEU and attended the open meeting the NTEU held. Staff reported a range of cuts from across faculties which appear to be the tip of the iceberg in terms of Spence's plans. Spence himself has described his agenda over the next 6 months as 'traumatic', so the SRC needs to be on red alert to respond to and support staff when they move on this issue.

I'll continue to attend any open NTEU meetings about the campaign and will start promoting the upcoming staff rally as soon as leaflets and posters become available.

Marriage Equality rally

Started attending the Community Action Against Homophobia meetings to help organise the upcoming protest for marriage equality. With the recent victory in Ireland the issue of legally codified homophobia is once again in the media. A recent snap rally has shown that young people, including university students, will mobilise in their hundreds to protest Abbott's continued homophobic intransigence.

I will be picking up leaflets and posters from the Greens later in the week and will leave some at the SRC front desk.

Campaign against Reclaim Australia

I've attended several of the campaign organising meetings for the anti-fascist campaign. I've made a student specific event for the first rally to build a student bloc and I've been doing regular poster runs on campus and in the surrounding suburbs.

It's unsurprising that the far right have been emboldened in the context of both Liberal and Labor governments support for locking up and torturing asylum seekers, a surveillance state that harasses Muslims, draconian and racist laws that erode civil liberties and wars for oil and empire in the Middle East. With this in mind I expect the campaign against Reclaim Australia will be ongoing. Next semester I will look into holding a 100% Halal day, and make contact with SUMSA to build the campus wing of the campaign.

Chloe Rafferty: So it's been a really good and busy year, despite not having any kind of stipend or budget, we've been helping with the EAG meetings, highlight was the SCC meeting which was a coordinated attack on Spence. Spence described the job cuts as traumatic job cuts, by the end of the meeting because of the hounding Spence admitted that 'oh well if you are against all kinds of job cuts then you are against change'.

I've also attended the NTEU forums and the NTEUs own rally. Also been involved in the campaign against racism, against reclaim Australia. I was able to organise a student contingent to that. I went to 3 out of 4 of those meeting despite working part time and not having a stipend. I've also been involved in the community coalition against homophobia; we got high school students call a rainbow crossing outside Murdoch press offices. We've been getting unions NSW to take a principled stand for marriage equality. And as a student unionist I've been going to the Hutchinson picket in support of the MUA, and I've attended the NDA's and been doing some Palestine support.

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

Motion: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Paul Harrison

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

05. Report of the Student Housing Officers

Key Points

- QMB opened on 20 July + Abercrombie expected for October
- Temporary accommodation paper in draft stages

- Equity rent system in draft stages
- Potential for student union involvement in official housing policy consultation

Overview of SAS responsibilities

SAS have four main areas of responsibility:

1. Administration of applications for housing
2. Operation of some university-owned housing
3. Joint oversight of USYD housing policy and the upcoming housing projects
4. "Innovation" e.g. application management systems, equity rent, emergency accommodation, student experience

Current Operations

SAS's current operations will remain under their direct control, as opposed to being passed onto contracted operators. Of particular note is the Cumberland housing (30-40 beds): Ashvin made assurances that residents under contract at the time of the Cumberland campus closure will be offered transitional housing arrangements into other university housing projects. He understands the closure to occur in 2017.

However, my opinion is that Cumberland students who have non-university housing near that campus are unlikely to have any similar transitional arrangements. It may be worth the SRC following up the transitional housing arrangements, both for those in university-operated housing and not. One solution would be for the university to offer priority housing for all students enrolled at Cumberland (with higher priority for those in university-operated housing). This follow-up will need to be carried through to the 2016 Council.

Upcoming Projects

Queen Mary Building opened on 20 July; the Abercrombie project faces delays but, at this time, Ashvin expects it to open in October. SAS is accepting applications for both projects. A contractor, "Campus Living Villages" will operate the QMB. I will follow up on what contractor will be operating the Abercrombie project. Operators have control of the day-to-day functioning but will have some oversight by and accountability to a number of interdepartmental committees. The two primary bodies are:

1. The "Accommodation Control Group" which focusses on infrastructural concerns
2. The "Student Housing Operator Control Group" which focusses on student experience and general housing policy

Both committees report further up a chain of committees. Both are made up of representatives from SAS, Campus Infrastructure Services, Office of General Counsel, Security Services, and Financial Services, amongst others.

