



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the 7th meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 12th April 2016 in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

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**PRESENT:** Chloe Smith (Chair), Lachlan Ward<sup>^</sup>, Isabella Brook, and Sean Tingcombe.

Apologies: Ilya Klauzner, Anna Hush-Egerton

Siobhan Ryan, and Michael Sun apologies at would be late. Arrived while meeting was in camera between 1:40 and 1:51. Georgia Mantle arrived at 1:53.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Dylan Griffiths arrived at 1:18 left at 1:39 and Hannah Elton arrived at 1:15 left at 2:00, Liam Carrigan arrived at 1:36 left 1:39. Chitra Narayanan entered the meeting at 2:25 left at 2:33.

Meeting Opened: 1:19

*\*<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, Ilya Klauzner, and Vanessa Song. Georgia Mantle, Michael Sun, and Siobhan Ryan apologies they will be late.

Motion to accept the apologies.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> March be accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

Dylan Griffiths gave a verbal report.

Had an organising meeting with NSW Education Action Group about building the May 11 NDA (Nation day of Action). The Build up for tomorrows April 13 NDA has been a bit lacklustre University of Sydney student groups have been mostly leading it. We printed a number of Posters about if all in black and white.

We have a petition going for the Education and Social work proposed merger. It has been successful, we were just going to hand it to management in but seeing the response we are getting I think we can organise a speak out about it as well. I got 180 signature from one lecture alone.

As many of you are aware there was an action at Fisher Library last Wednesday before council. It was a speak out and peaceful protest against Simon Birmingham who was there to adjudicate the Howard Debating Cup. They had just suggested that de-regulation was back on the cards and we went there to make it clear opposition was still strong. Unfortunately shortly after the speak out the riot police came out to move us along. This event got a lot of media attention and a lot of office bearers talked to the press, besides some small organisational issues around promoting the event it was a success. I brought deregulation back to the attention of the media cycle.

We are looking into legal training for activists, hopefully we will be able to run something with Thomas McLoughlin.

Chloe Smith: Have you spoken to Thomas McLoughlin about this?

Dylan Griffiths: Yes he was interested.

Lachlan Ward: is all the printing going to be done by the SRC for NDAs?

Dylan Griffiths: We have the best printer so it's the optimal choice to print things here. UNSW's Education Officer has offered to help out with sound funding.

Isabella Brook: Was the NUS material distributed? Are we printing on top of these materials?

Dylan Griffiths: The NUS materials had lost a lot of relevance and was poorly designed. I'm not expecting more support from NUS, and we will be looking into how we use these resources.

Chloe Smith: I'm just concerned about resources, I think that if people didn't want to use the NUS one that's not ideal.

Dylan Griffiths: I'm not saying it's ideal, but I think that from now on that won't happen so much. In terms of the SRC legal service, we were running a campaign at SCA (Sydney College of the Arts) it has died down a bit but some students have approached Thomas McLoughlin asking about if the changes can be fought on consumer law grounds. Thomas has raised this as a possible conflict of interest as one student made a direct reference to me and the campaign, this could put the campaign in conflict.

Sean Tingcombe: I think that Office Bearers take precedent.

Lachlan Ward: I'll bring that up at the Legal Service Board meeting.

Liam Carrigan entered the meeting at 1:36

Liam Carrigan: We have a meeting with Stephen Garton soon and I have been working on the Radical Education week, which looks like it will be a really visible event for the SRC. Also looking into creating an education council like they have at the University of Western Australia.

Sean Tingcombe: It's easier to coordinate over there as their student organisations are all combined already.

Liam Carrigan: We have the capacity, both the USU and SRC have a presidents committee in their regulations I can't speak for the others but I suspect they would too.

Motion: that the report of the Education be accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

### **14.3. Report of the International Students' Officers**

Hannah Elton on of the International Students' Officers asked the meeting move in-camera as it involved a dispute between the international officers on attendance and fulfilment of duties.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

Meeting moved in camera at 1:40.

Meeting moved ex camera at 1:51

Motion: that the report of the International Students' Officers be accepted and International Students' Officer Angel Zhao attend the next executive meeting.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

### **15.2. Concern over Office Bearer conduct**

Georgia Mantle entered the meeting at 1:53.

Hannah Elton raised a concern that was passed onto her from another student. The student was approached at a party by an office bearer who used their position to taunt a student saying they get paid to do nothing adding that there was nothing they [the student] could do about it. The Officer was not identified by Hannah but was known to her.

