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MINUTES of the 5th meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 9th March 2016 in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Chloe Smith (Chair), Anna Hush-Egerton*, Lachlan Ward^, Isabella Brook, and Sean Tingcombe.

Apologies: Siobhan Ryan, Ilya Klauzner, and Michael Sun

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Liam Carrigan, Georgia Mantle by phone till 12:35

Meeting Opened: 12:14

*^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.

14.1. Report of the Education Officer

Liam Carrigan gave a verbal report:

- We've had two EAG's in the First two weeks of semester
- They have been well attended with new and old people getting involved.
- There have been meetings at SCA about what the consequences of moving away from Callan Park might be.
- Have met with education and social work students
- We've been working with these groups to build the March 16th rally
- The NTEU will be coming out for the rally as well
- The changes to special consideration has been a mess, no one is clear about what they are or how they work, we will be having a meeting about this soon
- The Peter Dutton Protest will be happening Friday hope you can make it
- Dylan would also like to organise a bus for student from SCA to help them attend the rally on March 16

Georgia Mantle (by phone): I've spoken to Tom Greenwell with regards to special consideration and it's poor communication of the changes in terms of getting it out to both students and lectures, we are working on getting the information out in a clearer way.

Liam Carrigan: The main concern has been communicating the changes has been sorely lacking.

Chloe Smith: Student representatives on Academic Board raised concerns to Tony Masters and he was taking it to the provost. We should hear back about that soon.

Isabella Brook: what they said at the student consult was it would be communicated on all =levels and that hasn't happened.

Liam Carrigan: They did acknowledge that they haven't done this. The new centralised form mean you can't talk to your teacher anymore which I know will be stressful for some students

Anna Hush-Egerton: It's good not to have to reveal those things to someone marking your work.

Georgia Mantle (by phone): I'm with Anna, your ability to get assistance should not be predicated on your relationship with your lecturer or tutor.

Anna Hush-Egerton: I know stories of people who have been told not to do a course because they are pregnant rather than be given an extension.

Liam Carrigan: That is an important element.

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

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Siobhan Ryan, Ilya Klauzner, and Michael Sun

No Apologies were received from Jamie Rusiti.

The apologies were accepted.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 11th February were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 11th February be accepted.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

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

Melissa de Silva Has resigned as the WH&A officer and the Julia Robins has taken on the roll.

Motion: that the report of the Workplace Health & Safety Officer be accepted

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. Report of the President

Chloe Smith:

- Sorry this is the first exec since O-Week, as it has been so busy. It was a successful O-Week and we spoke to a lot of students.
- SSAF, we got the extension mentioned last exec meeting and had a meeting with all the other organisations before it was due. That was the first time we got to talk about SSAF with many of them, we weren't too sure about the money, each group had received a different number or amount they were told was available.
- WE drafted a E-mail to Tyrone Carlin (Deputy Vice Chancellor Registrar) requesting clarification on what was available we received an answer, we will try 1 more meeting with all Six groups about SSAF.
- Our submission should be in this week

Sean Tingcombe: How much are we looking to get?

Georgia Mantle (by phone): I have the numbers for all the organisations I'm five minutes away.

Lachlan Ward: I have the numbers too, we want around \$267,000. SUSF want 41% of the total pool. We made a deal to be completely transparent and the organisations agreed to this so there is no issue in saying these numbers.

Georgia Mantle entered the meeting at 12:35

Chloe Smith: Was there anything else?

Georgia Mantle: May I ask about the islamophobia motion?

Chloe Smith: Tyrone sent a letter that said all the right things and said that VC Michael Spence would put out a statement, it was in student news and they said they are looking into security procedures around the prayer room. Any other questions?

Sean Tingcombe: With SSAF will that be a 19% increase on last year?

Lachlan Ward: There will be an overall increase on what we received last year. It's 19.1% of the available funds this year.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Georgia Mantle

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Georgia Mantle and Lachlan Ward gave a verbal report.

Georgia Mantle: SSAF was mostly covered in the president's report. SUSF said they were out by a fair bit of the 90% guaranteed funding, we were only out by \$4000 by my calculations, but that has since been clarified by the university. SUSF need to take any concerns they have to the university rather than just raising it with us at the last minute.