There are other future projects on the drawing boards as well. It may be worth SRC or SUPRA intervention into these ideas, since at least one that Ashvin mentioned seems problematic: a building dedicated to twin-share rooms, which was floated as an idea to provide low rent (\$200 per person). Ashvin is sceptical of this proposal: it seems unlikely to have high retention, as many students will prefer to pay a little more on the general rental market for a private room.

One other detail of note: the QMB will have a women's-only floor. I will be inquiring whether this will include trans people, particularly trans women.

Temporary / Emergency Accommodation

Currently, SAS has two rooms for emergency accommodation, in the Darling St and Arundel St terraces. These rooms are smaller than normal rental rooms and are within existing share-houses. SAS seem to have a rather strict criteria of housing need—I will be following up on the specifics.

A paper is under works that will argue for university-provision of more emergency housing of two kinds:

1. Internal: For current residents who have a dispute within a building and require a transitional room

e.g. a student being harassed may wish to leave a problematic environment and this program provides a transitional step within the system

2. External: For any student who undergoes some form of housing need.

As before, it is unclear what criteria SAS currently uses and whether that will change if more rooms are provided.

Specific models are under development, but there are two broad ideas so far:

1. Dedicated emergency rooms in every housing project

Benefit: Minimal dislocation for residents

2. A building dedicated to emergency accommodation

Benefit: Potential for dedicated support to students in housing crisis

Whatever the model, it is likely that they will be single-bed rooms with some measure of support or oversight of students.

Some members of the “Student Housing Operator Control Group” are supportive of emergency accommodation. The challenge rests in convincing others that emergency accommodation is part and parcel of university-run housing and not a waste of rental income. Currently, there is no planning for the promoting of emergency accommodation.

SAS's requests for data on temporary accommodation was in order to seek evidence for this paper. I will be following up closely to support and bolster this case. Ashvin indicated that a draft might be circulated before official submission to the relevant committee.

Equity

- All rooms capped at 75%

My understanding is that this is currently the case—though I need to confirm this. However, this does not imply that all rooms will be affordable to the average student: a large number of rooms are relatively luxurious and, as such, accessible only to those with larger than average incomes. As such, the benefits of this policy do not wholly accrue to those who need it the most. The supply of affordable housing will be significantly smaller than the 5000-bed total that is under development over the next five years.

- Draft paper for equity rent

A draft paper is under works that proposes a “100 / 10 / 1” system: as above, all rooms are capped at 75% of market rent. A market study was conducted by the University to assess the relevant rental prices. 10% of rooms would be capped at \$160 per week (that figure was drawn from the 2014 SRC housing submission). 1% of rooms would be rent-free. These equity positions amount to 550 beds, assuming a 5000 bed total.

The application process would be mediated through the UAC scholarships system and subsequently assessed by the University Scholarships Office, with a range of scholarship types (rural, Aboriginal, etc). The earliest this system could be in place would be Semester 1 2016.

I note that the UAC scholarship system treats the reception of Centrelink benefits as demonstration of financial hardship. However, many students fail to qualify as for such benefits while otherwise experiencing financial hardship.

I will be following this closely and, hopefully, the draft will be circulated to the SRC before submission to the relevant committee.

Student Experience

- Centrally managed application process

All applications to housing now run through a centrally managed application process. I will be investigating further to see whether it is functioning and, in particular, discuss with the International OBs whether the application system would be comprehensible to international students.

- Grant money available to students

Every building will have a portion of funds dedicated to “student experience”. 30% is reserved for the operator to utilise; the remaining 70% is open to any student resident or staff member of that building to run an event, much like the USU society funding. Any event must be justified by criteria known as “CARPETS” which is management-speak for a vague or tenuous connection to that strange thing known as “university life”. CARPETS: Career, Access, Retention, Performance, Engagement, Transition, Security. As to what some of these terms are meant to refer to—well, it’s unclear. A combined committee of at least one resident student and at least one staff member of the contractor will manage the funding.

I have some concerns that an unscrupulous contractor may somehow work to obtain these for it’s own usage.