Georgia Mantle: I move that the Secretary to Council investigate the SRC's Office Bearer code of conduct, and review whether it is adequate. And that the review be taken to council if any changes be needed.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

It was noted that the attendance of Monique Newberry was recorded instead of Isabella Brook this was corrected.

### **5. Correspondence**

Letter from Dylan Lloyd attached to the back of this document.

Julia Robins- Secretary to Council filled in the backstory with regards to attempts to get the reimbursement in on time.

Sean Tingcombe: Did other groups pay anything?

Julia Robins: I couldn't say.

Georgia Mantle: I recall we had more spots than any other university from memory, we should follow up with the Queer Officers it would be good to know.

Chloe Smith: I think we should help Dylan out we should approve this.

Georgia Mantle: We should approve this and remind OB's that they should get things approved in advance.

Motion: that the reimbursement be paid.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

There was nothing to report from the WH&S officer besides that if anyone notices anything of concern to get in touch immediately.

Siobhan Ryan: Is there something that can be done about how the stairs outside flood whenever it rains?

Julia Robins: I'll follow that up; it's been a problem for a long time.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

Chloe Smith gave a verbal report.

We should hear back from SSAF this week, we are hoping that has gone well. We will have having a meeting with the USU about the bookshop and keeping it going in a way that works with everyone there are a few suggestions about what to do but we will be talking to Julie Harrison the bookshop manager about this as well this week. This has been an issue for a number of years now, we hope to work this out by then end of our term.

Education conference (EdCon) came up at the council meeting, we have sent in our tender, and hopefully we will know the answer to that soon. Most of the work for EdCon will be done by the General Secretaries, the NUS national executive, and myself. We will of course keep the Education Officers included but I note their concern about work load and that will be taken into consideration.

Isabella Brook: Where does the money for EdCon come from?

Lachlan Ward: Not from NUS funding.

Isabella Brook: But where is it from?

Lachlan Ward: Departments that are inactive.

Georgia Mantle: When we have out funding we will create a line of funding for it.

Chloe Smith: Looking at how funds are divided I would rather funds go to something more student could be involved in.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**8. Report of the Vice Presidents**

There was no report from the Vice Presidents

**9. Report of the General Secretaries**

Georgia Mantle and Lachlan Ward gave a verbal report.

Georgia Mantle: Still waiting on SSAF. For the budget it doesn't look like will have it ready for May but will be for June. The bookshop will require some changes and hopefully it will work out as long as we keep services for students at the forefront of our decisions.

In council the expenditure update was inaccurate in parts just in where the lines of expenditure were placed, we will have this fixed for next council. There was also expenditure that needed to be split between two department that was instead taken out of the executives.

We are having a meeting with the Education and refugee rights departments as they have spent the most money this year. This isn't to slap them on the wrist but to make sure they are aware of how much they have spent and to make sure they are keeping an internal budget.

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

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**13. Approval of Payments**

**13.2 Reimbursements**

Isabella Brook (Welfare):	\$359.15 – Doughnuts for USU Welfare Day
Chitra Narayanan (Admin):	\$106.43 Business cards and SRC labels
Josephine Wright (Enviro):	\$22.49 food for discussion forum
	\$15 food for Fossil Free info night
	\$18.85 food for Fossil Free info night
Amy Russell (Enviro):	\$32.94 chalk
	\$11.50 blue tack and chalk
Sharon Maher (Casework):	\$24 chocolates for SCA visit
Naaman Zhou (Honi):	\$94.08 postage of Honi to other student publications
Dylan Griffiths (EAG):	\$72.90 Clipboards, pens, spray cans and wine.
*Vanessa Song (Wom*n's):	\$24.50 – Unspecified

\*Steven Kwon (CRAC):           \$169.90 Food and Drinks  
  \$40.31 Stationary  
\*Kelton Muir (CRAC):           \$31.14 A3 coloured printing needed urgently

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved except the for the reimbursement from Vanessa Song until the content is clarified and the reimbursements to Kelton Muir and Steven Kwon until the General Secretaries have had their budget meeting with the Refugee Right Officers.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**10. Report of the Administration Manager**

Chitra Narayanan entered 2:25 and gave a verbal report

- Mid year consults are coming up, if someone could nominate conduct them with the president that would be great.

Georgia Mantle nominated to be the executive member to sit in on consults.

Julia Robins left the room. Georgia Mantle took over taking the minutes.