Lachlan Ward: SUSF have more than the 2.5% increase for inflation, they are just upset that it's not as big an increase as we got.

Chloe Smith: I spoke to Chitra about this we are just getting our submission in and the next meeting is simply a 'we need to get this done' event. Tyrone has expressed this too.

Georgia Mantle: It's disappointing that the onus has been on the SRC but at least we are getting things done.

This was raised last year, but I would like to pass a motion allowing the General Secretaries to sign off on printing/photocopying when the President is away.

Sean Tingcombe: As long as it is clear when the president is unavailable.

Georgia Mantle: This would be when the president is away, not that you can't be bothered to knock on her door, or waiting till they are back from a meeting it would be when they are away because they are sick or on leave.

Lachlan Ward: As long as our working is clear that it is under those circumstances.

Georgia Mantle: The other issue is that there used to be a roll of calico in the Office Bearers' Room that they could use for banners and such. This has run out so I ask that we approve \$110 for calico, though I suspect it will be less this was the price I got from spotlight.

Lachlan Ward: I think it should come out of the shared resources pool.

Georgia Mantle moved that the meeting move in-camera.

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The meeting moved in-camera at 12:46

The meeting moved ex-camera at 1:06

First motion:

That calico up to the cost of \$110 be purchased out of the shared resources pool.

Second motion:

That the general Secretaries have the power to approve photocopying and printing requests should the president be unavailable to do so for 1 working day or more.

Georgia Mantle: Any other questions?

Sean Tingcombe: Any bookshop updates?

Lachlan Ward: I haven't heard anything from the USU.

Georgia Mantle: I had an informal chat the other day, they talked about it on Friday's meeting and we should hear something soon.

Lachlan Ward: We will get back to it after SSAF

Sean Tingcombe: It would have been nice to have it resolved before SSAF.

Lachlan Ward: I'm not misrepresenting myself, they did not get back to us in time, I contacted them, and they did not get back to me.

Georgia Mantle: I was not aware of the issues until I started my turn as General Secretary.

Sean Tingcombe: I know about this from Dylan Parker's day as General Secretary. Even then it was a \$30,000 loss.

Georgia Mantle: I agree it need to be resolved but there is only so much we can do right now.

Lachlan Ward: There is an EBA, which make it hard for changes.

Georgia Mantle: We are working to make this as functional as possible, and addressing the issues.

Sean Tingcombe: Do we know how many people use it?

Georgia Mantle: I can get those statistics.

Lachlan Ward: I've been there when it is busy, but it will vary over semester.

Georgia Mantle: I can try getting something together for council.

The executive agreed this was important to follow up.

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries be accepted, including all motions contained within.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Anna Hush-Egerton gave a verbal report.

- Blind marking is going well we have Academic Standards and Policy Committee soon that is moving along nicely.
- For the radical education week it will come out of collectives budgets but we hope to ask for some of the executives discretionary budget to go towards that event.

Lachlan Ward: What is happening with Jamie Rusiti?

Anna Hush-Egerton: I'm not sure I think he just got back from Japan yesterday.

Sean Tingcombe: How many meetings has he missed?

The secretary to council Julia Robins checked the attendance records of both council and executive meetings and which ones she had received apologies for.

Sean Tingcombe: How does it work if one person resigns from a joint position?

Lachlan Ward: there are conflicting interpretations it would have to go to the Standing Legal Committee.

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

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

The Admin administrator has nothing to report.

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was nothing to report from the SRC Legal Service.

13. Approval of Payments

13.2 Reimbursements

Breda Dee (Casework):	\$15 Taxi to SCA at O-Week.
Evan Jones (QuAC):	\$77.91 Banner Material and paint for Mardi Gras and rallies
Anna Hush-Egerton (WoCo):	\$13.67 Paint for Banner (healthcare rally)
Cameron Caccamo (Edu):	\$115.42 Counter Course Launch party drinks and food
Declan Maher (Edu):	\$200 Travel costs for NUS NatCon
Jamie Rusiti (Edu):	\$400 Travel cost for Jamie and Alexandra Mildenhall to NUS NatCon
Julia Robins (Admin):	\$11 Taxi home from council. \$12.50 White out to correct wall planners
Steven Kwon (CRAC):	\$29 Tape-gun and Tape
Chitra Narayanan (Admin):	\$38.40 Key for Casework Cabinet and white out
April Holcombe (Welfare):	\$90 Ticket to Young Liberals conference made under fake name for Sussan Ley protest.
Jodi Pall (Enviro):	\$22.11 Food for discussion group week 1. \$17.79 Fan-tales for O-Week stall.