- Operator bonuses tied to student experience survey

Rather than solely tying bonuses to whether the contractor makes a profit, the university will in part assess operators based on a “student experience survey”. I will be asking Ashvin for a copy of the survey for a closer look in case there are any notable omissions. According to Ashvin, the survey is used globally and is world-renowned.

- Resident Advisors

Each project will have a full-time Residential Life Manager and a number of part-time (I believe it is .5 FTE) student positions of Residential Advisors. I inquired what kind of training the staff and Residential Advisors will have. Ashvin indicated towards some broad training, including alcohol; however, it is an ongoing and developing process. I will be following up on this to inquire whether sensitivity training around sexual harassment, race, queerness, and so forth will take place.

Student Union Involvement

Ashvin is supportive of inviting the SRC and SUPRA into the control groups (in particular, the “Student Housing Operator Control Group”) but it is likely that such involvement will occur in a consultative sub-committee as opposed to direct involvement in policy decision-making.

Luciano Carment: what is that ball park median price

Riki Scanlan: looking to be all at \$280, technically these prices are 75% the market for similar things, that were still a substantial cost. There is looking at twin share rooms to cut cost in places. I wouldn’t expect anything in the realms of that we call affordable housing.

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

Motion: Chris Warren

Seconded: Chiara Angeloni

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O6. Report of the International Studnets Officers

Our goal for this semester majorly focus on the language exchange program, it didn't work out last semester, that is why we are trying to bring it to university among students, it is a very productive way to get students involve in university life, it will help international students to interact more with local students.

Providing the culture diversity environment through students exchanging their ideas, culture, language and experiences. It is also a great way for students to get to know, understand and respect each other's culture and language, it helps to create a more harmony study environment.

Legal service for international students it is also important, making more students to know about the SRC service is our office bearers' daily jobs, you may bump into us talking to international students on campus daily casually, there is one thing we also want to do this semester, recruiting more people from different background for our collective, we need the collective to be known among different groups, we need to collect voices and improve the collective with multi-culture and multi-languages experience.

You are more than welcome to join us!

Leah

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

Motion: Robby Magyar

Seconded: Oliver Plunkett

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

P. Special Business

There were no items of special business.

Q. Motions of Notice

Q1. To adopt the following regulations as the new set of regulations for the SRC.

(For content see July 2015 SRC constitution)

Omar: there are no changes at all?

Kyol: no only reformatting.

Secretary to council Julia Robins explained how the formatting has created some changes not in content but in the numbering and lettering to tidy up the document. These changes (only in the regulations the constitution remains identical) mean that if people look up what someone was referring to in past minutes, with regards to the regulations, they could be looking up the wrong section as the component. While long deleted has a new clause in it's place to avoid this confusion by adopting the reformatted regulations as a new set of regulation anyone looking up past minute would know to look at the old regulations to find out what was being referred to rather than the present day incarnation.

Moved: Kyol Blakeney

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q2. Motion: Enough is enough! Crossing the red line of collaboration.

Preamble

We are concerned about a developing trend of collaboration between the SRC and the University administration. This has resulted in the SRC tacitly endorsing Vice Chancellor Michael Spence as a progressive ally, rather than as the key enemy on campus for students, staff and the SRC.

As managers of the neoliberal university, university bosses are continuously trying to cut costs and rationalise staff.

At Sydney University we have seen this with horrific monotony over recent years, with academic cuts in 2012, union-busting in 2013, library "restructuring" in 2014, and now the attempted 'restructuring' of admin staff across the campus.

In just the last fortnight, management have announced that they are cutting staff in student services, IT and tech support, and the NTEU has begun a campaign to fight these attacks. According to an inside source, the majority facing the sack are union members.

As well as an attack on workers' rights, these cutbacks represent an attack on students' education and access to support.

University management is also unrelenting in their attempts to squeeze more money out of students. Sydney University benefits enormously from their extortion of international students and the ever increasing costs of study for all students.

Spence has been one of the most vocal supporters of the government's plans to deregulate fees, a move which will financially cripple thousands of students and will fundamentally undermine the principles of public education.

In addition to the university's comprehensive opposition to the interests of students and staff, their corporate priorities consistently put them at odds with the interests of other oppressed minorities.

Yet it appears that many elected SRC representatives do not share our resolute opposition to the priorities of university management. Key SRC representatives have this year spoken favourably of and worked in collaboration with university management on numerous occasions.

