



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the 14th meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 13th September 2016 in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

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**PRESENT:** Chloe Smith (Chair), Anna Hush-Egerton, Lachlan Ward^, Georgia Mantle^ (by phone), Siobhan Ryan, Isabella Brook, Michael Sun and Sean Tingcombe.

Apologies: Jenna Schroder

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Melissa de Silva, Thomas McLoughlin

Meeting Opened: 10:40 am

*\*^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 Jenna Schroder

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 30<sup>th</sup> August were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> August be accepted.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

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 received.

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

The WH&S Officer had nothing to report.

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

We had a meeting with the AMWU about the CUB strikes and as a sign on solidarity, NUS, USU and Macquarie students committee were there.

(For Sean Tingcombe: Macquarie don't have a council, I can say that he's my boyfriend, he's very sad.)

We said we would be happy to help out with handing out flyers and maybe doing a student pub crawl for talking about what's been happening.

I went with Sharon to the special consideration review meetings. One guy for marketing kept talking about students as customers, which was weird. They said they would like to see out suggestions but we'll see I'm sceptical.

SEGED meeting on the Academic Honesty it's now that students will have their results withheld if they don't complete the module.

Sean Tingcombe: In the business school if you don't complete they send you an email reminding you.

Chloe Smith: The Business school will absent fail a student who has not completed it.

There was discussion around the process of absent failing students for the academic honesty module.

Chloe Smith: The new system will likely lead in an increase in workload for casework, hopefully that will mean an increase in out SSAF.

SCA campaign continues we are getting more information but it has been really slow and inconsistent.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Isabella Brook

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**

Lachlan Ward gave a verbal report.

Looking into a communication strategy for engaging with students it will be exclusively physical because online is students who already know what the SRC does.

Isabella Brook: Physical as in paper? Can we walk around with iPads or something?

Lachlan Ward: It will mostly be with laptops or the like but not on social media.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Michael Sun

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

There was nothing to report from the Administration manager.

**13. Approval of Payments**

**13.1 Reimbursements**

Dylan Griffiths:	\$40.00	Facebook Advertising
Chitra Narayanan:	\$59.40	Business cards casework
Dylan Griffiths:	\$60.29	Facebook Advertising
Steven Kwon:	\$149.25	Gazebo
Riki Scanlan:	\$38.00	Prop hire for SCA occupation
Dexter Duckett:	\$24.20	Materials for SCA campaign

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc, and the Gazebo will be reimbursed when the gazebo is returned to the SRC office.

Moved: Lachlan Ward

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Georgia Mantle entered the meeting at 10:50

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

Melissa de Silva entered the meeting at 10:55

Melissa de Silva: Started working on the new database we had the university database that cost them \$35000 and didn't work. We wanted it to show us where in the university students were from and that's starting to happen now. Casework load is very high at the moment manageable and we have really good caseworkers that can keep up with the load and maintain quality. People who use us ten to love us, we have one complaint coming up Chloe Smith is handling that but I don't know who that would go.

We are still looking into safety. This is a very real issue for us, most students are ok but some students who come to us are in a physically healthy state but have serious mental health issues and this is very real and can be really dangerous. Our louder and more visible threats are idiots, such as the person posting threats on Facebook recently. Historically college boys have often been a threat. I met with Daniel McAlister from Security, nice guy he is responsible for a lot of the security changes in the culture to a more open one.

Anna Hush-Egerton entered the meeting at 11:08.

Melissa de Silva: Looking into some specialised safety training, we have two possible people who run similar courses, one focusing on what to do when you've got a bad situation and the other more on how to prevent that situation happening.

Casework often face a burn out from vicarious trauma and sometimes need to take a time out for what is called compassion fatigue.

Anna Hush-Egerton: Part of the \$1000 grant I've applied for this would be for OB's and caseworkers too.

Melissa de Silva: That would be good but we were thinking about bringing other caseworkers from other unis too. The thing with SUPRA is they are slower at making decisions than us because of their structure, I don't think we can afford to wait for them if they are not ready.

Sexual Harassment Officers run campaigns, not to offer counselling or advice. If people come to them that's fine but they need to be looking to move them to who they should be going to. I also urge the factions that if they are going to nominate someone for these positions - that they make them show up.

Someone loves us, we did good work for them and got them a lot of money back, they have offered to make us a promo video. We would play it at orientation and a few faculties would put it on black board. If it works we will get another one for show cause. I would shamelessly copy the BuzzFeed style videos. Last thing is the university is moving all the faculty offices and putting them all in the Student Centre. Wouldn't that be good, if the Student Centre actually worked. We know that the response time was around 6 weeks to respond to an email, apparently this is acceptable.

I would ask that we get some management training for Chloe, it would be around \$150, with the person Chitra Narayanan and I have been seeing and I think it could be very valuable.

Motion: that the report of the Casework and Policy Manager be accepted including the \$150 for management training for the president.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **12. SRC Legal Service Report**

Thomas McLoughlin entered the meeting at 11:19.

Thomas McLoughlin: Sorry been a busy day. Here to answer any questions and I guess then main thing is SCA at the moment.

The Usyd lawyer has our template consumer claim, looking at staying at Callam Park or reimbursing fees and other financial loss. A number of students want to present a complaint to the provost. Interestingly Professor Garton emailed students saying they would be at SCA till 2018. I've asked that Garton remove himself from negotiations due to a conflict of interest. Management all the way to the Chancellor that want's to push forward the SCA relocation, but for all of that I don't see a valid reason for SCA to relocate.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Michael Sun

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **14. Any Other Reports**

### **14.1. Report of the Women's Officers**

Vanessa Song gave a written report:

Intercampus vigil is in the works, to take place soon.

Collective meetings have suffered low attendance but hopefully this will pick up after more events/meetings.

Not much else to report.

Anna gave a verbal report:

Building the 'Staff Against Rape' website, that's cost \$217.47, for the provider and the domain name. We have the launch of the national sexual assault survey coming up with Gillian Triggs I've like to request \$150 for catering for that event.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

The Enviro Collective would like to ask for approval for the following expense:

The Enviro Collective has planned a road-trip in the mid-semester break and would like \$2000 for the costs associated.

This includes money for petrol, food, buying licenses for documenting the research conducted on animals and plants.

The money would be very useful in covering the costs for students going on this road-trip to Vickery state forest.

Could we please have approval to spend up to \$2000.

Anna Hush-Egerton: As far as I can tell this is a citizen science trip.

Chloe Smith: Do they have the funding?

Lachlan Ward: I think so I'll check.

Sean Tingcombe: This seems really expensive.

Siobhan Ryan: This seems pretty important activity.

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

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

#### **15. Other Business**

##### **15.1 Staff Leave**

Laura Kitsos: Sick, 14/10/16, 1 day 7 hours

Mickie Quick: TIL, 07/09/16, ½ day, 3.5.

Amanda LeMay: Annual, 26/08/16, ½ day, 4 hours.

Sharon Maher: Annual, 17/10/16 – 28/10/16, 10 Days, 70 hours.

Annual, 27/01/17 – 17/02/17, 26 days, 112 hours.

Breda Dee: TIL, 09/08/16, 1 day, 3 hours

Vanessa Sim: Annual, 26/09/16 – 27/09/16, 2 days, 14 hours.

Heather Mabry: Annual, 04/01/17 – 06/01/17, 3 days, 21 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

*The meeting was declared closed at 11:30am*