The reimbursement to April Holcombe was transferred from the Education budget to the Welfare budget by Welfare Officer Isabella Brook.

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.1. Invoices

NUS Presidents summit \$350, attended by Chloe Smith

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

I seek funding of \$134-20 for a large weatherproof printed banner (1X5 metres or so) for the SRC casework - from bannershop.com.au. These banners are put up on the fences of the Uni (City Rd or P'matta Rd) for a week a month. They are valuable, at relatively little cost, for creating awareness of the SRC casework service. We have a design already.

I also request funding of \$126 dollars for eight adhesive TrackR devices that can be used to locate this and other SRC resources (i.e. Honi stands) if they are misplaced by the University - as occurred with the previous banner.

The total comes to \$260-20.

Thanks

James

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

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Annie Zeng: Annual/TIL, 11/04/16 – 28/04/16, 13 days, 91 hours.

Hani Bawazir: Annual, 30/06/16 – 22/07/16, 11 days, 80.5 hours.

Melissa de Silva: Annual, 07/03/16, 1 day, 7 hours.

TIL, 25/02/16, 3 hours.

Long service, 20/06/16 – 24/06/16, 5 days, 35 hours.*

Mickie Quick: TIL, 29/03/16 – 30/03/16, 1.5 days 10.5 hours.

Sharon Maher: TIL, 26/03/16, 1 day, 7 hour.

*Replacing already requested leave.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Georgia Mantle

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Any Other Reports

14.2. Report of the Wom*n's Officer

Anna Hush-Egerton gave a verbal report.

- O-Week was really successful
- We are organising peer learning and reading groups
- We are going to be working with the harassment officers on some workshops and that will be shared between our budgets

Anna Hush-Egerton: I understand that Chitra is going away soon, and this didn't make it onto the agenda, but could the executive please approve \$45.50 for Pizza and craft supplies for a banner painting event and \$100 for brunch a joint event with the Women of Colour Collective.

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

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

14.3. Report of the Environment Officer

Lily Matchett and Maushmi Powar provided a written report:

Dear all,

Through consultation with the Environment Collective, together we have decided that the Environment Collective budget should only get spent on enviro collective events, projects and campaigns. We formally ask you then to honour collective autonomy in the use and spending of the budget by not reimbursing people outside the collective, in this case Michelle Picone.

Michelle is not seeking collective consensus on her campaign proposals and events and therefore does not have collective approval on any requests of spending unless we the other environment OBs (Maushmi and Lily) specify otherwise.

Please let us know if you can assist us.

Kind Regards,

Maushmi & Lily
(co-OBs for the Environment)

Georgia Mantle: there has been some discontent about what happens when office bearers aren't communicating with collectives.

Lachlan Ward: In terms of our roll we approved the funding of office bearers and collectives. In terms of precedent for the request, the regulations Part 2 section 6 (c). It should probably go to the Standing Legal Committee.

Sean Tingcombe: This seems like a job for council, she is elected and has a right to request funding, it's not our roll to say otherwise.

Anna Hush-Egerton: I think this is important because it is out roll to approve things in line with the objectives of the collectives.

Sean Tingcombe: It is up to council to remove her.

Lachlan Ward: We can't remove her, but we can reject the funding requests of an office bearer. It is down to the executive to decide if this is appropriate. All members should talk to both parties before making a decision.

Chloe Smith: I think that there needs to be some arbitration between the office bearers and the collective.

Georgia Mantle: Should we ask them to come to an executive meeting? I would say this is fair. I think we should note but not accept the report and say we would like to meet with them.

Chloe Smith: Can we ask Julia to ask them to come?

Motion: that the report of the Environment Officer be noted.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Chloe Smith

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

The meeting was declared closed at 1:47.