It is worth briefly citing two areas of collaboration that concern us.

Anti-racism campaign

The "Racism, It stops with me" campaign represents an attempt to rehabilitate the image of the university following a couple of high profile racism scandals in 2014.

Far from combatting racism, it only serves to paper over the right wing priorities of the university. The scandal involving Barry Spurr, a Sydney university professor of over 30 years who wrote numerous racist emails to colleagues, revealed as much about the individual as it did about the institution. It is inconceivable that Spurr's views were not known to university management prior to them being exposed by the media.

Last year the university was also exposed for its attempts to silence critics of the Tamil genocide.

And just this year, the so called anti-racist campaigner Michael Spence sent an all-student email condemning pro-Palestinian students and staff.

The university has no claim to being anti-racist and no interest in becoming so. The "Racism, It Stops with me" campaign is a cynical ploy to paint the university in a favourable light. The initiatives of the campaign have been tokenistic at best and counter-productive at worst. For example, Michael Spence used the stage of the campaign to again condemn pro-Palestinian protestors as discriminatory.

The current president of the SRC Kyol Blakeney and USU Vice president Bebe D'Souza (both leading members of the Grassroots) have fallen in lock step with Michael Spence and the university management in this campaign. They have publicly endorsed, collaborated with and promoted the campaign and, in the course of this endeavour, have shared many platforms with university management. They have not used the platform of the campaign to criticise the university in any way.

D'Souza actually cited Spence's support for a candidate in the recent USU election as an argument as to why students should vote for them.

This reveals a thoroughly irresponsible and conservative attitude towards student unionism. Not only is the university spectacularly hypocritical on the question of racism, they are also the most immediate institution responsible for attacks on students and staff.

Fossil free campaign

The Fossil Free USyd campaign and its spokesperson Clo Schofield recently congratulated Michael Spence for his leadership and talked up the role of the university as a “thought leader to help Australia move first into the 21st century on climate change, and into the future” and said that “the greatest power our university holds is thought leadership”.

It is bizarre to suggest that one of Australia’s most conservative and exclusive institutions is a “guiding light” for progress. In fact far from concerning itself with social justice the university has only profit as its bottom line; as we have seen with cuts to library staff, academic staff, and its collaboration with regimes that trash human rights across the planet.

On the question of renewable energy, it is up to students and the broader population to fight for democratic and political control over how energy is produced and distributed. Championing the greenwashing campaigns of university management is in no way a sensible strategy for the environmental movement.

Working with Spence so closely is not only unprincipled for anyone on the left, but helps to disorient and weaken resistance to attacks on the student population. By collaborating with management in a range of PR campaigns, the behaviour of student representatives has bolstered the credibility of our enemies as legitimate allies in struggles for social justice, rather than the authoritarian defenders of privilege that they are.

Enough is enough!

Platform

- The SRC considers management the key enemy on campus, both in regards to issues of student and staff rights and broader social progress.
- The SRC acknowledges that working with management on tokenistic and cynical social justice campaigns gives them progressive cover for fundamentally anti-worker policies and actions.

Action

- That the SRC reject all further collaboration with management, and will not take part in photo shoots and media releases congratulating the university.
- That the SRC support every action the NTEU takes to defend staff jobs, and will take an active and central part in organising student support, if and when the NTEU takes industrial action.

- The SRC will use all measures at its disposal to implore USU to shut campus shops etc. any time the NTEU takes industrial action.
- That the SRC President, Kyol Blakeney, in conjunction with the student newspaper editors, publish on the first page of the next issue of Honi Soit, a clear, open and uncompromising opposition to management's job cuts to help dispel the illusions that have been fostered.

Declan Maher: we are concerned about the collaboration with the university. We should not be treating the university as a progressive institution because it isn't one. There are all these things they say they promote but we know as anyone who has done any university campaigning on Palestine knows these aren't true. Spence sure doesn't care about issues of racism or he would not be advocating for deregulation, which more harshly targets people from lost socio-economic backgrounds who are in many cases people of colour. He is interested in structural racism as he benefits from that.

You would never see people who make money from firing staff as people who care, the reasons these campaigns are to make people to believe that he cares when he obviously doesn't. The vice chancellor is interested in getting a progressive cover in order to fuck over staff and students.