Chitra Narayanan presented a request from Julia Robins for study leave. There are no issues with the leave it would be 3.5 hours a week, and that is would be most likely be taken a day at a time.

Chitra Narayanan will keep an eye on it and make sure that work is maintained. Executive can do the same.

Motion: that the report of the Administration Manager be accepted and Georgia Mantle’s nomination.

Moved: Michael Sun

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Julia Robins returned and resumed taking the minutes

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

Memo attached at the end of this document.

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

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

There was nothing to report from the legal service.

**14. Any Other Reports**

**14.2. Report of the Wom\*n’s Officers**

Vanessa Song tabled a written report.

As stated previously in the council meeting.

International Day against victim blaming took place on the 3rd of April with collaboration between the UNSW Women's Collective and the USYD Women of Colour Collective.

International Day against victim blaming is an online day of action where survivors of sexual assault are encouraged to take up online space to protest sexual violence and victim blaming.

The Growing Strong launch took place on the 22nd of March and was a huge success. With food, music and readings from Growing Strong, it was a great opportunity for everyone to read the publication and hear submissions from some of the contributors.

Currently liaising with ACAR on workshops around safety and inclusivity as well as intersectional issues to do with women of colour. Working on these workshops to ensure they are as inclusive as possible and cater to the specific discrimination women of colour face.

Women's Honi submission deadline is the 2nd of May, please contribute by sending pitches or pieces to [usyd womens collective@gmail.com](mailto:usyd womens collective@gmail.com)

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

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

#### **14.4. Report of the Queer Officers**

This month has been extremely eventful and we are pleased to see some really fantastic engagement with the collective this year. Since the last report we marched in Mardi Gras, always a highlight of the year. We were pleased to see the hard work that went into organising was worthwhile. We would like to say thank you to the Australian Queer Students Network and the various universities who contributed to the float. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Dylan Lloyd, for their hard work, and without whom the float would really not have been possible.

It has been delightful to see members of our collective become very involved with activism this year, with representatives at the Fight the Restructure rally on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, as well as at two rallies in support of the Safe Schools coalition. Last week was Transgender Day of Visibility where we held a sticker run for the 'We All Need to Pee' campaign, aimed at helping transgender students use the bathroom that they are comfortable with, as well as a photo campaign and chalking along Eastern Avenue. Despite being a peaceful event, we were followed by campus security that seemed unable to provide us with a legitimate reason to why they were tailing us. Overall we have had an incredibly promising start to the year and there will be a strong focus on maintaining the momentum from an incredible group of young queer students. Next week we will also be relaunching our sub-collective Queerkats (autonomous to people who are not cis-men) and hope that it will be met with the same success as QuAC.

We do have a lot of exciting things to look forward to this year, including Pride Week from the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of April, and International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT) on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, and we're pleased to be collaborating with various organisations on campus including SUPRA, the USU and The Ally Network on these events. Queer Collaborations (QC), an annual conference for queer students around the country, is also fast approaching, and will be held in Perth this year from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of July. This will give our members a great opportunity to meet queer students across the country, and to learn key skills and obtain some wonderful knowledge around activism and queer issues. To prepare we conducted our first bake sale this week, which we are pleased to say was incredibly successful,

earning enough to pay for a student's entire registration, including accommodation and food for the week. Thank you to all of those who donated food, money or time to the sale.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved with the Queer Action Collective or Queerkats please email us at [queer.officers@src.usyd.edu.au](mailto:queer.officers@src.usyd.edu.au).

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

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

## **15. Other Business**

### **15.1 Staff Leave**

Julia Robins:	TIL, 05/04/16, ½ day, 3 hours. Annual, 08/04/16, 1 day, 5 hours. Annual, 29/03/16, 1 day, 5 hours.
Chitra Narayanan:	TIL, 08/04/16, 1 day, 7 hours. TIL, 15/04/16, 1 day, 7 hours. Annual, 16/05/16, 1 day, 7 hours. Annual, 14/10/16 – 21/10/16, 6 day, 42 hours.
Melissa de Silva:	Annual, 28/04/16 – 29/04/16, 1.5 days, 9 hours. Annual, 21/03/16, 1 day, 7 hours.
James Campbell:	TIL, 29/03/16, 1 day, 7 hours.
Mickie Quick:	TIL, 04/04/16 – 05/04/16, 2 days, 14 hours.
Julie Harrison:	Annual, 10/10/16 – 14/11/16, 20 days, 160 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

*The meeting was declared closed at 2:41pm*