



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the **2nd** meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 14th January in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

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**PRESENT:** Chloe Smith (Chair), Lachlan Ward<sup>^</sup>, Siobhan Ryan, Monique Newberry, Ilya Klauzner, Michael Sun and Sean Tingcombe.

Apologies: Anna Hush-Egerton\*, Jamie Rusiti\*, Georgia Mantle<sup>^</sup>,

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Thomas McLoughlin, James Campbell, Thomas Greenwell, Dylan Griffiths and Liam Carrigan.

Meeting Opened: 1:32

\*<sup>^</sup>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 Anna Hush-Egerton, Jamie Rusiti, Georgia Mantle.

The apologies were accepted.

Moved: Monique Newberry

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 16 December 2015 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 16 December 2015 be accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **4. Business arising from the minutes**

Lachlan Ward: Last meeting I said that the bookshop makes a small profit, I was wrong it doesn't. It runs at a loss.

## **5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence received.

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

There was no report for the WH&S Officer

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

Not much to report. Update on SSAF - negotiations look to be suspended indefinitely, apparently this is normal – we have put in a request for a delay in SSAF while we work on what we are going to do.

O-week is coming up, we've sent out an email. It would be nice to do something interesting. We will be hiring some casual staff for the SRC bookshop.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Michael Sun

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

There was no report from the Vice President.

## **9. Report of the General Secretaries, including visitors business from Thomas Greenwell, Vice President of SUPRA**

Lachlan Ward: O-week Prep is going well lots of submissions – quite a few collectives have gotten in touch. We have to wait for the USU before we can do more.

Bookshop – they have asked us for rent but haven't increased it, which is a good sign. We need to meet with Ed again but he has been out of action due to an injury.

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

Moved: Siobhan Ryan

Seconded: Michael Sun

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Lachlan Ward: If we can move to visitors business, Thomas from SUPRA is here to cover a few things to do with the restructure.

Motion to move to visitors business

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

Motion was put and **CARRIED**

Thomas Greenwell: As we are all aware the restructure is going on, Lachlan and I met up to discuss it.

Lachlan Ward: I'm on one of the committees, for the business faculty, there are two reasons people are chosen for the committees, one is high achievers or those who are pro management.

Thomas Greenwell: One this is bullocks – we were thinking of creating our own with SUPRA and the other student organisations to get a more representative view of the restructure. Also looking into a town hall style meeting to bringing some democratic reform and show dissenting voices and de-legitimise the management committees.

Lachlan Ward: I think this is a great idea but also the education officers are busy and we could have an executive portfolio.

Siobhan Ryan: Would this be at a faculty level?

Thomas Greenwell: An overarching body that goes down to faculty levels.

Lachlan Ward: I propose that at least 2 members of the Executive be nominated for a student and staff advisory council.

Thomas Greenwell left the meeting at 1:45

#### **10. Report of the Administration Manager**

There was no Report from the Administration Manager

#### **11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager**

James Campbell entered the meeting at 1:47.

Written report submitted by Melissa de Silva:

Report for exec for Casework and Policy Department

- James is currently on sick leave. It is unclear when he will return – maybe Monday next week, maybe sooner
- Completing submission on Residential Tenancy Act – main focus on security of lease, and right to quiet enjoyment, and return of bond. Also looking at extending who can have a lease.
- Completing submission on Opal card – focussing on fairness of removal of free trips
- Show cause appeals starting to roll in. First deadline for letters being 23rd January
- Working with Lachlan on O Week handbook
- Completing an administrative overhaul for department to make administrating student case files easier.
- Breda will return to work on Mon 22nd Feb. Could we extend Heather's contract until Fri 19th February 2016?

James Campbell: I'm just amending the last point on the written report that Mel submitted, we have heather on a contract, and she has found a new job and will not be available for that extended period. Hopefully Breda Dee will be back at that time so we only have a few weeks without her.

James Campbell left the meeting at 1:51

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

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

Thomas McLoughlin: I just so you know, I've brought Annie to the meeting today in case you haven't met her she is out migration agent and the other solicitor here, she has just informed me she will be renewing her migration agent licence. We have been working on filing lately and getting some more O-week fliers checked. We are going coming up to the 7 year File keeping period.