April Holcombe: We put this motion up a few months ago and it's still relevant today. Spence is the head of a corporation and as a union we should be against this at all points. We should be attacking him and the lovey-dovey campaigns only help his image. The future attacks that he has planned should be of no surprise to a progressive council. And the fact they call cops onto campus to assault students and staff. What they were trying to protect the anti-discrimination clause, which Spence was trying to get rid of to get the unions off campus.

All of this should have been obvious to left wing SRC. Instead we have the shallowness and the stupidity of the leaders of this council. Like how they got sucked in by talking about cultural competence by saying he wants to get rid of the 'old white man' set up which of course Spence can say, and then do another. It's a mix of stupidity and blind ambition, and they have no interest in standing up for students, and looks like next year will be no better. They have done nothing for students this year.

Kyol: I'm opening up the debate I have three speakers already on the list.

To read from the constitution, a big part of my job is about working in collaboration with the university. If you were at any of the launches for the racism stops with me campaign you will note that Bebe and I both spoke out against the university. I think if you read any of the minutes of the committees on the public record you will see that I have spoken to progressive left wing values. I said that I would be a president for the indigenous students on this campus and wider, and I will not hear – I want it noted that the paragraph that

mentions me is utter shit and it takes away a lot of the work the I have done the last few years and this year. You know what I do.

David Shakes: I agree with this motion politically. I think most of the action points are already underway. I think that the behaviour of Salt has been deplorable, that they would talk about the and then talk down about

Luciano Carment: If we are supposedly having a bubble bath with university management then why would they try to sue out board directors. Everyone here knows that Spence is crappy VC but he funds us and sometime we need to sit in a room with him to get things across.

Pip: the actions points are fine, I'm happy to move a motion without the preamble and has all the actions points bar the first one which stops SSAF negotiations.

Chis Anderton: I'd like to talk to a little bit about the fossil free campaign, because it 's essentially a PR campaign of the university. By collaboration it is giving left cover and giving credence and putting trust back into an institution that has been loosing quite rightly trust for the last two years, so in the content of the attacks on students and staff, like Naomi Kline on Q and A has been talking about, we can't work with corporations saying we can help climate change, or defend ourselves from deregulation by working with Chris Pyne. What I'm saying is we need to be more militant as activists. If this was a real campaign they would have written, there is

Robby: This is exciting as Bebe de Susa is no longer the vice president.

As Luciano has said why students have not get involved in the SRC. Condemning Bebe as the vice president is no longer relevant but her role was to work with the university, she was just doing her job.

The president's job is to work with the university and it would be collaborating.

Also keep trying to get the union to close outlets but it just not going to happen.

Riki Scanlan: I agree with the line that we can't really affect their system purely at the point of consumption and that's why we have direct action and a lot of those people involved in direct-action were also involved in fossil free, there is a boarder element here.

Omar Hassan: this is a facile argument about what is collaboration, collaboration is when you go out and say that we support what the university is supporting. For example when Julia Gillard came out in favour of gay marriage, you wouldn't congratulate her so we don't need to congratulate the university for what they have done. It is our job to fight the university, not applaud them. The university is not stupid they see it as apart of a grand plan, so their new plan is 'lets put some stooges on a stage' and students needed to be

smarter than to accept that. We should not support university
I can have no confidence that Bebe does not believe in class collusion.
Michael Spence is not against racism.

Moved: Declan Maher

Seconded: April Holcombe

The motion was put and LOST

Q3. Who is Michael Spence?

Preamble:

With the defeat of Christopher Pyne's anti-student higher education reforms, Michael Spence has been looking for alternative ways to further corporatise the university and force students to pay higher fees. Not happy to simply lobby the cross-benchers and hand himself \$186,000+ bonuses, Spence has concocted plans to introduce fee deregulation through the back door by restructuring courses.

Spence announced his assault on staff and students in a recent SMH article where he outlined plans to drastically slash courses from 122 down to less than 30. On top of the usual managerial speak about 'strategic investment' for a more 'agile' institution (read: slashing arts and humanities subjects and cutting jobs) Spence attempted to couch his attacks on staff and students in a progressive gloss. Spence's talk about breaking down the dominance of 'old white men' and making the university 'a place that is genuinely open to all' should be rejected for the hypocritical bullshit that it is, coming from a university boss who is doing everything in his power to price working class students out of higher education.

