



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the **13th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 30th August in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

**PRESENT:** Chloe Smith (Chair), Anna Hush-Egerton, Lachlan Ward<sup>^</sup>, Georgia Mantle<sup>^</sup>, Isabella Brook, and Sean Tingcombe.

Apologies: Ilya Klauzner (resigned), Michael Sun and Siobhan Ryan.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Chitra Narayanan

Meeting Opened: 10:20

*\*<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 Ilya Klauzner, Michael Sun and Siobhan Ryan.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Georgia Mantle

The apologies were accepted.

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June and the 10<sup>th</sup> August were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> June and the 10<sup>th</sup> August be accepted.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

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**

Julia Robins gave a verbal report:

- As a part of the increase safety measures we are following at the moment the backdoor is going to always be locked.

- We have looked into a couple of different safety training courses and have been looking into the possibility of council grants to help cover the cost of these.
- I am currently working on some safety policy procedures with Melissa de Silva so we know what to do in the meantime till we can have these courses and assessments made.

Isabella Brook: with the Ralph Cerminara issue, have we called the police? He made a similar threat at my work and we called the police and it sounded like they are building a case against him.

Julia Robins: As far as I'm aware we haven't but we also aren't sure if he was threatening us of the USU.

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

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

Chloe Smith gave a verbal report

Chloe Smith: Carrying on from that, I've emailed Tyrone Carlin about the distress buttons again and we sent him the videos and profiles they did on some of the students here, Haven't heard back on the distress button only that he thanked me for making him aware of the videos so I'm going to follow him up on that. Special Consideration Workshops are happening at the moment I'm sceptical about how much will be taken on boards and changed from these but they are at least an opportunity for the caseworkers to let them know some of their ideas and the issues student have been having.

Motion to move the meeting in camera

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Isabella Brook

Meeting moved in camera at 10:28

Meeting moved ex camera at 10:31

Georgia Mantle: I know you were sick for part of last week but you didn't attend Academic Board or the Academic Standards and Policy meeting.

Chloe Smith: I thought Subeta Vimalarajah would be able to make it and I called Sharon to let her know when I found out she couldn't.

Georgia Mantle: I guess I mean maybe there can be more notice as they go to a lot of effort to make sure the notes are very detailed

Chloe Smith: I give them the notes in advance so they can see them before the meeting.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

Anna Hush-Egerton gave a verbal report.

Radical Education Week was a success, we came in under budget and had a great turnout especially considering we have a much smaller budget than many other events held on campus and it was its first time. Now that that's over, and with representatives elect coming up I'll get back to working with collectives on their constitutions.

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

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

Georgia Mantle and Lachlan Ward gave written reports.

Georgia Mantle: So same as Anna Hush-Egerton we've been working on radical education week. Was good to highlight the collectives and also the SRC casework and legal departments. I have been working on lecture recording, I went to SEGED there was mixed responses but mostly supportive. I know a student who knows a staff member who is compiling staff perspective on recordings most of which are in favour of recordings. That's pretty much all for now.

Lachlan Ward: First of all apologies for not doing much this semester I've had some family obligations. I'm looking into advisory councils, they are pretty much useless, I'm trying to see if we can democratise them and also look into if the business school has followed our recommendations on issues with word counts including referencing.

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

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

Chitra Narayanan entered the meeting at 10:38

Chitra Narayanan: So Chloe would have discussed the panic buttons already. The backend of the elections data base worked better this last year but still a few things to fix up. Hopefully this is the last year to need to change things, if you have any suggestions or things that went wrong please let me know. There is a spam filter for our emails we are looking into.

Anna: would that be for Office Bearers Emails too?

Chitra Narayanan: It would include all official SRC email addresses. It will cost around \$370. It would also collect all of our emails if the server went down, which is helpful. This cost is at the rate of 100,000 emails a month. They are the cheapest and best provider for our processors.

Motion: that the report of the Administration Manager including all expenditure be accepted.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

Melissa de Silva gave a written report.

- Heather has settled in well
- Casework has quieted down a bit so we’re going to do some outreach stuff
- Bringing in some changes to increase our efficiency
- Still chasing the database – next step is to do a beta test hopefully next week

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

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

*There was nothing to report from the legal service.*

**13. Approval of Payments**

**13.1. Reimbursements**

Georgia Mantle (Indigenous):	\$160.10	Bar tap for rad-ed week closing party
Dylan Griffiths (Education):	\$161.25	Canvas and paint
Danica Knezevic (Education):	\$587.40	Fabric for red capes used in SCA protest
Maushmi Powar (Enviro):	\$35	Flowers for Fossil Free proposal
Vivian Honan (Refugee Rights):	\$155	DVD of Chasing Asylum for screening.

Isabella Brook: How is education budget looking?

Georgia Mantle: they are still under their budget they are not in a bad place for this time of year.

Sean Tingcombe: And Refugee Rights?

Georgia Mantle: they should be, when they go over their budget we can move it around from where it’s not being spent without moving into a deficit.

Motion: that the reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**14. Any Other Reports**

**14.1. Report of the Women’s Officers**

Vanessa gave a written report:

The Black Lives Matter and Support Student's Safety, End the War on Women rally took place during July and both were attended by members of the Women of Colour Collective. A banner-painting afternoon was

held the day before and the response to some of the signs we painted was extremely positive! In future the collective resolved to take more photos at events and rallies.

The collective meetings of the semester will be held every second week on Wednesday at 1pm in the Women's Room in Manning.

The collective also hopes to plan a cross campus vigil for victims and sufferers of domestic violence - particularly focusing on the disproportionate way women of colour and LGBTI women of colour are affected by domestic violence.

Currently work-shopping constitution - hoping to clearly define things like eligibility of voting as well as the definition and aims of the collective itself.

Looking toward expanding and building the collective after the huge blow suffered at the beginning of the year, which has disengaged a huge amount of members. It has been difficult to engage more students as new and existing members of the collective now have a visible discomfort around getting more involved. We hope to combat this by trying to encourage collective members who were previously engaged with the collective to get involved again with the positive direction the collective is moving in. We also hope to start being more visible on campus, with things like: bake sales, picnics and stalls.

Anna Hush-Egerton gave a verbal report:

Busy time looking to meet with Jordi Austin and Sophie Barnes at the safer communities working group, not sure how they will feel about that after our protest at open day. Planning an event with the SULS (Sydney Uni Law Society), would like some funding for catering and presents for the panelists \$150. We are looking at some extra training for some of the OB's for vicarious trauma.

**Circulars that did not reach required number of votes:**

Requesting approval for costs incurred for the WoCo protest held at Open Day on Saturday. The costs were:  
\$108.00 - sheets and markers  
\$13.50 - spray paint  
\$13.00 - duct tape  
= total of \$134.50.

Motion: that the report of the Women's Officers be accepted.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

**15. Other Business**

15.1 Staff Leave

Heather Mabry	TIL/Sick, 03/08/16, 1 day, 7 hours.
Julie Harrison	TIL, 16/08/16, 1 day, 8 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

**Circulars that did not meet the required votes:**

\$600 to pay for buses from SCA to main campus on August 17th so students can attend the SCA rally.

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

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

*The meeting was declared closed at 10:52*