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

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**13. Approval of Payments**

**13.2 Reimbursements**

David Shakes (education): \$140 for Facebook advertising and promotions

Dylan Griffiths (education): \$20

Liam Carrigan (NUS): \$287.90 on flights to NUS NatCon, (\$200 already approved this is and extra \$87.90)

Motion: That the reimbursements to David Shakes and Dylan Griffiths approved.

Moved: Siobhan Ryan

Seconded: Monique Newberry

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The Reimbursement extension to Liam Carrigan was not approved as the \$200 cap was set and all other observers and delegates received the same amount of funding.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Chloe Smith

**14. Any Other Reports**

**14.1. Report of the Women's Officer (funding request)**

The Women's Officer Vanessa Song would like to request \$50 for the Women of Colour Collective's start of year picnic to be held 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Motion: that the request for \$50 of the Women's Officers be accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Monique Newberry

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**14.2. Report of the Indigenous Officers (funding request)**

Motion: that the request for \$150 of the Indigenous Officers be accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Monique Newberry

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

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

Liam Carrigan: We've been busy, we got off to a running start from the restructure announcement we've been working with SUPRA and the USU as well as NUS and the NTEU.

Dylan Griffiths: The start of 2016 should forever be marked by the chancellor's email to staff confirming the restructure. Indeed, this will likely make the bulk of the Education departments campaigning in 2016.

Our last EAG meeting in 2015, just after the restructure was confirmed decided on a few key steps:

- A rally was set for March 16th setting the demands no to degree cuts, no to staff cuts and no to faculty mergers.
- A forum date was set for week two of semester (march 10th) aimed at explaining what the restructure includes and how we can fight it.

The beginning of 2016 has also seen us build links to other education activists and campaigners, at both local and state levels.

Meetings:

- Other education officers, for campuses like UTS, UNSW.
- NUS office bearers like Max the national education officer
- We will meet with the NTEU next week (likely on Thursday)
- We are in correspondence with the Education Society (EdSoc) who made a strong petition against the restructure →this is part of my aim of faculty specific organising.
- I met with the Supra Education officers this morning
- We will have weekly meetings with the Supra ED officers for a coordinated campaign
- We will be having a meeting with Supra President Kylee and SCAS executive Mel about organising a town hall style meeting regarding SCA.

The Counter Course is well underway.

- Our survey closes tomorrow; we will have a low response rate and will take up a continued task to make sure this does not occur in the future by making sure we increase our mailing list and build a relation with university bureaucracy.
- Our theme is student power, which will look and read great.

We have hosted two state organising group meetings, the EAN and the NSW EAG.

We continued the Insipid campaign at info-day which lead to recruitment opportunities and some press.

Our current task list revolves around

- CC which is to be ready for print on the 29th
- Faculty specific restructure information leaflets
- Planning for our forum and March rally
- Begin planning for O week
- Begin NDA planning

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

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

## **15. Other Business**

### 15.1 Staff Leave

Breda Dee	TIL, 15/12/15 – 18/12/15, 4 days, 28 hours. Sick, 5/01/16 – 15/01/16, 9 days, 63 hours. Annual, 16/01/16 – 27/01/16, 8 days, 56 hours.
Chitra Narayanan	Annual, 21/03/16 – 01/03/16, 8 days, 56 hours. Annual, 02/05/16 – 13/05/16, 10 days, 70 hours. Study, 15/01/16, 1 day, 7 hours.
Joyleen Sloane	LWP, 25/05/16, 1 day, 7 hours. LWP (2) & Annual (3), 08/02/16 – 12/02/16, 5 days, 35 hours.
Heather Mabry	Annual, 11/01/16, 1 day, 7 hours. Annual, 22/01/16 -25/01/16, 2 days, 14 hours.
Annie Zeng	Annual, 18/01/16 – 21/01/16, 4 days, 28 hours.
Julie Harrison	Annual, 25/01/16, 1 day, 8 hours.
Laura Kitsos	Annual, 22/11/15 -02/02/16, 15 days, 105 hours.
Melissa de Silva	Annual, 11/01/16, 1 day, 7 hours.
Hani Bawazir	Annual, 14/01/16, ½ day, 4 hours. Annual, 22/01/16, 1 day, 7 hours. Annual, 27/01/16, ½ day, 3.5 hours.
Julia Robins	Sick, 15/01/16, 1 day, 5 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Monique Newberry

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

*The meeting was declared closed at 2:16*