Where Michael Spence talks about the 'Melbourne model' it's to avoid admitting he's selling the US model: a system notorious for being unequal, expensive and understaffed. Cutting the variety of courses and stretching the length of a degree will make undergraduate degrees more expensive while being worth less; forcing students to continue on into expensive post-graduate study.

In his time as Vice Chancellor, Spence has attempted to cut hundreds of jobs, erode working conditions (including anti-discrimination clauses & union representation on campus) and has actively lobbied for the deregulation of the sector, both behind closed doors to politicians and on national television. The announcement of the restructure is further evidence that Spence ranks alongside Christopher Pyne as a key enemy of students.

Sydney University staff are facing yet another onslaught of cuts, uncertainty and casualisation with management's attempts to 'spill and fill' – forcing people to reapply for their own jobs to erode conditions and do more work with less staff. This process is designed to victimise unionists, humiliate staff and push a greater burden of work on already stretched workers.

A recent meeting of NTEU members and supporters voted unanimously in support of a rally that will be held in week 2 of Semester 2 to build momentum for a public campaign to oppose the restructure. Staff and students have already demonstrated that when they stand together they

can defeat Spence's onslaught. In 2013, the staff EBA campaign went from a defensive struggle to a victory, with industrial action forcing Spence to back away from his assault on conditions and concede a better pay rate. The SRC must once again mobilise alongside staff to resist Spence's agenda of cuts, higher fees and a corporate university.

Platform:

- The SRC opposes every aspect of Spence's plans to restructure the university. We reject Spence's claims that the restructure is about improving the quality or accessibility of the university. The real motive is an attempt to cut costs by pushing more work onto fewer staff, while charging students more money with less choice.
- The SRC stands with staff in their fight to defend their jobs and conditions.

Action:

- The SRC will promote, support and attend the NTEU's rally against the restructure, as well as any further action staff take.
- The SRC will write a press release condemning Spence's restructure as an attack on staff and students. This will be sent to the media mailing list and published in Honi Soit.

Chloe Rafferty: Michael Spence earns including all of his benefits ears around 1 million a year. He earns that because he runs a big company called the university of Sydney. He does this by cutting and threatening to cut jobs. We know that he has proposed cuts 2013, 14, and in 2015 he is running the same line.

After the NUS campaign that successfully defeated deregulation twice, he is now going to restructure the university degrees to get deregulation in through the back door. This forces students in to crippling student debt and that is how he makes his money. He is the cutting the jobs of the people who make this university run. We don't know how many jobs he intends to cut but he uses all sorts of methods. He is scum. This motion is about reminding or letting people know who is he and that he is the 1%.

Our response is to go to every time the SRC interact with the VC and to react militantly, that means going to every SCC meeting and shouting him down.

Rhys Woodberry: The Vice Chancellor is a parasitic scum bag, when we when to this meeting he was talking to us like children, he's just a total complete 1% scum bag, you can see the cynical bullshit with the racism stops with me bullshit, where he said we like charging international students double to triple the cost of a degree just to come to this 'bastion of knowledge'. He just tries to hide things under his cap. I just think there should be no question as to be whether you collaborate with him, even if you go to and event with him

but you don't have to say that you agree with him.

Kyol Blakeney: Clarifications are you saying we agree with him?

Rhys Woodberry: I'm saying you can actively denounce him.

Kyol: I do, read the reports from the meetings.

Jesse Seton: what is his qualifications?

* Someone * he has a doctorate in theology.

Vinil Kumar: He might have a doctorate in theology but I think his religion is profits and money. I think it is important to note how his restructuring are destroying staffs lives. I think all theses sorts of things are counter posed to the welfare of students, and we need to take into account.

Abstentions: Elizabeth and Julie

Moved: Chloe Rafferty

Seconded: Kimberley Murphy

The motion was put and CARRIED

Q4. Office-Bearer Shared Resources Policy

That the SRC Policy Document be amended to include the following:

Office-Bearer Shared Resources Policy

- a) The SRC Administration Staff may approve a request from an Office-Bearer to borrow a resource from the Office-Bearers' resources pool.
- b) The Office-Bearer will have to complete a Resources Loan form.
- c) The Administration Staff will maintain a record of the state of the resource(s) before and after the Office-Bearer borrows it.
- d) The resource(s) must be returned to the SRC for assessment before being subsequently loaned by the SRC to another Office-Bearer.
- e) The Executive shall specify the period of time in which a resource will be loaned out to an Office-Bearer.

If the resource(s) is lost or damaged while under the care of the Office-Bearer, the funds to replace or repair the resource(s) must be paid by that Office-Bearer (subject to the discretion of the SRC executive, taking into consideration the circumstances of the damage and the Office-Bearer's ability to pay).

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Max Hall

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q5. Regulations Part 1, Section 3

Addition of:

(e) Officers of Council, in their capacity as an Officer, are not permitted to advise individual students on matters pertaining to academic, welfare, legal, harassment and/or discrimination matters. These matters must always be referred to the SRC Casework Department and/or Legal Service. Any advice given in campaigns, materials and publications pertaining to these matters must be approved by the SRC Casework Department and/or Legal Service prior to publication or distribution.

Chloe Rafferty: I want to speak against this, the general attitude of this SRC is to not have political discussions and there is only legal and casework service. I think that students need to be able to talk to meetings about student welfare, I think it is going to be I think the saying that I can't go to a collective

Oliver Plunkett: was there a specific event that brought this up?

Laura Webster: we've had two events of an officer bearer giving false information that has lead to that student threatening to sue the SRC.

Philippa Specker: If it is saying like office bearers are saying that Office Bearers can't talk about the legal system, that is wrong, but I interpret it as and also what was had in mind was that.

Robby Magyar: putting this motion in is very logical, it makes sense it is basically taking the SRC protecting them from potential legal issues and protecting students as well, if OBs are asked what should I do about this there first should be to go to case work or legal service and not put themselves at risk.

Chloe Rafferty: I agree with this and if this is what the caseworkers are offering.

Omar: this motion actually says, "Any advice given in campaigns, materials and publications pertaining to these matters must be approved by the SRC Casework Department and/or Legal Service...", this says you can't say anything even if someone just come up to you and says this happened to me you can't even say you should write a Honi article about it. For example if Barry Spur said something to a student you would want the SRC to take that up regardless of the legal circumstances. We can't just let the legal service and caseworkers run things. This is our organisation we tell them what to do.

Chiara Angeloni: this pertains to officers of council in their roll, if I had a friend who came up to me as a friend I would not be responding in my capacity as a officer bearer, if they sent an email to the general secretary I would be, and this says that before I give advice the that student I should check to make sure that it

Vinil Kumar: It says any advice in materials would have to be run by the caseworkers, like how could we do this? Like if you had to get something out, this is hamstringing the ability to campaign.

Luciano Carment: A significant number of the cases that are open from this year last year and the year before are from activists working outside the law, they are proud of the work they do in helping these activists got off these charges.

Riki Scanlan: The intention is to circumscribe the advice given to individual students information that could be wrong and they don't know it.

Chiara Angeloni: this is about making sure that the factual content is correct rather than political content.

Riki Scanlan: if your intention is to circumscribe factual content then that is separate from political.

Kyol Blakeney: What does that even mean?

Ridah Hassan: Do you speak anything other than bureaucracy?

Riki Scanlan: they will be giving advice on the legality of something but not telling you what you can do.

Laura Webster: would it be better if we added to the motion, some clarifying statements.

Chloe Rafferty: it's not about making an amendment; I think we should just scrap it. I think people want to pretend that they are lawyers they should remember to say that they are not actually lawyers yet. I think the direction of the SRC should be decided by the elected representatives, rather than those in administrative roles. The more administrative power you have the more it is used to batter ram the left. I think entrenching more power in people who are hired not elected is a conservative move.

Ridah Hassan: The power dynamic is dangerous. I agree that is it stupid if people are giving advice it shouldn't be happening but that is not what this motion says this is saying that everything must be approved by legal service and casework.

Laura Webster: I ask that we hold this motion over to next council to amend for councils concerns.

Moved: Chiara Angeloni

Seconded: Laura Webster

The motion was held over till the next meeting for amendments

Robby Magyar called a quorum count.

The meeting was found inquorate.

The meeting closed at 8:30.